

ND community remembers Jake Scanlan

Memorial mass honors life of student

By CATHERINE OWERS
Associate News Writer

"Jake loved and was loved. While Jake loved, our faith reminds us that God is love. Despite our struggles that God took a beloved member of our community away too soon, we can't help but see how God poured his love into Jake's heart, and man, did it change lives," Fr. Pete McCormick, director of Campus Ministry, said in his homily at the memorial Mass to celebrate the life of junior Jake Scanlan.

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RACHEL O'GRADY | The Observer

A candle display at the Grotto spells out "JAKE" in honor of Notre Dame junior Jake Scanlan, who died Wednesday morning. Students attended a Mass Thursday night to remember Scanlan.

Students share stories, memories about Scanlan

By MARGARET HYNDS
News Editor

"He put a smile on everyone's face the second he walked into a room," Caroline Trustey, Jake Scanlan's girlfriend, said. "Whether it was the goofy outfits that he would wear, or the funny one-liners, or just the way he came in and made you feel so loved and welcome wherever you were. He just made people light up." "It seems like every person in our grade, every person in our school, has a memory of Jake. Whether it's from

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Students robbed by assailants

Observer Staff Report

Two separate Notre Dame students were the victims of similar robberies Tuesday evening, according to an email Thursday from Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) sergeant Tracy Skibins.

The email stated both robberies occurred off campus, one near 1200 N. Eddy Street and the other "in the 1000 block of N. Notre Dame Ave."

In both incidents, a suspect approached the victim and hit the victim in the face.

"Both victims had their cell phone taken," the email stated. "In one of the incidents the suspect asked the victim for the time before striking the victim in the face. In the other incident the suspect also exchanged words before assaulting the victim and stealing the phone."

According to the email, there were two suspects involved in each robbery. The email described the suspects in both cases as "young, 12-15 years of age, black male [and] 4'6"-5' tall."

"One suspect had dreadlocks and the other suspect had short black hair," the email stated. "One

wore a red sweatshirt; the other one was wearing a gray sweatshirt. The suspects fled on foot in both incidents."

The email also referred to a separate report of "theft by deception," in which a suspect impersonating a member of the police department approaches students and requests money in return for overlooking minor violations.

"A separate investigation has revealed that a suspect may be approaching people on the edges of campus claiming to be working for a police department and threatening fines for violations like minor possession/consumption of alcohol," the email stated. "The suspect then offers to overlook the violation if the victim will give the suspect a smaller amount of money."

The email asked students to contact NDSP if they have any information regarding the incidents.

"If this has happened to you or someone you know, please contact NDSP at 574-631-5555," the email stated. "Your information may help us stop the suspect from doing this to others."

Sexual assault reported

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a report of sexual assault committed Saturday, according to an email sent to students Thursday night.

The assault reportedly occurred in a West Quad

men's residence hall, the email stated. This is the third sexual assault report NDSP has sent to students this school year.

The email quoted "du Lac: A Guide to Student Life," Notre Dame's official policy book, and warned students of the risks of sexual assault

as well as the standards of consent.

"Sexual assault can happen to anyone," the email said. "Anyone initiating any kind of sexual contact with another person must seek consent and not engage in

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NDVotes provides forum for student discourse

By LUCAS MASIN-MOYER
News Writer

Thursday night in Geddes Hall, NDVotes '16, a student task force aimed at increasing political engagement, hosted an open mic night. The goal of the forum, according to NDVotes member and event moderator Nikki Steiner, was to allow students to express their views on the upcoming 2016 election and the political process.

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Students lead an open forum in the Andrews Auditorium on Thursday to discuss the issues of the 2016 presidential elections.



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Jacqueline Cassidy
grad student
off-campus
"Shutting out Wake Forest."



Luigi Ribera
freshman
Alumni Hall
"Tailgating."



Patrick Tinsley
junior
Alumni Hall
"Storming the field and bringing the field post down."



Kelsey Lynch
sophomore
McGlinn Hall
"Beating Wake Forest and going 9-1."



Erin Lattimer
junior
Howard Hall
"Watching the seniors throw marshmallows."



Mathew Morico
freshman
Alumni Hall
"Winning."



CAITLYN JORDAN | The Observer

Irish senior center Thomas DiPaoli protects the puck from Northeastern sophomore forward Nolan Stevens during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over the Huskies in the first of a two-game series Thursday at Compton Family Ice Arena.

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Friday

Hot Apple Cider and Donuts

Fieldhouse Mall
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Part of StaND Against Hate Week.

Trumpets under the Dome

Main Building
4:10 p.m.
A home game weekend tradition.

Saturday

Football vs. Wake Forest

Notre Dame Stadium
3:30 pm
Notre Dame takes on the Demon Deacons.

"Disabusing Disability"

Jordan Hall of Science
11 a.m.
Part of the Dooley Society Lecture Series.

Sunday

Women's Basketball vs. Bucknell

Purcell Pavilion
1 p.m.
The Irish take on the Bison.

Diwali Celebration

LaFortune Student Center
7 p.m.-10 p.m.
Celebrate the Hindu New Year.

Monday

"Migration to Europe"

Geddes Hall
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Panel discussion on the migration crisis.

"The Courage of Conviction"

Hesburgh Center
12 p.m.-1 p.m.
Lecture on sustainable development abroad.

Tuesday

Workshop

Brownson Hall
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Learn how to craft a compelling grant proposal.

Men's Basketball vs. Milwaukee

Purcell Pavilion
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
The Irish take on the Panthers.

SMC speaker highlights signs of dating violence

By NICOLE CARATAS
News Writer

In his final lecture after 18 years of speaking engagements, Tom Santoro spoke to Saint Mary's students on Thursday about the warning signs of dating violence and his personal experience with issue.

Santoro said his daughter, Lisa Santoro, was killed by her ex-boyfriend, who had never previously shown signs of verbal, emotional or physical abuse. However, after Lisa's murder, the Santoro family found out he had been stalking Lisa for months and had beaten someone the day they broke up — both signs that indicated he was an abuser.

Santoro showed a video about his daughter, which featured her delivering a prayer to her high school class for all victims of violence.

"She wanted to pray for violence in her day, for the end of it," Santoro said. "Lisa's not here to carry out her prayer and her dream. So if I reach one person in this room today, I did something for Lisa, but I also did something for all the victims of domestic and dating violence."

Santoro said abuse almost always starts out with verbal abuse.

"A little name-calling, making

fun of you, putting you down in front of your friends, [that is] outright verbal abuse," Santoro said. "When they do that to you, and they do that over and over again, a person starts to believe what they're being told."

Santoro said victims of relationship violence go back to their abuser an average of seven

"A girl should never have to worry about getting caught talking to another guy because she's scared her boyfriend will get mad."

Tom Santoro
founder
"Dear Lisa"

times. He said this is because victims block out the bad parts of their relationship and focus on the few good aspects.

Additionally, he said, many victims believe themselves to be in love, the result being that no matter how badly they are treated, victims find it hard to let go of their abuser. Santoro also said although women are on average more likely to be the victim of relationship violence, men can

also be affected by the issue.

"When someone does something to hurt you, and they do this to you over and over again, there's your red flag," he said. "There's your warning, and that's when you should step back."

The two most important parts of a relationship are respect and trust, Santoro said.

"Find a partner who is going to respect you and trust you," he said. "I know it takes time to build up respect and trust, but when you find it, you should be in a healthy — and even more importantly, you should be in a very safe — relationship."

"You have to trust your partner. You cannot stop them if they want to go do something. A girl should never have to worry about getting caught talking to another guy because she's scared her boyfriend will get mad."

Santoro said the most important thing to do if a friend is in an abusive relationship is to be supportive and to remind that friend that it is not his or her fault. Although victims of abuse may try to push away anyone who tries to help, Santoro said, it is important not to give up on them.

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Students sport mullets for malaria awareness



ROSIE LOVOI | The Observer

A University hairstylist gives a St. Edward's resident a haircut on Thursday as part of "Mullets against Malaria."

By JP GSCHWIND
News Writer

Mullets are making a comeback, at least for the men of St. Edward's Hall.

Mullets Against Malaria, an annual fundraiser for the dorm, officially launched on Thursday night when two barbers gave mullet haircuts to 33 residents of St. Edward's.

This year's event director, sophomore Parker Mathes, said the fundraiser allows the St. Edward's community to come together to support malaria prevention and include the entire campus in gaining donations and publicizing the damage malaria inflicts throughout the developing world.

"We get mullets as a way to get people's attention and raise awareness," Mathes said.

According to the website of the World Health Organization (WHO), there were approximately 198 million cases of malaria worldwide in 2013, resulting in 584,000 deaths.

Mathes said the money raised by Mullets Against Malaria goes directly to Nothing But Nets, United Nations Foundation initiative that focuses on malaria prevention in Sub-Saharan Africa. According to the organization's website, Nothing But Nets works with partners like UNICEF, the United Nations Refugee Agency, the WHO and others to buy mosquito bed nets and supply them to African countries.

This is only the second year of the fundraiser, Mathes said, but it hopes to build on the success of last year's campaign, which raised \$3,493 through the

funding site YouCaring. The goal for the current campaign is \$5,500 and donations are being accepted through GoFundMe.

In addition to the mullets, Mathes said St. Edward's is raising awareness by selling shirts for \$15, which after covering overhead costs, sends \$3 per shirt to Nothing But Nets.

"The shirts aren't a huge money-maker, but they're a great way of getting the word out there," he said.

Mullets Against Malaria may not be a long-standing tradition, Mathes said, but it has already generated a lot of enthusiasm in its first two years.

"The off-campus seniors came up with this idea," he said. "They didn't really like the current fundraising project and they were growing mullets out at the time, and so they wanted to find a way to link it together."

Mathes said participation has grown from 15 students last year to 33 this year, reflecting an effort to establish Mullets Against Malaria as an event that St. Edward's will host for many years to come.

In order to cultivate the ideal mullet, Mathes said, students need to start preparing early, so over the summer St. Edward's president junior Griffin Hilly and vice president junior Brandon Ruggles sent out a video to all hall residents explaining the mission of Mullets Against Malaria and encouraging freshmen in particular to start growing their hair out before the actual campaign.

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freshman tutorial, or they lived down the hall from him in the dorm, everyone has these memories," she said.

Scanlan died suddenly in his sleep Wednesday morning from what appear to be natural causes. A member of the junior class and resident of Siegfried Hall, he graduated from Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C. in 2013 and was pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering.

"He was the kind of kid that it didn't matter if you knew him for two days or two years or if he met you last week. It didn't matter. He'd approach you like you were an old friend of his," Jackson Fox said. "... I made a lot of new friends this semester because I was around him. Being around him facilitates happiness and connection or friendship, almost."

Junior Ryan Bliss, who knew Scanlan throughout high school as well as at Notre Dame, said Scanlan was able to connect with people quickly.

"It's hard to describe," he said. "You always felt next to him, no matter what,

whether he met you 30 seconds ago, like you'd known him all his life. He'd always try to make you happy."

Junior Pat McMahon also went to high school with Scanlan, before coming to Notre Dame, and said he re-

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Jackson Fox
junior

members meeting him the first day of their freshman year of high school.

"I first met Jake when he was in my first period class, freshman year at Gonzaga," he said. "I didn't know a lot of people going into high school, and he knew some kids that he had gone to middle school with. He was so much himself, and so comfortable in his own skin, that he just wanted to include

everyone else.

"He would, without knowing me at all, just throw me into a conversation. He was so goofy and happy and everything, that it made me feel so much more at ease in a group of people that I didn't really know."

Fox, a junior, echoed that sentiment.

"[Scanlan] made people around him much more comfortable being themselves," Fox said. "It's easy to not feel self-conscious or afraid of doing something that people are going to look down upon, because he didn't [care]. He would just do his own thing. And that really translated to everyone he was around"

"Doing his own thing" worked its way into Scanlan's sense of humor. Junior Brandon Burdine said one memory stood out in particular.

"When I think of Jake, I remember him at football games. It would be 20 degrees out, and he'd be out there in his jorts, shirtless, yelling at people." Burdine said.

Many of his friends said Scanlan constantly used his humor to the benefit of those around him.

"He always found the good in something," junior Matt

Habrowski said. "He had the ability to turn a not-so-good situation into something that could be funny or brighten someone else's day."

"It was always living outside of himself, trying to make other people smile or laugh. And I think that's why other people gravitate towards him, and why he affected so many people. ... His impact on others was second

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Matt Habrowski
junior

to none," he said. "You don't come across too many people like that."

Fox said that despite Scanlan's goofy sense of humor, he was deeply committed to helping his friends.

"He was a goofy guy, but at the same time he was very loyal," Fox said. "If you were

a friend of his, he'd help you out. If it was serious, he could be serious. If you just wanted to joke around and be funny, that's who he could be. ... It didn't really matter what it was; he could be that.

"... It's hard to have a bad day when you're around Jake," Fox said. "If you needed him to be something, he'd just do it. There was never any question. It didn't matter what it was, if you needed his help, and he could help you in any way, then he would do it. It never needed to be asked, ever."

Burdine said Scanlan's desire to make others laugh reflected his selflessness and loyalty to his friends.

"He got so much joy out of life, and he always wanted to make someone else's day a little bit better in any way he could," Burdine said. "I think that's a pretty rare quality to have, but he never seemed focused on himself or his own happiness."

"... He was a very genuine person, I think that's what I admired most about him," Burdine said. "He didn't really care what other people thought about him, but everyone always liked him."

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Votes

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"We wanted to hear what the students care about on campus and what they wanted to see from candidates in the upcoming 2016 election," Steiner said. "We wanted to give them a voice and hear what they care about."

Freshman Prathm Juneja opened the discussion by bringing up issues of voter apathy and lack of voter education.

"It really concerns me that we have students who are unaware and uninvolved," he said. "Students will automatically align themselves with a political party without knowing anything about politics."

Task force co-chair sophomore Roge Karma echoed Juneja's views and said vot-

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Prathm Juneja
freshman

er participation is essential to the political process.

(Editor's note: Roge Karma is a viewpoint columnist for The Observer.)

"It is almost a responsibility to be politically aware and politically involved," he said.

Karma said youth are not "inherently apathetic."

"When there is a candidate that inspires people, the youth come out to vote," he said.

Sophomore Ariana Zlioba said when young people are involved, they can have an impact in the political process.

"If you look back in history, from the revolutions in the 1800s up until Vietnam,

the people leading discussions and the people asking the hardest questions were always young people." Zlioba said. "They were people who were idealistic and passionate enough to incite change when no one else wanted to."

Juneja said student apathy toward political participation is closely tied to the education system.

"Not once was I told how to vote," Juneja said. "[Nor was I told] about news sources, or about the views of the political parties."

Sophomore Cassi Hayes said apathy stems from a larger disillusionment with the political process.

"Money and big corporations and lobby groups seem to run so much of [our political process]," she said. "[One] of the reason young people aren't fighting for a better system is because they feel they don't have power."

Zlioba said politicians' attitudes towards compromise often make agreement across the aisle impossible.

"The problem is that politicians are associating their unwillingness to compromise on principles with unwillingness to compromise on issues," she said.

This polarization is not as prevalent in American homes as one might believe, freshman Abby Ferguson said.

"People are more moderate than they think they are," Ferguson said. "Politicians are becoming more polarized."

An explanation for this phenomenon was offered by Hayes, who said politics doesn't reward people for being moderate.

"This mentality encourages a system [that] doesn't necessarily reflect the views of the American people," she said.

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Mass

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Scanlan, a resident of Siegfried Hall, died unexpectedly in his sleep Wednesday morning from what appear to be natural causes. Scanlan's family and friends, residents of Siegfried Hall, and students, faculty and staff from across campus attended the Mass, which was celebrated by University President Fr. John Jenkins at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Thursday evening.

McCormick described the 20-year-old mechanical engineering major from North Potomac, Maryland, as a "man for others."

"Jake was deserving of the spotlight, being a great athlete, great academic, loyal friend, faithful brother, loving son. Jake preferred to use his God-given talents to make others happy, living his life so authentically that he could not help but inspire others to do the very same," he said. "In fact, it was pointed out that having an entire Mass for Jake would be enough for him to turn in the exact opposite direction, so not wanting to draw attention to himself, so rather being invested in others."

McCormick said he led a procession from Siegfried Hall on Wednesday evening to the Grotto after attending a standing-room only Mass in the Siegfried Chapel.

"As we rounded the corner into the Grotto, coming down the steps, I realized that we were no longer just a group of Mass-goers having left Siegfried," he said. "Instead, we were joined by hundreds of people from around campus who had come together to pray for

this young man. All standing in silence, all standing in honor and prayerful respect of their friend and their brother."

After everyone had lit a candle, Fr. John Conley, rector of Siegfried, brought together those gathered at the Grotto, McCormick said.

"In that moment, though, something happened that I will never forget, as I stood there, huddled in the cold, my hands buried in my pockets, looking down in prayerful reverence. I immediately felt a large arm over my right shoulder and then another one over my left shoulder," he said. "And as I looked up, what I realized was that not only were we drawing closer to the front rail of the Grotto, but we were doing so together, with arms outstretched ...

"And I thought to myself, how fitting that a young man who has committed himself to loving others, to giving of himself to others, to bringing others together, even in death, has the ability to, last night, bring so many together — and this night to bring so many people that we literally could not fit them all in the Basilica. What a beautiful thing that is."

Scanlan's death leaves his family, friends and the Notre Dame community with "big, substantive questions," McCormick said. However, he said people of faith are ultimately challenged to consider that a loving God would not leave Scanlan at death.

"That we understand just as God has blessed Jake with life ... he will not leave him alone, abandoned," he said. "And just as we support one another, as we continue to do now and into the future, God, too, calls Jake to

himself, and invites him on a new journey — a journey to a deeper and fuller understanding of God, of life eternal. To a place prepared for us all, by Jesus, through his death and resurrection. ... Jake's life has not ended, it has merely changed."

Those whose lives have been touched by Scanlan can best honor him by building community, McCormick said.

"In the minutes, and hours, days, weeks, and months and years ahead, all of us will be impacted by Jake and his death, in unexpected and sometimes confusing ways," he said. "When those cases occur, instead of sinking into grief and despair, perhaps each of us might challenge ourselves to honor Jake's life by reaching out to a friend, being intentional about helping others in need and, you know what, not always taking ourselves seriously. Because as Jake's life demonstrated, sometimes what this world needs most is a good laugh."

After the concluding rites of the Mass, McCormick read a statement from the Scanlan family.

"On behalf of the family, we'd like to thank everyone for the prayers, love and support shown during this difficult time. We all love Jake and are much better persons for having known him. And we are now better equipped to complete our mission on God's behalf to achieve lasting eternity in heaven. May we always cherish and remember Jake's humble demeanor, his big smile and his witty sense of humor. May God bless."

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sexual contact unless consent is given.

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The world is your oyster

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At what point do we stop dreaming, and resign ourselves to lives of monotony and conformity? As children, we are all taught we can be whatever we want to be, we should follow our passions and if we do what we love, we will never work a day in our lives. This is the key to prosperity, happiness and success.

As we grow older, these simple principles we once held close to our hearts and believed to be true become threatened by everything and everyone — even ourselves. Every obstacle we encounter fuels our drive to reach our goals, yet simultaneously increases our fear of failure and level of self doubt. Our responsibilities accumulate, our definition of success changes and we become more fixated on money and beauty and all that is temporal. These worries begin to take priority over our childish dreams, and some of us decide that we would do better to pursue those passions later on — maybe after we secure a stable job, get married, buy a house, etc.

This is by no means an easy way out — rather, it just feels safer and a bit more linear. The prospect of an unpredictable future is terrifying, and this conventional route can provide comfort to so many of us. We often succumb to the poison of comparison; everyone else looks like they have it figured out at this point, and we're just floundering around and struggling to get through a day without running out of air.

As my graduation looms around the corner, these feelings are becoming more and more poignant. Sometimes I wonder if I made the right choice in choosing my major. I think more of the difficulties I will face rather than the joy I will gain by pursuing my dreams. I think many of my peers are in the same position, and we all need to be reminded we can still choose to be happy and keep our dreams alive, despite our fears and societal pressures.

“My Heart Is Afraid that it will have to suffer,’ the boy told the alchemist one night as they looked up at the moonless sky.

‘Tell your heart that the fear of suffering is worse than the suffering itself. And that no heart has never suffered when it goes in search of its dreams.’”

— Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jake

Last night,
I cried for hours.
I blamed myself for not picking up the phone and calling you
For not texting you a corny joke
For not saying a proper goodbye
Last night,
I cried for hours.
This morning,
I called you on the phone for the first time in a while,
just to hear your voice,
just to hear you laugh.
Anything that would prove
you are still here.
Jake,
Please
call me back.
The silence is killing me
and I'm not ready to let you go.

John Hulede
classmate and friend
Gonzaga College High School class of 2013
Nov. 12

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How do we help each other?

The panel consists of pressed suits and styled bobs.

They talk of the necessity of relationship, of treating people humanely rather than as moneybags, of the difficulties of creating a metric for social impact, among other topics that arise when you ask, how do we help each other? Yet, these panelists don't look like the usual crew of bleeding hearts with dirt-stained flannel and affirmative nodding in response to the term 'social justice.' Instead of spending their time in homeless shelters and service centers, they settle in their offices with brand-name coffee in sterile cups and an agenda focused on the bottom line. These panelists are a part of the Irish Impact Social Entrepreneurship Conference and are the first to point out that a good business plan is always more useful than an individual's good intentions.

Yet, they are also the first to bring up how impact investing changes the world for the better. They live by the theory that investing in choice businesses can transform the lives of the marginalized without forsaking the promise of profits. By including the marginalized in a market that pervades all of our lives, impact investing focuses on pragmatic practices of inclusion rather than idealistic hopes of completely circumventing the capitalistic, materialistic character of the modern economy. These panelists play with big numbers, and consequently, touch the lives of an innumerable number of people, whether they are receiving paychecks from newly-created jobs or new products on the shelf of local stores that choice investing promoted.

Of course, impact investing is not the same sort of slow love that arises from simply being with the marginalized. It's not passing afternoons playing King's Corners so that the person in front of you is distracted from the upcoming custody battle she will surely lose.

It's not letting others comfort you as you cry, so they can realize that as infantilized and patronized as they are, they still have this shine that could light up anyone's heart. It's not quite as physically demanding, mouth-drying or soul-wrenching.

But it doesn't mean impact investing is any less of an act of love.

Desire to help the world is a beautiful thing. The prominent answer to such a want is for one to do service, and it is a beautiful thing to have one's heart touched and one's soul filled with all one sees while doing service. And if you are not touched, that too is a beautiful thing. There are so many different ways of making the world better, from advocacy in legal courts to impact investing in business suits. The question remains: How do we help each other? Only your own answer can suffice for yourself.

If you are interested in exploring various avenues of changing the world for the better beyond service, consider these classes next spring:

Through business: Social Entrepreneurship* with Melissa Paulsen TR 11-12:15, 2-3:15

Through advocacy: Advocacy for the Common Good with Mike Hebbeler (Non-traditional times)

Through qualitative research: Youth Empowerment, Literacy, and Changing Urban Landscapes* with Maria McKenna and Stuart Greene M 3:30-4:45, W 3:30-6:30

*Preference given to students of certain colleges/departments of study, but after the registration is completed, nothing but good can come from requesting a spot even if you are not in a certain college or minor.

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Nov. 9

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Embracing the dual role of Catholic education

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

Before fall break, Saint Mary's Belles for Life club hosted the Planned Parenthood Project, a national initiative by Students for Life of America, on campus. In response, Feminists United club constructed a display of 1,852 flags, each of which represented 10 Planned Parenthood services not related to abortion or contraception. Several students responded by creating a petition on Change.org calling on College President Carol Ann Mooney to fulfill three requests: to prohibit any display supporting Planned Parenthood or any institution providing abortions, to prohibit faculty from distributing or encouraging distribution of pro-abortion paraphernalia and to release a formal, public statement reaffirming the College's support for the pro-life mission of the Catholic Church.

This garnered a response from Vice President for Student Affairs Karen Johnson, who sent an email to students in which she said Saint Mary's role as a Catholic college comes with a responsibility to maintain consistency with Catholic teachings. She clarified the College's guidelines as applied to club events, which emphasize the difference between education versus advocacy and support. "Sponsorship of a speaker, in and of itself, does not constitute advocacy or support of ideas expressed by the speaker," Johnson said.

A few days later, Mooney released a statement to students that said the College plays dual roles in education — which, at the undergraduate level, traditionally involves free access to information — and in the formation of young people in the Catholic tradition, which prohibits Saint Mary's student groups from taking advocacy positions inconsistent with Church teaching.

Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Catholic universities around the country face this same issue often: How can we maintain our Catholic identity and continue to support intellectual freedom and an open exchange of ideas?

Too often, this question is posed in terms of finding a balance — a way to reconcile two otherwise incompatible ideas so neither side sacrifices too much. We contend, however, that intellectual

freedom and open dialogue are essential aspects of the Catholic identity of an educational institution. Saint Mary's and Notre Dame were built on the blended nature of these foundational concepts, that a true Catholic education encompasses access to and discussion of all ideas.

Notre Dame University President emeritus Fr. Ted Hesburgh, in his autobiography "God, Country, Notre Dame," wrote about the role a Catholic university or college should play in not just the education, but also the formation of its students.

"The Catholic University should be a place where all the great questions are asked, where an exciting conversation is continually in progress, where the mind constantly grows as the values and powers of intelligence and wisdom are cherished and exercised in full freedom," he wrote.

Great questions should explore difficult topics. Exciting conversations thrive with multiple viewpoints. A mind cannot grow without the exercise presented by a challenge, and Hesburgh envisioned a Catholic campus as one that actively promotes freedom and invites discussion of a wide range of ideas, no matter how controversial.

The University's mission statement undoubtedly supports this harmony of Catholic education and intellectual freedom.

"As a Catholic university, one of its distinctive goals is to provide a forum where, through free inquiry and open discussion, the various lines of Catholic thought may intersect with all the forms of knowledge found in the arts, sciences, professions and every other area of human scholarship and creativity," the statement reads. "... What the University asks of all its scholars and students, however, is not a particular creedal affiliation, but a respect for the objectives of Notre Dame and a willingness to enter into the conversation that gives it life and character. Therefore, the University insists upon academic freedom that makes open discussion and inquiry possible."

This, then, is how Notre Dame answers that question of Catholic identity and unfettered discussion: by affirming open and accessible debate as a primary goal of a Catholic educational institution. The University encourages the exploration of a diverse range of views framed within an environment

supportive of faith-based decision-making. It is precisely the contention of opinion available within such an open framework that strengthens us as students and as members of this Catholic community.

Saint Mary's mission statement and statement of philosophy and purpose also include the same dedication to intersectional identity and free thought.

"The College creates an open forum in which students freely and critically study the rich heritage of the Catholic tradition, raising the questions necessary to develop a mature religious life. ... Engaging in all aspects of the college experience, students acquire the hallmarks of a liberally educated woman: keen self-knowledge, lively imagination, lifelong intellectual and cultural interests and the ability to make socially responsible choices about the future."

Saint Mary's invites students to critically study the Catholic tradition, a practice which involves examining both its merits and faults; this cannot be done without an understanding of opposing perspectives. Similarly, it promotes "the ability to make socially responsible choices," a trait impossible without a holistic understanding of all available choices and beliefs — not just those endorsed by the Catholic Church.

While the foundation for the union of Catholic identity and intellectual freedom has been laid out in both schools' mission statements, it has proven difficult to achieve in reality.

By allowing the Feminist United club's controversial demonstration to take place on campus, Saint Mary's was a step closer to living out its mission statement, supporting the critical development of its students' responsible decision-making skills. In the backlash from the student petition, we only hope the College does not compromise on two concepts that should be a single goal.

The strength, knowledge and conviction of self resulting from free access to and discussion of all ideas at these Catholic institutions benefits all of us, whether we identify as Catholic or not. We encourage Saint Mary's and Notre Dame to realize the full potential of their Catholic campuses and welcome oppositional discourse as a means of becoming the institutions of true formation and growth they were intended to be.

Thanks, Jake

Kyle Palmer
Mr. Precedent

Events such as Wednesday's should give everyone a reason to pray. Pray for Jake Scanlan. Pray for his parents. Pray for loved ones who mourn for him. Pray for guidance for ourselves. I didn't know Jake Scanlan. Many of us didn't. I wish I could speak to Jake's life, to recount a funny story of good times past, but I can't. I simply don't possess the knowledge to do so. What I can say is that Jake's passing, like the passing of too many in the Notre Dame family over the past year, gives me pause to contemplate life and pray. When I do so, I almost always arrive at the same conclusion: Let people know how much you appreciate them more often. Be thankful for the simple things. For that, I can say, "Thank you, Jake."

Life is incredibly short and surprisingly random. What is most difficult to deal with when discussing premature deaths is how often they are unfair and random. When someone dies at an old age, we still mourn their passing, but we aren't typically as

shocked by their death as someone who's young. It's easier to justify elderly death; we might say, "It was just their time," or "They lived a full life." It's impossible to ever reconcile young death. Over the last calendar year, I've had a couple of close friends die prematurely; one was 20 years old and the other was 31. What is most odd is seeing the immediate void left by their passing. You miss your normal conversations, the regularity with which you used to see them. But as one moves through the mourning process, you come around to being thankful you knew them as long as you did.

Premature deaths teach us we should be thankful for everything we have and to live in the moment. Everyone you meet is someone for whom you should be thankful. Every experience or opportunity you get is something for which you should be thankful. If you haven't already called your family to let them know you love and appreciate them, put this paper down and pick up the phone. When you pass someone in the hall and they want to talk with you, don't just brush them off, engage them in conversation. Don't pass up experiences with friends for the sake of keeping a routine; routines

never created memories for anyone. When exchanging the sign of peace in Mass, embrace each other for just a moment longer.

This Thanksgiving season, take some time to reflect on your life and those you're thankful for. Take the time to call an old friend from high school, maybe even connect with an old elementary school teacher. Let bygones be bygones with that person you've been feuding with since high school and go have fun together. Life is too short to hold grudges. Let your friends know you're there for them. Hug your loved ones a little tighter. In short, be thankful. Don't let Jake's passing just pass by as another page in your book at Notre Dame. Allow Jake's passing to compel you to be a better, more appreciative person. When you get a moment, now and every once in a while, maybe say a word of thanks for Jake, too.

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ONE DIRECTION'S MIDLING SWAN SONG 'MADE IN THE A.M.'



By **MATTHEW MUNHALL**
Scene Writer

There is a great series of photos by Angelina Castillo documenting the “sad dads” chaperoning their daughters at a One Direction concert. The dads in question couldn’t look more uncomfortable being in a football stadium that has been thoroughly reclaimed by teenage girls.

It wouldn’t be surprising, however, if these sad dads walked away pleasantly surprised by their daughters’ idols. With the strong support of their fervent fan base over the past five years, One Direction has been able to mature largely on its own terms, away from the market dictates of Top 40 radio. While the rest of pop was in its EDM phase, the British-Irish boy band was one of the few pop acts making music with power chords. Late-period One Direction has largely veered away from fizzy power pop and Mumford-esque folk-lite toward ‘70s and ‘80s-leaning dad rock.

The group has become somewhat like the LCD Soundsystem of boy bands: hyper self-aware in its presentation and explicit about its reference points. Like

James Murphy’s much-missed band, too, One Direction is rather smartly going out while still on top. The group’s new album “Made in the A.M.” is its fifth in as many years — and likely their last, as the group is taking an “extended hiatus” beginning early next year.

One Direction’s members have said the album’s title refers to its genesis in early-morning songwriting sessions, but fans have suggested “A.M.” stands for “After Malik” (it’s the band’s first release since Zayn Malik’s departure from the group in March of this year). It’s difficult not to feel Malik’s absence on this album, as he was always the group’s best, and most distinct, vocalist. Unfortunately, this intra-group tension doesn’t seem to have translated into much of the music.

“Made in the A.M.” largely continues down the classic-rock path of 2014’s “Four.” Arguably the group’s high-water mark, “Four” boasted a trove of deep cuts like the “Rumours”-era Fleetwood Mac pastiche “Fireproof” and the Tears for Fears-aping “Stockholm Syndrome.” This album, however, lacks the same verve, even as the group continues mining their parents’ record collections for inspiration.

Lead single “Drag Me Down” is a glossier take on The Police’s “Message in a Bottle,” while bonus track “Walking in the Wind” is built around a clean guitar line ripped from Paul Simon’s “Graceland.” Both are pleasant enough, but lack the infectious urgency of the group’s best work.

One Direction’s remaining members — Harry Styles, Louis Tomlinson, Liam Payne and Niall Horan — mostly sound tired after the non-stop cycle of touring and recording over the past five years. On “Perfect,” Styles responds to Taylor Swift’s “Style,” while basically borrowing the melody of that song’s chorus. “If you’re looking for someone to write your breakup songs about / Baby I’m perfect,” Styles sings, making it all too clear who he’s singing about. Yet even with Swift’s slinky ‘80s synth pop track as source material, the end product is bland and inoffensive — practically a Maroon 5 b-side. The exhaustion is even more apparent on “End of the Day,” which Frankensteins together a verse and chorus from what sound likely two completely different songs.

When One Direction lock into the exuberance that made their music so

appealing in the first place though, the results can still be exhilarating. “Lovely Rita” re-write “Olivia” is a charming love song, while “What a Feeling” revisits the Fleetwood Mac soft-rock well for inspiration to great effect. Closer “History” is an acoustic campfire singalong that serves a love-letter to the group’s fans and a summation of its career arc. “We can live forever!” they shout in unison. Whether One Direction continues to exist after its hiatus remains to be seen, but “Made in the A.M.” makes clear just how well-needed that break is.

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“Made in the A.M.”

One Direction

Label: Columbia

Tracks: “Olivia,” “What a Feeling”

If you like: Fleetwood Mac, Paul Simon



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Knights look to knock off defending champion Manor in grudge match



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Manor aims to stay on top for second year

By **MAUREEN SCHWENINGER**
Sports Writer

Third-seed Morrissey faces the possibility of some fierce payback from fourth-seeded Keenan when the two teams duke it out for their second consecutive title at Notre Dame Stadium this Sunday.

Junior linebacker Spencer Scannell said this is a stage the Manor are ready and prepared for.

"To be able to play in the stadium not once, but twice, is something I'm definitely going to cherish," Scannell said. "But we're going to play [Keenan] the same way we play every team every week. We're not making it too big of a deal in preparing for how fired up they're going to be."

Last year's game was a low-scoring affair, as both teams fought through heavy rain and near-freezing temperatures. A second-quarter field goal put the Manor up 3-0 for the only points of the day.

Sophomore quarterback and captain Declan Zidar said the Knights' drive for retribution is nothing Morrissey hasn't seen before.

"It's similar to [our semifinal], when Stanford wanted some revenge," Zidar said. "We took it in practice like a normal week, and we'll do the same thing again. It should be just like any other Sunday."

"We know we have a target on our backs, and Keenan has us in the crosshairs," senior receiver and safety Cooper Cohen said. "But we're confident. We're the best team out here, and that's why we're here two years in a row."

Only recently did Morrissey emerge as an interhall powerhouse as they did not make the playoffs the year before claiming the title last season. Zidar credited senior Erik Rayno as the driving force behind the team's rise to fame.

"Morrissey's mantra before [last year] was talent over preparation," Zidar said. "Erik took over his junior year as a captain and instilled a discipline that was greatly needed. It's been great for us. We've got a pretty young team this year that needed direction this year, and he provided that. Clearly it worked out well."

After a serious shoulder injury

late last season, the running back-turned-coach Rayno has continued to push the team beyond its physical athleticism.

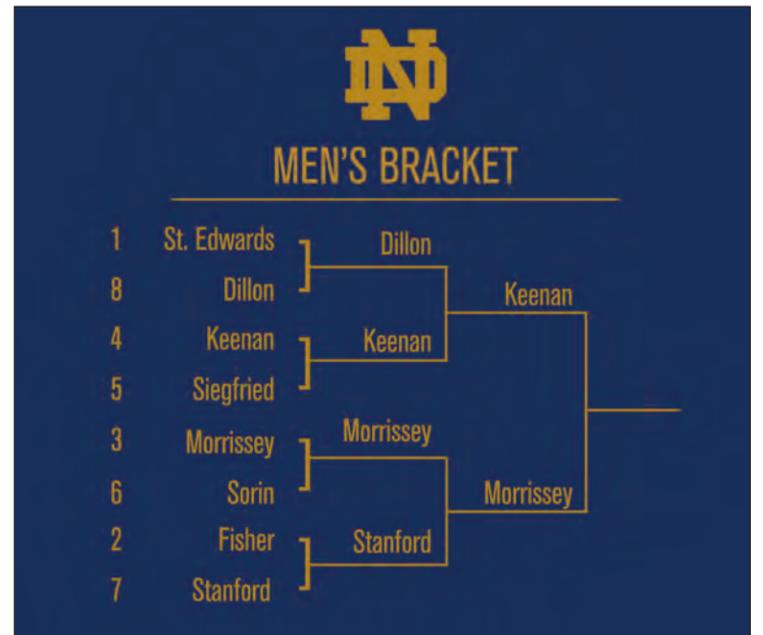
"It was pretty obvious that the dorm had a lot of guys with pretty good talent," Rayno said. "It was just a matter of getting everybody to focus on the goal of making it happen. Once you form a relationship with those guys and earn their respect, they want to put things together and work toward winning a championship."

Senior running back Hunter White has spearheaded the Manor offense, having eclipsed 100 yards rushing almost every game this season. White said mental toughness is key to his success.

"It's about going in with the ball and making sure that no matter what happens, you're delivering," White said. "You're not getting hit; you're bringing the power every time, all the way."

As a receiver, Cohen is more than willing to sacrifice personal glory for the Manor's signature run game. He has a surprising wish for Sunday.

"I would love to see my name next to zero stats," Cohen said. "If



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I'm not getting a lot of passes that means we're running the ball well, and that's what we do best. Never do I want zero stats, but for the team it's a great thing."

The standout White is hardly phased by this being the final game of his career. He said he's prepared to make it his strongest one yet.

"I've faced this before. I know to

go out there and leave it all on the field and not look at it being my last game," White said. "I can worry about that twenty years from now; right now, it's the next game. This is what we expected. This is our goal. We're back and ready to do this again."

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Keenan hungry for revenge in title contest

By **ALEX BENDER**
Sports Writer

When No. 4 Keenan takes on No. 3 Morrissey in the interhall football championship Sunday, revenge will be the Knights' first order of business.

The stage of Notre Dame Stadium is nothing new to these two teams, as this year's championship will be a rematch of last year's, a game Morrissey won 3-0 on a 45-yard field goal.

Senior Keenan co-captain J.C. Sullivan remembers that game well and said the tough loss last season adds a little extra motivation to get the job done this time.

"We're looking forward to getting another chance to go against those guys," Sullivan said. "It was a great game last year, and we expect it to be a great game this year. We now

know how they run their offense and what they like to do on defense, and we're absolutely looking forward to having another shot at them."

Keenan posted a 3-1 regular season record before defeating Siegfried and Dillon to make it to the championship game, something senior co-captain Jon Wiese said he is very proud of.

"We've had pretty much what we expected this season, which is a very stout defense, and our offense is coming along much better than we did last year," Wiese said. "Overall, we've been really happy, especially with the development of the freshmen, and along with having a big core of our team returning this year, we very much expected to be back at the stadium this season."

Getting back to the championship game might have

been expected, but senior co-captain Seamus Ronan said winning it all will certainly prove to be challenging and as such, the Knights know a great deal of preparation has to go into this game.

"We respect Morrissey a lot," Ronan said. "They're a very disciplined team, so we've got some defensive schemes we're going to try out like loading the box to stop the running game. We want to force them to make the plays and take the game to us, and we have ultimate confidence in our offense and what it's capable of. We're really excited to bring our passing game to Morrissey while trying to stop them on defense."

As far as what players to expect big things from, Wiese and Sullivan mentioned senior quarterback Aaron DiGenova and sophomore

defensive stars Tony Rogari and Peter Buseck.

"This year Aaron DiGenova, our quarterback, has really evolved and matured at the position and been a really big part of making our team more than just one-dimensional," Wiese said.

"We've developed a lot of talent on the defensive side of the ball with guys such as Tony Rogari and Petey Buseck, and we've also had a lot of strong performances from our freshmen, including [receiver] Lukas Cepkauskas, a guy that has turned into a legitimate offensive force," Sullivan said.

Ultimately, junior captain Mikey Koller said Keenan is confident heading into the game.

"We feel that we're a very strong team, and at this point it's coming down to more of a mental game," Koller said.

"We just have to be mentally tough because we're one of the most physically dominant teams in the league. As long as we overcome the mental battle, I think we'll have a good chance to get the win."

However, Sullivan said no matter the result of the championship game, he has been very fortunate to play alongside his teammates this year.

"I couldn't be happier with the way this team has progressed and the way we have come together," Sullivan said. "It's always a special experience going out with this group of guys. We've made some bonds this season that just can't be matched, and we're really excited to get the opportunity to play in the stadium and have a shot to win the championship."

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Well, here we are again. One season later and Morrissey and Keenan are still the top dogs in men's interhall football.

This time, however, the Knights have a few things going for them. First, the weather, which hindered the Knights' offense last year, looks to be a nonfactor this time around. Second, Keenan's improved passing game is the best in the league, and it boasts the most complete offense the Manor will face this year.

But Hunter White still plays for Morrissey and unless he switches teams in the middle of the game, I can't pick against the defending champions. There will be more points than last year, but Morrissey will make it two in a row.

FINAL SCORE: Morrissey 10, Keenan 6



Daniel O'Boyle
Interhall Editor

Morrissey and Keenan are simply a cut above the rest in the men's interhall league.

Morrissey looks like the team to beat again this year, running over opponents with its now-famous Wing-T offense and running back Hunter White.

But the Knights' defense is one of the best in the league, and they surely have a plan to deal with White and the Manor after last year's 3-0 defeat. On offense, Keenan's passing game was shut down by the Manor and the rain last year, but expect better this time — the Knights have added an electric freshman playmaker Lukas Cepkauskas, a receiver as hard to cover as his name is to spell.

It'll be close, but expect Cepkauskas and Keenan's big-play ability to be the difference.

FINAL SCORE: Keenan 14, Morrissey 12

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Welsh Family looks for redemption

By **JOE EVERETT**
Sports Writer

No team has been better this season than top-ranked Welsh Family, and the last hurdle to completing the Whirlwinds' mission comes courtesy of their matchup against No. 2 Howard in the women's interhall football championship.

Welsh Family, wielding an impressive record of 7-1, has dominated their opponents throughout the season, with its lone loss coming against Ryan. In fact, the Whirlwinds have reeled off four straight victories in which the mercy-rule was enforced, including playoff victories against No. 8 Pangborn and No. 4 Farley.

This stretch of dominance is not new to Welsh Family, which went a perfect 8-0 last season before being upset by Pangborn in the championship, 18-7. It's

a loss that still hurts for the Whirlwinds, and one that junior co-captain and quarterback Rachel Wimsatt said inspired her to lead the Whirlwinds back to the championship this year.

"We've set a standard in Welsh Fam: stadium or bust," Wimsatt said. "I'm nervous and excited because this would be the first victory for Welsh Family in a while, so we hope to bring the championship back to the 'Fam.'"

The team has many determined upperclassmen on its roster, and senior receiver Catherine Michels reflected on what playing in the championship means for her during her final year.

"It's an honor, as a senior," Michels said. "We have a great group of girls, and we want to make the most of this opportunity".

Michels, a favorite target of

Wimsatt, is a key contributor within a deep, experienced and talented receiving corps. Wimsatt said her relationship with the receivers has been a large reason for Welsh's Family's offensive success this season.

"We've been together for so long, I know all their moves and route angles," Wimsatt said. "They make my job easy because they trust that I'll get it to them, and I trust that they'll catch it".

Wimsatt and her receivers look to continue that connection into the championship game where they face a Howard team that boasts some offensive firepower of its own. Welsh Family junior co-captain and cornerback Sharon Chiang said she looks forward to testing the Whirlwinds defense against the Ducks, though.

"[Howard] beat Farley, so we know they're good," Chiang

said. "I trust our defense can stop them — we just need to make sure we play our game."

Chiang has reason to be optimistic about her defense against the Ducks. Aside from the game against Ryan, the Whirlwinds have given up a grand total of 14 points in seven games. Senior linebacker Christina Payne said the chemistry on defense is one of the main reasons for its success.

"It comes down to communication and having trust in one another on the field," Payne said. "We make adjustments when we need to and look to improve each time we're out there."

Looking to redeem themselves after their heartbreaking loss in the championship last season, good practices throughout the season have been a priority for the Whirlwinds. Several members of the team

noted the quality of the freshmen on the team and the infusion of fun into practice by their new coaches, but Chiang particularly emphasized that practice continually sharpens her team on both sides of the ball.

"Practices are really good for us because we have players like Ariel [Navotas] who are incredibly fast and hard to guard," Chiang said. "Our offense goes up against the best defense in practice, and we feel our defense goes up against the best offense as well."

Welsh Family has talent, experience, dedication and the chance to bring home the championship Sunday afternoon. The key will be translating that into one more great team performance at Notre Dame Stadium.

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Howard seeks to restore glory to program

By **ANTHONY ZAPPIA**
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It has been a year to remember for 7-1 Howard, as the Ducks return to Notre Dame Stadium to play in the interhall flag football championship for the first time since 2011.

Since claiming back-to-back championships in 2010 and 2011 — the two seasons before the current Howard seniors arrived on campus — Howard has made the playoffs only once, losing in the first round last season.

The rebuilding process which followed the two championship seasons may not have led to much success at the time, but has paid dividends this season, senior Howard linebacker Sarah Philo said.

"We had a big freshman group from our class who played, and because there were so many freshmen, that's really helped this year because we've all been playing for a long time," Philo said.

Led by a core of returning players and helped by an influx of talented freshman, co-captain and receiver Maria Ianni said the Ducks knew they had the

potential to compete for a title this season.

"We had a lot of returning talent, and we ended up coming up with some good freshman talent," Ianni said. "We came in with the goal of making it to the stadium."

Yet, earning a trip to the stadium did not always look promising for Howard. The Ducks started slowly, losing their first game of the season to defending champion Pangborn. And even once Howard began winning, the victories were not always convincing.

Senior co-captain and quarterback Stephanie Peterson said one of the most important moments for Howard on its road to the championship was its win over Pasquerilla East, who had beaten Howard on a controversial call last season.

"We really appreciated our win against [Pasquerilla East]," Peterson said. "We lost last year to them with a very controversial call in the last six seconds. I think [beating Pasquerilla East] gave us a lot of confidence."

And beating Pasquerilla East gave Howard yet another reason to celebrate, senior running back

Ashley Henry said.

"I mean who isn't happy to beat Malik Zaire?," Henry said.

With its confidence high, Howard ran the table in the regular season, finishing 5-1. The Ducks went on to earn convincing wins in the first two rounds of the playoffs, defeating Cavanaugh 13-0 in the first round and Ryan, 18-6, in the second. Late in the season, Philo said the defense has become the anchor of the Howard team.

"Our defense has been on fire recently," Philo said. "We really clicked after the third game."

On the offensive side of the ball Howard has found success this season through the use of a more creative scheme implemented under a new coaching staff.

"The coaches entirely redid our offensive scheme ... and it's really helped because it's more intuitive," Philo said. "Our previous scheme was very simple and it was hard to adjust if we saw the defense doing something, but [the new coaches] brought a lot of creativity to our plays."

With the possibility of reclaiming the title it has not held since 2011, Ianni said there is a lot of

excitement from former Howard players and coaches.

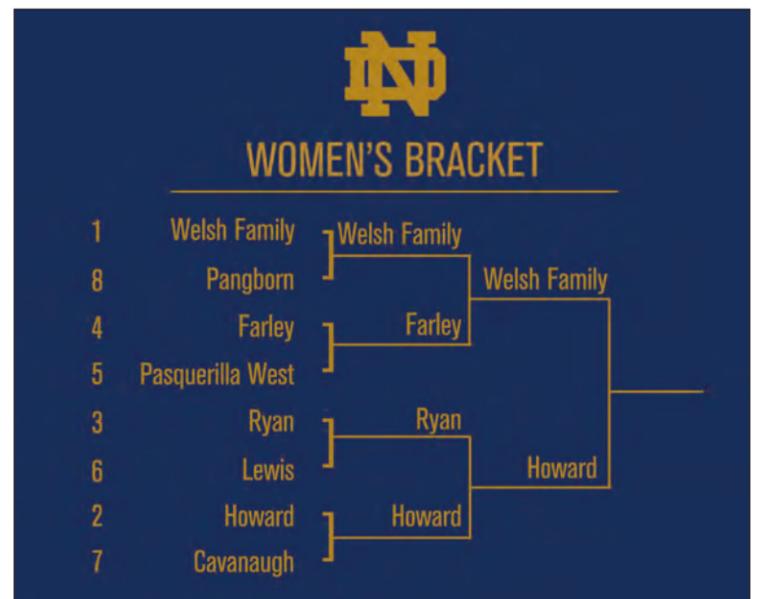
"Even our former coaches and some of our former players have reached out to us encouraging us," Ianni said. "They're going to Skype us before the game. It's been awesome to have their support."

This year's team is well aware of the opportunity it has to bring Howard back to its former championship glory, Ianni said.

"The stadium has always been our goal because we've seen the posters hanging in Howard of previous teams; we've seen the trophies," Ianni said.

Though the goal of making it to the stadium has been accomplished, this Sunday Howard will be looking to go even one step further to reclaim the championship.

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Interhall Editor

On paper, this game doesn't look close.

Welsh Family is out to avenge last year's loss in the championship game and has appeared nearly unstoppable as it bulldozed through its opponents in the regular season. It then did the same against a great Farley team in the semifinals. Howard, on the other hand has a 7-1 record, yes, but it has scraped by in a number of games when it should have dominated.

However, this game is not being played on paper. Howard has solid leadership and a freshman class that will not roll over when it faces the Whirlwinds. Look for the Ducks to rely heavily on dual-threat quarterback Stephanie Peterson and an underrated defense to get the job done.



Daniel O'Boyle
Interhall Editor

How Welsh Family and Howard achieved their records this season couldn't be any more different. Howard went 5-1 and has done enough to win big games against Farley in the regular season and Ryan in the postseason but scraped past lower-rated opponents.

Welsh Family, also 5-1, has looked dominant, leading the league in both offense and defense and crushing playoff opponents. The Whirlwinds boast a dominant secondary led by Sharon Chiang and may have the best quarterback in the league in Rachel Wimsatt: an unstoppable formula.

The Ducks offense is strong — Welsh Family can't overlook Ducks quarterback Stephanie Peterson's dual-threat abilities — but there's little to suggest anyone can stop the Whirlwinds right now.

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Ducks and Whirlwinds hungry for same title — for different reasons



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SCENE TAKES ON :

THE ROCKY HORROR
PICTURE SHOW

Kelly McGarry
Scene Writer

Midnight gatherings, initiation rituals and a full-fledged pledge of allegiance make this fan base the ultimate cult following. “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” — part musical, part horror film and entirely outrageous — is the bible for this mysterious group of fans who treat their beloved film as much more than your typical genre flick.

The way “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” plays out in theaters is unique compared to any other movie, and may be shocking to first-timers. While the film is shown on screen, a live cast dynamically acts out the scenes in front of the screen, but not without getting up close

and personal.

This isn’t simply a live performance; “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” is defined by audience interaction. Messy props and rude banter, shouting back and forth with character lines and dancing to the time warp make for a rowdy viewing experience. A few members of the audience even get a chance to do a performance of their own. I won’t give any spoilers for the “virgins” of the crowd (anyone who hasn’t seen “TRHPS”), only that they should be sure to grab a survival kit. On Halloween weekend, A Rocky Horror cast even performed at our own Legends Nightclub to an audience littered with virgins, many of whom will end up carrying on the tradition.

What’s remarkable about these traditions is that there are no instructions

given at the show, yet much of the audience is acting in unison. It’s obvious that most of the audience is very familiar with the show, the mark of a cult following. Newbies pick up on the audience responses, and the tradition continues.

It might appear that only an extremely niche group would be fond of the aggressive, raunchy humor of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” but with shows that have been playing across the country for decades, the cult reaches farther than you might think. This begs the question, what is it about this movie in particular that brings people together?

The movie seems nonsensical, but the way it has built a community makes the message clearer. The music, the costumes and the outrageous characters all lead toward attention-grabbing ridiculousness.

Most notable is Doctor Frank-N-Furter, the sassy, extremely sexual transvestite from another planet, who builds his own sort of eye-candy monster, parodying the famous Mary Shelley story.

The movie is a statement against conventionalism that reaches into absurdity, but it reflects a desire for acceptance of our own unconventional qualities, which undeniably brings people together. For the cult followers of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” it’s not just fun Friday night entertainment; this performance is a way of life.

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JOINING SHIA LABEOUF IN WATCHING #ALLMYMOVIES

By **MATT McMAHON**
Scene Writer

The feeling of being watched is universal, but that doesn’t make it any less eerie an experience. This phenomenon often occurs within us when we are at our most vulnerable or most uncomfortable with our surroundings. Changing in an empty house with windows, walking down the street alone or in a crowded bar after a drink or two — even in the most unfounded cases, the feeling can overwhelm your entire body.

So, what does it mean to voluntarily put yourself in this position, for three days straight? Not only that, but also to do so while subject yourself to prior recordings of yourself? To actor and self-proclaimed former-celebrity Shia LaBeouf, this means art.

Beginning Nov. 10, LaBeouf consecutively showed all of his movies in reverse chronological order at the Angelika Film Center in New York City. Concurrently, LaBeouf streamed an online feed of himself sitting in the theatre watching his films for three straight days. His

#AllMyMovies event was open to the public, with LaBeouf inviting his fans to join him at the theatre or to watch him watch his movies online, both for free.

The camera capturing LaBeouf at his seat stayed tight and focused on the actor’s face for the entirety of the event. Catching all of his reactions, from tears to laughs, it reminds us of what it feels like to watch a movie in the conventional manner. LaBeouf takes his seat after intermissions between each film, stands up to let other audience members enter and exit his row and shares his chair’s armrest with the person seated next to him. We see him scratch his face and rub his eyes, having been staring at a movie screen for hours. #AllMyMovies can be seen as LaBeouf celebrating not his own movies — though it doesn’t hurt as a plug for everything that he has starred in since the start of his career — but as celebrating the act of going to a theatre and watching a movie in itself.

With the myriad alternatives to seeing a movie in theatres available to us, LaBeouf, already known for goofy, absurd stunts, reminds us of what used to

be the chief activity in cinematic entertainment. At the same time, he challenges himself and his audiences to think about the nature of his experiment.

LaBeouf’s stunt blurs the line between truth and performance. In taping himself, can we know whether his reactions — or even more acutely, his little physical ticks — are genuine or the product of some type of act? However, being a believer in metamodernism, he might argue that it transcends both. Instead of distinguish between actor and character, LaBeouf blurs the two into one cohesive being. After confronting people with a discomfiting performance art piece called #IAmSorry, in which he sat in a Los Angeles gallery for six days crying with a paper bag over his head that read “I am not famous anymore,” #AllMyMovies could not be a more wholesome representation of his ideology.

The art piece also causes reflection on that human experience of feeling watched, something that LaBeouf interacts with as a celebrity recognized in public and as an actor in front of a

camera. Did he constantly feel the camera focused on him as a persistent presence, thousands of internet browsers watching him from the safety of their computer? What about the very real judgment and accusations of pretention and self-absorption that could come from him genuinely responding to his own acting?

As the screen flashed and dimmed on LaBeouf’s face throughout the stream of #AllMyMovies, you couldn’t help but connect with the sometimes chastised actor. He feels the same discomforts as anyone else, yawning, fixing his hoodie and shifting in his theatre chair.

We assume his status affords him an obvious better quality of life, but as a result of his fame he faces a harder time trying to convey his own discomforts to an audience who doesn’t want to hear it. So, why not use his fame and penchant for artistic stunts to show us instead of simply, unsuccessfully trying to tell us.

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Do punishments fit the crimes?



Daniel O'Boyle
Sports Writer

I'm sure you already know the sequence of events surrounding Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett in the past two weeks. They have been hard to ignore.

Barrett was arrested for drunk-driving Oct. 31. Urban Meyer suspended Barrett for the Buckeyes' clash with Minnesota on Saturday. Cardale Jones, Ohio State's starter for the first seven weeks of the season, returned to the role of leading signal-caller and defeated the Golden Gophers, 28-14, in part thanks to his late 38-yard touchdown run to seal the game.

Something just isn't right there; something seems unjust.

Nothing to do with how we punish drunk driving in general: oh gosh, no. Driving under the influence is a horrific crime, and causes over 10,000 deaths a year, but — judging from social media's reaction — apparently there's something worse going on here.

Isn't the problem obvious? The lives Barrett put in danger are one thing, but how does it affect you or me — you know, just the average sports fan who wants the Buckeyes to lose.

Suspending Barrett for one game? I mean maybe one game could derail their season, but let's not take any chances: this is just too important.

And against who? Minnesota? 4-5 Minnesota? No, that's all wrong. The most logical course of justice would be to wait a couple more weeks, then suspend him for Michigan State or Michigan. That would show him.

Well maybe not, but it would show all those unbearable Buckeye fans out there, and isn't that more important?

And that's missing the biggest problem of it all. The 6-foot-6, 250-pound problem: Cardale Jones.

It's one thing to suspend a player when his backup is an unproven true freshman, but Ohio State's original starter? The guy who led the Buckeyes to a Big Ten title and the national championship? The guy who's won every game he's ever started? The guy who pulled out the big play to clinch the Minnesota game without Barrett. And then there's Joey Bosa and Ezekiel Elliott, maybe they should be suspended, too, just in case. Sure, maybe the guy who

actually did something wrong gets punished, but what does it mean if Ohio State still runs the table and finds itself in the playoff at the end of the season? Won't it all have been for nothing?

Isn't that what our justice system was designed to do? Help successful sports teams lose?

Or at least, you'd think so, judging by some of the reaction to Barrett's suspension.

Barrett's not the first sports star to fall victim to this kind of "only when it suits my team" activism. Jameis Winston comes to mind from just last season. Did people really care about whether the investigation against Winston following rape allegations was conducted correctly?

How many of these same people are doing anything about all the other sexual assaults on college campuses across the country? Instead, we see a serious subject (whether he was guilty or not, the subject remains an incredibly serious one) being turned into petty point-scoring and taunting, with Oregon players referencing the allegations in a chant after their Rose Bowl victory over Florida State.

That's what crimes by athletes have become: something we only care about by means of point-scoring against rivals. Unless we have something to show us just how awful these crimes are, like the recent photographs from Greg Hardy's domestic abuse case or Ray Rice's elevator video, sports fans only pretend to care. Even Rice only really found himself out of the league because he wasn't a good running back any more; Hardy is apparently too good a pass-rusher to face the same action.

Sure, there's the whole "role model" argument. A high-profile athlete committing a crime has a greater impact than a regular citizen doing the same thing. But does suspending Barrett for longer do much in that regard? Talking about suspensions just makes us think of drunk-driving as another potential kink in the playoff picture and reminds us that most people just don't care enough.

Can't we talk about athletes' crimes (or criminal allegations) for what they are and not some sort of way to shut up a rival?

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish travel to Florida to face ACC foes

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Seeking to avoid its 10th consecutive conference loss, Notre Dame travels to the Sunshine State this weekend to take on ACC rivals No. 20 Florida State and Miami.

This will be the second time the Irish (6-20, 1-13 ACC) face the Seminoles (19-6, 12-2 ACC) in 2015, as they lost 3-0 at home on Sept. 27. Florida State currently sits in second place in the ACC standings, while Miami finds itself in fifth.

The Irish played the Seminoles close in the first two sets of the match when the Seminoles visited Purcell Pavilion in late September, with the Irish losing 25-20 and 25-21 in the first two sets, respectively. However, in the third set the Irish were unable to gain any offensive momentum like the Seminoles, who capitalized with 12 kills on 16 attempts.

Sophomore outside hitter Sydney Kuhn led the Irish with team-highs in kills (eight) and digs (nine) against Florida State the first time around. Sophomore setter Maddie Dilfer racked up 18 assists Sept. 27 against the Seminoles.

"The message is always the same. We're pretty redundant as coaches: You hope you're taking care of the ball better," Irish

head coach Jim McLaughlin said. "Our numbers are getting better, we're getting better but we need to continue improving. We can still work toward that end of being a team that plays with great regularity at a high level and the wins will come."

Coming off two tough home losses to Virginia Tech and Pittsburgh, the Irish will have to come up with an answer for the offensive efficiency of the Florida State and Miami rosters. Last time the Irish faced Florida State, the Seminoles collected 38 kills with only 15 errors. The Irish, on the other hand, balanced 29 kills against nearly as many errors (24).

Miami has been playing some of its best volleyball of the season in the last few weeks, earning back-to-back wins against the Seminoles and Virginia. The Hurricanes have also won five of their last six and 10 of their last 12 matches, only dropping road decisions to Pittsburgh and North Carolina. Sophomore outside hitter Olga Strantzali was named this week's ACC Player of the Week for her performances against Florida State and Virginia, as she put up 23 kills on a .514 hitting percentage, while also collecting seven service aces, as well. Strantzali also was named to the preseason

All-ACC team.

The Hurricanes have a very potent offensive attack, led in large part by Strantzali and senior outside hitter Taylor Scott. In its last two matches alone, Miami has put up 104 kills with just 23 errors, an efficiency that will challenge the Irish defensive front.

"Can we be in the right place at the right time given the situation? We're starting to figure that out, and we control that," McLaughlin said. "The girls are starting to understand that they are just situations that happen over and over and can we respond appropriately to those situations. We're starting to get to spots a little faster and sooner than we've been, but we've missed assignments. One person out of position screws up the whole package."

"All you can ask for is a great effort level, a level of intensity every day we train. And are we improving? Yes, we have been getting better."

Notre Dame looks to take down Florida State and Miami this weekend in the Sunshine State. The Irish play the Seminoles on Friday night in Tallahassee, Florida, before traveling to Coral Gables to take on the Hurricanes on Sunday.

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Capitals best Flyers to avoid consecutive losses

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jason Chimera had two goals and an assist to lead the Washington Capitals to a 5-2 victory over the slumping Philadelphia Flyers on Thursday night.

Washington's Alex Ovechkin remained one goal shy of becoming the top Russian-born goal scorer in NHL history.

Ovechkin, tied Sergei Fedorov at 483 career goals, appeared to take the lead when his slap shot beat Steve Mason with 38 seconds left in the second period. However, the goal was disallowed after an officials' review determined that Justin Williams was offside on the play.

T.J. Oshie, Nicklas Backstrom and Williams all scored for Washington, which won its third in four games while avoiding losing consecutive games for the first time this season.

Scott Laughton and Claude Giroux had goals for Philadelphia, which has lost

four straight games at home and eight of its last nine overall.

The Capitals turned a one-goal deficit into a 4-2 lead with three goals in a 7 ½-minute span of the second period.

Chimera finished a deft pass from Evgeny Kuznetsov with just over 10 minutes remaining in the period to tie the score at 2 with a power-play goal.

Williams used his skate to corral a rebound and then deked Mason from close range to put Washington up 3-2 with 9:21 left in the period.

And Chimera finished the scoring barrage by netting his second of the game and fifth of the season with a deflection from the slot that ricocheted off the post and in.

The Flyers responded to Wednesday's intense practice that followed Tuesday's 4-0 home loss to Colorado in a strong way, taking a 1-0 lead 3:24 into the game on Laughton's third goal of the season. Oshie tied it with 9:25 left in the first after Kuznetsov's

pretty feed from behind the net.

Giroux regained the lead for the Flyers with a power-play goal just 1:07 into the second period on a shot from the left boards that found its way past Braden Holtby, who was screened by Wayne Simmonds on the play.

Mason, Philadelphia's No. 1 goalie, returned to the lineup after backup Michal Neuvirth got the nod in the last four games. He made 27 saves.

Notes: Washington won for just the second time in the last eight games against the Flyers and first in the last eight trips to Philadelphia with Ovechkin in the lineup. Philadelphia RW Jakub Voracek continued his early season slump, making it 16 games without a goal. Voracek had 81 points last season, but he has just five assists this season. The Flyers, who entered second-to-last in the league by allowing 34.3 shots per game, were outshot for the ninth straight game, 32-20.

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30 but also a loss to ACC bottom-dweller Miami. Irish head coach Theresa Romagnolo said her squad needs to push itself to maintain the high level of play it is capable of throughout the tournament as a whole.

"The challenge is that this is the NCAA tournament, and we are playing with the potential that this is our last game," Romagnolo said. "[Oakland] is a team that will fight, battle and scrap for everything.

"That mentality is something we need to bring to every game in this tournament [as well]."

Oakland, however, is an enigmatic first-round opponent for Notre Dame. The Golden Grizzlies haven't dropped a match since a 2-1 loss to Milwaukee on Sept. 18. However, they also recorded a mere 1-4-4 record outside of Horizon League play.

Regardless, Romagnolo said she does not expect her team to overlook the Golden Grizzlies as its first-round opponent at home.

"It's a different strength of schedule compared to the ACC, but they are a conference champion and deserve the respect they've



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Irish senior forward Anna Maria Gilbertson fights for possession of the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Santa Clara on Aug. 28 at Alumni Stadium. The Irish will host Oakland in the first round of the NCAA tournament tonight at 7 p.m.

earned for winning those the games," Romagnolo said. "[We know] they're a good team, just like every team in this tournament."

Tonight's match represents the 23rd straight season the Irish have played in the NCAA championships. The last time the Irish made it as far as the College Cup was their national championship season in 2010. To get back to that

stage, the Irish need to continue the sharp play from their last match and carry it forward during each and every game the rest of the season, Romagnolo said.

"Our focus is on staying sharp after finishing strong against Virginia Tech," Romagnolo said. "[Offensively], we need to establish possession on the ball and continue to create opportunities that we can finish.

"Defensively, we need to remain strong as a unit and keep putting [our opponent] under pressure and not allowing them to feel comfortable out there."

The Irish begin their post-season run tonight at 7 p.m., when they welcome the Golden Grizzlies to Alumni Stadium.

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of 2015 All-American Jewell Loyd, who left Notre Dame at the end of last season for the WNBA, but Allen said the team can make up for the loss through collective effort.

"I think we're going to be a little more balanced," Allen said. "The defense won't be able to clue in on one player like they did for Jewell. I think with the offense we have right now, and what the coaches will come up with, the scoring should be spread out more."

Turner looks set to be a

key contributor for the Irish again this year, after a successful freshman outing. This year, Turner said she has improved physically and expects it to show when the regular season begins.

"I'm definitely just working on playing hard the whole game," Turner said. "Last year, I would get tired

and kind of take plays off, so this year I just hope to play hard the whole game and take less plays off.

"I'm focusing on posting up stronger. I feel like I'm stronger this year so definitely maintaining my position on the block."

The Irish had a chance to tune up for the regular season Saturday when they defeated Wayne State, 101-52, at Purcell Pavilion. Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said the game helped her understand what her team still needs to work on.

"We showed some defensive areas that we can work out, we showed some places that we were turning the ball over way too much, we showed how we could tighten things up offensively," McGraw said after the victory. "The press I think had some good moments, that's as tight as we've looked with that press for a while, so I was happy with that, more so in the second half."

The offense had some close range misses against Wayne State, but McGraw said that doesn't concern her and is not something she expects to cause any trouble on Sunday.

"I'm not too worried about misses," McGraw said. "We were working today on the execution. We took great shots. That's what you can control. Whether the ball goes in or out of the basket, we really don't have total control over

that. [Sophomore forward Brianna Turner] led the nation in field goal percentage last year — we're going to make those shots."

Turner said the performance against Wayne State showed a lot of potential for the Irish which she hopes to see carried into into the regular season.

"We did well," Turner said. "Of course we missed a few easy buckets, but overall we did a good job. Even the guards were driving a lot, and they got to the foul line. It was really a collective effort inside."

The game will also be the first opportunity for two Irish freshman guards — Arike Ogunbowale and Marina Mabrey — to prove themselves in the regular season. A third freshman guard, Ali Patberg, was expected to contribute early for Notre Dame but will miss the entire 2015-16 season with a torn ACL. However, junior forward Kristina Nelson is set to play her first competitive game for the Irish in over a year after missing all of last season with a shoulder injury while Reimer, who missed Notre Dame's exhibition with Wayne State, may be fit to play again Sunday.

The Irish and Bison will tip Sunday at Purcell Pavilion at 1 p.m.

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Junior guard Lindsay Allen backs into a defender during Notre Dame's 77-68 win over Baylor on March 29. Allen scored 10.4 points and dished out 3.4 assists per contest last season.

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Sophomore forward Brianna Turner tries to gain control of the basketball during Notre Dame's 77-68 win over Baylor on March 29.

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to win the ACC than a national championship.”

Notre Dame completed a successful regular season, led by sophomore forward Jon Gallagher with nine goals and senior midfielder Evan Panken, who is tied for second in the ACC with eight assists. On the other end of the field, Notre Dame's defense ranks fourth in the conference in goals against.

But these accomplishments and Wednesday's win over the No. 1 team in the nation do not mean the Irish are finished yet, Clark said.

“I said I didn't need to remind them that the job is only two-thirds of the way done,” Clark said. “We've got a team that's gone into North Carolina and they've gone into Clemson and come out

victors, so I think the first thing is to start preparing.”

To prepare, Clark said he wants to see the group's chemistry grow and improve every game, especially as they move further into the postseason.

“Can we go from every game, and that's what we always say, can we take something from every game and take it into the next game?,” Clark said. “We'll see the video from [Wednesday] night's game and try to take a couple of things from it and take it to the next game. That's what we've done, and we do it every week and every game.”

“The really good teams, they add a little bit on through the entire season, and come the matches where it really matters in November and December, hopefully we've grown from where we were in August.”

Of course, the game falls on the players and coaches on the field, but Clark said having a full crowd

at Alumni Stadium would add another dimension to the game, especially during a championship game.

“I would love ... to get a big crowd out at Alumni Stadium,” Clark said. “We had over 5,000 people on Wednesday night at Wake Forest, and it was one of the best college soccer atmospheres that I have ever been part of as a coach.”

“Could we get students to come out? Could we get the community to come out? Can we make this a special occasion for this group of seniors? The only thing this group of seniors haven't won that they could've won is, well we won the league twice, the national championship and we won the Big East when these seniors were freshman.”

“The only thing that they haven't won that would be really relevant would be this tournament. This is an opportunity for them of course, but I think if we could get the support from the students, it would be



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Irish players celebrate after a goal during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Virginia on Sept. 25 at Alumni Stadium.

a terrific help.”

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as a much-needed spark off of the bench last season. Although he only averaged 5.6 points per game, Colson stepped up in big games, scoring 17 points against No. 2 Duke in the ACC semifinal in addition to double-digit performances in four other games. Brey said he is happy with Colson's flexibility, but still trying to figure out what to do with his other players if Colson is playing inside.

“Then when you do that it puts a big logjam on your big guys,” Brey said. “Now your big guys are stacked on top of each other, and how do you get them minutes? How do you keep those engaged that maybe aren't playing early in the year?”

For Brey and his Irish team, this season also poses a challenge in adapting to the new

30-second shot clock, down from 35-seconds a year ago.

“Thirty-second clocks is not a 20-second clock is what I try to tell them,” Brey said. “We almost got it up there a little quick. And to understand when you get into this half-court basketball mode that we do in practice, it's a grind when we have to do it. I've got to have a good balance point of that because arguably our two best players [in junior guard Demetrius Jackson and senior forward Zach Auguste] thrive in transition.”

Throughout the preseason, Brey said he'd like his squad to be more adept at the half-court game. Still, Brey said he understands that his team is stronger in transition.

“As much as you have to learn to grind, we have to continue to talk about getting stops or getting made field goals in quick, which we've emphasized from day one,” Brey said. “... I think we felt between the 30-second

clock and the personnel we have, let's get it in and go, go down the floor so we're not having to grind as much.”

The game may have a fast-paced feel, as St. Francis is guard-heavy this year. The Red Flash return their top two guards in junior Malik Harmon and senior Greg Brown. Harmon finished second on the team in scoring last season averaging 9.7 points per game while dishing out a team-high 2.7 assists per contest, while Brown averaged 8.2 points last season, connecting on 50.5 percent of his shots. The Irish, however, probably most remember senior forward Ronnie Drinnon (8.1 PPG, 7.8 RPG), who started for the Red Flash the last time they played the Irish.

“Their four man is a kid who started here as a freshman and banged against Jack Cooley — we were looking at that tape the other day,” Brey said.

Although Notre Dame is heavily favored in the game, Brey said he is anticipating a battle between the two teams. Although picked to finish eighth in the Northeast Conference, St. Francis has had some recent success. Last season, the Red Flash beat Rutgers and Duquesne on their way to finishing 16-16 overall and 9-9 in the Northeast Conference — a finish good enough to put them in their first postseason game in 24 years.

“Their program is feeling good about themselves,” Brey said. “One of my themes today is expect a hard game and embrace a hard game.”

“... I think that's a great matchup [at the guard position], those two guys against our two guys.”

Notre Dame's 2015-2016 season will commence Friday when it welcomes St. Francis to Purcell Pavilion for a 7:30 p.m. tip-off.

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Sophomore forward Bonzie Colson goes over a defender for a shot attempt in Notre Dame's 65-60 loss to Syracuse on Feb. 24.

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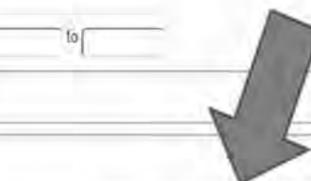
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Irish sophomore goaltender Cal Petersen blocks a shot during Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Northeastern on Thursday night at Compton Family Ice Arena. Peterson recorded 23 saves during the game.

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sophomore defenseman Jordan Gross with assists from senior center Steven Fogarty and senior left wing Sam Herr. Gross said his ability to take advantage of open spots on the ice and his teammates' ability to find him with the puck helped him score the first Irish goal of the night.

"There was a big seam open, so I found it and Mario [Lucia] made a nice pass up to the blue line, I don't even think the goalie saw that one," Gross said.

Jackson said Gross stepped up for the Irish, who were down a defenseman after senior blueliner Andy Ryan received a game misconduct penalty for contact to the head. Jackson said he noticed that Gross and the

remaining defensemen elevated their play and the entire defensive front played a key role in the Irish victory.

"It's a coordinated effort. We were playing with three defensemen there for a little bit, so we have to get great effort out of a couple pairs of defensemen," Jackson said.

"[Gross] has savvy, he has poise, and he is deceptive at the blue line because he has the ability to pump and get a guy to move, and he has the innate ability to do that."

Gross netted his second goal later in the first period at the 13:18 mark off assists from freshman left wing Dylan Malmquist and sophomore center/right wing Jake Evans.

"I took a shot from a pass from [Dylan] Malmquist and followed my own rebound, and the puck was just laying in the crease, so I just tapped it in," Gross said.

The third and final Irish goal came from freshman center Andrew Oglevie at the 3:05 mark of the second period. Evans tallied his second assist of the night on a backhand pass that led to the goal. It was Oglevie's first goal at Notre Dame.

Northeastern came storming back almost immediately after Oglevie's second-period goal, scoring two goals in less than one minute at 6:40 and 7:08 of the second period. The Irish were able to hang on for the win thanks to the play of sophomore goaltender Cal Petersen down the stretch, Jackson said. Petersen had 23 saves for the Irish over the course of the game in order to seal the Irish victory.

"After you let up a goal, it's a reset process, but the team did a really great job, especially on the five-minute [penalty] kill [after Ryan's major penalty]," Petersen said. "With a younger team, you're looking for guys to play on their heels, but we were very resilient, and it really showed in the way that we controlled the rest of the period."

Notre Dame returns to the ice tomorrow night looking to take the second game and sweep the series against Northeastern. The puck drops at Compton Family Ice Arena at 7:35 p.m.

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Notre Dame fends off Northeastern's late rally

By **DAISY COSTELLO**
Sports Writer

Pucks were flying at Compton Family Ice Arena on Thursday night as No. 18 Notre Dame took down Northeastern, 3-2.

For the second weekend in a row, the Irish (5-2-2, 3-0-0 Hockey East) got off to a quick start before experiencing a drop off, having to fend off the Huskies (1-8-1, 0-4-1) en route to a hard fought win. Irish head coach Jeff Jackson said the team's play was streaky at times, giving up several big plays to the Huskies before reasserting themselves.

"We had a couple blunders there, two mistakes with the puck, and that's the strength of [Northeastern's] team is that they can capitalize," Jackson said. "We held on and responded."

The Irish netted two goals in the first period alone, with the first coming from



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Sophomore defenseman Jordan Gross passes the puck during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Northeastern on Thursday.

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MEN'S SOCCER

ND to meet Orange in ACC title game

By **MANNY DE JESUS**
Sports Writer

No. 9 Notre Dame and No. 13 Syracuse collide in both teams' first ever ACC Championship final appearance Sunday afternoon at Alumni Stadium.

Both teams took similar routes to the championship game. Ranked the seventh seed in the tournament, the Orange (12-5-3, ACC 3-4-1) defeated North Carolina State on Nov. 4 at home, 2-0, took down the No. 4 North Carolina 4-3 in penalty kicks at Chapel Hill on Sunday and capped off the trifecta Wednesday by beating No. 2 Clemson, 2-0, on the road.

With two consecutive wins against top-five ranked teams, the Orange now find themselves in South Bend in search of their first ACC title.

"They were in the final four [of the NCAA tournament] last year," Irish head coach Bobby Clark said. "They lost to Louisville in a very tight game last year, so they're very good team."

"Any team that can knock off UNC in penalty kicks and then

go to Clemson and win, it shows they're scared of no one."

The fourth-seeded Irish (11-3-5, ACC 4-2-2) also had their own impressive run of victories to reach the final. Notre Dame finished 1-0 against No. 19 Virginia on Sunday, who ousted the Irish last season in the third round of the NCAA tournament by the same score. The Irish then brought down No. 1 Wake Forest Wednesday in a 1-0 thriller to earn their spot in the title game.

Although Syracuse's three-game winning streak over top-ranked opponents is impressive, Clark said the rankings don't mean much given the ACC's high level of competition.

"The eighth seed in the ACC last year won the national championship. ... Every team in our league is very accomplished, so we weren't shocked by [Syracuse's win over Wake Forest]," Clark said.

"This will be, in many ways, harder than our two previous games. I think I've been quoted before in saying it's almost harder

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brey confident ahead of opener

By **BRIAN PLAMONDON**
Sports Writer

After making its first Elite Eight appearance in 36 years and losing senior leaders Jerian Grant and Pat Connaughton to graduation, Notre Dame will open its 2015-2016 regular season Friday when it hosts St. Francis (Pennsylvania).

Despite losing the

leadership and production of Grant and Connaughton — the pair were both captains and together contributed more than 37 percent of Notre Dame's offense — the Irish still have high preseason expectations, ranked No. 19 in the AP poll and picked by ACC media to finish fourth in the conference.

None of the noise seems to affect Irish head coach Mike

Brey, who said he is busy figuring out lineup combinations and who will see the floor for Notre Dame, at least early on in the season.

"We're always looking at how do we help ourselves offensively sometimes, substituting-wise where we get another shooter-scorer on the floor that then stretches the floor, spaces the floor?," Brey said Wednesday during his

National Signing Day press conference. "Even though [sophomore forward] Bonzie [Colson] continues to make progress spacing it as a four man, I don't want to lose sight of him playing inside the arc too, because he's so good around the bucket."

Colson has impressed in his one year on campus, serving

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Allen, Turner lead team into new season

By **DANIEL O'BOYLE**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame opens the 2015-2016 regular season at home against Bucknell in what could be an opportunity to set the tone for another successful season.

The Bison posted an 18-12 record last year, including a 10-8 mark in the Patriot League, and will be in action against Cleveland State on Friday before they meet the Irish on Sunday. Bucknell returns four

of its five starters from last year, including junior forward Claire DeBoer, who averaged 11.3 points and 7.6 rebounds per game last season.

For Notre Dame, the game will be the first competitive matchup since losing 63-53 to Connecticut in the NCAA National Championship in April. The Irish return four of five starters from last year, including 2015 ACC Freshman of the Year Brianna Turner and ACC assist-leader Lindsay Allen. Irish head coach Muffet

McGraw said she looks forward to finally being able to begin the season again.

"It's so much fun," McGraw said at Notre Dame's media day in October. "Every year is a brand new team. We have different issues, so many people who can score in different ways. We've got a great post game, we've got terrific freshmen. Trying to piece it together is really the most difficult thing for me. It's like a giant puzzle."

Allen said she thinks the

team is capable of great things.

"I think our potential is limitless," Allen said. "We're young, we're excited, we're getting more experience on the perimeter and especially in the post, with [Turner] getting a year older and [junior forward] Taya [Reimer] getting a year older and [sophomore forward] Kathryn [Westbeld] getting a year older."

The Irish will have to find a way to replace the production

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish host Oakland

By **BEN PADANILAM**
Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame hosts Oakland in the first round of the NCAA tournament tonight.

The Irish (13-4-1, 6-4-0 ACC) learned they earned a No. 3 seed and homefield advantage Monday when the selection committee released the 64-team bracket. Their opponent, the Golden Grizzlies (8-5-7, 7-1-3 Horizon) earned their bid after a 1-0 overtime victory over Wright State in the Horizon League championship game Saturday.

Despite failing to qualify for postseason play in the ACC, the Irish enter the tournament after finishing the regular season ranked No. 11 nationally.

The Irish suffered from inconsistency though, as the team collected wins over current No. 1 seed Virginia on Sept. 24 and No. 4 seed Virginia Tech on Oct.

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