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Early exit by Irish adds insult to injury

Students upset when players leave the field, on coach's orders, before post-game Alma Mater



The student section was a sea of green during Saturday's football game, when the Irish were defeated by the Oklahoma Sooners 35-21. With the loss, the Irish now hold a 3-2 record.

By TORI ROECK Associate News Editor

Many students' faces turned Oklahoma crimson Saturday when some football players entered the tunnel before singing the Alma Mater in the team's first home loss since Oct. 22, 2011.

In a press conference Sunday, Irish coach Brian Kelly said he implemented a policy to not sing the Alma Mater after home losses two years ago, but had neglected to communicate it clearly to some of the team's younger players.

"I wasn't thinking about losing a football game," Kelly said. "It wasn't on my todo list to go over with our team."

Kelly said he decided the team would not sing the Alma Mater after home losses, a change in policy he said protected his players. The football team first joined the student section to sing the Alma Mater under the direction of former Irish coach Charlie Weis.

The tradition of the team joining the student section to sing the Alma Mater after games started during the 2006 season under the direction of former Irish coach Charlie Weis. "I just don't think it's appropriate to put your players after defeat in a situation where

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Irish economist spurs Irish patriotism

By CHRISTIAN MYERS News Writer

According to Irish economist and author David McWilliams, one solution to Ireland's recent economic problems may come from the Irish but not from Ireland, it would come from what he calls the "great Irish needs another shock, and tribe."

McWilliams gave a lecture titled, "Ireland, Europe and the Irish Diaspora — Re-imagining Ireland in the 21st Century," in the Rare Book Room of the Hesburgh Library on Friday.

McWilliams said Ireland's current economic turmoil amidst the general problems of the Eurozone requires something drastic, but he believes this solution could be provided by the people worldwide who identify themselves as Irish.

"The future of Ireland that's where you come in, where the diaspora comes in," McWilliams said.

He said the possibility of enlisting the self-identified

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SMC walks to fight hunger

By EMILIE KEFALAS News Writer

Saint Mary's asked students o stop local and global hunger this weekend by supporting the annual St. Joseph County CROP Hunger Walk.

More than 400 walkers and donors, including students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross, participated in the walk in Howard Park.

Saint Mary's Learning Tree Director Jayne Fogle said the walk represents a community-wide benefit sponsored by Church World Services to raise

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Students support bringing an end to hunger at the annual St. Joseph Country CROP Hunger Walk, held in Howard Park this weekend.

Library memorializes 'Touchdown Jesus' artist

By CATHERINE OWERS News Writer

Millard Sheets, the acclaimed artist who created the iconic "Word of Life" mural on the south-facing wall of Hesburgh Library, said he was inspired by the history of knowledge and learning, with Christ as the master teacher.

As part of the Hesburgh Libraries Lecture Series, curator

of historical art Janet Blake presented "The Story Behind 'Touchdown Jesus,' Millard Sheets: An Artist's Journey to the 'Word of Life,'" on Friday in the William J. Carey Auditorium.

"To say that the mural is impressive in scale and powerful in design is an understatement," Blake said. "It sums up the artists' skill at creating arresting, representational imagery in abstract design.

"The idea for a mural came about as the architecture firm of Ellerbe & Co. in Minneapolis was designing the new library.

"Because [University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh had expressed concerns the building might look like a grain silo without some kind of decorative element, their design concept included a mural on the south-facing wall," Blake said. "Hesburgh thought this

would be a great solution to the problem."

Architect Thomas Ellerbe worked with Sheets previously and asked him to submit his name for consideration for the project. Out of 12 artists, Sheets was chosen, Blake said.

At that time, Miller was at the peak of his career as an artist of watercolors, murals, and architectural art, Blake said.

Blake said Sheets was born

in California and attended the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles, where he learned the basics of art.

"Learning the basic language of art became his own philosophy as a teacher: that an artist must learn the necessary skills before exploring style," she said. From an early time, Sheets' work displayed an interest in

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If you could pick one season to last all year round, which would it be?



Mack Mazeski junior Morrissey Manor "Season of love."



Payton Celedinas sophomore Walsh Hall "Fall."



Morrissey Manor "Fedora season."



Shannon Grant sophomore Holy Cross Hall "Tanning season with a light breeze."

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Chan Lee sophomore **Off-campus** "Florida winter."

Bridget Doyle

"Sweater season."

sophomore

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A photographer uses a GigaPan camera to take a high-resolution panorama of Notre Dame Stadium before Saturday's game against Oklahoma. The Sooners defeated the Irish 35-21, ending Oklahoma's seven-game losing streak against Notre Dame.

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In the Sept 27. issue of The Observer, the editorial "Changing sexual assault culture" incorrectly stated that the phrase "sexual assault" has replaced "forcible fondling" in alert emails. The phrase "sexual battery" actually replaced "forcible fondling." The Observer regrets this error.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Tuesday

The Civil Rights Legacy of Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh Washington Hall 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Professor Jennifer McAward speaks.

Monday

Berges Lecture Series 141 DeBartolo Hall 7 p.m.-8 p.m. John Donovan's business ethics.

Dr. Paul Wright Lecture

Hesburgh Library, Carey Auditorium 7 p.m.-8 p.m. Co-worker of Mother Teresa talks.

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship

Cavanaugh Hall 8:15 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Christian worship.

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Wednesday

Terry Eagleton

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

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The Irish take on the

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CEO alumnus advises students on business success

By KAYLA MULLEN News Writer

Bill Angrick, a Notre Dame graduate from the class of 1990, spoke as a part of the "Boardroom Insights" lecture series put on by the Mendoza College of Business.

Angrick is the CEO of Liquidity Services Inc., a multimillion dollar company that specializes in the buying and selling of excess materials between businesses.

The lecture walked the audience through the various stages of growth of Liquidity Services, while also offering valuable pieces of advice on how to build a thriving company.

Angrick said in the beginning, his goal was to "provide clients and buying customers

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the world's most transparent, innovative, and effective online marketplaces and integrated services for surplus assets ... An eBay from business to business."

After raising capital from clients and venture capitalists, the company began to expand into buying and selling products from various sectors, Angrick said. He said he credits this growth to the "network effect."

"More supply leads to more relevant listings for buyers, which leads to more buyers. More buyers leads to more transactions, meaning better results for sellers, thus creating more sellers, which circles back to more supply," Angrick said.

He said the company received its first government contract in 2001— the US Military wanted to use the company to sell its own excess products. The company then went on to win the Defense Logistics Agency Award for Vendor Excellence four times.

Liquidity Services Inc. went public in 2006. From there, the company grew at an quickly, its gross revenue booming from \$72 million in 2003 to \$360 million in 2008, Angrick said. Beginning in 2009, the business moved into acquiring other companies, such as GovDeals and Network International, and taking their markets global. They also expanded into other sectors, which included electronics, consumer packaged goods, biopharmaceutical products, and machinery.

This year alone, the gross revenue of Liquidity Services Inc. was \$1 billion and was on Forbes' list of Fastest Growing Tech Companies, Angrick said.

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Bill Angrick CEO of Llquidity Services Inc.

Angrick said to run a large company, one needs to have strong convictions of where one is taking the company.

He said that a key component to achievement is building great teams: cultivating top talent, bringing new employees into the mission of the company, making everyone feel a part of something, empowering employees to do their job, and making clear what the objective is, not how to achieve the objective. Angrick said one also has to be bold and take risks, and build awareness of their brand. At the end of the lecture Angrick reflected back on how what he had learned in his years at Notre Dame has influenced him throughout life. Angrick said Notre Dame's emphasis on strong values and faith has helped him immeasurably in his ventures, and the university's stress on community, teamwork, and excellence will stay with him throughout the rest of his life.

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Alumnus screens movie on public education

By ALEX CAO News Writer

Notre Dame alumnus and independent film director Patrick Creadon, '89, returned to the University on Friday for a screening of his new documentary "If You Build It."

The film, which screened Debartolo Performing in Arts Center, will premiere in theaters in 2014.

"I would describe this film as a cross between 'Extreme Home Makeover' and 'The Breakfast Club,'" Creadon said. "This is a story of what our education can be if it dares to try new ideas and dares to try things that it doesn't normally do."

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Patrick Creadon film director

"If You Build It" follows the efforts of Emily Pilloton and Matt Miller, two architects invited to rural Bertie County in North Carolina by Dr. "Chip" Zullenger, Bertie Superintendent, County's to help revitalize the struggling public school system, Creadon said.

Creadon said the movie shows how education can change if it dares to try new ideas and give students a reason to feel indebted to their community.

"A sad thing about brilliant kids is that they leave their hometowns and they never come back," Creadon said. "They feel that they set on a path to law school. It have nothing to give back to the community. They never get asked to solve problems in their own town." Creadon said the goal of his documentary is to motivate kids to give back to the institutions that help form them.

is trying to reverse that," he said. "This is about what those kids can do for their community and ultimately become better citizens."

"This story we're telling

Pilloton, who appears in the film, said Bertie County represents a prime example of the demise of rural America.

"It's the hollowing out of small towns. The brain drain where the educated and qualified leave and never come back," Pilloton said in the film's opening minutes.

In the film, she said orienting new projects around things that the community needs could be vital to public education. She said design and building classes offer the chance to create a different type of classroom, giving youth the opportunity to imagine a new future for themselves.

Creadon said the impact of the film has already been recognized outside of Bertie County, in places such as Washington D.C.

"The White House asked us to be part of a program called Film Forward where they take four documentaries and screen them worldwide to, essentially, show what America can be," he said. "I think what they see in this film is an educational model that could work everywhere. It could work in small-town America and anywhere overseas."

Creadon was proud to return to his alma mater to show his work.

"As a third-generation Domer, Notre Dame really meant something to me before I even attended," Creadon said. "What made this place for me would be the professors. I never really knew what I wanted to do and I was majoring in international relations and I was was a head of the Psychology Department Dr. Daniel Lapsley who told me to take a year off before graduate school and it was then when I started my career."

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Irish in places like the United States, Canada and Australia first came to his mind due to the comment of a mentor.

McWilliams said he was assigned a very experienced Israeli mentor while working for a Swiss bank in Israel. One day, this mentor said he noticed that he dealt with many ethnically Irish people when working with American companies and asked McWilliams whether or not the Irish had any mechanism for bringing these people back to Ireland.

McWilliams said he hadn't given the subject much thought before then, but he didn't think there was any such effort.

"We've done nothing but repel the tribe as far as I can tell," he said.

McWilliams said he has since begun working on various projects to make use of the Irish overseas and his reason for coming to Notre Dame was to propose his ideas.

"[Notre Dame] is an incredibly powerful place to start these projects. Notre Dame is a huge resource for the Irish in America and a brilliant center for Irish connections. You can use Notre Dame to champion some of the ideas and feed into its network of alumni," he said. "This could be a huge project which Notre Dame could be involved in."

McWilliams said there are three elements of his overall

proposal, a program resembling the "Birthright Israel" program, allowing Irish expatriots to vote in national elections and reaching out to the ethnically Irish based on town records.

McWilliams said during his time in Israel he learned about the birthright program, which provides free 10-day educational trips to Israel for Jewish young adults from 60 different countries. McWilliams said he is hoping to create a similar program for Irish young adults.

The goal of the program is to instill a strong emotional connection with Ireland and their Irish heritage in the young adults, McWilliams said."Emotional things that happen to you as a kid stick with you. Imagine as an American what it would mean to visit Ireland when you're 15," McWilliams said.

McWilliams said he has seen Polish, Italian, American and other ex-patriot groups line-up to vote in their nation's elections while living overseas. Similarly enfranchising Irish citizens who are living abroad could help to alleviate problems of provisionalism and clientalism present in current Irish politics, he said. McWilliams said those who have lived abroad for a while might have a better perspective on what is good for the Irish nation as a whole.

McWilliams said he is also leading an effort to use town records and town gossips to

trace the emigration stories of the world's ethnically Irish and then reaching out to them with their own history.

"We can email you, everyone's contactable nowadays, with a Google Maps image of the specific field from which your relative emigrated from Ireland," he said. "With tech we can bring all this together."

McWilliams said this idea that Ireland ought to do more to engage the ethnically Irish of the world, his "diaspora strategy," was not initially as well received as it is now. He said the idea progressed through the three stages of reception from "open ridicule" to "violent opposition" to "everyone claims they were already on your side."

"The idea was fist considered risible, something to be laughed at, but now everyone has a diaspora strategy," he said.

McWilliams said this effort could be very successful because Ireland has one of the best "brand" names in the world, but it all depends on the cooperation of the Irish diaspora.

"The power of the diaspora can be forged to improve the 'product' of Ireland, a country with the most powerful 'brand' in the world because every member of the diaspora is a salesperson for the 'brand,'" he said. "We can only do this if we work together."

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people from other cultures, and this theme was reinforced by his extensive travels, Blake said.

"Shortly after completing his studies at Chouinard, he booked passage on a banana boat headed for New York," Blake said. "The boat stopped at ports of call in Central and South America, and Sheets sketched constantly."

By the age of 23, Sheets' work had been displayed in an individual exhibition and "Los Angeles Times" art critic Arthur Miller praised his work, she said.

"[Miller] described the young artist as an unparalleled phenonmenon in the art world of southern California," Blake said.

Blake said Hesburgh shared his thoughts on the theme of the mural with Sheets.

"Sheets came up with three ideas, and the second was approved," Blake said. "In that design, he put Christ at the top, with his disciples, to show that he is the great teacher. The others scholars, beginning with the prophets of the Old Testament would begin at the bottom and zig-zag their way up the composition."

Blake said there are nine

groups of teachers in all, including figures from the Renaissance and the Age of Science and Exploration. She said the figures are types, not specific persons because the mural doesn't use individual identifications.

The detailed logistics of constructing such a large mural were daunting, Blake said.

"The "Word of Life" mural was a departure for Sheets, who had been designing mosaics with small glass tesserae from Italy. Now he would be working with pieces of granite of varying styles and shapes," Blake said.

Blake said Sheets had always worked with the philosophy that subject dictated style.

"For this project, the subject matter and the material dictated style, which would be abstract pieces assembled to create a representational image," Blake said. "In essence, the mural is not a mosaic, it's like a giant puzzle, comprised of 324 panels."

Blake said Sheets worked hard to find the correct colors and shades of granite to use for the mural.

Sheets wanted to find a piece of granite that looked like gold, but was told there was no such thing, Blake said. <image><image>

The "Word of Life" mural that adorns the south-facing wall of Hesburgh Library, commonly known by Notre Dame football fans as Touchdown Jesus, was created by acclaimed artist Millar Sheets.

"He'd just about given up when a package arrived. Inside was a small piece of gold granite, from of all places, Brazil," she said. "It was from a quarry that hadn't been worked in 25 years. After much persuasion and many weeks, Sheets was able to get them to quarry a block for him. He ended up with a sizeable block and was able to utilize it with great success."

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funds in an effort to end hunger and poverty at home and around the world.

"We were thrilled when Saint Mary's came on board. That worked out really great," Fogle said. "It's my

passion. I get so excited every time. I go out there and [I'm like], 'let's go.' I know the need is great, and if it's one little thing to do to help out, I'll do it."

The CROP Walk, an acronym that stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty, takes place in different counties throughout the country. Walk

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donors may designate gifts to other approved international hungerfighting agencies, a specialty no other charity offers, Fogle said.

Fogle said 25 percent of the money goes to the local community and the rest goes to worldwide global issues. Participants had the option of

walking the one-mile or four-mile



Participants in the walk represent various religious affiliations, schools, and organizations in the area.

Endorsed as a benefit in which neighbors, families, and even pets can walk together to take a stand against hunger and poverty in the world, the event's interfaith component contributes to the idea and mission of "Ending Hunger One Step At A Time" as a community, Fogle said.

"It's a fun event because it's a nice time being out, the energy keeps coming, and all denominations [are included]. In the past we've had Christians, but we've also had [different faiths] and different organizations in the community," Fogle said.

This year marks the CROP Hunger Walk's 66th nationwide anniversary and its 31st in St. Joseph County, Fogle said. She said she has been on the county recruiting committee since 2001.

Saint Mary's Social Work Club President Natalie Stoerger and Vice President Corinna Martinez joined Fogle as Saint Mary's representatives. Stoerger said participating resonated with the event's motto, "We walk because they walk." "What I want to come across to the students here at Saint Mary's is that there's a community outside of our bubble of Notre Dame, Indiana," she said. "I think we get so wrapped up in everything that's happening here which is wonderful, but there's also lots of different opportunities, cultures, and lots of other people outside in South Bend."

Stoerger said she hopes the College's involvement with the walk will continue and she encourages all students to give of themselves and become active members in their environment.

"If Saint Mary's can get more involved with the community, it will help out the community grow in a better way," she said. "There is a stigma out in South Bend of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's; we're put on a pedestal. It's true, but it saddens me because I feel we don't do enough for the community. I feel there's a dividing line where we're at. I even hear from community members [that they] feel there's not a lot of involvement and not a lot of people caring, which is sad, but somehow that's still shadowed by the stigma of the colleges."

The Office of Outreach and Engagement Recruitment is seeking ND students to serve as mentors for a new outreach initiative, the NDignite Connection program.

NDignite Connection is designed for students in grades 7-9 who desire to stretch in new directions and discern their unique calling in life, preparing themselves to be a force for good in their communities and the world. NDignite Connection students are members of a national virtual community of highly-talented students, and through connections with the University's faculty, students, staff, and alumni, will have the opportunity to truly develop a love for learning.

As a student mentor, you will have the opportunity to connect with NDignite Connection students from around the country as a mentor, a tutor, a teacher, a friend, and a first-hand Notre Dame source. You must be able to commit 3-5 hours per week to your student(s) and attend monthly meetings with the Office of Outreach and Engagement Recruitment.

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"People do have to actually have to walk to get food and water," she said. "I just think there's a need to put yourself in someone else's shoes [and] having that whole reflection through the walk and knowing that Saint Mary's gave some money towards this good cause. It's a really good volunteering program, and with Jayne [Fogle], we have a really good connection with her church and the community."

The integration of the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame student bodies with the outside South Bend public is a significant factor of their participation in Sunday's event, Stoerger said. ----

She said college provides the perfect environment to try getting involved with new and different things.

"Some time in your life you have to step out of your comfort zone, and why not do it when you're in college?" Stoerger said. "When you're out in South Bend, you find out that people are just people, but when you really take the time to get to know someone, you realize that we're not that different."

CROP Hunger Walk donations will continue to be collected through the online database, www. crophungerwalk.orgsouthbendin, through Oct. 11.

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they are exposed," Kelly said. "I want to get them in the locker room. It's important to be able to talk to them, and I just felt like in those situations after a loss, there's a lot of emotions. It's important to get the team back into the locker room and get them under my guidance."

Senior Ben Finan said most students were also unaware of the policy and reacted emotionally to the confusion over the Alma Mater."I was confused. The policy had not been announced previously," Finan said. "This was something that was not addressed publicly and apparently some of the players didn't know."

According to gameday. nd.edu, singing the Alma Mater after all home games is a "stadium tradition."

The website states, "And whether or not Notre Dame wins, you'll see the Fighting Irish team approach the student section to sing the Alma Mater together."

Sophomore Megan Ball said most students expected the team to uphold this tradition and were shocked to see players leaving the stadium. However, she said her opinion of the players who left changed when she learned of the policy.

"I wasn't aware of the policy not to sing the Alma Mater after a loss so initially I thought it was rude that they were leaving and not singing the Alma Mater with the student body," Ball said. "I understand that they were told to leave, but at the same time I definitely admire the players who chose to override that policy."

Freshman Morgan Widhalm said even the freshmen knew something was not right."We were really confused because we hadn't seen many games yet. But ... when people started walking out, I know almost everyone in the stands was gesturing, 'Come here, come here,'" she said. "It was almost like everything I knew about the world was flipped over because that was such a Notre Dame thing and we just didn't understand."

Finan said Kelly's decision to have players enter the locker room immediately after home losses does not respect the players' dual roles as students and athletes.

senior Connor Sullivan said she thinks the players are far from "exposed" when they're singing the Alma Mater.

"For the most part, people stay until the end of the game. Losing a game and being able to as a player stand down there and see that your whole school is still there and is still behind you — that probably is more emotionally stabilizing than going in and having your coach try and debrief you about what just happened," Sullivan said.

Finan said he feels singing the Alma Mater shows the student body's support for the players.

"I feel like the players are no better protected ever than when they're one of us, and it's one student body, and it's not that the players are down there and we're up here," he said. "He's basically saying, 'I don't want you to be with the student body. I want us to be together as a team,' and it's very frustrating."

Senior quarterback Tommy Rees and graduate student linebacker Carlo Calabrese, two of the team's leaders, did choose to sing the Alma Mater. Finan said he appreciated their choice to stand with their peers. "I know that if [Kelly] would've asked those players about this decision, they would've obviously disagreed with him because they felt strongly enough that they were willing to defy his direct instructions," Finan said.

Senior Matthew Cunningham, president of the Leprechaun Legion, said he personally disagrees with Kelly's decision. Still, he said he retainss faith in the coach's motivations.

"If it's a team policy that they don't [sing], then that's just something that I have to accept," he said.

Cunningham said the student section should not have booed right before the Alma Mater or at the end of the first half when Kelly chose to take a knee with 40 seconds left.

"I don't think it was right to boo. As Coach Kelly said in his press conference ... in his estimation he didn't think there was enough time to go and get a field goal and he has a better sense of the flow of the game, how his offense is working," Cunningham said. "As the head coach, I'm sure his players trust

Congress works to avoid government shutdown

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the government teetering on the brink of partial shutdown, congressional Republicans vowed Sunday to keep using an otherwise routine federal funding bill to try to attack the president's health care law.

Congress was closed for the day after a post-midnight vote in the GOP-run House to delay by a year key parts of the new health care law and repeal a tax on medical devices, in exchange for avoiding a shutdown. The Senate was to convene Monday afternoon, just hours before the shutdown deadline, and Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., had already promised that majority Democrats would kill the House's latest volley.

Since the last government shutdown 17 years ago, temporary funding bills known as continuing resolutions have been noncontroversial, with neither party willing to chance a shutdown to achieve legislative goals it couldn't otherwise win. But with health insurance exchanges set to open on Tuesday, tea-party Republicans are willing to take the risk in their drive to kill the health care law.

Action in Washington was limited mainly to the Sunday

talk shows and a barrage of press releases as Democrats and Republicans rehearsed arguments for blaming each other if the government in fact closes its doors at midnight Monday.

"You're going to shut down the government if you can't prevent millions of Americans from getting affordable care," said Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.

"The House has twice now voted to keep the government open. And if we have a shutdown, it will only be because when the Senate comes back, Harry Reid says, 'I refuse even to talk,'" said Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who led a 21-hour broadside against allowing the temporary funding bill to advance if stripped clean of a tea party-backed provision to derail Obamacare. The effort failed.

The battle started with a House vote to pass the shortterm funding bill with a provision that would have eliminated the federal dollars needed to put President Barack Obama's health care overhaul into place. The Senate voted along party lines to strip that out and lobbed the measure back to the House.

The latest House measure, passed early Sunday by a near

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party-line vote of 231-192, sent back to the Senate two key changes: a one-year delay of key provisions of the health insurance law and repeal of a new tax on medical devices that partially funds it, steps that still go too far for The White House and its Democratic allies on Capitol Hill.

Senate rules often make it difficult to act quickly, but the chamber can act on the House's latest proposals by simply calling them up and killing them.

Eyes were turning to the House for its next move. One of its top leaders vowed the House would not simply give in to Democrats' demands to pass the Senate's "clean" funding bill.

"The House will get back together in enough time, send another provision not to shut the government down, but to fund it, and it will have a few other options in there for the Senate to look at again," said the No. 3 House Republican leader, Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California. "We are not shutting the government down."

He suggested that House Republicans would try blocking a mandate that individuals buy health insurance or face a tax penalty, saying there might be some Democratic support in the Senate for that.

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"Part of what makes Notre Dame the Notre Dame family is that we treat our student athletes as students and athletes," Finan said. "... Telling them to go into the locker room tells me that [Kelly] values them as athletes before students and that's incorrect."

Senior Jen Gallic said Kelly's choice disrespects the Alma Mater's religious component.

"Our Alma Mater is actually a prayer too, so God first," Gallic said. "'God, country, Notre Dame."

Because of the unifying quality of the post-game tradition,

e play- his judgment."

Finan said the students were not booing the players but the coaching staff, even though NBC commentators misinterpreted the situation.

"To take a knee from the 30 yard line says to me, 'I don't have faith that you can produce right now," Finan said. "I understand that you want to be on damage control, as well, of not allowing things to get worse, but you have to try to win the game, and part of that is picking up the momentum going into the locker room, not just going out."

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Islamic militants kill students in attack on college

Associated Press

POTISKUM, Nigeria Suspected Islamic extremists attacked an agricultural college in the dead of night, gunning down dozens of students as they slept in dormitories and torching classrooms, the school's provost said - the latest violence in northeastern Nigeria's ongoing Islamic uprising.

The attack, blamed on the Boko Haram extremist group, came despite a 4 ¹/₂-month-old state of emergency covering three states and one-sixth of the country. It and other recent violence have led many to doubt assurances from the government and the military that they are winning Nigeria's war on the extremists.

Provost Molima Idi Mato of Yobe State College of Agriculture told The Associated Press that there were no security forces protecting the college. Two weeks ago, the state commissioner for education had begged schools and colleges to reopen and promised they would be guarded by

soldiers and police.

Idi Mato said as many as 50 students may have been killed in the assault that began at about 1 a.m. Sunday in rural Gujba. "They attacked our students while they were sleeping in their hostels. They opened fire at them," he said, adding that most victims were aged between 18 and 22.

Soldiers recovered 42 bodies and transported 18 wounded students to Damaturu Specialist Hospital, 40 kilometers (25) miles north, said a military intelligence official who insisted on anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

Two of the wounded later died, said Adamu Usman, a survivor from Gujba who was helping at the hospital.

President Goodluck Jonathan condemned the attack in a televised "chat with the media" Sunday night, and questioned the motives of Boko Haram, which wants to impose Islamic law across Nigeria. He said he wondered whether the victims were Muslim or Christian.

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One for the books

Kelly Konya News Writer

It's funny. Or maybe it's just me being a phony.

I think I owe my entire 20 years of life to a man that nobody can nail down.

Ever since I first picked up "Catcher in the Rye," I haven't been able to tone down my obsession with its author, J.D. Salinger. You can imagine my excitement when this month, a new biography and documentary on his life were released. There were all these new secrets to be spilled and new interviews with his old girlfriends and war buddies that no one had ever heard. When I finally had the book in my hands, I paged through it like I was touching gold.

The fact of the matter is, Salinger didn't want to talk to anybody. He's one of the most famous recluses in the world. He published "Catcher in the Rye" in 1952 and then dropped off.

I think I'm beginning to understand why.

For one thing, Salinger not only landed on Utah Beach on D-Day, but also faced some of the most deadly battles of World War II while volunteering, like the Battle of the Bulge and the battles in Hürtgen Forest. He also helped to liberate a Dachau sub-concentration camp.

While working for the Counterintelligence Corps, he married a woman who may have been an undercover Gestapo informant (sources are still unsure). Salinger simply put a plane ticket back to Germany on her breakfast plate one morning when they were living together in New York City.

Once he finally dedicated himself to writing, he was consistently rejected by editors at "The New Yorker" who said that his writing didn't fit their standards, and also by critics who said his characters were phonies and self-absorbed, essentially the two types of people he couldn't stand.

I would isolate myself too, wouldn't you?

I get that he was a bit of a rare bird, but others say he was the very first beatnik. To me, he was so in tune with his sense of self and his desires that he did what he could to cultivate them in a world that brought him inestimable pain. I can't necessarily defend his behavior towards his loved ones who he brushed aside, but for someone to have gone through battles of every category, I think we should all cut him a break.

Reconsider marijuana policy

Connor Roth Think. It's Not Illegal Yet

It was Dec. 28, 2006, and the Notre Dame men's basketball team just clobbered Rider University 101-51. Instead of celebrating the victory and relaxing over Christmas break, Notre Dame guard Kyle McAlarney was arrested on a marijuana possession charge. A few days later, McAlarney found out he was dismissed from school with the possibility to reapply later on, in accordance with du Lac. Although the guard had to endure much strife before his homecoming, history tells us that McAlarney eventually came back to Notre Dame and completed his successful basketball career. However, since those days we have not seen much progress with how our school handles marijuana related issues.

Du Lac claims that marijuana use is a violation of school rules that warrants either expulsion or suspension on first trial. It is true Notre Dame does not have too much leeway on minimizing the penalties for student use of pot, since it is still illegal under federal law. However, over the past few years, many states have changed their laws applying to marijuana due to the more modern social acceptance of the drug. Colorado and Washington have completely legalized cannabis and 14 states have decriminalized it in several forms. Unfortunately for some, the rules and regulations vary widely between states. For instance, Ohio's legal punishment for possessing under 100 grams of marijuana is a maximum \$150 fine; Indiana's penalty for possession of 30 grams or less is a maximum one year incarceration or a \$5,000 fine. Even though these two states are contiguous, their policies toward marijuana use couldn't be any more polar opposites.

This article is not written to persuade others to try marijuana or to sanctify THC. It is meant to bring Notre Dame's inconsistent drug policy

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others."

back to light. Hopefully the student body and student government will continue to work with the administration towards making a more just policy towards marijuana — does one offense really justify a mandatory suspension, if not expulsion?

Consider Dr. Sanjay Gupta, a neurosurgeon who spent many years studying marijuana and its effects on people. In 2009, he wrote a TIME article entitled, "Why I would vote No on Pot," discussing many issues Notre Dame's Office of Alcohol and Drug Education cite in their description of the drug online. Unfortunately, many of these arguments against marijuana as a gateway-addictive drug are under dispute. In Aug. 2013, the same Dr. Gupta released an article on CNN that sparked much debate: "Why I changed my mind on weed." Gupta apologized for not looking into the qualitative science behind the Drug Enforcement Agency's listing of pot as a Schedule I drug and noted that marijuana dependence occurs only within nine to 10 percent of its users, as opposed to 30 percent for tobacco. He then goes on to list the medical benefits for people suffering from cancer and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Consider Harvard economist Jeffrey Miron, who calculates that it costs \$20 billion each year to keep marijuana illegal, which includes 750,000 arrests of mostly non-violent young people. Is it worth it? How about all of the lives that are ruined by an early criminal record from using marijuana? Presidents Bill Clinton, George Bush and Barack Obama may not have become the successful politicians they are today if they grew up in less affluent families and were caught smoking, to which each of them have admitted.

As students at Notre Dame, we all know what the drinking culture is like at this school. We also know that many times, our residential staff likes to keep underage and abusive drinking issues in house so students can get off with a few community service hours and a slap on the wrist. Even repeated violations of the alcohol rules in du Lac do not warrant an immediate suspension. Can you imagine the outrage if a sophomore were caught drinking multiple times and had to expelled?

Also, consider the number of individuals who end up in St. Liam's with alcohol poisoning and the other issues it can bring about. Contrast that with the number of people who died from overdoing it on marijuana: zero. They did probably eat too much pizza and chips for one day though. How many students find themselves in harmful situations because of alcohol? Probably too many. Does this mean we should ban all harmful substances and turn our University into another form of a paternalist high school? Of course not. It does mean that Notre Dame should attempt to work within the consistently changing framework of state law and the Justice Department's recent declaration of not challenging those respective laws.

As a private institution, Notre Dame has the right to create its own standards and define violations of its own school policies, and the school, of course, has to enforce federal and state law. However, with the rapidly changing climate of marijuana policy, Notre Dame should reconsider the way its strict rules can turn a 20-year-old's life upside down for making a mistake in the eyes of the law and make its policies more equal across the board. In the words of Paul Holt — a student who wrote to the Observer on this issue back in 2007 — "something just doesn't add up."

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Salinger was reclusive, perhaps a little condescending and at times downright rude to fans, but doesn't being in the public eye always seem to turn into a bad thing anyway?

I don't think I'll ever get over my fascination. I'll probably name my dog after Holden Caulfield.

To me, Salinger is truly one for the books.

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Don't be afraid to commit

Kate Christian Ask the GreenMan

Dearest tree huggers, conservationists and earth enthusiasts, I will turn off my lights when I'm not in the room. I will go tray less at the dining halls. I will take the stairs instead of the elevator. I will do full loads of laundry. I will recycle. I will, I will, I will.

We all know those green pledges, and we've seen them before. Yes, you know the ones I'm referencing. They ask, "Will you take showers that are five minutes or less?" or another similar prompt. These personal pledges are a chance to articulate sustainability goals for ourselves. All of the recent emphasis on these commitments and the "Green Out" competition really got me thinking: What can these actually accomplish outside of a few clicks and a pat on the back? As it turns out, they can accomplish quite a lot.

The St. Francis Pledge — through the Catholic Climate Covenant — asks people to pray, learn, assess, act and advocate. Notre Dame has adapted ideas from the St. Francis Pledge and the Catholic Climate Covenant in the past. Just this

past March, the Office of Sustainability published a Lenten Carbon Fast Calendar — full of Twitter feeds and TED Talks to keep climate change education energizing.

Another option is "Click to Commit" through Building Dashboard, the website where you can see how your dorm compares to others in terms of its energy usage. There are many different commitments: Everything from using daylight to navigate your room (you don't really need the overhead light to help navigate the textbooks on your floor, right?) to engaging in conversation with other residents about making energy savings a joint effort.

In Canada, a group called ClimateFast pledges to do more than just small daily actions or personal lifestyle changes. They commit to fast in solidarity, meet with members of Parliament, write letters to the media and encourage their friends and family to join. Think that's too much? You could always just pledge to turn off your lights.

These commitments are simple and a great way to gauge how you're doing your part for the environment. It's a cumulative effort and each commitment adds up to tangible action and

change. Small daily changes by individuals combine to lower the carbon footprint of the entire University of Notre Dame. Just look at the energy usage reductions when entire dorms work together.

So what else can you pledge to do around Notre Dame? Especially during the fall (so before the classic South Bend winter hits), bike everywhere you can instead of driving. Heading out for a Target run? Carry your items in a backpack and bike there. It'll be a great workout for you and a nice break for the atmosphere. If you're getting Grab-and-Go from the dining halls, bring a reusable bag. What would make it even better? Getting one from your dorm sustainability commissioner through Random Acts of Greenness (Not sure what that is? Check green.nd.edu). That way, you still get lunch while making lots of trees happy that their relatives aren't being used to carry your sandwich.

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necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Praise thee, Notre Dame

This past Saturday, I made a disturbing discovery. Some of you may have noticed a group of football players leave the field immediately after the game instead of staying and singing. After the game, I found out that this was at the direction of our head coach himself. Coach Brian Kelly has decided that when the football team loses, it will no longer stay and sing the Alma Mater with the student body and fans.

Immediately after I heard this, a vision popped into my head. After that loss against Oklahoma, what if the entire team had all simply returned up the tunnel instead of staying and singing the Alma Mater? Just thinking about it makes me furious. If there is no Alma Mater to look forward to, what is keeping me from leaving early, especially when a loss is

unavoidable?

Every Notre Dame game I've been to, I have refused to leave until after singing the Alma Mater. It is a cleansing moment, a time to reflect not only on the game that was just played but on ourselves as well. The Alma Mater is not about victory. It's not even about football. The Alma Mater is about solidarity. It is about loyalty to Notre Dame in all its meanings. It doesn't matter if we win or lose.

When I told a friend about this discovery, he shrugged. "What can we do?" he said, "It's his decision." Maybe so, but there are many ways we can let him know how much of a mistake it is.

If you are a player, don't listen to him. Stay. It's your choice.

If you are a student, don't support this decision. By all means, boo the players who turn their backs on you.

If you are an alumnus, spread the word. You don't want a coach who will sever his team's connection to the fans.

Finally, in the words of one of our very own football players: Win or lose, we play for each other. Win or lose, we cheer for each other. Win or lose, we sing with each other.

> Lily Banker senior Lyons Hall Sept. 29

I stand by my team

As a second generation Domer, I was born into a family that stands by our team. In 1990, my neverlax parents let me stay up late to stand by my team when Notre Dame defeated Michigan under the lights. And after the glory days of Lou Holtz, I stood by my team through Bob Davie, Tyrone Willingham and Charlie Weis.

Throughout the years, I stood by my team in rain, wind, sleet, snow and blistering sun, not to

all stood by our team for four years on benches that swayed and sometimes broke. As a student manager, I stood by my team not just on Saturdays, but throughout the week, sometimes as early as 5 a.m., sometimes as late as 3 a.m. and more times than not on an empty stomach.

As an alumnus, I stood by my team as my younger sister's class witnessed more losses than any other in school history. What though the odds support are infinitely more important than a win or a loss. I still do, and always will, stand by my team. And at the end of the next game my team loses, I hope they will stand with me. We are a family. We are ND.

> Kate Dobbertin Bernola alumnus Class of 2007

mention early-onset hangovers. As students, we

Tradition transcends winning and losing

I have never been more disappointed in a Notre Dame football team, and the program as a whole, than I was this Saturday.

I've seen a fair amount of teams in my time (despite my current status as junior, I started as a freshman in 2009 and before that, I came out to games while visiting my sister). Some played better than this one. Some played a lot worse. But no matter how they played, every game ended with the team and students singing the Alma Mater in unison.

On Saturday, that tradition was broken. Originally, this seemed to be some players who in their frustration had lost sight of our tradition. That would have been pretty terrible. But it was so much worse to find out that in fact, they had been following the new

"policy" of the Notre Dame football team, which will Instead, it's an affirmation of our commitment to no longer be singing the Alma Mater after losses.

The last eight minutes of that game were brutal to watch. As other students started slowly vacating, every bone in my body wanted to leave and not witness this slow painful death. But I stayed. Because that's what you do when you care about your team and your school. You stand with them even in defeat. But it hurt so much to watch those players abandon me after I'd stayed for them and stood with them.

Clearly some decision was made that we can't celebrate losses. But this is such a horrible interpretation of what the Alma Mater means. It's never been a celebration. It is not the Notre Dame Victory March.

each other and of the bond that exists between all students of Notre Dame even when times are tough.

I'm sure someone out there will disagree with me. They'll say this tradition is outdated. But for me, this has always been the defining feature of Notre Dame football. We win together. We lose together. But no matter what, we do it together. And that tradition of community should count for more than some halfbaked new policy.

> **Gordon Stanton** junior Sorin Hall Sept. 29



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With the Ron Howard-directed, Thor-starring "Rush," a film about car racing and whatnot, hitting the theaters this past weekend and drawing both big box office numbers and early Oscar season buzz, the Scene staff takes a look at some of their own favorite sports movies.

By KEVIN NOONAN Scene Editor

"Remember the Titans"

No explanation needed, really. But I'll give you three.

"We will be perfect in every aspect of the game. You drop a pass, you run a mile. You miss a blocking assignment, you run a mile. You fumble the football, and I will break my foot off in your

By MADDY DALY

Associate Scene Editor

"The Blind Side"

For someone who gets bored watching sporting events and is constantly asking questions about what just happened, sports movies are not exactly at the top of my Netflix queue. However, the 2009 film "The Blind Side"

By MIKO MALABUTE Scene Writer

"Coach Carter"

The classic tale of the intersection of hard-street-living and hoop dreams that is "Coach Carter" quickly found its way into my heart back in 2005, and ever since then it has easily been my favorite sports movie. Watching Samuel L. Jackson be the advocate of strong, integrity-centralized basketball and John Brown hind parts and then you will run a mile. Perfection. Let's go to work."

"A water break? Water is for cowards. Water makes you weak. Water is for washing blood off that uniform and you don't get no blood on my uniform, boy you must be outside your mind! We are going to do up-downs, until Blue is no longer tired, and thirsty."

"All right, now, I don't want them

combined sports and drama perfectly with its deep storyline and outstanding cast. Based on a true story, this movie follows the life of underprivileged high school student Michael Oher, who goes from homeless to famous because of one random act of kindness.

Set in the South where high school football is everything, "The Blind Side" is less about football and more

competitive-minded academia was truly inspiring (and very impressionable on 10-year-old Miko), and the basketball scenes were extremely solid, to say the least. Also, watching him express respect to each of his players by referring to them as "Sir" and demanding respect back was truly great, and inspired a two-week-long stretch of me going out of my way to address everyone as "Sir" or "Ma'am."

Each of the players on the team was

to gain another yard! YOU BLITZ ... ALL ... NIGHT! If they cross the line of scrimmage, I'm gonna take every last one of you out! You make sure they remember, forever, the night they played the Titans!"

And here's one more, just for good measure.

"Yes, you can. When I was 15 years old I lost my mother and my father in the same month Ronnie, same month.

about the power of generosity and love, making it more of a chick flick than a sports movie, which is exactly why I love it. Sandra Bullock plays the rich housewife who adopts this helpless boy and turns his life around. In an authentic southern drawl, Bullock's character nicknames him "Big Mike" and teaches him the game of football, putting him on track to become an

enjoyable and easy to sympathize with (to all who may be deterred by the "urban" feel of this film—Channing Tatum stars in this one), though my favorite was easily Timo Cruz, played by Rick Gonzales. The try-hard gangster bumps heads with Coach Carter for the majority of the film and quits basketball, but after a tragic murder in the family due to street violence rediscovers salvation through hoops, which makes for a heart-warming Twelve brothers and sisters, I was the youngest one of them. Now I wasn't ready either, but they needed me. Your team needs you tonight, you're the Colonel, you're going to command your troops! Twins right 48 zero read, go!"

Best sports movie, or best movie?

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All-American player and first-round NFL draft pick. Speaking from experience, this movie is great for those who know nothing about football because we can learn alongside Big Mike and still get the emotion and storyline of a great drama.

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subplot.

Finally, Twista's best song by far "Hope" featuring Faith Evans is featured as the lead-single for the soundtrack.

Oh and before I forget, Coach Carter's team lost in the big game against the rival school. Way to epitomize "keeping it real."

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By ERIN THOMASSEN

Scene Writer

Dear Diary,

I am so confused. I am doing everything the Frosh-O staff taught me, but nothing is working out the way I planned. Yesterday, I saw Bennie, the boy from my Chem Tutorial, at South Dining Hall, and figured I would give the old serenade a try. I had never talked to Bennie before, but the Frosh-O staff told us it's totally normal to sing to people you don't know. They said the more dramatic, the better, so I pushed my way through the stir-fry line and jumped on the salad bar. I started belting "Hot Stuff" and shimming over

the celery, but Bennie ran away instead of coming hither. I realized that Bennie didn't realize I was singing to him and ran away because he was jealous that I was serenading someone else. So, I hopped off the salad bar and chased him to the Dumbledore portrait, shouting "Bennie, don't worry, the song was for you!" He didn't respond; he was so deeply wounded by the idea that I might like someone else that he couldn't bear to look at me. That's why he switched out of my Chem Tutorial. After I ruined my chances with Bennie, I was too broken-up to stay in the dining hall. I ventured to LaFun, searching for the free food that was there during Frosh-O. I almost gave up because the

ice cream trucks weren't in their normal spots, but then I found the Huddle, an AWESOME place with the best free food. I stuffed three pints of Ben & Jerry's in my backpack and bounced out the door, only to feel firm hands pull me back into the store.

"You didn't pay for that."

"Good one!" I laughed. "You should try out for the comedy club."

He didn't seem to like my suggestion, though. He tore open my backpack and pulled out the ice cream.

"Woah, buddy. The freezer back there has plenty of ice cream. Why don't you get your own?"

He took me to NDSP instead.

While waiting to be interrogated by a security officer, I realized I was there because I followed the advice of my Frosh-O Staff. They encouraged us to take advantage of everything LaFun had to offer, but I guess I was too greedy with the free ice -cream, just like I made Bennie too jealous to bear. During Frosh-O, the staff told us to call NDSP whenever we were in trouble, just like I was now. With my one phone call, I dialed their number and they immediately responded. It was strange, though, because I felt like I was talking to myself.

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Booming Sooners

Oklahoma converts three Irish turnovers into 21 points, defeats Notre Dame, 35-21, on Saturday



Sooners redshirt junior quarterback Blake Bell runs upfield during Oklahoma's 35-21 victory over Notre Dame on Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Bell threw for 232 yards and rushed for 59 more as Oklahoma defeated Notre Dame for the first time since 1956.

By BRIAN HARTNETT Sports Writer

It was the exact opposite of the fast start No. 22 Notre Dame envisioned.

A pair of early turnovers put the Irish in a deep hole just minutes into the game, and they were never quite able to recover, as they fell to No. 14 Oklahoma, 35-21, Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Oklahoma (4-0) took the lead just 49 seconds into the game. On a third-and-7, Notre Dame senior quarterback Tommy Rees was hit from behind as he attempted a pass, and the ball went straight into the hands of Oklahoma senior linebacker Corey Nelson, who returned it 24 yards for the Sooner touchdown.

"You never expect not to pick up the simplest of stunts and have your quarterback get the ball stripped," Irish head coach Brian Kelly said. "You never expect not to run the right route when you're supposed to. You never expect those things, but they happen."

On the first play of Notre Dame's second drive, Rees' pass over the middle was tipped by senior linebacker Aaron Colvin and intercepted by redshirt sophomore linebacker Frank Shannon, who returned it to the Notre Dame 32-yard line.

"They were kind of freak interceptions, not normal interceptions," Irish senior receiver TJ Jones said of the first two turnovers. "I think it was Oklahoma just catching a little bit of luck and really capitalizing off our mistakes."

The Sooners scored four plays after Rees' second interception, when senior running back Damian Williams ran it in from 11 yards out to put Oklahoma up 14-0 with 12:15 still remaining in the opening quarter.

With 5:25 to go in the second quarter and Notre Dame marching toward Oklahoma's end zone trailing 14-7, Rees saw another pass tipped and intercepted, this time by redshirt junior linebacker Julian Wilson on the Sooner 12-yard line.

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Defeat speaks to themes present throughout Kelly's tenure as Notre Dame's ceiling remains unreached



appalling 0-2 start, and his starting quarterback made it ______ through the season's first 30

Saturday's loss to Oklahoma m was a lot of things. It was a Bu brutal start, then some resilience with flashes of brilliance. un It was inconsistent. It was a fer quarterback carousel, and a th bend-but-don't-break defense. th

through the season's first 30 minutes before being replaced. But Kelly settled into the spotlight that comes with coaching under the dome, and, after a few bumps in the road, gained the trust of his players. Over the next two years the screws tightened, and an immaculate season of good luck and great defense brought Notre Dame back to the top of college football last season. That is until Alabama came and showed just how far this program was from the summit.

Now flashback to the start of all this, to Brian Kelly's introductory press conference in 2009. It was then that Kelly declared that his game plan for success wasn't "a five-year plan, it's a five-minute plan."

Hendrix spells Rees, sees time at quarterback in loss

By KATIE HEIT Sports Writer

Few starting quarterbacks are asked to leave the field, but Irish senior quarterback Tommy Rees trotted off the field for a replacement six times during No. 22 Notre Dame's 35-21 loss to No. 14 Oklahoma on Saturday. "[Hendrix]'s got some work to do. We've got to continue to work with him, but I think it gives us some things that the defense has to defend as well with him in there."

Kelly said the entry of Hendrix was not a reaction to the two interceptions thrown early by Rees, putting the Irish at a 14-point deficit in the first 2:45. The coach said adding Hendrix into the game was part of the original plan. "We didn't abandon anything down 14-0," Kelly said. "We stayed with it, and we moved Hendrix into the game. I thought we stayed within ourselves, got another score on the board." Hendrix first appeared with eight minutes remaining in the first quarter, throwing an incompletion intended for senior receiver TJ Jones on second down. It was his only pass attempt of the day. Rees returned to the game with a 13-yard completion to Jones on the next play to give the

It was promising, it was better, but it wasn't quite there yet.

In short, it was a perfect representation of the Brian Kelly era at Notre Dame.

Kelly's start at Notre Dame had its fair share of growing pains, although plenty of fans would have described losing three of his first four games as something harsher, if not as a fireable offense. The lowest point came a month later, after back-to-back losses to Navy and Tulsa to fall to 4-5. But the team rallied behind an unlikely freshman, this Tommy Rees kid, to finish 8-5 and right the ship.

Kelly's sophomore season followed with an equally

In year four, it seems that the former is more likely.

Make no mistake, this team

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BLAKE BELL Sooners Redshirt Junior Quarterback

In his second career start, Bell completed 22-of-30 passes for 232 yards and two touchdowns, while not commiting a turnover. The 6-foot-6, 252-pounder also rumbled for 59 yards on 12 rushes. Bell left the game in the third quarter because of cramping, but he came back and, on his first drive, connected with Sterling Shepard for a touchdown.

Rees stepped aside several times to give senior quarterback Andrew Hendrix control during goal-line or short yardage situations.

"It's just another component of our offense," Rees said. "If [Hendrix] can help us win games, there is no point in not using him."

Hendrix appeared on the field six times, threw one incomplete pass and rushed for 10 yards. Two of his carries resulted in first downs for the Irish (3-2).

Irish coach Brian Kelly said he brought Hendrix in to add some variety to the offense.

"We're just trying to diversify the offense a little bit, to add some more looks," Kelly said.

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QUARTERBACKS

Tommy Rees turned in another dud, completing only nine of 24 pass attempts and throwing three interceptions while compiling only 104 yards. Rees did throw for two touchdowns, and breakdowns in protection and imprecise routerunning did not help him, but he struggled with accuracy.



RUNNING BACKS

George Atkinson finally turned in a legitimate breakout performance. He rushed for a career-high 148 yards on only 12 carries and scored an 80-yard touchdown in the third quarter. Freshman Tarean Folston also had a nice game, racking up 43 yards on only two attempts as Notre Dame finished with 220 rushing yards.



RECEIVERS

TJ Jones caught his third touchdown of the season and finished with four catches for 42 yards. Tight end Troy Niklas led the team with 43 yards and walked into the endzone with a 30-yard touchdown reception. But Kelly cited the young receivers for imprecise route-running, and the Irish had nobody to go to when they needed to score late.



OFFENSIVE LINE

Notre Dame ran the ball more successfully than in any other game this year, but Rees was under duress too much. The Sooners' pass rush caused an interception on Notre Dame's opening drive and kept up consistent pressure.



DEFENSIVE LINE

Stephon Tuitt blew up a couple of plays near the line of scrimmage, as both he and Louis Nix ended with five tackles. The line came up huge on third-and-short, fourth-and-one and in the red zone.



LINEBACKERS

Carlo Calabrese led the team with 10 tackles, Jarrett Grace finished with nine tackles and Jaylon Smith notched seven. Sooners quarterback Blake Bell ran for 59 yards on 12 carries, and Oklahoma receiver Sterling Shepard left Grace in the dust on his 54-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter.



DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Irish allowed Bell to spread the ball around with efficiency, but kept the action in front of them with the noticable exception of Shepard's run-after-the-catch score. Bennett Jackson had a few nice pass breakups.



SPECIAL TEAMS

The special teams unit was solid all around but certainly did not shine. Freshman receiver James Onwualu made the special-teams play of the game for the Irish by bringing down the Sooners return man after an 11-yard kickoff return to start the second half. However, on its next coverage opportunity Notre Dame gave up a 40-yard return.



COACHING

It is tough to play from behind the whole game, and Notre Dame dug quite a hole for itself in the first quarter. However, the team pulled within six in the fourth quarter and the defense gave the Irish a chance to claw back, but threestraight three-and-outs from the offense doomed the Irish.

OVERALL GPA: 2.93



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Sooners junior defensive back Quentin Hayes wraps up Irish junior running back George Atkinson on Saturday during Oklahoma's 35-21 win over Notre Dame.

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Oklahoma capitalized on the turnover by pushing down the field on a 10-play, 88-yard touchdown drive. Sooners redshirt junior quarterback Blake Bell converted a pair of third downs and then put the Sooners in the end zone with 42 seconds left in the half on a 26-yard touchdown strike to senior receiver Lacoltan Bester.

The Irish had settled down and scored on a methodical 10play, 80-yard touchdown drive late in the first quarter that concluded with a six-yard touchdown pass from Rees to Jones.

"No, we didn't abandon anything down 14-0," Kelly said. "We stayed with our game plan. I though we stayed with within ourselves, got another score on the board."

Notre Dame's opening touchdown drive saw the team move to a dual-quarterback set, as Rees and senior quarterback Andrew Hendrix rotated in and out. Hendrix attempted only one pass but earned 10 yards rushing on five carries in the first half while picking up two first downs for the Irish.

"I think it gives the defense another thing to prepare for," Rees said of the two-quarterback rotation. "It helps us in certain situations. Obviously, we used [Hendrix] a lot when we needed a couple of yards down in the red zone."

Rees finished the first half 6-of-13 with 52 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions, which made him the first Irish quarterback in 10 years to throw three interceptions in a half. "I thought we gave up one play that we'd love to have back," Kelly said. "You know, the quick slant where we let Shepherd inside. Just something that shouldn't happen."

Up to that point in the second half, the Irish defense successfully kept the Sooners out of the end zone. Oklahoma advanced to Notre Dame's 6-yard line and 2-yard line, respectively, on consecutive drives in the third quarter, but key third down stops forced the Sooners to settle for field goals on both drives.

The Irish defense surrendered 450 yards to a balanced Oklahoma offense that gained 212 yards rushing and 238 yards passing. Bell finished the game 22-for-30 with 232 yards and two touchdowns and Shepard added 83 yards on five receptions and a touchdown.

"At the end of the day, we lost the game," Irish senior cornerback Bennett Jackson said. "Of course there are positives with each loss, but we had too many mistakes and game-changing plays we needed to fix."

After notching just 82 yards against Michigan State last weekend, the Irish running game looked revitalized against the Sooners, as Notre Dame had a season-high 220 yards rushing on 29 carries. Junior running back George Atkinson led the way with a career-high 148 yards on 12 carries, and freshman running back Tarean Folston added 43 yards on two carries.

"[Atkinson is] 220 pounds,

"I just saw our linemen blocking, and I just did my job," Atkinson said.

Later in the third quarter, the Irish moved down the field on the back of two strong runs from Atkinson and a 13-yard completion from Rees to junior receiver DaVaris Daniels. Rees completed the scoring drive by finding wide-open junior tight end Troy Niklas on a 30-yard touchdown pass with 14:10 left in the fourth quarter to make it a 27-21 game.

Rees finished the game 9-for-24 for 104 yards, while Niklas was Notre Dame's leading receiver with two catches for 43 yards.

After falling behind by 14 following Shepard's touchdown reception, Notre Dame's offense stalled late in the fourth quarter, as the Irish went three-and-out on their final three possessions of the game.

"I thought we had a lot of good series where there were threeand-outs and in particular down on the end," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "A year ago, I thought we lost the game in the last half of the fourth quarter, and we were determined not to let that happen this time because it was still a two-possession game."

Oklahoma then sealed the victory with a 10-play, 38yard drive that ended at Notre Dame's 22-yard line and ate up the last 5:39 of the game.

Looking ahead, Kelly said he is more focused on developing his players this season than reaching a particular end result, such as a return to a BCS bowl.

Turnovers, penalties and failed offensive execution in big spots made things tough for the Irish. The disappointing home loss necessarily downgrades the season outlook for the Irish. Now with an uphill climb to a BCS bowl and without an AP ranking, Notre Dame must shift its focus away from lofty goals and focus instead on fixing its many issues.

PLAY OF THE GAME

STERLING SHEPARD TAKES SLANT PASS FOR 52-YARD TOUCHDOWN

The Oklahoma sophomore receiver reeled in a short pass from redshirt junior quarterback Blake Bell on third-and-three and ran away from the Irish defenders. The score put the Sooners up 35-21 with 12:24 left in the game and Notre Dame was unable to answer.

After scoring two secondhalf touchdowns and limiting Oklahoma's offense, Notre Dame trailed 27-21 and had the Sooners facing a third-andthree at their 46-yard line with a little over 12:30 remaining in the fourth quarter. But Bell found sophomore receiver Sterling Shepard on a short pass, and Shepard rushed past the Notre Dame defense for a 54-yard touchdown. Bell and Shepherd reconnected on a two-point conversion to put Oklahoma up 35-21.

and I thought he ran the ball today like I expect George Atkinson to run the ball," Kelly said. "He's got to do that every week. He shouldn't be tackled by his ankles, and he showed that today, and I hope he brings that game with him each and every week because it was sure fun to watch George Atkinson run."

Atkinson made his mark early in the second half, as he burst through the Oklahoma line and outran the Sooner secondary for an 80-yard touchdown run with 12:44 remaining in the third quarter. Atkinson's run was the longest by a Notre Dame player since Terrance Howard scored from 80 yards out in 2000. "I've got a football team here we're trying to develop and work with," he said. "You guys can have your own comments and decide what that means, and you can put us in whatever bowl you want. We're dealing with our players. We've got to coach better, we've got to develop our players better, and we'll let you guys decide what that means."

Notre Dame will look to get back on track when it faces Arizona State on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

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Irish senior quarterback Andrew Hendrix readies to take the snap during Oklahoma's 35-21 win over Notre Dame on Saturday. Hendrix threw one pass and rushed five times throughout the game.

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Irish the first down. Hendrix appeared once more in the drive, rushing for two yards on first and goal to bring the Irish to the Oklahoma (4-0) 1-yard line.

After a Notre Dame false-start penalty, Notre Dame completed the drive with its first touchdown when Rees completed a 6-yard pass to Jones to bring the score to 14-7.

Hendrix appeared once more in the first quarter, turning in a 6-yard rush to gain the first down and bring the ball to the Oklahoma 46-yard line as the

quarter expired.

In three more appearances in the second quarter, Hendrix gained a net of two yards rushing for the Irish. He ran for an 8-yard loss on third down early in the quarter, forcing the Irish to punt on fourth down. On Notre Dame's next drive Hendrix rushed twice more for five yards apiece, the former resulting in a third-down conversion for the Irish.

Sooners coach Bob Stoops said he hadn't prepared his team to face a complimentary quarterback situation, but he wasn't concerned about defending against it.

"[Hendrix] was able to run some zone-read, but fortunately we see it every day with [redshirt freshman quarterback] Trevor Knight and [redshirt junior quarterback] Blake Bell," Stoops said. "We got against each other almost every day, so we're pretty used to it. Even though we didn't prepare it for them, we're used to seeing it, how we go about defending it."

Kelly said the Irish would continue to utilize Hendrix in future games as an added component on the offense.

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Kelly

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is much better than the one Kelly inherited back in 2009. After losses to Connecticuts, Syracuses, Navies and Tulsas, Notre Dame hasn't been truly upset since that rain-soaked loss to South Florida in the 2011 opener. It is deeper, more explosive, and has reached heights unseen since Lou Holtz.

It has also shown brilliance in every stage of the game this year — just never at the same time. Early on this year, it was Rees covering for a struggling running game. The secondary bailed out the defense to

secure a win at Purdue but has struggled throughout. The front seven has shut down the opposition's running game - except when it hasn't. And Saturday was a banner day for the run game, but it couldn't make up for the hole dug by miscues through the air.

In the context of the fiveyear plan, Kelly has done a bang-up job. But every step up the mountain gets steeper, and this current step — from one-year wonder to perennial Top-15 program— is the toughest yet. This team has all the pieces, but now success depends on getting all of them put together, every single week.

That consistency has evaded

the Irish in every game this season and is Brian Kelly's last big challenge. If Notre Dame continues to misfire, then the frustrations will pile up to a forgettable season and some silly-sponsored bowl.

But if this team plays its best football for 60 minutes, it can give a game to anyone in the country. And then maybe we can stop having the conversation of how good this team can be, and see how good they actually are.

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oss ends multiple streaks

By KATIE HEIT Sports Writer

The loss for the Irish ends their 10-game home winning streak and ends their sevengame winning streak against Oklahoma. Notre Dame's last home loss came against USC on Oct. 22, 2011. The Irish had not lost to the Sooners since 1956, when Notre Dame fell to then-No. 2 Oklahoma, 40-0.

Rushing game springs to life

The Irish rushed for a seasonhigh 220 yards and outrushed

the Sooners 220-212. Notre Dame has only lost three of the past 48 games in which it outrushed its opponent.

Junior running back George Atkinson's 80-yard touchdown run was Notre Dame's longest run since Oct. 21, 2000 when Terrance Howard rushed 80 yards against West Virginia. The run was the longest of Atkinson's career, beating his previous record of 56 yards and is tied for the 15th longest run in Notre Dame history. Atkinson also notched a career high in rushing yards with 148, topping his previous record of 123 yards

against Miami last season.

Jones moves up program list

Senior receiver TJ Jones' touchdown reception in the first quarter was the 13th of his career and places him in 10th place on Notre Dame's all-time career touchdown reception list. The tri-captain finished the game with four receptions for 42 yards and leads the team with 25 receptions and 343 receiving yards on the season.

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Sooners redshirt senior defensive back Gabe Lynn, right, drags down Irish junior receiver DaVaris Daniels during Oklahoma's 35-21 victory over Notre Dame on Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Daniels tallied one catch for 13 yards, and the Irish completed just nine passes as a team.

SOONERS SWARM NOTRE DAME

No. 14 Oklahoma broke out to a 14-0 lead less than three minutes into the game and never trailed in beating No. 22 Notre Dame, 35-21, on Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. The Sooners intercepted Irish senior quarterback Tommy Rees three times, including two of his first three pass attempts, and converted the three turnovers into 21 points. Oklahoma's offense rolled up 450 total yards.





Irish junior safety Matthias Farley clings to Oklahoma



Irish receiver Will Fuller hangs on to his lone reception

senior running back Damien Williams.

with Oklahoma cornerback Aaron Colvin defending.



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Irish seniors Bennett Jackson, lower left, and Prince Shembo try to bring down Oklahoma redshirt junior quarterback Blake Bell. Irish junior defensive end Stephon Tuitt attempts to get around the edge on Oklahoma junior offensive lineman Tyrus Thompson. Tuitt tallied five tackles, including one for a loss, and added two quarterback hurries.

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One of our favorite things about sports movies are the inspiring (if sometimes overdone and clichéd) use of music that comes along with them. Take a look at some of our favorite songs and theme music from sports movies here.

"Chariots of Fire" Vangelis (Chariots of Fire)

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"Hearts on Fire" John Cafferty (Rocky IV)

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"Ain't No Mountain High Enough" Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrill (Remember the Titans)

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"You're the Best" Joe Esposito (The Karate Kid)

"Jamaican Bobsledding Chant" Worl-A-Girl (Cool Runnings)

"My Name is Willie" Jamie Foxx (Any Given Sunday)



By MEGHAN THOMASSEN Managing Editor

The Observer sat down with senior film, theater and television major and director Renee Roden to discuss her student-produced play "On the Verge," by Eric Overmyer, her first production through the Department of Theater at Notre Dame.

The department approached Roden last fall after she directed two student performances to do a show for the fall season in the Philbin Studio Theater. She spent the last nine months traveling to London and Calcutta, during which she assembled her design team, read the script while trekking through the Himalayas, then started production and held auditions on the first day of classes this year.

The four-person cast rehearses six times a week, and will perform "On the Verge" 10 nights in a row starting Thursday.

The Observer: So what's the play about?

Roden: It's a show about these three Victorian women who are all explorers. It's 1880 and they wind up time traveling to the 1950s. This is the first time they're traveling all together. They talk about their travels during the show, and they try to one-up each other. [The play is] largely about how their imaginations work together and about the friendship these three women have together.

What do you like about this

in their mouths. It's about incarnating the language. You can't say a beautiful line and just stand there — you have to embody it. You need to own the language and tell the story. There's a reason the language is there. If you tell the story, the language will help you.

How do you practice embodying language like that?

Roden: You have to separate the two components. There are a lot of rehearsals where we practice physicality, where we get them out of their heads and into their bodies and just playing with one another and not thinking and just doing. Then we did a lot of one-on-one rehearsals, because they have a lot of monologues.

When I was casting I was looking for people who already knew how to deal with language. It is a lot like Shakespeare. ... It's a great way to express emotion and telling a story, it's just not the way people talk. We are really approaching it from a character aspect. If you understand the person, you understand why they are choosing those words.

What made you choose this play?

Roden: I first encountered this play senior year in high school. One of my counselors, Leah Adcock-Scarr, gave it to me and said, 'You're going to do this play someday,' and I fell in love with it.

There's a nice cyclical aspect to it. I first read it when I was making those big college decisions, and now it's senior year of

will appeal to girls, but would a guy want to see it?

Roden: Absolutely, it's a very wise show; it's also really funny. These women are ridiculous and silly, and [girls] would watch a show about three guys. [The female characters] do bring a woman's perspective, but they're not talking about things that are specific to women.

So what are you thinking about this final week of production?

Roden: I want to get to opening [laughs]. No, I'm trying to be patient. Tech is sometimes long. In rehearsal you can just be like, 'a rainstorm happens,' and then focus on the acting. Now it's more about, 'How do we make a rainstorm?' You'll have to come and see how it happens. There's snow and ice and snowballs.

What will you do once the show is over?

Roden: [Laughs] I don't know. [A director's] job ends at opening, then the show is in the actors' and the stage manager's hands. Most directors come to opening and then don't come back. I don't want to be selfish, though, I want to be present. Right now it's like I have a two-year-old child and it's really stressful and it needs my attention because it can't take care of itself, but then the fun of having a two-year-old is that it's yours. But once opening happens, it's like having a teenager that's off to college and doing its own thing and doesn't need you anymore.

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"I Believe I Can Fly" R. Kelly (Space Jam)

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"Wild Thing" Chip Taylor (Major League)

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play?

Roden: I love women interacting with each other. They're so intelligent and they're so funny. I think what makes it stand out more than just a funny play is that the language is so dense and beautiful and rich. The first time I read this script I had to pull out a dictionary. I didn't know what peregrinations meant. There's such a rich world in each word.

Do you think then that the script will fly over the heads of some Notre Dame students?

Roden: I don't think so. The way the actors bring the story to life and the words fit so well

college and I'm making all these big life decisions.

Did all of your travel over the past year change the way you see the play?

Roden:Iwentto the Himalayas while I was in India — they talk about the Himalayas in the play. I've grown to identify with two of the female characters. At the heart of one of the girls' desire to travel is because she's trying to find a home, while one girl has an incurable wanderlust. I think traveling has led me to understand the characters better than I wouldn't have been able to before.

It sounds like this show

Who do you credit as a mentor or inspiration through this whole process?

Roden: Adcock-Scarr is my hero — she's getting her MFA for directing at Seattle University. She taught me how to be an artist, how to make theater that is honest and imaginative that's not trying to be cinematic or realistic. She introduced me to theater as a way to draw the artist out of every single human being.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for regular admission.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Baseball's final day captivates



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I was originally going to write about Bud Selig and his retirement announcement here.

Mary Green

Sports Writer

I had it all planned out: I would talk about how there was obviously a lot of oversight in his career, but how in the end, he made baseball a polarizing topic and enlarged its fan base since the beginning of his tenure. It may not have come about in the right fashion, but Bud got the job done.

But then something happened. I got wrapped up in Bud's sport.

That's right, on a Sunday, an NFL Sunday, I couldn't stop checking baseball scores.

Don't get me wrong, yesterday's football was certainly worth watching. The Bucs squandered a 10-point lead to fall to the Cardinals, almost making Greg Schiano look like a genius for benching Josh Freeman. Joe Flacco threw five picks against the Bills, but the Ravens still kept the game close. And the Seahawks captured an overtime win over the Texans to push their record to 4-0 for the first time in franchise history, though something about Russell Wilson tells me that it won't be the last.

And yet amidst all this football madness, I couldn't help but keep updated on baseball.

Perhaps it was Henderson Alvarez's no-hitter against the Tigers. Can you imagine that? A no-hitter in game 162! And to top it off, the Marlins took the 1-0 walkoff on a wild pitch — what a way to close out the season for the Fish.

But that wasn't what kept me glued to the scoreboard.

Maybe it was the Yankees' 14-inning win over the Astros. Though both teams were well out of the postseason picture by the time first pitch rolled around, giving this game next to no significance in the standings, extra innings are always fun. But more importantly, I wanted to see Mo close it out one last time. He didn't get in the game, so the Yanks must have let him start his retirement a few days early. Besides, it would have been hard to top his final, emotional exit from Yankee Stadium, flanked by Derek Jeter and Andy Pettite. If anyone deserves an exit like that, surrounded by the teammates and friends who entered the majors with him, it would have to be the last-ever No. 42.

spots.

Sure, no-hitters are a pretty big feat, and it's nice to celebrate the career of the greatest closer ever, but in the end, championships are all that matter.

Of course, I did have a little bit of a bias towards which team would continue its hunt for October, so I may have been so enthralled for that reason.

But this year's playoff race was compelling for anyone who likes baseball. The Rays, Indians and Rangers jockeyed for the two American League Wild Card spots, with there being eight possible outcomes for the situation.

However, it might have ended with the most complex of those eight as all three won, and the Rays and Rangers will face off in a one-game playoff to determine which team will play the Indians in the onegame Wild Card playoff. Funny how the finale of a 162-game season always seems to carry such importance year after year.

The build-up to Sunday's matchups could not have been better, with the Indians on a 10-game win streak and the Rays and Rangers taking eight of their last 10. None of them let up in the homestretch, and I don't think the Rays or Rangers will until the final out tonight.

So that's why baseball occupied most of my thoughts yesterday. The no-hitter and the extra innings and the race for the postseason all showed how these players and teams don't give up until it's all over. They compete to win, no matter what may happen tomorrow. They play for today, for the here and now.

And maybe that's why Bud Selig's tenure was filled with so much cheating and scandal. Bud didn't play for the present. He played for the future, looking towards baseball's growth and turning a blind eye to everything going on around him at the time as a result. But perhaps he's learned his lesson. Hopefully he will enjoy the next year and a half, not looking forward to retirement so much that he forgets what a sweet job he has as commish. Because as the Rays, Rangers, Indians, Henderson Alvarez and — for one last time — Mariano Rivera could tell him, there's nothing like living in the present.

Marlins' Alvarez throws no-hitter as Fish walk-off

Associated Press

MLB

With the bases loaded, two outs and the score 0-0 in the bottom of the ninth, Henderson Alvarez stood in the Miami Marlins' on-deck circle, bat in hand, hoping to complete his no-hitter.

Alvarez had blanked the Detroit Tigers for nine innings and briefly, mistakenly thought he had pitched a no-hitter. But the Marlins needed a run for him to achieve the feat.

"I was nervous and anxious," he said through a translator. "I started praying, 'Please give us a run.' I was hoping for a wild pitch."

That's exactly how Miami scored. Giancarlo Stanton crossed the plate standing up when a breaking ball skipped to the backstop, and Alvarez had his no-hitter, beating the Tigers on the final day of the regular season Sunday, 1-0.

Alvarez — who had been due to hit next — took off his batting helmet and began to celebrate with teammates in the on-deck circle while still wearing his batting gloves. When the happy hopping scrum finally broke up, pitcher Jose Fernandez came away holding Alvarez's uniform top.

Later, the 23-year-old Venezuelan went into the stands to hug his pregnant wife and kiss her belly.

Of the 282 no-hitters in history, it was the only one to end on a wild pitch, STATS said. And it was the first walk-off complete-game no-hitter since Virgil Trucks of the Tigers threw one on May 15, 1952 against Washington.

"That's the beauty of baseball," Marlins manager Mike Redmond said. "You never know what you're going to see. On the last day of the season, what a treat."

Alvarez needed the run for his no-hitter to be official, because a Major League Baseball ruling in 1991 said only complete games of nine or more innings with no teammate explained the situation to him.

"With the emotion and nerves, I didn't realize we hadn't scored a run yet," a sheepish Alvarez said. "At the time I thought the game was 1-0. I threw my hands up and thought the game was over."

Redmond said he would have sent Alvarez out to pitch the 10th inning, but that wasn't necessary.

The right-hander capped a dismal season for the Marlins, who had the worst record in the NL at 62-100. He pitched the third no-hitter this year, joining Homer Bailey of Cincinnati and Tim Lincecum of San Francisco.

It was the fourth season-ending no-hitter ever, and first since Mike Witt of the Angels threw a perfect game at Texas in 1984. In 1975, Vida Blue and three Oakland relievers combined to no-hit the Angels and in 1892, Bumpus Jones of Cincinnati did it against Pittsburgh, STATS said. second on a single by Logan Morrison. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch, and they held as Adeiny Hechavarria grounded out to the shortstop.

After Chris Coghlan walked to load the bases, Putkonen's first pitch to Dobbs got away. Stanton scored standing up with his arms raised, and the Marlins mobbed Alvarez.

At last it was official: Alvarez had his no-hitter, the fifth in Marlins' history, and his first since grade school.

Baseball appointed an eightman committee on statistical accuracy in 1991 that defined no-hitters. That dropped 50 disputed games from the no-hit list.

Alvarez, acquired by the Marlins in a blockbuster trade with Toronto last November, was on the disabled list until early July with right shoulder inflammation. His only previous complete game was May 4, 2012, a six-hit shutout for the Blue Jays against the Angels. He hadn't pitched more than 7 1-3 innings

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Henderson Alvarez Marlins pitcher

With the Tigers' playoff slot settled, they rested four starters and had pulled three others by the seventh inning. Miguel Cabrera, who won his third consecutive batting title, never stepped to the plate.

The Tigers' postseason assignment was determined before the weekend, and they'll start a division series at Oakland on Friday. Prior to the game, Tigers manager Jim Leyland acknowledged he and his players were already thinking ahead.

Alvarez made the Tigers' eagerness work to his advantage.

"He had a lot of movement, and he fed off the fact they were swinging aggressively," this season, and the no-hitter came in his 58th career start.

The Tigers came close to a hit several times. Shortstop Hechavarria caught Ramon Santiago's liner in the third with an acrobatic leap. Detroit pitcher Justin Verlander, who is 0 for 27 lifetime, hit a drive to right field that landed foul by a couple of feet in the sixth inning.

"You need to have a little luck to throw a no-hitter," Redmond said, "and we definitely had that today."

Alvarez hit Prince Fielder in the back with a breaking pitch with two out in the first inning, then retired 12 batters in a row before Jose Iglesias reached on an error by Hechavarria in the fifth.

And that's before we even got to the matchups that mattered: those that determined playoff Contact Mary Green at mgreen8@nd.edu

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Alvarez got it when Luke Putkonen's first pitch to pinchhitter Greg Dobbs was low and inside, eluding catcher Brayan Pena.

Alvarez (5-6) struck out four, walked one and hit a batter against a patchwork Tigers lineup on the last day of the season. When he closed out the top of the ninth, he pumped one fist and then both, thinking the game was over.

He remained confused until he got to the dugout and a



Twice the Tigers were robbed of hits by fine defensive plays, including Alvarez's leaping snare of Don Kelly's one-hopper before he threw to first for the second out in the ninth.

Alvarez struck out Matt Tuiasosopo on a 3-2 pitch his 99th — to end the top of the ninth. Then he needed the help from the Marlins' offense, which is last in the majors in runs.

Stanton singled with one out in the bottom of the ninth against Putkonen (1-3) and took Alvarez retired another 12 in a row before he walked Andy Dirks on four pitches with two out in the ninth.

Verlander struck out 10 in six scoreless innings in his final tuneup for the playoffs. The Tigers right-hander allowed only three hits — but three more than Alvarez.

"He threw a heck of a ballgame," Verlander said. "To do something like that is pretty impressive."



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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

After hot start, Purple Weasels to take on Badin

Lyons looks to follow up Week One win with victory over Lewis in the Chicks' season-opener

By JOSE FERNANDEZ Sports Writer

As they look to their Tuesday matchup, Pasquerilla West and Badin find themselves on opposite sides of the standings.

Pasquerilla West captain Breezi Toole said the Purple Weasels (2-0) hope their opening-week momentum will carry over to their matchup this week. They rode their defense to a 6-0 win against a tough Cavanaugh team on Sunday and a 27-7 win over Pasquerilla East on Tuesday.

"We're not going to go into this game with an over-confident mindset," Toole said. "We know what we have to do and that is put our best effort out there."

She also said the key for this matchup will be team play, efficiency and getting rid of little mistakes.

Badin (0-2) will look to bounce back this week after losing to Lyons 32-6 in its season opener Sunday. The Lions jumped off to a quick start, and the Bullfrogs could not bounce back. Badin fell to Cavanaugh 20-0 in its second game Tuesday.

Badin sophomore captain Kristina Techar said the Bullfrogs, who sport a young team with little experience, would look to get on the right track with a win against the Weasels.

"We're looking for more fluidity on our offense," she said. "We'll practice more this week and look to gel more on the offensive side of the ball."

Techar also said her squad will try to instill a more complex running game in order to get the ball moving and the offense rolling.

The Purple Weasels and the Bullfrogs will clash Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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Lewis vs. Lyons

By ALEXANDRA LANE Sports Writer

Lewis and Lyons will match up Tuesday in a battle of their freshmen, who have contributed majorly to the success of both teams.

Lyons senior captain Christina Bramanti said the Lions (1-0) look to carry the success they had in their opening game, a commanding 32-7 win over Badin, into their matchup against the Chicks (0-0).

With only a handful of returners this season, Lyons relied on its freshmen heavily in its first game. Bramanti said she plans to utilize them again against the

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Pasquerilla West defenders contest a pass against Lyons during Sunday's game. The Purple Weasels will face Badin on Tuesday at Riehle Fields.

Chicks.

"The freshmen got out there on Sunday and took care of business," she said. "I think we can definitely keep that going into next week."

Bramanti said she will especially look to the leadership of freshman Taylor Sears, a safety and receiver for Lyons.

"Taylor is a threat on offense and defense," Bramanti said. "She dominates the field."

In practice this week, the senior said the Lions introduced a few new plays on offense and expanded and strengthened their defense in preparation for their game against Lewis.

With no games in the books yet for the Chicks, senior captain Colleen Haller said they are excited to begin their season this week.

"This year, we have a lot of freshmen playing," she said. "There was a lot of new interest and it seems like we're going to have a great team."

With no experience so far this

season, Haller said Lewis will focus on the basics for its game on Tuesday.

"I'm hoping we're able to establish a good offense and get consecutive stops while the freshmen are still learning to pull flags and play the game," Haller said.

The Lions and Chicks will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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Manning leads Broncos to 4-0

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DENVER — Forget fast-break football. This was steel-cold efficiency.

Peyton Manning made quick work of the Philadelphia Eagles in a warp-speed game between the NFL's top two offenses, both of which like to snap the ball quickly.

The Denver Broncos scored more points than they ever

12-minute stretch in the first half, no less.

Just another day in the life of Manning, whose 16 TD passes are the most in the first month of a season, besting the previous mark of 14 set by Don Meredith in 1966 and tied by Kurt Warner in 1999.

Manning also joined Milt Plum in 1960 as the only quarterbacks to throw that many touchdown passes without an interception. "We have high expectations for ourselves and want to go out there and score a lot of points," Welker said. "We were able to do that today." Just as they have all season, piling up 49, 41, 37 and 52 points, thanks mostly to Manning, who's off to the best start of his storied career and helped Denver outgain Michael Vick and the Eagles 472 yards to 450. Manning got off to a rather slow start but drove the Broncos (4-0) on a trio of long touchdown drives in the third quarter to make this one another laugher. Those drives covered 80, 80 and 65 yards and not once did the Broncos face a third down in any of them.

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had in their 54-year history on Sunday, blowing out the Eagles 52-20 behind Manning's four touchdown throws and two special teams scores.

"Might have to give old Thunder an IV after this one," Manning said of the white Arabian gelding who trots around the Sports Authority Field following touchdowns.

If there's any IV bags left, that is.

With two TD passes each to Demaryius Thomas and Wes Welker, Manning completed all but a half dozen of his 34 throws for 327 yards.

He didn't even step on the field in the fourth quarter and cooled his cleats on the sideline for a

XC runners stick with the pack

By ISAAC LORTON Sports Writer

Collegiate cross country relies on individual performances in the most literal sense. After all, the individual finishing positions dictate the allocation of points.

But the team aspect is a huge part of the Notre Dame squad's plan. The Irish demonstrated their emphasis on total team performance last Friday by taking spots two through seven on the men's side of the National Catholic Championships at Notre Dame and separating themselves from the field with an aggregate score of 20.

Irish coach Joe Piane said it is extremely important for the runners to motivate each other for scoring purposes.

"You really have to support each other," Piane said. "They all have to run right together, it takes everyone. You could have someone win the race but still lose the meet. You could have two guys go one and two, but that still won't matter. Cross country is a team sport."

In NCAA cross country meets, out of the seven runners, a team's top five finishing positions combine to produce a cumulative score. Senior Martin Grady said the scores from runners deeper on the roster are just as important as the first couple of scores.

"Generally, the scores coming from the fourth and fifth guy are the most important," Grady said. "We would much rather have good four and five scores. You can have one or two great runners at the front, but if the other scores aren't as good, it doesn't matter."

The Irish try to foster this team aspect during practices, Piane said.

"It is all in how you practice," he said. "For example, [today] we will have a very hard workout and push the guys and stress running as a group. The team aspect is something learned."

Many of the Irish runners come out of high school as the best runners from their areas but have to learn to buy into running as a

it can be tough for them, but if they are knowledgeable of the sport, they will know it is best to run in a group as long as they can."

Team bonding comes from the time spent practicing as a team and not as individuals, Grady said.

"I think the most important thing is just in practices," Grady said. "Guys pull you along - pull you along in terms of workouts and to keep up with the pack. At practice we run five-five all of the time to make sure of this."

Grady said implementing a team aspect is about communication during practices and races.

"We talk a lot about it beforehand, guys commit to pack running before the race," he said. "We say, 'Let's all do this together and find each other out there.' There is lots of talking going on during the race as well. I definitely talk a lot, like, 'Let's move up,' 'lookin' good,' stuff like that. I think it helps guys to motivate each other out there."

If Notre Dame can follow up on its strong performance in the National Catholic Championships by continuing to run as a team, the results could be very positive, Piane said.

"Last week we were literally together to the last step," Piane said. "But for upcoming meets, if we can get the guys to stick together for the first three miles, we are doing pretty good."

Grady said the upcoming meets will present a challenge to the Irish, but the team mentality will remain with them.

"In the future, it is always great to run with your team, but we will have to run on average a minute faster," Grady said. "We will still emphasize pack running, but it will be more segmented. There will be a group of two, then a group of three and then a group of two. You can't exactly force a guy to run above his time or below his time, but there will still be groups."

The Irish next run together at the Notre Dame Invitational on

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team, Piane said.

"Most come in as the best kid on their team," he said. "They Contact Isaac Lorton at were the leaders. And sometimes **ilorton@nd.edu**

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MEN'S TENNIS | ITA ALL-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Irish compete in All-American preliminaries

By GREG HADLEY Sports Writer

When Irish coach Ryan Sachire entered senior Ryan Bandy and sophomore Eric Schnurrenberger in the prequalifying draw at the ITA All-American Championships, he said he just wanted to give them a chance to face elite competition.

"For Eric and Ryan, we saw this as an extra event," Sachire said. "We thought these two guys were the ones who would most benefit from the extra matches this early in the fall."

By the end of the weekend, Sachire thought that each gained valuable experience and proved that they were capable of competing against high level op-Schnurrenberger ponents. defeated Texas A&M freshman Francisco Colunga, 6-4, 6-3, before falling to Virginia Tech sophomore Joao Monterio. Meanwhile, Bandy rolled through his first two matches, beating Oklahoma State senior Brady Bohrnstedt, 6-2, 6-2, and blanking Winthrop freshman Juan Pablo Boada 6-0, 6-0, before falling to Oklahoma sophomore Austin Siegel, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 in the third round.

"Eric lost today, but his opponent was a very good player," Sachire said. "[Monterio] was No. 3 for them last year

and had a very good season, so it wasn't a bad loss. And it was also Ryan's second match of the day. In general we're hoping that they use this opportunity to continue to develop as players."

Overall, Sachire said he was pleased with how Bandy and Schnurrenberger stepped up and played during the competition.

"It was great to see how Ryan and Eric got off to a good start in the event, and how they used each match as an opportunity to develop their skills," Sachire said. "It was especially important to see them start off with wins over opponents from some really high quality Big 12 programs like Texas A&M and Oklahoma State."

The Irish still have two more players that have yet to take the court, senior Greg Andrews sophomore Quentin and Monaghan.

The qualifying draw begins Monday, and Monaghan's first match of the tournament will be against Texas sophomore Nick Naumann. As a freshman, Naumann defeated two ranked opponents and compiled a 10-5 record at the No. 5 spot for the Longhorns. As part of the qualifying draw, Naumann and Monaghan are among 128 players fighting for eight spots in the main draw. If Monaghan advances that far,

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and has been a co-worker of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity since 1992. He first met Mother Teresa in 1992 and began treating her as her personal physician in

Irish sophomore Eric Schnurrenberger hits the ball during Notre Dame's 4-0 home loss to Duke on Feb. 3. Schnur-

renberger paired with senior Ryan Bandy to win a doubles match at the ITA All-American Championships .

he will join Andrews, who automatically qualifies due to his No. 31 national ranking.

"This is a tournament with some of the best players in the country," Sachire said. "Every top program sends people to

this event. Quentin is a really great player and we want him to take on as many quality opponents who can challenge his level of play so he'll be even higher in January." The

Championships continue to the qualifying round Monday, before beginning the main draw on Thursday.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY | MIAA JAMBOREE; FOURTH PLACE

Belles excel at MIAA Jamboree

Observer Staff Report

In its first conference meet of the season, Saint Mary's met its goal by finishing fourth over the six-kilometer course at the MIAA Jamboree at Adrian College on Saturday.

The Belles' fourth-place finish was their best finish in a conference competition since 2010.

Saint Mary's coach Jackie

earning an 18th-place finish with a time of 24:01.

The next Saint Mary's pack was about a minute behind, and was paced by sophomore Allie Danhof, who stopped the clock with a time of 25:06. Junior Samee Chittenden finished next with a time of 25:15, and freshman Kathryn Marshall, who recently recovered from an injury last season, followed her with a finishing time of in 25:18. The pack let no one get between them, as Danhof, Chittenden and Marshall finished 28th, 29th and 30th respectively. Sophomore Katelyn Dunn ran a 26:03 to finish in 33rd place for the Belles with a time of 26:03, and senior Colette Curtis finished 36th with a time of 26:22. The Belles wrapped up the day with an 85th place finish by senior Sarah Thompson (27:41), an 87th place finish by Maggie Pacana (27:56), and 92nd place finish by sophomore Holly Higdon (28:21). The Belles head right back into competition next Saturday at the Pre-Nationals meet, hosted by Hanover.

1994. Dr. Wright is a cardiologist and a graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

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Bauters said before the race that the team's goal was to secure a fourth-place finish out of the nine teams competing.

Calvin won the competition with an overall team score of 19 whiel Hope took second place with a score of 40. The two teams are ranked seventh and 19th, respectively.

Senior Jessica Biek had been the Belles' fastest finisher in every race this year, and she led the way once again on Saturday. Biek finished twelfth overall with a time of 23:45, and was the second runner besides a Calvin or Hope runner to cross the finish line.

Freshman Brittany Beeler followed closely behind Biek,

ND VOLLEYBALL | 0-3 VS NORTH CAROLINA, 1-3 VS NC STATE

Irish drop pair of weekend matches

Observer Staff Report

The Irish struggled in their first-ever weekend of ACC play, as their trip to North Carolina netted two defeats: a 3-0 loss to No. 14 North Carolina on Friday and a 3-1 loss to North Carolina State on Sunday.

In their game Friday at Carmichael Arena, the Irish (6-7, 0-2 ACC) attacked quickly, yet could not withstand the force of the Tar Heels (13-0, 2-0), who served 13 aces and hit home 50 kills in 100 chances.

The Irish hit a .262, their highest mark in a loss this season. Notre Dame hit a .172 in the first set, .261 in the second set, and .344 in the third set. Comparatively, North Carolina was stronger in all three sets, hitting a .312 in the first set, .400 in the second set, and a .394 in the third set.

North Carolina was also very strong in serving, hitting 13 aces against the Irish. Graduate student outside hitter Jovana Bjelica and sophomore setter Jordyn Schnabl each had four aces for North Carolina.

Junior middle blocker Jeni Houser led the Irish with nine kills and no errors in 13 opportunities, hitting a percentage of .692. Senior outside hitter Nicole Smith also had a strong game, with eight kills and two errors in 19 opportunities, hitting a percentage of .316. Senior defensive specialist Sammie Brown had seven kills and no errors in 17 chances, hitting a percentage of .412, and senior middle blocker Andie Olsen had four blocks in seven chances, hitting a percentage of .429.

North Carolina led wireto-wire in the first two sets. In the last set, the Irish took the lead 19-17 near the end of the set, only to give up three consecutive serving aces to sophomore libero Gearhart, Heather giving the Tar Heels a 20-19 lead. North Carolina then closed up the match with three consecutive kills, two by outside hitter Kayla Berringer and one by Bjelic. In the game Sunday against North Carolina State (10-4, 1-1) at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh, N.C., the Irish fell again 3-1, hitting a percentage of .144, a much lower number than against North Carolina. The Irish had a total of 41 kills with 23 errors in 125 opportunities.

opportunities, hitting a percentage of .281. Smith had 10 kills in 33 opportunities, hitting a percentage of .091 and Houser had nine kills in 21 opportunities, hitting a percentage of .286. Senior setter Maggie Brindock had the only ace for the Irish the entire match and also had 32 assists in 89 opportunities.

The Irish won the first set and closed it out strong, finishing with a block from Smith and kill from Senior middle blocker Simmone Collins to end the set 22-25. Yet in the second set, North Carolina State took the lead quickly, getting up 4-1 in the first couple plays. The Irish were never able to catch up, and the set finished 25-18.

Near the end of the third set the Irish were trailing the Wolfpack by only by one, 16-15. But the Irish luck turned around quickly, as North Carolina State earned nine consecutive points, with five of them coming from Irish errors.

The Wolfpack set the tone early in the first set, taking the first two points on service aces from freshman libero Maddie Brown. North Carolina started to take a substantial lead near the end of then match, winning 10 out of 14 points down the stretch with some great kills from junior outside hitter Dariyan Hopper and junior middle blocker Alesha Wilson.

The Irish will look to rebound when they return to action Wednesday at home against ACC opponent Duke.



Irish junior middle blocker Jeni Houser and freshman middle blocker Simmone Collins go up for a block during Notre Dame's 3-0 loss to Dabrowa (Poland) in Purcell Pavilion on Sept. 8.







Junior outside hitter Toni Alugbue had a strong game, with 12 kills in 32

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Irish junior midfielder Robbie Gallagos passes the ball during Friday's 3-1 victory over Duke in Alumni Stadium. The Irish used two late goals to edge the Blue Devils and improve to 4-0-3 on the season.

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goalkeeper Patrick Wall an easier job.

But even if an opponent makes it through the first two lines and then make it through the fantastic four, they meet a Wall (fitting, right?). He has a .875 save percentage, which is top 15 in the country and best in the ACC. Behind Wall, the Irish have three shutouts on the year.

And just as everyone defends, so too does everyone attack.

Lachowecki and Mishu often push forward on the flanks to create offensive opportunities. In the match against Duke on Friday, the pair of outside defenders got the scoring underway for the Irish. Mishu drove the ball down the sideline and crossed the ball to Lachowecki

who headed it home. Mishu has two assists on the year both coming off of crosses and Lachowecki has one goal. Even O'Malley, a center back, has a goal on the season.

Moving forward into one of the toughest stretches off the year, it is not the defense Notre Dame must worry about. It is not even creating opportunities. The Irish have outshot their opponents 129-58 — more than 10 shots a game greater. Rather, it is about capitalizing on those opportunities. The Irish have netted only 13 of those 129 shots. Against Duke, the Irish led the shots category 17-6 overall, 7-0 in the first half, yet no goals came in the first half, and the score was still tied with three minutes left. The Irish need to come out with a win against teams they should beat. Luckily against the Blue Devils, Notre Dame pulled

it out the end, but it was too close for comfort. Closer than it should have been.

And one might say that one in 10 is not bad, but in order to edge out upcoming opponents (who are better than Duke), the Irish will need to do more than rely on a great defense. They must take advantage of every chance they get.

We will see what Notre Dame does against Indiana on Wednesday. Hopefully, it is not a repeat of last years meeting with the Hoosiers, who ended Notre Dame's season with an overtime victory in the NCAA tournament.

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in their half," Hodan said. "And we were able to swing the ball side to side, and it swung to my side and we were able to open up space and then score."

The goal was Hodan's first on the season.

"It's great for Patrick Hodan, because Patrick, he's such a good goal-scorer, and he's just had bad luck this season," Clark said. "And [it was] a beautiful goal, too, a lovely, controlled covering shot. Fantastic goal."

Hodan's goal ensured the outcome of the match on the stat sheet. The Irish (4-0-3, 2-0-2 ACC) dominated the Blue Devils (4-3-2, 0-3-1) in shots, launching 17 to Duke's six. The Blue Devils failed to take a single shot in the first half, and spent much of the game playing defense in their own half of the field.

Although the Irish had several promising opportunities in the first half, including a shot from senior forward Harrison Shipp that careened off the crossbar 20 minutes into the game, the Irish didn't get on the board until junior defender Max Lachowecki scored in the first minute of the second half. Lachowecki was the recipient of a cross from a fellow fullback, senior Luke Mishu, and headed the ball into the net.

"I'd been trying to get up into the attack the whole time, and at halftime one of the coaches told me, we'd been getting our right back up, so why don't you try the same thing?" Lachowecki said. "And luckily me and Mishu practice crossing, all the time, and luckily he got in this time, right back to left back and cut out the middle man. And [sophomore midfielder] Evan Panken was standing right in front of me, I told him to leave it and I kind of blacked out and I looked up and it was in the net."

Lachowecki said he called his own shot at halftime, telling his teammates he would score and celebrate with a "rock band."

"Evan said he'd do the

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drums. I rocked the mic, I had the corner flag, and then somebody else had the guitar," Lachowecki said. "[Senior defender] Grant [Van De Casteele] said he was going to play the flute. I don't even know if [the fans] noticed it, but I certainly hope they did. It was awesome having them here."

The celebration was short lived. Duke junior defender Jack Coleman tied the game with a cross that snuck in the right corner of the goal four minutes later.

While the Irish had to wait until the closing minutes to get a winner, Lachowecki said he was sure Notre Dame would get a chance to regain the lead.

"As the game went on they didn't really get any great chances, so I knew if we kept limiting their chances we'd get the bulk of them and hopefully one would eventually go in, so I wasn't too nervous," Lachowecki said. "If it takes 'til the last two minutes, that's what you've got to do."

Just a minute after Hodan put the Irish back in the lead, Shipp gave Notre Dame an insurance goal on a penalty kick. Instead of blasting the ball into the net, Shipp tricked Duke goalkeeper Alex Long into diving to the ground, where he had no chance of grabbing the ball Shipp had lofted over his head.

"He went as if to hit it, and he just put a wee chip, and the goalie dived," Clark said. "I think only Harry, only the little wizard would try that."

Shipp even had his own teammates fooled.

"I had no idea [he would try that]," Lachowecki said. "And I'm not in the least surprised, he tries cheeky stuff like that all the time. But it looked like the ball was in the air forever. And then it hit the back of the net, so he got some style points there."

Shipp and his teammates, who are still undefeated, will try to keep the magic alive at home against Indiana on Wednesday. The game begins at 7 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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With the victory, Notre Dame earned its sixth consecutive victory and fourth straight shutout. The Irish have outscored opponents 18-1 since losing to UCLA on Sept. 1. "I think we have gotten better every week," Waldrum said. "The goal is to get to the NCAA [tournament] and then get to the final four. I'll be more concerned with how we're playing a month from now than I am with where we are right now, but I do think we've certainly improved from August to now. If we can keep that growth going, I think we'll be in good shape." Notre Dame will look to extend its winning streak when it hosts No. 9 Wake Forest on Thursday at Alumni Stadium.

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"I think the way we play out of the back, it forces teams to chase a lot," Waldrum said. "We're shooting to get about 400 passes per game in our possession, and I think we've been closer to 500 this year. If we keep the ball moving quickly enough and stretch the field enough, the idea behind that is that it makes teams chase you, and I think we did a real good job of that today."

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Happy Birthday: Keep emotional matters out of sight. Use your charm and insight to guide you. Pull from the resources you have worked hard to acquire and refuse to let personal matters limit your productivity. Protect your assets and refuse to let anyone cost you mentally, physically or financially. Do whatever it takes to maintain your position and your reputation. Your numbers are 6, 14, 20, 28, 32, 36, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get out with people you have an emotional connection to and you will figure out a way to alter some of the things you don't like about your life. It's out with the bad and in with the good. Stay positive to overcome negative emotions. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotional problems will surface if you aren't willing to compromise. A relationship will undergo some unusual changes that can push you into a make-it-or-break-it situation. Make wise choices based on true feelings. Anger won't help. ★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Socializing will encourage you to try new things and get involved in an activity that can alter the way you do things and the direction you take. There is always room for improvement. New friendships will lead to higher standards and expectations. $\star \star \star \star$

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make positive changes, but don't fall for fast-cash schemes or items that promise the impossible. Trust and believe in who you are and what you have to offer and you will develop interesting friendships with unusual people. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Deal with emotional issues. Call a family meeting or get togeth-er with friends who have not been pulling their weight. It's time to make compromises and listen to complaints. Understanding the problem will make it easier to fix what's wrong. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Include the people best suited to be involved in your plans or who can offer the most in return. Love is on the rise, and making romantic plans can lead to an interesting place filled with happiness and satisfaction. $\star \star \star$

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Rethink your next move. Overreacting will lead to mistakes. Consider what you have to offer and where you are best served to put your skills to work for you. Avoid letting people from your past interfere in your future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your intuition is fine-tuned right now and should be your guide regarding domestic and personal situations. Someone may try to confuse you emotionally or talk you into something you shouldn't do, but hold your ground. Follow your gut, not your heart. $\star\star$

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a course or investigate investments or money matters that encourage profits. Don't rely on secondhand information. Take control of your financial situation and steer clear of risky schemes. Make sure your motives are honorable and your plans foolproof. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stand up and be counted and you will be recognized for your knowledge, skills and an unusual contribution you make. Enjoy the moment and don't feel obliged to make a quick decision if someone puts pressure on you. $\star\star\star$ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Resolve issues before they turn into an emotional mishmash. A money matter or settlement will all turn out in your favor. Learn from past mistakes and you will avoid getting involved with someone who isn't good for you. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Explore new interests and you will meet people who have something to offer. Romance is on the rise, and sharing with someone you love or looking for someone new will lead to an engaging time and a promise for a brighter future. ***

Birthday Baby: You are challenging, sensitive and intense. You are aggressive and adaptable

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MEN'S SOCCER | ND 3, DUKE 1

Late goals bring down Blue Devils

Irish remain undefeated after seven games

By VICKY JACOBSEN Sports Writer

The No. 4 Irish put on a show in front of a full house at Alumni Stadium on Friday night, scoring two goals in the final two minutes to break a 1-1 stalemate and give Notre Dame a well-earned victory over Duke.

"They know they did well in the second half, and I was so happy that they did play well in the second half because we had a fantastic crowd here, a great atmosphere," Irish coach Bobby Clark said, referencing the maximum capacity crowd of 3,007. "That's the best in my 13 years I've ever heard the students going, and what a difference it makes to our players. It keeps them going right through the end."

The score had been knotted at 1-1 for nearly 40 minutes when Irish sophomore midfielder Patrick Hodan sank what proved to be the winning goal into the top left corner of the net from 22 yards out.

"I thought we did a really good job in the second half repressing and keeping the ball



Defense drives success so far this season



Isaac Lorton Sports Authority

Notre Dame looks to be a serious contender.

Currently sitting at No. 4 in the country, the Irish (4-0-3, 2-0-2 ACC) remain unbeaten, for one big reason: the Irish defense is dominant.

It has allowed just four goals on the season in seven games for a goals-against average of .57, one of the lowest in the country and in the ACC. Irish coach Bobby Clark often points out that team defense starts with the forwards and midfielders, but even if the an opponent gets through the first two lines, it meets a back line consisting of a core group of returning veterans, who make up arguably the best back four in the country.

Seniors and captains Grant Van De Casteele and Andrew O'Malley hold down the middle, while senior Luke Mishu and junior Max Lachowecki man the flanks. When this group of four starts, the Irish are 17-1-3 and are holding teams to 4.14 shots on goal per game, which gives senior

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Irish senior forward Harrison Shipp controls the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Duke on Friday in Alumni Stadium. Shipp had a goal in the 90th minute against the Blue Devils.

WOMEN'S SOCCER | ND 3, PITTSBURGH 0

Irish dominate possession against Panthers



By BRIAN HARTNETT Sports Writer

Sometimes the best defense is a good offense.

No. 5 Notre Dame hasn't exactly struggled to stop opponents this season, but the Irish also proved this adage to be true in a 3-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Sunday at Alumni Stadium, as the team dominated possession and created many offensive opportunities. The Irish (9-1-0, 5-0-0 ACC) had a 32-3 advantage in shots and a 13-1 margin in shots on goal.

mentality," he said. "The thing I was most worried about was that we wouldn't create good chances, and today I thought we created a lot of good chances. We were a little bit unlucky not to walk out with five or six goals today."

The Irish started creating

goalkeeper Nicole D'Agostino.

Waldrum said it was important for the Irish to get many opportunities against D'Agostino, who finished the game with 10 saves.

"Any time you play against a good goalkeeper, you've got to take good shots," he said. "Any good goalkeeper is going to get scored on if the kind of chances you create are quality chances. A keeper like that will do well against you when you're not really close or taking half-chances that aren't really good looks." Notre Dame wasn't done there, as senior midfielder Mandy Laddish scored her first goal of the season in the 64th minute. Laddish took a pass from Roccaro, beat her defender and drove home a shot from the top of the box. The Irish continued to attack the goal toward the end of the second half, as junior forward Karin Simonian hit two shots

Irish sophomore midfielder Glory Williams tracks the ball during Sunday's 3-0 win over Pittsburgh in Alumni Stadium.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he expected the possession advantage against the Panthers (4-7-1, 0-6-0) but was impressed with the quality of his team's opportunities.

"I really felt like this was a game where we would [control possession] because we knew from the scouting reports that they like to bunker in and have a little more of a defensive

opportunities early, as sophomore defender Katie Naughton scored a goal that was negated by an offside penalty in the game's 13th minute. Junior forward Lauren Bohaboy made up for the called-off goal just a few minutes later, when she scored off a rebound from two yards out in the 19th minute.

Although Notre Dame posted 16 shots in the first half, it held only a 1-0 lead at halftime. Sophomore forward Cari Roccaro extended the lead just 49 seconds into the second frame when she took a throw-in from senior defender Rebecca Twining and launched a shot from 20 yards out past Pittsburgh redshirt junior

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