

Construction to force Commencement indoors

Commencement ceremony to take place in the Purcell Pavilion due to construction on stadium

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

As a result of construction on Notre Dame Stadium related to the Campus Crossroads Project, the 2015 University Commencement Ceremony will be held in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center (JACC), University Registrar Chuck Hurley said in an email to the student body Thursday. "After five years in Notre Dame Stadium, the ceremony will return temporarily to the location that was used from 1969 to 2009. The 18 diploma ceremonies that

take place on commencement weekend will continue at their current times and locations," the email stated. "An Ad Hoc Commencement Ceremony Committee led by the Office of the Registrar and composed of students, faculty and staff was formed last spring to explore site alternatives for Notre Dame's commencement exercises in light of the Crossroads project. After considering several locations, the committee recommended moving the May University Commencement Ceremony back to Purcell Pavilion while Crossroads is under construction."

The email also stated the Commencement ceremony will be a ticketed event with limited seating. Senior Stephanie Wachs said the venue change disappointed her because of Purcell Pavilion's smaller capacity. "For me, I could care less what the venue is," she said. "I don't care that it's not in the stadium, I just care that we won't have the capacity of the stadium. I am pretty sure each student will get two tickets, and that means my sister won't be able to see me graduate, which makes me extremely sad. Yes, she'll be able to see me get my diploma, but

that will be with about forty other kids in a room in Hayes-Healy. No President's address, no Valedictorian speech, or Commencement speaker. She won't get to see most of the things that make graduation graduation, and that's really disappointing." There was no limit on tickets when the Commencement ceremony was held in Notre Dame Stadium. Purcell Pavilion seats 9,149, and Notre Dame conferred 2,269 diplomas in May 2014, meaning each student could be allotted up to four tickets only if no seats in the arena are assigned to graduates, faculty

or administrators. The venue change also contradicted the class of 2015's expectations, Wachs said. "The disappointment and disbelief is also because they originally said it wouldn't affect commencement and now it is, which is pretty hurtful to the seniors in my opinion," she said. "Honestly, it doesn't change my opinion of the [Campus Crossroads] project much; I haven't been following it closely because I know I won't be able to use the facilities. Part of me feels like they could be doing more

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Alma Mater emphasizes student unity

By LESLEY STEVENSON
News Editor

One of the most hotly contested debates surrounding the 2013 Notre Dame football team leapt once more to the forefront of conversation Monday, as team leaders and representatives from student government met to finalize the players' decision to sing the Alma Mater after every home game, regardless of outcome.

"The fact that this decision

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Observer File Photo

Football players join in singing the Alma Mater after last year's win against Temple. On Monday, team leaders finalized the players' decision to sing the Alma Mater after every home game.

Stadium project to begin in Nov.

Observer Staff Report

The Campus Crossroads Project, the University's \$400-million plan to renovate Notre Dame Stadium to include classrooms, a new student center and other facilities, will commence after the final home football game in November, the University announced in a press release Thursday.

The University unveiled the plan earlier this year with hopes of starting construction in November.

"We announced this project in January with the hope – though not necessarily the expectation – that we could begin in November," Notre Dame President Fr. John Jenkins said in the press release. "Thanks to the tireless work of many, plans have been finalized and funds have been raised so that we can, indeed, commence

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Students recognized for STEM work

By KATHRYN MARSHALL
News Writer

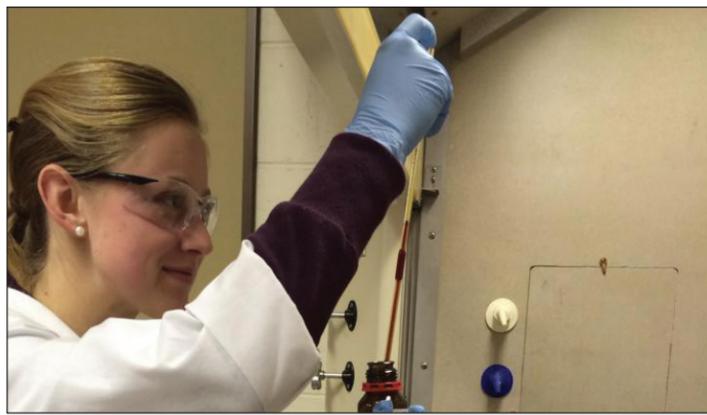
Saint Mary's College seniors Mary Kate Hussey and Kate Bussey earned recognition from The Huffington Post for their STEM-related work this summer. Hussey took part in an internship at General Electric Aviation in Massachusetts while Bussey spent time at Saint Mary's working under chemistry professor Kayode Oshin.

Bussey, who worked as a

teacher's assistant for Oshin her sophomore year, said Oshin asked her to join his research team after a conversation about looking for summer lab opportunities. The 10-week summer project involved synthesizing catalysts for atom transfer radical addition reactions, she said

"[Oshin] had very high expectations for us," Bussey said. "I remember the first day we sat there during our initial

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Courtesy of Kate Bussey

Senior Kate Bussey participated in research with chemistry professor Kayode Oshin this past summer.



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Students exercise together on the quad during a fitness event led by Under Armour trainer Natalie Uhling. The event was part of RecSports' "Try It, You'll Like It" week, which gives students the opportunity to sample the various fitness classes Notre Dame offers.

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Rally for football game versus Rice.

Saturday

Notre Dame Football

Notre Dame Stadium
3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
First season game versus Rice.

Mass at the DPAC

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Leighton Hall
30 minutes after game
Music by Notre Dame Celebration Choir.

Sunday

Mass at the Basilica

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 a.m.
Music by ND Folk Choir.

Women's Soccer Game

Alumni Stadium
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Notre Dame versus USC.

Monday

National Holiday: Labor Day

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Classes are in session.

Sacramental Preparation Info Session

Coleman-Morse
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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Tuesday

Film: "Hearts of the World"

DPAC
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Free for students.

Activities Night 2014

Joyce Center Fieldhouse
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Information on various clubs on campus.

The Shirt Project celebrates 25 years

By WEI LIN
News Writer

The Shirt Project, founded by alumnus Brennan Harvath in the spring of 1990, is celebrating its 25th year with a new design, unique festivities and a Notre Dame Marching Band tribute.

The Shirt Project is a student-run organization that creates the t-shirt worn by the Notre Dame student section at home football games, as well as by a myriad of fans and alumni. President of The Shirt Project, senior John Wetzel, said almost every student wears The Shirt to all Notre Dame football games, uniting the entire student body in a single color. According to The Shirt's webpage, "The Shirt can be seen as a common thread uniting not only the students, but all fans in one solid color. A

sea of same-colored Shirts gives the opposing team a 'twelfth man' to fear."

Wetzel said the project, which started as a way to raise money for Notre Dame's annual spring festival, AnTostal, now funds the Student Union Endowment, the Rector Fund and The Shirt Charity Fund.

Past Shirts have used different shades of green and blue a combined 23 times, while there have been only two gold shirts, Wetzel said.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary, The Shirt committee made several changes to this year's design. This year's Shirt featuring a new blend of fabric, 60 percent cotton and 40 percent polyester, giving it a heathered look of a "blue-grey October Sky," according to The Shirt's webpage. A picture of the band

also made its Shirt debut, replacing traditional Shirt images of Notre Dame football legends.

For the last five years, over 150 thousand The Shirts have sold annually, including 156 thousand Shirts last year. The highest total came in 2011 when 165 thousand were sold. Since The Shirt's debut in 1990, more than 2.1 million total have been sold. Wetzel said it is the largest single selling piece of collegiate apparel in the nation.

This past year, The Shirt Project raised over \$750,000 for its charities. Over the last 25 years, the shirt has raised \$8.5 million for students at the University, Wetzel said.

"Our sales are doing great this year, but we always need all the support we can get from the community," Wetzel said.

"The significance of the



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Lucy Du, left, and Rachel Broghammer wear The Shirt 2015 and The Shirt 2013, respectively. The Shirt Project is celebrating its 25th year.

The 25-year history of The Shirt is

the story of a charity program that has grown and thrived because of the community here at the University of Notre Dame," he said. "Other universities have tried to emulate our program, but none have had nearly close to the amount of success as we have had, and I believe it can be attributed to the community here at the University of Notre Dame. Over the past 25 years, many students and advisers have worked tirelessly to ensure that success and growth year after year."

Wetzel said the 25th-anniversary celebration will include several unique events this weekend, including a tribute from the Notre Dame band.

"[The Shirt committee has] invited back all previous presidents and advisers of The Shirt [back to] campus for special reception," he said. "We will also be speaking at the Football Friday luncheon, where we will debut our new history celebratory video, and we will be honored at the pep rally, where all attending previous presidents will be wearing The Shirt from their year on stage. In addition, all 32oz. cups in the stadium will feature the design of The Shirt, and the Notre Dame Marching Band will be doing a special tribute before going into its scheduled halftime show."

Beyond the success of The Shirt, Wetzel said working on the committee has been a highlight of his Notre Dame experience.

"Serving as a member of The Shirt [planning] committee is an extreme privilege," Wetzel said. "I'm lucky to be surrounded by great group of hard-working students who spend tons of time creating a product that will fund all the wonderful things the rest of the University's students are able to do. It's extremely gratifying not only to see the product of your work worn by students all over campus but to see what those students are able to achieve in their clubs and organizations with the money that product raised."

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University criticizes concessions CEO

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame publicly criticized Des Hague, CEO of Centerplate, a sports catering company that supplies concessions for Irish sporting events, for allegedly abusing a dog in an elevator in Vancouver, Canada.

"We find the actions of Centerplate's CEO to be deplorable and will closely monitor this matter as the company conducts its internal review," University spokesman Dennis Brown said in a statement Tuesday, according to a WSBT report.

A viral video that surfaced last week depicted a man dragging and kicking a Doberman puppy. According to a statement made through his attorney and published Monday by Fortune, Hague apologized

for the incident, which was "completely and utterly out of character."

"I am ashamed and deeply embarrassed," he said. "... a minor frustration with a friend's pet caused me to lose control of my emotional response ... I would like to extend my apology to my family, company and clients, as I understand that this has also reflected negatively on them."

Centerplate has supplied concessions at Notre Dame since 2011 and currently covers all on-campus sporting events, according to a WSBT report.

"We're continuing to monitor the company's response and await to see what authorities in Vancouver report before commenting further," University spokesman Paul Browne said in a statement.

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Anonymous grant expands Haiti salt program

By KATIE McCARTY
News Writer

In spring 2014, Notre Dame's Haiti Program, whose purpose is to fight neglected tropical diseases, received a \$375,000 grant from an anonymous donor to support the growth of its salt program, which will create the largest growth in the program's history, according to a press release.

Earl Carter, managing director of the Haiti Program, said the grant is from a long-time supporter of the Haiti Program. The money will be used to expand the salt program, which produces salt that will also serve as a drug to fight disease.

"The Notre Dame Haiti Program, working through several local organizations in Haiti, provides the nation's first supply of purified, iodized salt that is also fortified with a drug that kills the mosquito-borne parasite which causes lymphatic filariasis (LF), or elephantiasis," Carter said.

Carter said the salt program has had two major advances in the past year.

"We entered into a partnership with Carribex, S.A., the nation's largest producer and distributor of branded food products, which distributes to approximately 99 percent of food outlets in Haiti," Carter said. "And because of the significant increase in potential demand for this important product, we have procured new facilities, and are in the process of outfitting them so that we can increase our salt fortification capability by almost an order of magnitude over that of the recent past. We currently produce over 40 metric tons of purified, iodized salt per month."

Carter said this salt production helps Haitians in a number of different ways, particularly through its disease-fighting capabilities.

"The purified, iodized salt improves intellectual capability of the population, and it also acts to eliminate the dreaded, disfiguring disease lymphatic filariasis," he said. "The new processing capacity and capabilities will also provide a new market outlet for Haitian raw salt producers, a positive factor

for the local economy."

Carter said the Haiti Program is immensely thankful for the donation and for the support of the entire Notre Dame community.

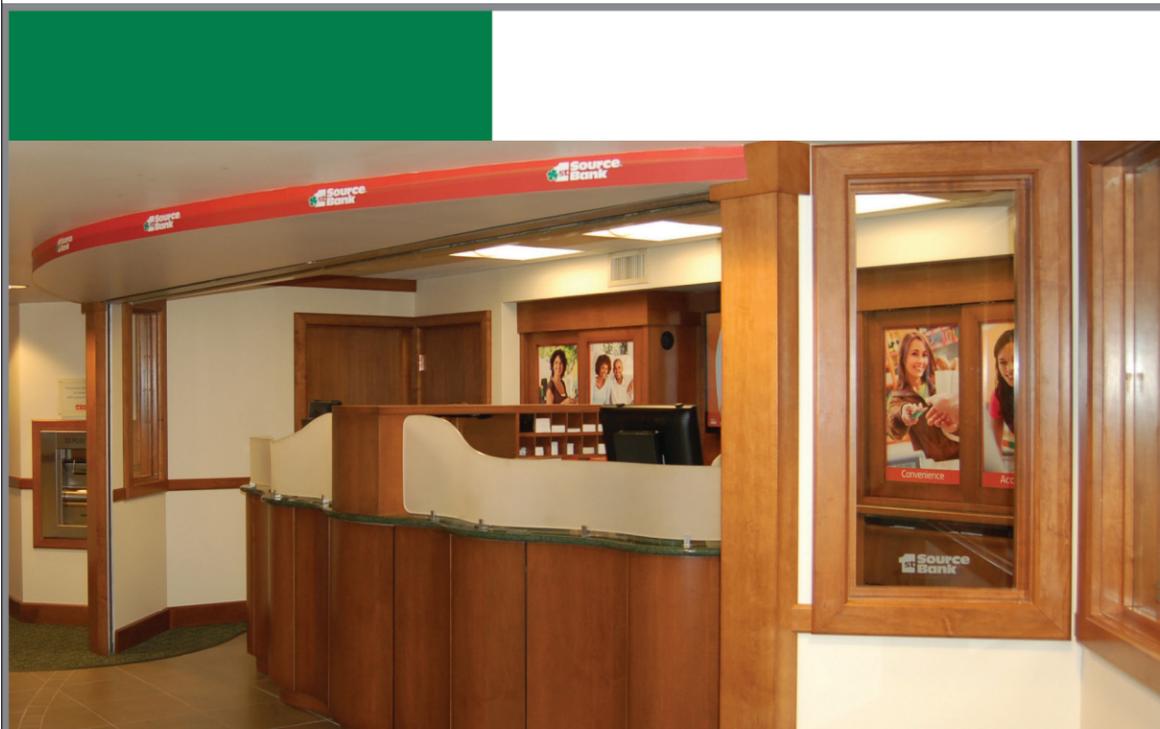
"We are deeply grateful for the sustained support of this benefactor, and other supporters of our Program," he said. "While from our earliest discussions, we were hopeful for a grant of this magnitude, we were nevertheless thrilled to see it finalized."

Carter said students can get involved in the work being done in Haiti in various ways.

"Students can also tell their families and friends of the important work that the University has led in Haiti for some two decades, through the selfless example and leadership of the Program's founder, Rev. Thomas Streit, CSC. We encourage students to track new program developments at www.haiti.nd.edu and www.BonSelDayiti.com, or follow us on Facebook."

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'The Status of Girls of Indiana,' a report published by Saint Mary's College in Sept. 2013, found that female students in the state of Indiana fall behind boys in SAT, ACT and AP testing in math and science classes. In order to combat this trend, Saint Mary's chemistry students sponsored an educational summer camp for Elkhart elementary school students, senior Dara Marquez said.

Each grade in the camp ran a different science experiment to make their own polymer, or slime, Marquez said.

"We had them mix polyvinyl alcohol and borax, a common experiment to do at home, and they added their own food coloring to it," Marquez said. "At the end they had a gooey product. It was really neat to instruct them on what to do and to observe them as they did it. It reminded me how different perspectives, especially for kids, can affect the way we view science."

Marquez said it was empowering to know that the students were curious and wanted to learn more about the polymers. She said she strongly believes showing younger children the physical aspect of science allows them to relate it to their current interests.

"Experiences like those push us more to understand why it is important to always be willing to be mentors," Marquez said.

Marquez said she believes younger children are much more curious than adults, which helped made their experiments engaging to the elementary school students.

"Their curiosity and the fact that at their age science isn't intimidating makes me believe that if we maintain that attitude as they get older and learn more difficult concepts, they'd be much more interested in pursuing it as a career," Marquez said.

Marquez said there was equal participation among boys and girls, but their attitudes were generally different.

"I've noticed that girls are much more meticulous and careful overall when running an experiment," Marquez said. "They usually want to do it the right way the first time and want to make sure that they ask the right questions. Usually that's why you assume they're the quietest, but in reality they're just trying to best articulate their curiosity."

Saint Mary's Affiliate of the American Chemical Society's (SMAACS) goal is to increase

participation of students and the community in extra curricular chemistry events, SMAACS president senior Katherine Bussey said.

"It is my hope and passion to ignite an interest in each child we work with, so that they will pursue further education in math and science fields," Bussey said.

In regards to the 'Status of Girls' report, Bussey said she believes the math and science test gap between boys and girls is an issue that needs to be addressed.

"I believe that by encouraging girls to participate in math and science activities early on, we can boost

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Katherine Bussey
SMAACS president

their confidence so that later on in their education they do not think twice about choosing a field that is 'traditionally male,'" Bussey said. "Women are just as capable of engineering the next International Space Station, developing the next Mandelbrot set, understanding Black-body radiation, or curing cancer."

Saint Mary's also held a forensic camp on campus this summer with the similar goal of exposing young students to different aspects of science.

The Forensic Science Camp, part of the Saint Mary's College summer academic program, introduces young women in grades 8-12 to the college experience, assistant director of special events Lisa Peppers said. The camp used fun activities to instill a scientific mindset in the young students.

"After gathering evidence at a staged crime scene, Forensic Science campers, working in Saint Mary's College labs, use biology, chemistry, mathematics, and deductive reasoning to solve the crime and find the culprit," Peppers said.

Peppers said the goal is to encourage the mathematical and scientific interests in young women.

"In addition, we hope our summer camp helps female students improve their test scores in both math and science."

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Alma Mater

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was not made by football players alone or by the students alone is a testament to how unified we can be as a student body," Irish sophomore receiver Corey Robinson said. "The Alma Mater is as an avenue where we can stand together as a unified body and celebrate our common bond: love for Notre Dame."

Robinson and Irish senior cornerback Matthias Farley represented the Unity Council, a group of football players elected from all class years that acts as liaison between the team and its coaching staff, Robinson said. They met with student body president Lauren Vidal, vice president Matthew Devine and Campus Ministry representative Grace Carroll, all seniors.

Robinson, who also represents athletics in student government, said the Unity Council voted unanimously to sing the Alma Mater after every game, a decision that was "nearly unanimously" supported by the team as a whole and reflected the team's desire to continue a relationship of mutual respect with fans in the student section and beyond.

"We were really thinking of the entirety of Notre Dame nation when we made the decision," Robinson said. "We chose to sing because we appreciate that it's bigger than just us football players, even us students."

"The bottom line is the Notre Dame community is a

family," he said. "Regardless of whether we are celebrating a win or grieving a loss, the most important thing is that we stay together. I can think of no better way to demonstrate this unconditional bond than singing the Alma Mater together after every home game."

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Irish sophomore receiver

Irish coach Brian Kelly and Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick, Robinson said. He said Kelly, Swarbrick and the coaching staff "encouraged" him to collaborate with student government in a "joint student effort" to address the issue.

"Coach Kelly, his staff and Jack Swarbrick empowered us to make the decision as players," Robinson said. "They were in communication with

us throughout the decision making process and supported our decision as a team."

Farley said the team's ability to freely determine this season's Alma Mater policy demonstrated the commitment of players, coaches and administrators to honor the tradition as a way of connecting student-athletes to their peers.

"I ... think it's incredible that Coach Kelly and Jack Swarbrick allowed us to make the decision for ourselves," Farley said. "In my opinion, it makes the decision to continue singing the Alma Mater much more genuine and real coming from the team, especially when there could have been a lot of division amongst us."

Vidal, Devine and Carroll presented Robinson and Farley with a booklet containing student opinions on the Alma Mater to keep the players informed of their peers' perspectives, Vidal said.

"The books contain about 100 quotes from the students — each quote represents that student's interpretation of the alma mater and what it means to them and our University," she said.

The statements in the booklet mirrored the enthusiasm for the tradition that Robinson and Farley expressed, often lauding the Alma Mater as a symbolic reminder of the values and community within the University as a whole.

"Notre Dame values family, faith and community," senior

Shannon Hagedorn said in the booklet. "The players on the team are part of the family and the score at the end of a game played on a Saturday in the fall doesn't change that fact."

"... The Alma Mater is a symbol of our connection, our spirit and our strength in the light and in the dark. Allow the players to sing and sway with their brothers at the end of the day. We belong together."

Senior Kristen Parkinson, president of the Leprechaun Legion, likened the Alma Mater to "a celebration of the Notre Dame family."

"The Legion welcomes the return of this tradition, and we look forward to standing as a united student body, on- and off-the-field, on Saturday," she said in an email.

Controversy surrounding the singing of the Alma Mater first arose after several players left the field of Notre Dame Stadium following the team's loss to Oklahoma on Sept. 28 without stopping at the student section to sing. The action sparked intense debate among students, alumni and fans, many of whom saw the former policy as equating community with winning alone.

"To my understanding, the official policy last season was to not sing the Alma Mater after home losses," Robinson said. "It was an issue that may have even been decided much earlier than last year, but since we hadn't lost at home in two years, the

policy was not well-known or practiced."

In a press conference Tuesday, Kelly said he raised the issue with the Unity Council and invited its members to revisit the policy.

"I addressed it last year with the Unity Council," he said. "We decided as a team that's not what we wanted to do. This year we brought it back up to the Unity Council, and they voted that's something that they wanted to do, so I'm all for what my team wants to do, and we will make that work."

Robinson said some players had expressed concern regarding previous incidents of students booing the team and throwing objects on the field, such as frozen marshmallows during the Nov. 23 game against BYU.

"We understand that this is a intense game, but we hope to be treated with respect when we sing the Alma Mater with the student body and fans," he said.

Farley said the Unity Council primarily sought to promote "the respect of both the team for the fans and the fans for the team."

"I would hope that the student body will understand, just as we have, that the singing of the Alma Mater is bigger than all of us and really bonds us together," he said. "I know that I can speak on the behalf of the team, and there won't be any behavior issues on our part."

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or making some exceptions to have Commencement still in the stadium, but they're not for whatever reason. I, of course, don't know all that went into the decision, but it's definitely disappointing and kind of hurtful to our class as a whole."

Senior Ellen Yokum said when the Campus Crossroads construction project was announced, she was concerned the class of 2015 would not be able to graduate in Notre Dame Stadium.

"Upon hearing the official news that the Commencement ceremony would be moved due to construction, I was fairly upset to have these fears confirmed," she said. "[Notre Dame Stadium] holds a special place in many of our hearts and is a symbol of both the work and play that have defined our time at Notre Dame. The fact that our class will not have the opportunity to graduate in the stadium is a disappointment to myself and many members of the class of 2015."

Yokum, who has several members of her

family planning on attending her graduation, said she is concerned that not all of them will be able to attend the Commencement ceremony in the Purcell Pavilion.

"Graduating in the stadium would have allowed at least the majority of these family members to take part in the ceremony itself," she said. "With limited seating available in the JACC, I doubt that many of them will be present for the conferring of diplomas."

Yokum said that she has heard a variety of opinions from her classmates at the change in venue.

"Many people have expressed that they are upset about the change because they have been looking forward to graduating in the stadium," she said. "Others, while still dismayed, understand that the change of venue is a necessary side effect of the Campus Crossroads Project."

Some seniors are looking on the positive side of this news, Yokum said, as graduation in the Purcell Pavilion is not subject to the weather.

"Weather conditions play a huge part in the graduation experience when it is held

outdoors in the stadium," she said. "At my sister's graduation in 2012, extremely high temperatures made it pretty miserable to watch the ceremony. Some students were even removing their gowns because it was too hot to keep them on."

Senior Alex Cantrell said he was impressed when he attended the Commencement ceremony in the stadium two years ago.

"I thought it was very special how the seniors got to walk down the tunnel onto the field to graduate," he said. "While I was looking forward to it being in the stadium, I understand the decision that was made, and I believe that graduation in the Purcell Pavilion will be just as special."

Senior Elena Brindley said the news disheartened her because she looked forward to sharing her graduation experience with her whole family.

"My first reaction was definitely disappointment because I had always dreamed of that day in the stadium, but more important because with limited ticketing, I'm really upset my whole family may not be able to go. I think that

our entire families all deserve that moment as much as we do," she said.

Senior Hilary Johnson said she was also disappointed with the change.

"The stadium is the location on campus where the majority of our significant events occur," Johnson said. "Therefore, I was very disappointed to hear that the class of 2015 would not be fortunate enough to be like years of ... Notre Dame grads and graduate in the stadium. My only hope is that they don't limit the number of seats for our families."

Senior Arturo Chiquito said he was not upset by the change in venue.

"It's not an established tradition, which is why I'm not bothered by it, that we're not having it [in the stadium]," Chiquito said. "It's only been for like the last five years, so I was bummed out or kind of disappointed about it when it was first announced but ... I'm fine with it. We're still graduating."

Chiquito said he was also not concerned with the Commencement ceremony becoming a ticketed event.

"I'm fine as long as I have my parents and my sisters and

maybe my grandma there. I don't know how many tickets were for the stadium," he said. "But as long as I have them there, I'm good. I wouldn't want to be struggling to try to get tickets from others and I know that ... I have family who is coming from Chicago, but they'd understand."

Despite the initial let-down, senior Mikaela Prego said she remains confident the University will create a complete Commencement experience.

"My initial reaction was disappointment because I think it is a very unique experience to graduate together in the stadium where we spend so much of our fall and expend so many of our emotions," Prego said. "I would have hoped that the senior student body would be more involved in the decision-making process, and the announcement did come as a surprise. That being said, I trust the university will put together a beautiful ceremony no matter the location."

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STEM

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welcome, with him telling us what we were going to be doing, and we were all kind of overwhelmed ... but actually achieving the goal in the time we had was very rewarding."

The research team, which included juniors Annie McGlone and Jennifer Connell, usually worked seven-hour days on complex material, Bussey said. She said tasks such as measuring the activation energy rate of each catalyst were hard to accomplish with common instrumentation and often required calculations or time in Notre Dame's labs.

Despite some frustrations, such as trouble syncing ligands and reactions not going properly, Bussey said problem solving was a key part of the learning process.

"Just trying to not get frustrated, and keeping up the momentum and staying encouraged to try the next thing [was important]," she said. "That's what research is. It's not supposed to work the first time."

Bussey, a chemistry major and math minor, intends

to use the research as part of her senior comprehensive formal presentation. She said she would like to get her master's in education and teach high school chemistry. The research program in which she participated was funded by the Marjorie A. Neuhoff Summer Science Research Communities.

Mary Kate Hussey also had an enriching 11-week summer internship at a General Electric Plant in Lynn, Mass. with the Environmental Health and Safety department, she said. Hussey said she was able to tour GE sites and learn skills that related to her chemical engineering major.

"Lynn is a manufacturing site and one of the few where you can see a jet engine start as a sheet of metal and end when it is assembled, tested, and shipped to the consumer," Hussey said. "The sky was the limit at this site, you could learn as little or as much as you wanted about the process."

The internship arose after talking to a General Electric Aviation representative during a career fair at Notre Dame, she said. Hussey worked

with about 100 fellow interns and plans to apply lessons learned in the near future, she said.

"[Working in the industry] is definitely the sort of work I can see myself doing after college," she said, "I have always had a passion for the environment and working for a company like GE."

As a member of the varsity soccer team at Saint Mary's, and after experience working as a teacher's assistant in an organic chemistry lab, Hussey said she feels the College has helped her develop time management, determination and leadership qualities. She also encouraged fellow students to also seek out their passions.

"Experience comes from putting yourself out there and networking," she said. "One of the most important qualities that a company like GE looks for in their employees is if they are well-rounded. Of course your GPA is important, but personality and involvement is almost more important ... it is ok to do your best and spend some time bettering yourself in other ways."

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Photo courtesy of Mary Kate Hussey

Senior Mary Kate Hussey interned at a General Electric Plant in Lynn, Mass. over the summer.

Construction

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construction on facilities that will unite and inspire every member of our campus community for decades to come."

Work on the east and west sides of the stadium will begin after the Nov. 22 game against Louisville, though the press release did not give a specific date. The University plans to begin construction for the new building on the south side of the stadium in Nov. 2015, the press release said. The entire Campus Crossroads Project, which totals 800,000 square feet, will be completed by Aug. 2017.

The building on the east side of the stadium will include classrooms, offices and labs for the anthropology and psychology departments, as well as a digital media center. The west building will include student facilities, such as a student center, meeting rooms and recreational spaces. The tops of both nine-floor buildings will hold stadium seating, the revenue from which will help pay for the project.

The department of music and the sacred music program at Notre Dame will eventually move to the six-story south building.

The press release said all the trees removed from around the stadium for construction will be replanted in other areas on campus, including the Cedar Grove Cemetery and the nine-hole Notre Dame Golf Course. Upon completion of the project, the University will replant trees surrounding the stadium.

Obama holds back on action in Syria

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama tamped down the prospect of imminent U.S. military action in Syria on Thursday, saying "we don't have a strategy yet" for degrading the violent militant group seeking to establish a caliphate in the Middle East.

The president spoke shortly before convening a meeting of his national security advisers to discuss a range of Pentagon options for confronting the Islamic State group. The U.S. is already striking militant targets in Iraq, and administration officials have said the president was considering similar action in neighboring Syria.

Obama's decision to speak on the matter Thursday appeared aimed at clarifying the speed with which he planned to decide on expanding the U.S. military response. While some officials have indicated the process would be fast-moving, the president suggested a longer timeline Thursday.

"We don't have a strategy yet," the president said. "I think that's not just my assessment, but the assessment of our military, as well. We need to make sure that we've got clear plans, that we're developing them."

The statement appeared certain to open up Obama to criticism from Republicans who have complained for

months that the president lacked a broad strategy for confronting militants in Iraq and Syria. White House officials quickly sought to clean up after the president, insisting that he was only talking about a lack of a clear military strategy in Syria, not a more wide-ranging approach to degrading the Islamic State.

But Obama's critics said it was both shocking and concerning to hear the president equivocate. House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, R-Mich., said the lack of urgency demonstrated that Obama still doesn't understand the extent of the threat posed by the Islamic State.

"It just confirmed what we've been talking about really for almost two years: There has been no real strategy," Rogers said.

Obama outlined the beginnings of what he called a "regional strategy" that could involve other nations and focus on political as well as military solutions. In blunt terms, the president said it was time for Middle Eastern nations to "stop being ambivalent" about the aims of extremist groups like the Islamic State.

"They have no ideology beyond violence and chaos and the slaughter of innocent people," Obama said, alluding to the group's announcement last week that it had killed American journalist James Foley. The militants

also have threatened to kill other U.S. hostages in Syria.

The president said he was dispatching Secretary of State John Kerry to the Middle East soon to discuss the matter with regional partners. Obama will also meet with world leaders in Europe next week during a NATO summit.

The heightened threat from the Islamic State comes at a time of instability elsewhere in the world that has challenged Obama's desire to keep the U.S. out of military conflicts. Russia has escalated its threatening moves in Ukraine, with Ukrainian officials accusing Russia on Thursday of entering its territory with tanks, artillery and troops.

Despite the increased tensions, Obama ruled out any military options in Ukraine and proposed no shift in an American-led strategy that has yet to convince Moscow to halt operations against its far weaker neighbor.

In outlining his strategy for confronting the Islamic State, the president said his top priority remains rolling back the militants' gains in Iraq, where he has said they pose a threat to U.S. personnel in Erbil and Baghdad.

"Our focus right now is to protect American personnel on the ground in Iraq, to protect our embassy, to protect our consulates, to make sure that critical infrastructure that could adversely affect our personnel is protected,"

he said.

Some of Obama's top military advisers have said the Islamic State cannot be defeated unless the U.S. also goes after the group inside Syria. The president didn't rule out that possibility, but said that if he were to expand the military mission, he would consult with members of Congress, who are due to return to Washington in early September.

However, the president did not commit to seeking a vote from Congress if he were to decide to proceed with military action. One year ago, Obama was on the verge of taking strikes against the Syrian government in retaliation for its use of chemical weapons, but abruptly shifted course and decided to seek congressional approval.

The surprise move threw his policy into chaos. Congress balked at Obama's request for a vote, contributing to his decision to ultimately scrap the strikes. The White House said it also abandoned plans to take military action after Syria agreed to give up its chemical weapons stockpiles.

This time, with the midterm elections just over two months away, lawmakers may be even less inclined to take a politically risky vote on military action.

"I see no reason to come to Congress because, if he does, it'll just become a circus," Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., said this week.

INSIDE COLUMN

Find a Grotto



Samantha Zuba
Assistant Managing Editor

This advice is for everyone as we start the 2014 school year:

Find a Grotto, and visit it as often as you can.

You don't have to go to the actual Grotto and pray, although that always is a rewarding experience and one that comes highly recommended. But find a place on campus that you love.

Maybe it's the Grotto; maybe it's your best friend's common room, a library study space or a particular sunny patch of grass on South Quad.

Find a place that makes you feel at home and be there whenever you can.

Take time out of your week to relax there.

Stop by when you have a spare moment.

You're not here for long, as I'm sure you know all too well. People like to tell you that about college, about Notre Dame.

You can come back for a football game after you graduate and experience Gameday all over again.

You can walk from your dorm to DeBart if you're that nostalgic and want to relive the trek to class.

You and your friends can have a reunion in front of Main Building.

But you can't go to those places every day once you've graduated. You can't wander past the Dome on a whim once you've left. The beautiful spaces of this campus will be available to you always but never as often or as richly as they are now, unless you return for another degree or to work here.

So take the time now to figure out which places touch your heart the most.

Soak in the opportunities and experiences available to you, everything from research grants to a night watching movies with your friends.

This isn't an idyllic paradise. Keep your eyes open for ways to make this campus better because Notre Dame isn't a perfect place.

But it's a good place.

As you begin a new year, find the spots on campus that express this most deeply to you.

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What's love got to do with it?

Scott Boyle
The Sincere Seeker

I recently attended the wedding of a friend from Notre Dame. Being there reminded me of a great feeling: that feeling you get when your favorite song comes on the radio or your iPod and it gets you amped and transports you to a different place.

You might also be familiar with what I call, "The Look." It usually only takes a couple of bars of music to materialize, but it's that moment where you realize that there is someone else in the room who gets your excitement. It's the moment where it becomes clear there's somebody else (usually a friend) who shares the understanding that next few minutes will register nothing short of "awesome" on the enjoyment Richter scale.

And so, you look at that friend and he/she looks back and you. In that moment, no words need to be spoken. It's a mutual experience of understanding. You know what's going to happen. You know both of you are going to sing at the top of your lungs and do the same "awesome" dance moves you've always done. And you know that you will look like a fool. But you're okay with it. They're the moves you've always done together, and it just wouldn't make sense to do them any other way.

Although I don't remember hearing it at the wedding, my song is Tina Turner's "What's Love Got to Do with It?"

I've given "The Look" and flailed my arms and legs foolishly countless times during this song. But while I love what comes over me during this song, I actually just really love the question: What DOES love have to do with it? With anything?

I've realized countless times that I really needed to wrestle with this question at certain points in my life. I've wrestled to overcome the lie that love did not have anything to do with my life, or that I had to do something to earn it. And those were the times I always seemed to hear the song.

Slowly but surely I've come to realize that each "hearing" of the song gave me the opportunities to see the truth of the question's answer -- that love really has EVERYTHING to do with it.

I started really wrestling with Tina's question at my high school dances, realizing that my search for love need not go far. I found love through the lives of my closest friends who showed me what unconditional love

looked like, from the setting of a stage. We learned to support one another through four years of dropped lines and missed cues. The scripts revealed our vulnerabilities, our weaknesses and our insecurities, but we picked each other up anyway.

And at Notre Dame, I wrestled with Tina's question in the Dome, in tents, in Lafortune and at the Backer. Although the "stage" was different, I realized again that my search for love needn't lead me far. There, surrounded by those I had travelled with, sang with, studied with and goofed off with, I saw the ever present truth of a love that I had so continually struggled to see. Here again was the answer to Tina's question, in the faces and hands of the people who saw me dance like a fool, but who, at the end of the night, still loved me anyway.

Yes, love has everything to do with it. Love had sustained me in the tough moments and given me joy in the good ones. And it continues to do so. Without the love of my high school and college friends, I wouldn't know who Scott Boyle was.

Dumbledore's words to Harry in "Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone" I think capture it well:

"Your mother died to save you. If there is one thing Voldemort cannot understand, it is love. He didn't realize that love as powerful as your mother's for you leaves its own mark. Not a scar, not a visible sign ...but to have been loved so deeply, even though the person who loved you is gone, will give us some protection forever."

And he continues in "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban:" "Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

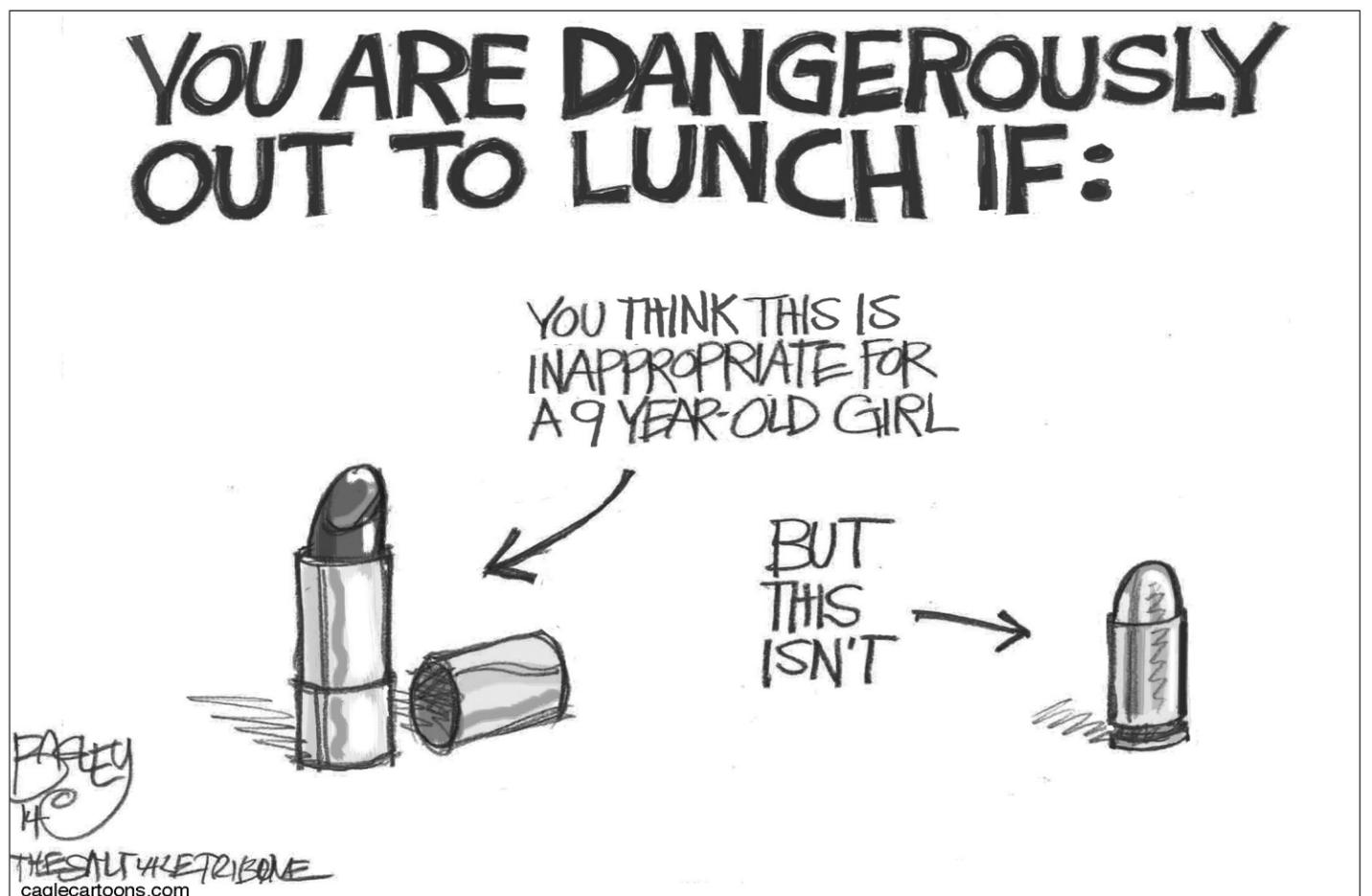
Perhaps we can make this a year of looking for love's light.

So, listen to music. Dance. Give "The Look." Act like a fool sometimes. I'd venture to guess that those moments (and the people in them) will be the "visible marks" that remind us of a great truth: there was a person whose love died to save us, and make us who we are too. Together, let's be the living answers to Tina's question, reminding everyone that God's love, which lives in people, really does have everything to do with it.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Treat students like adults

One crucial part of syllabus week is learning the nuances of your new professors: How strict are the word counts for the papers? Do I need to buy this textbook? Does he/she lecture the whole time or is it a discussion-based class? One of the more frustrating elements of the syllabi this semester is that the grading scheme and mechanism professors have devised seem to be more and more regulatory and elaborate.

As an example, in one of my courses, participation points are given based on a sticky note system in which each comment (regardless of the quality of the contribution toward the larger discussion) earns the student one sticky note that is equal to a participation point.

In another course, participation points are distributed by cold calling students who claim to be "present and prepared" for class that day by drawing popsicle sticks with students' names on them.

In a different course, discussion questions must be answered and turned in at the beginning of every class period to ensure that students are doing the readings.

In yet another course, the professor requires a copy of the death certificate or the obituary of the deceased for him to grant an excused absence from class for a funeral. In almost all of my courses, professors strictly forbid laptops because they find that students become distracted.

These are only a few examples of the rigorous oversight that is infiltrating Notre Dame's classrooms.

I understand that these rules exist to eliminate grading ambiguity and to discourage students who will take advantage of the system. However, we have now reached a level of over-regulation that has created a serious level of distrust between professors and students, as well as plenty of busy

work.

How can our school claim to be a premier educational institution when the classroom environment is in this state? We as students are here to learn and to gain critical skills that, especially for graduating seniors, will translate into various vocations.

Please, professors, put away the popsicle sticks and the sticky notes and get back to the real purpose of education: fostering dialogue in classrooms and guiding critical discussions around a particular topic to create lifelong learners who will leave this place and contribute to the world in a meaningful way.

Emily Mediate
senior
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Aug. 28

Together in the Alma Mater

We, Notre Dame Student Government and the Unity Council of the Notre Dame Football Team, have met to discuss the Alma Mater policy for home games. After a few weeks of correspondence and recognition of the discussion at hand, we came together to bridge the sentiments of our undergraduate student fans and our student athletes.

As a community, both sides of the table understood the significance of singing the Alma Mater to our school and our respect for one another. The football team greatly appreciates the unwavering support from students. Our brothers have explicitly stated that the focus is not on them but on us, as unified students of a great university.

Lauren Vidal
president
Notre Dame Student Body

Corey Robinson
athletics representative, Executive Cabinet
member, Unity Council

We also each recognized some of the challenges associated with guaranteeing that the team stay on the field even after a very tough loss.

We spoke in detail about these concerns, concerns that ranged from a feeling of embarrassment in letting the student fans down, to the few previous instances of players being booed off of the field. Our brothers, our football team, have chosen to remain after every home game, win or lose, to stand and sing the Alma Mater as one student body, united in mission and heart.

Students, we must choose to treat each player with the same respect. We must work to support our team even when the games are challenging or if there is a disappointing outcome.

Austin Collinworth
graduate student
Football Captain

Nick Martin
senior
Football Captain

The Alma Mater is a wonderful song praising Our Lady who unites all of us under one glorious banner: the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. We come together and ask that each of you understand our University's values and our emphasis on treating one another with respect in the classroom, and everywhere on this campus. Now we ask that you carry our love for one another onto the football field and into the stands, as well. Together we will make this a great season and together we will win. Let us be tender, strong and true to our mission, as peers, supporters, fans and players.

In Notre Dame,

Cam McDaniel
senior
Football Captain

Sheldon Day
junior
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By MARC DRAKE
Scene Writer

Hidden away on Eddy Street, past Chipotle, Five Guys and the Robinson Center, lies a secret gem from Central America: Girasol. Coming from the Spanish word for “sunflower,” the restaurant features various dishes from Latin America, including tamales and horchata. The most notable dish is the pupusa, a speciality of El Salvador consisting of a handmade corn tortilla filled with cheese, beans or pork.

Upon arrival to the restaurant, visitors are immediately greeted by a row of beautiful sunflowers and the restaurant’s smiling host and lone chef, Lucia. Housed in a converted barbecue restaurant, the tiny Girasol features two small areas for eating and a beautiful tapestry depicting a scene in El Salvador. Eagerly offering a smile, Lucia attentively takes each patrons order and diligently sets out to create the meal. Completely made to order, each pupusa is a reflection of Lucia’s devotion to her customers and food. The entirety of the time that someone is in Girasol, Lucia constantly makes sure everything is perfect, whether that be in the way the food

tastes or in making sure that everyone is happy in her restaurant. Garnished with curtido, a cabbage salad, and served with tomato salsa, each pupusa comes hot and fresh. Lucia prides herself on her traditional Salvadoran cuisine.

“There are other pupuserías in town, but many people come back to tell me they like mine the most,” Lucia proudly exclaims. If the wonderful food is not reason enough for these patrons to come back, the smiling woman in the blue apron should be enough to convince unsure guests of whether or not they should return.

While joking about my terrible Spanglish, Lucia begins to recount the story of Girasol and how she came to the United States. A resident of the United States for 31 years, Lucia originally left her home country because of the Salvadoran Civil War, which left over 70,000 dead and 8,000 missing. After settling in Maryland for 22 years, Lucia and her family chose to move to South Bend when her oldest daughter decided to attend Notre Dame. Lucia arrived in South Bend in 2006, and opened Girasol in 2007 after working as a housekeeper in Maryland. Though shy of her incredible proficiency

in English, Lucia credits generous neighbors and helping her children at school for her acquisition of the language. “There was a woman who helped me very much named Linda Cossi,” Lucia beams as she begins to think about her old friend. “She now lives in Minnesota and was very happy when we decided to move to South Bend, since we are closer to each other. She comes to visit every September!” When asked why she chose the name Girasol, Lucia gives all of the credit to a neighbor and her husband. After her husband planted sunflowers, a neighbor described how this would be a wonderful name for her new restaurant.

Although other eateries on Eddy Street may offer proximity and familiarity to students looking for off-campus dining options, Girasol is well worth the try. With phenomenal cuisine and a wonderful owner, Girasol sets the bar high for inexpensive eateries for students. Though the menu may be small, Girasol proves that it’s truly quality over quantity, and quality is something that Girasol certainly does right.

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a DIFFERENT KIND of VAMPIRE STORY



By **JOHN DARR**
Scene Writer

What happens to love if it exists for an eternity? After you and your soulmate have been everywhere, done everything you could ever imagine? After millions of sunsets and miles and funerals?

At the heart of Trophy Scars' mind-blowing new record "Holy Vacants" is a couple of vampires who are just beginning to glimpse the answers to such questions. Instead of seeing them falling in love or fighting some ancient war like so many fan fiction narratives popping up these days, we peer into the vampires' lives much farther down the road. The love between the two protagonists of "Holy Vacants" is strained, tainted by the angel blood they've been drinking to stay alive and weathered by the ages they've spent together. The violence and freedom of their eternal lives have eroded into despair and nostalgia for their lost mental youth. A propulsive story, incredible lyricism and excellent songwriting make "Holy Vacants" a

top contender for best album of 2014.

The story of "Holy Vacants" is carried by an exquisitely-crafted fusion of hard rock, blues and gospel. Trophy Scars' older records fall more into the category of hard-core rock, and the instrumental chops which gave them legitimacy in that genre, shine on their new record. Electric guitars and bass rumble and explode throughout the record, alternately ripping monstrous riffs and howling soulful notes. The drums crash and rumble as needed, providing a strong backbone for the rest of the ensemble. Finally, the vocals of John Ferrara flash from harsh growl to intimidating snarl to sensual croon to maximize the power of the album's narrative. Accompanying Ferrara's vocals is an angelic female choir, bringing a much-welcome brightness to the group's brand of heavy blues.

With all of the right instrumental ingredients in place, Trophy Scars is able to wring the full potential out of every track on the album. Opener "Extant" alternates between scandalously sexy guitar riffs and Ferrara's narrative scene-setting, allowing

both the musical and lyrical elements to shine as one. "Qeres" opens with a wicked guitar solo before careening into full-blown stomp-gospel, with Ferrara's voice grinding up against a soaring female choir in the background. "Archangel" is full-on blues, complete with an organ and a back-and-forth vocal chorus, and "Burning Mirror" nears metal territory with relentless guitar, pummeling drums and shifting time signatures. Throughout "Holy Vacants," Trophy Scars changes up song structures in order to keep their uniformly, unbridled sound fresh.

Given the amount of musical mayhem Trophy Scars cause, it's quite amazing that their vocals end up as one of the most impactful elements of their music. The story behind "Holy Vacants" is compelling enough to keep a listener's attention, and yet it is made even more captivating through vivid imagery and fresh phrasing. "Holy Vacants" has more than its fair share of brilliant lines, from its bait-and-switch opening: "At 6:00 AM I was counting large stacks of cash — you were feasting on

the body of an angel in a taxi cab," to the relationship-encapsulating "You are not alone, you're just lonely sometimes" on the penultimate track. The rich emotions and thoughts of the record's characters are captured beautifully; "To my display you speak the truth but only when you want me for yourself" and "We laughed for hours until we went silent and we knew what we did" are some particularly sharp highlights.

Unfortunately, there are too many peak moments to capture here in a mere music review and do "Holy Vacants" justice. It truly is a work of art, which stands out as one of 2014's most impressive accomplishments. Through a fresh take on blues-rock and on the ever-so-hip vampire narrative, Trophy Scars has managed to craft a compelling piece in genres which have threatened to grow stale. "Holy Vacants" is as close to an instant classic as rock has seen in years. Don't wait an eternity to proclaim it one yourself.

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WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY



What: Comedy on the Quad
When: 10:00 p.m.
Where: South Quad
How Much: Free

Courtesy of SUB, Demetri Martin is taking over Notre Dame with a stand-up routine tonight at 10:00 p.m. Best known for his work in "These Are Jokes," "Demetri Martin. Person." as well as his roles as Elliot Tiber in "Taking Woodstock" and as a correspondent in "The Daily Show," Martin has proven time and again his comedic genius and quick wit. And for the price of free.99, your Friday night just got a whole lot better.

SATURDAY



What: Notre Dame vs. Rice
When: 3:30 p.m.
Where: Notre Dame Stadium

The first game of the season. Everett Golson's return. The shocking suspension of several key players on both sides of the ball. Redemption for the past two seasons. The plotlines underlining the game are endless and not short of drama. However, what will truly matter is the final score by the end of four quarters, and with a squad galvanized in the face of adversity and Golson back to lead this team with a chip on his shoulder, the season opener is definitely the place to be.

SUNDAY



What: RecSports Biathlon
When: 10:00 a.m.
Where: St. Joseph Beach

Cap the first weekend of the year off with a very casual 2.5-mile biathlon. Run and swim and get the chance to truly appreciate the campus sights, while getting in a very good workout. Registration for the event is until 9:30 a.m. of race day. The biathlon has teams or individual trials for Men's, Women's and Co-Rec divisions, as well as Varsity and non-Varsity divisions.

SPORTSAUTHORITY

It's too little, too late for Goodell



Greg Hadley
Associate Sports Editor

Yesterday, according to an ESPN report, commissioner Roger Goodell sent a letter to NFL owners announcing new punishments for domestic violence: a six-game suspension for first-time offenders and a possible lifetime ban for a second violation.

Now, Goodell has drawn an enormous amount of criticism in his time as commissioner. There are problems with the league's substance abuse policy, its concussion protocol and the absurd amount of fines that get handed out. Heck, Saints tight end Jimmy Graham can't even dunk a football because Goodell is afraid he might pull the goalposts down. But he was completely correct with this decision. I only wish he had made it a little earlier.

Domestic violence is one of the most appalling crimes a person can commit, and there is absolutely no justification for it. When a person harms another human being they should be caring for, the mental scars last longer than the physical. Such a disgusting reversal of what should be a loving relationship is a heartrending betrayal that can leave victims with years of psychological problems. It would seem obvious the NFL does not endorse anything approaching this kind of behavior.

Yet less than two months ago, Goodell decided Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice only deserved a two-game suspension for knocking his then-fiancee unconscious and being charged with aggravated assault. Two games. An eighth of the NFL season. His total loss of income? About \$500,000, according to league sources. His contract is worth \$35 million.

How Goodell could have ever thought such a punishment was acceptable, is beyond me. This is the same commissioner who suspended Cleveland Browns receiver Josh Gordon for a season after Brown tested positive for marijuana a second time in his career.

Granted, Rice has acted considerably more repentant than Gordon, but substance abuse is a far cry from domestic violence. There shouldn't even be a comparison at all. The fact that Rice and his fiancee have since reconciled and married is no reason for such a minuscule punishment. Obviously none of us know everything about Rice's relationship with his wife, but by not suspending him for longer, the NFL missed an opportunity to show people that actions have

consequences. Domestic violence should not be tolerated in any way and refusing to discipline those who commit it in a meaningful way sends the message that the NFL doesn't really care what its players do.

Normally, I'm in favor of keeping professional athletes' personal lives separate from their play on the field. I don't watch a game because I think these guys are role models. I know that some of them are probably jerks, or worse. But this is different. Because violence against women — or any person for that matter — is never okay, and the kind of person that would do such a thing needs serious help, not a place on the football field. I get it, football is a violent sport. But that does not make it more important than real life, and people should be able to realize what's more important.

Michael Vick was suspended and went to jail for operating a dog-fighting ring. Doesn't Rice deserve something similar for abusing a fellow person, not to mention the woman he is supposed to love?

And while Goodell was right to admit his mistake now, Rice's incident is not the first chance he had to address such a serious topic. The suicide of Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher, who also murdered his girlfriend with their daughter in the next room, in 2012 was an opportunity for Goodell to let people know the NFL takes domestic violence seriously.

To be fair, Goodell acknowledged in the letter that he had made a mistake in Rice's case. But that doesn't mean the suspension will be lengthened. Rice will still be back in Week 3, which is a problem. It's a problem when the NFL takes drug tests more seriously than criminal charges. That has to change. This new policy is a good first step. Now Goodell should follow through on it.

I like Ray Rice, the football player. He's exciting and dynamic to watch. I look forward to seeing him play again one day. I also believe that he knows what he did was wrong and is sorry for it. I hope he follows Vick's example and becomes a vocal advocate against domestic violence. I hope he and his wife have a wonderful relationship. But if we want people to realize that domestic violence is inexcusable, two games is not enough.

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NFL | ATLANTA 24, JACKSONVILLE 14

Falcons take down rookie Bortles, Jaguars

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — T.J. Yates made a strong case to be Atlanta's backup quarterback Thursday night.

Yates threw for 243 yards and two touchdowns in a 24-14 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars in both teams' pre-season finale.

Yates had shown little in the team's first three exhibitions, completing 39.4 percent of his passes, with no touchdowns and two interceptions. Second-year player Sean Renfree posted better numbers and seemingly had an edge in the competition to be Matt Ryan's backup.

But Yates shined against the Jaguars.

His highlight throw was a 67-yard touchdown strike to Freddie Martino in the second quarter, a deep ball that put Atlanta up 21-7. His other TD came on a swing pass to Antone Smith, who broke several tackles during the 66-yard catch and run.

Yates completed 15 of 20 passes and was sacked twice.

Renfree was 9-of-12 passing for 62 yards.

Ryan didn't play, spending the game on the sideline with running back Steven Jackson and receivers Roddy White, Julio Jones and Harry Douglas. Defensive lineman Jonathan Babineaux also got the night off.

Jacksonville held out a number of first-teamers, too.

Quarterback Chad Henne, running back Toby Gerhart, safety Johnathan Cyprien, linebacker Paul Posluszny, left tackle Luke Joeckel, tight end Mercedes Lewis, defensive end Chris Clemons and defensive tackle Roy Miller were among the team's healthy scratches.

Kicker Josh Scobee, safety Winston Guy, cornerback Alan Ball, safety Craig Loston, right tackle Austin Pasztor, guard Zane Beadles, offensive tackle Josh Wells, tight end Clay Harbor and defensive tackle Sen'Derrick Marks were held out because of injuries.

With Henne resting, first-round draft pick Blake Bortles got the start for Jacksonville and extended his impressive preseason.

Bortles completed 4 of 6 passes for 86 yards, including a 57-yard TD strike to fellow rookie Marqise Lee on the first play of the second quarter.

"It was a good play," said Bortles, the third overall pick in May's draft. "I had him on a seam and threw a little later than I wanted to, but he did a good job staying alive and running down the field to make a play."

Bortles completed 32 of 51 passes for 521 yards in four exhibition games, with two touchdowns and no interceptions.

"I think it's going really well for us," Bortles said. "We've gone out wanting to do a couple of things this preseason, and we've accomplished a lot. We have a lot of work left to do, but I think everybody is happy with the preseason that we've had and is looking forward to getting ready for Week 1."

Despite Bortles' steady improvement, he's a lock to open the season on the bench behind Henne.

Henne ended the preseason 25-of-38 passing for 230 yards, with a touchdown and no interceptions.

More pressing questions for Jacksonville include the offensive line and the receiving corps.

Rookie center Luke Bowanko, a sixth-round pick from Virginia, started in place of Mike Brewster and looked sharp again. Brewster played in the second half and grounded a snap past quarterback Ricky Stanzi — his third bad snap of the preseason.

Receivers Tandon Doss (ankle) and Ace Sanders (leave of absence) made their preseason debuts, but Doss sustained another ankle injury and could be out a while. Sanders is suspended the first four games of the season for violating the league's substance-abuse policy.

Jacksonville rookie cornerback Rashaad Reynolds also left with a hand injury.

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MLB | BALTIMORE 5, TAMPA BAY 4

Orioles stretch lead in AL East

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — J.J. Hardy singled in the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-4 Thursday night to lengthen their lead in the AL East.

Steve Pearce homered for the Orioles, who took three of four from the sinking Rays. The victory, combined with the Yankees' loss to Detroit, put Baltimore seven games ahead of New York with 30 games remaining.

With the score 4-all in the seventh, Nelson Cruz doubled with two outs off Kirby Yates (0-2). After Chris Davis received an intentional walk, Hardy hit an opposite-field bloop to right that gave the Orioles their first lead.

Andrew Miller (4-5) pitched 1-2-3 hitless innings and Zach Britton worked a perfect ninth for his 29th save.

Evan Longoria homered and drove in two runs for the Rays, who lost their second

road series in the last 11. It was a rough night for Tampa Bay shortstop Yunel Escobar, who made two errors, went hitless and was struck in the hand with a pitch.

Tampa Bay used a two-run fifth to take a 4-2 lead. Longoria followed two singles with a sacrifice fly, and James Loney hit an RBI double.

The Orioles loaded the bases with one out in the bottom half and tied it when Escobar threw wildly to first base trying to complete a double play.

Earlier, Baltimore also answered a two-run uprising with one of its own.

For the fourth time in the series, the Rays scored first, this time in the first inning against Bud Norris. After Matt Joyce delivered a sacrifice fly, Longoria hit his 17th home run.

In the bottom half, Pearce hit a solo shot and Adam Jones stole home after Cruz forced a rundown by breaking for second base. It was Baltimore's first steal of home since Robert Andino did it in June 2009.

NFL | BALTIMORE 22, NEW ORLEANS 13

Tucker leads Ravens

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Kicker Justin Tucker was among the few Ravens regulars who did not get the night off for the final exhibition game.

His performance was also one of the reasons the Ravens finished the preseason with a perfect record.

Tucker hit five field goals of distances ranging from 24 to 45 yards, and the Ravens beat the New Orleans Saints 22-13 on Thursday night.

Baltimore (4-0) found the end zone only once on Tyrod Taylor's 8-yard pass to Deonte Thompson, but that was enough against the Saints (3-1), who struggled to score while quarterback Drew Brees got the night off.

Brees' backup, Luke McCown, completed all four of his passes, including a short touchdown toss to Travaris Cadet on his only series. But New Orleans managed only two more field goals by Derek

Dimke after Ryan Griffin relieved McCown in the first quarter.

Both clubs gave many starters the night off. Taylor started for the Ravens, completing 10 of 17 passes for 105 yards, a TD and an interception.

The Saints decision to rest Brees, who had strained a left oblique muscle early in camp, means he'll head into the regular season having played a total of three offensive series in the preseason. He played only the first quarter of last week's game at Indianapolis, leading two touchdown drives.

The Saints did play 36-year-old, 12-time Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey. Because of a foot injury, he'd made his preseason debut only a week earlier, and what role he'll play during the regular season remains unclear. He played only the first quarter against Baltimore, giving up a 7-yard completion.

Quarterback Joe Flacco did not take a snap. Running back Ray Rice also

did not play.

Taylor played the entire first half, leading four scoring drives, and Baltimore led 16-13 at halftime.

Keith Wenning took over under center in the second half, going 8 of 13 for 117 yards. The Ravens gained 214 yards on the ground, with Fitzgerald Toussaint rushing for 103 yards and Lorenzo Taliaferro 88. Baltimore outgained New Orleans in total yards 436-190.

McCown passed for 29 yards on his lone drive, which was helped by two personal fouls on Baltimore.

Griffin, a second-year pro out of Tulane trying to wrest the backup job from the veteran McCown, played the rest of the way, going 11 for 21 for 126 yards. He was not intercepted and was sacked once.

The Saints, founded in 1967, have never made it through a preseason without a loss. However, they did go 3-1 in the 2009 season, the same season they won their only Super Bowl.

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NCAA FOOTBALL | TEXAS A&M 52, SOUTH CAROLINA 28

Hill breaks Manziel's record

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Kenny Hill looked more than ready to replace Johnny Manziel on the field. He is still getting used to the attention that goes along with the job.

Hill broke Manziel's single-game passing record with 511 yards and No. 21 Texas A&M beat No. 9 South Carolina 52-28 on Thursday night, ending the Gamecocks' 18-game home win streak.

Hill looked poised and confident in his first start, leading the Aggies (1-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) to the most total and passing yards against South Carolina. The sophomore completed 44 of 60 passes with three touchdowns.

The hardest part of his night came after the celebration on the field.

"I just wanted to get the first press conference over with," said Hill, who hadn't spoken with reporters before. "I get nervous up here."

That's a far cry from Manziel, a lightning-rod personality quick to speak his mind and gesture to crowds and opponents. Johnny Football rode his flashy style all the way to the Heisman Trophy in his freshman year, and one of the Aggies' biggest worries was if they could find the same rhythm with a different leader.

Hill made it clear they could.

"We aren't a one-trick pony," Aggies coach Kevin Sumlin said.

But Hill would like a different nickname: "I don't really like 'Kenny Football.'"

Hill helped Texas A&M to a 31-14 halftime lead and finished up with the most passing yards allowed in Steve Spurrier's 10 seasons with the Gamecocks (0-1, 0-1).

"I think we all had a chip on our shoulders," Texas A&M defensive lineman Julien Obioha said.

The Gamecocks played their first game since the departure of star defensive end Jadeveon Clowney — and it showed. South Carolina gave up seven TDs on A&M's first 11 possessions.

Tra Carson ran for three touchdowns and receiver Malcome Kennedy had 14 catches for 137 yards. The Aggies piled up 680 yards of offense, the most South Carolina's given up since Arkansas went for 650 in 2007.

Manziel held five of the Aggies' six best single-game passing marks, topped by his 464 yards in a loss to Alabama last season. Hill moved past them all with his flawless showing on the road.

"That team was so much

better than us, it wasn't funny," said Spurrier, trying for his 200th victory as an SEC coach. "They out-coached us, out-played us, they were better prepared and they knew what they were doing."

Hill's 44 completions were also a single-game school record, moving past Jerrod Johnson's mark against Oklahoma State in 2010.

Hill and the Aggies essentially put this one away in the first half, scoring on five of six possessions. Hill, who played just four games last year in mop-up duty, looked at ease against the Gamecocks and their young defense.

Hill completed passes to 12 receivers, most of them running free in a rebuilt secondary.

South Carolina, coming off three straight 11-2 seasons, had hoped to kick off a run to the conference title in a Thursday night showcase game on the startup SEC Network.

Manziel, taken 22nd overall by Cleveland, was among three Texas A&M players picked in the first round last May. And the Aggies showed they could still operate without last year's standouts.

"We were ready to prove everyone wrong," Hill said. "We were ready to show we could play without Johnny."

Malcome Kennedy had 10 catches for 85 yards in the first two quarters, allowing Aggie fans to rest easy about star Mike Evans moving on to Tampa Bay.

The offensive line provided plenty of time for Hill despite Jake Matthews heading to the NFL's Atlanta Falcons.

The Aggies got going on their first possession, and Carson finished a 67-yard drive with 1-yard TD.

South Carolina stayed close on two long scoring throws of 69 and 46 yards by new starting quarterback Dylan Thompson, the second to Damiere Byrd that helped the Gamecocks close to 17-14.

But Hill and the Aggies were relentless, pressing forward through South Carolina's Clowney-less defense.

Hill, the son of ex-major league pitcher Ken Hill, led TD drives of 75 and 80 yards in the final nine minutes before the half.

The 393 yards of A&M offense at the half were more than South Carolina's defense had allowed in nine of 13 games a year ago.

Thompson passed for 366 yards and four touchdowns. Mike Davis, the Gamecocks' 1,000-yard rusher, had 15 yards in the first half before re-injuring his ribs and sitting out the rest of the way.

NFL | CLEVELAND 33, CHICAGO 13

Hoyer leads Browns to win

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Brian Hoyer drove Cleveland's starting offense to a rare preseason touchdown before turning things over to rookie Johnny Manziel in the Browns' 33-13 exhibition win over the Chicago Bears on Thursday night.

Hoyer and Cleveland's offensive starters needed a boost after struggling in the preseason as they learn a new system. Hoyer went 6 of 8 for 69 yards on the opening drive against Chicago's backups before Ben Tate scored on a 1-yard run.

It was just the second TD for Cleveland's first-team offense this summer and a confidence builder for Hoyer, who barely beat out Manziel for the starting job.

Manziel threw a TD pass, finished 6 of 17 for 83 yards, ran for 55 and did some typical Johnny Football improvising.

Bears wide receiver Antonio Holmes caught a 32-yard TD pass from rookie David Fales and returned a punt 30. Holmes only signed with the Bears on Aug. 16.

Rookie running back Isaiah Crowell had a 48-yard TD and finished with 102 for the Browns (1-3). Billy Cundiff

made four field goals.

Browns coach Mike Pettine had little choice but to play his starters in the fourth preseason game following a horrific performance in a loss to St. Louis.

Hoyer and Cleveland's offense were desperate for a positive of any kind with the season opener against Pittsburgh just 10 days away. And although the early TD came against Chicago's second- and third-stringers, the first unit's 13-play, 85-yard march was something to build upon.

On Wednesday, the Browns learned they'll be without Pro Bowl wide receiver Josh Gordon, suspended for the season for another violation of the NFL's substance-abuse policy. Cleveland loses its best player and only deep threat.

The Browns could be forced to trade for a wide receiver. But Nate Burleson should help. He played for the first time in the preseason and caught a 27-yarder from Manziel, who was at his Johnny Football finest on the play in the second quarter.

Manziel danced around in the backfield, dodging several Bears before throwing a strike to Burleson, who has been slowed by a hamstring

injury. That play set up Manziel's 1-yard toss to tight end Jim Dray.

Bears coach Marc Trestman rested starting quarterback Jay Cutler and backup Jimmy Clausen, giving Fales, a sixth-round pick from San Jose State, a chance to convince the Bears they should carry three QBs.

Fales made a good case for himself, finishing 13 of 24 for 146 yards.

Holmes is trying to catch on with the Bears after four turbulent seasons with the Jets. He was released in March following two sub-par, injury-plagued seasons. The 2009 Super Bowl MVP with Pittsburgh hasn't played a complete season since 2011, and made just 43 receptions in the past two seasons.

Holmes, 30, showed he's still got some breakaway speed on his TD grab. He hauled in a short pass from Fales, spun away from two Cleveland defenders, including rookie cornerback Justin Gilbert, and scampered into the end zone untouched for a 10-7 lead.

Bears rookie running back Jordan Lynch, a star quarterback at Northern Illinois, had 18 yards on six carries. He's a long shot to make Chicago's 53-man roster.

NCAA FOOTBALL | MISSISSIPPI 35, BOISE STATE 13

Ole Miss blows by Boise St.

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Bo Wallace threw four touchdowns passes in a sloppy season opener, and No. 18 Mississippi pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat Boise State 35-13 on Thursday night.

Shaking off Wallace's three first-half interceptions, the Rebels (1-0) got the victory before a sparse crowd in the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game. But it was hardly the sort of convincing performance they were hoping for entering the season with their highest ranking since 2009.

Ole Miss led only 7-6 entering the fourth quarter before finishing off Boise State (0-1) when Wallace threw for TDs on three consecutive throws, ruining the debut of new Broncos coach Bryan Harsin.

Cody Core hauled in a pair of TDs: a 30-yarder in the final minute of the first quarter, then a 76-yarder midway through the fourth after grabbing a short pass on a slant route and breaking free down the middle of the field.

Also in the final period, Wallace went to Laquon Treadwell for a 14-yard TD

and hooked up with Quincy Adebeyejo on a 31-yard scoring play.

That was more than enough against Boise State, which was coming off its worst season since 1998 (8-5) and seems to have lost its BCS-busting swagger. The Broncos had first-and-goal at the Ole Miss 1 in the second quarter, ran three straight plays that lost a total of 2 yards, and settled for a field goal. More telling, when still in the game and facing fourth-and-3 at the Rebels 40, they took a delay of game and punted the ball away.

For much of the night, neither team looked as if it was ready for the season. Wallace's three picks before halftime were matched by his Boise State counterpart, Grant Hedrick. For good measure, both QBs also had one picked off in the end zone, ruining good scoring chances.

But the poor play went beyond a bunch of errant throws. Ole Miss was flagged for moving too soon on its first two attempts at getting off an offensive snap — and wound up being called for a

staggering seven false-start penalties in the first half. The Rebels couldn't blame the crowd for being too noisy, either. The upper deck at the Georgia Dome wasn't even used for a turnout announced at 32,823.

Boise State was even worse, hardly looking like the powerhouse that former coach Chris Petersen built before bolting for Washington after last season. Harsin, a former Broncos quarterback and offensive coordinator under Petersen during the glory days, watched his offense managed only a pair of field goals before a meaningless touchdown in the closing minutes.

Hedrick threw his fourth interception early in the fourth quarter, which pretty much finished off Boise State. Two plays later, Wallace found Adebeyejo open at the 10, and he easily broke away from a couple of would-be tacklers who did little more than stick out their arms.

Wallace finished 25 of 36 for 387 yards. Treadwell hauled in seven passes for 105 yards, while Core had 110 yards on four receptions.

Hedrick was 36 of 46.

SMC SOCCER

SMC hosts Bethel to open season

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's opens up its season at home Friday at 5 p.m., when they face cross-town foe Bethel College. The Belles, ranked 4th in the MIAA preseason coaches poll, look to secure victory against the Pilots in a non-conference matchup.

The Pilots (0-1-0) ended last season with a 7-9-1 mark, and started off this season with a 7-3 loss to Trinity International University. Bethel's match against the Belles is its only away game until Sept. 12. Last season, the Pilots emerged victorious over Saint Mary's in a 1-0 decision.

After posting a 10-7-3 record in 2013, Saint Mary's hopes to continue its streak

of three consecutive seasons of 10 wins or more. The Saint Mary's defense was well represented on the all-MIAA first team last year, as goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum, defenders Kerry Green and Mary Kate Hussey, all seniors, were first team selections. These seniors, along with six other seniors and three juniors, will form the backbone of the Belles' veteran squad.

On Sunday, Saint Mary's will conclude its opening weekend with a matchup against Mount St Joseph's. The Lions finished with a 4-14-1 record last season and start this season with three games in three days, concluding with the Belles. It will mark the first time the two squads have met in Saint Mary's history.



Observer File Photo

Saint Mary's junior midfielder Maggie McLaughlin wards off defenders during the Belles' 4-1 victory over Illinois Tech on Sept. 2. McLaughlin started 19 games for the Belles in 2013.

SMC GOLF

Belles take aim at MIAA title, NCAA qualifier

By MANNY DE JESUS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will make a push for the MIAA conference title this year after finishing second in last season's MIAA NCAA championship qualifying rounds.

The Belles also finished in second place in the MIAA during the fall season behind Olivet. They averaged 335.4 strokes per round in the fall and 340.7 strokes in the NCAA qualifying rounds. With Kimberly Moore going into her second season as head coach, Saint Mary's has already set winning the MIAA conference title as their primary goal, senior Janice Heffernan said.

Heffernan, the squad's lone senior, junior Katie Zielinski and sophomores Ali Mahoney, Courtney Carlson and Rachel Kim will lead the team this season as the returning players for the Belles. Mahoney, Heffernan and Zielinski led the squad with the top-three lowest averages from last fall. Each golfer shot under 90 strokes per invitational.

Heffernan said she will have much more responsibility placed on her this season as the Belles' oldest player.

"Being the only senior on the

team forces me to take on a larger leadership role," Heffernan said. "It would've been nice to have someone else in my class on the team, but I love all of my teammates. The team is very young with only one senior and one junior so it's important to set a good example for the other players."

Heffernan was only one of six golfers in the MIAA to win the WGCA All-American Scholar award, which means she was able to compete in at least 12 rounds while posting an average of 95 strokes per round or lower, while maintaining at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average over the course of her collegiate academic career. It was the third time in her career that she had earned the honor.

"I like to lead by example so that means practicing hard each day but also maintaining my academic goals," Heffernan said. "I put a lot of time into golf but academic performance is also important to me."

In addition to holding herself to high expectations off the golf course, Heffernan said she expects nothing less than a conference championship this season along with a win in the MIAA NCAA qualifier in the spring.

"My goal for our team is to

win conference this fall and then win the MIAA NCAA qualifier in the spring," Heffernan said. "I think we have a very good chance of accomplishing those goals. We have to work hard the next few weeks before MIAA conference tournaments begin, but I am optimistic about this season."

To accomplish this ambition, the Belles will have to contend with Olivet, who is coming off its third MIAA conference championship in a row. Regardless of the tough competition, Heffernan said she is optimistic about her team's potential this year.

"I want to focus on lowering my average and our team's average," Heffernan said. "Since it is my senior year, I want to finish up playing the best golf of all four years. However, golf isn't an individual sport so we really need five consistent players at every tournament. I think if we really work hard and maintain focus we will have a successful season."

The Belles will get their chance to start off on the right foot this weekend at the Olivet Labor Day Tournament in Olivet, Mich.

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NFL | MINNESOTA 19, TENNESSEE 3

Bridgewater leads Vikings to win

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Letting the rookie quarterbacks play and keeping the starters on the sideline may have been the best decisions Vikings coach Mike Zimmer and Titans coach Ken Whisenhunt made all night.

Teddy Bridgewater threw a touchdown in his first NFL start, Joe Banyard ran for 111 yards and the Vikings wrapped up a perfect preseason beating the Tennessee Titans 19-3 on Thursday night.

Blair Walsh kicked four field goals, and the Vikings' defense had three sacks in a game where both coaches protected their starters by keeping them safely on the sidelines as a storm drenched LP Field most of the first half. Lightning less than 3 miles away delayed the kickoff of Temple at Vanderbilt.

Titans quarterback Jake Locker and Matt Cassel of the Vikings both dressed and warmed up. Locker didn't bring his helmet out for kickoff with Zach Mettenberger getting his first start, while the Vikings also went with their rookie. Vikings running back Adrian Peterson warmed up, too, but he sat a fourth straight preseason game.

Those starters spent the night watching teammates finish up the preseason, many holding towels over their heads against the rain. Defensive lineman Jurrell Casey, who signed a \$36 million extension Wednesday, at least got some action in high-fiving the Titans as they ran

into the field for kickoff.

Zimmer, who interviewed for the Titans' head coaching job before Tennessee hired Ken Whisenhunt, finished off the Vikings' seventh undefeated preseason and first since 2001. Zimmer announced Monday that Cassel will start at quarterback Sept. 7 when Minnesota opens at St. Louis. Bridgewater showed why he will be ready if the Vikings decide to make a change during the season.

Bridgewater escaped two would-be sacks on the opening drive, and drove the Vikings 80 yards over more than 6 minutes. He completed 3 of his 4 passes and capped the drive with a 3-yard TD pass to Adam Thielen. Bridgewater played two series and was 4 of 9 for 17 yards with a touchdown.

Walsh kicked three field goals in the first half as the Vikings scored on their first four drives with only Ponder kneeling down on the final play of the first half the only time they didn't finish with points.

Banyard did most of the damage, ripping through the Titans' backups over and over again. Banyard had 69 yards on 11 carries in the first quarter alone, and the second-year pro out of Texas-El Paso who has never carried in the regular season made his case with all 111 yards on 18 carries in the first half.

Christian Ponder, the 12th overall pick in 2011, took over in the second quarter for Bridgewater. Ponder was 12 of 15 for 121 yards in his most play this preseason.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

ND opens season in Minnesota

By **ANDREW ROBINSON**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is set to begin its regular season this weekend with the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, and 'challenge' is certainly an appropriate title for its two opening match-ups. On Friday, the Irish square off against No. 12 Minnesota, followed by a match against No. 6 Wisconsin on Saturday.

Louisville will join Notre Dame as the other ACC representative in the Challenge.

After ending with a 13-18 record overall and a 7-13 mark in the ACC last year, Notre Dame was recently voted 11th in the preseason ACC rankings. The Irish will face a major test heading into the first games of the season, Irish coach Debbie Brown said.

"It's obviously a very challenging opening for us, [but] we like playing strong competition," Brown said. "When it's the first matches, we're trying to prepare our team just to play for [the rest of] the season."

Minnesota, the host of this weekend's event, finished second in the Big Ten last year with a 29-7 record overall and a 15-5 record in conference. Wisconsin finished just behind the Golden Gophers in third at 28-10 overall and 12-8 in the Big Ten. Each team has two players who were named to the preseason all-Big Ten team: Senior Adrianna Nora and sophomore Hannah Tap for the Gophers and senior Ellen Chapman and sophomore Lauren Carlini for the Badgers.

For Notre Dame, senior middle blocker and right side specialist Jeni Houser was recently named to the preseason all-ACC team for her third consecutive preseason all-conference recognition. The Irish return nine players from last season and have a large incoming class of six freshmen.

With such a young team, integrating new players and building team chemistry has been a major focus of the Irish preseason, and Brown said she thinks that will continue to develop in these first few games.

"One of the fun things about

the first weekend is that ... you just go in and play volleyball," she said. "Until you go out there and play, it's just about us getting in a good rhythm, being confident with each other and developing the team chemistry."

Freshmen libero Natalie Johnson and middle blocker Sam Fry are slated to be part of the starting lineup, and Brown also cited senior outside hitter Meg Vonderhaar as a player who has been impressive during preseason and could have a major impact in the upcoming games.

"It's kind of fun when you have [the freshmen] coming in and stepping up," she said. "We like what they're doing."

While Brown said the team is ready for the season to start, she also acknowledged that there are plenty of improvements to be made along the way.

"We're nowhere close to peaking, that's for sure, and you don't want to be [at the start of the season]," she said. "This is a team that's very eager to learn, very coachable, so they're absorbing a lot and each day we're getting better. ... We know that we're not even close to where we're going to be in a month or even two months and that's exciting."

The Irish open their season Friday at 8 p.m. against Minnesota and play again Saturday at 5 p.m. against Wisconsin. Both games will be held at the Minnesota Sports Pavilion in Minneapolis.

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Irish senior outside hitter Meg Vonderhaar follows through on a hit during Notre Dame's 3-0 exhibition loss to Polish club team Dabrowa on Sept. 8.

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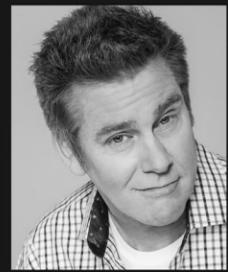


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Cousins, Washington get better of Tampa Bay

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Kirk Cousins didn't get a chance to add any fuel to the idea that there is an unlikely quarterback controversy brewing in Washington.

Redskins coach Jay Gruden rested both struggling Robert Griffin III and backup Cousins in Thursday night's 24-10 preseason-ending victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Third-stringer Colt McCoy played the entire game for Washington (3-1), throwing for 321 yards, two touchdowns and a pair of end-zone interceptions that stopped promising

drives.

Ryan Grant scored on a 2-yard reception for the Redskins, and Lache Seastrunk turned a short pass into an 80-yard TD that gave Washington a 17-3 lead in the fourth quarter.

McCoy finished 22 of 29 and was sacked once.

Mike Kafka played most of the game for Tampa Bay, throwing for 86 yards and one TD — a 25-yarder to Solomon Patton in the fourth quarter.

Griffin has labored this preseason as he attempts transition into a more traditional pocket-passer under Gruden, who replaced Mike Shanahan

after last season.

Cousins has looked much more comfortable in Washington's new system, raising questions about whether he might be a better fit for the starting role.

Gruden briefly gave some consideration to playing Griffin for a series or two Thursday night to give his quarterback a chance to end the preseason on a positive note.

Instead, he will have to wait until the team's Sept. 7 opener at Houston to move past the ugly numbers he posted last week in his final tuneup against Baltimore: 5 of 8 passing for 20 yards, no touchdowns, an interception, three sacks and a fumbled snap.

Washington's first-team offense did not score a TD in roughly four quarters of work this preseason.

Tampa Bay also rested starting quarterback Josh McCown, and his backup, second-year pro Mike Glennon, only played one series. In fact, the only regulars who played for either team were Tampa Bay guards Oniel Cousins and Patrick Omah, one of whom undoubtedly will lose his starting spot with the arrival of six-time Pro Bowler Logan Mankins.

MEN'S GOLF

Kickoff Challenge opens fall season

By KIT LOUGHRAN
Sports Writer

The Irish tee off their fall season at the Notre Dame Kickoff Challenge on Sunday at Warren Golf Course.

A seventh-place finish in its inaugural ACC season paired with an intense summer schedule leaves Notre Dame in a position ready to return to competition, Irish coach James Kubinski said.

"This is the earliest competition we've ever undertaken, but we just want to keep all those players who played strong summer tournament schedules on a good roll," Kubinski said. "The goal is to avoid any transition from summer to team play by affording our guys an almost-immediate opportunity to compete."

The Irish will compete against Ball State and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). The Kickoff Challenge marks the first tournament of the year for these teams as well.

Senior Zach Yinger leads the Ball State squad into this tournament with a 79.67 scoring average last season and a recent victory this July at the Miami Valley Golf Association Metropolitan Championship in Ohio. The duo of seniors Santiago Ruiz and Jose Pablo Seguro returns to the starting lineup for IUPUI. Respectively, the players held scoring averages of 75.40 and 74.52 last season.

Like the Irish, Ball State and IUPUI return only a handful of veteran golfers this season. This weekend will be important for the Irish to see the potential of their younger roster, senior Patrick Grahek said.

"This tournament provides an opportunity for the players on our team who haven't had travel experience to show they are improving and want to be on the squad," Grahek said. "We are trying to get some experience under our belt for the younger guys and from that gage the rest of team."

Junior Cory Sciupider and sophomore Matt Rushton will accompany Grahek in leading the Irish on Sunday. Sciupider posted a 75.93 scoring average last season, while Rushton tallied a 74.70 average over 30 rounds in his freshman campaign. For these returning starters, as well as the underclassmen behind them, the biggest challenge this weekend is not their opponents; it's themselves, Kubinski said.

"The biggest challenge for us this week though, given the natural excitement for any team starting a season, is to come out trusting our own games and not trying to be too good or too perfect," Kubinski said. "We must come out playing the game as we do throughout the year."

This competition will also challenge the team with 36 holes of competition packed into a single day.

"The 36-hole day is over nine hours of competition, which requires extended focus and stamina," Kubinski said. "They'll walk and carry a golf bag over about eight miles in total. Our guys will need to rest up the nights leading up to Sunday and do a good job of staying hydrated."

Though the Irish will have to adjust to this style of play, they do have the advantage of competing on their home course, which Grahek said the team is looking forward to.

"We usually play a 36-hole invite in the regular schedule, so we were excited about this extra opportunity to compete, especially on our home course," Grahek said. "We are hoping to beat these schools and are looking to start showing some domination at our home course before we host our home tournament [the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic on Sept. 28-30]."

The Irish start their 2014-2015 campaign Sunday at the Notre Dame Kickoff Challenge at the Warren Golf Course.

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different compared to the rest of the schedule. Notre Dame plays just five teams this year that failed to receive a vote in the preseason coaches' poll. Adding to that competition, the Irish will play three players on the watch list for the Hermann Trophy, the award presented to college soccer's top player, this weekend.

In its first game, Notre Dame will face Marquette redshirt junior forward James "C." Nortey. The Accra, Ghana native scored 10 goals and recorded two assists last year for the Golden Eagles en route to a Big East conference tournament title and a spot in the NCAA tournament Sweet 16.

On Sunday, the Irish will have to contend with two Hermann Trophy watch list members when they take on Georgetown. The Hoyas are led up front by junior forward Brandon Allen — who is coming off an 11-goal campaign in 2013 — and in back by sophomore defender Joshua Yaro. In Yaro's 17 appearances last year for Georgetown, he and his teammates slotted 12 clean sheets.

However, the Irish have their own member on the Hermann Trophy watch list in senior midfielder and team captain Nick Besler.

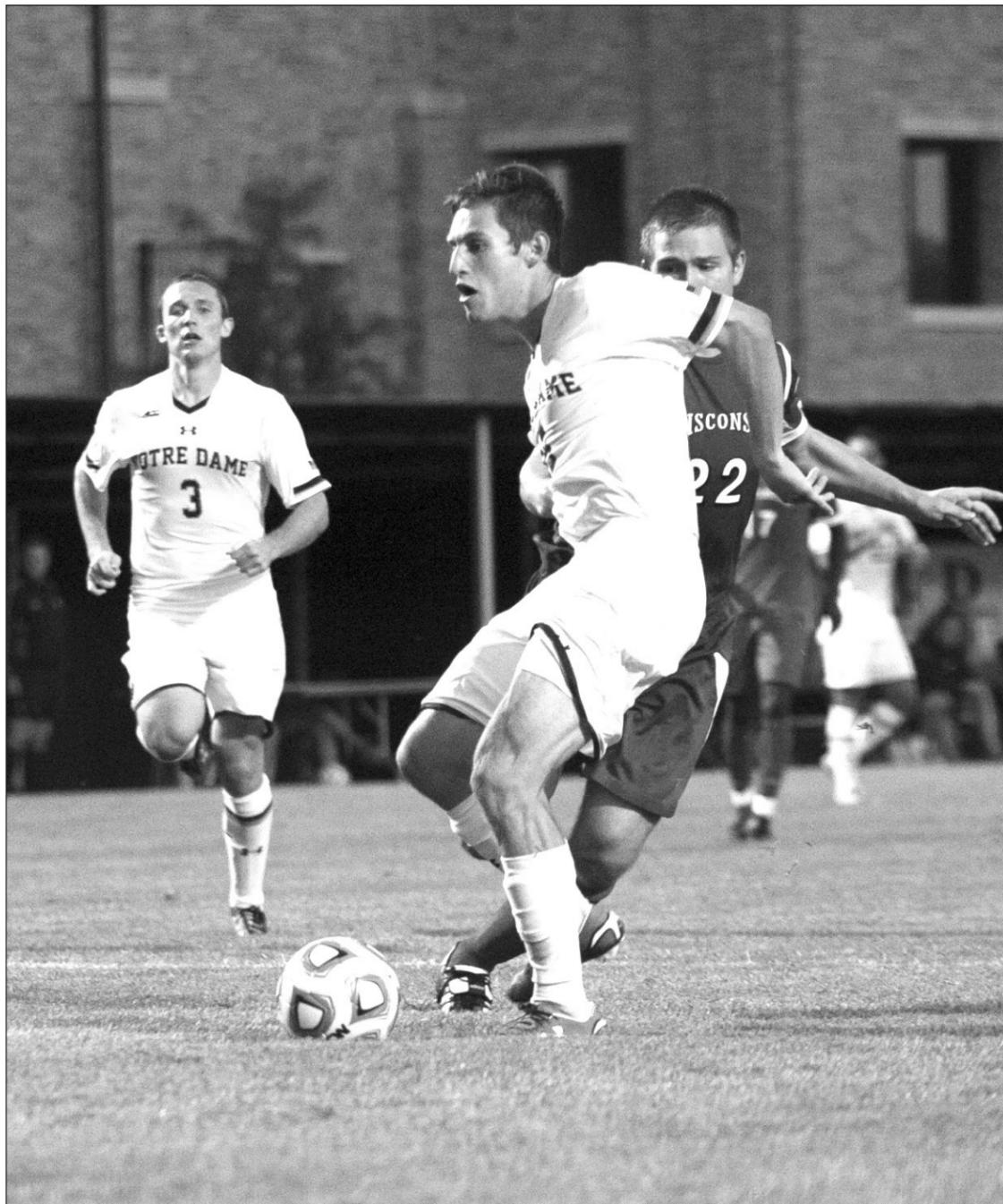
But while Besler is back for this season, a couple of key players are not — Grant Van de Castele and Harrison Shipp have both moved on to professional careers in the MLS. Clark said that while his team will be looking to replace Shipp, he does not expect graduate student forward Leon Brown to be Shipp's replica.

"Leon will start off in [Shipp's] role, and he'll be different," Clark said. "Leon's just has to be Leon and play Leon to the full, and that's the key. You've got to play who you are."

And while Brown played more of a "super-sub" role last year for the Irish, making 24 appearances while starting just three games, he made an impact on offense. The forward netted five goals and added three assists and was clutch in crucial moments of last season. Brown scored both Irish goals in the tournament-clinching, 2-1 victory over Southern Methodist at the IU Classic last year and tallied the equalizer in Notre Dame's 2-1 national title game victory over Maryland.

Looking to take their third consecutive Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic championship, the Irish begin their campaign to defend the title Friday against Marquette at 5 p.m.

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Irish junior midfielder Evan Panken sets up his shot on goal in Notre Dame's 5-1 victory against Wisconsin on Monday at Alumni Stadium. Panken scored a goal in the win over the Badgers.

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and the Trojans, Romagnolo said.

"We have some pretty good players up front in terms of pace and one-[on]-one ability," Romagnolo said. "We've got great leadership players out of the back who have a lot of experience and have seen some different systems, who should be able to direct and organize the play in front of them."

Romagnolo also emphasized

that the games will be a team effort, saying she foresees contributions from every player.

"I expect a lot of everybody," Romagnolo said. "I expect us to be strong up the middle, I expect our wide players to get forward and get crosses, I expect our forwards to make things happen in the final third [of the field] and I expect players off the bench to step up and have an impact."

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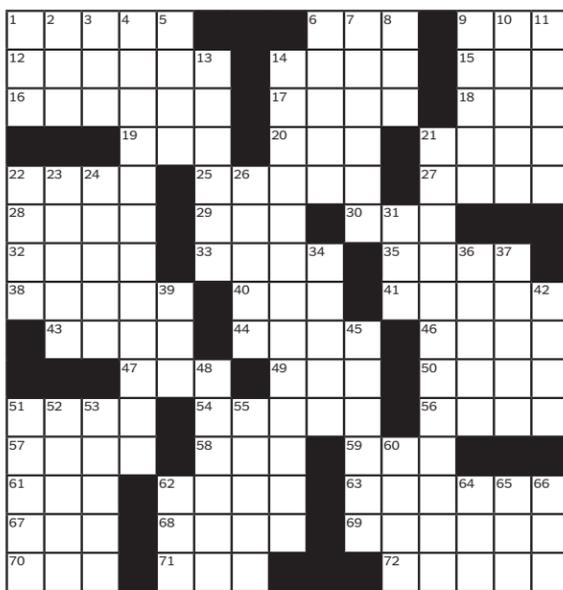
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 - 6 Pro bono promo, for short
 - 9 It may have many jets
 - 12 Tight squeeze
 - 14 Pirate portrayer of film
 - 15 Keyboard key
 - 16 "I was wrong ... big whoop"
 - 17 Abbr. accompanying 0
 - 18 "___ luck?"
 - 19 Pound, as potatoes
 - 20 Milk, in a way
 - 21 Nasties
 - 22 Captain von ___ (musical role)
 - 25 Overzealous
 - 27 Some arm exercises
 - 28 Something requiring little study
 - 29 Sick
 - 30 Mind
- DOWN**
- 1 Scale abbr.
 - 2 Classified inits.
 - 3 2012 rap Grammy nominee for "Life Is Good"
 - 4 14-Down starring Jack Lemmon
 - 5 Keeps one's mouth shut?
 - 6 Beverage introduced as Brad's Drink
 - 7 Maker of the LZR Racer suit
 - 8 Loan letters
 - 9 Football Hall-of-Famer Bart
 - 10 Comic part
 - 11 Bottomless pit
 - 13 Triple Crown winner of 1934
 - 14 Drive-in theater draw ... with a literal hint to 4- and 21-Down
 - 21 14-Down starring Frank Sinatra
 - 22 Brewed beverages
 - 23 Bob Marley, e.g.
 - 24 Sean of "The Lord of the Rings"
 - 26 Viva voce
 - 31 A.L. East team, on scoreboards
 - 34 Little fella
- ACROSS**
- 32 Mary of early Hollywood
 - 33 Says, informally
 - 35 Garden spot
 - 38 Wetlands birds
 - 40 "V" vehicle
 - 41 Grab suddenly
 - 43 Broadway's "Me ___ Girl"
 - 44 Burrows, e.g.
 - 46 Grab suddenly
 - 47 Note
 - 49 Carpenter ___
 - 50 Annual literary award
 - 51 ___ Carpenter
 - 54 Horny devil
 - 56 Psychoactive drug used in medicine
 - 57 Insurance worker
 - 58 Mainframe brain, for short
 - 59 Nabisco offering
 - 61 Cooking spray
 - 62 Diane of "Numb3rs"
 - 63 Perk for a pool party?
- DOWN**
- 67 Dangerous sprayer
 - 68 Soft cheese
 - 69 Outstanding
 - 70 Cowboy moniker
 - 71 Chain part: Abbr.
 - 72 Some close-ups



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- 36 "Let's give ___"
- 37 Get rid of
- 39 Prefix with pathetic
- 42 Juno, to the Greeks
- 45 Brew whose name is an article of clothing when read backward
- 48 Star-studded show, with "the"
- 51 Utterly dead
- 52 Goggling
- 53 Dance version of a record, often
- 55 You may be fooled at its beginning
- 60 ___ de boeuf
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Know what's required of you if you want to get ahead or change your direction. Don't sit idle when it's up to you to make a choice and make your move. Don't be shy -- take what belongs to you. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be a driving force, but if you try to mix business with pleasure, personal information will be revealed that won't be in your best interest. Say little, observe a lot and you will make unexpected gains. Romance is highlighted. ★★★★★

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Try to appreciate your own position and focus on your destination. Explore and experiment, but don't give up what you have when all you need to do is expand your interests, allies and skills. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your vision regarding what's happening in your professional life may be foggy. Don't count on anything that isn't signed, sealed and delivered. Focus on networking, communication and building strong alliances with those who require what you have to offer. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep a lid on your plans. Concentrate on making personal improvements that will help you present your skills with more finesse and confidence. Changes to your living arrangements will add to your happiness and bring you greater security. ★★★★★

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't look at the negative or let anyone who has a different opinion drag you down. Put more energy and attention into positive partnerships and professional changes that will bring you the results you are looking for. Love is on the rise. ★★★★★

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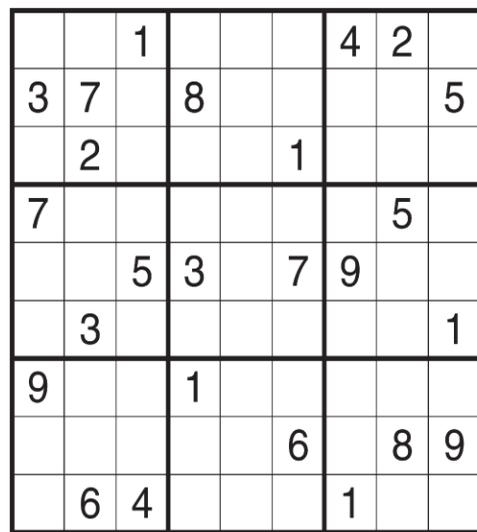
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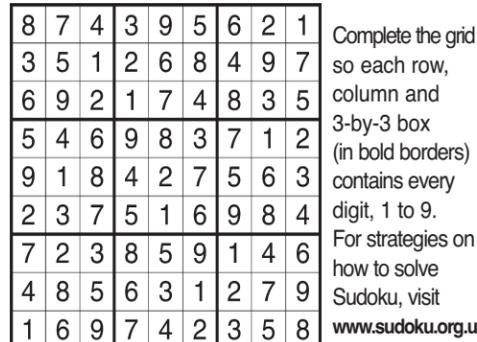
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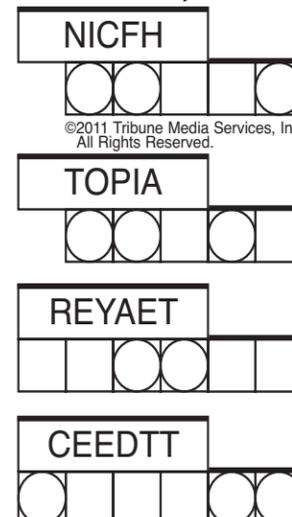
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FOOTBALL

Irish lose one more as investigation concludes

Eilar Hardy named fifth player included in investigation involving football team

By **MIKE MONACO**
Senior Sports Writer

Irish senior safety Eilar Hardy will be held out of practice and competition, a University official confirmed Thursday evening.

Notre Dame announced this decision Thursday.

"As Notre Dame's internal investigation relating to potential NCAA violations reaches its conclusion, a decision has been made to hold a fifth football player out from practice and competition," a University spokesman announced in a statement. "As with all cases of suspected academic dishonesty, the matter will now be subject to the University's Honor Code process."

Hardy played in 10 games, making two starts, during his junior season in 2013. He notched 26 tackles.

Irish head coach Brian Kelly said during his regularly scheduled post-practice press conference that he has been informed the investigation has been closed.

"The investigation has concluded, and so for our football team, we feel like this brings a big

part of closure for us," Kelly said. "So now we can really just focus the next 48 hours on preparation for Rice."

Irish junior cornerback KeiVarae Russell, senior receiver DaVaris Daniels, senior defensive end Ishaq Williams and graduate student linebacker Kendall Moore have been held out of practice and competition during Notre Dame's ongoing academic investigation into "suspected academic dishonesty." The University announced the investigation Aug. 15.

Kelly said no other players — other than the quintet — were missing from Thursday's practice. Now, Kelly said it is his understanding of the University's Honor Code that the charges and inquiries will be presented and then a hearing will commence.

"I don't know what the outcome is going to be," Kelly said. "But I do know that we are now moving very quickly because we've concluded the investigation."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Defending champs look to three-peat at IU Classic

By **ALEX CARSON**
Sports Writer

The defending national champions are not waiting long to challenge themselves this year, as the No. 1 Irish will head down to Bloomington, Ind., to take on a pair of top-12 teams this weekend in the Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic to begin the regular season.

Notre Dame will take on No. 12 Marquette on Friday at 5 p.m., before going up against No. 9 Georgetown on Sunday, with the first kick slated for 11:30 a.m.

The Irish have won the last two editions of the Labor Day weekend competition held annually at Indiana University's Bill Armstrong Stadium. Irish coach Bobby Clark said he knows his team will have to put in a strong 180 minutes to stretch the title streak to a third year.

"We'll have to play our very best [to get results this weekend], it's simple as that," Clark said. "We'll have to put in a top performance because



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Irish senior midfielder Nick Besler pushes the ball down the field in a 5-1 exhibition win against Wisconsin on Monday at Alumni Stadium.

we're playing two top teams." this weekend is not much

While the competition is tough for the Irish,

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

ND faces Red Raiders, Trojans

By **RENEE GRIFFIN**
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame will try to keep its hot start going this weekend against No. 16 Texas Tech on Friday and Southern California on Sunday in the 22nd annual Notre Dame Invitational.

Both teams will be more difficult tasks than Notre Dame's first two opponents, Illinois and Oakland. Texas Tech is the first of several ranked teams appearing on Notre Dame's schedule.

"[Texas Tech and USC] are two very physical teams," Irish coach Theresa Romagnolo said. "They play in some different systems and are very athletic. It will be a good challenge for us."

Nevertheless, Romagnolo said she has a great deal of faith that Notre Dame (2-0-0) can win, especially given its momentum from last weekend's victories.

"I think we're playing well and I'm happy with what we're doing," Romagnolo

said. "We're getting a little bit sharper with a little more attention to detail, which is what I want. We can continue to make more scoring opportunities going forward, and I think we can tighten it up a little bit in the back."

Romagnolo said another week of practice has given the team time to tweak some aspects of its game, like cooperation and speed, which will make the squad even more formidable in upcoming matches.

"We've just worked on being a little bit sharper on our attack, playing a little bit faster defensively, being a little bit more organized and communicating better, as we're starting to get used to the personnel we have around us," Romagnolo said.

The Irish have a variety of strengths that will assist them as they attempt to maintain their spotless record against the Red Raiders

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