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Keoughs donate \$30 million for new building

Jenkins Hall to house Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies and Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies

By PAUL KIM News Writer

Donald and Marilyn Keough recently donated \$30 million to underwrite the construction costs for a new building that will house four international studies institutes, the University stated in a press release Oct. 18.

The building will be named Jenkins Hall in honor of University President Fr. John Jenkins. It will house the Keough-Naughton Institute

Institute for Asia and Asian Studies. The hall will also provide additional spaces for the Helen Kellogg Institute International Studies and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, the release stated.

"This wonderful gift is the most recent instance of Don and Mickie Keough's tremendous generosity to Notre Dame," Jenkins said in the press release. "I am truly humbled by their request to

for Irish Studies and the Liu name this magnificent addition to our campus in my honor and grateful beyond words for their gift. ... This extraordinary gift will inspire us to become a more global University, bringing the world to Notre Dame and Notre Dame to the world."

> Jenkins Hall will be constructed adjacent to Nanovic Hall, which is also to be built, the release stated. Together the halls will occupy 170,000 square feet. According to the release, the two-year

be completed by the 2017-18 academic year.

In addition to the Keoughs' donation, a \$5 million contribution to finance construction has been made by the Kellogg and Kroc Institutes, Paolo Carozza, director of the Kellogg Institute, said.

"By being in a new space that unites other institutes, we're really hoping that it's going to generate all sorts of new synergies and opportunities to collaborate because

construction is expected to right now we're spread out in different parts of the campus," Carozza said.

> There has been a proposal to found a school for international affairs, acting director of the Liu Institute Nelson Mark said. He said this school could also use the new space in Jenkins Hall and be near international institutes.

> "It just makes sense for international institutes and people in that school [for

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Rep. Kelly credits ND for sparking passion for service

By NICOLE MICHELS Assistant Managing Editor

Editor's Note: This is the sixth story in a series featuring Notre Dame and Saint Mary's graduates serving as members of Congress. This series, titled "Trading Golden Dome for Capitol Dome," will run on Fridays.

Although lawmakers allowed the federal government to reopen, debate continues on health care and on the meaning of the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care

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Rep. Mike Kelly, class of 1970, has publicly spoken against the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

ND, SMC groups celebrate Día de los Muertos

By CHRISTIAN MYERS News Writer

Groups at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are working hard to make sure that this year, El Día de los Muertos, a traditional Mexican holiday of remembrance for the dead, is a day to

Fr. Joe Corpora, associate director of Latino Student Ministry, said El Día de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, is a traditional Mexican holiday recognized from Oct.

remember in every sense.

31 through Nov. 2. He said the holiday is celebrated by erecting altars and decorating them with traditional items, as well as with mementos and pictures of the deceased relatives one wishes to remember.

"It is believed that the spirits of the dead visit their families on Oct. 31 and leave on Nov. 1," Corpora said. "Families make altars and place ofrendas, or offerings, of food, such as pan de muerto [sweet rolls], in the

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Stadium grounds crew 'take care of God's field'

By TORI ROECK

Eight years ago, the Notre Dame grounds crew saved Pac Washington's life.

"I was a local street punk, doing stuff I wasn't supposed to," Washington said. "And I got into a bad shooting, took my teeth out. Almost didn't make it. And T [Robert Thomas], which is our other boss, he seen me on the corner right after it happened, and he said, 'Man, what do I gotta do "We have a responsibility for to get you off these streets?' I all the athletic outdoor fields said, 'I need a job, T.' I've been here ever since.

"I left a life alone. Now I take care of God's field."

Taking care of 'God's field'

Dan Brazo, Notre Dame Stadium facility manager, said the grounds crew handles maintenance on all the University's outdoor athletic fields for all sports except basketball, volleyball and hockey.

and facilities, so it's not just football ... basically, making sure that the fields and facilities are in the best shape possible, from a safety standpoint for the student athletes and from an aesthetic standpoint for the fans," Brazo said.

Weeks before home football games are especially busy for the grounds crew, whose

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Members of the Notre Dame Stadium grounds crew stand in front of the field they tend every week.









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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is your favorite Halloween movie?



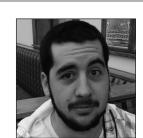
Maggie Fisher junior Walsh Hall "The Strangers."



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Chris Hebig junior O'Neill Hall "Sean of the Dead."



Tim Klinker junior Dillon Hall "Aliens."



Joe Driano, Laura Gruska, Lizzie Heilmann, and Alyssa Armendariz from the University of Notre Dame Band Drumline dress up as minions for Halloween. The whole drumline dressed as characters from "Despicable Me" and won the band's costume contest. Make sure to catch them (in costume) at the drum circle at midnight tonight.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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Friday

Developing Your Lifelong Brand

Vander Vennett Theatre 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. Olympian Stephanie Hightower speaks.

Glee Club Fall Concert

DeBartolo Center 8 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Family-friendly show.

Saturday

Saturday Scholars Series

Snite Museum of Art 12 p.m.-1 p.m. Discussion of the chapels of Notre Dame.

Black Image

Washington Hall 8 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. Annual talent show.

Sunday

Notre Dame Volleyball

Joyce Center 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. The Irish take on Pittsburgh in the Purcell Pavilion.

Rejoice! Mass

Coleman-Morse Center 8 p.m.-9 p.m. Mass and choir practice.

Monday

Lecture: "Havanna 1900"

104 Bond Hall 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. On the city and its architects.

Grief Group

Pasquerilla West Hall 9 p.m.-10 p.m. Confidential support from Campus Ministry.

Tuesday

Common Good Initiative

Geddes Hall 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Information session for Haiti immersion.

Four:7 Catholic **Fellowship**

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

CEO of nonprofit wins award for advocacy

By CHARLIE DUCEY
News Writer

Jacqueline Novogratz, CEO of the nonprofit global venture fund Acumen, received the 2013 Notre Dame Award for International Human Development and Solidarity for her advocacy for the revitalization of impoverished communities.

University President Fr. John Jenkins presented Novogratz with the award on behalf of the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity in a ceremony Thursday. The event in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium was part of the Notre Dame Forum on women in leadership.

Jenkins said Novogratz

stands as an exemplary person in the area of women in leadership because of her dedication to human dignity.

"There are two dangers when seeking to help people in need. One is condescension; the other is imposing solutions on the poor," Jenkins said. "Novogratz is particularly worthy of celebration for avoiding those dangers."

"She displays a profound respect for the dignity for those whom she serves, knowing that the real gifts in life are not material, but empowering acts of love that form community."

Fr. Robert Dowd, director of the Ford Family Program, echoed Jenkins's remarks, emphasizing the power of human dignity that drives the mission of the program.

"We are thankful to Jacqueline Novogratz for advancing the mission of the Ford Family Program, which seeks to help people to lift themselves out of poverty and produce sustainable outcomes," Dowd said. Novogratz spoke about the mission of Acumen, the nonprofit organization she founded in 2001 after working in the banking world of New York City. Novogratz is the daughter of Catholic immigrants from Austria, a fact which made Notre Dame stand as a mythic name in her family while

she grew up. She also holds an honorary degree from the university.

To begin her remarks, Novogratz appealed to the sense of kinship at the heart of Acumen's mission.

"We all do this work in different ways, and we do this work together and stand on top of each other's shoulders," she said. Acumen attempts to unify aspects of philanthropy with a sound understanding of investing to fund aspiring entrepreneurs primarily in east Africa and south Asia, Novogratz said.

"The goal is to take the humanitarian impulse of philanthropy with the efficiency of the market while recognizing the limitations of the market as well," she said. Novogratz said this approach enables her to taks on issues of poverty and the great "un-freedoms" of economic inequality in a new and courageous way. Building and renewing conventional institutions lies at the core of this pursuit, and Novogratz lauded Pope Francis for his own efforts to renew one of the world's oldest institutions: the Catholic Church.

Since the organization's founding in 2001, Novogratz said it has made immense strides, providing funding to projects that serve more than 100 million people around theworld. These projects aim to give the poor time to make mistakes and to help them satisfy basic needs in their communities, she said

Novogratz gave two examples of how poor entrepreneurs have transformed their communities with funds from Acumen.

Bruce Robertson, an entrepreneur originally from South Africa, took funds to Gulu in northern Uganda, a place typified by refugees and the aftermath of genocide. He gave capital to the newly returned inhabitants, trusting some who had virtually no farming experience.

"Today, there are 50,000 farmers as part of an all-Uganda company in Gulu," Novogratz said. "This is an image of resurrection."

Jivad, a Pakistani-American, used Acumen funds to establish low-income housing outside the Pakistani city of Lahore, Novogratz said. Jivad provided the poor with sustainable shelter without bribing corrupt officials.

"Jivad did what was right, not what was easy," Novogratz said. "Many people go into this thinking they're building bricks and mortar, but Javid built a community. There was one mosque in the whole settlement, and Javid worked with the elders so that Imams from various Islamic sects could share."

The innovation of empowered citizens, along with the charity of philanthropists and ordinary kind-hearted

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Fr. John Jenkins University president

individuals, maks these projects possible, Novogratz said.

Novogratz provided a final example of her personal encounter with the poor to show how various kinds of capital can change the world.

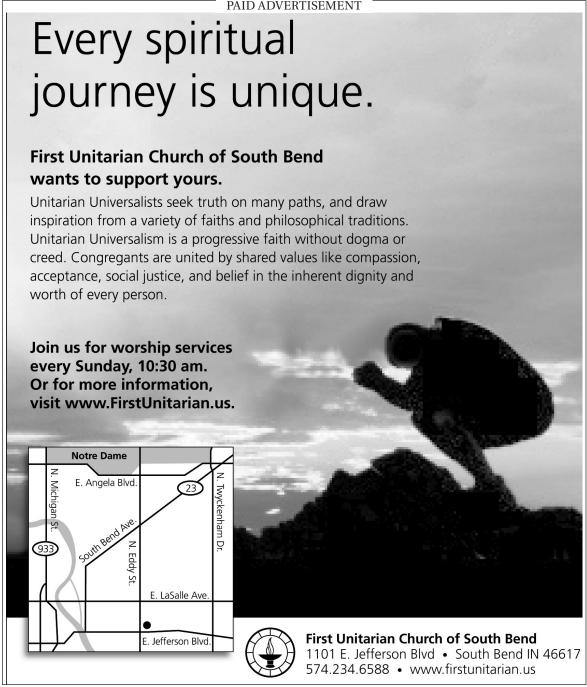
"I was visiting a site with an Australian entrepreneur who sells solar energy. I asked a woman who had bought his product if she thought it needed any improvements. Though she said she loved the product, she went on to list four ideas for improvement," Novogratz said. "Seeing this little woman talking to this big man with such confidence about how he could improve his product reminded me of why I founded Acumen — to empower the poor to find their own solution."

In the end, Novogratz said we need both the soft and the hard — the head and the heart — to fight the status quo, the bureaucracy, corruption and complacency.

"We need charity and philanthropy, but it can create dependency and arrogance, and the systems that will better the world have human dignity at heart," she said.

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SMC selling team competes at Indiana University



Photo courtesy of Aneth Batamuliza

Members of the Saint Mary's selling team compete in the National Team Selling Competition at Indiana University on Oct. 10.

By ALEX WINEGAR New Writer

For the third straight year, Saint Mary's participated in the National Team Selling Competition (NTSC) at Indiana University on Oct. 10. In a press release, Rosann Spiro, executive director for the Center for Global Sales Leadership, said the competition simulates real-world business scenarios.

"Our goal ... is to give sales students the opportunity to take classroom knowledge and experience and apply those skills in a selling situation that is realistic and relevant in today's market," Spiro said.

Coach of NTSC and marketing professor Robert Williams said the College's eight-person team consisted of returning students from last year's group and students in various marketing classes.

The team was given a case study two weeks before the competition and had to identify the problem and create an innovative solution, returning member and junior Aneth Batamuliza said.

Junior Maddie Maidment, another team member, said the case study presented the team with a puzzlm.

"We also had to identify where the missing information within the case is so we could ask appropriate questions in [the]tfirst session," Maidment said.

The case study for this year's competition was to solve a fictional convenience store chain's struggling economic situation. The 20-store chain was trying to decide whether to take on a new product line of specialty beers, Williams said.

"The 'pitch' was to convince the convenience store owners of the mutual benefits of taking on this new supplier," Williams said. "Of course, there was more drama and details involved!"

The Saint Mary's team's

solution was not only to sell the premium craft brewhat the convenience store, but to also sell the store's fresh-baked pizza at the brewery, Williams said.

"Both partners differentiated themselves and gained a distinct competitive advantage in the marketplace: a win-win," Williams said.

The competition is broken up into two sessions. The first is a morning meeting to uncover new facts. The second takes place during the afternoon and is the official presentation with the team's sales pitch to the judges, Maidment said.

Williams said mosy of the judges were employees of the competition's sponsors, Altria Group, Inc. and The 3M Compand.

"One dramatic aspect is the fact that the first stage of the competition involves a 15-minute 'meeting' with the client, which enables the team to confirm analysis, uncover any new fact, and gain agreement," Williams said. "Then the team has only four hours to update their powerpoint, practice their updated presentation, then present for 20 minutes."

lWilliams said he is proud of the team's accomplishments at this year's competition.

"While we were honored to have [senior Kirsten Bonnesen] rselected as "Rookie of the Year" [out of 84 participants] for her sales presentation part, it was a full team effort," Williams said.

Batamuliza said she enjoyed working with the College's team.

"The girls on the team were all intelligent and wonderful Saint Mary's women who share different passions and interests," Batamuliza said. "And being surrounded by all that positive, creative, and innovative minds in such a setting was such an honor."

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CEO shares international business experience

By KAYLA MULLEN

CEO of Acumen Fund Jacqueline Novogratz gave a lecture Thursday titled "Patient Capital and Human-Centered Development in an Interconnected World" as part of the Burges Lecture series on Business Ethics.

The lecture in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business was conducted in a question-and-answer format, witr professor of business Patrick Murphy, interviewing Novogratz onstage and thenpallowing students in the audience to ask questione.

Novogratz shared her first business experiences as a banker in South America and a microfinance banker in Rwanda. After the Rwandan genocide, Novogratz recognized that many who would remember Rwanda before the genocide were gone. This realization led her to write her book "The Blue Sweater: Bridging the Gap Between the Rich and the Poor in an Interconnected World,, whichsrecounts her experiences in Rwanda..

After her work in Rwanda, Novogratz said she wanted to do more to change the world. This desire caused her to develoe Acumen Fund, a no-profit venture capitalist firm that serves developing countries.

"You can have all these plans in your head, but there will be times in life when your body says 'go,' and you need to go," Novogratz said. These opportunities won't always happen again."

Acumen has invested money in developing regions such as Mumbai, Pakistan and many countries in Africa, and its investments have impacted more than 100 million people, Novogratz said.eSheecredited Acumen's success to itr commitment to its clients.

"Being able to put yourself in someone else's shoes and find solutions from their perspective is why Acumen is successful," Novogratz said.

While sometimes it is difficult to make the right choice and not the easy choice, Novogratz said it is worthwhile to try to do what is right.

"One immutable value one should have is integrity,

but also generosity and accountability," she said.

Encountering corruptionnin the business world is not uncommon, Novogratz

"Corruption is endemic in our times," she said. "It is corrosive, exhausting, and those who are most hurt by

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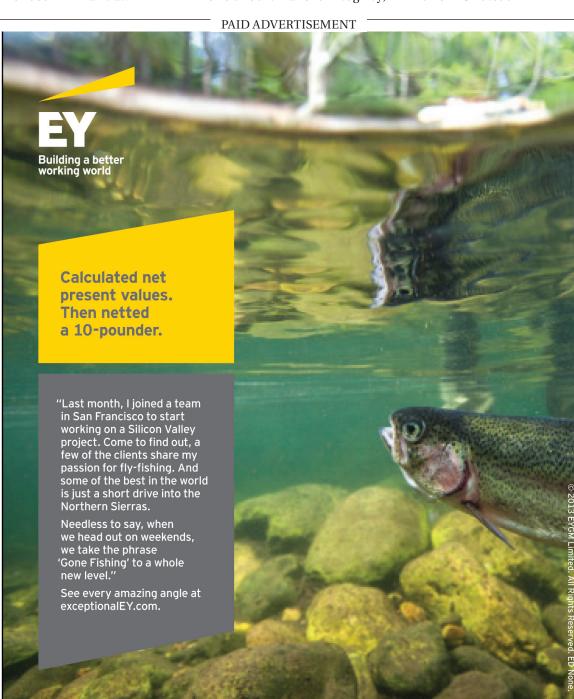
Jacqueline Novogratz CEO Acumen Fund

it is the poor."

Novogratz encouraged students to have the drive and the desire to positively impact the world.

"You have to accept how hard it is, but also have the audacity to believe we're going to change the world," she said. "Find those experiences that give you tools for the world. And finally, choose joy."

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Holiday

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shapes of skulls and figures, candles, incense, yellow marigolds, and a photo of the departed soul on the altar.

"It is a day to celebrate, remember and prepare special foods in honor of those who have died. On this day in Mexico, the streets near the cemeteries are filled with decorations, flowers, candy skeletons and skulls and parades."

Corpora said Día de los Muertos has become representative of Mexican culture in many ways, in particular a perspective in Mexican culture that is not shared by American culture.

"The celebration is becoming as cultural as it is religious. Even though it is rooted in the Catholic tradition of all souls day, non-Catholics celebrate it all the time," he said. "In his book, "Days of Obligation – An Argument with my Mexican

Father," Richard Rodriguez writes of four ways that the Anglo culture and the Mexican culture are fundamentally different at the core. One of these, Rodriguez writes, is that for Anglos, death is an event outside of life. For Mexicans, death is an event inside of life," Corpora said.

At Notre Dame the Institute for Latino Studies is sponsoring three Día de los Muertos events, senior Briana Cortez, president of Mariachi ND, said. The first event was a dedication of an artist's ofrenda, a decorated memorial altar, to Martin Luther King Jr. on Oct. 16 at the Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture. The second event was at the Civil Rights Heritage Center in South Bend on Oct. 25 and featured another artist's ofrenda.

The final event is a presentation on the history of Dia de los Muertos and a blessing of the Institute for Latino Studies' ofrenda by Corpora today at 4 p.m. in the Julian Samora Library on the second floor of McKenna Hall, Cortez said.

La Fuerza, a club representing Latina culture at Saint Mary's, has organized an event for each day this week, sophomore Cinthya Gutierrez, secretary of La Fuerza, said. On Monday they set-up and decorated a traditional ofrenda altar, on Tuesday they decorated sugar skulls, on Wednesday they held a bilingual mass in Le Mans Chapel and explained the history of Día de los Muertos, on Thursday they created colorful sawdust carpets — a tradition in Mexico and Nicaragua.

Today they are cosponsoring a poetry presentation with the Saint Mary's Spanish Club from 12 to 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall and offering face painting from 8 to 9 p.m. also in the Dining Hall, Gutierrez said.

Corpora said while this is his fourth year at Notre Dame, it his first year celebrating Día de los Muertos on campus.

Corpora said he is excited to be a part of the celebration and sees it as a way to preserve tradition and acknowledge humanity.

"I think it's really important to preserve cultural traditions and religious traditions. Any way I can be involved in doing that, I will be," he said. "It's important to remember the dead. We're all going to die, it's only a matter of time, and it's nothing to be afraid of. I want to support things that make people more

human, and recognizing death makes us more human."

Cortez said Mariachi ND performed at the Oct. 16 Dia de los Muertos event but will not be performing today. She said Mariachi music is often an important part of celebrating the holiday.

"Having a mariachi playing during the celebrations is pretty common," Cortez said. It is a way that people are able to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have passed on. Our music is a way to celebrate this."

Gutierrez said the most popular Dia de los Muertos event at Saint Mary's thus far was decorating sugar skulls on Tuesday in the Student Center atrium. She said all La Fuerza's events have drawn a mixture of La Fuerza members and other Saint Mary's students, especially the bilingual mass where the majority of attendees were not La Fuerza members.

Celebrating Día de los Muertos is important to La Fuerza as a means of exposing the Saint Mary's community to their heritage, Gutierrez said.

"We have to show campus our culture. A lot of the girls didn't know what little stuff like the altar and the skulls meant. It's not just an object, it has meaning behind it. It was great to be able to share that."

Gutierrez said Día de los Muertos is an important holiday for her and her family, even though the celebration is different now that they live in the United States.

"It's a time where I'm able to remember my past relatives. In my family it's a very important holiday, even though we don't do as much here as when we were in Mexico, Gutierrez said. "We would get together to celebrate and we would visit the cemetery to remember our relatives. Here [in the U.S.] we go to mass and remember them in that way."

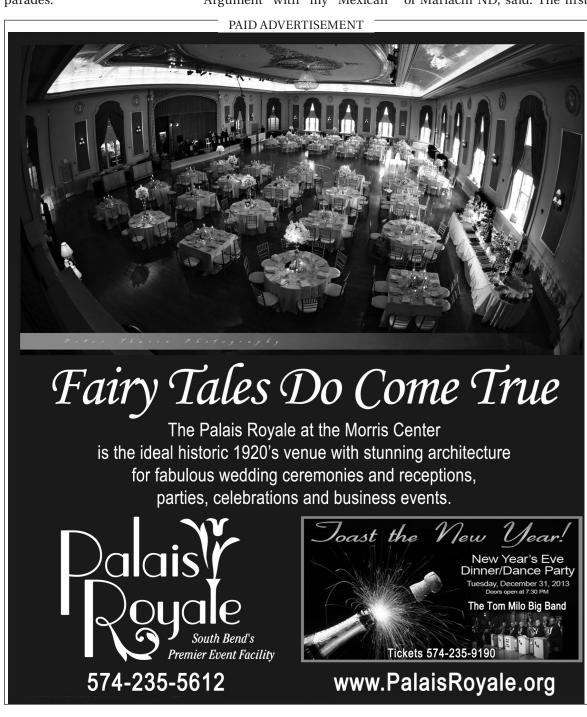
Corpora said the holiday has significance for him as a day to remember his mother, who died about ten years ago.

"There's a Mexican proverb that says 'You only die when people no longer remember you,' so we need to remember those who have gone before," he said. "I think about my mother every day, but especially around a day like this. We need specific days to make us remember what is important to us."

Cortez said she values the holiday as a way to celebrate the lives of deceased family members.

"This day was one in which my family were able to remember family members who had passed on. We were able to remember the good times that we were able to share with these individuals," she said. "This day holds a special place in my heart because it reminds us to never forget through the celebration of their lives."

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international affairs] to be near each other," Mark said.

Currently, the Liu Institute is located in McKenna Hall and is confined by space, Mark said. He expects the new space will be hugely beneficial for the institute.

"It's going to unleash all the potential," Mark said. "The space constraint is just one of the constraints on the resources on what we can do effectively. Having a physical space is just one piece of the puzzle, but it's a very important piece."

In the past, Mark said the institute has requested spaces for staff, faculty and visitors, as well as for conference rooms and a gathering room for students pursuing Asian Studies.

Similarly, Keough-Naughton Institute director Christopher Fox said the new space will be crucial to the expansion of the institute, which had begun with just two faculty members and now has 23 full-time and 10 visiting faculty.

"We, as an institute, have outgrown our space," Fox said. "We teach hundreds of students, we have many graduate students, we have many visiting faculty coming in — we have a lot of things happening. It's gotten to the point now where this is really the next move for this institute."

Fox said the building will give the institute a better environment for speakers.

"Just almost every week, we have major speakers," he said. "The room here we have is right next to the elevators. It's not a very good place for people to speak. The new building would give us better space for those kind of things."

The Keoughs have previously contributed to other

parts of Notre Dame, including the Keough-Naughton Institute, Malloy Hall and Keough Hall.

"Our family has been blessed in many ways, and that certainly includes the blessing of our longtime association with this great University," Donald Keough said in the press release. "We believe in the power of Notre Dame to be a force for good in the world, and we know that the research and teaching that will be accomplished in this new facility will contribute to that end. We're especially pleased that the building will bear the name

of [University President Fr. John Jenkins], who has made the continued internationalization of the University a top priority."

Carozza said the Keoughs' donation fosters a unique opportunity for Notre Dame.

"It's pretty amazing to be at a place like Notre Dame where the benefactors of the University are so generous, so plentiful and so committed of the future of the place," he said. "A project like this shows what a special place Notre Dame is."

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Members of the grounds crew walk out of the tunnel and onto the field of Notre Dame Stadium. The grounds crew is responsible for fertilizing and mowing the field each week before the football games.

Grounds

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responsibilities entail setting up the area outside the stadium, moving program booths and large equipment, fixing broken stadium rows, organizing handicapped chairs and, of course, maintaining the field, grounds crew member Chip Miltenberger said.

"You want to make sure that the grass is playable and everything is perfectly ready for 80,000 [people in the stadium] and millions of people watching across the world," Miltenberger said. "Monday, Wednesday, Friday, we mow it, fertilize it, and usually before every game we top dress it."

After the field is prepared, Miltenberger said groundskeepers paint the lines.

"When we make our slants, we always put the slants toward the student section ... towards the Dome, which is behind the student section," he said. "If you ever notice, in the north end zone, the slants go toward the students, toward the Dome and the lake."

Bad weather also impacts the maintenance crew's tasks for the week, Miltenberger said.

"A week like [this one], the game this Saturday — we probably have about 100 gallons of water on the tarp, [and we're]

trying to just get the field in perfect condition before kickoff," he said. "You're always under pressure. You just want to make it look nice all the time. That's the hard part, just trying to make sure everything's perfect, the way it's always been, and hopefully it will always

Members of the grounds crew are always on call during home football games, especially when the weather is poor, maintenance crew member Joe Keultjes said.

"Come game day, we'll have every usher in this place calling for a puddle that needs to be pushed out," Keultjes said.

Last vear's rainy Stanford game proved especially difficult for the grounds crew, Miltenberger said.

"Whenever there's a TV timeout, if the field is ever coming up, we'll run out there and we'll get it back down, make sure it's safe," he said. "At the Stanford game ... it rained all week, and the field is grass and it can only take so much water. We were just out there trying to get it back down level so the players can keep playing."

Keultjes said the crew had to dump sand on the sideline during the game because it became too wet. The field was also in poor shape after the game because the students rushed it, Washington said.

"It's like you put a herd of cows in the middle of a pasture and it's wet. [The students] trampled it and there was nothing left," he said. "It was an

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Jimmy Zannino Grounds crew member

exciting game, but if it wouldn't have rained, we wouldn't have cared. But since it was raining, it kinda hurt our whole process."

Miltenberger said Irish football coach Brian Kelly appreciated the work the grounds crew did during last year's Stanford game and thanked the members afterward.

"We're in the break room, changing into dry clothes, and Coach Kelly comes up and just tells us how much of a good job we did and that the team wouldn't have won without us," he said. "That's a game, 40, 50 years from now I'll never forget because that meant a lot, just for us to get a big win like that and keep the undefeated season, and then, you know, Coach coming up and telling us he appreciates how much we did to get the win."

Jimmy Zannino, who has been a part of the Notre Dame grounds crew for 21 years, said the crew takes both winning and losing to heart.

"We're not only workers. Most of us on the crew are die-hard Notre Dame fans, and we take losing very seriously. We take it hard and we love winning, just like the players," Zannino said. "We feel like we're part of the football team."

During the game, some members of the grounds crew are stationed by the entrance of the tunnel, where they try to engage the players before the game, Miltenberger said.

"They come down the tunnel off the 'Play Like a Champion' sign, and some of us are there and we immediately start trying to get them hyped up, and when they've been here for four years, they know who you are," he said.

Washington said being in the tunnel before the game is one of his favorite parts of the job.

"We get to stand in the tunnel with the band. That's dope," he said. "You got the team coming out, the opposing team, our band right there beating the drums, going crazy."

Despite having good views from the sideline, the maintenance crew also takes on undesirable tasks throughout a home football game. Keultjes said the grounds crew is always on "vomit duty."

"It would seem that the number's decreasing of the vomit calls we get. It used to be we could have an average of 95 calls but now we're down to probably 20 calls," he said. "From being on the inside, the less you drink, the more you enjoy the game. People that are vomiting [aren't] enjoying the game."

The last home game of the season is especially messy for the grounds crew because of the seniors' marshmallow fight, Zannino said. Even

though the grounds crew is not responsible for cleaning up the mess in the stands, they have to handle whatever debris falls on the field, he said.

"I remember last year when they were throwing marshmallows. We were actually down there with buckets catching them," Zannino said.

'The best fertilizer'

Brazo said most members of the grounds crew have been at Notre Dame for a long time and truly care about their jobs and the University.

"We take pride. It's a matter of pride in what we do, in producing a product that's pleasing to the fans, to the administration, to a million TV viewers, as well as providing a surface that is the best playing surface possible for the athletes," Brazo said.

His crew accomplishes this by working more than just the minimum amount of hours, Brazo said.

"We put in a lot of extra hours this fall because we've had some problems with the field this year, and they'll put in whatever time they need to put in to try to get things right," he said. "I don't hardly get dirty anymore unless I fall down because I rely on them so much."

Keultjes said the maintenance crew relies on each other to get the job done, as well.

"The best thing is the crew really does get along at times," he said. "It's fun to come to work with the guys you work with."

Washington said the crew is always thinking of others' safety when they put in such long

"We're looking out for the people in here," he said. "We want the best for the people in here, students, staff and anybody who wants to watch the game."

The care and attention with which they approach their jobs reflect in the quality of their work, Keultjes said.

"What's the best fertilizer, Packy?" Keultjes asked his colleague.

"The shadow of a grounds keeper," Washington said. "Stadium dudes. That's what we are."

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Kelly

Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA-3), who obtained his B.A. in sociology from Notre Dame in 1970, wrote in support of an alternative plan proposed by House Republicans—the American Health Care Reform Act, or H.R. 3121—in the Sept. 29 issue of the Erie Times-News.

This plan will do what he believes President Obama's health care law fails to accomplish, Kelly wrote in the opinion piece.

"This common sense alternative to the ACA ... [makes] American medical care — already the most sought-after in the world — more affordable and more accessible to the most vulnerable among us in a way that does not damage our economy or disrupt anyone's existing coverage," Kelly said in the opinion piece. "[O]ur plan operates on the principle that free market competition and maximized individual choice are not just worthy goals but downright indispensible components of patientcentered health-care reform."

Kelly opposed the plan from its introduction to the national political discussion as a mandate from the Department of Health and Human Services issued on Jan. 20, 2012, and the announcement Aug. 1, 2012, that the plan would be implemented thereafter.

Though criticized for his comments Kelly said he felt he needed to stand up to what he called an infringement on Americans' First Amendment rights.

"I was criticized because they were saying, 'Oh, you're trying to take away women's health concerns from them," Kelly said. "I said, 'This has nothing to do with contraception and everything to do with contradiction.' In our First Amendment, we are guaranteed these rights are enshrined by the people that put this together, that we don't have to do [certain] things, but you're telling me, 'yes, you do."

Our Lady's family

Far from the only debate Kelly has entered during his time in the House of Representatives, his advocacy for the Republican alternative health care plan represents the most recent embodiment of the sense for service he discerned at Notre Dame.

"I think Notre Dame teaches you a sense of responsibility, that we all have to give back at some point," Kelly said. "Whether it's your church, in your schools or in your community, I think it's just who we are at Notre Dame, that we take our experiences at Notre Dame and take that into whoever we are after Notre Dame and build on that."

Kelly graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in sociology and a minor in philosophy and theology. Although he said he enjoyed discussing philosophical and theological issues with his classmates, Kelly said he never expected to enter politics after graduation.

"It was never my intention to go into politics," Kelly said. "If anybody had asked me back then and said, 'Oh, do you think you would ever run for office?' I would have said 'Oh my gosh, no.' At first I went there to play football. After getting

hurt and seeing that your next play could be your last play, you start to grow up really fast.

"You learn very quickly that there is a process that you go through, and when things don't go the right way you say 'okay, fine, there's something else to do.' But politics, never."

Kelly said the influences of his family and the University's recruiters brought him to Notre Dame to play football.

"I'm Irish Catholic, and growing up, everybody in my family was all Notre Dame fans," he said. "I really thought I was going to go to Penn State. ... But, Terry Hanratty [Notre Dame class of 1968, former quarterback] was a year ahead of me at school, and he went to Notre Dame." Though his time at Notre Dame started with football, Kelly said he remembers his time at the University for the introduction it gave him to 'the Notre Dame family."

"When I first went to Notre Dame it was because of football, but once I was at Notre Dame it was because of Notre Dame. ... We're all family. It doesn't matter where you're from or what you've done before, once you get there you are a part of the Notre Dame family," Kelly said. "I was very disappointed that I got hurt and wasn't able to play, but I was never disappointed that I stayed at Notre Dame. I always thought that was the best decision I had ever made in my life."

Kelly said his connection to the campus grew during his time as an undergraduate student.

 $\hbox{``Football was a huge part of [the }$

beginning of my time there], but once you're there you start to get some places that are really near and dear to your heart," Kelly said. "I spent a lot of time at the Grotto. ... Even now when I go back, my first visit is always to the Grotto.

"There's just something about this campus. ... It's different from anyplace else. I've been to a lot of different places to visit, but no place had the attraction of Notre Dame."

The car dealership

After graduating, Kelly said he returned to work for his father's car dealership.

"I didn't really realize until my senior year [that my post-graduation plans were unusually established], but when everybody started to talk about applying for jobs and what they're going to do, they asked me, 'What are you going to do?'" Kelly said. "I said, 'I am going back home because my family has a business.' I had never really thought about that aspect of my life because I had always thought I would stay in athletics, but that evaporated.

"But it was just kind of natural for me, because I worked at the dealership since I was little. Whether it was washing cars, sweeping floors, helping mechanics get parts, I was always part of it and it was just kind of expected. I was the oldest boy in the family, I had two younger brothers, but my dad just kind of assumed I would be there."

When his father looked to transition away from work at the dealership, Kelly said he sat down with his sons to talk about their interest in the dealership.

"There were three of us, and when it came time for my dad ... to transition, he brought the three of us into his office and said, 'Okay look: I have three sons, I have one business, and I kind of feel like Solomon — I want to know what you guys want to do," Kelly said. "[He said], 'I'm not giving anybody anything, because if I give it to you, you'll lose it. If you have to buy it, if you have to go to the bank, get the money and make payments on it, you'll watch it every day."

Kelly said he alone among his brothers wanted to take up management of the dealership.

"[My dad] started from nothing; he was a parts picker in a warehouse," Kelly said. "It was hard for him to finally make that decision to sell and walk away from his baby."

Protecting his father's legacy

The government's installation of a new chairman offthe General Motors board of directors threatened individual dealership owners, Kelly said. Because Kelly's dealership sold General Motors vehicles, he received a 39-page document and a request from the General Motors regional manager to sign over his business. Kelly said he refused because he needed to protect his father's legacy.

"We hired some people legally, spent about 60 thousand dollars in legal fees, but then during the arbitration I got a call ... and [was told I would get the dealership back]."

This experience highlighted for him what Kelly said was the

government's overreach into the lives of Americans.

"I looked at [this experience] and said, you know, this is amazing. Here's Mike Kelly sitting in little Butler, ia., and this is a government that can come in and not because you're not running your business the right way, not because you haven't met all of the metrics that they've established, they can decide you're not going to be in business anymore.

"Why? That's not America."

A voice for a smaller federal government

After the Cash for Clunkers program almost put his dealership out of business, Kelly said he was driven to run for his seat in the third district.

As a representative, he said he has worked to free the people from a government that has grown too large.

"All of the things that I have talked about here have nothing do with a government, it has to do with people," Kelly said. "The government serves the people, the people do not serve the government, and there should never be a situation where the government has grown so big, so powerful and so arrogant that they turn their backs on the people that they are supposed to serve."

Kelly's education at Notre Dame and his small-business experience prompted him to conclude that government intervention is not the best tool to enrich the lives of the American people.

"Look at the founding of the University," he said. "They were traveling, they get sick and stop in South Bend. ... They decided to build a Church, to build a school, to build a way of life for people – no government help. There is not one penny from the government that helped start Notre Dame.

"I look at these things in my life and think, 'What in the world is it that makes these people think that self-reliance is no longer the key?' It's reliance on the government that should change, but we have regulated the [rich] and vilified them."

Kelly said he strongly opposed what he calls the vilification of the people that contribute the most to the funding of our country.

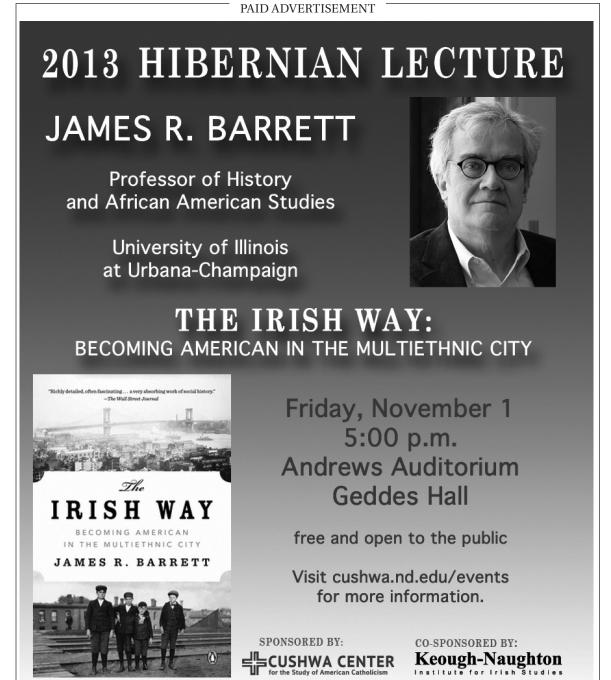
"Notre Dame would never attack the people that fund it," Kelly said. "[Some] people do, they vilify people that are successful. ... Really? Who is funding it all? The same people you have just criticized."

Although he would rather see the government reinforce self-reliance among the American people, he said his own experiences gives him hope.

"After being on the ground for 65 years, I have had my nose bloodied a lot," Kelly said. "I have had a lot of days where things went really well, but I've had more days where things went badly. The key was not getting knocked down, it was getting back up.

"There's always tomorrow. There's always the promise of a new day."

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VIEWPOINT

INSIDE COLUMN

Silence is a scary thing



Steph WulzGraphics Editor

Silence is a scary thing. It's something you come to realize when you live alone in a small apartment in a big city. Being alone with your thoughts is a very raw thing. I was removed from the comfort of living with my best friends at school and instead forced to wake up to sounds of the tenant next to me. The drastic transition compelled me to connect more frequently with my friends and family across the country through social media.

It was a blessing and a curse.
It was always easy to grab my phone and use it as a crutch to get through the loneliness by knowing that someone on Facebook was reaching out to me. I was avoiding being by myself and living in the moment because I didn't know how to live in that particular moment. I had conditioned myself to use social networking on my phone to bypass the stress of it all, and I got good at it.

I soon realized that I was spending the majority of my day connecting with people everywhere else other than where I was. I felt even more disconnected from the people around me and even myself.

It was eerie. I felt lost.

Louis C. K., one of my favorite comedians, was on Conan in September and spoke about why he hates cell phones. If you haven't checked his bit out yet, I urge you to do so. The part that resonated most with me was what he called our inability of "being a person" anymore. We rarely have the self-control nowadays to just sit, think, and feel. There is a fear and vulnerability about experiencing sadness, but when we allow ourselves to listen to our emotions and not avoid it, it is liberating

I had to make a change in my behavior to allow myself to live in the now – to reclaim the moments of personal reflection and connection to the people around me. I no longer wanted to be a part of society that replaced skills of verbal communication with the dependence and comfort of social media.

I went on a digital detox.

I recently deleted all the social media apps on my cell phone and life has been great. I no longer have the distractions notifying me throughout the day and find myself making deeper connections with people because I don't have a phone to use in dull moments or boring table talk. See if you can handle it and try it out.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A caddie, a plumber and a priest

I have a friend named Rick who is the caddie master at Seminole Golf Club in Florida. He is a huge University of Oklahoma fan. For a long time, he and I talked about going to the ND-OU game together and we made it happen. Well, we all know that OU won, but what started as an occasion for ribbing, chiding and the liberal use of bragging rights turned into a lesson in humility, friendship and class.

Here is the backstory: Rick and his friend — who happens to be a plumber and an equally staunch Sooners fan — and I all headed to Notre Dame for the game. We visited practice at the stadium on Friday, went to the pep rally, toured the campus and generally had a grand old time.

Unbeknownst to my OU friends, I had two sets of tickets — my usual seats behind the Irish bench and another set far away. I wanted

options because there was no way I was going to sit behind the Irish team with folks decked out in Oklahoma gear. Come game day, however, my friends showed up in classic blue and gold. I was impressed. Two fierce OU fans came to Notre Dame and embraced our school. That is classy.

On the way home, while reliving the highlights of the weekend, my friends mentioned that they picked up something "precious" at the bookstore — a rosary — that was intended as a present for an 85-year old friend. They proceeded to the Grotto to say a prayer. Once there, they engaged in a conversation with a priest and asked him to bless the rosary. The priest told them he was "absolutely delighted to do it." I wondered aloud who the priest was and, much to my surprise, they recalled his name. They said it was [University President Fr.] John

Jenkins. Stunned, I asked if they knew that he is the President of the University. They did not.

To them, he was a kind, welcoming, charming man of God who gave them a special gift in blessing such an important item. To me, Father John represented the spirit of our school. He epitomized grace and class, and I was beyond proud that my friends received such a lovely reception, not only from the Notre Dame community, but also from the very head of the University.

Do not get me wrong: I wish we won the game, but the weekend was a "win" in my book. Thank you, Notre Dame, for giving me ample opportunity to experience triumph both on and off the football field.

Go Irish!

Jimmy Dunne Alumnus Class of 1978

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The ghost of snack cart past

DeBartolo Hall. February 21, 2013. Just another Thursday, right?

No, it was so much more. February 21st was the first time DeBartolo saw snackage. The ladies of the 'Lew' set off to accomplish Bucket List Item #87: Have a snack cart in DeBartolo. After completing dozens of bucket list items that were memorable, yet mainly focused on our enjoyment, the snack cart was set to be our coming out party of sorts.

After nearly 4 years of the foodless DeBart grind, we saw too many student government leaders come in and out without providing us with the snacks that we needed so desperately. This was our chance to do something that mattered. The Facebook invite had hundreds of attendees, the snacks were purchased, and our flag flew proudly on our homemade

snackcart. We gave away hundreds of granola bars, ring pops and bags of Cheetos.

Students were shocked: free snacks? Here? In DeBartolo? Yes, Domers. Dreams do come true. We made friends and got some really great laughs. That is, until we were shut down. As our event was unapproved, the DeBartolo building manager ushered us outside into the snow, and the 12:30 classes started. What were the other, less desirable results of this effort? A not-so-friendly contact with SAO, the threat of ResLifes and crushed hopes that we'd ever see food in DeBartolo.

The day passed and the hunger lingered. We had a fantastic time, but as it was spring semester of senior year, hope was loss. That is, until we got the great news that Au Bon Pain, our library savior, expanded to the busiest campus

building. Although it's tough to not take at least some of the credit for this new addition, our hope is that some of you think back to last semester and faintly remember the first time you may have snacked in DeBartolo.

So, thank you, DeBartolo Hall, thank you, Student Government, and thank you, ABP. Although we aren't there to see the fruit (snacks) of our labor, we appreciate the snack cart and the flashbacks to the greatest year of our lives

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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Halloween costumes misappropriate culture

Katrina Linden

Kat's Meow

With Halloween happening this week, I thought it only appropriate to discuss the phenomenon of mocking other cultures with a costume for the laughs it may bring. I surprisingly find myself questioning how an individual dressed as a stereotypical Mexican is offensive, while another could dress as a Japanese geisha for Halloween and be considered unique and alluring. As a Latina, I should be extremely offended when individuals of another ethnicity wear Halloween costumes that stereotype my culture and I should thus consider it racist. However, I am supposed to accept that my various Hispanic friends can do the same without any reprimands because they are of that culture or ethnicity. I find these double standards to be confusingly touchy subject that has no definite explanation.

Those who choose to dress as exaggerated forms of one's ancestors and relatives and successfully mock generations of culture do so because they do not understand that it is only okay when people of that specific origin do it. They likely believe that because a costume is sold in a bag by a commercial department store that it has suddenly become okay to mock the drunken

Mexican man of the Mexican Revolution riding a donkey across the desert.

Maybe it is due to the over-exaggeration of the characters being portrayed. No real Mexican dresses in an oversized sombrero and rainbow poncho with a bottle of tequila in his hand. That's why it is presumably funny. Trayvon Martin was wearing a gray hoodie and carrying a bag of Skittles and an Arizona Tea. That's not funny. But yet, I have seen a handful of costumes of the very sort this week alone. Why do people insist on dressing up as such controversial figures and expect others to not be offended by them? Do they legitimately believe their costumes are hilariously original? Further, I'm not quite sure I can see the humor in a costume depicting stereotypical American subculture archetypes either, yet others do and find it acceptable to dress as so.

Perhaps the reason nobody was offended by a geisha costume was because there was nobody around to defend it at the time. In an increasingly more culturally diverse society it is more difficult to get away with these kinds of things. People of American ethnic subcultures are becoming more empowered in social and political arenas, allowing them to raise their voice and have their opinion be heard and further respected more so than they would have been even five years ago. Campaigns like the "We're a

Culture, Not a Costume" attest to that. But still, I am plagued by the question of why it is okay for a Latino to dress as his own ethnic stereotype, or for an African-American to dress as a figure of his culture, but others may not. I fear I am missing something.

Greater than this comes the question of why it is okay for one group of individuals to mock themselves using racial slurs affectionately to refer to a companion of the same race, but it becomes extremely racist when a white male says the same to a friend.

I know I risk appearing unsympathetic or prejudiced. But, I am still having a difficult time figuring this out. I think a lot of it has to do with the fact that these are our cultures as individuals of various ethnic groups; the same ones that those of mainstream American culture and society have oppressed and rejected throughout the decades. Why now, has rapping and twerking become cool, "street" tacos have become an American food staple, and dressing as Tupac in full black face for Halloween has become less of admiring an advocate of ethnic empowerment and more of a mockery of the "thug life"?

By taking another individual's culture and warping the meaning of it, it not only devalues the novelty of it but also creates a mockery of it, essentially stripping individuals of the very essence of their being. I do believe that as an ethnic minority, the most important thing for me is holding on to my culture. And when another person takes a cultural practice or tradition and superficially appropriates it, we have nothing else to call our own. Something that an individual may see as funny or trendy in mimicking it in essence, could potentially greatly offend a member of the culture being portrayed.

This is not saying to stop enjoying the benefits of my culture and the culture of others, but to do so with the awareness of the significance of your actions in terms of that culture. Have common sense and do not believe that because a cisgender middle-class white male would not be offended by a redneck Halloween costume that a middle-class Hispanic woman would not be offended by your portrayal of ethnic minorities whether in spite or in humor, because they are two completely different experiences.

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The Gauntlet: Stories over standards

Matt Miklavic

The Maine Idea

There are undoubtedly many stressful moments when applying to colleges. Many more follow when deciding where to attend, filling out paperwork, and getting ready to head to school. For Notre Dame students, applying for housing is not one of these moments. In contrast to the questionnaires and requests at other schools, Notre Dame asks a single question: Do you wish to accept on-campus housing?

Facing that question the summer before freshman year, I hit yes and thought nothing more of it. Sometime later, I logged in to see my housing assignment: SG-241. My first thought was something along the lines of "What in the world is SG?" After I looked it up, my thoughts morphed into some combination of "Thank god it's not Carroll," "It's not Zahm either!" and "Where is Siegfried?" Soon enough I stumbled upon the Siegfried freshmen Facebook group. Among the comments that awaited was one from a now Siegfried RA welcoming everyone in section 2B to the 'Gauntlet,' a place that would provide "all studying and no fun as your parents require." We

As fifteen of us wide-eyed freshmen entered the section, we were immediately indoctrinated into a section that can only be described as fifty percent planned chaos, fifty percent unplanned debauchery, and one hundred percent brotherhood. In case there was any confusion about the expected ratio of studying to activities that definitively did not constitute studying, we were informed that the study lounge had been converted to a freshman triple. And so began my life in the Gauntlet.

In the time since, I've witnessed a section that has become closer than I ever imagined 40-50 college guys could become. We've seen a bevy of party ideas that descended into full-blown shenanigans. We've seen post-party trips to Steak n' Shake and Five Guys that ended up with the majority of the section asleep at the table, and a few others stuck in the bathroom. And the bushes. And a trash can or three. We've seen a past RA slap the bag with his former freshmen, and maybe once while they were still his freshmen, at a Wine Mixer.

We've watched our section spend its allotted section funds on a scooter, as well as a two-person camel costume (coming to a Hump Day near you!). We've watched the section go caroling across campus with spirits buoyed by Christmas cheer among other things. We've seen two years worth of Secret Santa exchanges, the contents of which the Observer cannot print. We've seen seniors and freshmen alike bond as they do on no other campus, and perhaps in no other section. I've watched stolen bags of chips be punted across the room at 3 a.m. by a section member in his birthday suit. We've ventured en masse to LaFortune wearing just boxers. We're still working on the whole 'pants' thing.

We've seen hundreds of hours spent, but never wasted, talking aimlessly in the lounge. Inexplicably, we've seen a heated four and a half hour gay marriage debate. We've seen a section collectively decide that 11 p.m. on Sunday is as good a time as any to drink away a football loss and rally to the cry of "Empty the fridge!" well into Monday morning. It's been described by others as a section that values "stories over standards" and a place where you're encouraged to "come as you are." In the words of another section's RA, it's the "closest bunch of idiots ever."

We've seen guys graduate as others have entered, and yet managed to have everyone keep in touch. We've produced engineers, naval officers, businessmen and a learned doctor or two. We even sent a kid to the seminary for all of a month and a half. We've seen a few punches thrown, a few shoves tossed, and ultimately, a few bonds strengthened. We have rallied around one another in triumph and tragedy. We've stood forty strong with shaved heads in unison with a cancer-stricken 'Gauntleteer.' We've had too many laughs to count, too many tears for anyone's good, and far more utilization of the phrase "clothing optional" than anyone needed. Seriously, no one wears pants. It's a problem.

In surveying my fellow residents on how they would describe the Gauntlet, I received a variety of replies. "Perfect." "Raucous." "Hawt." "Oh dear." "Home."

"Drunk." "Family." One said a pejorative loosely rhyming with 'tassels.' Another said "chivalrous," but I think we all know that's a lie. Regardless of the description, I can think of no place on earth I would rather live. I came to Notre Dame for college, and found a few dozen more brothers. I came here for an education, and found a second family. There are stories that will be told at weddings, others best saved for bachelor parties, and others still best never told again. There are friendships that have been forged that will never be lost. So here's to you guys, the best section anyone could ask for. For the memories, for tonight, and for the many tomorrows, I thank you. If I know anything about you all, it's that you'll drink to that.

Oh, and the section also wanted to apologize to the girl in the Virginia Tech sweatshirt and her friend. We didn't mean to awkwardly surround you guys at the dining hall table a few days ago, or the other two people we surrounded again later that night. It wasn't intentional. There were open seats, and it just sort of happened. Our bad.

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Runners Up





Sinead O'Donovan as Red Riding Hood



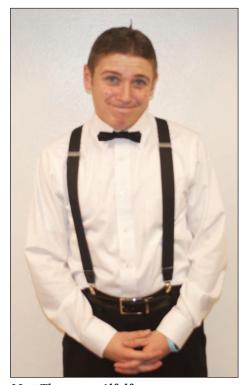
Jackie Bruns as Pocahantas



From the left: Rachel Krejchi and Chelsea Palmer as Team Rocket, Margaret Harrison as Ash Ketchum and Olivia Schneider as Misty



Victoria Kay as "Wench"



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"Sin Guia, No" Juana Molina



"Pa Pa Power"
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We've all seen it before: one day an actor is on your favorite television show and the next day they're performing some auto-tuned pop song or lo-fi indie ballad. The awkward transition actors make into music careers has happened consistently for decades, and we have come to know the questionable musical stylings of David Hasselhoff and Vanessa Hudgens alike.

Thanks to music groups like Wicked Wisdom, Jada Pinkett Smith's awful metal band, and Joaquin Phoenix's bizarre rap career, if you can call it that, the actor-turned-musician career path is seldom taken seriously and even more rarely well-received by the public.

But though there have been a fair share of celebrity actors-turned-musicians who should have stuck to their day jobs, I'm here to insist that we give them a chance. Well, at least some of them.

Sure, I've done my fair share of poking fun at them. But with the release of a new album by one of my favorite musicians, a comedian-turned-folk singer, I am reminded that some worthwhile music comes from the creative minds of silver screen celebrities.

For all of you who roll your eyes at the attempts of actors in the music world, here is a list of some actors worth a listen.

"Sin Guia, No" – Juana Molina.

Juana Molina quit her career as a famous comedian in Argentina to pursue a career in folk music in 1996 and has been cranking out remarkable albums since. By using live looping techniques, simple guitar, percussion and layered vocals, she has created a unique style of experimental folk. "Sin Guia, No" is the second single off of her newest album, "Wed 21," which was released this week.

"Pa Pa Power" - Dead Man's Bones.

In 2009, the band Dead Man's Bones released their first album of the same name. With songs that focused mostly on ghosts, monsters and all things spooky, as well as featuring a children's choir in each track, "Dead Man's Bones" was equal parts catchy and peculiar. What may be even more peculiar, however, is that one half of the band is heartthrob Ryan Gosling. Performing under the alias "Baby Goose," he and friend Zach Shields recorded the album and played a "Halloween tour" in 2009, making Ryan Gosling somehow even cooler than he already was.

"I Could've Been Your Girl" - She & Him.

After hearing her sing Christmas songs in 2003's "Elf," we all knew Zooey Deschanel had a beautiful voice, but not enough people know that she has been collaborating with musician M. Ward and performing under the name She & Him for over five years. The duo have released four albums, including a Christmas album, so you can sing along to her version of "Baby It's Cold Outside" without Will Ferrell's awkward interruption.

"Tested Dry" - Jena Malone and Her Bloodstains.

The "Donnie Darko" actress Jena Malone hasn't exactly launched a music career, but she did release two songs on a seven-inch vinyl in 2007 worth noting. The two tracks feature Malone's voice warbling along to folk guitar and are both very odd and very catchy. Though "Tested Dry" has a guitar part almost distractingly similar to Weezer's "Undone," it's the better of the two tracks and makes me wish she made more music.

"When You Get To Asheville" – Steve Martin and Edie Brickell.

If you haven't heard Steve Martin's music yet, you are seriously missing out. Though you may not expect the legendary comedian to be a serious musician, one listen to his banjo playing and it's clear that his talent spans far beyond comedy. Though his banjo has been part of his standup and skits for 40 years, he's also an accomplished bluegrass musician, winning Grammys in Country and Bluegrass categories. His latest album, a collaboration with Edie Brickell, was released this year.

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LAUREL HALO'S CONFUSING EXPERIMENT

By JOHN DARR

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Many musicians, especially those in the indie and electronic music scenes, experiment with music to create artsy smatterings of sound. For example, an album can be crafted out of many different songs that together tell a broader story. Each individual song can use strange time signatures or chord progressions to push our ears into unfamiliar territories. Sometimes, listening to experimental music can be difficult or even unpleasant, but a good piece of work always rewards the listener in some way. The majority of experimental pieces reveals layers of meaning or even hints of poppy, familiar melodies woven into the fabric.

Laurel Halo's music has always fallen into the category of "experimental electronic" music, or music that relies heavily on computer manipulation and synthesizers to explore new sounds. For a while, the songwriter failed to burst into the spotlight; her work, though innovative, sounded cold and distant. With her debut

album, "Quarantine," Halo introduced vocals and harmonies into her complex electronic soundscapes, breathing life and emotion into an otherwise unapproachable sound. The juxtaposition of vocals, alien synthesizers, and chords that hung confusingly between major and minor created a work that was not only exciting but human. On a couple of tracks, Halo incorporated relatively simple melodies into her shifting beats, crafting tantalizing near-pop songs out of unfamiliar sonic ingredients. All in all, "Quarantine" was a masterpiece, a record full of crazy ideas that rewarded the listener time and time again with snippets of the familiar.

With her new record, "Chance of Rain," Halo's gotten rid of the vocals. Most of the tracks are devoid of melody, filled instead with rambling beats that subtly shift and evolve over time. Perhaps the greatest difference between "Quarantine" and "Rain" is represented in the album covers – while "Quarantine's" cover features bright neon rainbows, "Rain" is a black-and-white depiction of a graveyard. While "Quarantine's" swirling synths

were thick and colorful, "Rain" is a much more monochromatic piece. The synths are thinner and crisper, and the drum machines rattle and shudder. "Chance of Rain" takes Halo's sound back into the alien territory she previously inhabited, and unfortunately it sounds like a step backwards instead of an improvement or a revelation.

Not necessarily a bad piece of art, "Chance of Rain" is just much, much harder to appreciate. It often seems emotionless, and it's not the sort of electronic record that anyone would dance to either—which are two reasons why we listen to music in the first place. "Chance of Rain" is essentially a collection of beat experiments full of shifting ideas that sound new and different, but not particularly interesting. Tracks change, adding new sonic elements to basic, repetitive beats, sometimes morphing the sonic landscape completely but rarely into anything memorable or interesting.

Laurel Halo is certainly doing something every track, it's just hard to tell why she's doing it, and even harder to later remember what she actually did.

As a man who listens to a lot of experimental music, I have to say this record is one of the most confusing and driest pieces I've worked with. Almost complete lack of melody makes this album personally impenetrable. Perhaps there's something deep and meaningful to be discovered, but if so, I can't find it. Although I'd like to say I don't need emotion or social motivation to listen to music, "Chance of Rain" is the album that forces me to recognize that's just not true yet.

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"Chance of Rain"

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Heads, shoulders, knees and fines



Isaac Lorton Sports writer

Wide receivers and defensive backs in the NFL are known for their back and forth comments, trying to one up the other guy, but how far is too far?

Washington Redskins safety Brandon Meriweather responded to Chicago Bears wide receiver Brandon Marshall with some pointed comments on Monday, after Marshall said Meriweather should be suspended or kicked out of the league.

Marshall received one of Meriwether's two illegal hits to the head during the Redskins and Bears game on Sunday, Oct. 20. Meriweather was fined \$15,000 and suspended for two games. After an appeal, it was bumped down

That should be the end of it, but Marshall, along with Bears tight end Martellus Bennett, came out to say that he should be suspended for a longer period of time or even kicked out of the NFL. Trying to get the last word is fun, but when does it

"He feels like I need to be kicked out of the league?" Meriweather said. "I feel like people who beat their girlfriends should be kicked out of the league too. You tell me who you'd rather have: someone who plays aggressive on the field or someone who beat up their girlfriend?"He brings up a valid point. Maybe a bit too personal, but true. Meriweather was referencing Marshall's multiple domestic violence arrests.

All charges were eventually dropped, but these disputes with his girlfriend have even gone so far as Marshall ending up in the hospital with stab wounds. If you are going to call other people out for their aggressiveness on the field, at least be ready for the backlash.

These words came from someone who probably feels a bit trapped in his current situation. There typically is a line that people should not and do not cross, but these comments may have been caused by the pressure defensive backs feel in the ever-dictating NFL.

Every time a big hit is laid on a receiver the sidelines and fans go nuts, screaming for a penalty and emphatically waving their hands like a magical vellow flag will appear if they flap around frantically. It's ridiculous. And now that the NFL is piling on fines and suspensions, what is a hard-hitting safety to do?

Meriwetaher also spoke out about all of the "player safety" concerns from the NFL front office and the NFL Players Association about head

"I guess I just got to take people's knees out," Meriweather said. "That's the only way. I would hate to end a guy's career over a rule, but I guess it's better other people than me getting suspended for longer. You just have to go low now, man. You've got to end people's careers. You got to tear people's ACLs and mess up people's knees. You can't hit them high anymore."

What people (or maybe just us journalists in need of a little drama) don't get was that Meriweather was being sarcastic.

Yes he does have a history of headhunting on the field, and yes he would most likely be the first player to actually target people's knees, but he is frustrated with an impossible situation placed on him and other defensive backs in the NFL. He is just being honest. But the NFLPA and NFL did not see the comments that

DeMaurice Smith, the Players Association's executive director spoke with Meriweather about his comments and Merton Hanks, NFL's vice president of football operations also talked to Meriweather.

Not about the comments made about Marshall and his personal life, but about the targeting ACL's. They won't punish Meriweather but they will keep a close eye on him, because player safety is the top concern for the NFL. So on Thursday, Meriweather apologized. For being a bit too honest.

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NFL

Colts face uphill battle blocking Watts

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Colts have a major challenge on Sunday night: Keeping the Texans and defensive end J.J. Watt away from franchise quarterback Andrew Luck.

Watt, the AP Defensive Player of the Year in 2012, sacked Luck three times in Houston's win over the Colts last December. In two games against the Texans last season, Luck was sacked six times.

This season, Watt has 4 1/2 sacks. He needs a halfsack to set the franchise record for most sacks by a Texans player in his first three seasons.

"He's got the physical attributes and the strength and speed," Luck said. "His motor runs all the time. He's chasing guys down 30 yards away. He's making plays everywhere."

Watt does the dirty work, too, taking on extra blockers and still making plays against the run. Watt has 54 tackles this season, including 12 for losses.

"He has a great combination of power, speed determination wreak havoc in your backfield," Colts offensive coordinator Pep Hamilton said. "He's not just a good pass rusher, but he's hell to deal with as far as trying to run the football. He takes on double teams, he splits double teams. He finds ways to get into your backfield and disrupt your in Wade Phillips' defense.

run game. "

that ranks No. 1 in both total defense and fewest yards allowed passing. The Colts expect to face a tough unit, even though linebacker Brian Cushing, the team's leading tackler, is on injured reserve (left knee).

"You look at the film, and it's obvious you're facing one of the best defenses in the NFL," Hamilton said. "I don't know if they have a weakness."

Hamilton said his staff is putting in extra time trying to figure out how to keep Watt's damage to a minimum.

"Of course, we'll have some schemes to account for J.J.," Hamilton said. "That's good on paper, but we've got to go out on the field and execute on game

Houston coach Gary Kubiak said Watt expects the extra attention. After all, Watt had a franchise record 20 1/2 sacks last season, one of the best seasons for a pass rusher in NFL history.

"Naturally, as the guy plays and the longer he plays, especially you play him over and over again in your division, people are going to game-plan him and do different things to account for him," Kubiak said. "So yeah, he's seen a lot of different things."

Kubiak added Watt has become more comfortable

been Watt anchors a unit tent, he's still making his plays," Kubiak said. "We haven't made some of the big plays defensively that we were making a year ago, and that's something that we're searching for."

> As good as Watt is, he also has a difficult task. Watt will have to get through a Colts line that has kept Luck on his feet for the most part. The Colts went into the offseason focused on improving Luck's protection, and Hamilton said the revamped unit has done a solid job. Luck has been sacked 15 times in seven

"Our offensive line, considering that we've had to shuffle and juggle that lineup quite a bit, those guys are continuing to build that continuity that they're going to need for the long haul," Hamilton

Luck also is one of the league's most athletic quarterbacks. He has rushed for 183 yards and three touchdowns. His elusiveness has given his speedy receivers, especially T.Y. Hilton, more chances to make big plays.

Luck will face one of his toughest challenges yet against the Texans, and not just from Watt. Antonio Smith, who made the Pro Bowl last year, has 2 1/2 sacks from the other defensive end spot, and a reputation for creating problems for offenses.

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Notre Dame takes on conference-foe Terps

By KATIE HEIT Sports Writer

With half a season completed and only two ACC wins under their belt, the Irish will look to turn their luck around today when they take on Maryland at 4 p.m. in Purcell Pavilion.

The Irish (8-13, 2-8 ACC) dropped their first five ACC

matches, four by at least a two-set margin. It wasn't until they took on Georgia Tech on Oct. 12 that they were able to get their offense moving, shutting out the Yellow Jackets. The Irish carried that momentum against Miami the following weekend, taking a 3-1 victory.

The Irish enter tonight on a three-match losing streak as they

try to find their place in the ACC. Irish coach Debbie Brown said she thinks Maryland is another tough competitor from a stacked ACC lineup.

"We have a really strong conference," Brown said. "There's matches [Maryland has] played really well and matches where they've struggled. They played Pitt [on Wednesday in a 3-1 win] and played a very good match, so I think it will be very tough."

Leading the Terrapins (12-11, 4-7) is junior outside hitter Ashleigh Crutcher, who had a strong performance against the Panthers.

"Ashleigh Crutcher had 24 kills and hit over .450, which is

phenomenal," Brown said. "She was a one-woman show and really carried a huge offensive load. She had 24 kills and the next player had seven. We can't allow her or any other player to go out and have that many kills."

Crutcher provided half of Maryland's 48 kills. In addition, she had 10 digs and hit .467. In Notre Dame's last matchup, junior outside hitter Toni Alugbue and junior middle blocker Jeni Houser led the Irish with 11 kills apiece.

Brown said her team has struggled because it has not consistently produced kills from game to game.

"We've been working on our offense and our shots," Brown said. "We need to make smarter kills and we've practiced directing the ball to certain spots."

With the losses, Brown said she's been telling her team to focus only on the point at hand, not the struggles from the past, in order to get a win.

"I think it's one of those things where you have to take it a point at a time," Brown said. "If you do that, good things will happen and you'll be thinking about the right things at the right time."

The Irish take on ACC opponent Maryland this afternoon at 4 p.m. at Purcell Pavilion.

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Irish head to ACC Champs

By ALEX WILCOX

Sports Writer

After a trying regular season for the cross-country team, Notre Dame will look to begin anew in the postseason with this weekend's ACC Conference Championship.

Despite early season struggles and nagging health issues on the women's side, Irish coach Tim Connelly said he believes his team is finally ready to pull it all together.

"Are we where I hoped we would be Sept. 1? No," Connelly said. "But again, I think we set ourselves up to have a really good postseason. ... Going into the conference, I think we've got a realistic shot of being a top-three team there, going to the regional meet I think we've got a great shot of being a team that moves on to the national meet.

"And I've think we've set ourselves up to be a team that runs really well and finishes high at the national meet. That's what you use the regular season for."

On the men's side, head coach Joe Piane seemed equally relieved to have gotten through the regular season.

"Those meets are over, but now the championship season starts," Piane said. "[The season] was okay — not great, but okay. We've done what we needed to do to get an atlarge bid if we don't automatically qualify, so that's a positive. This weekend is a big help for us to get a bid, because there's a few teams there that we need to beat."

In order to beat those teams, Piane said he needs more production from the end of his lineup.

"We've got to have a better five, six and seven," Piane said. "If we do that, we're going to get much better, and I guarantee you that everyone can run better than they did at the Wisconsin Invitational. There's no doubt in my mind. And if you ask them, they'll say the same thing."

Connelly said he isn't looking for anything specific but that he wants his girls to be mentally tougher during the race.

"It's the whole, 'When I get in a race and things get tough, how do I deal with that?" Connelly said." I think we still need to grow a little bit as competitors and do a little better job at responding. That's basically where we have to get better. If you want to be a really good cross-country runner, that's where it comes. It's that toughness, that deep-down mentality."

Since this is Notre Dame's first year in the ACC, this is the first

ACC Championship it will compete in

"It's just a different set of really good teams," Connelly said. "I don't know if the actual running part changes a lot, but again, I've been saying all along, we basically traded one really good conference for another. I don't think we've changed our approach. It's a championship meet, so we're going out there to be the best that we can be."

Despite the increased competition level the Irish will run against, Connelly said this conference meet might actually prove to be less daunting than several regular season meets, due to the smaller number of runners.

"It's a really big meet, but in terms of logistics, it's probably a lot simpler than running at the Notre Dame Invitational or running at Wisconsin because now we're running against 15 teams, as opposed to 36," Connelly said. "So in terms of our competition, it's not nearly as complicated to find who you want to beat and find your teammates."

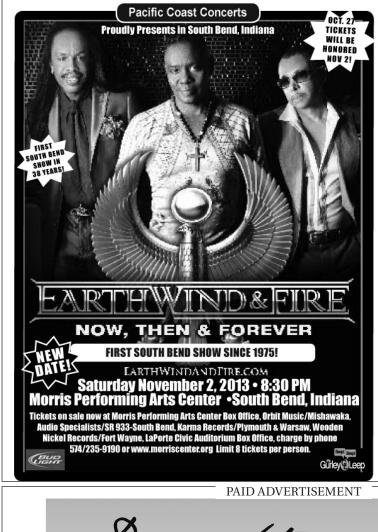
Piane said this race is an opportunity for the Irish to prove themselves in the ACC, rack up coveted at-large points and springboard the Irish into a deep postseason run.

"[The meet] is very important," Piane said. "It goes back to getting the at-large points, that's very important, and I think it's something we've been looking for and getting ready for quite a long time. Since the announcement that we're going to the ACC, this is our first opportunity, so it sure would be nice to start with a good showing.

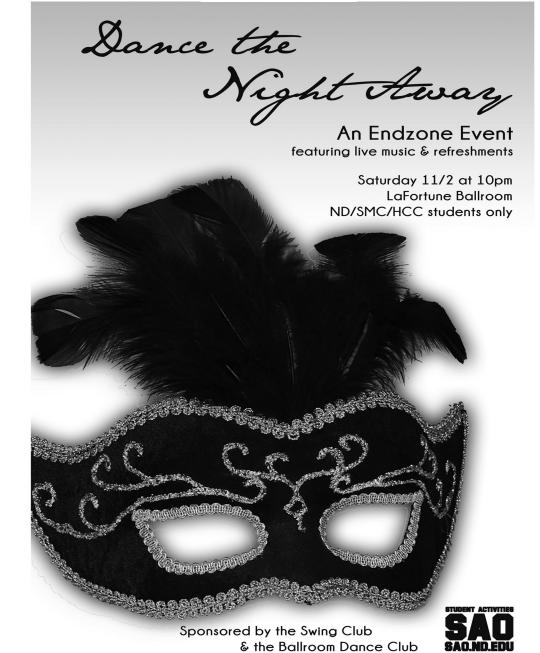
"I think it's very important to [our runners], and if we do well there, then it would bode well for the regional meet and then, God willing, the nationals. Everything builds towards this."

Notre Dame will race in the ACC Conference Championship on Friday at 10 a.m. in Kernersville, N. C.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

ND faces Purdue

By KATIE HEIT Sports Writer

Three weeks after their first competition, the Irish dive into their ACC season tonight with a dual meet against Purdue at 5 p.m.

Irish coach Brian Barnes said the competition with Purdue is only the first step in the team's overall goals for the season.

"Purdue is not the focus of the year," Barnes said. "It's the NCAA and the ACC championships. The challenge this weekend is to stay within the seasonal plan and to go down there and be competitive and try to win a meet."

To prepare for their season and their ultimate goal, Barnes said the Irish have been focusing on the small details, not just general training.

"Starts and turns," Barnes said. "I think we're going to finish better. We've been working on relay exchanges and starts and turns. ... We've been talking about details, and what it comes down to is details."

Barnes said he believes the focus on details will allow the Irish to finish every race strong and ultimately get them the win.

The Irish have a lot of

experience leading them in their quest for the ACC championships. Junior breaststroke Emma Reaney and junior freestyle Bridget Casey serve as team captains.

Reaney is a two-time monogram winner and was an All-American in two events last season. After the first weekend of competition Oct. 11-12, Reaney was named ACC Swimmer of the Week, the first ACC honor for the Irish. Casey is also a two-time monogram winner and was named to the all-Big East squad last season.

"We have strong captains with Emma Reaney and Bridget Casey," Barnes said. "[Senior backstroke] Kelly Ryan has so much experience, and she's competitive and great to have around. I think we'll definitely see some leadership there."

Barnes said he's not just relying on his captains and his senior leaders to take charge against the Boilermakers.

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"I'm expecting everybody to lead," Barnes said. "That's what it comes down to."

The Irish begin action tonight at 5 p.m. against Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind.

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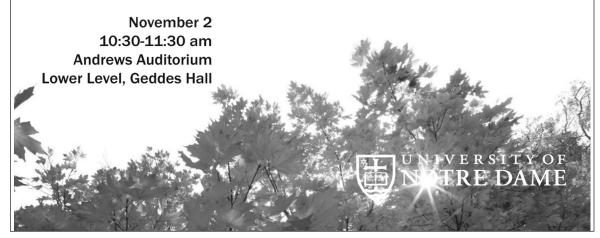
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Irish junior Zach Stephens prepares to take off for his leg of a relay in the Dennis Stark Relays on Oct. 11 at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

By MIKE GINOCCHIO Sports Writer

Coming off a close victory over Air Force (134-128) during fall break, the Irish look to jump right into the heart of their schedule when they travel to Purdue to take on the Boilermakers for a dual men's/women's meet.

Men's head coach Tim Welsh expects a hard-fought meet right from the get-go.

"[Purdue]'s always good," Welch said. "They're always somewhere in the top 25. We've been racing very well against them in this pool [Rolfs Aquatic Center], but every time we've gone down there, we've stubbed our toe. Our mission tomorrow is to get off the bus and swim

While noting that Purdue is a strong team, Welsh said he believes there are several events in the meet where the Irish have the edge.

"Typically, the first time they show everything they've got it's against us," Welsh said. "We're pretty strong in the 200 breaststroke, we'll be strong in the 200 freestyle, we should be strong in the 200 butterfly. We'll be solid in the [100 and 200] backstroke. They probably will outsprint us in the 50 [freestyle], maybe in the 100. We're going with a 200 freestyle relay at the end of the meet, and we're hoping that's a really close race."

Individually, the Irish will rely on several strong upperclassmen to carry their events. Juniors Zach Stephens, Cameron Miller

and John Williamson, as well as senior Frank Dyer, were NCAA qualifiers in their individual events. During the win over Air Force, Dyer, Stephens and Miller were part of the 200-medley relay team that outpaced the rest of the field with a time of 1:30.88, beating the runner-up by more than two seconds. Irish sophomore Bogac Ayhan rounded out the quartet.

While acknowledging the performances as exemplary, Welsh said the rest of the team is making strides as well.

"Our freshman are doing a great job, and we want them to continue doing a great job," Welsh said. "But also we're early in the season, so the identity of the team is still to be determined.

"And early in the season, we want to see this team and what's going to happen, how its character is going to develop and what its identity is going to be. Right now, the answer is we want everybody [to succeed]."

But ultimately, Welsh said he has high hopes for the team's performance in today's meet against the Boilermakers.

"We think this'll be a big struggle, and we want it that way," Welsh said. "We won't get better if we don't have a big challenge."

The Irish take to the road on Friday to face off against the Boilermakers at 5 p.m.

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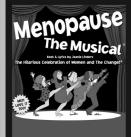




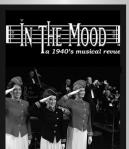




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Pangborn hopes to stay undefeated against McGlinn; Badin searches for first win over PE



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A Lewis player runs against Cavanaugh in the Chaos' 38-7 win on Sept. 29. The Chaos look to rebound from a loss in their last game this week against Farley, while the Chicks take on Pasquerilla West.

By ALEX CARSON
Sports Writer

Ryan Hall will look to secure a top seed in the playoffs and Welsh Family will look to snag a playoff spot when the two teams collide Sunday.

The Wildcats (4-0-1) are still unbeaten on the year, and senior captain and offensive linesman Andrea Carlson said they see this game as an opportunity to grab the No. 1 seed of their division.

"We want to put up a big number this game [to win a potential tiebreaker with Pangborn]," Carlson said. "We're neck-and-neck with Pangborn, and we'd like to get the top seed going into the playoffs."

On the other side of the ball, the Whirlwinds (2-3) will try to sneak their way into the playoffs this weekend with a win over Ryan.

"We're hoping to show how much we've improved and play our hearts out," senior captain and linebacker Carissa Henke said. "Hopefully, we can go out there and get the win and make the playoffs."

Ryan's success this year has come on both sides of the ball. The Wildcats average 28.4 points per game offensively and have only given up 13 all season. Carlson attributed their strong season to maintaining good communication.

"One of the best things we have going for us is our communication," Carlson said. "Our offense and defense are both really good with reading the play."

Welsh Family has seen strong games from its defense throughout the year, giving up only 13 points per game.

"Our defense has really stepped up this season," Henke said. "We've had players playing different positions, and it's been great to see them come along."

Ryan and Welsh Family will take to the field at LaBar Fields this Sunday at 4 p.m.

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Pangborn vs. McGlinn

By JOSE FERNANDEZSports Writer

After the break, an undefeated Pangborn takes on a hungry McGlinn team that is looking to deliver the first blow to the Phoxes' record.

Pangborn (4-0-1) went into the break following a hard fought game against Ryan that resulted in a tie. Senior captain and offensive lineman Mary Kate Veselik said she saw a loss of focus going into their last game and is expecting much more from the Phoxes this time around.

"We need to focus on keeping up with consistent play and what we know how to do," Veselik said. "We have to take every game as if it was the most important game of the season."

Veselik said she had confidence in the two-quarterback system that the Phoxes use with juniors Caitlin Gargan and Liz Quinn, and in their ability to carry the team

McGlinn (2-3), on the other hand, suffered a loss before fall break and is looking to right the ship and make a final push for the playoffs. Senior captain and receiver Tara Crown said she urged her team to have a short memory.

"We need to be focused and forget about what happened," Crown said. "We need to start fresh and match Pangborn's athleticism in every play."

Much like Pangborn, the Shamrocks will rely on their quarterback, sophomore Katherine Petrovich, to make big plays and lead the charge, Crown said.

The Phoxes and Shamrocks will face off Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Pasquerilla East vs. Badin

By MATT GARCIA
Sports Writer

Two teams with opposite fortunes will meet Sunday when playoff-bound Pasquerilla East takes on Badin.

The Pyros (4-1) are currently second in their division behind an explosive offense led by junior quarterback Macy Mulhall. Senior captain and defensive lineman Caroline Kuse said great plays at the receiver position have been pivotal to the Pyros' success.

"We are really lucky that we have tons of receivers," Kuse said. "They have appeared in the past few games with the stickiest fingers."

With a playoff seed clinched, Kuse said the Pyros have their eyes set on the future, noting that she will be mixing up personnel.

"Since we have a postseason spot already ... this one is really about fun," Kuse said.

From the other sideline, the Bullfrogs (0-5) will be looking for a strong finish to what has been a winless season. Before the weeklong hiatus, sophomore captain and quarterback Kristina Techar said the team worked on offensive schemes.

"Before break, we really looked to develop our option plays a little bit more," Techar said.

Badin will look to build upon its lone touchdown from last game, a catch and run by freshman running back and receiver Melange Gavin. After a collision earlier in the season sidelined Techar and Gavin with concussions, Techar said the duo is ready to put forward a strong performance in their last game.

"I am looking to see [Gavin] have a really great last game after all the practice we have had this year," Techar said.

The Bullfrogs and Pyros clash Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Pasquerilla West vs. Lewis

By RENEE GRIFFINSports Writer

Pasquerilla West will have a chance to complete an

undefeated regular season against Lewis on Sunday, while the Chicks (2-3) will strive to reach the .500 mark.

Lewis, which is coming off two consecutive wins, will try to spoil the Purple Weasels' potentially spotless season. Lewis senior captain and wide receiver Colleen Haller said she expects her team's best game this weekend.

"One of our strengths this season has been being able to improve every game, whether that's completing more passes or pulling flags quicker on defense," Haller said. "Hopefully, all those improvements can help us get the win against [Pasquerilla West]."

Pasquerilla West (5-0) will be motivated as well. Senior linebacker and captain Breezi Toole said she expects for junior Colleen Doyle and sophomore Katie Ferrara to make big plays in this game, as well as in the postseason.

"Going into it, we're going to play our game and keep focusing on what we've been focusing on, and hopefully, we'll come out on top," Toole said.

Toole also said she is excited to have the opportunity to try to finish the season with a perfect record.

"Going undefeated would be fantastic," Toole said. "It was one of the goals we had for this season. It would be great to reach that benchmark that we set from the beginning."

The showdown between the Chicks and the Purple Weasels will occur at 6 p.m. at LaBar Fields on Sunday.

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Breen-Phillips vs. Walsh

By ALEXANDRA LANE
Sports Writer

Both Breen-Phillips and Walsh head into their game Sunday looking to end the season on a positive note.

The Babes (0-5) have yet to record a victory so far this season, but senior captain and linebacker Monica McNerney said she thinks they can change that this week.

"With a lot of new freshmen on the team, we have struggled this season, but it has been a learning process," McNerney said. "I am hoping everything we have been practicing will come together and lead to a win on Sunday."

The Wild Women (1-4) are also looking to improve their record this week, junior captain and receiver said Maggie Fisher said. She said she is confident Walsh will end the season on a high note.

"I think we have improved a lot, and I am really optimistic

about this game," Fisher said. "We're looking for the win on Sunday."

Fisher said junior offensive lineman Anne Goodman would be a key player for the Wild Women this week, as she has been all year long.

"She is the MVP of our season." Fisher said.

The Babes will look to leadership from senior safety and running back Mary Toner, who will be playing in her final game.

"She has played four years of [Breen-Phillips] football, and I'm hoping she'll have a big game," McNerney said.

Breen-Phillips and Walsh will face each other Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Cavanaugh vs. Farley

By REBECCA ROGALSKI Sports Writer

Both Cavanaugh and Farley have their eyes set on Sunday, when the Chaos (3-2) will duke it out against the Finest (1-4) in the last game of the regular season.

Cavanaugh suffered a disappointing 28-6 loss against Pasquerilla East on Oct. 13. The Chaos, however, look ahead to this week's matchup against Farley with a new mindset, according to captain and senior middle linebacker Meaghan Ayers. Ayers said she knows improvements are necessary on defense.

"Our first and foremost concern is our defense," she said. "We really need to limit the number of offensive scores, and by working with the defense diligently, I believe we can accomplish that."

After a 19-7 loss to Lyons, senior receiver Lauren Ladowski said the Finest go into their last game of the season hoping to leave it all out on the field. Ladowski also said Farley plans to mix up their game plan to throw the Chaos off balance.

"I figured since this is our last game, I want everyone to enjoy it and have fun," Ladowski said. "We're going to try putting players in various positions, as well as plan on devising some intricate plays to keep Cavanaugh on their toes."

Regardless of Farley's adjustments, Ayers said the Chaos are confident in junior quarterback Sam Flores.

"When [Flores] puts in the effort, the rest of the team puts in all their effort as well," Ayers said. "If we can keep up that kind of momentum, I have no doubt we'll play our best."

The Chaos and Finest will clash at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields on Sunday.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

West Quad rivalry highlights final week

Stanford and Keenan battle for chapel; St. Edward's seeks to give Sorin 'comeuppance'

By CORNELIUS McGRATH Sports Writer

O'Neill faces Keough in a crucial game Sunday with huge implications for both sides' playoff aspirations.

Keough (2-1) will make the playoffs with a win, and Kangaroos senior captain and quarterback Seamus Donegan said he expects a big performance, especially from his defense, which has only given up seven points this season.

"We are getting better every single week, so I feel that our record does not really reflect our true ability on the field," Donegan said. "Our defense has been our greatest asset, and I hope they can remain strong."

Although Keough could still make the playoffs if it loses this weekend, Donegan said he does not want it to affect the Kangaroos' play.

"Although there are wild-card implications if we were to lose, as far as I am concerned, winning this weekend is our only option," Donegan said.

At the same time, O'Neill (1-2) looks to snatch a victory from the Kangaroos and qualify for the playoffs through a wild-card pick.

"The team knows that there is something really special to play for this weekend, and I hope that the chance of being in playoffs pushes our players to the next level," O'Neill junior captain and running back Donghoon Lee

Although the Angry Mob has not played for three weeks, Lee said he feels the long break will actually have a positive impact on the team, especially with the return of senior quarterback Brandon Boldt.

"The reason we lost our last game is because we simply didn't have enough players," Lee said. "Now that most of the exams are over, our team will be back to full strength and firing on all cylinders."

With a playoff spot and rivalry bragging rights on the line, O'Neill and Keough square off Sunday at Riehle Fields at 1 p.m.

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Stanford vs. Keenan

By CHRISTINA KOCHANSKI

Sports Writer
Stanford and Keenan will face

off Sunday in a game dubbed by the two teams as the Battle of the Chapel.

"We share a building with [the Griffins] and there's a chapel in between our dorms," Keenan senior captain and receiver Jeremy Riche said. "Whichever team ends up winning this game gets their name listed first on the chapel. It's been the Keenan chapel for the last two years."

Stanford junior captain and offensive and defensive lineman Ruben Carrion said he expects the Griffins (0-3-0) to put up a hard fight against the undefeated Knights (3-0-0).

"We realize that playoffs may be out of the picture ... but we're definitely going out to try to win," Carrion said. "If we get the win, we can prove that we are a tough team, even though our record may not show it."

The Griffins hope to increase their offensive consistency before Sunday's game, Carrion said. Junior quarterback Ryan Prom leads Stanford's offense.

Riche said the Knights also hope to make minor adjustments to their offense before the Battle of the Chapel.

"We're undefeated, but we still have a lot of things to work on," Riche said. "We're fine-tuning our offense so that when playoffs come, we're ready for it."

Sophomore Patrick Corry plays quarterback for Keenan. He will lead the Knights' offense when Keenan takes on Stanford on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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St. Edward's vs. Sorin

By JOSH DULANY

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Sorin and St. Edward's are prepared to end the season with a win Sunday.

The Otters (1-1-1) look to bounce back from a close loss to Carroll, and the Gentlemen (1-2) will try to finish strong after consecutive losses.

For St. Edward's, the desire for a victory goes beyond the immediate goals of this season.

"They've beaten us the last two seasons, and we would love to give them their comeuppance," senior captain and safety Andrew Blonigan said.

On the other side, despite the recent loss, Sorin sophomore captain, receiver and safety Jake Yurek said he likes his team's attitude.

"We are going in feeling good, working hard and on an upswing," Yurek said. "We'll be looking to air it out, put up some points and end the season on a good note."

Yurek said to watch for big plays from the tandem of sophomore running back John Pearl and junior quarterback Pat Power. Sophomore outside linebacker Galvin Loughran will anchor the Otters defensively.

The Otters will be up against an eager St. Edwards side confident in its talent, Blonigan said.

"We are extremely pumped and optimistic," Blonigan said. "We have a mad dog in [junior middle linebacker] Brendan Flynn, and [senior] quarterback Paul Rodriguez comes to battle every game and is our spiritual



MICHAEL YU | The Observe

Carroll senior quarterback Robert Dorman rolls out for a pass against St. Edward's on Sept. 29, a 14-8 Vermin victory. Undefeated Carroll faces winless Zahm on Sunday, and St. Edward's plays Sorin.

leader.'

The teams will kick off Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Fields as they fight to finish their seasons with a win

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Morrissey vs. Knott

By BRIAN PLAMONDON Sports Writer

Both Morrissey and Knott need a victory and a Siegfried loss to have a chance at the playoffs as they battle Sunday.

The Manor (1-2) hope to rebound after a loss to Alumni while the Juggerknott squad is coming off their first win of the

With a playoff berth still possible, Manor junior captain and lineman Patrick Valencia said his team has taken major strides and showed extra intensity in practice.

"If everybody knows what they are supposed to do, the points will follow," Valencia said. "Last game we shot ourselves in the foot with turnovers. If we execute better, we will limit mistakes."

Valencia pointed to junior quarterback Ryan Lindquist as a game-changer because of his accuracy and mobility. He said he believes Lindquist, when given time, can be a big-play machine against the Juggerknotts.

Knott (1-2) has finally turned the corner on offense, sophomore receiver and cornerback Jack Taiclet said.

"We made some route and personnel changes, which contributed to our offensive firepower against Duncan," Taiclet said. "Our running game has been solid all year, and now with our passing attack working, we're going to be hard to stop."

The team looks for continued chemistry from its two most potent offensive weapons, junior quarterback David Taiclet and sophomore receiver Griffin Carroll.

While on the bubble regarding the playoff picture, Taiclet said

he remains confident.

"Our division is by far the best, so as long as we win, I think we deserve a playoff spot," Taiclet said. "The whole team is prepared to leave it all out on the field on Sunday."

Morrissey and Knott will square off Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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Duncan vs. Siegfried

By MANNY DE JESUS Sports Writer

In the regular-season finale, Duncan takes on Siegfried in the teams' first matchup in two years.

Last year, the Highlanders (0-3) and the Ramblers (2-1) were set to play in the season finale, but Duncan was forced to forfeit the game.

"We're motivated to play Duncan, especially since we could not play them last year," senior captain and lineman Jack Moore said. "[Not playing the game] killed our momentum last year, which led to a playoff loss in our next game."

The Ramblers will focus their dominant running attack with freshman running backs Lucas Joseph and Dan Verzuh taking the handoffs, Moore said. He said his team is optimistic about its offense leading it past the Highlanders and to a deep playoff

While Siegfried has its eyes set on the playoffs, Duncan still hopes to win its first game of the season

"[Our goal] is to finish strong on a strong note," Highlanders junior captain and center Alan Keck said. "We're hoping to do our best to carry some momentum into next season."

The Highlanders worked on improving their pass defense, which gave up multiple passing touchdowns in their last matchup, Keck said. Offensively, Duncan is going to rely heavily on junior running back Eric Krakowiak.

This matchup between the

Ramblers and the Highlanders will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle fields.

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Carroll vs. Zahm

By ANDREW ROBINSON

After a two-week break, the Zahm and Carroll squads prepare to return to action as they face off in the final weekend of regular season games Sunday.

The Zahmbies (0-3) look to put a tally in the win column after two consecutive shutout losses to Sorin and Fisher.

"It would be really nice to get a win this week," senior captain Joseph Rice said. "That's what we're shooting for."

Despite its record, Rice said Zahm is keeping a positive attitude and feels good about its chances against the Vermin (2-0-1).

"We're just going to do the best we can to keep playing hard and put some points on the board," he said. "I think we're hitting our stride right about now."

The Vermin hope to pick up some momentum as the playoffs approach, senior co-captain Mike Russell said.

"The important thing for us is to not let up on energy because it's been such a long time since we've played," he said.

Russell said Carroll has been on a roll since its opening-week tie with Fisher.

"I've been impressed," Russell said. "Our defense has played really well, and I think we've also done a good job limiting turnovers since the first game."

Russell said the team is focused on maintaining intensity after halftime, which has been one of the few concerns for the Vermin.

The Zahmbies and the Vermin play Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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Forest's talent and said the Demon Deacons and the Irish play similar styles of soccer.

"They're a very good team," Clark said. "They've got some of the best players in collegiate soccer. They play a very controlled game, but they can mix it up. They've got players who can handle the ball, so they're not terribly unlike ourselves in that respect."

The Irish have controlled time-of-possession throughout the season and have limited opponents to just 126 shots, a little more than half of Notre Dame's total. Senior goalkeeper Patrick Wall has surrendered .66 goals per game, while playing every minute for the Irish.

Notre Dame last played Oct. 26 and suffered its first loss of the season, 2-0 against then-No. 23 Virginia at Alumni Stadium. Clark said the Irish studied game tape and will be more focused

against Wake Forest.

"After every game whether we win, tie or lose, we tape ... and try to improve on it," Clark said. "That's one of our goals. We want to make an improvement every week of the season. I think we've done a fairly good job of this. After the last game, we're very focused."

Notre Dame will make improvements, but don't expect a radically different Irish team to take the field Friday, Clark said.

"We stick to our own game plan," Clark said. "It's a bit like playing ourselves in some respect, obviously with different players. We've just got to play well. We've got to play our game and execute well. I think it will be a good game with a good crowd there, so it'll be a fun situation for us."

Notre Dame and Wake Forest face off in an ACC showdown Saturday at 7 p.m. at Spry Stadium in Winston-Salem.

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the last couple of years, but I think that he's trying to rebuild that. ... This early in the season, every [team] thinks [it's] winning the national championship."

The Irish will face Vermont without sophomore forward Thomas DiPauli and junior defenseman Eric Johnson, who were both injured in Notre Dame's split at Minnesota-Duluth last weekend.

Notre Dame will also have the difficulty of facing a Vermont team that's both playing for the first time at home this season and hosting a celebration of the program's 50th

anniversary this weekend.

"It doesn't matter who we were going to play, they're going to be [pumped] up for us. That's just the way things are going to be all the time," Jackson said. "I'm sure most buildings are excited to have Notre Dame come in ... and they're going to be looking at where we're ranked, so you go in with a big target and be prepared to face the opponent's very best."

The Irish open Hockey East play tonight in Burlington, Vt., against Vermont at 7:05 p.m. The second game of the series is scheduled for Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

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Irish attack kept heavy pressure on the Seminole defense, unleashing 15 shots from there on out, including a near miss by freshman midfielder Morgan Andrews that ricocheted off the crossbar.

On defense, the Irish kept the Florida State attack at bay for most of the second half. Despite eight corners and multiple throw-ins that made it into the box, Little was able to break up any potential shots on goal.

"[Little] was very good tonight," Waldrum said. "It seemed like every time they had a throw-in, it was in the box, and I think she coped with that, and the corners, really well."

In the end, though, the Seminoles finally evened the score on Bakowska-Mathews's blast from 20 yards out and ended the game on her header in the second period of overtime.

"I don't think there was much [Little] could have done on either goal," Waldrum said "One was through a crowd and she couldn't even see it and the other was from only two or three yards off the line."

Still, Waldrum said his team needs to focus and close games better as it heads into the postseason.

"We've lost six games, and five of them have come in overtime or with [less than five] minutes to go," Waldrum said. "That completely changes the outlook of your team if you at least get a tie in those games. We have got to close games better, and we have to score more than one goal a game. The team has to focus for the full 90 minutes. We let one get away today."

With the win, the Seminoles clinch the No. 2 seed in the ACC tournament. Meanwhile, Notre Dame will travel to Blacksburg, Va., to take on Virginia Tech in the quarterfinals of the ACC tournament. The Irish played the Hokies earlier this year, losing 1-0 on a goal in the final four minutes. On Sunday, they will look to avenge that loss.

"It's tournament time, and if you don't win, you're out," Waldrum said. "There are no more second chances. The main thing is putting this loss behind us so we can go to Virginia Tech and get back a game we lost early in the year to a team that I think we're better than. We have to go there and produce. It's all on us at this point."

The Irish begin the ACC tournamentSundayat 1 p.m. in Blacksburg, Va., against Virginia Tech.

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I think that should help us. I'd like to get those two guys going ... because I think it's important. We are going to need them."

If Knight does indeed take the court tonight, it will be just in time to take on a Tusculum squad pegged to finish ninth out of twelve teams in the SAC by conference coaches. The team from Rock Hill, S.C., returns four starters and 12 letter winners from last year's 6-21 squad, including sophomore forward Keith Jumper, last year's SAC Freshman of the Year. Senior guard Addison Flynn also returns for Tusculum after leading the Pioneers in scoring with 12.7 points-pergame last year.

The second exhibition contest offers Notre Dame another chance to fine-tune a few things before beginning the regular season Nov. 8 with a home game against Miami (Ohio).

"The main thing is to stay in character on the offensive end of the floor and continue that efficiency. Then on the defensive end, I would add then the rebounding part," Brey said. "Can we be an improved rebounding team and spread it amongst a bunch of guys? I'm not looking for a guy to get 15 like [former Irish forward Jack] Cooley, but can we get a couple guys with seven?"

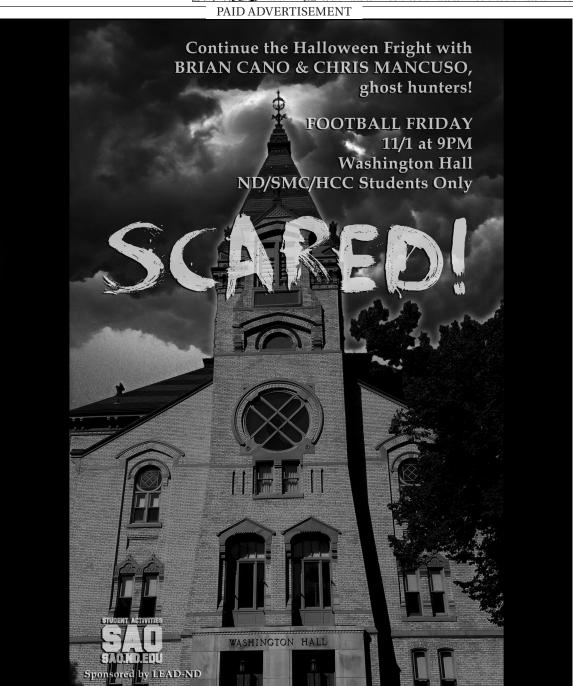
Irish sophomore Cam Biedscheid will not play tonight while he and the Irish coaching staff continue to consider a redshirt season for the 6-foot-7, 186-pounder who averaged 6.2 points-pergame and appeared in all 34 contests last season.

"I think we are going to talk again on Friday," Brey said. "His mom will be in town, and we will sit down and talk about it. I think, certainly, we'll make a final decision Monday or Tuesday. We'll have to know as we prepare for Nov. 8. He just can't play in any exhibitions if we want to save the year [of eligibility]. So he's practicing with us, he's doing all the other stuff. ... I think it's a matter of weighing a lot of different things. It'll be good to have everybody in my office and we can talk face-to-face."

Notre Dame and Tusculum tip off at 9 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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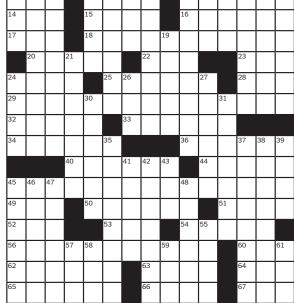
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Happy Birthday: New beginnings will allow you to show how diverse and capable you can be. Embrace new opportunities and develop skills that will enable you to expand your interests and your chances to make a difference to your community or a cause. Taking a unique approach to whatever you are asked to do will show your leadership ability. Strive for perfection. Your numbers are 2, 9, 15, 22, 26,

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make a move. Do what makes you happy. Realize that the criticism you receive is due to jealousy or control. Rise above negativity and step into the spotlight where you belong. Stop doing for others what you should be doing for your own benefit.★★★

 $\textbf{TAURUS (April 20-May 20):} \ What you do in collaboration with others will turn out well. Share your thoughts and make suggestions, but don't push what you want on the push was a suggestion of the push was a suggestion. \\$ others. Larger quarters or making improvements to your home life will add to your security. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick to your word and to a set budget. An important relationship will help you realize what's important and how you should move forward emotionally. A financial situation, contract or legal concern should be addressed and

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Jump up and take part. You have plenty to offer and the connections you make will be to your advantage. Don't worry about what everyone else is doing -- focus on your goals and the people you meet who can contribute positively. ★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A challenge can be expected. You'll have to search for unconventional ways to make your plans work. Socializing and entertaining will result in joining a creative group that can enlighten you about a personal situation you face. ★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make plans that please friends, relatives or people in your community. Your suggestions will be well-received and make a difference. Don't let an emotional situation cost you financially or professionally. Ease stress by participating in activities that matter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Listen intently to what's being offered. Make sure you understand what's expected of you. An objective point of view should not come across as being inconsistent. An emotional incident is likely to hinder your productivity. $\star\star\star$

 $\textbf{SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):} \ Greater involvement with people you have worked with or have similar interests to will lead to a chance to take part in a venture that can$ help improve your skills, knowledge and business connections. Lean toward obscure interests and people. ***

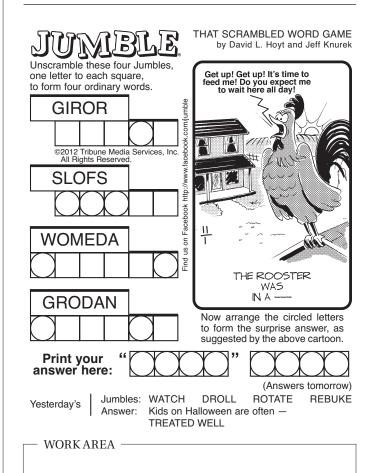
 $\textbf{SAGITTARIUS (Nov.\,22-Dec.\,21):} \ Listen\ attentively\ to\ what\ others\ say.\ Observation$ and showing concern will allow you to hide your true feelings and avoid the consequence of someone trying to coerce you into an argument. Stick close to home and work on personal changes. $\star\star\star\star\star$

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look for any way to show off what you have to offer. Present, promote and send out resumes. Focus on you and what you can do to raise your profile and convince others to believe in you. An unusual approach will grab

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are best to consider suggestions being made, but don't be afraid to make small alterations that will better suit your situation and your needs. The changes you make will strike an emotional chord with someone you've known for a long time. ★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Go over your personal papers, contracts, settlements and financial matters and you'll find a way to reestablish contact with someone who has something you want. Expand your interests and head toward options that are unique and entertaining. ★★★

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SPORTS

MEN'S SOCCER

ND plays for first place in ACC

By SAMANTHA ZUBA Sports Writer

First place in the ACC will be on the line when the No. 2 Irish take on No. 12 Wake Forest on Saturday in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The Demon Deacons (8-3-5, 5-0-4) currently sit atop the ACC with 19 points. The Irish (8-1-5, 5-1-3) trail Wake Forest in second place by two points and have two conference games left, first against the Demon Deacons and then against Pitt on Nov. 8.

Irish coach Bobby Clark said Notre Dame will face top-notch competition in Wake Forest, but the Irish need to win.

"This is a huge game," Clark said. "Wake Forest is leading the league. We're one point behind them, and if we can beat them, then we will be two points up with two games to go. It's not the league decider, but it's coming close to it. ... If we want to win the ACC, we need to win this

game. The game doesn't get bigger than this. Obviously, since Wake Forest is at the top of the league at the moment, they're a very good team."

Both sides are capable of scoring and play stingy defense. The Demon Deacons have outscored opponents 30 to 16 this season, while Notre Dame has outscored opponents 22 to 10. Wake Forest owns the edge in shot attempts as well, with 258 compared to 244 for the Irish.

Demon Deacons junior forward Sean Okoli (7), senior midfielder and forward Luca Gimenez (6) and senior forward Andy Lubahn (5) lead Wake Forest in goals. Okoli has scored the third-most goals in the ACC this season. Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Alec Ferrell and sophomore goalkeeper Andrew Harris have combined to allow only .94 goals per game.

Clark complimented Wake

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Notre Dame falls to Noles

By GREG HADLEY

Sports Writer

With less than four minutes left in regulation, things were looking good for No. 10 Notre Dame. Up 1-0 at No. 3 Florida State, it appeared as though the Irish (11-6-1, 7-5-1 ACC) would end the regular season on a high note and head into the ACC tournament with a three-game win-streak.

Then, in the 88th minute, FSU junior forward Marta Bakowska-Mathews launched a shot into the upper-right corner of the net, past Irish freshman goalkeeper Kaela Little, forcing overtime.

With momentum heading into the extra period, the Seminoles (15-1-3, 10-1-2) put heavy pressure on the Irish defense. Finally, the Florida State offense broke through in the 105th minute when junior defender Megan Campbell sent a long cross into the box that a diving Bakowska-Mathews headed past Little, giving the Seminoles the 2-1 victory.

Though the loss did not have an impact on Notre Dame's final seeding in the ACC tournament, Irish coach Randy Waldrum said



Freshman midfielder Morgan Andrews dribbles away from an Oakland defender Aug. 30. Andrews had a goal in the 4-0 ND win.

he was still disappointed with the

"We wanted to win, Waldrum said. "We needed to win. It would have helped us out a lot. We're still vying for a good seed in the NCAA tournament, so it's disappointing, especially when the team played so well."

The Seminoles challenged Little and the Irish backline early, taking four shots in the opening 25 minutes to Notre Dame's one. But immediately after coming off the bench, Notre Dame sophomore forward Anna Maria Gilbertson turned the tide for the Irish with a hard bending shot into the upper corner of the net to give Notre Dame a 1-0 lead in the 28th minute.

"Anna Maria probably had one of her better games of the year," Waldrum said. "The goal she scored was world-class. She defended well and attacked well,

For the rest of the game, the

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish prepare for Pioneers

By JOSEPH MONARDO

Associate Sports Editor

After rolling to a comfortable victory in its exhibition opener earlier in the week, Notre Dame will close out its preseason schedule by welcoming in Tusculum tonight.

The Irish defeated Indianapolis, 95-69, Monday while exhibiting some of the traits that Irish coach Mike Brey said can be cornerstones of his team's success this season.

"I think we can always rely on our unselfishness and our ability to pass," Brey said. "I mean, we are really good with the ball, and that showed up the other night. Our offensive efficiency is going to be key for us. I like how we've moved together defensively. I mean, we play defensively like the older guys do because they've played a lot together. We are going to have to play some zone this year, and I think that's going to be good to us."

Notre Dame assisted on 29 of its 35 baskets in the win, while sophomore forward Austin Burgett and senior forward Garrick Sherman combined to make 14 of 19 attempts. Burgett earned a spot in the starting lineup following injuries to



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Sophomore forward Austin Burgett figures out his next move against Indianapolis on Monday, one of two Irish exhibitions this season.

graduate student forward Tom Knight and sophomore forwards Eric Katenda and Zach Auguste. Katenda is expected to miss several weeks with a knee injury, and Auguste is in the middle of a return from a broken hand suffered Oct. 10, but Brey said he expects Knight to return tonight.

"We played really small the

other night," he said. "It'll be good to have Tom Knight back. We should have him back Friday. He should be in there a lot. And then Zach [Auguste] joins us in practice Saturday. Obviously, when you are playing a little bigger as we have at times, you rebound better. So

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HOCKEY

Icers debut in **Hockey East**

By SAM GANS

Sports Writer

It's been in the cards since Oct. 11, 2011. And tonight, it will reach fruition.

Notre Dame will play its first ever game in its new conference: Hockey East.

The No. 2 Irish (5-1-0) travel to Vermont for a two-game series tonight and Saturday in their first contests since 2002. The meetings between Notre Dame and the Catamounts (1-1-1) will be just the third and fourth games, respectively, between the programs.

They also mark a new era of Irish hockey, as Notre Dame will open play in a new league after a 21-year run in the now-disbanded CCHA.

"It seems like we're playing another non-conference series," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "As time goes on, that will change. When you're accustomed to playing Lake Superior, Bowling Green and Michigan all these years, and then all of a sudden now you're playing Vermont, it is a little different."

Irish junior defenseman Robbie Russo noted each league game is more critical this season

than in previous years, because there are only 20. Notre Dame played 28 regular season CCHA games a year ago.

Russo said he's excited to be part of Notre Dame hockey history.

"It's kind of cool to be a part of the first ever Hockey East game at Notre Dame," he said. "I think guys will realize that when they're playing in it [the game| and just noticing it will be a pretty cool experience."

The Catamounts opened their season with a series at North Dakota on Oct. 11 and 12 in which Vermont lost the first game before earning a tie in the second. The Catamounts did not play again until Saturday, when they defeated Penn State 5-2 in Philadelphia. Vermont senior forward Chris McCarthy, who led the team in goals, assists and points a year ago, fronts the Catamount attack.

Jackson said Vermont's lack of games has given it more time to practice and prepare earlier in the season.

"Kevin Sneddon's a good young coach," Jackson said. "They haven't had great teams in

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