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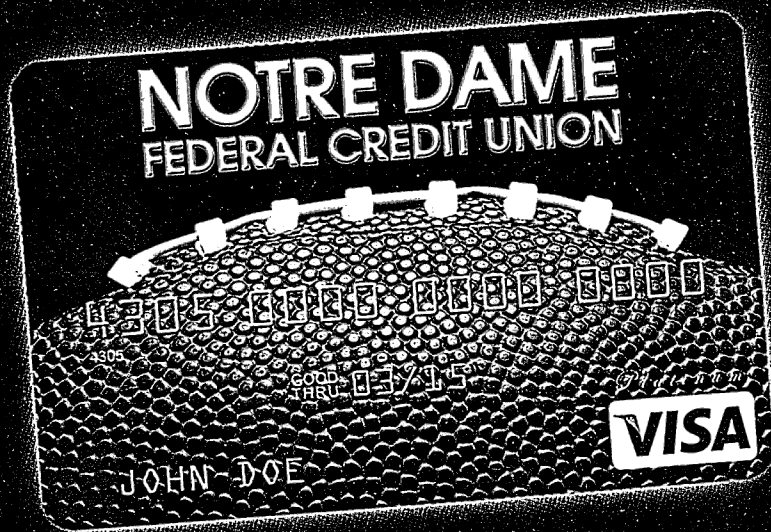
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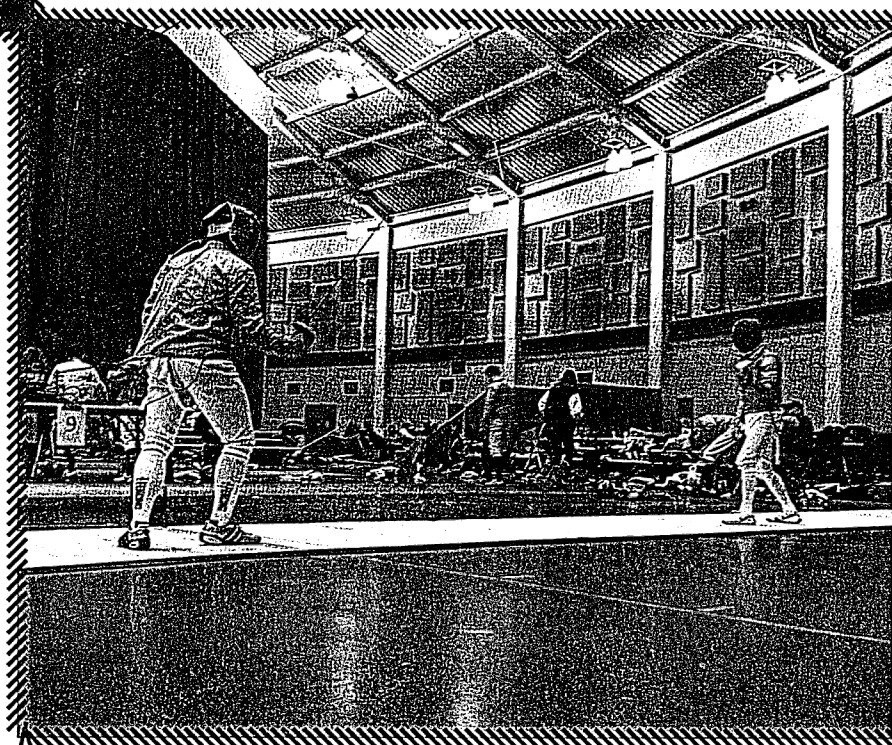
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EDNOTES

My foray into politics was short-lived. As a newly headgear-less 13-year-old, I, like most of the students in my class, ran for 8th grade student council. I wanted to be sports and activities commissioner. Sports have never been my forte and to this day I have no idea what sorts of activities grade school students were supposed to be planning, funding or commissioning, but I did know that everyone elected got a special pin and mumbled an oath in front of the entire school. I would be running unopposed, so my lack of athletic ability shouldn't have been an obstacle, either.

I was well-prepared and gave what I'm sure was a moving speech in the "debates," but at the last minute Lexi threw her hat into the ring, as well. Sure, as a starter on the basketball team she may have been more qualified and her mom may have been the one who always brought the orange slices to soccer games — well-enjoyed by those of us who spent most of the time on the sidelines — but we all know what student elections really came down to: the posters.

I had drawn my own (it should be noted that there is a reason I didn't run for art commissioner), but she got her artistic high school-aged sister to make hers, and they had glitter. I never stood a chance.

Elections should be about more than the posters and, with that in mind, *Scholastic* brings you its annual election issue. Turn to pages 15-21 for candidate profiles and *Scholastic's* endorsement. May you be better informed than my former classmates were.

Football review 2010

In the spirit of giving the people what they want, we are bringing back the annual football edition, as well. Turn to the sports section, pages 23-41, for recaps of each game, stats and season overviews.

See you next time,

Erica Pepitone

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ON The Social Network



An Essay by Chris Milazzo

My life before Facebook was sad. I had fewer than 20 friends, my relationship options were limited to dating and not dating, and only my classmates knew where I went to school.

Now, I have over 300 “friends” — still a paltry number, I know, since some of my “friends” have over 1000. Everyone knows where I go to school, my major, interests, favorite bands, relationship status and so on.

I am not a social butterfly, so it is wonderful to have an outlet to learn about someone without having to ask questions. Now, I can simply press a button and whomever I want, with their permission, is my friend.

Thank you, Facebook — I am finally social.

Dramatic? Perhaps. But honestly, Facebook is a brilliant piece of technology that perfectly accomplishes its goal: keeping you in touch with your social network.

For the most part, you probably met your friends before adding them on Facebook. That, in fact, is what distinguished it from other social networks when it first appeared online. You had to know the people to find them on Facebook, and they had to acknowledge that they knew you as well.

It was and is exclusive, and, in this way, theoretically mirrors your real-life social network. Your friends on Facebook should be your friends in class, in the dorm and at home.

Yet as the social network grows older, I cannot help but think that the mirror has faded. Look at your friends list. Ask yourself, “How many of these people have I only met once?” or “How many of these people do I only see now and then?” If you are honest

with yourself, I suspect the number is in the hundreds. It is for me, at least.

You might say that some are long-lost friends and Facebook lets you keep in touch with them. I agree; I have those friends, too. I will, however, venture to guess that the majority of communication you do on Facebook is with friends you see everyday. I bet that sometimes they are in the room with you when you post on their walls or comment on their statuses.

None of these things are inherently bad. As I see it, Facebook is supposed to be a supplement to a “normal” relationship, whatever “normal” might be for you and your friend. Yet, the more avenues we have to connect with Facebook — apps, texts, online — the less of a supplement it becomes.

Facebook has become a full-blown social avenue — a social animal in and of itself. When you can access your page from anywhere in the world with almost any device, it is hard to distinguish where Facebook ends and real life begins, particularly when how you define yourself, in Facebook’s very limited terms, is public.

This might be insignificant for your close friends, but for people who have just met you, the image they have of you on Facebook could be very different from how you actually are. Without the personal aspect, your comments on Facebook can give your friends a very different perception of you. Was that comment sarcastic? Does he or she like me if they post on my wall a lot? Why was I not invited to this event, but all my friends were?


Who you are becomes a game of favorite movies and TV shows, comments and likes, events and groups. While these things are all pertinent, are they the totality of you? If they aren’t, do your Facebook friends know that?

If, for example, you saw that someone you recently befriended on Facebook listed “liberal” as his or her political affiliation, and you were a conservative, or vice versa, would you be more likely to judge him or her negatively? Perhaps I’m cold, but I think I would.

Even with the friends I see regularly, I have had countless conversations where the subject is something that happened on Facebook. I find it hard to believe that I am alone in this. (No one has the relationships status talk? “Did you see so and so is single now?” Been there.)

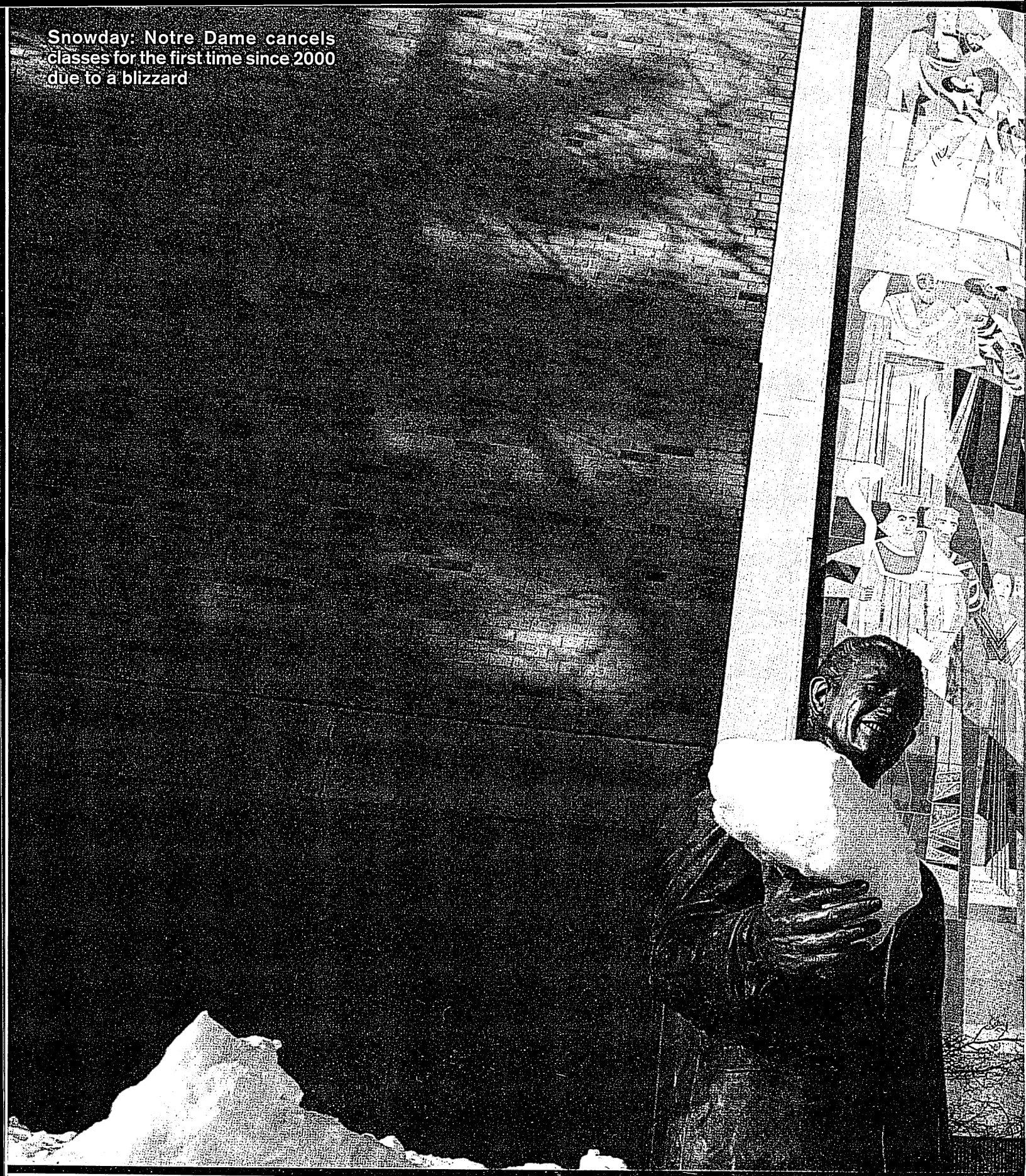
You might say that no one takes Facebook that seriously, but how true is that these days?

Perhaps the best example of the simplification of you, however, comes in the form of an employer. If your future or current employer saw your Facebook page, would their perception of you match what they saw in your interview?

I realize this is not true for everyone and that you might disagree, but, thankfully, no one can comment on this. 

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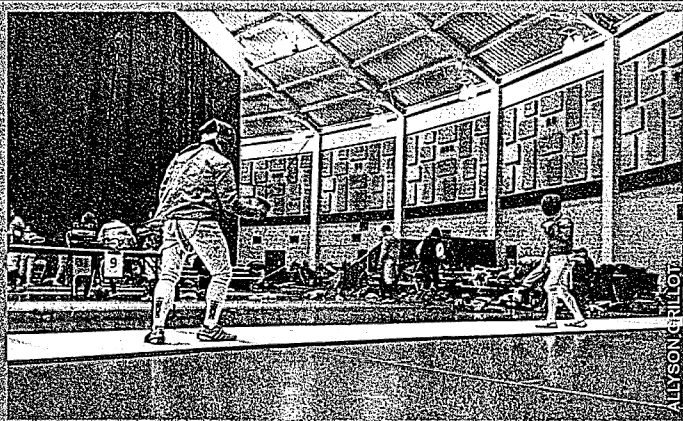
Snowday: Notre Dame cancels
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NEWS



EN GARDE The undefeated mens' fencing team competes at the Notre Dame Duels.



LADY WARRIORS Panelists discuss women's military contributions at the "Women and War: In and Out of Uniform" Conference on Jan. 27.

JUDGMENT CALLS

Justin Bieber's "Never Say Never" Movie

Rejected titles: "15 Going On 12."

Packers win Super Bowl
Midwest's existence validated.

Verizon iPhone 4 presales sell out
In other news, researchers say sky is blue.

Volkswagen's Darth Vader Commerical
Admit it, you did that as a kid.

Black Eyed Peas halftime performance
singer: n. one who sings.

How to Spend Valentine's Day Alone

Rachel Kalinoski

Yes, it is that time again. With Valentine's Day just around the corner, many want to have someone special to share it with. But if you start daydreaming about that boy from economics, or if that girl from NDH starts to look like a desirable date — stop! There are plenty of ways to make your Valentine's Day alone ... not that awful. In fact, these alternatives are so appealing, some of you committed ladies and gents might want to get in on the single life. (See: "How to Lose A Guy in 10 Days.")

1 Go Shopping Guess what, girls? Being single means you didn't just spend \$60 buying your boyfriend that epic new video game that he loves more than you. And guys, you didn't just waste your paycheck buying those expensive chocolates that will add a little cushion to your girlfriend's hips. This means enough money to pay for those new kicks! (Or 0.1 percent of this year's tuition.)

2 Buy Yourself Flowers People who see you oh-so-casually walking to every class with them held above your head will assume you have Mr. Right wrapped around your finger. In fact, you may get so used to the jealous stares from other girls that you start to believe you actually do have a secret admirer.

3 Avoid Twitter and Facebook Unless you like reading how many years, months, days and hours your acquaintances have been dating, steer clear of the constant, emotion-loaded status updates about the best presents ever or the fancy restaurants where they will be dining. #singlesunite

4 Go to a Dorm Party Let's be real: The single greatest self-esteem boost is walking into a crowded, sweaty dorm room and knowing that at least 10 people there are desperate, drunk and about to become your "best friend." Who cares if they are wrongly convinced those spastic dance moves are seductive? (Hint: Zahm)

5 Go See a Priest Looking for other singles on campus? You can find at least one in each of the dorms who's willing to swap absolution for some great stories about the single life. Just look up service times — Mass is held 124 times per week across campus, so you'll never have to be alone. Not only is church a great place to pray and find peace, but a priest will always be willing to listen to you sob about being alone. It's OK. Jesus was single, too. 9



REACHING OUT Students learn about Hannah and Friends at the Social Concerns Fair on Jan. 26.



ON THE FRONTLINES Rear Admiral Wendi B. Carpenter describes women's roles in war at the "Women and War: In and Out of Uniform" Conference.

Too Big for St. Mary's Keenan Revue comes to Stepan Center

Meghan Thomassen

Getting a hold of junior marketing and psychology major Grayson Duren and junior finance and classics major Chase Riddle, director and producer of the Keenan Revue 2011, is difficult to do. The students, who were chosen to put on the Revue last spring and have been working on it since the fall, say the show sold out even though more tickets were printed this year.

For the 4,300 people who did get tickets, the Revue will run in the Stepan Center from February 10-12.

Duren and Riddle say that the jokes will be cleaner this year, despite the show's removal from St. Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium last year and its title, "Too Big for St. Mary's."

They say that Father Dan Nolan, Keenan's rector, helped by suggesting subtler, smarter ways of executing the same jokes that each skit wanted to make.

"He's been very forgiving. He knows that in order for 20-year old men to get up and entertain a college campus, they have to talk about what they think about most — homework," Riddle says.

Duren and Riddle did not reveal much about the skits, but they say the show will feature the traditional stripping scenes and Keenan Revue News. Senior marketing major George Pinchock, a Keenan Hall resident and Revue participant, describes the Revue News as a "Saturday Night Live version" of Notre Dame news and culture.

"The goal is basically to annually entertain campus enough to brighten up the permacloud," Pinchock says.

Due to the number of auditions this year, the Revue selection team had over 49 skits to choose from for the approximately 30-skit show. Other than the two staples, each Revue skit is completely original. Pinchock says that some writers were rumored to have sent their drafts to '09 alumnus John Siegel. Known by many as "the godfather of the Revue," Siegel helped shape the show into what it is today.

"It's a tradition," Duren says of the nearly 40-year-old Revue.

For those who missed the sale date, Duren and Riddle say that there are still some Keenan men looking to give away their extra tickets. 9

TOP FIVE Alternate Super Bowl halftime performers

1 Lip-syncing Black Eyed Peas.

2 The "We Are ND" guy, Freekbass.

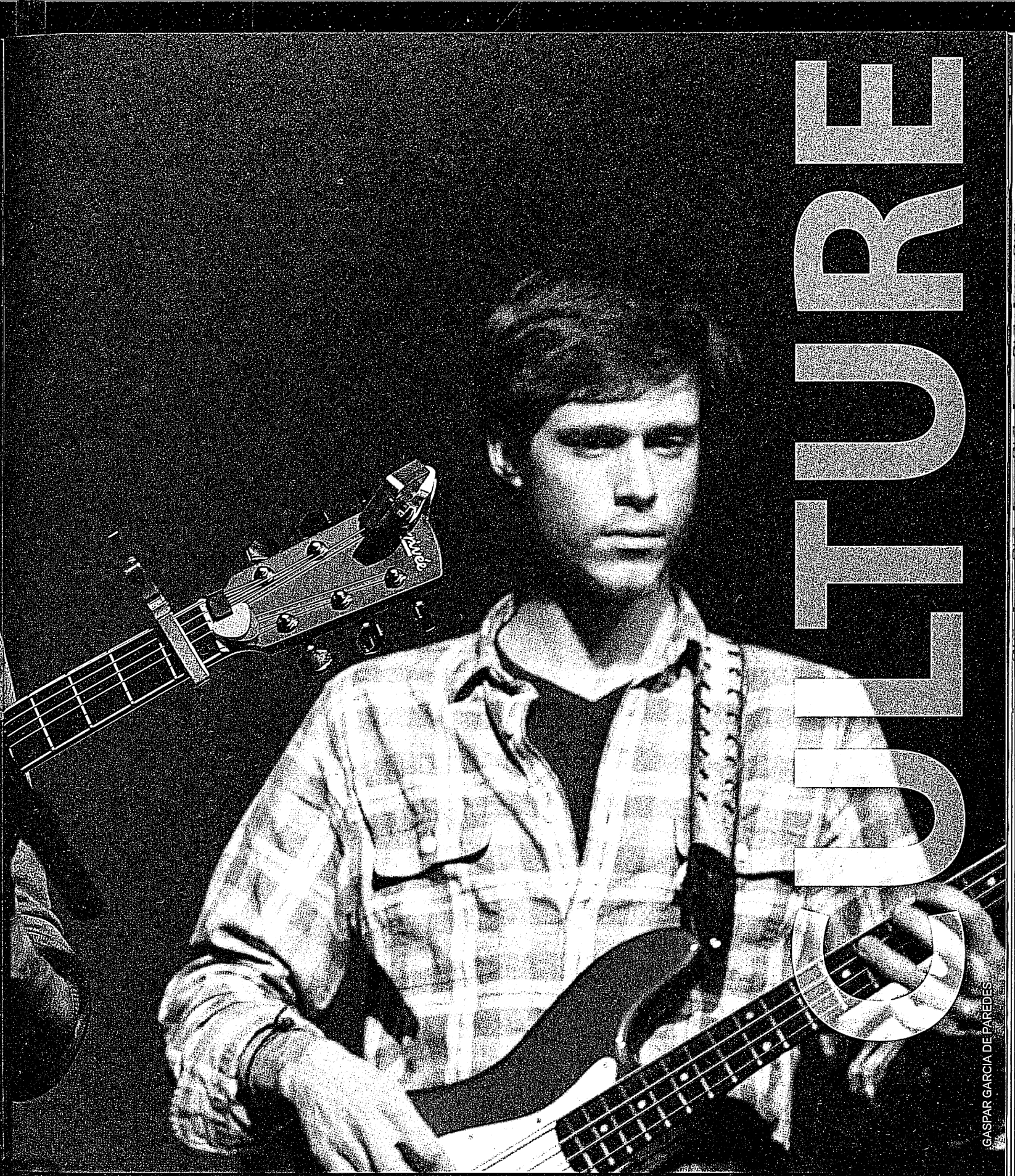
3 Willow Smith's Hair.

4 Charlie Sheen.

5 Natalie Portman and Mila Kunis.



Student band House of Music Presents performs at A Face for Radio.



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concert at the altar

The South Bend Music Scene's
Potential Saving Grace

Julia Steiner

Top-ranked academics, a beautiful campus or a true sense of community — all reasons students might choose to go to ND.

Perhaps never has the reason been a thriving South Bend music scene. Whether the aggressive concertgoer or the casual “pay for my ticket, and I’ll think about going” type, many Notre Dame students seem to be removed from a common college pastime: going to concerts.

Various groups on campus are attempting to change this state of affairs, including the on-campus nightclub Legends. The club’s general manager, Aaron Perri, says the club is advertising its “best lineup ever,” including Dan Deacon, Super Mash Bros. and comedian John Mulaney. In addition, students have frequent opportunities to hear live music at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC). The performances at DPAC, however, generally do not fit into the indie or alt/rock genres that many college students tend to favor.

Despite signs of a growing music scene on campus, many students say they are disappointed by the opportunities, or lack thereof, to see concerts off campus. Subkirke aims to reach out to students and improve the South Bend music scene.

Freshman Program of Liberal Studies major Chris Collum says that the South Bend music scene “doesn’t seem to be that great in general. I don’t know if it’s the proximity to Chicago or what the deal is. I could see Subkirke possibly changing that though.”

The brainchild of Director of Worship

and Outreach David Banga and Pastor Mark Roeda, Subkirke (a play on the acronym for The South Bend Christian Reformed Church, or SBCRC) is a concert venue in a church. At Subkirke, indie artists perform in what freshman science-business major Alex Janiw remembers as an intimate and special setting.

“The audience sits in the pews of the sanctuary, and the performers play where I would assume the altar is normally,” she says.

Transforming SBCRC into a an indie music venue arose from the “motivation to provide outreach to college students,” Banga says. “Despite the number of colleges near South Bend and the city’s strategic location midway between other Midwestern cities and college towns, Subkirke remains one of only two venues that hosts [indie bands] on a regular basis, the other being Legends at Notre Dame.” Banga says that he hopes “to attract a lot of students and demonstrate that our church is a great place to hear bands.

“There have been around a dozen concerts so far, the first in October 2009 with Samantha Crain and the latest in November 2010 with Damien Jurado and Shearwater,” Banga says. Beth Tocular of the band BowerBirds says that she “loved playing Subkirke, and we especially enjoyed utilizing the giant church organ in the back.” The group’s frontman, Phil Moore, says, “This venue is amazing, and please come back to all shows that come to this place.”

Although it is in a church, Banga says Subkirke’s focus is not religious. “The vision for Subkirke stems from the thought

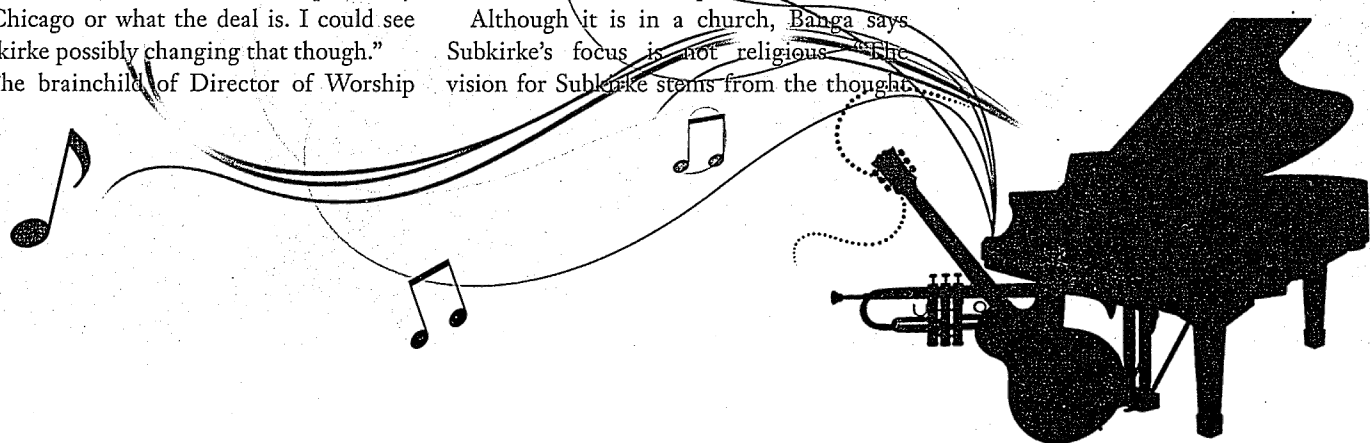
that the most effective outreach is found in meaningful relationships, whether they be with God, other people, a place, or a certain song or sound.” He says that most of the bands that play the venue are not Christian.

Graduate student and philosophy TA Chris Porter is a member of the church that houses Subkirke and an usher at the concerts. He says that Banga’s vision has come together. Porter says the S. Carey show in September 2010 “was really amazing because of the way that album is. It’s filled with so much space and ambiance, so imagine you’re in the sanctuary and the music just starts to fill that space ... We all kind of looked at each other and though, ‘This is really happening, and it’s happening here.’”

Students can experience live music in this unique setting with a concert lineup including The Low Anthem, who provide “gorgeous chamber-folk,” according to Paste Magazine. A mere 1.1 miles from campus on North Hickory Road, Banga says he hopes that Notre Dame students and those from other local schools will come to shows and make Subkirke a standard in South Bend for its concerts and low price.

“People should feel cared for,” Banga says. “Whether they’re performing or in the audience, we want people to enjoy themselves.”

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Behind the Scenes:

An Inside Look at Notre Dame's Unvisited Locales

My Fellow Domers,

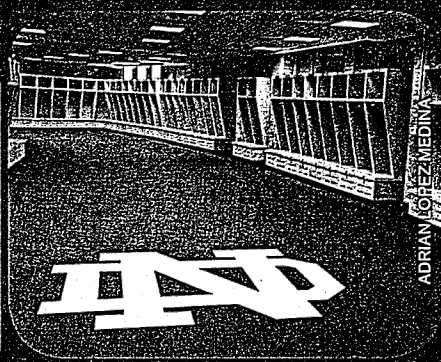
This issue wouldn't be the football edition without our famed football locations: the field, the Gug and the stadium locker room. Here's our look behind the iron curtain.

Clara Ritger

The Stadium Locker Room

The locker room has been home to legendary players and coaches, but only a quote from "Rudy" remains as a testament to their victories.

Athletics Facilities intern Kevin Paczesny says that the space, for some, is a place of wonder. "There have been a lot of great memories made in this locker room," he says. "Think about the big players that have been in this room, waiting to start playing on this field. Some of the people that have been sitting right here in this room have gone on to have great careers. It looks empty now — I mean, it is an empty, not-so-special room — but there is so much history here, you just get a little awestruck."



The Guglielmino Athletics Complex

Director of Football Media Relations Brian Hardin knows how to take care of his players. "This is meant to be a home for the team — a comfortable place they can study, practice and bond," Hardin says. The Guglielmino Athletics Complex, a haven built in 2005 as a support facility to serve the football team and other varsity athletes, contains just about everything a player might need in his home away from home.

"This isn't supposed to replace the dorm life," Hardin says, "but [it is meant to] be a supplement to their day so that they can get their work done and still get back to the dorm to have some semblance of a typical college experience."

Behind the locked doors, there is a football players' lounge equipped with various video games, from arcade games to the Wii, as well as a kitchen, pool, ping pong tables and many lounge chairs. "This space used to be a sleep room, where players could nap during the day," Hardin says. "[Head coach] Brian Kelly changed it to a hang out space, to emphasize activity and team bonding." Team study rooms and video playback rooms for the different field positions surround the lounge so that the players can study both academics and athletics in the same place.

Down the hall was the best part of the tour — the players' locker room away from the stadium. Aside from the typical showers, cubbies and TVs, a few Irish commandments are listed on the wall, number one reading: "Treat women with respect."



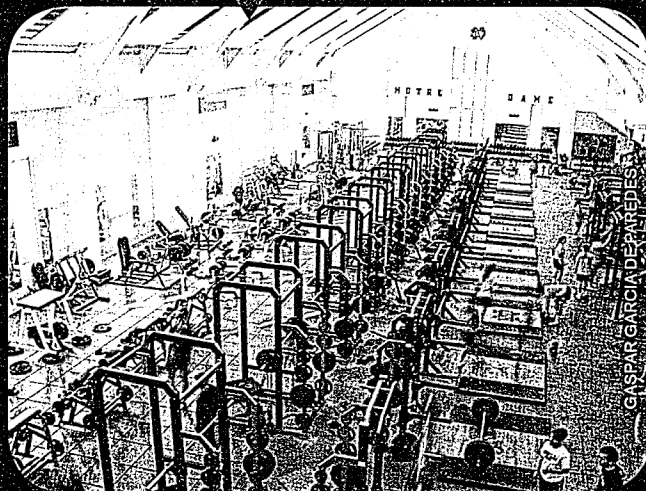
The Field

If you have never taken a moment to chat with your stadium ushers, you are missing out. Friendly, die-hard football fans, the ushers have accumulated some of the funniest — and most legendary — stories during their tenures. One of the ushers recalled a child asking for his autograph, while another talked about making friends with his section's season ticket holders — friends with whom he tailgates during the season.

The game experience, as football student managers will attest, unfolds very differently on the field. Not only do you feel super cool for being on the field, but standing against the goalpost as the band and team sprint past you is exhilarating. Watching the game with the players, coaches and media at field level is indescribable. It is definitely different from being in the stands, and radically better than watching it on TV.

Until our next adventure.

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Campus Chatter

DEPARTMENT OF DROP IT LIKE IT'S HOT

I never expected to see Snoop Dogg and Club Fever on the same flyer. Let's be honest — there are a few shocking things about this announcement.

First, no one comes to South Bend. Ever. There are the few occasional headliners that are convinced to come to Notre Dame, but even those usually aren't that exciting. Sister Hazel or Ryan Cabrera, anyone? Regardless of what's happening at Notre Dame, in the actual city of South Bend, there is no music scene.

Second, the idea of a concert at Fever is mind boggling for anyone who has frequented the blackout box that is Fever on Thursday nights. Fever makes me think of drunk girls, high heels, dollar shots and cage dancing. It does not make me think of Snoop Dogg, though on second thought, I can see how he could fit into this picture.

Third, I didn't know that Fever existed on Wednesdays. Some tradition that started before I was at Notre Dame dictates that Fever should be frequented on Thursdays and Thursdays only. All other days at Fever belong to some sort of twilight zone not to be entered by the Notre Dame crowd.

So you can imagine my surprise when, during the last week of winter break, I heard via a slew of Facebook statuses that Snoop Dogg was coming to South Bend to perform at Club Fever on a Wednesday. I happened to be with several of my friends from Notre Dame when I heard the news, and we immediately decided to buy tickets. The concept of Snoop at Fever was just too tempting to turn down. (I should mention that at this point I did not realize the tickets were \$45.)

Fast forward two weeks. I was back in South Bend and partied out from syllabus week. In the whirlwind that was Kildare's, Club 23, Corby's, Oyster Bar, Fever, Finny's and Finny's again, I had nearly forgotten about Snoop Dogg. The initial excitement over a rap legend coming to South Bend had worn off, and I almost regretted buying the ticket. Regret is not something that I like to deal with, though, and I found myself getting ready to go to Feva Feve on a Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The tickets said that Snoop Dogg would come onstage at 8 p.m. That seemed a little on the early side, but my friends and I didn't want to miss any of the concert, so we decided to play it safe and arrived around 8:30. The line for Fever was long, as it typically is, but it was different than the usual Thursday line because I didn't recognize a single person. Luckily, we already had our tickets and were able to skip the line and enter through the door to the Backstage Grill. (For those of you who don't know, Fever is attached to a restaurant. I wouldn't trust the food there.)

We walked through the basement and up the stairs to find a sizeable crowd already there. After grabbing a few drinks and finding our friends, we went to stake out a spot near the front of the dance floor and started our wait for Snoop Dogg. An opening act started soon

after, featuring the musical stylings of some 15-year-old boy. Once that ended, we expected Snoop to promptly take the stage. Snoop, however, had other plans that would delay him until 11 p.m. In other words, for almost two hours, it was like a regular Thursday at Fever, except for the lack of cages, the plethora of townies and an unusually pungent. Just when the crowd was becoming unbearably restless, Snoop finally emerged and the whole bar erupted. He was blinged out, as they say, with a diamond necklace, diamond microphone and a giant diamond ring reading "Snoop Dogg." Plus, he was wearing a Michael Floyd jersey. And, of course, Snoop rolled with an entourage that was a true cast of characters.

After this three-hour wait, Snoop encouraged all of his South Bend homeboys to "Drop it Like It's Hot" and sip on "Gin and Juice" for all of 45 minutes. Within this short time frame, Fever was transformed into a different venue, one resembling some West Coast Snoop-groupie club. It was over almost as quickly as it had started.

For \$45, I was able to experience this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of seeing Snoop Dogg at Fever. I bet you wish you were there, too.

-Libby Koerbel

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Campus Eateries

Clara Ritger, Kristy Cloetingh and Erica Pepitone

Your guide to the non-dining hall options on campus. Restaurant Entrepreneur Kristy Cloetingh and Food Network Star Clara Ritger weigh in. Iron Chef Erica Pepitone offers a guest critique.

Cafe Poche (Bond Hall)

Kristy — Massive and absolutely delicious, the cinnamon roll I ordered at Cafe Poche, paired with pumpkin spice coffee, made the perfect pre-class breakfast. Hidden deep within Bond Hall, the cafe boasts one of the homiest atmospheres on campus. Definite thumbs up.

Clara — A delectable breakfast, the cinnamon roll melted on my fingers. I've never tasted a better one. Cafe Poche is a well-kept architecture secret. I will definitely make my way back for more. Thumbs up for a basic but delicious breakfast.

Cafe de Grasta (Grace Hall)

Kristy — If you want really good food, be sure to check out Cafe de Grasta. Serving food not only for students, but also for the administration, Cafe de Grasta offers more options than your average campus eatery. I ordered a grilled chicken wrap with light ranch dressing and it was delicious, although, I must say, it was a little dressing-heavy. It was, however, nice to switch up what I ate for a change. If I could give it half a thumb, I would.

Clara — I ordered the chicken Caesar flat with a side of carrots. Not only did I get my vegetables in for the day, but I enjoyed them, too! The dish consisted of a flatbread with chicken and melted cheese, and the lettuce, extra cheese and Caesar dressing were added upon order. I would have to say, though, that the Recker's Caesar salads on piadina bread are just as good. It is also quite the walk for anyone who doesn't live on Mod Quad. No thumbs here.

Sorin's (Morris Inn)

Kristy — Albeit somewhat intimidating, Sorin's is the perfect venue for an anniversary dinner or a nice meal with your parents. The salmon was cooked to perfection and though I was somewhat skeptical of the stewed cabbage, it was a sweet touch that complimented the fish excellently. Considering that the bread is spectacular and they give you sorbet to cleanse your pallet before digging into your entree, I have no choice but to give Sorin's a million thumbs up, provided you don't mind shelling out the cash.

Clara — Fine dining at its best. Sorin's is definitely the place to take that special someone for a nice meal. The rack of lamb was delectable — the meat fell right off the bone — and I enjoyed the autumnal touch of the pumpkin risotto cake. Sorin's service was wonderful — your glass will not go empty. While the check may be a bit painful to look at, the complimentary truffles remind you why your meal was worth the price. Absolutely a thumbs up.

Greenfields (Hesburgh Center)

Erica — Perhaps I am biased because I loved the old Greenfields, but I was underwhelmed. Yes, I love the earth and sustainability, but I also love food. A lot. The garden vegetable pita sandwich, which was mostly lettuce in a pita, left me unsatisfied. I may have chosen the wrong dish, as the bites I had off Clara's plate (rude, I know, but all manners go out the window when I'm hungry) were a bit more filling, though the portions were small. The grilled quick bread dessert, on the other hand, was delicious, covered with berries and custard. I would go back for the dessert or a bite to eat between meals, but for an entree, call Papa John's instead.

Clara — The new menu services a different crowd. The restaurant replaced entrees from around the world with local, sustainable food — it sustains the earth but it doesn't sustain you. Portions are much smaller, which may help waistlines but won't make for a happy college student. If you're looking for a great salad or other appetizer, however, Greenfields is the place to go. I ate the Michigan farmland salad topped with a chilled cottage cheese mixture, complete with apples, raisins and sunflower seeds. Want an entree? Hit up the dining halls. Looking for something light and delicious? Greenfields is the place to go. Half a thumb.

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STAKING OUT THE COMPETITION

A BREAKDOWN OF THE
2011 STUDENT BODY
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

PLATFORM POINTS

Approve:

Department of Constituent Services (McCormick-Rocheleau) — This new committee would ensure that you get increased printer quotas and your favorite fro-yo flavor in the dining hall.

Weather-controlled dome over campus (Noonan-Thomas) — Avoiding nasty South Bend winters in heated comfort? Sign us up.

Disapprove:

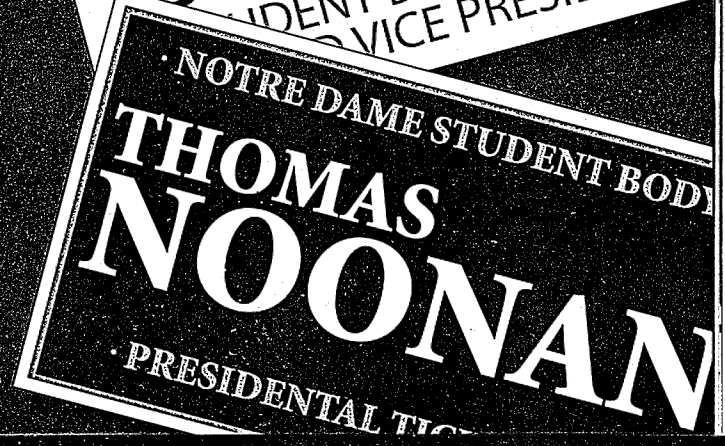
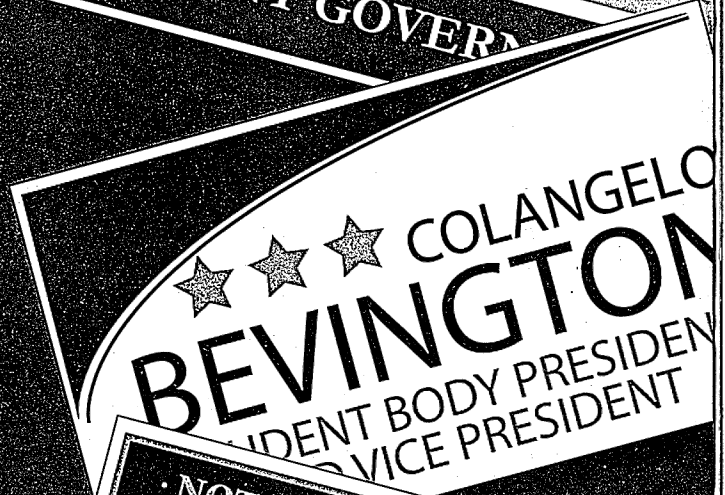
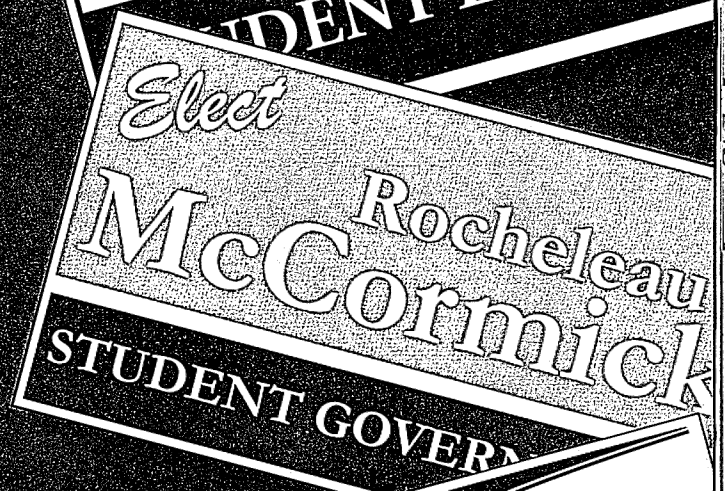
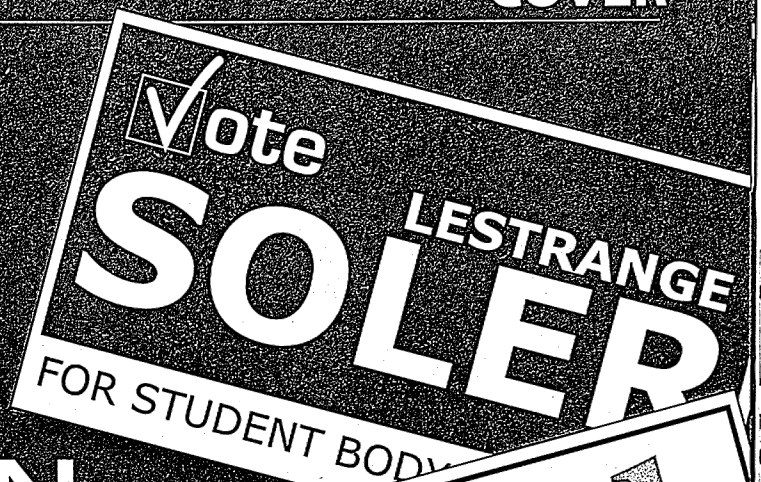
Expansion of self-designed majors (McCormick-Rocheleau) — While making self-designed majors easier to create and available to future students would be great, the groundwork to get this started would be insurmountable.

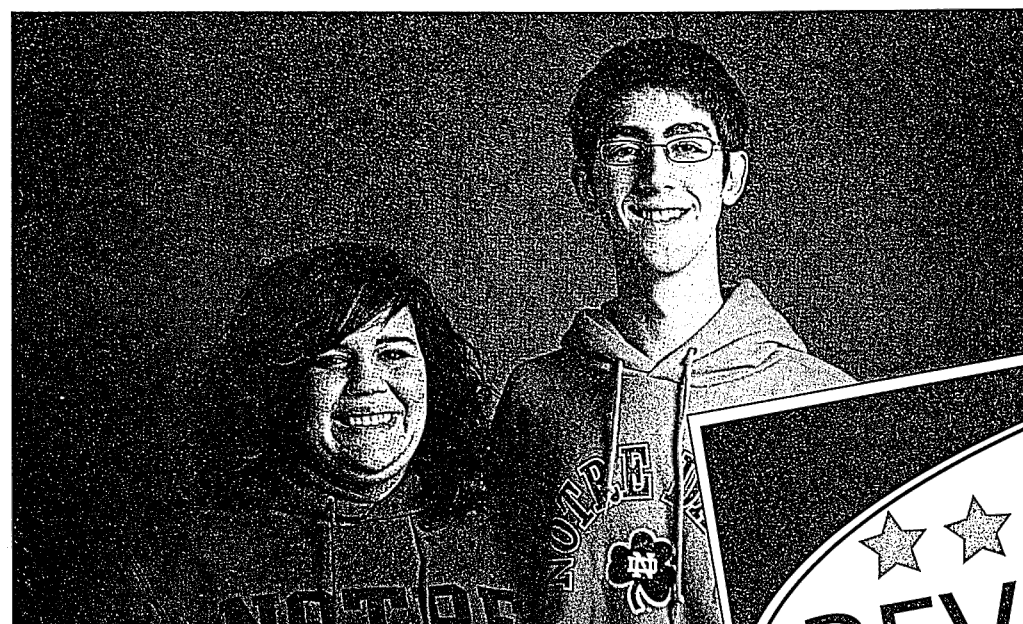
Improve the relationship between students and ResLife (Ward-Eaton) — Unless ResLife is going to stop handing out "ResLives," this plan seems destined to fail.

Nothing New:

Increasing "university teamwork" (Bevington-Colangelo) — This vague concept sounds more like an inspiring speech than a plan.

A transparent student government (Soler-LeStrange) — The Schmidt administration regularly communicated with student media a year ago, and we would expect any administration to do the same.





Sophomore Ricky Bevington (right) poses with his junior running mate Olivia Colangelo (left). The candidates say they hope to connect student government with the student body if elected.

★★★ COLANGELO BEVINGTON STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Alyssa Morones

Sophomore Program of Liberal Studies major Ricky Bevington and junior civil engineering major Olivia Colangelo are not only passionate about their involvement in student government, but they are also passionate about getting the whole of the Notre Dame student body involved as well.

"Our platform is really about university teamwork — to open the lines of communication so we're all working toward the same goals," Bevington says. They say they want to encourage student input through the utilization of student government's referendum system, which Bevington says would be especially valuable when dealing with campus-wide issues.

Additionally, they say they want to directly engage the student body with the board of trustees to keep undergraduates as the university's focus.

"It would be a way to encourage others [who are] not usually involved to express concerns about what they value," Colangelo says.

While the two liked the current administration's Whine Week, they say they hope to encourage more student input year-round.

"It should be whine all the time," Bevington says.

Furthermore, Bevington and Colangelo say they would hold a State of the University meeting in order to inform the Notre Dame community on the university's actions and plans.

"There needs to be a deeper level of understanding between the students, the administration and the alumni," Bevington says. "We should try to make sure that students always have information."

While it is evident that the Notre Dame administration cares about its students, Bevington says student voices should not be disregarded. "[The administration] has a lot more experience than the students, obviously, but student opinions could never hurt."

Bevington and Colangelo say they plan to extend this communication and teamwork beyond the boundaries of Notre Dame's campus to the larger South Bend community as well. They say they hope that this expansion would improve town-gown, especially student-police, relations.

The candidates say that they plan to institutionalize student-police discussion and that formalizing such discourse would ensure an ongoing relationship between the two groups.

"I think the current administration has done a great job so far, especially in letting freshmen get involved," Bevington says, "but I think with off-campus issues, there needs to be that next step taken in working with the South Bend community."

They would achieve better community relations through more direct student involvement in South Bend.

Bevington and Colangelo say their unique

perspective sets them apart. With their widely varying majors and different involvements, they say they bring a viewpoint not fully represented by the other tickets.

As a pioneer for this year's new First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL) program, Bevington says he understands and is excited about the intricacies of student government. Colangelo, on the other hand, says she brings more hands-on student life experience as president of McGlinn Hall.

While Colangelo does enjoy leadership, she says it is the opportunity to cooperate and learn from others that excites her most. "I like having power, but I would rather listen to others' ideas and work with other people," she says. "It fits in nicely with our teamwork idea."

"I am legitimately excited about student government and what it does," Bevington says. "It's so cool that we have all these students on campus that all want to be involved. It's become a part of me."

Elect Rocheleau McCormick STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Chris Milazzo

"The size of our hopes for Notre Dame just doesn't match our policies in student government," junior political science and peace studies major Pat McCormick says.

Presidential candidate McCormick and his vice presidential running mate, sophomore finance and mathematics major Brett Rocheleau, have experience both in and out of student government. McCormick is involved in many service organizations, including the Center for Social Concerns (C.S.C.).

"I got involved with student government sophomore year on the advisory board for the Center of Social Concerns. This year ... [president Catherine Soler and vice-president Andrew Bell] asked me to help them ... as Social Concerns chair in their administration," he says.

Rocheleau's experience lies in class council, where he is currently the president of the Sophomore Class Council. He was instrumental in organizing Domecoming in the fall.

"On class council, we learned how to program a lot of events and work with people from all parts of campus," Rocheleau says.

Running under the slogan "Hope in Action," McCormick and Rocheleau say they do not only want to lead student government, but give it a vision grounded in what McCormick says is Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C.'s vision for the university: a crossroads where ideas intersect.

To this end, the candidates say they want to institutionalize the model established by the Playing for Peace and Sudan Rally, which attracted the attention of Kalpen Modi, formerly of the television show "House" and a social justice adviser to President Barack Obama, and National Security Council Director Samantha Power, who is in charge of the White House's Sudan policy.

The candidates are already working on making the Notre Dame vs. Villanova game this month a Playing for Peace event in partnership with the

Department of Athletics. They have invited Modi and Kyle Lierman of the White House Office of Public Engagement. They say that in the future they hope to organize a Playing for Peace concert featuring a high-profile artist.

"We want to try to encourage and really transform our student government into something that's much bigger than it traditionally has been," McCormick says.

One of their more ambitious proposals is an expansion of self-designed majors. "We're looking to institutionalize ... more paths to design your own major or minor. Right now, those have to be started from scratch, but we think more students would take advantage of those opportunities if they were made available. We also think it's unfair for some students to create their own major but then other students not to be able to follow those paths," McCormick says.

He says the limited scope of self-designed majors is due to disconnect between different colleges. "The college structure is horizontal. Decisions across colleges are made relatively independently of each other. What we want to do ... is set up meetings with each of the different deans of the colleges ... to talk with them about different opportunities that might be available," McCormick says.

In their preliminary discussions, McCormick and Rocheleau say the administration appeared receptive to the reform, but that it would require a great deal of groundwork.

Despite their grand vision, McCormick and Rocheleau say they will still focus on the issues pertinent to students.

They say they want to appoint a Director of



Junior Pat McCormick (right) and running mate sophomore Brett Rocheleau (left) have both been involved with student government throughout their college career and they say they hope to continue their run by winning the student body president election.

Constituent Services, who would be in charge of addressing the practical complaints of students such as printer quotas, flu shot availability and variety of frozen yogurt flavors in the dining halls.

In regards to the hike in quarter dog prices, the candidates have already spoken with the manager of the Huddle about ways student government can subsidize prices to return them to 25 cents.

McCormick and Rocheleau say they also want to add a comment section to the student government Web site and expand the scope of Whine Week.

On a social justice level, they say they hope to open a discussion about Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause. "Brett and I fully support trying to expand inclusion in the Notre Dame family," McCormick says. "There's real potential for the whole university to grow through a good faith discussion of these issues. Brett and I don't want to shy away from that discussion."

Overall, McCormick says he hopes their platform can eliminate the cynicism sometimes associated with student government's ability to deliver on its promises.

"My sense in talking with students ... is there's this deep desire for us to move beyond just the attitude that students shouldn't hope for too much because it's better to be cynical about the things that students can accomplish. What I hope is that through [our] record ... that we have a compelling case to be made that we can work on these broader issues, that we can offer more." S

COVER

Claire Reising

From revising campus drinking policies to revamping the DART system, junior aerospace engineering major and presidential candidate James Ward and freshman vice presidential candidate Heather Eaton say they want to reach all students with their campaign.

"We just want to do things that are more noticeable," Eaton says.

Ward brings three years of student government experience to the campaign, while Eaton is president of the Freshman Class Council.

Ward and Eaton's main goal is to improve the relationship between students and the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ResLife.) They say they will also work to lift the ban on drinking games in dorms in order to encourage students to socialize on campus instead of attending off-campus parties.

Ward says that although the ban on drinking games was meant to discourage students from binge drinking, it has driven students off campus where the dangers of drinking are exacerbated. "All it has led kids to do is switch to less safe alternatives, like going off campus or drinking hard alcohol in dorms," Ward says.

Both candidates, however, say that they do not condone underage drinking and that their goal is students' safety, not a party atmosphere

on campus.

In addition, the candidates say they would work with ResLife to release statistics on the number of students who are charged with offenses, such as underage drinking and breaking pariets, and the punishments that those students received. They also plan to implement an amnesty program for students who receive ResLife violations. Students would have the opportunity to expunge their records through involvement in service or activities and recommendations on their behalf.

"I don't think one mistake should ruin your grad school applications and your future, especially if [you] can demonstrate involvement," Ward says.

For their academic agenda, Ward and Eaton say they want to make class registration and financial aid more student friendly. They plan to collaborate with the Office of Information Technology to make the DART system easier for students to use. The improved system would indicate which courses students need to complete major requirements and would provide a wait list for classes that are full.

The pair says that financial aid should also be more transparent so that current and future students would have a better idea of how much they would have to pay for college. Some Ivy League schools, for example, publish how

much students can expect to pay based on their families' incomes. The candidates say Notre Dame could adopt a similar model by releasing statistics about families' incomes and the amount of financial aid they have received.

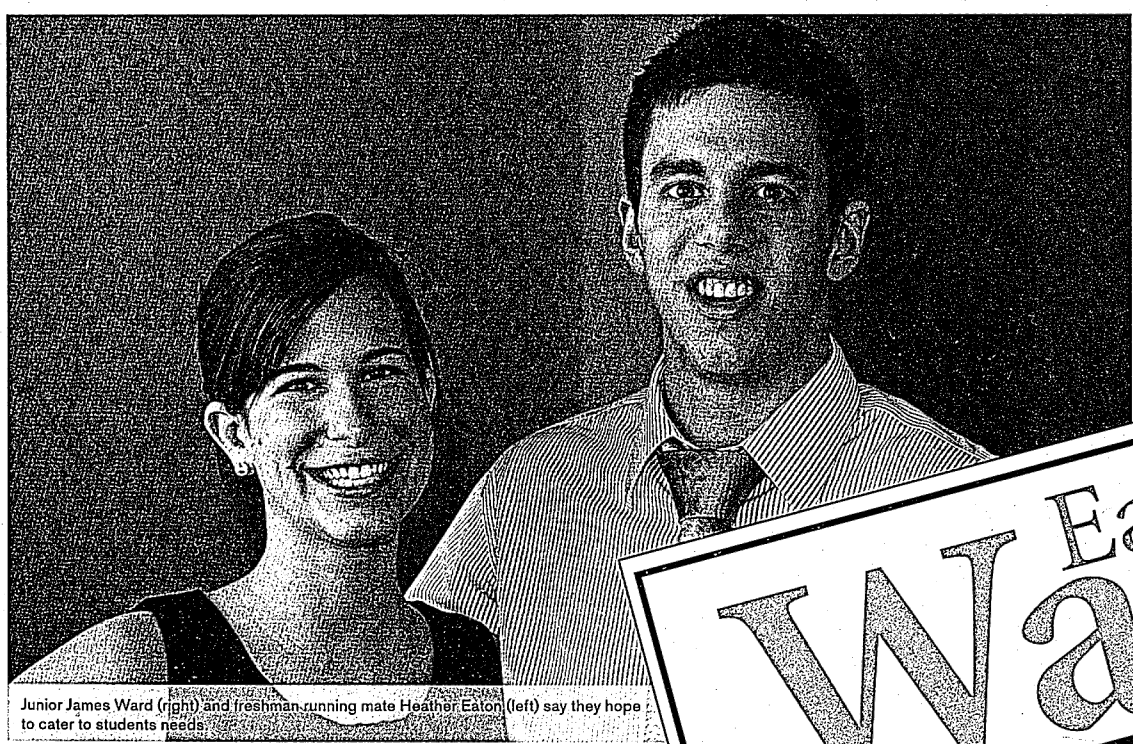
"It's so kids here are more comfortable with any debts they're going to have to take on. They'll know full well before going here," Ward says.

The Ward-Eaton ticket also has a social concerns agenda, focused on educational equality. "Educate aND Grow" would host a year-long discussion about education in the United States and developing countries. The program would also inform students about service opportunities in teaching.

The candidates say that their administration would focus on being accessible to students. To that end, they have incorporated students' suggestions into their campaign platforms, such as installing more electrical outlets in LaFortune and the library as well as putting a Redbox that accepts Diner Dollars in LaFortune. They plan to communicate often via student media and make the student government office a more inviting place.

"Apart from the education initiative, every other idea on our platform is suggested by students," Ward says.

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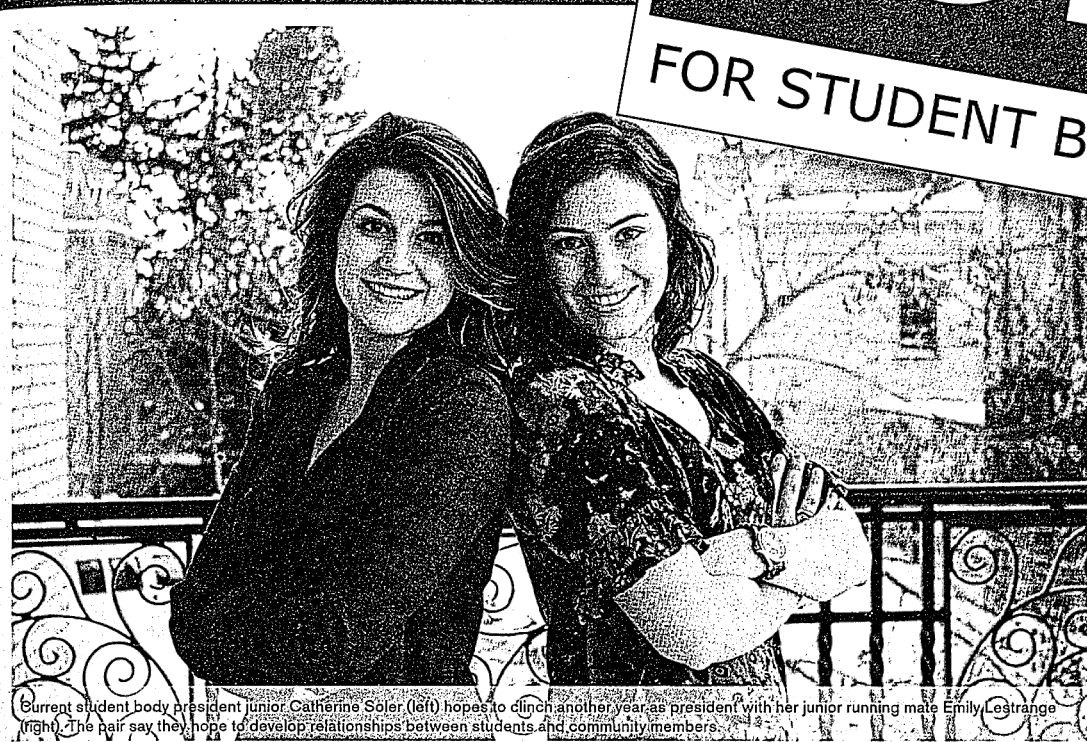


Junior James Ward (right) and freshman running mate Heather Eaton (left) say they hope to cater to students' needs.

Eaton
Ward

STUDENT LEADERS

Vote SOLESTRANGE FOR STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT



Current student body president junior Catherine Soler (left) hopes to clinch another year as president with her junior running mate Emily LeStrange (right). The pair say they hope to develop relationships between students and community members.

Erica Pepitone

With her tenure as student body president drawing to a close, junior accounting major Catherine Soler is campaigning for a second term in office, along with vice presidential running mate junior political science and American studies major Emily LeStrange.

"Students never have an opportunity to have continuity in leadership," Soler says. "We could do more in less time with the contacts and relationships we have already established." LeStrange also has student government experience as Off-Campus Council chair.

With a year of presidential experience, Soler says that the biggest challenge she could face as student body president this term is the unknown. "There are so many things you can't anticipate," she says. "You need to be prepared for the unexpected while continuing to work on the projects you've promised."

She cited the fall semester arrests that led to strained relations between students and local law enforcement as an example, but one that has informed part of the Soler-

LeStrange platform. They say they hope to formalize an ongoing relationship between South Bend police and the university to facilitate future interactions.

They say they would also like to develop relationships with community members through the proposed CollegeKIDS program, a plan for year-long service projects aimed at addressing the needs of South Bend youth. One such project would be the ND Educational Services Program, meant to "generate excitement for learning by hosting a weekend event for students to teach a lesson to South Bend students on any topic, from history to chocolate tasting," LeStrange says.

To enhance on-campus services for students, Soler and LeStrange say they hope to improve access to and development of sexual assault resources on campus. Currently, St. Liam's does not offer rape kits, so assault victims have to get them off campus. They also plan to expand services for victims and the accused.

Other proposals include providing a heated bus stop at library circle, monthly midnight breakfast, expanding peer tutoring resources,

adding lights on McGlinn Field and ensuring pots and pans in all dorm kitchens, among others. They also plan to expand Whine Week to increase student input.

"The student government should be a body that people believe in and can go to," Soler says. "I'm proud to play a role in the university and be a resource for students."

Soler says that, if reelected, she would make student government more transparent. "I want to have more persistent communication about what we are doing and what is going on," she says.

Though she knows the time commitment required as student body president, Soler says she hopes to be elected to a second term because it is "an opportunity to be able to help people. [That opportunity] is worth the sacrifice of time and energy, and I would be honored if it were Emily and me."

With the slogan "Passion and Perspective — Serving Student Needs," Soler and LeStrange say that their ticket cares, has experience and is in touch with the students. "Your student government should serve you," LeStrange says.

Soler says that she hopes to have a team-oriented office that draws on the talents of students. "This is what keeps me going." S

COVER

Tommasina Domel

Self-described as “responsible, overly caring, attractive and mildly desperate for friendship and attention,” Zahm freshmen Kevin Noonan and Matthew Thomas bring a fresh voice to the election, hoping to “represent the part of student body that is underrepresented by student government — which is basically everyone.”

In the spirit of representing the true needs of the student body, the candidates say they want to create “Hangover Hours” in the dining halls. Every Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Hangover Hours would offer students the opportunity to sleep late and still make a trip to the dining halls before they close for the afternoon.

These special weekend hours would include low lighting, mandatory silence and temporary dining hall redecoration. The dining halls would display motivational posters with inspirational quotes such as “Don’t worry, we don’t know her name either” and “Your kids will never find out.”

Though their campaign slogan — “Lower Standards, Fewer Memories” — calls for acceptance of mediocrity, Noonan and Thomas say they hope to achieve significant changes if elected to office.

One of their most ambitious

goals is to construct a giant, weather-controlled dome over the entire campus. “It’s sort of a Harry Potter Great Hall meets ‘The Truman Show’ kind of thing,” Noonan says. This dome over the Dome would exclude any students living off-campus. “If you want me to care, invite me to your parties,” Noonan says.

Another major change Noonan and Thomas support is more variety in the food choices in LaFortune. They say that they suspect that Subway has been secretly paying Burger King under the table for many years in order to keep it as its food court neighbors and they plan to investigate this further. “We need a rival food court to end the socialistic monopoly that Subway has on LaFun. I mean, Subway or Burger King? The choice is practically made for us,” Noonan says. Their solution is to open a Taco Bell, which would serve as a substitute for Sbarro as a late-night food option.

With plans such as these in the works, they say that Notre Dame students are their top priority.

They also say that they commend the other candidates for the charitable causes they advocate. “We applaud and support that the other candidates are representing charities, but we respectfully will not force anyone to be associated with our campaign,” Noonan says. “It’s actually

like the pattern of my life.”

Above all else, they say they hope to change the elitist image of student government at Notre Dame. Noonan criticizes the current administration’s “irritatingly inflated sense of self-importance.”

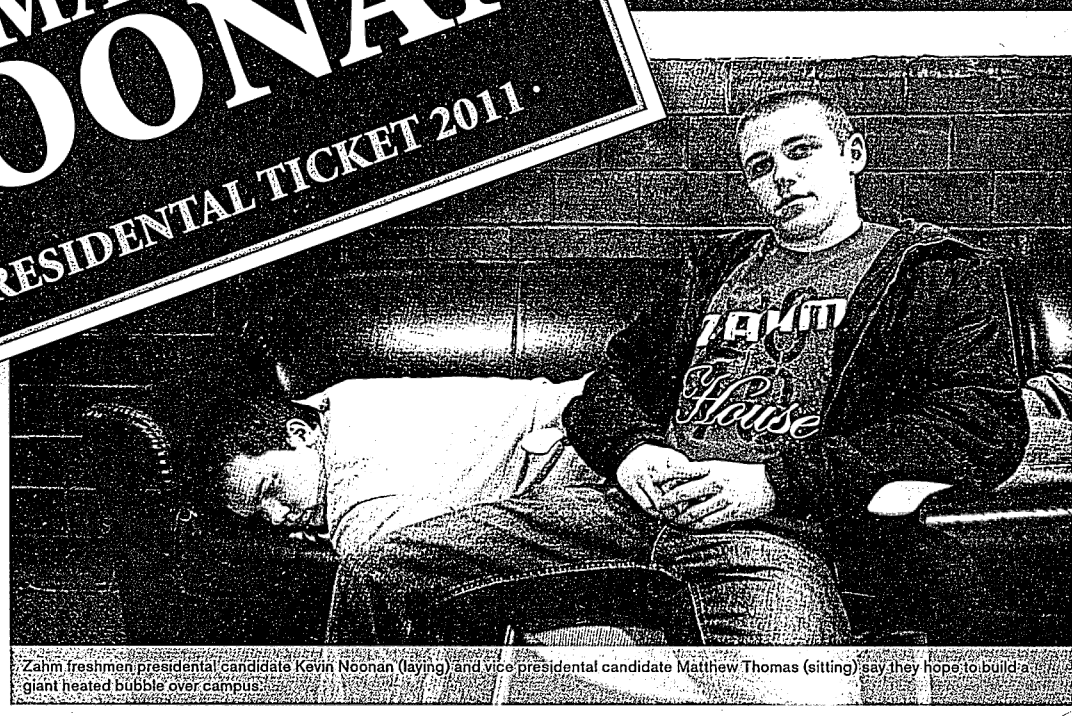
Neither Noonan nor Thomas has served as a member of student government at Notre Dame, although Thomas had a good deal of experience in high school. Never an official candidate, Thomas was elected to lead his class through write-in ballots. Noonan says that he never had enough friends to be elected to office.

Noonan and Thomas, however, say they consider their lack of collegiate government experience to be a positive quality. If elected, they say that there would be no need to bridge the gap from student government to student body, as they are the true student body. For this reason, they plan to lead with a sense of humility that they say the current administration does not possess.

“Student government thinks they are higher than America — and that’s ridiculous,” Noonan says. “Luckily, I personally have never felt self-important in my life.”

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NOTRE DAME STUDENT BODY
THOMAS
NOONAN
PRESIDENTIAL TICKET 2011



Zahm freshmen presidential candidate Kevin Noonan (lying) and vice presidential candidate Matthew Thomas (sitting) say they hope to build a giant heated bubble over campus.

Scholastic Endorsement

Presidential Ticket

McCormick- Rocheleau

Scholastic Staff

While past elections had clear favorites, this year's candidates all make strong cases for their election. Two tickets in particular, Soler-LeStrange and McCormick-Rocheleau, offer compelling platforms that directly address the short- and long-term needs of students and the community.

While the choice was difficult, the Scholastic staff is endorsing the McCormick-Rocheleau ticket.

Their platform offers a vision for a student government that can do more than address the everyday problems and gripes of students. While hot dog prices and Fro-Yo flavors are important, McCormick and Rocheleau realize that given the power of student government, they have a responsibility to affect change both on and off campus in the spirit of Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C.'s vision for the university.

Some might scoff at such high-minded promises — we did at first. Yet McCormick and Rocheleau have backed their platform with a thorough plan of attack. In fact, they gave us a 30-page description of how they will implement their platform. McCormick and Rocheleau are already laying the groundwork for their initiatives, and they have yet to be elected.

To be sure, Soler and LeStrange have the minds of students at the forefront of their campaign, and their experience in student government is a testament to their ability to

lead. Soler, in particular, has done an excellent job as president this year, delivering on nearly every promise she made in her campaign. They are a safe ticket.

The hopeful spirit of McCormick and Rocheleau, however, is infectious. Their campaign aims to redefine the role of student government by transcending the typical campus-betterment platforms. Their preparation and dedication will get them somewhere, if not all the way. In addition, their call for a director and Committee of Constituent Services to address student needs will ensure that while they focus on their more ambitious projects, we will still get our expanded print quotas and Welcome Week activities.

At the same time, they recognize the power students have to affect a positive change both in the community and around the world. Notre Dame has clout. McCormick and Rocheleau want to harness this power, so that we have the opportunity to do more than raise money for the next big cause. Their focus on direct service would reinvigorate students' spirit of service and has the ability to become a model for future administrations.

We feel that though the other candidates are qualified, they do not offer anything that has not been heard before or expressed more thoroughly by the top two tickets.

The Ward-Eaton ticket has some excellent ideas, particularly its focus on student safety on and off campus. Lifting the ban on

drinking games, however, would be a hard sell to an administration faced with increased police pressure. In addition, the financial aid reform ignores the university's policy to address each family's needs individually, and it is unclear how the candidates would account for such policies.

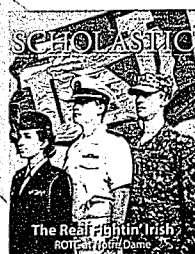
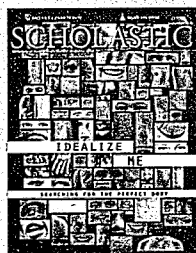
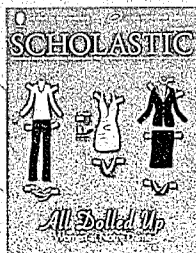
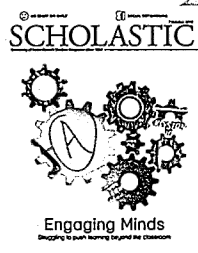
Bevington and Colangelo have an inspiring vision. Their focus on "university teamwork" to better communicate with the student body is key to a properly functioning government. Yet, we would expect any administration to communicate with its constituents. Communicating with the student body is part of representing them, not something to build a platform on. Like the Ward-Eaton ticket, they also lacked a clear path to achieve these goals.

The yearly Zahm ticket of Noonan-Thomas has some, shall we say, ambitious ideas, but little in the way of an implementation plan or interest in implementing them, for that matter. Of course, the Zahm ticket is all in good fun, and they are the most entertaining in recent memory. Zahmbies everywhere should praise their efforts.

In the end, we pick McCormick and Rocheleau because we are confident that they will implement policies that make a difference. With exuberant passion and a clear vision for leadership, they would be a great addition to student government, and most importantly, excellent representatives of the student body. S

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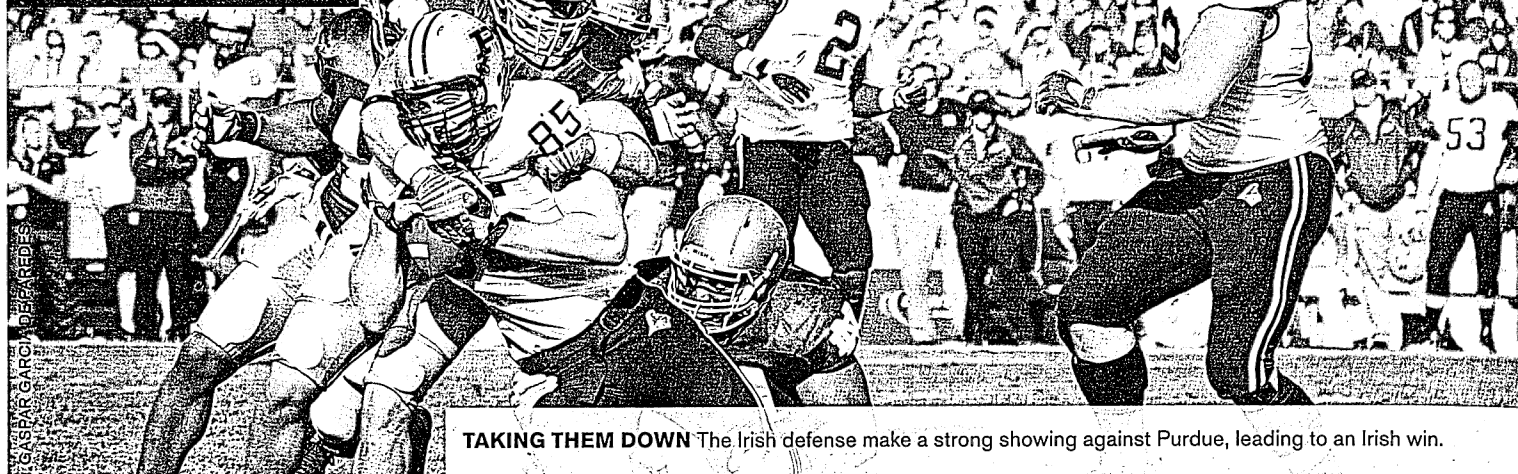
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TAKING THEM DOWN The Irish defense make a strong showing against Purdue, leading to an Irish win.

Defensive Day

NOTRE DAME 23, PURDUE 12

Madeline Stone

Brian Kelly led the Irish to a solid 23-12 win over Purdue in his much-anticipated debut as head coach. The Irish were 16-21 over the previous three seasons. Opening the season with a win over their Indiana rivals proved to be just the energy boost they needed.

With the win against Purdue, Notre Dame coaches improved their record to 26-3 in their debut games since 1896. Kelly celebrated the win with his team but acknowledged the undertaking ahead.

"We've got some work to do. We are not there yet, believe me ... but we took a step today and we are going to keep pounding at it and working at it," he said.

The energy from the crowd was important for Kelly in his first game at Notre Dame Stadium. A sea of green shirts greeted him as he ran out of the tunnel and onto the historic field for the first time.

"I think the one thing that stood out to me today was the crowd obviously was into it, and it was a great advantage," Kelly said.

The game was also the first start for junior quarterback Dayne Crist. Crist completed 19 of 26 passes for 205 yards and

a touchdown.

"We were all making our debuts today. It was a completely new field ... We all shared that together and it was a great victory," Crist said.


The Irish adapted well to Kelly's fast-paced spread offense. Senior tailback Armando Allen's 22-yard touchdown run put the Irish ahead early in the first quarter. Two field goals from senior kicker David Ruffer and one field goal from Purdue's Carson Wiggs brought the halftime score to 13-3. After another touchdown, this time on a 5-yard reception by freshman wide receiver TJ Jones, the Irish held a commanding 20-3 lead.

The Irish lead was briefly threatened at the beginning of the fourth quarter after Allen was tackled in the end zone, resulting in a safety for Purdue. Purdue scored soon after with a 23-yard run by quarterback Robert Marve. Marve's dive into the end zone, however, earned Purdue a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct and hurt the team's field position. The Irish lead was reduced to eight points, bringing the score to 20-12, but Purdue's offense never got

another chance to score. Ruffer's field goal with four and a half minutes remaining secured the Irish win with a comfortable 11-point lead.

Allen finished with 93 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries, including a 38-yard punt return that helped set up the touchdown by Jones. Sophomore tailback Cierre Wood rushed for 58 yards on seven carries. Junior wide receiver Michael Floyd added 82 yards on five receptions, which included a 34-yard catch that likely would have led to another Irish score if not for his fumble on the 2-yard line.

Kelly's new and improved defensive scheme was strong and consistent, with four sacks and two interceptions against Purdue's Marve.

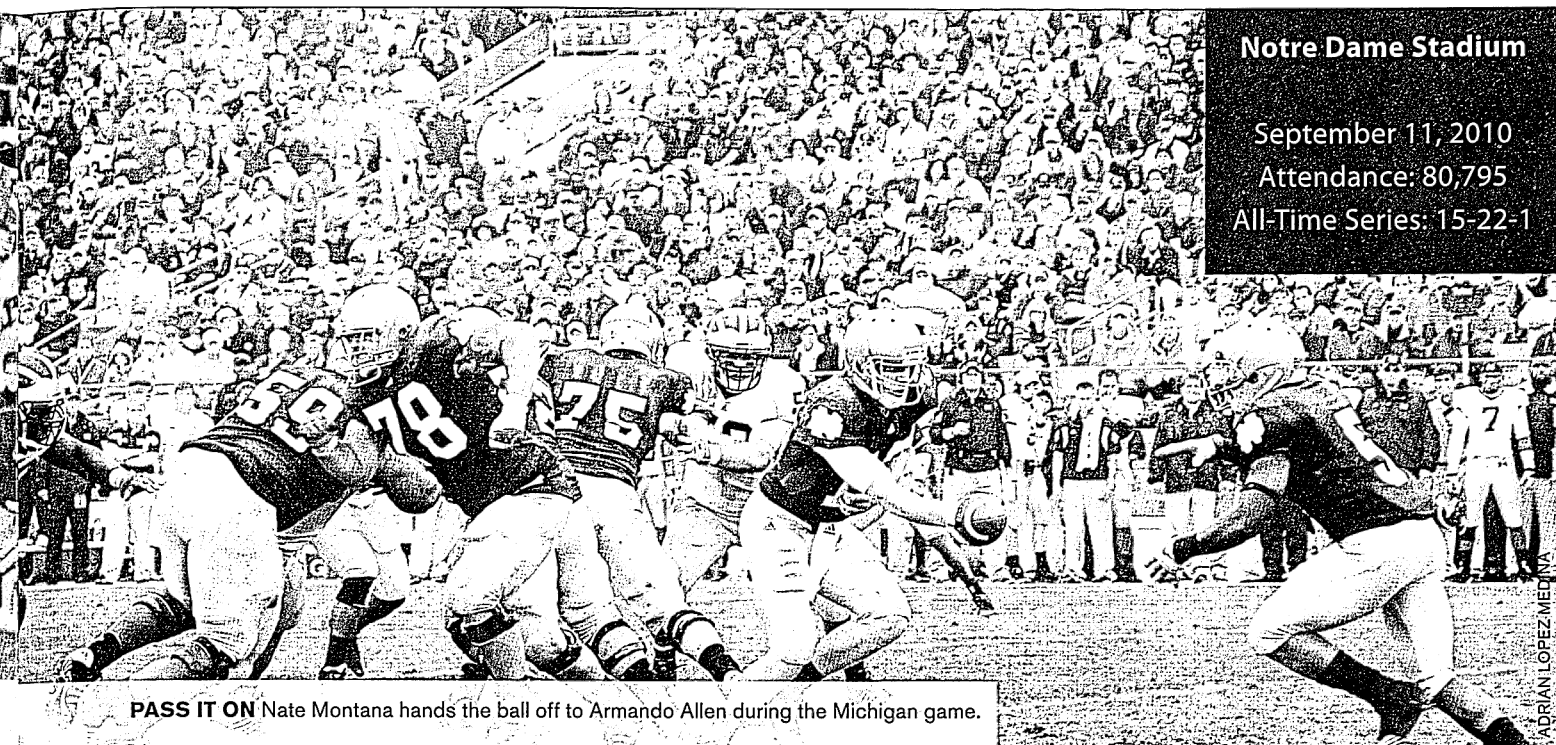
"I think all of the guys are very focused on making sure that we enjoy the win but ... [that we] continue to get better," Crist said. 

Notre Dame Stadium

September 11, 2010

Attendance: 80,795

All-Time Series: 15-22-1



PASS IT ON Nate Montana hands the ball off to Armando Allen during the Michigan game.

Early Stumbles

MICHIGAN 28, NOTRE DAME 24

Calie Mohamed

It was déjà vu for the Irish as they fell to the Michigan Wolverines for the second year in a row. "[We were] obviously incredibly disappointed," said junior quarterback Dayne Crist, who was out for part of the first half with an eye injury. Although the game's outcome was not what the Irish players or fans had hoped for, Notre Dame gave Michigan a run for its money after coming back from a 14-point halftime deficit.

The Irish had a strong start in the first quarter, opening with a Crist touchdown and a successful extra-point attempt by senior kicker David Ruffer. The Wolverines, however, dominated the rest of the first half with sophomore quarterback Denard Robinson, whose game stats totaled 28 carries for 258 yards and two touchdowns.

Crist's early touchdown ended with a hard fall that left him with blurry vision for the rest of the half, requiring the Irish to bring in backups freshman Tommy Rees and junior Nate Montana. This was the first time either saw game time and head coach Brian Kelly said "I did a poor job of preparing them."

After Rees threw an interception, the Wolverines finally scored when Robinson threw a 31-yard pass to sophomore wide receiver Roy Roundtree. Later, the Wolverines quickly moved down the field in a 1:06 drive to score

their second touchdown of the quarter with running back Stephen Hopkins' 1-yard stretch.

Both teams' defenses made strong showings in the second quarter. Finally, with 3:40 left in the half, Robinson scored on a record-breaking 87-yard touchdown. Montana responded and led the Irish down the field with the help of freshman receiver TJ Jones, who caught three passes. Sophomore receiver Theo Riddick then grabbed a pass for 37 yards down to the Michigan 3-yard line. The half ended with Notre Dame narrowly missing a touchdown pass.

Kelly's half-time pep talk fired up the team, and the Irish dominated the third quarter. "His message was to just play for four quarters. He talked about not worrying about the scoreboard and to just play hard. He wanted us to remember there were still two quarters left," senior tailback Armando Allen said.

Early in the half, Notre Dame took advantage of field position at its own 47-yard line, after a weak 21-yard kick by the Wolverines. With Crist back in the game, the Irish wasted no time and immediately connected for a 53-yard pass to Jones for a touchdown.

After Michigan once again failed to convert a first down, the Irish drove down the field. With two long completed passes to junior wide receiver Michael Floyd and two rushes by Allen,

the Irish were on the Michigan 7-yard line. They had to settle, however, for a 24-yard field goal by Ruffer to bring the Irish within four points of the Wolverines. Michigan failed to score in the third quarter after freshman kicker Brandon Gibbons missed a 39-yard field goal, the first of two misses during the game.

The fourth quarter was a brutal back and forth battle between the two teams until the final four minutes. The Irish scored on a 95-yard pass to senior tight end Kyle Rudolph, who led the game in receiving with eight passes totaling 164 yards and one touchdown. Ruffer scored the extra point to put the Irish up 24-21 over the Wolverines with 3:41 left in the game.

Michigan drove the ball down the field for the next three minutes, scoring on a 2-yard run by Robinson and a good extra point to put Michigan up 28-24 with 27 seconds left in the game. Crist and Floyd responded by storming down the field in hopes of scoring to beat the Wolverines. In the final seconds, Crist threw an incomplete pass out of the end zone, resulting in an Irish loss.

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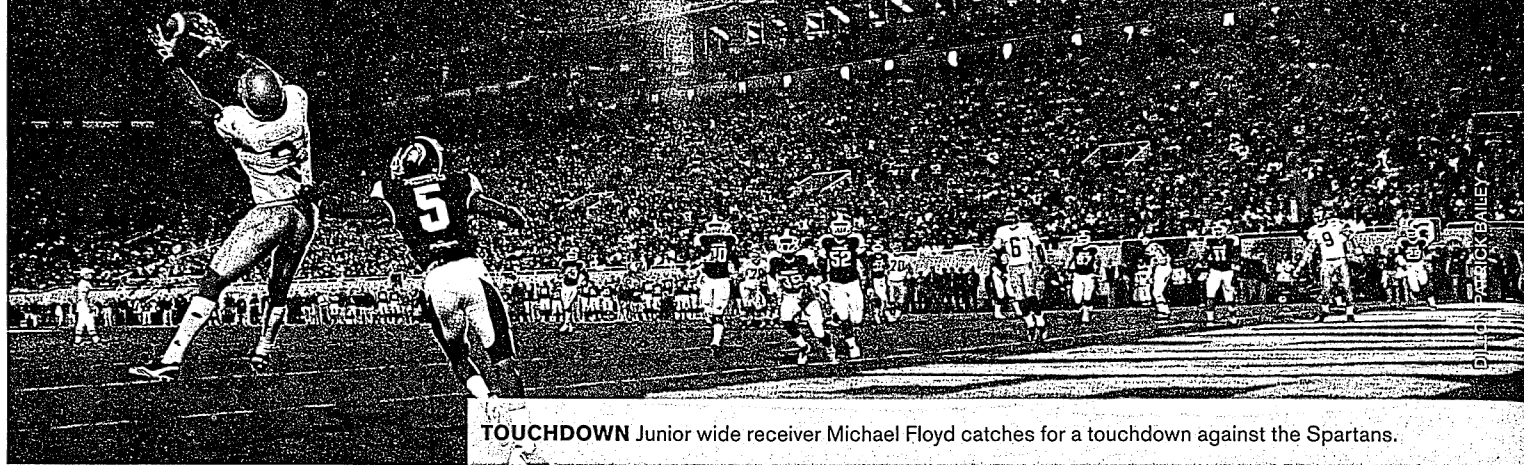
MICHIGAN STATE

Spartan Stadium

September 18, 2010

Attendance: 78,411

All-Time Series: 45-28-1



TOUCHDOWN Junior wide receiver Michael Floyd catches for a touchdown against the Spartans.

Losing in Lansing

MICHIGAN STATE 34, NOTRE DAME 31

Meghan Thomassen

The Michigan State Spartans snatched a road victory from the Fighting Irish on Sept. 18 in overtime. Setting up for a field goal, Spartans senior punter Aaron Bates made a 29-yard toss to senior tight end Charlie Gantt, bringing the final score to 34-31, a disappointment for head coach Brian Kelly's first away game.

"A difficult loss, obviously," Kelly said. "It came down to one play. Michigan State executed the play and we did not."

The game looked promising for the Irish when senior kicker David Ruffer broke the tie in overtime with a 33-yard field goal. But Spartans coach Mark Dantonio called a fake play, titled "Little Giants" after the film of the same name. Bates received the snap with the play clock almost out, stood up and waited until Gantt was open for an easy touchdown.

"We knew Notre Dame wasn't going to be expecting that," Bates said. "That's the last thing anybody was expecting." The 3-0 Spartans made up for a 33-30 loss last season at Notre Dame.

Junior Fighting Irish quarterback Dayne Crist threw for 369 yards. The Spartans stuck mostly to running the ball, passing 274 yards and rushing 203. Notre Dame had the lead at 28-21 with 13:20 left in the game, after Irish

junior wide receiver Michael Floyd caught a 24-yard pass from Crist behind two defenders. Floyd previously scored in the first quarter on a 7-yard pass from Crist.

Both Crist and Michigan State junior quarterback Kirk Cousins threw interceptions that kept the first half low-scoring. In the second quarter, Floyd fumbled only a few plays after picking off a pass from Cousins in the endzone, giving the Spartans the ball on their own 11-yard line. The Irish managed to force a punt in the second quarter, putting the ball on Michigan State's 27-yard line, but Crist threw an interception that eventually led to the Spartans' only touchdown of the half. Traveling 94 yards in seven plays, Cousins found wide receiver Keshawn Martin in the end zone with 2:22 left in the half.

Game statistics were evenly divided between the Irish and the Spartans. Notre Dame had 28 first downs while Michigan State had 26. The Spartans, however, covered 477 yards while the Irish covered 461. The Spartans also had two turnovers, leaving Notre Dame's total possession time at 25:36 and Michigan State's with 34:24.

The Spartans were able to tie it up with 7:53 remaining in the fourth quarter with a right sideline pass from Cousins to junior wide

receiver B.J. Cunningham. They maintained a consistent running game until sophomore running back Edwin Baker ran for a 56-yard touchdown just 30 seconds into the third quarter.

The Irish quickly responded with a 10-yard pass from Crist to junior tight end Kyle Rudolph after moving the ball 74 yards in six plays. But with 5:51 left in the fourth quarter, the Spartans completed another running touchdown, gaining the lead at 21-14. It wasn't until 1:29 remained that sophomore wide receiver Theo Riddick caught a Crist pass for a touchdown, tying the game again.

Adding to the difficulties that the Irish faced that weekend, Dantonio suffered a heart attack the next morning. Age 54, he was hospitalized in East Lansing for three days. He made a full recovery after undergoing surgery to have a stent implanted in his heart. Doctors say that Dantonio had felt some symptoms earlier in the morning, and that the stent would restore proper blood flow.

"We fell short," Floyd said in his post-game interview. The Irish entered the season with high hopes for to new head coach Brian Kelly. With this loss, the Irish record was 1-2. **S**

Notre Dame Stadium

September 25, 2010

Attendance: 80,795

All-Time Series: 17-8



FLEETING MOMENT Michael Floyd cushions his catch— one of the few of the game — on Stanford

GASPAR GARCIA DE PAREDES

Not Enough Luck

STANFORD 37, NOTRE DAME 14

Clara Ritger

Stanford's victory over Notre Dame left the Irish season looking bleak. For the first time since 2007, the Irish were 1-3.

Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck, a talented junior who last month turned down his projected No. 1 NFL draft pick to finish his last year of school, threw a statistically mediocre game, but even that did not pave the way for an Irish victory.

Luck threw his first two interceptions of the season against the Irish, but in three turnovers Notre Dame walked away with only a field goal.

Junior Irish quarterback Dayne Crist sustained a tough match, throwing for a total of 304 yards, yet the Irish did not make their first touchdown until six minutes remained in the game.

Stanford head coach Jim Harbaugh recognized Crist's strength. "He plays with a lot of poise, really good stature in the pocket, sees the field extremely well, gets the ball out very quickly," he said. "He's an accurate, decisive quarterback. He's a heck of a competitor, too. You saw that today. He took some shots. Never lingered on the ground, adjusted any pads or anything. He popped right back up and kept firing it. He's outstanding."

The offense was Notre Dame's biggest weakness that Saturday. "We battled, but we didn't play as well as I would have liked on the offensive side of the ball," Irish head coach Brian Kelly said. The Irish offense struggled to make the most of third downs and lost multiple opportunities in the red zone.

"Stanford's a fine football team. All you want is an opportunity in the fourth quarter with a chance to win. We were within striking distance and weren't able to convert in a third and fourth down situation, which effectively ended our chance of winning that football game," Kelly said.

Kelly lauded the efforts of the defense. "Our defense played good football," he said. "[Sophomore linebacker] Manti Te'o was all over the field. He's a guy we can push out and model."

Te'o made a career-high 21 tackles. "We all did our jobs. We were in the right [gaps]. I don't count my tackles, I just do the best I can. It doesn't matter if I have a hundred [tackles] if we don't win," he said.

The Irish started the game strong, taking a 3-0 lead over Stanford early in the first quarter. It was the first time all season that Stanford had trailed in a game.

Stanford recovered and took the lead near

the end of the first quarter. Senior tight end Coby Fleener made "a [heck] of a catch," Luck said. Stanford stayed in the lead for the rest of the game.

Stanford's Owen Marecic, a senior offensive and defensive player known to play the majority of the 60-minute games, stood out among the Cardinal's top players of the day.

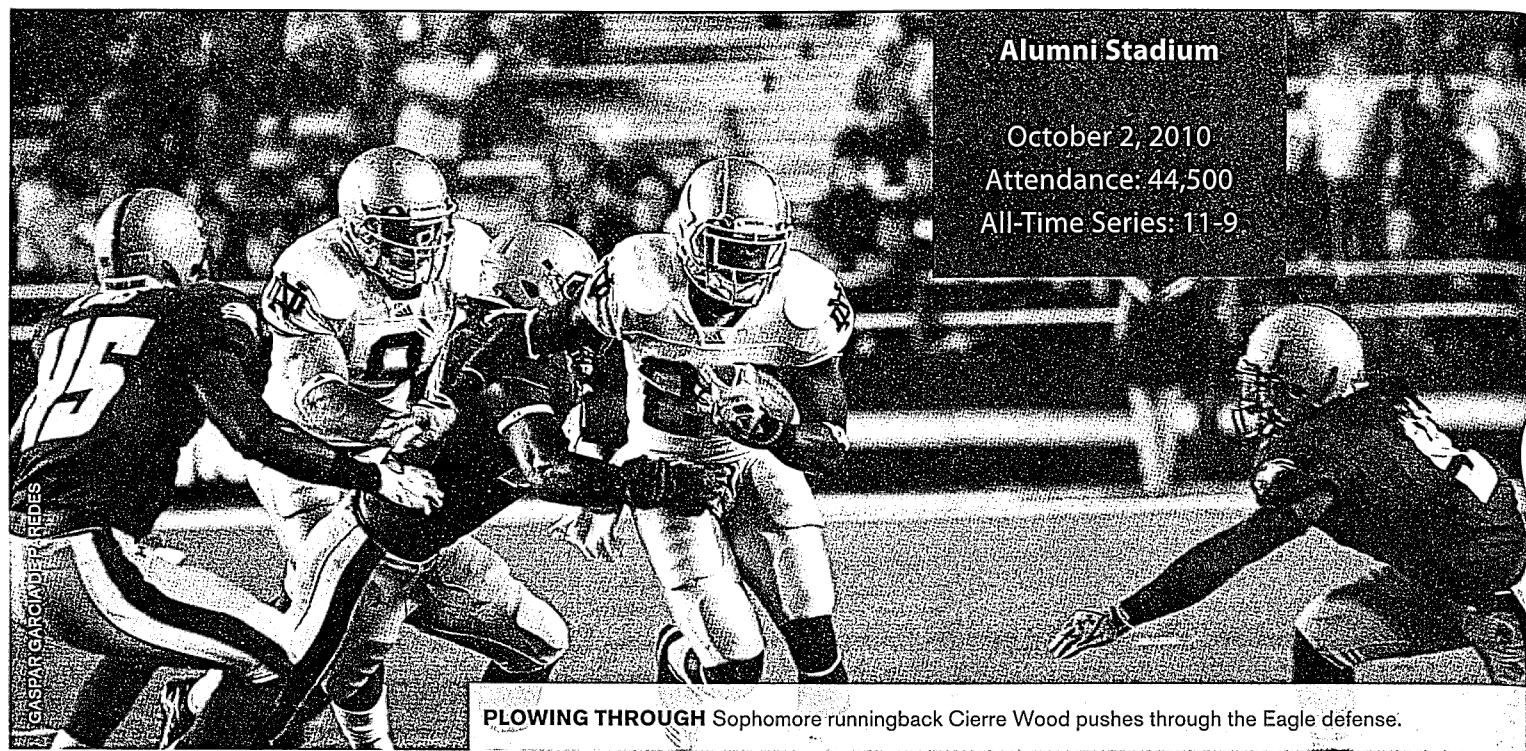
"He's the perfect football player," Harbaugh said. "You've just got to take your hat off to him and enjoy watching him. I sure do."

Marecic scored midway through the fourth quarter — twice — to seal the game for the Cardinal. His plays were a mere 13 seconds apart.

Notre Dame had not lost to Stanford at home in seven games.

Despite the loss, Kelly's optimistic comments at the end of the game proved true by the end of the season. "There's going to be a lot of 1-3 football teams across the country," Kelly said. "Some are going to finish 1-11, some are going to be 8- or 9-3. It's what you decide to do from here on out. There's going to be success down the road for them if they stay with it, and I'm certain that they will."

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Alumni Stadium

October 2, 2010

Attendance: 44,500

All-Time Series: 11-9

PLOWING THROUGH Sophomore runningback Cierre Wood pushes through the Eagle defense.

Catholics vs. More Catholics

NOTRE DAME 31, BOSTON COLLEGE 13

Matt Formica

Notre Dame entered its matchup against Boston College mired in a three-game losing streak and on the heels of a blowout loss to Stanford. But the Irish didn't allow their recent struggles to affect their performance, cruising to a 31-13 victory against their Holy War rivals.

Junior quarterback Dayne Crist quickly led the Irish to a 21-0 first quarter lead, which demoralized the Eagles and silenced the home crowd. Crist threw for two touchdowns and rushed for a third, all in the opening quarter.

"Just to get the offense rolling early was big for us," Crist said. "We know how this team can play. We know the potential this team has and where we can go ... Guys are happy, jumping around the locker room, and it's a great team to share it with."

Freshman return man Bennett Jackson jumpstarted the Irish, giving them great field position with a 43-yard return of the game's opening kickoff. After senior running back Armando Allen's 30-yard run brought Notre Dame all the way to the 7-yard line, Crist gave Notre Dame the lead with a touchdown run.

After the defense forced back-to-back three-and-outs, the Irish took over at their own 41-yard line. Crist connected with junior wide receiver Michael Floyd for 18 yards on third and

seven to keep the drive alive and bring Notre Dame to Boston College's 23-yard line. A few plays later, Crist found junior tight end Kyle Rudolph in the back of the end zone to give Notre Dame a 14-0 lead.

The Irish defense refused to let Boston College generate any momentum, forcing a quick punt on the Eagles' next possession. Notre Dame took over at its own 28-yard line and quickly marched down the field for its third score of the game, with the drive lasting just 2:22. Floyd's 35-yard reception set up Crist's 20-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Theo Riddick. With the score, Notre Dame extended its lead to a comfortable 21-point margin.

The Eagles managed to get on the scoreboard late in the first quarter when freshman quarterback Chase Rettig connected with freshman wide receiver Bobby Swigert for a 58-yard touchdown strike. It would be Boston College's only touchdown of the contest.

Two field goals by freshman kicker Nate Freese trimmed the deficit to 21-13 and made it a one-score game in the second quarter. But senior kicker David Ruffer booted a 37-yard field goal on Notre Dame's next possession to pad the lead, pushing the score to 24-13.

Notre Dame's defense shut out the Eagles in

the second half, and Allen scored on a 2-yard run in the third quarter to put the game out of reach, 31-13.

The victory marked Notre Dame's first road win against Boston College since 1998. "We're happy. Happy, happy, happy," Kelly said. "Everybody's happy in Notre Dame-land. Our players wanted a win." The Irish improved their all-time record against the Eagles to 11-9 with the win.

Notre Dame's defense dominated the Eagles from start to finish. The Irish held Boston College to just five net yards rushing. "They came in here and licked us — schematically, physically, and in every way," Boston College coach Frank Spaziani said.

Junior cornerback Robert Blanton and senior safety Harrison Smith each hauled in an interception for the Irish, who improved their record to 2-3 with the victory.

The game was a homecoming of sorts for Kelly, who grew up in the Boston area. "I think the 100 or so people I got tickets for probably had a great time in the tailgating lot," he said, "but for me, it was about getting the football team a win. We really needed the win." **S**

Notre Dame Stadium

October 9, 2010

Attendance: 80,795

All-Time Series: 44-20-1


 FLYING HIGH Sophomore wide receiver Theo Riddick soars over a Pittsburgh Panther.

The Start of a Winning Streak

NOTRE DAME 23, PITTSBURGH 17

Calie Mohamed

Following an impressive win at Boston College, the Irish came home to Notre Dame Stadium and defeated the Pittsburgh Panthers 23-17, beginning their first winning streak of the season. Senior kicker David Ruffer made three field goals, extending the longest streak in school history to 16. The Irish defense also delivered a strong performance, holding Pittsburgh to one field goal in its first three trips to the red zone during the first half.

After the Panthers' successful opening drive ended in a field goal, the Irish offense responded with an explosive first half, scoring a touchdown on their second possession of the game with a 1-yard pass by junior quarterback Dayne Crist to junior wide receiver Michael Floyd. On Pittsburgh's next possession, the Irish defense prevented a touchdown and forced a failed 27-yard field goal attempt.

A strong running game fueled the offensive drive down the field, ending in a 10-yard Crist carry for a touchdown.

"It was just an opportunity that presented itself. [Jabaal] Sheard is a great defensive end," Crist said. "[He] was really disruptive all game. He is a really good player. When the play broke down, it was huge, and it just

happened."

Pittsburgh's next drive ended after five plays when senior safety Harrison Smith intercepted the pass at the Notre Dame 40-yard line and returned the ball for 15 yards.

After a 37-yard pass from Crist to freshman wide receiver TJ Jones, the Irish could not make it to the end zone and Ruffer kicked a 32-yard field goal. Pittsburgh made a final attempt to score before the half, but junior defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore recovered a fumble to halt the play.

"We have a developed attitude of 'We're going to keep you out of the end zone,'" head coach Brian Kelly said. "You may get three on us, but we're going to keep you out of the end zone ... I think more than anything else, they're developing an identity that we may bend a little here and there, but we'll keep you out of the end zone."

The Panthers began the second half with an unsuccessful fourth down conversion, enabling the Irish to start their drive on the Pittsburgh 35-yard line. After several stagnant offensive drives, Ruffer connected on a career-long 50-yard field goal.

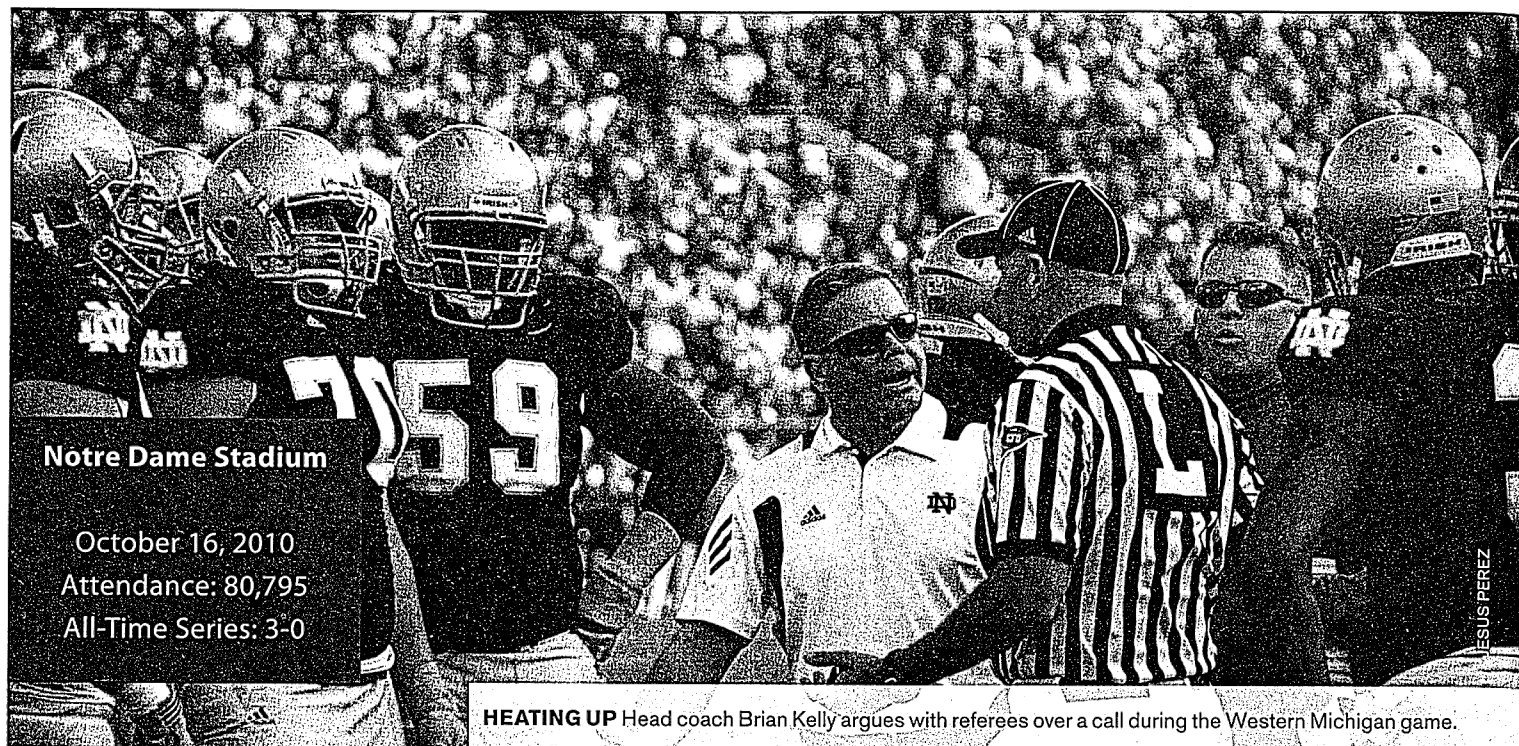
The ball changed possession several times before Pittsburgh's successful 77-yard drive resulted in a 4-yard touchdown rush from

sophomore quarterback Tino Sunseri. In the beginning of the fourth quarter, Notre Dame exploded with a 69-yard drive that featured three Crist passes to Riddick for 41 yards, catches by Floyd and junior tight end Kyle Rudolph, and rushes by Wood and Allen. The drive ended in Ruffer's third field goal of the game.

Pittsburgh's next possession lasted only three plays, resulting in a 56-yard pass by Sunseri to sophomore wide receiver Jon Baldwin for a touchdown.

The rest of the game was a back and forth battle between the two teams, neither making it into the opposing team's red zone. At the game's conclusion, Irish players were elated to have won two consecutive games for the first time that season.

Floyd said the game gave the team a newfound belief in its ability to win. "Having positivity on the field, making the right choices and catching passes gets everybody motivated," he said. "We don't doubt ourselves as a team anymore. We know that we can succeed and come out with consistent victories." S



Notre Dame Stadium

October 16, 2010
Attendance: 80,795
All-Time Series: 3-0

HEATING UP Head coach Brian Kelly argues with referees over a call during the Western Michigan game.

Taking Care of Business

NOTRE DAME 44, WESTERN MICHIGAN 20

Julia Steiner

Halfway through the season, with the Irish at an even 3-3, fans who filled Notre Dame Stadium on Oct. 16 had a winning record in their sights. The boys in blue and gold provided just that with a 44-20 win over the Western Michigan Broncos.

Notre Dame was coming off of two wins, including an impressive victory at Boston College two weeks prior. After a 1-3 start to the season, Notre Dame was poised to reclaim a winning record once again. The stadium remained quiet, as many students chose to forgo watching the game in person to travel for fall break. There was more room to spread out on the bleachers and fewer arguments about the "true location of Row 34." All the elements seemed to be in place for the Irish to take back a winning record as the stadium roared a singular "GO IRISH" to start the game.

Notre Dame opened up its passing attack immediately. On the first play, junior wide receiver Michael Floyd caught an 80-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Dayne Crist. Floyd had recently missed some playing time due to injury, but it didn't stop him from making his comeback. Floyd's powerful presence on the field carried the Irish offense along in the game, and Irish head coach Brian

Kelly said he planned this strategy from the start.

"There was a focus in our game plan to make sure we were creating opportunities for [Floyd]," he said. Floyd's resurgence could not have come at a better time, as junior tight end Kyle Rudolph was sidelined with a season-ending hamstring injury just days earlier.

Notre Dame kept the offense going, scoring 20 more points by halftime, including an explosive touchdown option-pass from junior receiver John Goodman to Floyd. Crist also scored a rare rushing TD from nine yards out. The defense, however, allowed Western Michigan to score 17, giving the Irish a slim 10-point lead as they entered the second half. Western Michigan tailback Alex Carder's rushing touchdown with 15 seconds left in the half made Notre Dame fans anxious about the rest of the game.

Following what Kelly called "a little chat" with his players during halftime, Notre Dame came back in the third and fourth quarters motivated to pull out a win. They did so defiantly, outscoring Western Michigan 17-3 during the rest of the game. Floyd continued to dominate, finishing with 157 receiving yards and three touchdowns. Sophomore tailback

Cierre Wood also lit up in the second half, running for 94 rushing yards including a 39-yard touchdown burst.

The Notre Dame defense improved noticeably in the third and fourth quarters, forcing the Broncos to punt on five consecutive drives. Western Michigan's only substantial drive of the second half was its last: a 70-yard systematic push that resulted in a field goal, the Broncos' only points of the half. The ND defense gave up a mere 102 yards in the second half, compared to 212 in the first half. In addition, Western Michigan had four turnovers in the game, while Notre Dame had only one.

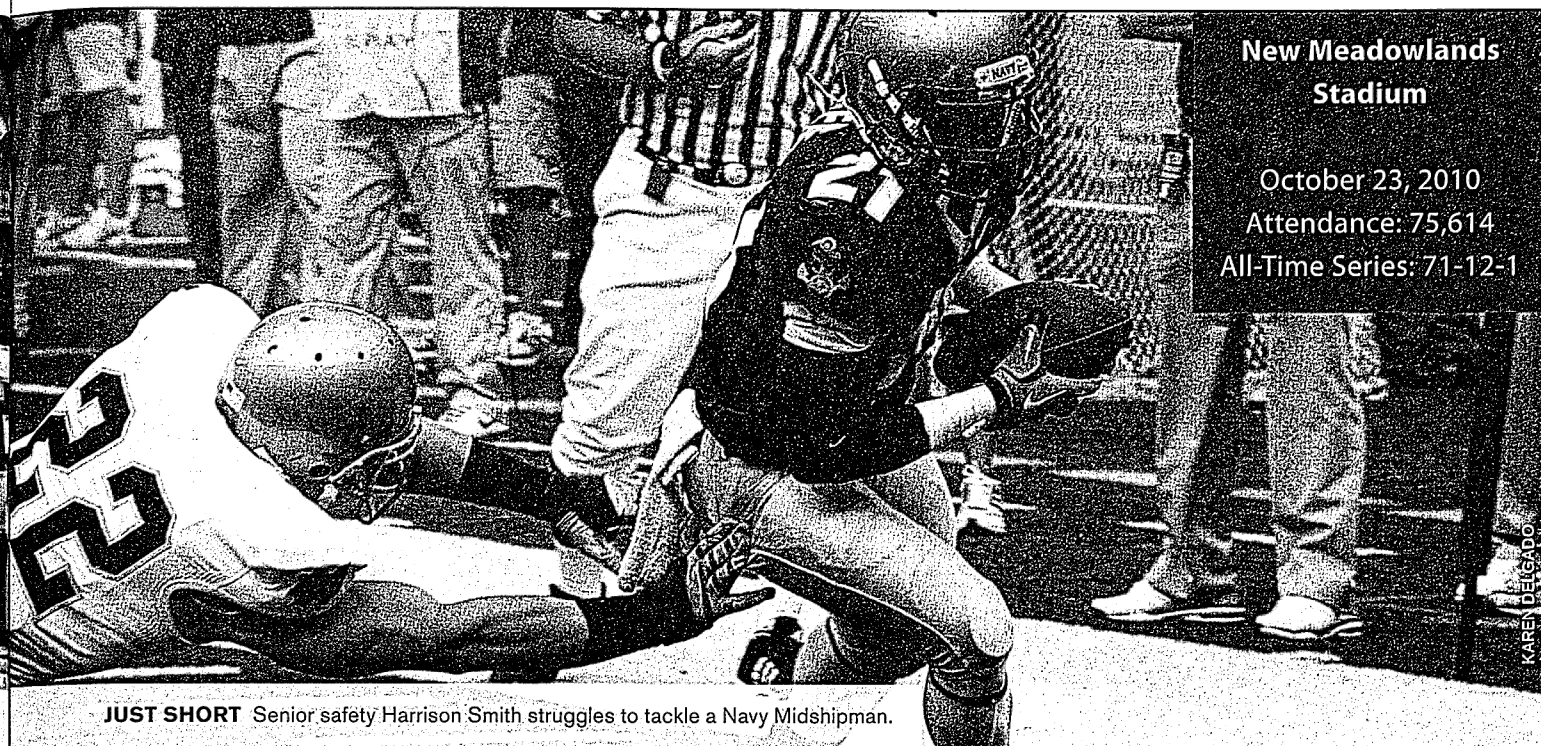
As the game ended, Irish fans celebrated a 44-20 victory. Bronco's head coach Bill Cubit said that his team's loss was due in part to Floyd's dominating performance. "He's as physical and as good a receiver as I've ever seen," Cubit said.

Overall, Kelly said the team played a good game. "In the second half we played the way I expect our team to play for four quarters," he said. "Our players are learning — learning how to play football games, regardless of who the competition is." With Irish coaches, players and fans happy, the team was poised to keep winning and winning big.

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New Meadowlands
Stadium

October 23, 2010
Attendance: 75,614
All-Time Series: 71-12-1



JUST SHORT Senior safety Harrison Smith struggles to tackle a Navy Midshipman.

Not A Victory Yet

Matt Formica

The Midshipmen routed the Irish, 35-17, at the New Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ, handing Notre Dame its third loss to Navy in four years.

The Irish defense looked helpless against Navy's triple-option attack. The Midshipmen racked up 367 rushing yards, the most ever against Notre Dame.

Navy emphasized the inside run by junior fullback Alexander Teich and tweaked its blocking scheme, which befuddled the Notre Dame defense. Teich carried the ball 26 times for 210 yards, becoming the first fullback in Navy history to rush for over 200 yards in a game.

Senior quarterback Ricky Dobbs also contributed to the Midshipmen's performance. Dobbs rushed for 90 yards on 20 carries, including three touchdown runs. He added a passing touchdown as well. "It was amazing," Dobbs said of Navy's offense. "Very close to perfection."

Notre Dame's offensive attack was anything but perfect. Junior quarterback Dayne Crist struggled, throwing two costly interceptions when the score was still close. Crist finished 19 of 31 for 178 yards and one touchdown pass to go along with the two picks.

Head coach Brian Kelly opted to replace Crist with true freshman quarterback Tommy

Rees midway through the fourth quarter. Rees completed six of seven passes and led the Irish down the field on a 76-yard touchdown drive, capped off by sophomore running back Cierre Wood's 1-yard touchdown run.

The contest started inauspiciously for the Irish, who were stopped on a fourth-and-goal from inside the 1-yard line. "We outman them by 70 pounds on average up front," Kelly said. "If you can't get a foot on the one-half yard line, you get what you deserve."

By contrast, Navy scored almost effortlessly. Taking over at their own 1-yard line, the Midshipmen drove down the field for a touchdown in just over three minutes. Teich's 54-yard run set up his 31-yard touchdown grab three plays later, and Navy took an early 7-0 lead.

The Irish once again managed to move the ball well on their next possession, but settled for a 45-yard field goal by senior kicker David Ruffer after their drive stalled at Navy's 28-yard line.

Navy responded with a methodical, seven-minute touchdown drive, making it 14-3.

The Irish cut the lead to 14-10 when Crist hit freshman wide receiver TJ Jones for a 16-yard touchdown strike early in the second quarter. Notre Dame's defense responded by forcing a rare Navy punt, as the Irish seemed to be gaining momentum.

But sophomore cornerback De'Von

Richardson promptly intercepted Crist's pass with 1:59 remaining in the half. Navy took over at Notre Dame's 30-yard line and used five straight rushes to find the end zone, bringing the score to 21-10.

The third quarter was a complete disaster for Notre Dame. Dobbs scored on a 9-yard touchdown run to cap a 77-yard drive to open the second half. With his team facing a daunting 28-10 deficit, Crist threw his second interception of the game. Navy took over at its own 27-yard line and marched down the field for another touchdown, padding its lead to an insurmountable 35-10 margin.

Navy's seemingly unstoppable rushing attack ate up the clock, eliminating any chance of a miracle Notre Dame comeback. The defeat was Notre Dame's most lopsided against Navy since 1963.

"A scheme is one thing, but you still have to win one-on-one matchups," Kelly said. "We got beat today. Navy was the better football team today."

Despite the poor showing, Crist insisted he and his teammates would not let the loss derail the entire season. "The guys are in there, they're rallying," he said. "They are a really resilient bunch."

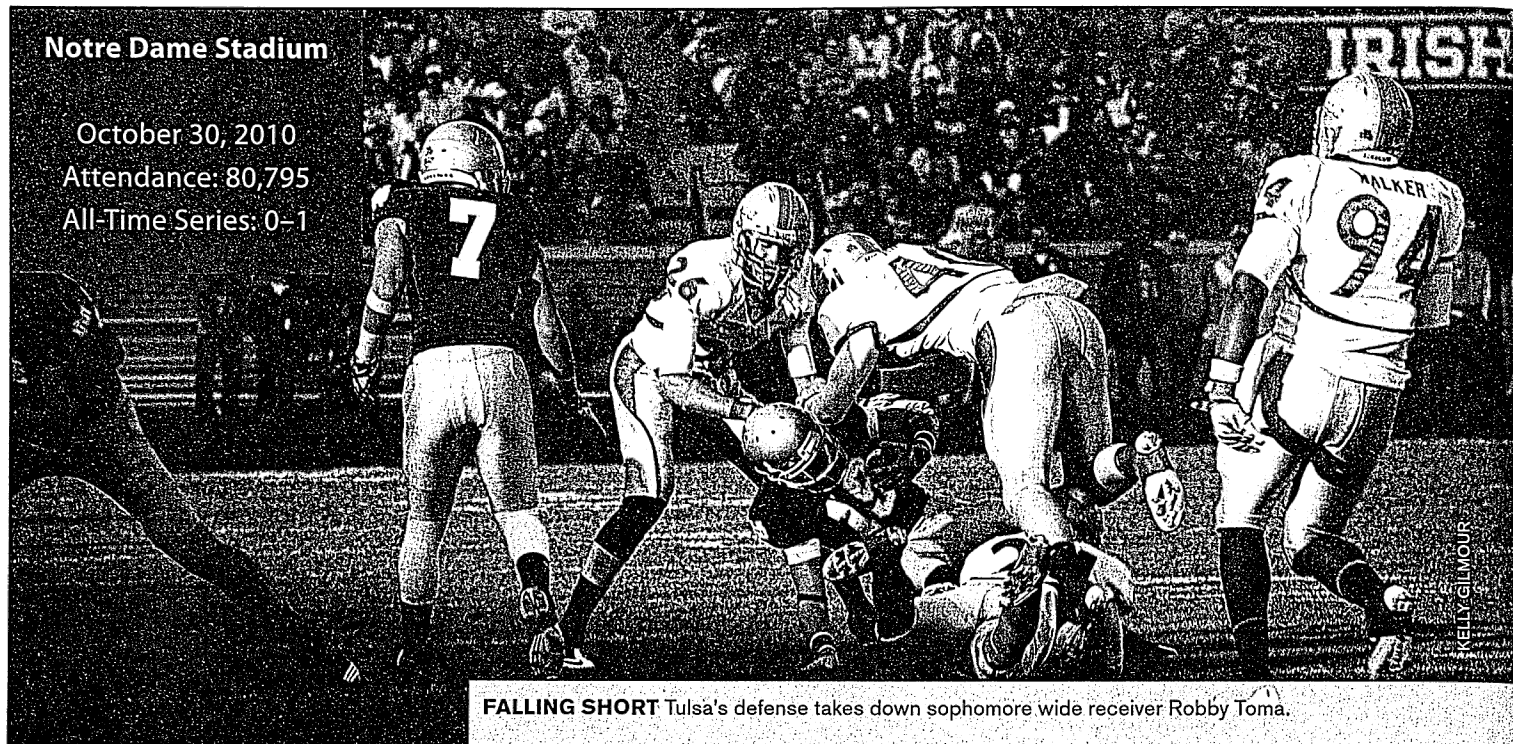
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Notre Dame Stadium

October 30, 2010

Attendance: 80,795

All-Time Series: 0-1

**FALLING SHORT** Tulsa's defense takes down sophomore wide receiver Robby Toma.

No Shelter from the Storm

TULSA 28, NOTRE DAME 27

Josh Flynt

In an emotional meeting between Notre Dame and Tulsa, the Golden Hurricane upset the Irish with a 28-27 victory, their first win over a BCS team since 1998.

The Irish family entered the late October matchup with a heavy heart after the death of junior Declan Sullivan, a student videographer who worked for the athletic department. The crowd observed a moment of silence before University President Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C. led the stadium in prayer prior to kickoff. Both teams wore shamrock decals with Sullivan's initials on their helmets in remembrance.

In the first quarter, Tulsa jumped to an early 7-0 lead on a 9-yard pass from junior quarterback G.J. Kinne to junior receiver Damaris Johnson. On the ensuing possession, Irish junior quarterback Dayne Crist carried the ball for 29 yards on third down, but suffered a season-ending knee injury when he was knocked out of bounds.

Freshman Tommy Rees took over the Irish offense and connected with junior wide receiver Michael Floyd for an apparent game-tying touchdown. Senior kicker David Ruffer's extra point, however, was blocked and picked up by Tulsa sophomore linebacker Cornelius Arnick who returned it for a rare

two-point defensive PAT.

On its next drive, Tulsa took a 12-6 lead after a 37-yard field goal by junior kicker Kevin Fitzpatrick. Following two touchdown passes from Rees, it appeared the Irish would go to the locker room with a 20-12 advantage, but Tulsa freshman linebacker Shawn Jackson returned an interception 66 yards to score in the final minute of the first half.

In the third quarter, Irish sophomore tailback Cierre Wood caught his second touchdown of the afternoon, a 6-yard pass from Rees, who finished the game with four touchdown passes, but also three interceptions. Later in the quarter, Tulsa moved within two points of Notre Dame, following a 59-yard touchdown on a punt return by Damaris Johnson.

It looked like the Irish might hold on for the victory, but Kinne and the Golden Hurricane converted a third-and-26 that kept a late fourth quarter drive alive, setting up a 27-yard field goal by Fitzpatrick to give Tulsa a 28-27 lead.

On the following possession, Rees converted a crucial third down with a 26-yard pass to Floyd, which brought the Irish to the Tulsa 32. Three plays later, the Irish had second-and-eight from the Tulsa 19 with

under a minute to play. Instead of kicking a potential game-winning field goal, however, Rees lofted a pass towards Floyd in the corner of the end zone, but Tulsa junior defensive back John Flanders picked it off to seal the game's fate.

The loss dropped the Irish to 4-5, but the second consecutive setback was only an afterthought following the difficult week. After the game, head coach Brian Kelly opened his press conference with a statement about the video tower accident, before responding to questions about the game and the tragedy.

The Irish coach commended the university for the way it came together in light of the accident, explaining that the memorial Mass, as well as the support of Jenkins and athletics director Jack Swarbrick, had helped the football program cope with the tragedy.

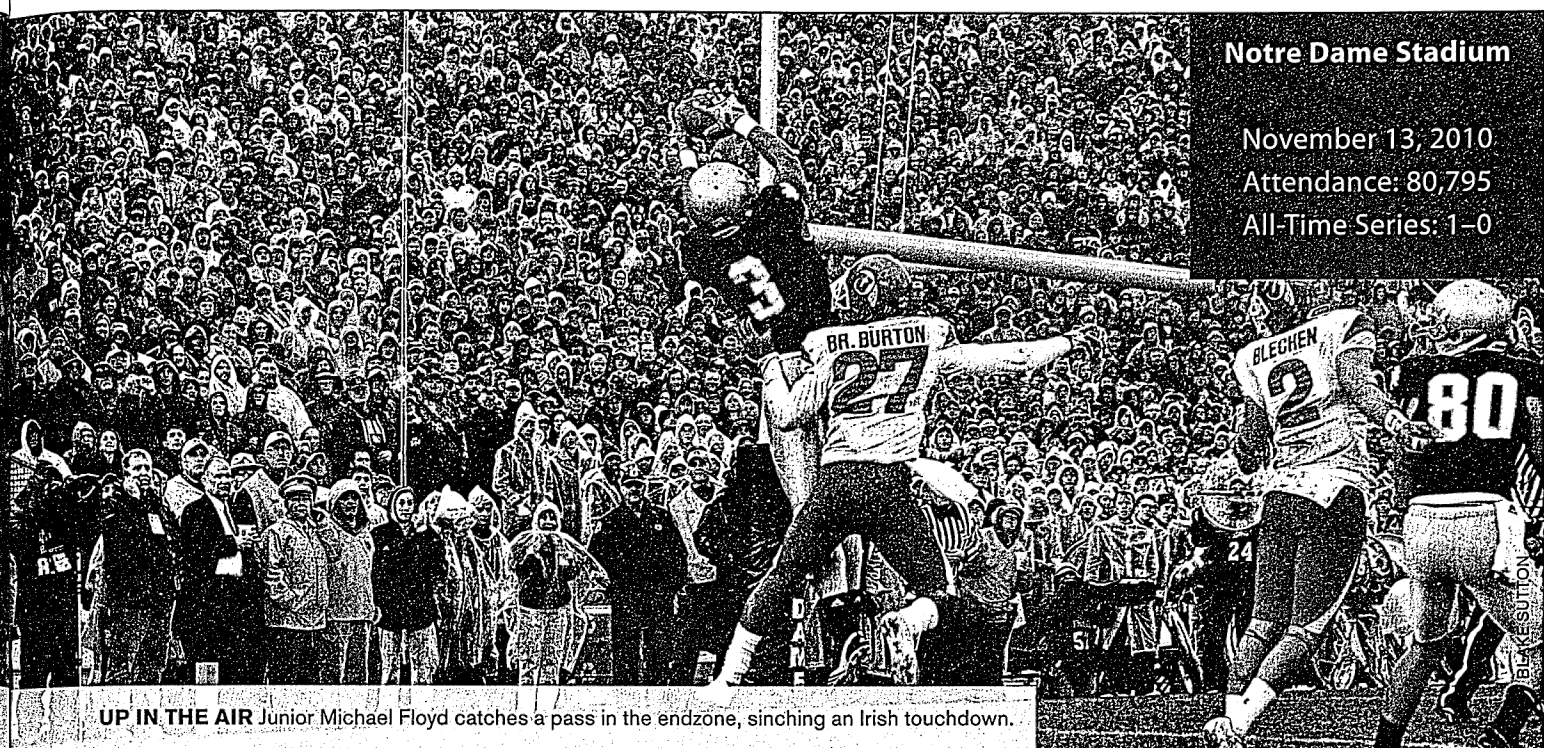
In more than 20 years of coaching, the first-year Notre Dame coach said he had never dealt with a loss of this magnitude. "As a football coach, there's been more difficult weeks relative to the game itself. But in terms of the tragedy that occurred, there's never been a more difficult time in my life." **S**

Notre Dame Stadium

November 13, 2010

Attendance: 80,795

All-Time Series: 1-0



UP IN THE AIR Junior Michael Floyd catches a pass in the endzone, sinching an Irish touchdown.

Patience Pays Off

Katherine Fusco

NOTRE DAME 28, UTAH 3

Notre Dame's 28-3 victory over Utah on Nov. 13 marked not only a turning point in the season, but the birth of a perfect November. The matchup featured strong Irish special teams and freshman quarterback Tommy Rees' first start, inspiring a new wave of optimism in fans.

In the middle of the first quarter, a field goal from Utah's senior kicker Joe Phillips gave the Utes their first points on the board. These three points, however, would be the last the Irish would surrender. Utah suffered 10 penalties in the first half alone, finishing the game with 11 for 70 yards. The Utes were held to a maximum of 24 yards per drive for their first nine drives, advancing to drives of 65 and 61 in the second half. Their efforts, however, were futile as the Irish stopped both on the fourth down.

The Irish held the Utes to 71 yards rushing and a season-low 265 total offense. This was the least amount of yardage the Irish had allowed an opponent all season, while the rushing yards were the third fewest allowed. Conversely, the Irish achieved 256 yards in only 49 offensive plays, with yards per play averaging 5.2.

Just over five minutes into the game, senior safety Harrison Smith picked off his third pass of the season. In the last few minutes of the quarter, junior cornerback Robert Blanton blocked Utah's sophomore kicker Sean

Sellwood's punt, ultimately delivering a 6-yard touchdown. Within seconds, Blanton came off the edge of the scrimmage line and was able to run untouched, marking Notre Dame's first blocked punt returned for a touchdown since 2008. The Irish took the lead 7-3 at the end of the first quarter. Rees' first touchdown pass of the game, a 3-yard completion to Floyd boosted the Irish to a 14-3 lead on the early in the second quarter.

The first half of the game demonstrated the strength of the Notre Dame defense. For the remainder of the game, the Irish offense, along with the special teams, continued to dominate. Moments into the second half, the Irish forced Utah to fumble during the opening kickoff, courtesy of freshman wide receiver Austin Collinsworth's fifth special teams' tackle of the season. The Irish gained possession off of freshman wide receiver Daniel Smith's recovery, and Rees connected with senior receiver Duval Kamara for a smooth 26-yard touchdown pass.

In the third quarter, the dynamic duo of Rees and Kamara teamed up again to deliver a 12-yard touchdown pass, making the score 28-3.

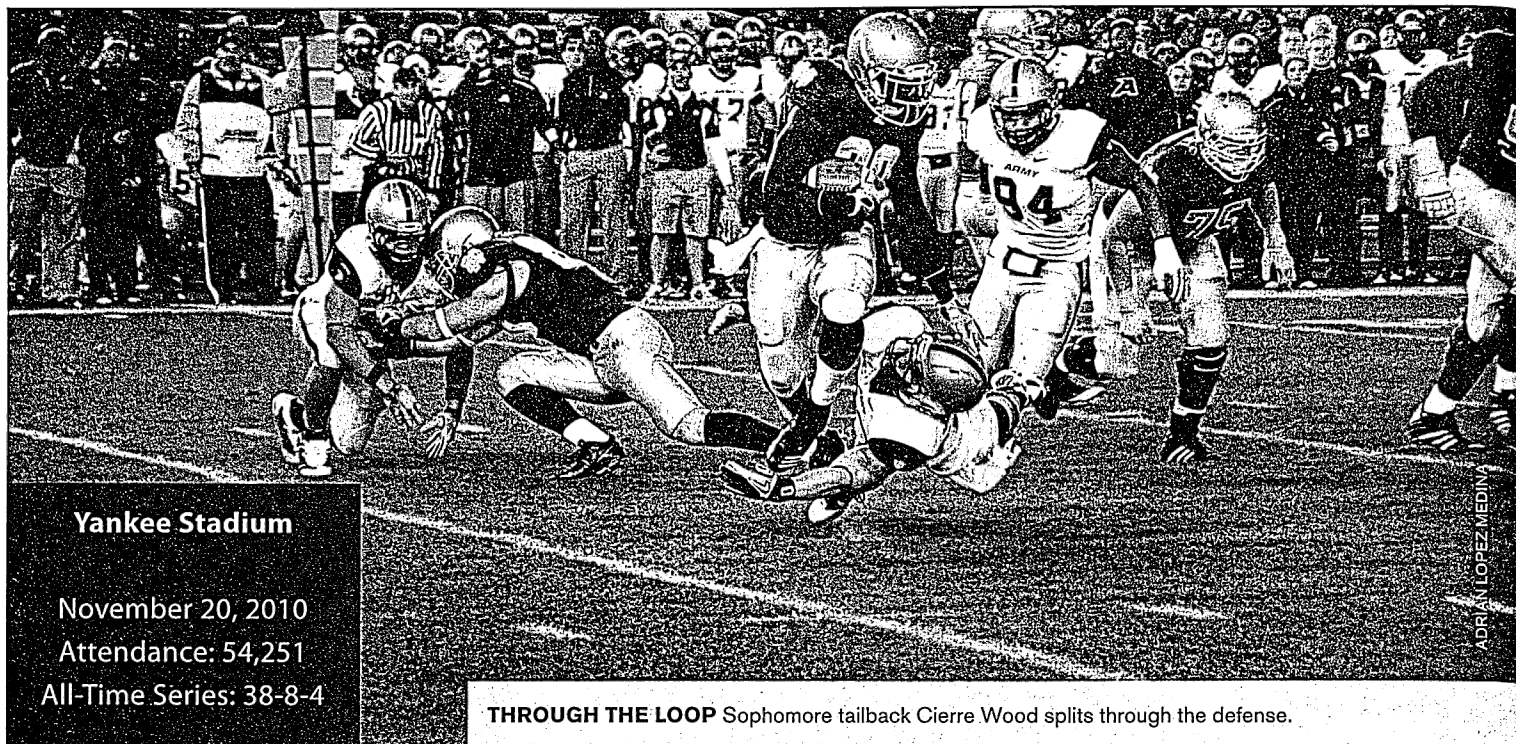
"It's about just being patient," Kamara said. "Things will work out for you. No matter what game you're in, you have to try to make a difference. And you never know which play

is going to be that play." The team worked past their previous senior day losses and most recent loss to Tulsa to earn Notre Dame's first win over a ranked opponent since Penn State in 2006.

"I wasn't going to put this game on Tommy Rees," head coach Brian Kelly said. "I was going to take shots when we had opportunities because he's an accurate thrower of the football." Rees showed progress throughout the game, completing 13 of 20 for 129 yards. Rees' three touchdown passes helped the Irish end their 11-game losing streak against Associated Press Top 25 rated adversaries. It also marked the first senior day win since 2007.

Neither team scored in the fourth quarter, and the Irish put senior quarterback Brian Castello in for the final minutes of the game, sealing the exhilarating senior day victory for Notre Dame. As the student section stormed the field, the players rejoiced for a successful sendoff of their senior teammates.

"It was crazy, and that's how it should be," sophomore inside linebacker Manti Te'o said. "We should give our fans what they want, and show them that we appreciate their support." **S**



Yankee Stadium

November 20, 2010

Attendance: 54,251

All-Time Series: 38-8-4

THROUGH THE LOOP Sophomore tailback Cierre Wood splits through the defense.

Big Win in the Big Apple

NOTRE DAME 27, ARMY 3

Josh Flynt

Although the game had no championship implications or Heisman prospects, fans attending the Notre Dame-Army game at Yankee Stadium in New York City rallied for a win, harkening back to a rivalry that once dominated college football.

A pep rally in Lincoln Center, a standing-room-only Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, a marching band concert in Times Square and a sellout crowd of 54,251 for a game played on neutral turf—evidence of the indomitable spirit of these two historic institutions.

In their first trip to the Bronx in 41 years, the Irish stormed out of the first-base dugout sporting the rarely-used green jerseys for a 27-3 victory.

Notre Dame threatened to score on its first possession, but freshman quarterback Tommy Rees's pass was picked off and Army took over. Relying on their methodical triple-option offense, the Black Knights took 17 plays to move the ball 78 yards, but a strong goal line stand by the Irish defense forced Army to settle for a 3-0 lead behind a 20-yard kick from junior kicker Alex Carlton. The Irish, however, dominated for the rest of the game.

Early in the second quarter, senior kicker David Ruffer connected on a 47-yard field

goal to tie the game. Later, with a 39-yard kick in the third quarter, the walk-on transfer from William & Mary extended his school-record streak to 20 consecutive field goals. After the Irish defense forced an Army punt, Rees hit sophomore tight end Tyler Eifert with an apparent 36-yard touchdown pass on third and six. The officials reviewed the play and determined that Eifert was down at the 1-yard line, but on the following play, senior tailback Robert Hughes carried the ball in for a score and a 10-3 Irish lead.

On the next drive, Eifert, filling in for injured junior tight end Kyle Rudolph, made an outstanding over-the-shoulder catch for a 31-yard touchdown pass from Rees, giving the Irish a 17-3 advantage. Early in the second half, senior cornerback Darrin Walls intercepted Trent Steelman's pass and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown.

For the second consecutive game, the Irish defense held its opponent without a touchdown, the first time it had accomplished that feat since the 1988 national championship season. The victory gave Notre Dame a 6-5 record, clinching bowl eligibility and maintaining momentum heading into a season-ending showdown at USC.

Last season, Notre Dame played Washington State at the Alamodome in San Antonio, the first in a series of yearly home-away-from-home games. But in 2010, the Irish brought a piece of Notre Dame to the Big Apple for a unique matchup with Army. When the team arrived in New York, head coach Brian Kelly and his players soaked in the sights of baseball's most famous stadium.

"We just stood around with our eyes wide open and took pictures and marveled at the stadium and walked around here and then after [we] got enough of that ... we came in here and showed a video of the Army-[Notre Dame] history," Kelly said.

"I can't explain it in words," junior cornerback Robert Blanton said. "The Joe DiMaggio sign [in the clubhouse], [Yankees manager Joe] Girardi sitting on the sidelines—it was unbelievable."

"New York is a lot of things," Kelly said, "and what it was tonight was a college football town."

For one night, The House That Ruth Built was The House The Irish Called Home. And Irish eyes were smiling as they enjoyed every minute of the 27-3 Notre Dame victory. **S**

LA Memorial Stadium

November 27, 2010

Attendance: 85,417

All-Time Series: 43-33-5


 FOR THE KILL Senior cornerback Darrin Walls tackles Ronald Johnson in rainy Los Angeles

Redemption, Finally

NOTRE DAME 20, USC 16

Clara Ritger

The Notre Dame football team boarded the plane on Thanksgiving weekend to face its last regular season opponent. A lifetime of rivalry and the emotions of an eight-year losing streak surrounded the matchup, but head coach Brian Kelly's team was poised to fight. The previously superior Trojan arsenal of chariots and warriors came crashing down as the Irish stole a pass to win the game, 20-16.

Notre Dame kicked off the ball to the 5-yard line, a strong start for the Irish, who held the Trojan offense to the USC 33-yard line on the drive. The stingy Trojan defense did the same for the Irish, however, keeping their next drive close to home at the ND 39-yard line.

Back-up Trojan senior quarterback Mitch Mustain filled in for the injured sophomore Matt Barkley and completed multiple passes to move the ball closer to the Irish end zone. Junior tailback Marc Tyler's unstoppable rushes brought the ball close enough for senior placekicker Joe Houston to kick a career-long 45-yard field goal.

Freshman quarterback Tommy Rees, replacing the injured junior Dayne Crist, finished the first quarter with a number of incomplete passes and an interception. USC led ND 3-0.

The start of the second quarter proved to be no different than the first, as both defenses held off the offenses for five minutes. On the next drive,

however, the Irish changed their fortunes. Junior wide receiver Michael Floyd and sophomore running back Cierre Wood drove the team down the field and capped off their 8:10 domination with a touchdown. The Irish led the game 7-3.

Although Mustain sent perfect passes to his receivers in the next drive, the Irish defensive line contained senior fullback Stanley Havili's rushes to win the ball back. The Irish scored, but did not get the extra point, and finished the half leading 13-3.

In the spirit of nail-biting games, ND faltered during the third quarter. After the Trojans intercepted another of Rees's passes, Tyler moved the ball to the ND 6. After two incomplete passes from Mustain, Houston kicked the field goal. A one possession game, the Irish temporarily held onto the lead at 13-6.

Rees struggled to complete passes for the Irish. After being sacked at the ND 10 and fumbling the ball, USC recovered with the end zone in sight. Tyler brought the ball to the 1-yard line, where Mustain stepped in for the touchdown. At the end of the third quarter, the score was tied at 13.

More interceptions plagued the Irish offense, indicating that the Trojans would continue their winning streak. With 10:28 left in the game, junior safety Marshall Jones intercepted the ball immediately after the Irish had gained possession.

The following drive brought USC within field goal range, and Houston connected, leaving the Irish behind 16-13.

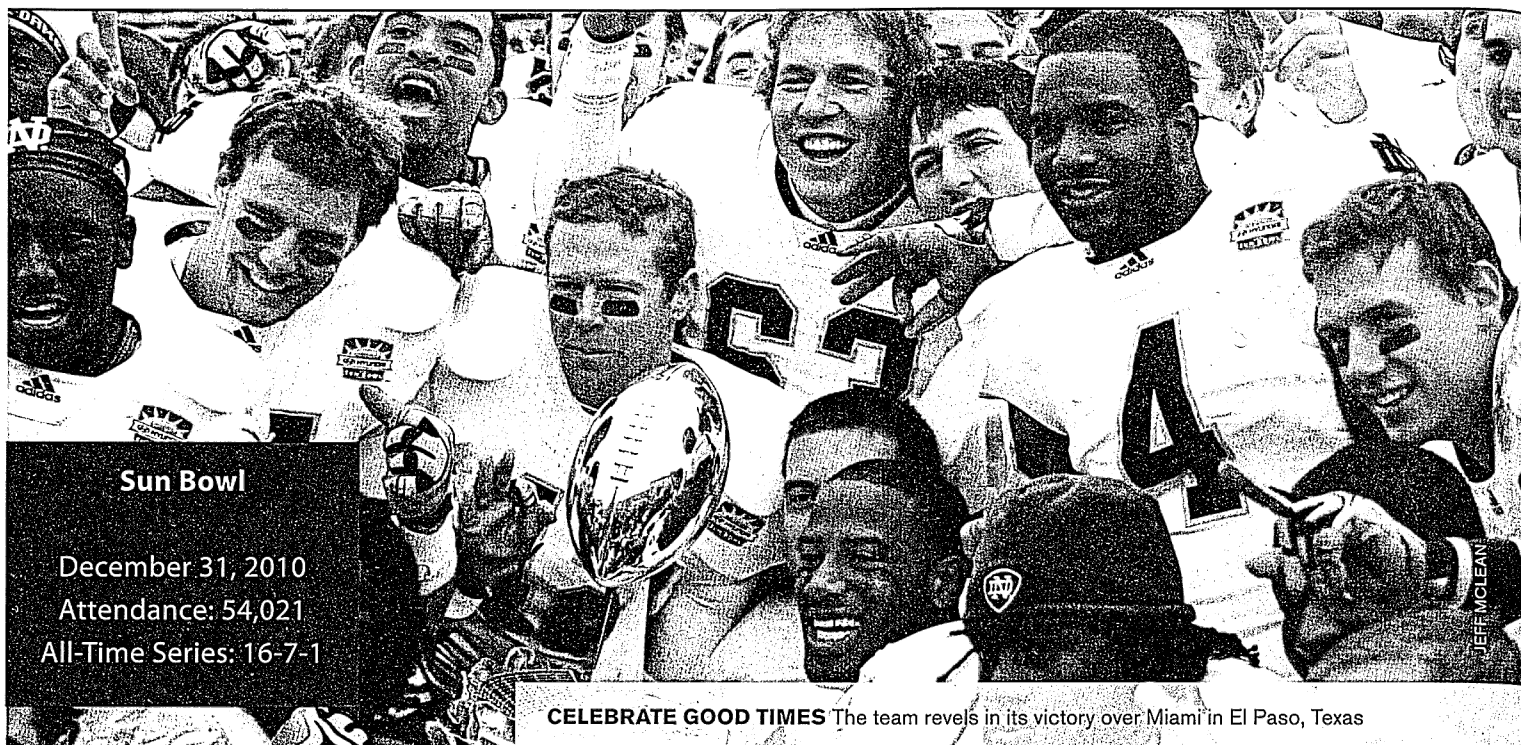
In a miracle drive, the Irish moved to the USC 40-yard line. Senior running back Robert Hughes entered the game with gusto, carrying the ball to the 9-yard line. Rees completed a pass to junior wide receiver Michael Floyd to bring the Irish to the 5-yard line with 2:45 left in the game. Hughes rushed for the touchdown, and the Irish got the extra point.

Senior Trojan receiver Ronald Johnson had a chance for a game-winning reception, but he dropped the ball, holding the score at 20-16. "It's part of the game. You drop balls," Mustain said. "That one probably would have changed the outcome. I don't know if there's a worse feeling than that."

Luck and a bit of rain left the Irish with a long-deserved victory. "It was about time we caught a break," Kelly said.

Four plays later, senior safety Harrison Smith caught the game-winning interception. "Going up for the ball, I thought, No matter what, I've got to come down with this, because this game's over," Smith said.

After the game, sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o said, "I'm just proud of our guys. Things could have easily gone the opposite way." **5**



Sun Bowl

December 31, 2010

Attendance: 54,021

All-Time Series: 16-7-1

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES The team revels in its victory over Miami in El Paso, Texas

Irish Escape Hurricane with Commanding Win

NOTRE DAME 33, MIAMI 17

Matt Formica

Notre Dame concluded its 2010 football season with a convincing 33-17 Sun Bowl victory over the Miami Hurricanes in El Paso, Texas. With the win, head coach Brian Kelly made history as the first Notre Dame coach to earn a bowl game victory during his debut season.

"Clearly, we are gaining a lot of confidence," Kelly said. "We've beaten some good football teams late in the year as we've come together and found our identity. It's going to taste a whole lot better in the offseason talking about a win."

Freshman quarterback Tommy Rees passed for 201 yards and two touchdowns to junior wide receiver Michael Floyd. Rees, to whom Kelly awarded the game ball, improved his record to a perfect 4-0 as a starter.

Floyd finished with six catches for 109 yards and the two touchdowns. Though a sore hamstring limited him in the second half, Floyd was named the game's MVP.

The victory improved Notre Dame's record to 8-5 and extended its winning streak to four games. "There were some obstacles along the way but I think what showed with four wins to close the season was the progress we made," senior kicker David Ruffer said.

"We got a late jump with coach Kelly coming in, but this last month or two months, we've made tremendous gains."

Senior safety Harrison Smith anchored the defense with three interceptions, tying a Sun Bowl record. "It was a total defensive effort," Smith said. "When you knock the receivers off and mess up the timing with the quarterback, it really makes it easier for the safeties."

Ruffer booted three field goals for the Irish (40, 50 and 19 yards), but also missed for the first time in his career. Even so, Ruffer earned the bowl's Special Teams MVP honor.

Notre Dame's first-half performance was dominant in all phases, as the Irish scored the contest's first 27 points. Notre Dame received the ball to start the game and faced a daunting third and 15 on its first possession, but Rees kept the drive alive with a 35-yard pass to Floyd that brought the Irish all the way down to Miami's 24. A few plays later, Rees connected with Floyd again, this time for a 2-yard touchdown that gave Notre Dame an early 7-0 lead.

The Irish got the ball back after their defense forced a Miami three-and-out, and Rees quickly replicated the first drive with

another touchdown strike to Floyd. The 34-yard touchdown grab gave Notre Dame a 14-0 first quarter lead.

Smith's first interception set up the Irish for another score, as sophomore running back Cierre Wood immediately took a handoff and ran 34 yards to give Notre Dame a commanding 21-0 lead early in the second quarter. Wood finished with 81 yards on just 12 carries for an impressive 6.8 yards-per-carry average.

Ruffer added two field goals to push the lead to 27-0. The Hurricanes got on the board with a field goal of their own as time expired in the first half, bringing the score to 27-3.

The Hurricanes managed to make a few plays in the fourth quarter, but by that point the game was already out of reach. Trailing 30-3, freshman quarterback Stephen Morris hit Hankerson for a 6-yard touchdown, Miami's first of the game. The Hurricanes cut the deficit to 30-17 a few minutes later when Morris tossed a 42-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Tommy Streeter.

But the Irish would add one more field goal, making the score 33-17, and the defense held on to secure the win.

Foundational Footsteps:

Guest Analyst Sees Promise in Kelly's First Year

Pat Mitsch '99

One mark of a successful season is when the most memorable plays of the year bring a smile to your face rather than a cringe or muttered expletive. To be sure, Notre Dame fans had their fair share of the latter in 2010, from the end of the Michigan and Tulsa games to just about every play in the Navy game. Overall, though, head coach Brian Kelly's inaugural season had a number of truly great moments, culminating with senior tailback/fullback Robert Hughes bulldozing his way into the endzone for the go-ahead score in the LA Coliseum.

But when picking a play of the year for this season — one that symbolizes the 2010 Fighting Irish — the honor should go to the one play that not only fired up the team and fans, but served as an inflection point for a season that was headed towards disaster. That play was junior cornerback Robert Blanton's punt block against Utah.

Heading into the game against the Utes, the state of Notre Dame football was quickly going from bad to worse to unthinkable. The team rebounded from a lackluster 1-3 start to reach a 4-3 record following a win over Western Michigan, but any positive momentum was shattered thanks to a historically bad loss to Navy that left the coaching staff looking befuddled.

Football was overshadowed later that week when the news of junior marketing and Film, Television and Theatre major Declan Sullivan's death sent shock waves through the team, campus and Notre Dame family. Playing against Tulsa with a heavy heart, the team hit another setback when junior quarterback Dayne Crist was knocked out for the season, and freshman quarterback Tommy Rees' intercepted pass into the end zone sealed the program's first home loss to a Conference USA opponent in nearly 60 years.

With the team reeling physically and emotionally, the matchup with the No. 14 Utah squad looked like a sure loss. Outlined against a rainy, dreary November sky, Notre Dame failed to get a single first down in its first three possessions. Utah, meanwhile, marched down the field for a field goal on its first drive.


But then on fourth and eight on its own 25-yard line, Utah attempted to punt the ball away only to watch helplessly as Blanton blocked the punt, scooped up the ball and raced into the endzone to give the Irish a lead they would never relinquish. Suddenly, Notre Dame Stadium was filled with energy, as the Fighting Irish finally started to show some fight on the field. The Utes would fail to score another point for the rest of the game, and when the clock struck zero, the student body flowed over

the walls to join its classmates on the field for the first win on Senior Day in three seasons.

After that cathartic victory, the team never looked back. The next weekend, Army became the second straight team to fail to score a touchdown as Notre Dame took over Yankee Stadium and New York City for the night.

Then the come-from-behind victory over USC snapped its eight year winning streak, thanks again to the Irish defense and a big helping hand from the ND running game. The blowout win over the shivering Miami Hurricanes in the Sun Bowl capped the incredible turnaround that had everyone believing what Coach Kelly had been saying all season about building a foundation and getting the players to believe in themselves.

A team that was all but written off heading into the Utah game now can look forward to 2011 full of confidence and optimism. In the long history of Notre Dame football, an 8-5 season is hardly the stuff of legend. But following the events of late October, the turnaround was as dramatic as any season under the Dome. And it got its start thanks to Blanton and that blocked punt.

Pat Mitsch '99 edited the book *"Here Come the Irish 2010"* and writes about the football program online. 

A HOLLYWOOD ENDING Sets the Stage for a Promising Sequel



Josh Flynt

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Irish that day / The record stood four and five, with but three games more to play. Borrowing from Ernest Lawrence Thayer's "Casey at the Bat," it is safe to say that a once-promising year looked bleak for the Notre Dame football team as it prepared for the final stretch of the 2010 season.

The Irish could not have endured a more difficult conclusion to October. For the third time in four years, the Navy Midshipmen had gotten the better of Notre Dame, and this time, they made it look easy, 35-14. On the following Wednesday, an unusually blustery autumn afternoon, tragedy struck the Notre Dame community when junior videographer Declan Sullivan died following the collapse of the tower from which he had been filming practice. Just three days later, the Irish faced the difficult task of playing a football game, a 28-27 loss to Tulsa that left many people scratching their heads and searching for answers.

A bye week gave the Irish a chance to recover from the on- and off-the-field

heartache before they set out to defeat No. 14 Utah. It was an opportunity to send the dejected class of 2011 out with a landmark win and a celebration of Notre Dame's first victory over a ranked opponent in more than four years.

As they sought to avoid a painful third consecutive Senior Day loss, the Irish came out with a different sense of pride, an emotion that seemed to have been missing for much of the season. As my classmates and I watched our final game as students, we knew we would be leaving the stadium through the Knute Rockne Gate, but few of us expected to be joined by the entire student body jubilantly celebrating a 28-3 victory. No tailgate or post-game Finny's celebration could have topped the ecstasy of storming the field, rain-soaked and marshmallow-covered, finally experiencing Notre Dame football at its finest. Little did we know, however, that the fun was just beginning on the evening of Nov. 13.

The following week, Notre Dame took over the Big Apple as thousands of Domers

and "subway alums" made the trip for the first football game in the new Yankee Stadium. I have lived in the Albany-area my entire life and I have never been a New York City person. Yet there was something electric, something magical about being 700 miles from campus, in the nation's largest city, but still surrounded by green, blue and gold. The Basilica was swapped for St. Patrick's Cathedral, while the steps of Bond Hall were traded for Times Square. Far from South Bend, the weekend still featured many of the traditions that make Notre Dame special.

For the second consecutive game, the Irish defense was strong, allowing just a field goal in a 27-3 victory over the Army Black Knights. The win secured a bowl bid for head coach Brian Kelly's squad, guaranteeing a postseason berth and important additional practice time for the developing team. It was the perfect ending to a perfect weekend in The City That Never Sleeps.

From the 1977 green jersey game to the infamous 2005 Bush Push, ND-USC

remains one of the most storied rivalries in college football. With USC ineligible for postseason play and ND just 6-5, however, many ABC affiliates did not carry the game, forcing fans to resort to ESPN3 and other online sources to watch the Battle for the Jeweled Shillelagh.

The Notre Dame defense continued its impressive play, but things started to unravel in the second half. As USC capitalized on costly turnovers, it appeared that the Irish might be headed for a ninth consecutive loss at the hands of the Trojans. Down 16-13 with 6:18 to play, the Irish took over on their own 23, beginning an unforgettable drive that was capped by a 5-yard touchdown run by senior tailback Robert Hughes. With the Irish back on top, USC needed a touchdown to regain the lead, but senior safety Harrison Smith sealed the Notre Dame victory with a key interception near the end zone.

The win marked Notre Dame's third consecutive victory and first over USC since 2001. A 7-5 finish earned the Irish a Sun Bowl date with Miami, but it also marked the end of an eight-year curse against the Trojans, lifting a weight off the shoulders of the program (and its fans) and providing

a glimmer of hope that the Irish could rise once again.

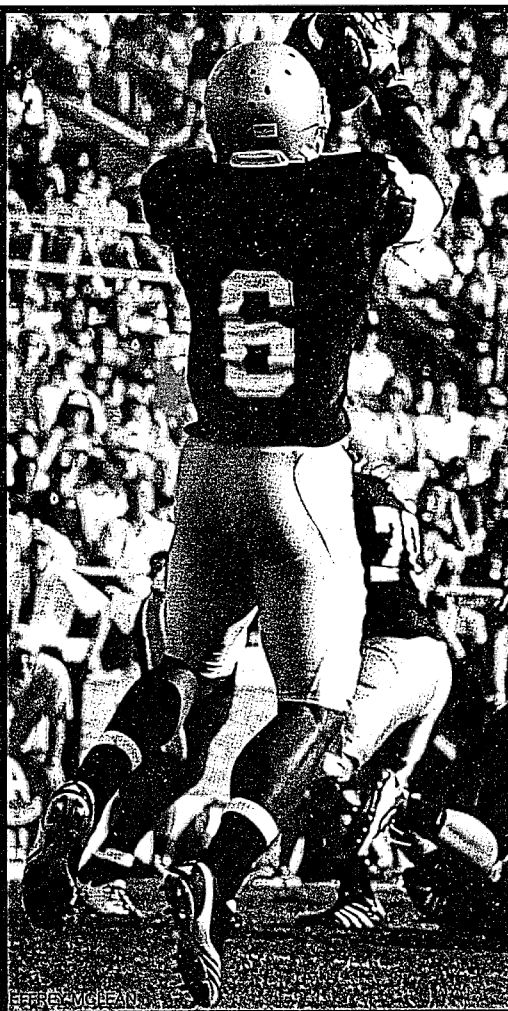
Closing out 2010 in El Paso, TX, Notre Dame jumped out to a 27-3 halftime lead and never looked back. A trio of second quarter interceptions by Smith demoralized the Miami sideline. Ultimately, the latest installment in the Catholics vs. Convicts rivalry belonged to the Irish.

The 2010 football season will be remembered for many reasons, including the start of a new coaching era, the seesaw recruiting class, and the tragic and premature loss of a member of the Notre Dame family. Prior to my arrival on campus in August 2007, I had heard so much about the incredible memories of football victories and championship seasons. Three months ago, I thought I would graduate with few of my fondest ND memories being football-related. Looking back, Hollywood could not have written a more "Rudy-esque" (read: perfect) script for the final four games of 2010.

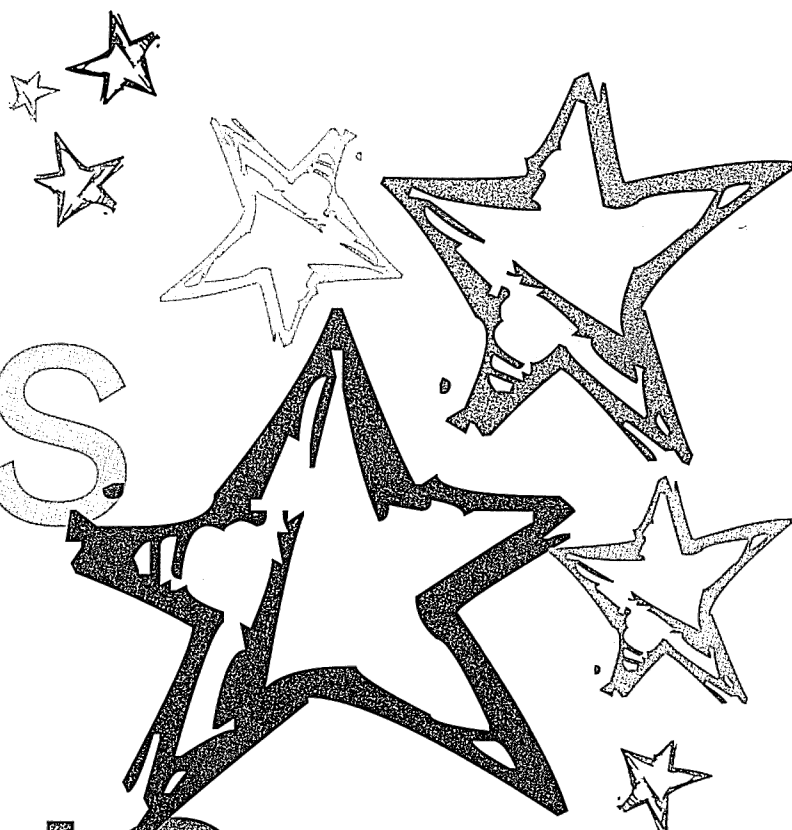
What makes the four-game stretch from Utah through Miami special is how so many unsung heroes stepped up when it mattered most. Fellow senior classmates, student-

athletes who have overcome personal setbacks both on- and off-the-field, made crucial plays in the closing moments of their careers. Duval Kamara caught two TD passes in the win over Utah, Darrin Walls returned an interception for a touchdown against Army, Brian Smith made several key plays down the stretch against USC, Harrison Smith came through with numerous clutch interceptions, and Hughes, on the final drive in Los Angeles, seemed to carry the Irish on his back into the end zone.

The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light, / And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout. But unlike mighty Casey of the Mudville Nine, the Fighting Irish did not strike out. In fact, with four key victories in a row, they hit a grand slam. To the delight of Domers everywhere, there is joy in South Bend. Even as the wind continues to howl and the snow piles up, the sun is shining a little brighter over Our Lady's campus as we anticipate the arrival of the 2011 season and the opportunities that await the revitalized Notre Dame football program. **9**



STARS IN THE MAKING



Calie Mohamed

Called a blueprint for a national championship team by some, the Irish recruiting class of 2011 features players that could make significant contributions to the team. This class of 23 features twins, a strong defensive corps and multiple nationally ranked players to fill the gaps in the existing Irish squad.

Although he has been recruited to play wide receiver for Notre Dame, the Vernon Hills, Illinois native **Davaris Daniels** would probably be fine at any. The son of Washington Redskins defensive end Phillip Daniels, he played wide receiver, quarterback and defensive back during his high school career. Daniels, a 6'3", 190-pound Under Armour All-American, was ranked on the Rivals.com Top 100, ESPN.com Top 150 and Scout.com Top 300 lists during his senior season at Vernon Hills High School. He was also ranked No. 15 in his position and No. 2 in his state for his performances on the field, recording 19 total touchdowns and leading his team in rushing, scoring and receiving.

Matthew Hegarty, an offensive tackle, is touted as one of the best recruits to ever come out of New Mexico. This impressive Aztec High School standout led his team to

the New Mexico State Championship three years in a row, was named to the second team All-American Offense and played in the USA vs. The World All-Star Game. In addition, he was a finalist for the Anthony Munoz Lineman of the Year Award at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl. At a towering 6'5", Hegarty did not give up a sack during his senior season, earning him the rankings of No. 6 in his position, No. 43 nationally, and first in his state.

One of the nation's top pass rushers, Cape Coral, Florida native **Aaron Lynch** ranked third in his position and 15th overall on ESPN.com. During his senior football season, Lynch recorded 31 solo tackles along with 10.5 sacks, leading his Island Coast High School team to the Florida 2B State Semifinals. Lynch is an early enrollee who played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl game where he recorded 2.5 sacks, earning him the honors of Stock Rising Player and honorable mention Best Pass Rusher. Lynch, a five-star football prospect, looks to contribute to the Irish defense with his physical play as a defensive end.

One of the most sought after recruits in the 2011 class, **Stephon Tuitt**, a Monroe,

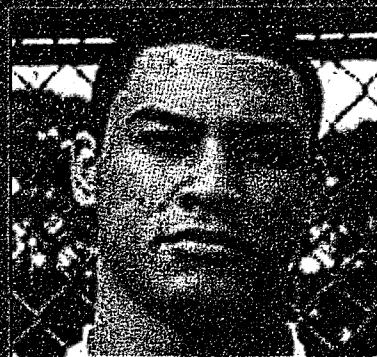
Georgia native, brings his talents to the defense as a lineman. Tuitt has received many accolades — he was chosen to play in the USA vs. the World All-Star Game, U.S. Army All-American Game where he was named Most Physical, and FBU Top Gun Camp 2011 Standout. In his senior season, he led his team to a 6-0 start, as the defense allowed only 29 points during those games. At 6'5", 260 pounds Tuitt is ranked second in his position, 26th nationally, first in his state, and was named first-team all-Georgia Region 8-AAA for 2010.

As the top football player in his state and a five-star prospect, **Ishaq Williams**, a Brooklyn, New York native, was named Gatorade Player of the Year. In his senior season he recorded 22 tackles, six sacks and two fumble recoveries, leading his team to a 12-1 finish and the Public Athletic League's playoff runner-up spot, and No. 55 ranking nationally. The early enrollee for the Irish has earned many honors for his performance at Abraham Lincoln High School performance, including Best Pass Rusher at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, SuperPrep Northeast Defensive Player of the Year and First Team All-Borough Pick by the New York Daily

NEW FACES OF NOTRE DAME



Davaris Daniels



Aaron Lynch



Stephon Tuitt



Matthew Hegarty



Ishaq Williams

News. At the end of the season, he was ranked second in his position and 63rd in the nation.

In addition to these standout recruits, the Irish will welcome 18 others to campus this year:

George Atkinson is a 6'2", 195-pound wide receiver and twin brother of recruit Josh Atkinson. He rushed 172 times for 1,669 yards and scored 17 touchdowns in his senior season.

Josh Atkinson, a 6'0", 180-pound defensive back, recorded 20 tackles and broke up 11 passes in his senior season. His father is a Super Bowl-winning Raiders defensive back.

Kyle Brindza is a 6'1", 198-pound, record-breaking kicker with 19 successful kicks, six of which were made from 50 yards or more.

Jalen Brown is 6'1", 180 pounds and a Texas Top 100 player. He recorded 36 tackles, 13 pass deflections, an interception and a fumble recovery as a junior.

Brad Carrico is a 6'6", 270-pound offensive lineman. In his junior season, he recorded 74 tackles and nine sacks.

Ben Councill is a 6'5", 225-pound defensive back. As a junior, he recorded 124 tackles, 13 tackles for a loss and four interceptions.

Matthias Farley is a 6'1", 185-pound cornerback who recorded 37 receptions for 600 yards, 11 touchdowns and an interception in his senior season.

Everett Golson is a 6'0", 170-pound quarterback. He completed his career 90 for 133 completed passes, 1,590 yards, 22 touchdowns and one interception. Golson, named All-State in Basketball for his 2009-2010 season, also wants to play basketball for head coach Mike Brey.

Jarrett Grace is a 6'4", 240-pound linebacker, recording 92 tackles, 17 for a loss and four sacks in his senior season.

Conor Hanratty, the son of Terry Hanratty, a former Notre Dame quarterback and national champion, also signed with the Irish. At 6'4" and 305 pounds, Hanratty plays as a specialized offensive guard. In his 2009 season, he allowed no sacks on the quarterback.

Eliar Hardy, a 6'1", 175-pound linebacker, made second team All-America defense with a career 63 tackles and four interceptions.

Chase Hounshell is a 6'5", 242-pound defensive lineman. He finished his high school career with 36 tackles, five sacks and three forced fumbles as a senior.

Ben Koyack is 6'5", 242 pounds and

ranked third among tight ends in the country. During his senior season, Koyack recorded 11 touchdowns and 62 receptions for 1,031 yards.

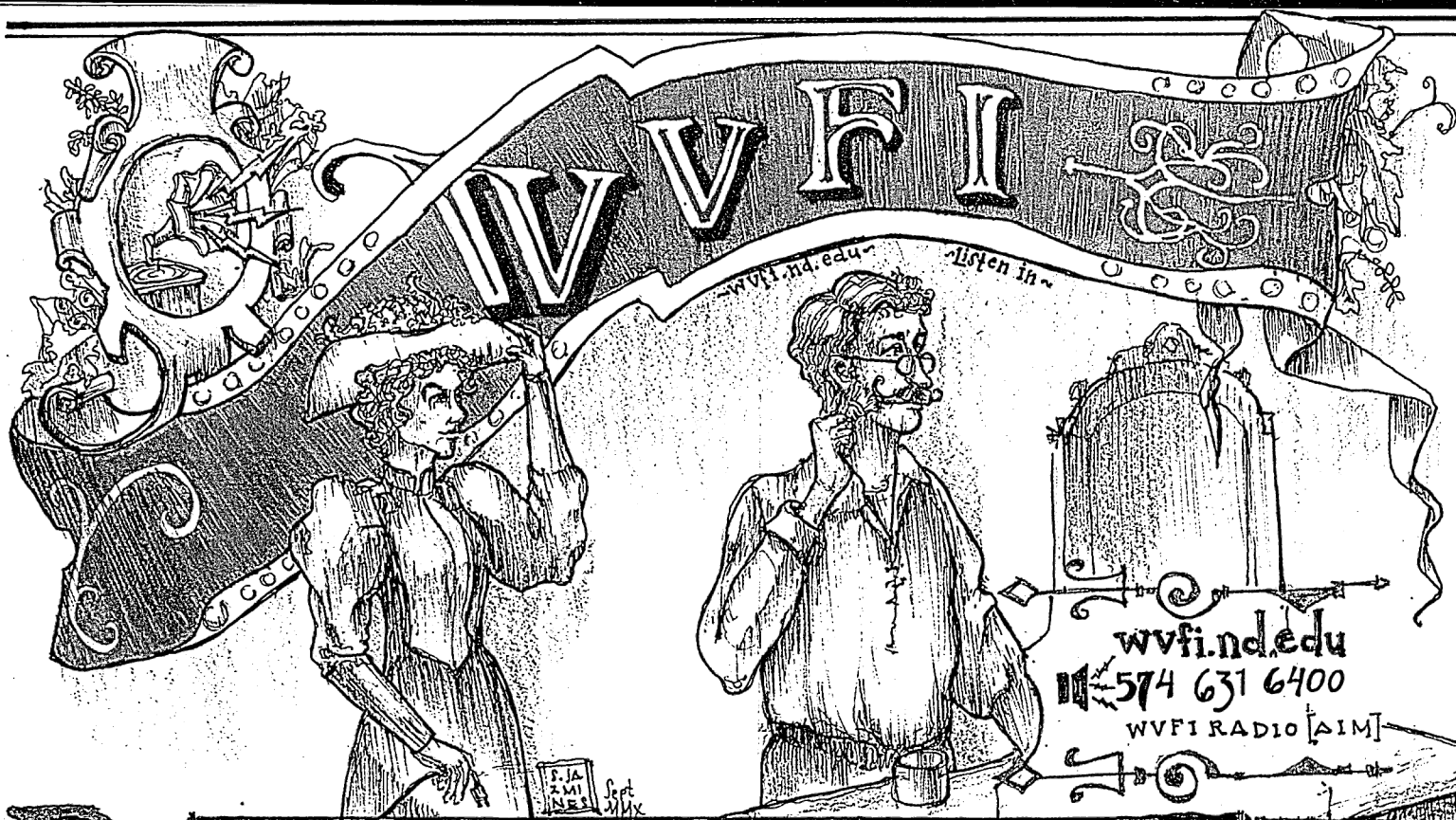
Nick Martin, brother of current Irish offensive tackle Zack Martin, is a 6'4", 270-pound offensive tackle coming to Notre Dame after originally committing to Kentucky, where his father played college football.

Cam McDaniel is a 5'11", 192-pound running back. In his senior season, McDaniel rushed 301 times for 1,906 yards and recorded 32 touchdowns.

Troy Niklas, who chose Notre Dame over USC, looks to play either tight end or defensive lineman for the Irish. He is 6'7" and 240 pounds.

Anthony Rabasa is a 6'3", 233-pound linebacker. He recorded 80 tackles and 10 sacks during his junior season.

Tony Springmann joins high school teammates sophomore tight end Tyler Eifert and junior wide receiver John Goodman to play for the Irish. A 6'7", 271-pound defensive end, Springmann recorded 82 tackles, four sacks and one touchdown in his senior season as an offensive tackle. **S**



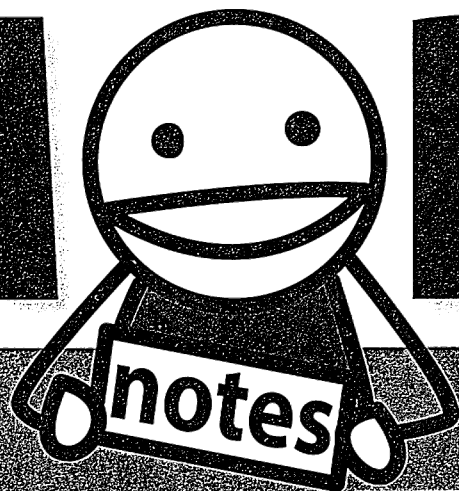
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HUMOR



Listening In...

Observant gossip: She gets around. Not like, on the Notre Dame level. On the state school level.

Not a Sunday-Funder: On a Monday, you should not smell like Club 23.

Less-attractive girl: When I came to Notre Dame, I thought it was so hard because all the girls are so pretty.

Hungry chick: OMG, I'm so glad there are no boys at this party so I can eat whatever I want.

Back In the Day...

In the spring of 1961, Notre Dame professor Edward Fischer published his book "The Screen Arts," which, at the time, was the only book of its kind in the university's library. In his *Scholastic* interview, Fischer said he was disappointed that the library contained a small number of books on film and that students failed to see the importance of film as a communication medium. Fischer's book examines the art of the director and film personalities through his practical experience as an author of two documentary films, one being "Shake Down the Thunder" in honor of the 50th anniversary of the victory march.

In these film art classes, students made films to learn the basic writing techniques of production. Fischer, the publications chairman of College Film Producers Association, said the goals of his courses in the media of communications were "teaching good writing, good design, good taste and some knowledge of the world the student will communicate to." Fischer believed that learning to examine a film at a higher level belonged in college curriculum. Both the Department of Journalism and the Department of Communication Arts faded away in Notre Dame's academic history, however, and merged with the Department of American Studies and the Department of Film, Television and Theatre.

-Katherine Fusco

Sophomore history major Connor White hails from Seattle, Washington, which he will tell you has the best seafood, coffee, music and just about everything else you could think of liking. He will argue that "[Seattle is] the real Narnia." What exactly that means can only be understood by a genuine Seattleite. He enjoys the finer things in life...



...nice clothes, indie music and, of course, attractive females.

When he's at home, Connor enjoys going to concerts and dancing. His favorite place to go in Seattle, however, is Dick's Hamburgers. He warns you not to snicker when you read that, as it is indeed a legitimate restaurant. An avid snowboarder and skier, the lack of hills on Notre Dame's campus frustrates him. "I've been on the snow for 17 years," Connor says. "I was taught to ski shortly after I learned to walk. My grandparents put skis on my feet and sent me down a black diamond hill." It is not unlikely to find him outside after partials sledding down the steps of Bond Hall on a borrowed dining hall tray. He insists that it is similar to surfing, if such a thing is possible on snow.

Since he can't snowboard at school, he enjoys swing dancing on Wednesday nights and has been a member of Swing Club since his freshman year. He is also a trained ballroom dancer. Yes, ladies, it is possible to meet guys who can dance. Connor would make a good dance partner for the infamous Hip Hop Night at Legends.

If dancing isn't your thing but you're still a music lover, tune into his radio show, South Lake Union Transit, on WVMU Thursdays from 10:30 p.m. to midnight. "I take small music scenes that I find around the world and try to bring them to South Bend," Connor says. His favorite is the Mad Chester Revival, a dance punk movement out of Manchester. His impressive music collection includes over 15,000 songs and about 650 albums. His tastes range from "The Veils" to Marvin Gaye.

Apart from being a music junkie, Connor is an avid reader. His favorite books include "High Fidelity," "Nicholas Nickleby," "Ishmael" and "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance." He owns over 5,000 books, about 100 of which are first editions. His most prized collectibles are his "Gone with the Wind" and "Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator" first editions.

While reading, he likes to treat himself to a fine cup of tea. He also enjoys making his own coffee and espresso. When he gets the chance, he likes to play around with different combinations and create new concoctions. Why go to Starbucks when Connor will make you a specialized drink?

Connor has also thrown a pitch at a major league baseball game and ridden a bike from Seattle, Washington to Peoria, Arizona. He has a recording studio in his dorm room. He wants to be a history teacher and his bucket list includes "a mop bucket, a metal bucket, a sand pail and a paint bucket."

-Mario Riba



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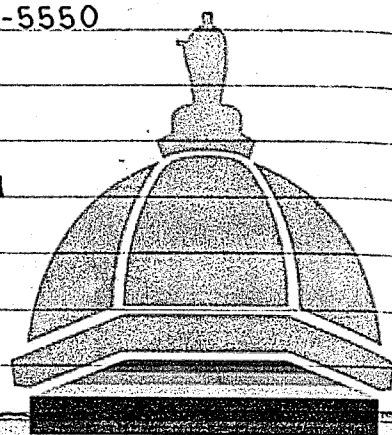
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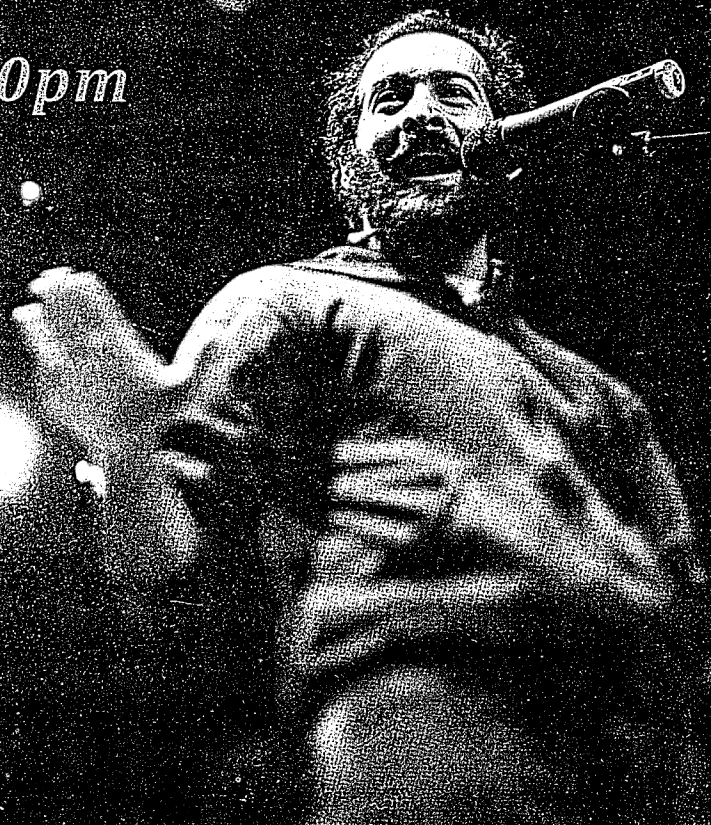
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Legends

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Ahh, February! The month that unites generations of Domers far and wide by their shared hatred and bitter memories. Yes, Giplings, it's that time of year again, and we're all embracing the arctic atmosphere in our own unique ways.

The creative kids at Riley are transforming giant sculptures into giant snowmen. Freezing females across campus are finally forsaking fashion for warmth. Courageous cads are smuggling spirits into the dining halls for a wintry twist on hot chocolate. And somewhere far down South Quad, resourceful little rascals are creating a snowy sanctuary for themselves, despite the obvious dimensions of danger involved in such a task! Tsk, tsk.

But what have the rest of you ruffians been up to? Good ol' Gipp has been braving the subzero temperatures to keep tabs on you. And unlike all you lucky lads and lassies, the Gippper never gets a snow day! I must say, your ability to make asinine decisions even in blizzard conditions is truly impressive. Were not my tears to freeze, I would be quick to shed salty drops of delight.

You see, Giplings, my heart was packed with pride when I heard tell of a befuddled boy who snacked on a tub of butter after an extensive evening of drinking. My brain swilled with satisfaction when I learned about a daft dame who almost burned a beloved bar to the ground after using a radiator as a coat rack. But the Gipp was fully floored when tipped off to the following feats of foolishness.

It seems that one of my stir-crazy students caught a case of cabin fever rather quickly this semester, and took to the sidewalks of campus in search of salvation. Our thieving thrill seeker — a bit of a Clyde, minus the Bonnie — soon stumbled upon a truly unthinkable treasure. Sitting in a state of abandoned glory on Notre Dame's holiest quad was an unmanned golf cart, keys in the ignition, just waiting and wishing for some lucky lad to seize the moment. Clyde did just that, and jumped into the driver's seat without a moment's hesitation.

To be honest, ol' Gipp envies the pure, unadulterated joy that Clyde must have experienced, cruising down the quad at a glorious 10 miles per hour, picking up every potential passenger along the way. Surely this must have been some heavenly form of nirvana on earth for our nefarious ne'er-do-well! But as the Gippper knows all too well, all good things must come to an end.

Yes, Clyde's brief peek into the plunderer's life was somewhat short-lived. 'Twas not long at all before the owner of the lifted cart wised up to the situation and sent for the fearless fellows from Our Lady's security team. What ensued was a somber scene that Gipp can only describe as a painfully slow, low-speed chase resulting in charges of grand theft golf-cart. Clyde certainly learned his lesson, but he will

be a hero to aspiring thieves all across campus for decades to come!

Our next story starts off in downtown South Bend on a Thursday night — feel free to guess the location, Giplings. After spending last semester exchanging titillating texts with a charming chap, one of our Domer dames found herself having a particularly successful evening out with said gentleman. Whether this was a real-life fairytale — or more likely just the magic of syllabus week — the two decided to take their budding relationship to the next level, and he invited the sassy lassie back to his apartment to “like, watch a movie or something.”

The evening's events from this point on are unknown to Gipp, and likely a little fuzzy for those involved, but what can be confirmed is that the unlucky lady woke up the next morning all alone, slowly but surely relieving herself right into her new friend's bed. Her initial reaction was terror, followed by shame, succeeded by an immediate instinct to make a run for it. Like any capable college student, however, she took the time to evaluate her surroundings, and was lucky enough to discover a full washer and dryer in the lad's adjoining bathroom!

Heart pounding, she risked life, limb and dignity, depositing his soiled bed sheets into the washing machine, all the while praying his roommates would not question the unusual whirring noise coming from his chambers. For what seemed like eternity, she remained unmoving on his sheetless bed, waiting for her one true love to return and for their newfound romance to come to a horrifying halt. But when the dryer buzzed and Romeo was still nowhere to be seen, our bold little bed wetter decided to toss in the comforter just to be safe. If the Gipp knows anything about his Notre Dame students, it's that they never leave a job half-finished.

So for an hour or two more she sat in silence, saying her prayers to any and all deities her mind could summon. When the final dryer rang out she threw up her arms and let out a quiet whisper-shout of victory! Saying goodbye to his roommates as if she had just woken up from a peaceful, urine-free slumber, she took her leave and skipped all the way home.

So there it is, Giplings. It seems that all the blizzards and subzero temperatures only feed your desire for foolish decisions. If that's the case, bring on the second snowpocalypse! Anything for a good story, I always say. February may drag you down into the doldrums, but don't forget that if you take risks and break rules, when all's said and done, I want the details!

Hide yo' kids,

The Gippper

TIP THE GIPP
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In the Fall of My *Junior Year*

Kathleen Toohill

Studying abroad is an integral part of the college experience, and when I applied for programs during my sophomore year, I was determined to head to an exotic and exciting location. That being said, I had no idea what I had gotten myself into when I first arrived in a village called Emaderton, the place where I spent the fall of my junior year. The culture I experienced, with its quirks and unique traditions, made for quite a memorable semester. I tried to observe the people of Emaderton from an anthropological standpoint while I studied there, and here's what I found:

Emaderton is known for its complex rituals and traditions, many of which are often subject to scorn and derision from outsiders. The mayor of the village is regarded with both awe and respect due to his reputation for being all-seeing, a widespread rumor among the village that engenders fear in many of its inhabitants. The mayor carries out the town ordinances using law enforcement officers who swear oaths to kill fun in any way they deem fit.

The inhabitants of Emaderton live together in clusters much bigger than the typical nuclear family. These residences, which resemble sophisticated huts, generally serve to foster a sense of community among

the entire village, although occasionally relationships between certain huts become strained. One of these huts, whose residents are rumored to worship the head of a moose, is ostracized by the others for its refusal to participate in certain Emaderton rituals.

The residents of Emaderton get from place to place mainly on foot, although more daring residents weave between pedestrians on two-wheeled contraptions made of steel. These gizmos seem to have minds of their own and often dump their riders on the ground.

I found the cuisine of Emaderton to be generally favorable, though the mealtime rituals can be chaotic. Inhabitants roam aimlessly through the communal feeding area, seemingly unsatisfied with the vast array of food available. Some of the customs mystified me; when a resident dropped one of the devices they use to fetch water from their sophisticated wells, for example, the whole eating area erupted into cheers.

One of the most unique aspects of the village of Emaderton is the numerous rituals that residents undergo when making the transition from childhood to adulthood. Its residents may choose to scale a giant geodesic structure or ascend 14 levels of a building named after Emaderton's most

prominent mayor, making sure they are fully hydrated during the course of their journeys. I heard stories of rituals specific to the spring, including a day of celebration in which the villagers all wear the same color in remembrance of a holy man of long ago. On another day of celebration, the people of Emaderton eat only the meat from a giant roasting pig and drink only beverages made of malted barley kept in barrels.

The most significant feature of Emaderton life in the fall, however, is a test of skill and endurance that few residents participate in but all enjoy watching each weekend. This ritual draws chanting and hysteric crowds, and the mood of the community on these days is completely dependent on the outcome of this contest on the days.

I had a great experience last semester, and would highly recommend studying in Emaderton to any student eager to experience a unique and vibrant culture. If you do make it to Emaderton, I wouldn't recommend visiting the neighboring village of Syarmtnias. Although the males of Emaderton make the journey every so often, none of the females I met had anything positive to say about the place. **S**



I do not live in a Jane Austen novel

TRUE LIFE

Meghan Thomassen

Incredible as it may seem, I have finally realized that my life does not mirror a dramatic Jane Austen love story. A major catalyst for this revelation was the four-hour version of “Pride and Prejudice” that I watched with my mother over Christmas break. We had just seen Colin Firth in “The King’s Speech” and were, to put it mildly, obsessed. Maybe it’s the puppy-dog eyes. Or the pensive brow. Or that cleft chin. Anyway, these are some of the life-changing epiphanies that I had during the movie:

1. I don’t have four sisters, all exhibiting varying degrees of silliness, whose static personalities nicely emphasize my own dynamic character.
2. My days are not spent wandering about the forests of England, reading petite works of literature while wearing cottony white frocks.
3. I will never attend a country ball surrounded by attractive, eligible young men, all of whom possess grand fortunes such as the estates of Netherfield and Pemberly.
4. I will never have the good patience, wisdom and self-control that all of Austen’s protagonists seem to possess.

Talk about false expectations. Jane, I appreciate how difficult it is to create such a beautiful story, but really, it makes the rest of us look rather uncreative and boring. We meet our future husbands at school, work or, worse, clubs. Instead of giggling in a girlish fashion by candlelight with our sisters, we pine away the afternoon on Facebook, sighing hopelessly through album after album, immediately judging any female who appears in his profile pictures as a dirty rotten man-eater.

How does Jane expect us to win men like Mr. Darcy? She makes love look easy. Just find a man who is kind, handsome, tall, gentle, pensive, intelligent, generous, merciful, a good horseman (we can’t forget about that) and who thinks that you are an angel sent from God himself. Even if a man like that were to exist, how are we ever to find him, or disallow unfortunate circumstances to tear us apart? And how would

we deserve such a person in the first place? As you can see, it is totally, completely and entirely impossible.

Furthermore, Notre Dame is hardly the English countryside, the prime location for romantic encounters. Playing societal games and sipping tea on snowy South Quad? Reading poetry and discussing classical music overlooking the frozen St. Mary’s Lake? Line-dancing in Zahm? The closest we come to royalty on campus is the football players, and they rarely deign to don a tuxedo and top hat. So what is a girl captivated by unrealistic fantasies to do?

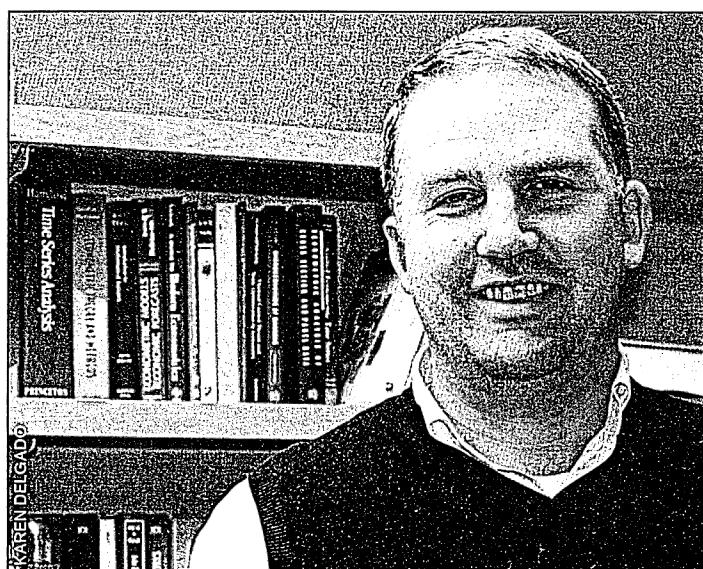
The only sensible thing left is to sacrifice oneself and become the reincarnation of Austen’s less idealized heroine Emma. This meddlesome maiden takes on the role of matchmaker among her society friends, telling white lies and arranging the occasional coincidental rendezvous. Making successful matches results in a strange satisfaction, like having the power to rearrange the stars of fate at whim. So as I traipse from dorm to dorm on a Saturday night, the gears are continuously grinding away. So-and-so seemed to like such-and-such, maybe he and so-and-so would get along? Despite the starkly unromantic landscape of our beloved university, it is chock full of social centers for all these hormonal encounters to take place.

Each locale has a unique atmosphere, making it easy to choose who goes where and with whom. Dorm parties are for the energetic extroverts on campus, while their tagalong friends are lucky to find a similarly soft-spoken companion taking shelter against the wall. After parietals, lads and lasses can choose to go off campus and brave damp basements and determined law officers.

Legends, however, is the safer, more fruitful option for young lovers: After dancing the night away, the two are more likely to spend their walk back to the dorms talking and exchanging numbers for coffee the next day. Starbucks is for hungover mornings, to regroup and piece together the previous evening, affording the potential for an actual relationship. As the Emma in this situation, I often find myself recommending these locations to my friends and enjoying the satisfaction of watching my expert matchmaking efforts result in everlasting love ... for the rest of the semester, at least.

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PROFESSOR ERIC SIMS



Maria Kosse

Economics Assistant Professor Eric Sims is a Faculty Research Fellow for the National Bureau of Economic Research and currently teaches courses in macroeconomics.

You graduated from the University of Michigan with a Ph.D. in economics in 2009. Where do your loyalties lie?

I would hope that your readers do not hold that transgression against me. As it says on the second slide of my first lecture for intermediate macroeconomics in italics, “Michigan sucks.” My loyalties fully lie with the University of Notre Dame and, in fact, I heavily root against the University of Michigan in all of its endeavors. I grew up a very big Notre Dame fan when I was a kid. I was a Notre Dame fan at Michigan [and] had full beer bottles thrown at me at various points. I am Notre Dame blue and gold through and through.

Why did you decide to specialize in economics?

I think that I was attracted to the logic and formal structure that economics provides to think about the world and our interactions within it. It’s about how people do the best that they can subject to scarcity, and I thought that was very intuitive and logical. I also thought that economics was something that related to the real world and so it would be a way to apply logic and rigorous thinking to real world problems. You open up a newspaper, turn on the TV, and they’re talking about economics. And so it’s something exciting to be in, and it’s something that has real world relevance.

Why did you decide to come to Notre Dame to teach?

First and foremost, I was deeply attracted to Notre Dame’s mission to be the leading Catholic university in the world. And with that comes lots of different and unique challenges, chief among them that Notre Dame is a place that tries to simultaneously excel in research, excel in teaching, excel in service and make a difference in the world. That well-roundedness of the university was very appealing to me. The students here are wonderful, and they’re passionate about their beliefs. They’re passionate about the world in which they live and they’re excited to be at Notre Dame, and I wanted to

come work with those students. My colleagues here — everybody at Notre Dame — are here because they want to be. Notre Dame is a destination institution, and it makes it a lot of fun to come into work when everybody is excited to be here and is committed to a common goal of making Notre Dame all that it can be.

You have a Twitter. How does social networking impact you as a person and a professor?

As a person, social networking creates tension with my wife because she thinks that I pay too much attention to it. In reality, social networking is really interesting because it’s a way to meet people. In fact, I’ve met a bunch of people on campus through Twitter of all things, with different backgrounds, different interests and different beliefs. So it’s a way to quickly get news and opinions from people who otherwise wouldn’t have a voice. It’s not something that I incorporate into my life as a professor. Typically, I just try to write funny things on Twitter, and I probably don’t succeed at that. But it is something that I have fun with.

How do you live up your research?

Isn’t research supposed to be boring? I think that the thing to do is that you want to have empirically motivated research questions that matter in the world. The tools that we use might be divorced from the real world, but [the research is] fundamentally driven by real world questions. Why do we have booms and busts? Why do we have unemployment? Things that people can relate to, that students can relate to.

If you could have dinner with two people, dead or alive, who would they be and why?

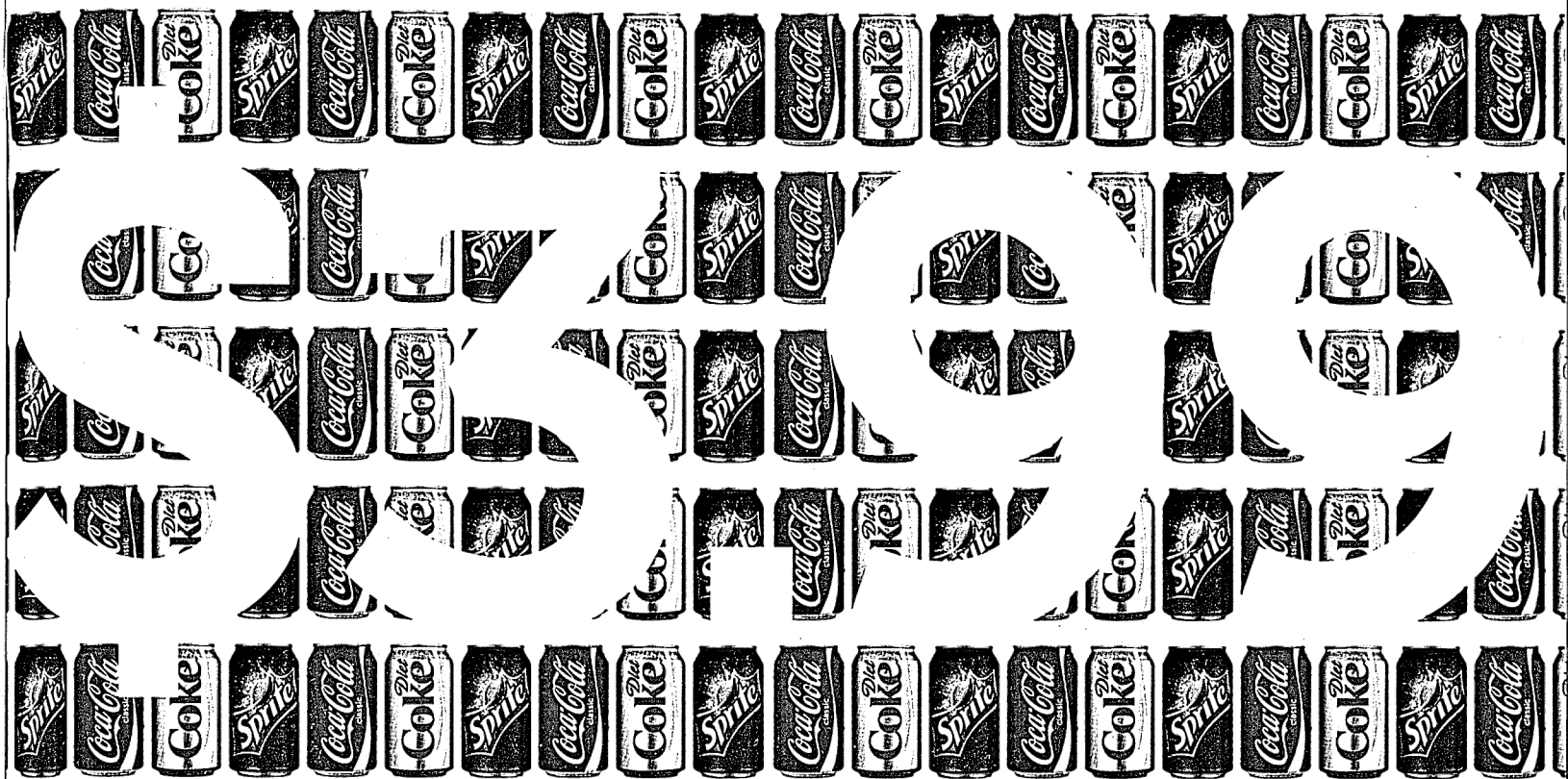
I’m going to stick with the living. I would choose Pope Benedict and Brian Kelly. Pope Benedict is my spiritual leader and Brian Kelly is another one of my leaders, being a Notre Dame football fanatic. I would like to have dinner with Pope Benedict because he’s such an interesting intellectual and he has such an important and challenging job. And I would have dinner with Brian Kelly primarily because I have lots of advice on how he should call football plays. In particular, we need to have a renewed focus on the run, and we need to not pass the ball on third and short or at the end of games with quarterbacks without much experience.

What is the one thing everyone should know about the U.S. economy today?

I think that an overarching issue is the looming fiscal crisis that we have in this country. We spend way more than we take in and we have a ballooning national debt, and we’ve seen what these debt crises can do in other countries. There’s a tendency for politicians to promise “free lunches.” One of the central messages of economics is that there is no such thing as a “free lunch,” and we have to pay for those services that we get. The U.S. is looking at one of three things that are going to happen in the future: we’re either going to have reduced government expenditures and services on public goods, increasing taxes that could cripple economic activity and innovation, or we’re going to have high inflation. There are tough choices that we must make, and I think the more informed individuals are about those choices and the alternatives, the better the decision we can come to as a country will be.

What is one thing most people don’t know about you?

When I was a college student at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, I printed out a picture of then-head coach Bob Davie and taped it to the wall above my bed in my dorm room for inspiration. I got all B’s that semester. **S**



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