

## Jenkins delivers annual faculty address

*Cites improvements in academics and research, focuses on international outreach and diversity*

By CLARE KOSSLER  
Associate News Editor

In his annual faculty address Tuesday in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, University President Fr. John Jenkins said over the course of his 10-year presidency, Notre Dame has witnessed an overall improvement in academics, research and financial standing and identified internationality and diversity as two of its primary tenets.

"Our central goals, as I indicated in 2005, were to offer an unsurpassed undergraduate education, be an institution preeminent in research with excellent graduate programs, and ensure that all our endeavors are informed by a distinctive Catholic mission," he said.

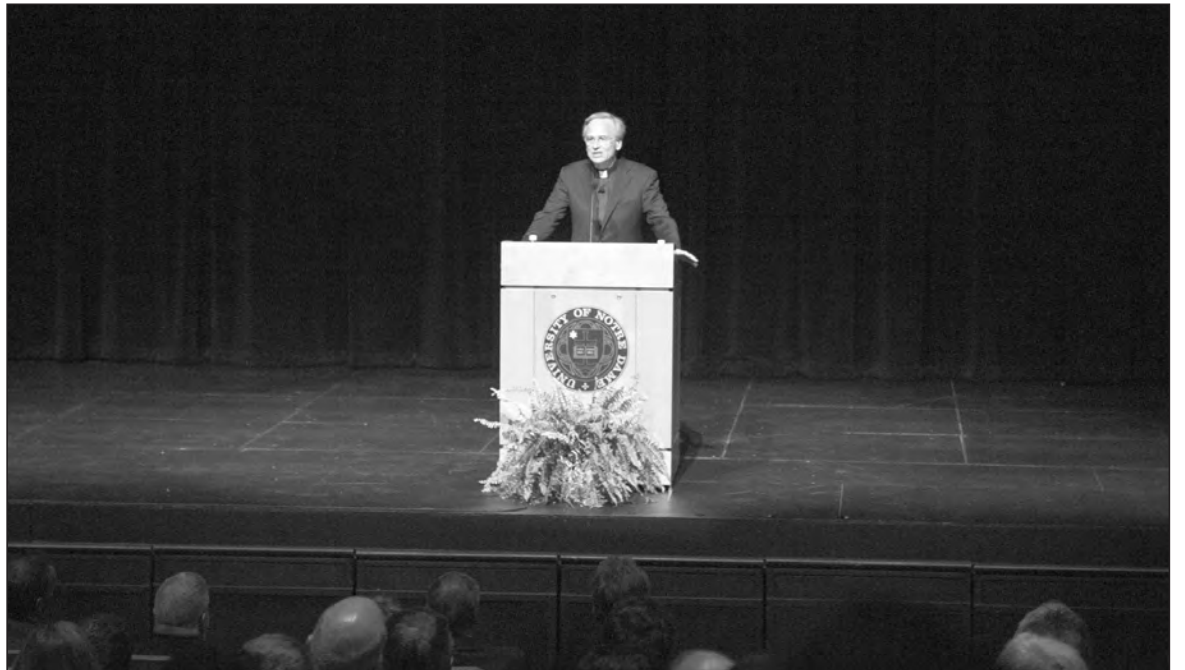
"Since that time we have highlighted two themes that touch on each of these goals — internationality and a commitment to diversity and inclusion."

The continually increasing quality of successive incoming classes is indicative of the University's success in the area of undergraduate education, Jenkins said.

"Such talented students have many other attractive alternatives, and it says much for our University when so many highly qualified students apply and choose to come to Notre Dame," he said.

Jenkins said along with being stronger academically, Notre Dame undergraduates are more likely to engage in research now

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University President Fr. John Jenkins gives his annual faculty address at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Tuesday afternoon, calling for increased efforts to bolster Notre Dame's internationality and diversity.

## Students support charity with kilts



Photo courtesy of Kelsey Sullivan

Seniors Michael Lindt and Benjamin Brockman raise awareness and money for the Ronald McDonald House Charity by wearing kilts.

By JENNA WILSON  
News Writer

If you're looking for a good conversation starter, senior Michael Lindt suggests wearing a kilt.

Lindt and fellow senior Benjamin Brockman have been sporting kilts around campus to raise awareness for the Ronald McDonald House Charity.

"It's the best way to start a conversation independently and say, 'Hey can I tell you

why I'm looking really stupid in a kilt today?' And people are more likely to say 'OK, what's going on,'" Lindt said.

The two are participating in the Men in Kilts Campaign, a fundraiser where participants compete to raise money for the Michiana branch of the charity. This is the first year the duo has participated in the event, Lindt said. It is also the first time any Notre Dame student has participated in the event.

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## SMC panel examines papal encyclical 'Laudato si'

By MARTHA REILLY  
News Writer

In response to Pope Francis's most recent encyclical about the environment, "Laudato si," Saint Mary's held a panel

Phyllis Kaminski  
professor  
religious studies



discussion Tuesday night.

Religious studies professor Phyllis Kaminski began the conversation by explaining the encyclical's relevance to college students. She said Pope Francis calls for a deep ecological conversion that all people of good will can achieve if they acknowledge environmental issues.

"He broadens Catholic social teaching," Kaminski said. "He draws on the lived experience of those most affected by ecological devastation: the poor."

Associate professor of biology Cassie Majetic also said the poor are the most affected by the degradation of the environment.

"It's become really apparent that these issues have disproportionate effects on the planet," Majetic said. "There is no real debate that these things are happening."

According to Majetic, "Laudato si" encouraged her to continue discussion of environmental issues in her curriculum.

"It was fun to read and was very affirming because these are some of the things I teach in the classroom," Majetic said. "I feel called to think about my own research. It's very hard to turn a critical eye to oneself, but I think that's what Pope Francis is asking us to do in this document."

Senior Deirdre O'Leary said she read "Laudato si" with curiosity from the perspective of a student, which helped her generate ways in which Saint Mary's can improve from an ecological standpoint. She said even something as simple

as providing a recycle bin in every dorm room would contribute to a stronger sense of unity on campus.

"All throughout the encyclical, there's a common theme of interconnectedness," O'Leary

Cassie Majetic  
associate professor  
biology



said. "When we're able to be compassionate to the person sitting next to us, that's not unrelated to the environment."

O'Leary said students' love for others can translate into love for creation, which makes it easier to appreciate nature.

"We have, as Pope Francis said, an obligation to care for the environment," O'Leary said. "This doesn't have to be a mundane task. We can do it with joy. As we're walking to class on this beautiful

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"Shetland sheep dog."



### Kevin King

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Keenan Hall

"Beagle."



### Jake Grefenstette

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off campus

"A big red one."



### Dylan Naylor

freshman  
Keenan Hall

"Brittany spaniel."



### Spencer Clark

sophomore  
Zahm House

"Chocolate lab."



### Emily Gust

sophomore  
Breen-Phillips Hall

"Pug."



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A few students from St. Edward's Hall hold a sign advertising Complimentary Compliments, the dorm's event during Tuesday's North Quad Carnival. The Quad Carnivals this week are a part of the inaugural Dorm Week hosted by student government.

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#### Core Facilities Fair

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10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Learn how core facilities benefit research projects.

### Thursday

#### Dante's Other Works

Hesburgh Library  
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Celebration of Dante's minor works for his 750th birthday.

#### An Evening with Ramahan Faulk

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Visual arts presentation.

### Friday

#### Blackhawks Training Camp

Compton Family Ice Arena  
All day  
Team opens training.

#### The Future of the Past

Hesburgh Library  
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Lecture on revival of Ireland from 1891-1922.

### Saturday

#### Football vs. Georgia Tech

Notre Dame Stadium  
3:30 p.m.  
The Irish take on the Yellow Jackets.

#### Rules of Engagement

Raclin-Carmichael Hall at IUSB  
11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Lecture on global health volunteerism.

### Sunday

#### La Misa en Español

Dillon Hall  
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Mass celebrated in Spanish.

#### Vespers

Basillica of the Sacred Heart  
7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.  
Evening prayer in the Lady Chapel.

# Professor analyzes data on constitutions

By **DEVON CHENELLE**  
News Writer

The Hesburgh Center for International Studies hosted a lecture by the University of Michigan's Anatol Rapoport Professor of Political Science George Tsebelis on Tuesday. The lecture combined Tsebelis's lifelong interest in institutions and his background in mathematical modeling and comparative politics to examine what Tsebelis said were the most important institution of all — constitutions — and to advocate for ones that are shorter and less mutable.

When Tsebelis began, he said his talk would focus on democratic constitutions, investigating the effects of different constitutional structures and whether data supported a wider rule on the effects of constitution type.

Tsebelis said while the purpose of constitutions are similar the world over, there is tremendous variety in length,

scope and especially rigidity, as some 35 countries have constitutional articles they cannot amend. Even the nature of the U.S. Constitution was contested, he said.

"[James] Madison wanted to be serious and have a Constitution that stays there ... Jefferson wanted a constitution that would be for 19 years" he said.

Tsebelis said the U.S. Constitution is short, particularly compared to those written post-1945, which is unsurprising given the fact that older constitutions tend to cover fewer topics.

Every constitution has three sorts of provisions, Tsebelis said: the innocuous, such as the national anthem or flag, the social, which covers the right to work and education, and the enforceable, which includes rights and the nature of the courts.

"Enforceable [provisions], these are the only ones we are going to modify," Tsebelis said.

Tsebelis presented graphs that demonstrated the relationship between constitutional length in democracies and Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) members and rates of change to their constitutions. The shorter and more rigid the constitution is, the less it will change over time, he said.

"The longer the constitution the more time inconsistent it is," Tsebelis said.

Time inconsistency refers to positions that differ between current and future choices, often forgoing future welfare for present ease. The 1977 Nobel Prize in Economics was awarded to Finn Kydland and Edward Prescott for demonstrating time inconsistency is bad for economic policy, Tsebelis said, and time inconsistency is also negative for constitutions. Governments head off economic time inconsistency by authorizing a central bank separate from

the central government, and short, circumscribed constitutions are political controls on time inconsistency, he said.

Another reason for a normative standard of constitutional structure is because there are negative societal outcomes associated with a lengthy and shifting constitution, according to Tsebelis.

"Long constitutions are associated with low GDP per capita ... in all countries we see length of constitution connected with corruption," he said.

Tsebelis said one explanation for the association between constitution length and corruption was as constitutions lengthen they become subject to interpretation, making them more susceptible to manipulation.

"Rules are better than discretion, and the constitution should be the rules ... and it should not be changing unless there's serious reason," he said.

Tsebelis said putting government policy into a constitution does nothing for the policies while weakening the constitution and thus the state. As an example, Tsebelis said recent efforts in his native Greece to revise the constitution in order to change the electoral process were misguided.

"There is no ideal electoral system, every political science freshman knows this. ... You shouldn't have policy in the constitution to begin with," he said.

Tsebelis concluded his lecture by reiterating the need for concise and clear constitutions.

"Constitutions are becoming products of discretion and not the rules. ... I believe we intended the opposite" he said.

"Before we put things in the constitution ... we should be thinking is this a rule for the ages."

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## Kilts

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The pair has been fundraising since school started, Lindt said. So far, they have held fundraisers at Five Guys and O'Rourke's on Eddy Street. They will continue

to fundraise through Oct. 1, when the competition ends. In the upcoming weeks, the pair is planning to solicit donations at tailgates for the Georgia Tech and UMass games, as well as fundraise during Trivia Night at O'Rourke's on Sept. 28.

For those who can't make

it to those events, Lindt said people can also donate online by going to [meninkilts.org](http://meninkilts.org) and donating to Brockman and Lindt's team.

Dubbed "The Dueling Irishman," the pair has raised approximately \$750 thus far, Lindt said. Brockman said the pair is hoping to double or

triple that number by the end of the campaign.

"Notre Dame people are super generous, so hopefully we can scrounge up some cash and donate it to a really great cause," Brockman said.

According to the Ronald McDonald House's website, all proceeds from the campaign will be used to provide meals and housing for families of seriously ill or injured children when the children have extended stays at the hospital.

Lindt said he and Brockman joined the campaign after being asked to participate by a friend who interned with Ronald McDonald House.

"She asked if we wanted to participate and we said absolutely, we have no shame, we'd be happy to run around in kilts," Lindt said.

However, Lindt said after becoming more involved in the campaign, it's become less about the kilts and more about the impact of the charity.

"Wearing a kilt is very freeing. It has a good flow. You've got to love it," Brockman said. "But, honestly, it's just, knowing you do look ridiculous, but knowing what it's for makes it all worth it. These kids deserve it more than us maintaining our dignity, so it's a lot of fun."

All the participants in the campaign had to spend time in the hospital ward with the children. This gives the participants a better idea of what the charity does and helps them become more passionate about the cause, Lindt said.

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## Encyclical

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campus, we should appreciate God in the beauty of nature."

Director of Campus Ministry Regina Wilson said she and Majetic collaborated with English and environmental studies professor Christopher Cobb to organize the panel discussion.

"We felt that this new encyclical offered the perfect incentive to gather and discuss Saint Mary's commitment to protecting the environment," Wilson

said. "We thought it would be interesting to hear different members of the community speak about how "Laudato si" speaks to their particular discipline and their personal life."

According to Wilson, "Laudato si" can catalyze change in the Saint Mary's community and beyond.

"The earth is our mother and our common home," Wilson said "Saint Mary's students and all people should keep reflecting on this reality."

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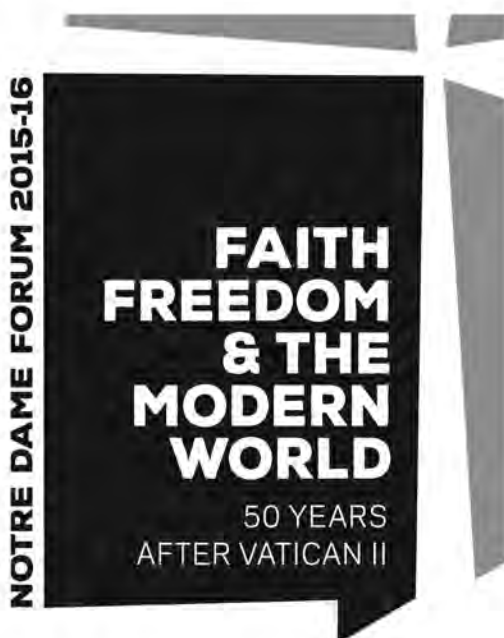
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than they were 10 years ago. According to Jenkins, one of the University's major focuses in recent years has been to encourage undergraduate research endeavors.

"... We want our students to see themselves not simply as passive learners, taking in information from books and lectures, but also as inquirers themselves, raising their own questions, conducting their research and knowing the exhilaration of a discovery or hard-won insight," he said.

Partly responsible for this increase in research, he said, is the funding provided by the "Advancing our Vision" (AOV) program, which will also allow for 80 new faculty hires in the near future.

Overall, he said externally funded grants and contracts have increased from \$73 million to

\$134 million between 2004 and the most recent fiscal year.

Complementing efforts to improve the experience and engagement of students and faculty, Notre Dame has made conscious efforts to increase its presence on the global stage, Jenkins said. He said that among other things, the University has created the office of Notre Dame International to help better respond to the trend towards globalization.

"Globalization in its many facets — in markets and businesses, international politics, culture and migration — have shaped our lives and our work, and it will certainly shape the lives of our students," he said.

One important project Notre Dame is currently considering in its attempt to become more international is a partnership with Zhejiang University in Haining, China, Jenkins said. He said he understands the concerns raised by many faculty members about the project, and that Notre Dame

is currently trying to devise a strategy on how best to engage with China in spite of accusations of human rights violations.

"A number of you on the faculty have expressed strong reservations about such a partnership in a nation in which the official atheist Communist Party exerts so much control, human rights are often violated, freedom of expression is limited, religious worship is restricted and churches are harassed," he said. "At the same time, China is likely to be one of the most influential nations of the 21st century.

"Many of our students want to learn the Chinese language and understand its culture. Its institutions of higher education are likely to become stronger and provide opportunities for research collaboration, and many on the faculty expressed strong support for such a partnership.

"In addition to these factors, I traveled to the Vatican to discuss with key leaders the situation of

the Church in China. It is fair to say that, though all parties recognize the complexity and challenges of a potential partnership between a Catholic university and a Chinese university, we were encouraged to explore this venture as a means of building bridges between the Catholic Church and China."

Regarding the University's finances, Jenkins said he thinks one of Notre Dame's strong points is "a history of sound, far-sighted fiscal stewardship."

Similarly, he said need-based financial assistance has increased 83 percent since 2006 and the average University scholarship has increased by \$13,400 over the same period.

However, he said one of the major challenges Notre Dame faces in the coming years is the rising cost of higher education and the demand to streamline the efficiency of University operations.

"As you are no doubt aware, with the high cost of higher education,

universities are regularly portrayed in the media as inefficient, bloated and complacent organizations," he said. "... We must be able to give an account of our operations to reasonable people with sincere and probing questions.

"Part of that answer must be to point to substantial efforts to seek efficiencies and improve processes. If we are unable to do this, then benefactors will be less likely to be generous, the public will be less likely to support institutions like ours, and we will have fallen short of our responsibility as stewards of the resources entrusted to us."

Another challenge the University faces is the pressure of an increasingly digital world. Jenkins said he believes Notre Dame should continue to expand its endeavors in digital innovation, but Notre Dame will remain an institution centered around residential life.

"We have all heard the predictions that disruptive innovation around digital technology will eventually make residential campuses obsolete," he said. "On this account, we are the sailing ship that will soon be replaced by the steam engine, the compact disc that will be shoved aside by iTunes.

"As it is clear from the construction on campus, we do not agree."

The final challenge with which the University must come to terms, he said, is how to maintain a Catholic identity while also remaining a highly-rated research institution in a secular society. He said the University will continue its current initiatives, which include the Institute for Church Life, the Alliance for Catholic Education, the Sacred Music Program and various partnerships with Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services.

"I am well aware of the growing secularism of our world and the growing skepticism of younger people about institutional religious affiliation," he said. "I am also aware of the challenges of striving to be a preeminent research university with a Catholic mission.

"Whatever the challenges are, however, they are our challenges, and we cannot turn from them without losing our identity and our purpose."

Jenkins said he is confident Notre Dame will be able to respond to the challenges ahead and to continue to improve in areas of undergraduate and graduate education and research.

"I am exceptionally proud of the work that we have accomplished in the past 10 years," Jenkins said. "Through the hard work, talent and dedication of exceptional coworkers — Tom Burish, our provost; John Affleck-Graves, our executive vice president; the vice-presidents, the deans, other academic leaders and most of all, you, my faculty colleagues, we have accomplished more than I had dared to hope 10 years ago.

"We all have much to be grateful for, and I above all."

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## INSIDE COLUMN

# Take time to look up

**Kathryn Marshall**  
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

No matter how rational our world becomes, almost everyone makes a wish when they look up and see a shooting star.

There is no denying we are intimately connected with the world around us, but we often tend to forget this centuries-old relationship between man and earth.

And lately, I have truly begun to realize how much the world around me, simply put, matters.

I am not writing to push you to recycle, carry around reusable water bottles or eat organic-only foods (although those would be great habits to pick up), because that's not the first step to saving the precious earth we walk upon every day.

The first step we need to take in order to protect this miraculous world in which we live is discovering and appreciating the connection we have with it. Pope Francis writes in "Laudato Si," "If the laws are to bring about significant, long-lasting effects, the majority of the members of society must be adequately motivated to accept them and personally transformed to respond."

I myself was "personally transformed" this past spring. Approximately two months ago, at the end of a semester abroad in Austria, I was sitting along the banks of the River Inn at dusk, looking up at the Nordkette mountains and soaking in the peace of moment. I realized the world around us can heal our hearts and souls if we only take the time to let it do so, and then we, in turn, can take the steps to help heal the world.

This past week I attended and covered a lecture that discussed the forgotten connection between humans and the earth. The lecture also entered into discussion about Pope Francis' encyclical.

Connecting these conversations with my experience abroad brings to mind Pope Francis' words when he writes, "Happiness means knowing how to limit some needs which only diminish us and being open to the many different possibilities which life can offer."

As a busy college student, I know it can be difficult to be truly happy all the time. But I think learning to see, stop and admire the beauty of the world around us is one simple habit that can enrich our lives, just as "looking up" everyday in Austria enriched mine.

I may not become an environmental legislator, but as a biology major and as a writer, I hope to contribute to the healing of this world, my center of peace, in my own little way.

In "Laudato Si," Pope Francis reminds us the human being is full of "worthy creativity," and we, as the next generation, need to apply this creativity to save nature, the "magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness."

I hope you too can look up and cultivate an awareness of the simple way nature brings you happiness and in turn discover your own way to give back.

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# The case for a basic income

**Curtis Stokes**  
Guest Columnist

Welfare is corrupt. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is easily exploited. The earned income tax credit encourages irresponsible parenting. Problems with anti-poverty programs have been piling up ever since the New Deal. Republicans despair at these programs' astronomical costs, while Democrats try to cover up some of their obvious inefficiencies. Both sides agree entitlements need fixing, but we have seen few solutions emerge from this agreement. Since proposing serious entitlement reform is political suicide, programs continue to bloat and the federal bureaucracy continues to grow for the sake of maintaining some level of a social safety net.

But inefficiency and entitlement programs don't have to go hand in hand. A possible solution I propose to solve the bloat of entitlement programs is a basic income.

The mechanism by which a basic income works is simple. Rather than provide welfare or unemployment to impoverished citizens, the government simply pays every citizen a lump sum regularly. Restrictions can be added to this basic income, such as denying it to prisoners or citizens under the age of 21 or over the age of 65. Then, citizens are free to spend the money however they like. The amount provided is dependent on the minimum quality of life the government wants to provide.

A basic income appeals in a moral sense to both liberals and conservatives. Democrats support it because of its empowering effect on the lower class. In a modern economy, you have to work in order to live. Employers can exploit workers into producing more value than they are compensated for since the workers don't have the choice to not work. Although competition between businesses helps mitigate this problem, workers are still at the mercy of the job market. However, with a basic income, workers are better able to bargain for what their work is worth.

Republicans like the basic income idea because it eliminates stifling bureaucracy from government anti-poverty programs. There would be no ham-fisted evaluations or exceptions siphoning away valuable time and money from the taxpayer. Distribution would be efficient and lead to a smaller government. Innovation would also increase, since people can take a chance in starting a business knowing they will at least have some steady income if

the business fails.

The idea of providing people with money for not working is offensive to many conservatives. However, the basic income is actually more fair than the current systems we have in place since every American, not just lower-income Americans, would receive this money. Rather than attempt to shrink the wealth-gap, a basic income elevates all groups. The progressive income tax has been criticized for punishing people who work harder to make more money while being moved into a higher income bracket as a result, gaining nothing. A basic income actually embodies the conservative ideal that people who work hard deserve to be rewarded. With a more even playing field, people will succeed or fail based more on their abilities rather than the circumstance of their birth.

The case for an unconditional basic income can be made by the numbers. In order to provide every American between the ages of 21 and 65 a basic income equal to the poverty line, it would cost \$2.14 trillion, around 13 percent of the GDP. This basic income would allow the elimination of almost \$1 trillion worth of benefits for low-income Americans. The basic income would then have a final price tag of \$1.2 trillion in extra spending to keep all Americans above the poverty line. This amount is not insignificant, but reallocating money from Social Security, raising taxes and excluding prisoners would make a dent. A more complete solution would be to shrink the payments to \$6,000 a year. This system wouldn't lift all Americans out of poverty, but it would greatly empower workers, streamline government and encourage innovation.

Dauphin, a city in Manitoba, Canada, implemented a basic income in the mid-1970s. Research of this city indicated there was minimal disincentive to work, high school graduation rates increased and hospitalization rates went down. Alaska also has a basic income based off assets. Nearly every Alaskan citizen receives around \$1,900 a year from a portion of oil revenues, and this has been credited with keeping many households out of poverty.

I know basic income is a radical policy. And I understand the odds of it being passed in Congress are slim to none. But by discussing it, we can better picture the America we want rather than the one to which we are resigned.

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## viewpoint

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- 1) position of observation
- 2) an attitude of mind

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# Fight the globalization of indifference

**Elizabeth Hascher**  
Dignified Response

Here at Notre Dame, we tend to take great pride in being leaders. We are quick to point out the many ways in which we lead the country in academics, service and athletics, among other things. I, for one, am still not done bragging about that glorious 31-0 win over Michigan last year or the ranking we received over the summer as the top university in the Midwest.

But even though we consider ourselves to be a community of informed, passionate citizens who lead the world in every aspect imaginable, there are ways we could be better, as shocking as that may seem to some.

It is tempting to jump immediately to solving problems that are easily quantifiable, such as reducing the number of sexual assaults on campus or increasing financial assistance to students with substantial need. It would seem as though our efforts could have the most tangible impact on these issues. However, I argue we must first affect change in an area that is more difficult to measure: empathy.

A phrase that seems to keep coming back to me again and again is “globalization of indifference.” Pope Francis first spoke these words in 2013 when delivering a homily in Lampedusa, a small Italian island in the middle of the Mediterranean that has become a landing place for thousands of migrants

fleeing poverty and oppression in Africa.

By using the phrase “globalization of indifference,” Pope Francis means to reference the many ways in which it seems we are becoming increasingly unable to empathize and show genuine concern for our fellow human beings who are suffering. He argues that while we may now know more about events and issues around the world, we also increasingly lack compassion for the people affected by them.

Some may say social media and greater access to communication around the globe has enabled us to know more about social issues and human rights violations around the world. They are correct in stating we are now able to learn more about issues in different parts of the country and world and to do so quickly.

However, knowing about an injustice someone is suffering is not the same as caring for them. We also do not have to share someone’s experience in order to empathize with him or her.

One does not have to be a Syrian refugee forced to flee their home in the midst of war in order to recognize every person has worth and is deserving of love and compassion.

One does not have to experience sexual assault to be able to understand a person has had something taken from them that can never be returned.

One does not have to feel the entirety of humanity’s suffering to recognize the importance of every person’s life and sense of dignity.

Certainly, it is impossible to come to a full and

complete understanding of the injustices our fellow human beings face without having experienced them ourselves. However, that does not mean we should stop trying to empathize and treat them as our neighbors, worthy of respect and love, instead of as faceless statistics.

As we go through our days, it is important we intentionally seek out ways to be more empathetic and cognizant of the struggles of others. After all, how are we to lead if we do not truly understand the problems? How are we to be advocates for change and a better world if we do not even try to empathize with the people whose lives are adversely affected by political, economic and social injustices?

If we are to continue to claim Notre Dame is a leading Catholic institution and a force for good in the world, we have to fulfill our duty to our fellow citizens, our brothers and sisters, and recognize the common humanity in each of them. We must challenge ourselves to grow every day in empathy and caring for others. We are all responsible for recognizing the globalization of indifference and making an effort to bring it to an end.

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## Confessions of a clone

**Erin Thomassen**  
The Examined Life

Bioethicists are raging. Technology has taken a step too far: You cannot clone humans.

Alas, it is too late. We already have.

Dystopian novels forewarn of clones disguised as humans. In reality, it is people who have disguised themselves as clones. They have disguised themselves so well we have all forgotten they were people to begin with.

I have likewise succumbed to clonation. I was once a homo sapien, but I have since become a homeostasian.

For Latin and Greek scholars out there (not me, I had to rev up good ole Google), that terminology will be elementary. Feel free to skip it and pat yourself on the back, relishing that you already knew what you have just read.

‘Sapien’ means ‘wise.’ ‘Stasis’ means ‘stagnation.’ It also means ‘reduced motility of the intestines with the retention of feces.’

As a human resisting clonation, I would rather be wise than stagnated. I would rather give birth than retain feces. Why, then, have I coded myself into a clone?

Fear of sticking out. I stay in line. My head is down.

Looking up could result in eye contact. I could be called on, called forth to be who I was created to be. Not a clone. Not someone programmed to follow a formula to achieve something that has already been achieved.

Moles are whacked. I do not like to be whacked. I shall remain in my hole.

Venturing out is venturing into the unknown. It is safer to stay in my hole where I will not be whacked, where nothing will be asked of me. I shall stay here, curled up

where we have lived our entire lives, ready to die.

There is a time for everything under the sun, and my time for exploration has expired. Until the age of 3, I was allowed to gurgle insensibly. Now I must be sensible. From 4-10 years old, I was allowed to explore writing, piano and tennis. After that, I was instructed to choose one and master it, whipping it into submission.

If I had enough discipline in any discipline, I could either A) write myself into an esoteric liberal arts college, B) maestro myself into a performing arts academy or C) lob my way onto a Division I tennis team. I failed to write a novel about saving orphans in Guatemala. I stopped piano lessons in high school. I quit tennis after one summer camp.

My time was up. Kids my age were Olympic gymnasts and Teen Jeopardy winners. I was not among the exceptional human achievers. Back to the hole with me.

In the hole was darkness, but within that darkness, I felt warmth — body heat. There were moles with me in the hole. I was not alone. I was surrounded by ex-human mole clones.

If I were a human, this might be a frightening realization. But if I made myself into one of these mole clones, I did not have to be scared of them. If I adopted their way of life, their doctrines, their past-times, their sense of humor and disgust, I could live comfortably in their company for the rest of my days.

I just could not do anything stupid like try to become human again. Ex-human mole clones attack humans in the hole viciously, since they cannot reach the ones above ground. I could not dig a hole to the light and stick my head out either. It would expose the whole community. What kind of team player was I?

I was no longer an I. I was one of them. I would follow procedure and stick to the program. I would let myself be

reprogrammed and convince myself I had always been programmed this way. I was meant to be a cloned mole in a hole. I never would have thought it when I was above ground, but destiny is a strange beast.

If I felt the silly urge to paint a watercolor, I reminded myself: Cloned moles do not paint. They leave that to the individuals above ground. If I had wanted to paint, I should have done it years ago and become a master painter. Now my painting has no utility, no value. I do not have precise brush strokes. My work will never be displayed. What is the point?

What is the point? Maybe to experience joy through creative self-expression and exploration without worrying about recognition.

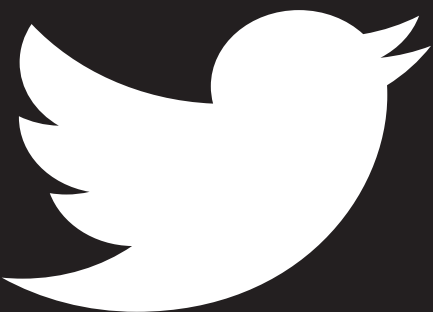
Only I can express myself. Only I can be me. This seems obvious, but obvious is self-evident, and self-evident is often surprisingly true.

If I stay a mole clone, my human self shall never walk the earth. No one else is going to be me for me.

It may be scary to abandon the mole clan and dig to the light. It may be hard to force oneself to walk when it takes less effort to crawl. But only in walking, skipping and dancing will I delight. Only in shedding expectations will I be free. Only in freedom will I love. Only in loving will I be human — an uncloned, undroned human.

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# THE NEXT SUPERBOWL HALFTIME PERFORMER IS ...

As football season gets into full gear, it's time to start wondering who will grace America's biggest stage at the Super Bowl halftime show. Reports have surfaced claiming the NFL has already asked halftime show veteran Bruno Mars to return, yet we here at Scene think the league should reconsider. Below is a list of our picks we believe would be better suited for the Super Bowl 50 halftime show.

## KANYE WEST AND JUSTIN VERNON'S VOLCANO CHOIR

– Matt McMahon

As a result of widely diverging popular tastes due to increased specialization and sub-genre creation, the Super Bowl halftime show is getting more and more difficult to cast. To cover more bases, recent booking has involved a huge pop star and a second large, but probably not large enough on their own, artist, broadening the scope and, hopefully, appeal of the short concert. Bruno Mars and Red Hot Chili Peppers; Madonna, Nicki Minaj and M.I.A.; Katy Perry and Missy Elliot; and The Black Eyed Peas and Slash have been the latest combinations to share the halftime show stage. Following this trend, a joint performance by Kanye West and Bon Iver's Justin Vernon, with his anthemic side project Volcano Choir, would provide the necessary size and variety for a performance that would engage a mainstream audience.

By February 2016, Kanye West would hopefully be touring to support his yet-to-be-released new album. He will also have performed his arena-sized "808s & Heartbreak" show from start to finish at least twice, barring any cancellations to his upcoming Hollywood Bowl shows. West has an impeccable ability to build a narrative out of his concerts, and including frequent collaborator Justin Vernon and a backing band would only flesh the show out further. The two multi-Grammy-winning artists have performed together in the past, most recently for a headlining set at this year's Glastonbury Festival. Volcano Choir's stadium-filling folk rock anthems and Kanye West's maximalist electro hip-hop provide perfect foils to each other's detractors, much like their contrasting public images, which would attract enough attention for a Super Bowl halftime show.

## RIHANNA

– Matt Munhall

More than anything else, a Super Bowl halftime performer has to have world-conquering hits. No modern pop star has more of those than Rihanna. Over the past decade, she's racked up 13 number one singles – more than any other artist besides The Beatles, Elvis Presley and Mariah Carey. "We Found Love," "Umbrella" and "Rude Boy" are not only among the biggest hits of this century, but also some of the best. More importantly, Rihanna would bring some much-needed edge to a stage that's featured relatively safe performances in the aftermath of Janet Jackson's infamous wardrobe malfunction. She's the rare pop star who truly doesn't care what you think about her, whose every move – from wearing a yellow fur coat with a massive train at the Met Gala to kidnapping and torturing a rich socialite in a music video – is genuinely enthralling. Closing her halftime show with a repeat of her SNL performance of "American Oxygen," during which she was surrounded by projections of iconic moments from American history, for an audience of 115 million would be a pop-a-wheelie-on-the-zeitgeist moment.

## FOO FIGHTERS

– Kelly McGarry

For this year's Super Bowl, I'm thinking of a band that loves the limelight more than any other. Back in 2014 when the Foo Fighters performed in New York during Super Bowl weekend, Dave Grohl said, "As far as I'm concerned, this is the \*\*\*\*\* halftime show right here." Well, get concerned ... because this band would fit perfectly into a rocked-out halftime show. This template of a rock band appeals to a broad audience and lends easily to the fireworks, visuals and huge coordinated dance routines characteristic of past halftime shows. The gig does of course present the danger of Dave falling off a multi-level rotating stage and breaking his other leg, but hey, that's rock n' roll man.

## JUSTIN BIEBER

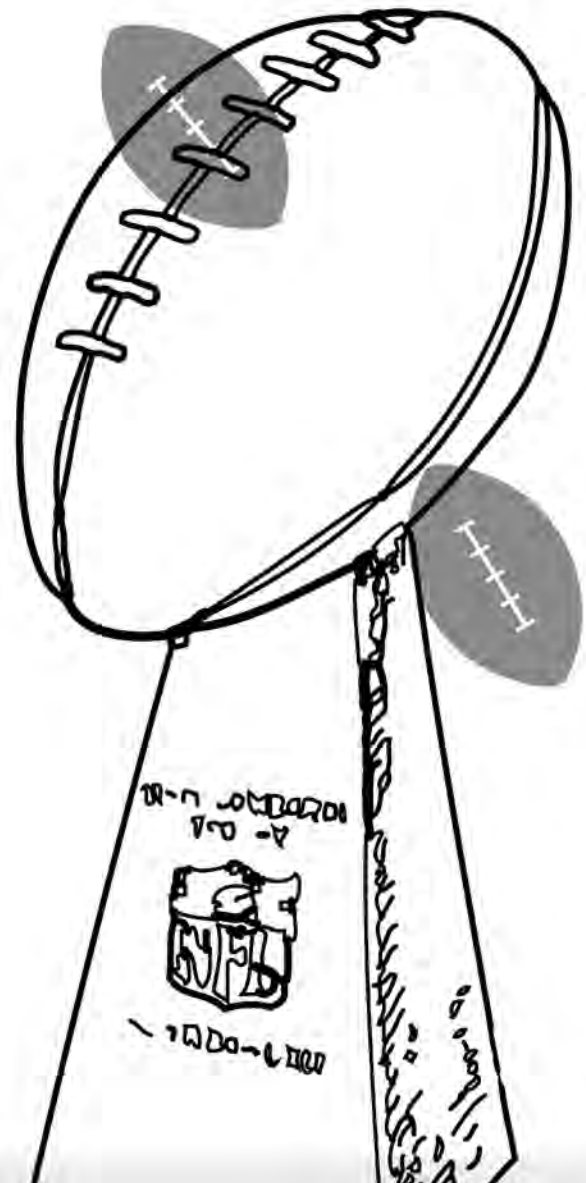
– Miko Malabute

At the risk of sounding like a poor, recurring joke, I honestly believe Justin Bieber is ready for the biggest of all stages: the halftime performance at this year's NFL Super Bowl. Think about it: one of the most controversial yet loved artists of all time, performing at one of the most controversial yet beloved sporting events of all time. Bieber has absolutely seized control of the past two years with back-to-back jams, "Where Are U Now" and "What Do You Mean?" and so the timing seems too appropriate – perfect, even – for him to perform during one of the most watched events in the world.

## THE WEEKND

– Adam Ramos

The Super Bowl halftime show requires an artist that's well-liked, talented and versatile enough to collaborate with a number of different acts. It's no surprise Bruno Mars and Katy Perry were easy picks in the past, but returning to Mars would be a mistake. Riding the widely popular and critically acclaimed "Beauty Behind the Madness," The Weeknd is a clear choice. Though the Weeknd may not have the experience or depth of material that most past halftime performers had, their universal appeal and approachable spin on R&B would be sufficient in creating a memorable performance. Drake would be an obvious co-feature, but two Canadians headlining the most American night on the calendar short of July 4th – I'm not sure if I'm about that.







By **NICK LAUREANO**  
Scene Writer

Football season is upon us, along with a brand new commercial for the University that will air during game broadcasts on NBC. Let's take a look at some of the best and worst Notre Dame ads from recent years.

#### 5. "Goals"

"This is our goal. Let no one ever again say we dreamed too small." — University President Fr. John Jenkins

It's ironic that a commercial about the importance of imagination confines itself to cookie-cutter aerial shots of the dome. Rather than showcase Notre Dame's beauty in a creative way, this ad uses it as a crutch in an attempt to elevate a contextless speech to something

profound. No Clio awards have ever been handed out for ads like this.

#### 4. "Wake Up the Echoes"

The newest ad is a case study in clichéd university commercials. It depicts students doing typical science and art in an attempt to show how well-rounded we all are. Pretty solid idea for an ad ... too bad every other college in the land has already done the same thing.

Also, bonus points to those chemistry students. I thought I was pretty good at organic chemistry ... then I saw them writing out their assignments backwards.

#### 3. "An Irish Blessing"

This one holds a special place in my heart. I have fond memories of watching Notre Dame games with my family during my senior year of high school.

This ad is an indelible part of those memories. "An Irish Blessing" does a tremendous job of capturing the Notre Dame ethos that drew many of us to this school. There is no better example of this than the ad's final line: "We are the University of Notre Dame." We absolutely are.

#### 2. "Perspective Reimagined" (or "Waterworld")

I'm going to go out on a limb and say that last year's much-maligned TV spot is a misunderstood masterpiece. One can imagine Don Draper telling the creative team behind this ad to "take a great leap forward." The results are cutting-edge visuals that showcase some of the typical campus highlights in an interesting way that actually fits the context of the voiceover.

#### 1. "Notre Dame Cuts Costs With Xerox"

A comedic masterpiece. This bearded gent was tasked with acting against a character that wasn't really there, something for which Chris Pratt gained oodles of accolades recently after his performances in "Guardians of the Galaxy" and "Jurassic World." And what can be said of the leprechaun cutout? He's a deadpan virtuoso cut from the same cloth as Alec Baldwin and Michael Keaton. However, there must have been a falling out between the University and Xerox, because nowadays printing costs are cut by allotting students a Lilliputian print quota.

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**Miko Malabute**  
Scene Editor

Dating back to this summer of 2015, former professional basketball player Brandon Armstrong took the Internet by storm with a quick video clip of him impersonating Oklahoma City Thunder's fiery superstar point guard Russell Westbrook. It was funny, it was pretty accurate and — most importantly — it was new. Novel. Nothing like it existed on the Internet up to that point, especially not by someone of that caliber done in that type of capacity.

However, just like anything and everything on the Internet nowadays, this viral sensation was overkilled and overdone. What sets this latest casualty to the Internet's accessibility apart from the rest of the former viral sensations, however, is the fact

that Armstrong did this to himself. His niche became a gimmick, which devolved into a desperate cry for attention.

Today, Armstrong released his latest impersonation act, mimicking New York Knicks icon Carmelo Anthony. It started off funny, especially with actual in-game commentary spliced into the clip to mimic what viewers at home get to see on a nightly basis during the NBA season. This effect set the stage for the rest of the video perfectly, as viewers could mentally juxtapose Armstrong with Anthony and — with a bit of revisionist history — see some of Anthony's antics and tendencies in Armstrong's reenactment.

If it were that simple, however, then there would be no problem. Sadly, Armstrong decides to stray from what got him this "fame" (if we were to even call it that), and instead of imitating Anthony he decides just to rehash some

of his same jokes. The video quickly gets old, and I am personally reminded as to why Armstrong seems perfectly content making these short viral clips.

This video seems like another example of an Internet that is too big, too fast and too accessible for its own good. Nowadays, almost every Twitter user can regard themselves as a pseudo-comedian or a faux-reporter once they reach a certain number of followers. It is easy to feel a sense of vindication and satisfaction once you build an online following, and it is because of that ease in reaching out to a mass population that viral sensations like Armstrong are so quick to burn out and fade away after a short period of time. People are just over-saturated with this kind of content. Everywhere they turn there's someone or something that swears they're the next big thing. The quality content just fits right alongside with the rest of the material out there

in the digital sea of the Internet, and thus everything becomes noise.

It was fun while it lasted, but Armstrong's 15 seconds of fame had an expiration date as soon as it began simply because of the nature of what made him so relevant (at least for the time being). He got some buzz going by impersonating celebrities and churning out small videos of them; but, as can be demonstrated throughout history, what helps someone stay relevant is innovation and ingenuity, not just copying other people's work. I understand this is not by any means Armstrong's new career goal and is more of a thing he does for fun and attention. I simply hope he realizes that too.

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## SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Rankings craze plagues sports

**Marek Mazurek**  
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As a fantasy football enthusiast, I am a fan of the TV show "The League." In a recent episode there was a plotline that went something like this:

A character calls onto a fantasy football radio show asking for advice on whether to play a certain player or his backup. The experts on the show tell him to go with the first player because he is rated higher. The character puts him in the starting lineup, but the backup actually gets more points. The character calls back onto the show to complain, but the show's hosts rib him instead, calling him a "rankings slave."

This simple TV show bit highlights a larger issue that many in the sports world contribute to: the need for rankings.

This phenomenon is evident everywhere. Every year, the week after the NCAA college football or basketball championship game, ESPN puts out a "Way-Too-Early Top 25" predicting what the next season (which is a year away) will bring.

ESPN also puts out weekly power rankings for every major sport, seemingly for the sole purpose of providing fans of certain teams an article on which they can leave angry comments because their beloved Jacksonville Jaguars were ranked last instead of second-to-last or something along those lines.

Radio show hosts use rankings to fill whole segments during slow news days, whether it be ranking the best NFL quarterbacks of all time or the worst uniforms.

And fans everywhere only feed the flames. We are all guilty of it when we wait with baited breath to hear how much farther our team has moved up in the

coaches' poll, as if it matters two weeks into the year.

Maybe there is just something embedded within our human nature that compels us to seek hierarchical structures in our environment. Often when we are passionate about something, we seek to compare it to other similar things.

However, it is time for us to cease being "ranking slaves."

Go with your gut this week in your fantasy sports league. Put in that backup tight end you have a hunch about. Fantasy games (and real games, for that matter) are not won by which team looks the best on paper.

Don't look at preseason rankings, or if you do, at least read them with a grain of salt. Since 1985, Sports Illustrated has only predicted the national champion correctly four times. Four times. Out of 30 years. That's good for 13 percent.

And even now, does anyone honestly think the AP top 25 is even close to fully accurate with just two games to go judge? Injuries happen, teams collapse and no one will remember who was picked to win in week one.

The NCAA even changed its whole system because some people thought the BCS ranking system wasn't good enough. Now we have a former Secretary of State weighing in on whether Jacksonville State is a better team than Alabama Birmingham based on which team had a tougher strength of schedule.

If that's not a sign that it's come too far, I don't know what is. The debates will happen, they always do. All I'm saying is wait until the rankings actually matter — at the end of the season.

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## MLB | MARLINS 9, METS 3

# Marlins hit deGrom hard, end Mets' winning streak

## Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jacob deGrom was hit hard during a rare dud at home against one of his favorite opponents, and the Miami Marlins stopped the New York Mets' eight-game winning streak with a 9-3 victory Tuesday night.

Mets nemesis Dee Gordon homered and had four hits to back Tom Koehler, who plunked Yoenis Cespedes in the first inning and then helped silence the streaking slugger the rest of the way.

New York's commanding lead in the NL East was trimmed to 8 1/2 games over Washington, which beat Philadelphia 4-0. The magic number remained 10 for the Mets to clinch their sixth division title.

Christian Yelich had three hits and two RBIs following a surprise meeting with his "Saturday Night Live" doppelganger, and Justin Bour also had three hits and two RBIs.

Pitching close to his suburban New York hometown, Koehler (10-13) was lifted after walking the first two batters in the seventh. But lefty reliever Mike Dunn struck out Curtis Granderson, Cespedes and Daniel Murphy in succession as the Mets were thwarted in their attempt to put together yet another late comeback.

Last season's NL Rookie of the Year, deGrom (13-8) got

the ball on the anniversary of a striking performance. The right-hander whiffed the first eight Marlins batters at Citi Field on Sept. 15, 2014, matching the major league record to start a game since 1900.

He entered with a 1.63 ERA in 23 career starts at home — and 3-0 with a 1.80 ERA against Miami overall. But the Marlins pounded him for six runs and a season-high 10 hits in five innings.

It was the first time deGrom allowed more than three earned runs in a start at Citi Field.

The crowd chanted "MVP! MVP!" as Cespedes stepped to the plate in the first inning, and he was hit near the left hip on the first pitch he saw from Koehler, a 92 mph fastball.

Cespedes stared out toward the mound before taking his base.

It appeared to be retaliation for Monday night, when Cespedes held his bat aloft and admired a 442-foot drive off Marlins left-hander Justin Nicolino for his ninth home run this month.

Cespedes didn't slide on a force play at second and appeared to step on the foot of shortstop Miguel Rojas. Then in the seventh, Mets reliever Erik Goeddel threw behind Koehler as the pitcher squared to bunt. Plate umpire Dale Scott warned both benches immediately after the wild pitch, and there was

no further trouble.

Koehler scored in the fifth after driving a double to right field for his first extra-base hit in 134 major league at-bats.

## Trainer's room

Marlins: RF Giancarlo Stanton went to a hand specialist for another opinion on his broken left wrist but there was still no specific target date for his return. The slugger took batting practice on the field Monday. "Hopefully, we'll get a final answer today," manager Dan Jennings said. "One final check." ... RHP Carter Capps (strained right elbow) is scheduled to throw a simulated game Friday in Washington. ... SS Adeiny Hechavarria (left hamstring tightness) has been taking batting practice and grounders but isn't quite ready to run full speed. "They're moving closer in a big hurry," Jennings said, referring to all three players.

Mets: Manager Terry Collins thinks 1B Lucas Duda just needs big league plate appearances to get back in a groove. Duda flied out to the warning track twice and is hitless in his last 14 at-bats. He is 3 for 25 (.120) since coming off the disabled list Sept. 7 from a lower back injury. ... Rookie LHP Dario Alvarez stumbled on the mound for a ninth-inning balk and limped off the field with what Collins said was a groin injury.

## MLB | NATIONALS 4, PHILLIES 0

# Strasburg pitches Nationals past Phillies

## Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA—Stephen Strasburg gave up one hit and tied a career-best with 14 strikeouts in eight dominant innings, Bryce Harper hit two homers and the Washington Nationals beat the Philadelphia Phillies 4-0 on Tuesday night.

Strasburg (9-7) allowed only a single to Cody Asche leading off the bottom of the fifth — a hard grounder to right field. He has 27 strikeouts in his last two starts.

The hard-throwing righty struck out the side twice and fanned eight of the last 12

batters he faced. He was still firing 96 mph fastballs in the eighth. Blake Treinen tossed a 1-2-3 ninth to complete the shutout.

The Nationals have won three straight, but it's seems too late to catch the NL East-leading New York Mets.

Strasburg struck out 14 one other time in his major league debut against Pittsburgh on June 8, 2010. He had 13 in 7 1-3 innings in a loss to the Mets last Wednesday. This was his longest outing since he went eight innings in a win over Arizona on Aug. 19, 2014. Strasburg has one complete

game and shutout in his career. It was against the Phillies on Aug. 11, 2013.

Harper drove one out to center field in the first for a 1-0 lead against David Buchanan (2-9). He added an RBI single in the third to make it 2-0. Harper hit an opposite-field, two-run shot to left in the eighth off Adam Loewen.

Harper finished 3 for 3 with a walk and four RBIs. He leads the NL in batting average (.338), homers (39) and runs (108).

Buchanan gave up two runs and five hits in six innings.

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Irish freshman middle blocker Meg Morningstar, left, attempts a block during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Mississippi State on Friday.

## Volleyball

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Armour All-Americans, and Nunge earned third-team accolades. DeJarld and Morningstar were also honored as Prep Volleyball Academic All-Americans.

Morningstar already leads the Irish in blocks on the year, accumulating 36 through the first three tournaments, including three solo blocks. Nunge sits behind sophomore outside hitter Sam Fry at third on the team in total blocks with 25.

DeJarld has been reliable at libero and collected 30 digs against Hofstra at the Seton Hall Classic, the fifth-most digs by an Irish player

in a single match in 15 years. Her play earned her all-tournament honors.

The younger players are held to the same high standard as the more veteran members of the team, Johnson said.

"We've had some freshmen in very big roles already," Johnson said. "Our expectations are that they are committed to growing as volleyball players and as people."

Notre Dame and its newcomers will take the court next Friday when the Irish begin the Purdue Boiler Box Challenge with a noon match against Ball State.

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## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Beamer believes passing game is a work in progress

Associated Press

Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer would love to have a rotation of experienced wide receivers, especially now that an injury to quarterback Michael Brewer has forced the coach to turn to inexperienced Brenden Motley as his starter.

The Hokies (1-1) have relied heavily on starters Isaiah Ford and Cam Phillips through two games, and will continue looking to work younger wideouts into the lineup when they play at Purdue (1-1) on Saturday.

"I think it's a work in progress right now," Beamer said. "I think those first two are really good."

Beamer also likes his trio of tight ends. The Hokies have split the most athletic of the three, Bucky Hodges, out as a wide receiver on occasion. Beamer acknowledges he has concerns about Ford and Phillips wearing down.

"I think it kind of gets back to the game plan and hopefully some guys are going to come through, and if they don't, I think we've got to start game-planning a little bit to save those guys," Beamer said this week.

Ford and Phillips played virtually every snap in the opener against Ohio State, then played extensively

against Furman. Ford leads the Hokies with eight catches, Phillips is second with seven. The only other wideouts with a reception, Kevin Assante and Demetri Knowles, caught one pass each in Virginia Tech's 42-3 win against Furman.

Ford believes the younger receivers need to get better at paying attention to little things.

"In the receiver room, we have a lot of talent in there, but it's just paying attention to the details and the little things that can cause wins and losses," the sophomore said. "As we've seen it last year, it was a couple of games that we lost, six. Four or five of those games we lost because of the minor details."

Those details include blocking downfield to help the running game, being threats when left in one-on-one coverage and having earned the confidence of Motley, who had thrown just three college passes before Brewer broke his collarbone in the loss to Ohio State.

"I think our receivers help us, because those young guys and Hodges, I think it's just hard to leave them one-on-one," Beamer said, adding praise for how Motley responded to his first start last week. He finished 16 for 24 for 233 yards and two

touchdowns, both to Ford. He also ran for 38 yards and did not throw an interception.

Purdue is bracing for a dual-threat.

"They've got the new quarterback in there and he's doing a good job of making the throws," Boilermakers coach Darrell Hazell said. "And anytime you've got a guy that can run the ball, you have to be aware of where he is at all times, so that's what we have to do on the defensive side."

But going on the road is a different animal, Beamer said, and so Saturday will be telling.

"The quarterback, and of course that's the element right now that ... how's it going to be this week? But I didn't think he flinched last week," Beamer said. "I didn't think he did. I don't think he'll flinch this week."

Motley might also benefit from the Hokies policy to take their quarterbacks with them on road trips. The idea is to let them see what a hostile environment looks like, and how the Hokies have to adapt to it.

"So he's been through a lot of that," Beamer said. "And he's made out of the right stuff. He's smart. He's in control. He's calm. He's not going to get all crazy on you. And I think that offensive team picks up on that."

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# Royals top Indians with solid effort from Medlen

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kris Medlen allowed five hits over 6 1-3 innings and Alex Rios connected for a home run that launched some unintentional fireworks, leading the Kansas City Royals to a 2-0 win over the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday night.

Medlen (4-1) stifled the Indians before Royals manager Ned Yost turned things over to his top-ranked bullpen. Ryan Madson struck out two in the seventh, Wade Davis got through the eighth and Greg Holland worked around a two-on, no-out mess he created in the ninth for his 31st save.

Rios homered in the fifth inning off Josh Tomlin (5-2) for the Royals, who won for just the third time in 11 games as they close in on a probable AL Central title.

The Indians, who pulled

back to .500 for just the second time since April by winning the series opener, fell to 13-6 since Aug. 25.

Rios put the Royals ahead 2-0 with two outs in the fifth by hitting his fourth homer, a shot onto the pedestrian patio in left that prompted an accidental celebration in Progressive Field. As Rios rounded first, fireworks exploded above the ballpark, a tradition usually reserved for any homer hit by an Indians player.

TV cameras caught the fireworks technician with his hands clutching his head after his quick-trigger mistake, which prompted a chorus of boos from the small crowd.

It was a hard-luck loss for Tomlin, who had won his previous five starts. The right-hander gave up two runs and four hits in his second complete game this month. After giving Rios' homer, Tomlin

retired 13 of 14.

Medlen was making just his fifth start since bouncing over from the bullpen last month. The right-hander missed all of last season following Tommy John surgery.

The Royals took a 1-0 lead in the second on Perez's RBI single after the Indians failed to catch Mike Moustakas' foul pop behind the plate with two outs.

Catcher Yan Gomes yanked off his mask, and looked skyward but couldn't locate the high pop, which fell untouched about 15 feet from the batter's box as Tomlin and third baseman Giovanni Urshela helplessly looked on. Moustakas made the Indians pay by following with a double off the center-field wall and scored on Perez's clutch hit.

The Royals entered batting .280 with two outs — 37 points higher than the major league average.

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## M Soccer

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deep inside its defensive end, missed touches and sent passes to unoccupied areas of the field all night.

"We started very slowly," Clark said. "The first half, I don't know when we've been so lethargic. ... The first 20 minutes they really out-worked us."

The Irish had played five and one half games in the regular season without allowing a goal, a 533 minute, 32 second stretch that set the program record for the longest shutout stretch to start a season.

But just 1:32 into the twelfth half of the season, the streak was over.

The Musketeers finally broke through when junior forward Jalen Brown found a loose ball in the six-yard box and slammed it into the Irish net off a corner kick.

"It seemed to bobble around and somebody stuck it in," Clark said. "I wouldn't have expected us to lose a goal to a set piece because we've got good height."

"It was a bit of a calamity, the set piece, and these things happen."

Notre Dame tried to counter three minutes later when sophomore midfielder Blake Townes fed a pass to senior midfielder Evan Panken, but Panken's shot sailed high and wide of the net. Panken threw another shot on net in the 55th minute to finish off a slick Irish passing combination, but Xavier redshirt senior goalkeeper Dallas Jaye came up with a diving stop.

The Irish found their legs in time to mount a late offensive flurry in the final five minutes.

Sophomore forward Jon Gallagher tried to contort himself to bend in a one-touch shot on net in the 84th minute, but Jaye just let it float into his stomach. Senior midfielder Patrick Hodan, Notre Dame's leading scorer last season, has yet to find the net this season, and his stretch of futility continued when he sent a shot from 20 yards just over the crossbar in the 87th minute.

"The second half I was pleased with the display," Clark said. "They fought very hard in the second half even though we conceded a goal because I thought [the Xavier goal] was their only serious attempt on goal in the second half. ..."

"That was positive, but obviously the result wasn't."

Xavier had the only real chances of the first half but failed to break Notre Dame's scoreless streak in the period. Irish junior goalkeeper Chris Hubbard made a sliding save when he came

out to challenge a shot by Musketeer sophomore forward Matt Vasquezna in the eighth minute. Vasquezna also curled a shot just outside the far post from a sharp angle later in the half, but those represented the best scoring chances of the half.

"We didn't look as though

we were ready today," Clark said. "I don't know the reason. We'll talk about it and see what we did differently."

Notre Dame junior forward Mark Gormley registered the only real chance for the Irish in the first half, but he didn't get everything behind his shot and it was easily smothered by Jaye.

"We've got to move on," Clark said. "We don't have a lot of time to nurse out wounds here. We've got a huge game on Friday, so we've got to put his one behind here."

"I think road bumps are to wake you up, so hopefully this was our road bump and nothing more."

Notre Dame has a day of practice before jumping on a plane and flying down to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, to face the third-ranked Tar Heels on Friday. The game is scheduled to kick from Fetzer Field at 5 p.m.

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*Irish junior defender Matt Habrowski makes a pass during Notre Dame's 1-0 loss to Xavier yesterday at Alumni Stadium. Habrowski finished the game with one shot. Notre Dame totaled 13 shots and six of them were on target.*

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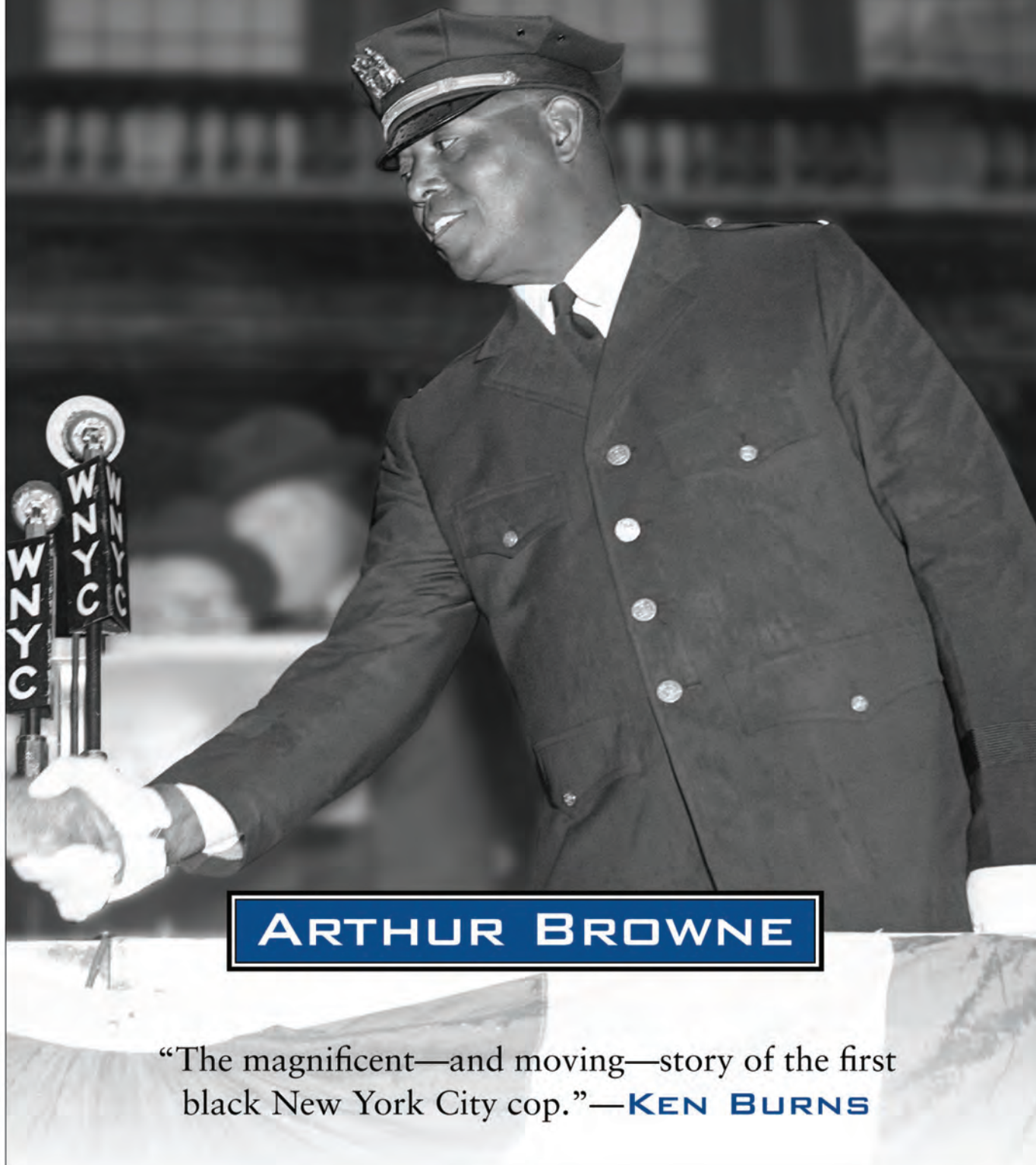
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## Football

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game. I do, in fact, look at all of them, if there is anything we do with injury prevention.”

Kelly said his message to his team is not to wallow in self-pity over the recent string of bad luck with injuries.

“I think any team kind of looks at it and says, boy, why us?” he said. “But as I told our team, no one really cares. Certainly those that do are happy that you got more injuries because they’re in it for their own teams. So just no excuses, you know? Let’s go play.”

“We’ve got players that will step up, and we’ll get through it. Everybody’s got to deal with some adversity, and this is our end of it, and we’ll be stronger for it.”

### Wimbush to play in 2015

At the start of the season, Notre Dame had planned on keeping freshman quarterback Brandon Wimbush on the sidelines to give him more time to develop, as the team had done previously for Zaire and sophomore DeShone Kizer.

However, with Kizer now the starter after Zaire’s injury, Kelly said the former third-stringer Wimbush would see playing time this season as Kizer’s backup, and not just only in blowout games like Kizer did against Texas.

“He’s going to have to play this year,” Kelly said of Wimbush. “So I haven’t decided yet, but he’s going to play this year. Let’s try to get him as much experience as possible, and we’re going to prepare him this week as if he’s going to play and go from there.”

While Wimbush, a highly touted recruit out of St. Peter’s Prep in New Jersey, certainly brings a talented skillset to his game, Kelly said Kizer’s experience in the program led to him sliding into the starting slot.

“DeShone has had so much more time to develop into this position than Brandon, and we’ll see where it goes,” Kelly said. “Brandon will get second-team reps for the first time. DeShone’s been getting it since the spring, so he’s got a lot more room for growth.”

### Linebacker rotation

Until Kelly announced graduate student Joe Schmidt would start at the middle linebacker position during fall camp, there were still some questions as to who would step into that role, with Schmidt, graduate student Jarrett Grace and sophomore Nyles Morgan all contending for the job.

However, after the first two games, Schmidt has seen significantly more minutes on the field than his two teammates, which Kelly said can be attributed to a number of factors.

“Jarrett has been hampered by an ankle and a bit of a hamstring, so he has not been healthy the last week or so, and he’s still not a hundred percent,” Kelly said. “So that’s one of the reasons. If he was a hundred percent, you probably would have seen him a little bit last week.”

“And we really like Nyles, but I think it goes to probably more about wanting Joe’s communication out there. He’s practicing well, but if we had to go with Nyles, we’d feel good about it.”

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Irish graduate student linebacker Joe Schmidt attempts to shed a block during Notre Dame’s 34-27 win over Virginia on Saturday at Scott Stadium. Schmidt finished the game with six tackles.

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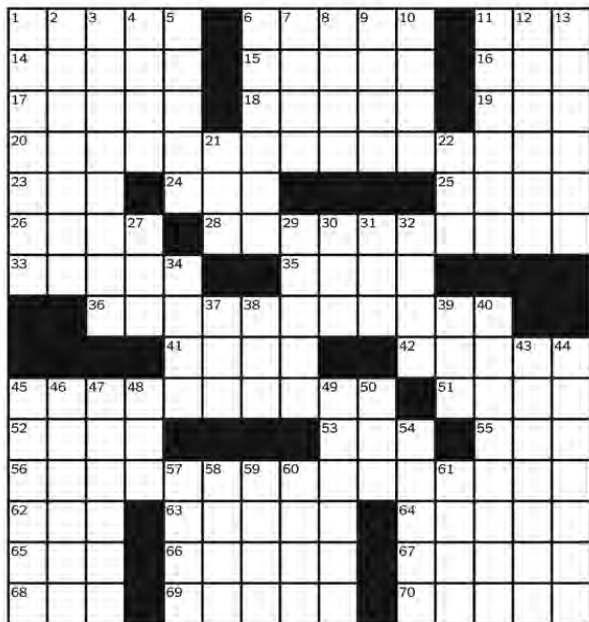
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Irish sophomore quarterback DeShone Kizer eludes a tackle during Notre Dame’s 34-27 win over Virginia on Saturday at Scott Stadium.

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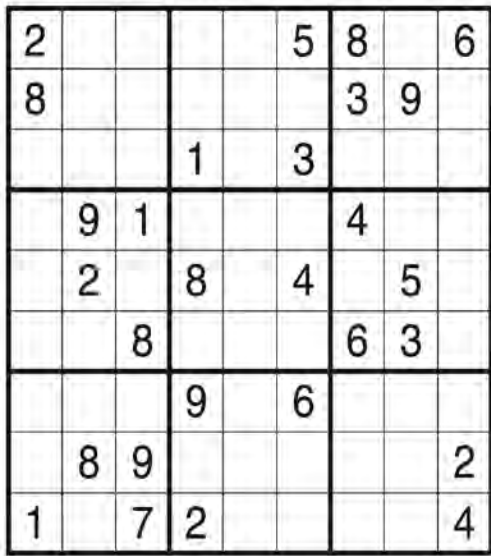
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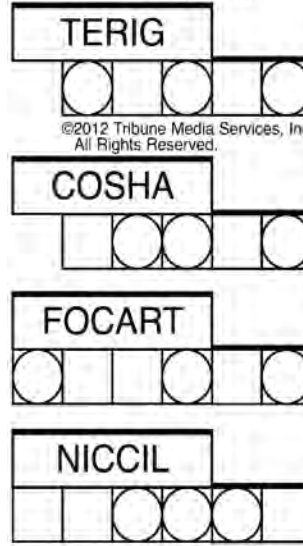
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## FOOTBALL

# Kelly addresses injuries, quarterback depth

By **MARY GREEN**  
Assistant Managing Editor

Two games into the season and with 10 left on the schedule, head coach Brian Kelly confirmed Tuesday the Irish have lost their fifth starter to injury. This time, it's junior tight end Durham Smythe, who tore his right MCL against Virginia last Saturday.

Kelly said at his Tuesday press conference the injury came in the fourth quarter, right before Notre Dame's game-winning touchdown. He underwent surgery for both his knee and right shoulder, which was injured against Texas on Sept. 5, according to Kelly.

With Smythe out, sophomore Tyler Lutua moves into the starting tight end role, backed up by freshman Alizé Jones, sophomore Nic Weishar and graduate student Chase Hounshell.

"I think each one of them has some different levels of, I want to say, expertise, but strengths relative to what we think they can do," Kelly said of his tight ends. "I think you'll see them

all play, no question. I don't think there is just one guy.

"I think Durham was able to do a lot of different things, so now I think you'll see we'll go deeper with the tight ends. But I feel very confident that in all of them that we'll get the kind of play necessary at that position."

Five Notre Dame starters have now been sidelined for the 2015 due to injury: Smythe, junior quarterback Malik Zaire, junior running back Tarean Folston, senior defensive lineman Jarron Jones and freshman cornerback Shaun Crawford. Zaire was also injured in the Virginia game, while Folston was hurt against Texas. Jones and Crawford's injuries came during fall camp.

"It's just one of those things that, is there anything that you could have done differently in that situation?" Kelly said. "That's certainly what I try to do in each one of these situations, and that one [with Smythe], there was nothing you could do about it. It was just part of the

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Irish junior tight end Durham Smythe, center, celebrates with his teammates following a touchdown during Notre Dame's 34-27 win over Virginia on Saturday at Scott Stadium.

## MEN'S SOCCER | XAVIER 1, ND 0

## Xavier hands Notre Dame first loss of year in upset



MACKENZIE MARINOVICH | The Observer

Irish senior midfielder Evan Panken dribbles past a defender during Notre Dame's 1-0 loss to Xavier yesterday at Alumni Stadium.

By **ZACH KLONSINSKI**  
Sports Editor

Notre Dame suffered its first defeat of the season, falling to Xavier 1-0 on Tuesday night at Alumni Stadium.

With just seconds remaining in the game, a shot ricocheted into the upper body of a Xavier defender just outside the six-yard box and the Irish players screamed for a penalty shot, but referee Chico Grajeda ruled it was clean and the clock expired.

"There were claims for various things," Irish head coach Bobby Clark said. "I didn't see it so I can't comment on it."

The Irish (4-1-1, 1-0-0 ACC) came out flat against the Musketeers (4-2-0, 0-0-0 Big East) just 72 hours after dominating last season's ACC champion Clemson in a 1-0 victory on the very same field. Notre Dame coughed up the ball multiple times

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

## Freshmen usher in new era for Irish

By **DAISY COSTELLO**  
Sports Writer

In the first nine matches of 2014, the Irish posted a record of just 2-7, a sign of times to come — the team would finish the season with just a 6-23 record and only four ACC wins. However, 2015 is a new season for Notre Dame, as the team have started the year with a record of 4-5 under the direction of new head coach Jim McLaughlin, doubling its win total from last year through the same number of games.

McLaughlin is not the only new face to the Irish program. On Notre Dame's roster of 15, six of the spots are filled with freshmen: middle blockers Meg Morningstar and Kristin Baer, liberos Kelly Byrne and Ryann DeJarld and outside hitters Rebecca Nunge and Katie Houser. Those six have already taken steps to solidify themselves as mainstays in the program.

Irish associate head coach Mike Johnson is a new member of the coaching staff as well, brought in under the

leadership of McLaughlin. He said 2015 is a transition year for everyone.

"To a degree, we're changing the whole system, so everyone's a freshman in the new system," Johnson said. "Many years, freshmen are farther behind, but in this case freshmen are not far behind the scale because it's new to everyone and we're all growing together."

Johnson said he has been impressed with the freshmen so far. Four of the first-years on the roster — Morningstar, Byrne, DeJarld and Nunge — have already seen significant playing time through the first nine matches of the season.

"The impact [of the freshmen] has been massive. They've continued to grow, and the whole team gets better as a result," Johnson said.

This year's freshman class brought a long list of high school accolades with it to Notre Dame. DeJarld and Houser were honored as second-team Under

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