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Students foster awareness of illnesses

Club hosts lectures, fundraisers to educate community about neglected tropical diseases

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

Bagels, hot coffee and educational brochures about neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) welcomed students filing into DeBartolo Hall on Monday morning.

ND Fighting NTDs is raising awareness this week about diseases that plague undeveloped countries around the globe.

Club president Emily Conron said these diseases do not receive enough attention because people are not educated about their severity.

"When people watch the news, they hear about diseases like AIDS and malaria, not schistosomiasis, and so they think that NTDs are obscure," Conron said. "Actually, NTDs affect more people than AIDS and malaria combined."

The most common NTDs include leprosy and trachoma, according to the World Health Organization. Approximately 1.4 billion people in developing countries suffer from these illnesses, which could easily be treated in a wealthier country like the United States.

"All seven NTDs that we focus on can be treated with safe and effective drugs that already exist and which cost about 50 cents per person," Conron said.

Lymphatic filariasis, a parasitic disease that causes grotesque swelling of the



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Senior Eli Reichenbach, right, accepts a bagel and a free ticket to view the documentaries "Distant Places, Forgotten Lives" and "The Hidden Invaders" outside DeBartolo Hall on Monday morning.

limbs, has already infected more than 120 million people worldwide, Conron said. Treatment is limited in some of the areas that need it most.

"The problem is getting these drugs to the people in need," Conron said.

The club's work on campus is a reminder of the global mission to eliminate NTDs, Conron said, and Notre Dame students can advocate for change.

"If the global community makes NTDs a priority, then there is no reason why we wouldn't be able to eliminate them," Conrod said. "NTDs

Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)

The 7 main NTDs are Lymphatic Filariasis, Schistosomiasis (snail fever), Ascariasis, Hookworm, Trachoma, Onchocerciasis (river blindness) and Trichuriasis (whipworm).

Over 1.4 billion people suffer from one of these diseases.

All seven NTDs can be treated with drugs that cost about 50 cents per person.

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are the equivalent of a best buy in global health."

ND Fighting NTDs is putting on a series of events and lectures this week to educate

students about ways to fight NTDs.

"Our goal is to try to get

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SMC 5-K raises funds for cancer research

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

In the spirit of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the "Belles for Boobies" 5-K walk and run Sunday will raise awareness and money to support women's health, senior Holly Dorson-King said.

Dorson-King said over 100 participants already registered for the race, and she expects as many as 20 race-day entries.

"My focus or goal is to raise awareness and inspire the campus to get involved in a cause that directly benefits women's health through energetic enthusiasm and passion," Dorson-King said.

The Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Club will host the race. Dorson-King, the club's treasurer, said the race fits perfectly with the club's mission to educate students on how to create a healthy environment.

"In learning about Healthy Mind, Healthy Body, I was enticed to seek collaboration in order to host a breast cancer race in October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month," Dorson-King said.

She said she was inspired

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ROTC cadets travel for field training exercise

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

While most students spent the weekend relaxing or catching up on their homework, cadets in the Notre Dame Army ROTC battalion traveled to Fort Custer in Michigan for an intensive field training exercise (FTX).

Sophomore cadet Pat Bedard said the three-day trip gave ROTC members the chance to apply their classroom lessons to field situations.

"The battalion arrived at Fort Custer on Friday afternoon and then did a land navigation exercise, which was basically five hours in the morning finding points using essential naviga-

tional skills, teaching us how to use the wooded terrain to our advantage," Bedard said.

The cadets worked on situational training exercises (STX) Saturday. The STX work included two hours of training for each of five exercises — reconnaissance, movement to contact, knocking out a bunker, improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and ambushes, Bedard said.

"During the STX exercises, the seniors pretended to be the enemy," Bedard said. "It was definitely a highlight of the weekend to get to shoot them with paintballs."

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Event showcases telescope

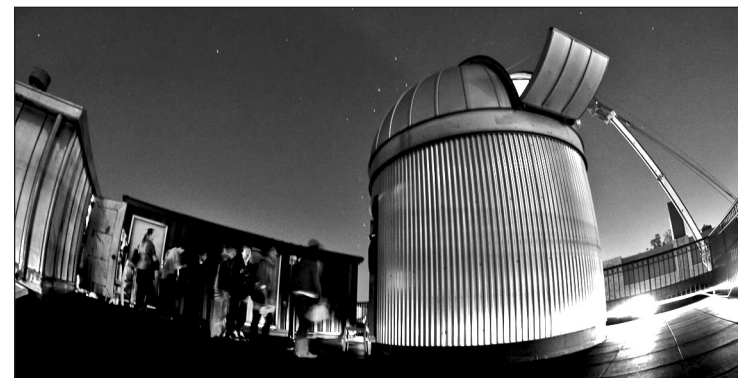
By REGINA GILMOUR
News Writer

As darkness fell over campus Monday night, sophomore Patrick Whalen stared at a perfect image of the face of the moon.

Whalen joined nearly 100 other students for Astronomy Night on the roof of Nieuwland Hall as they gazed through the recently refurbished Napoleon Telescope.

"I could see a clear image of the moon," Whalen said. "It was cool because I could see all the craters in sharp detail."

Physics Professor Peter Garnavich said the Napoleon Telescope was a gift to the University from Napoleon in 1866. The telescope was originally located in the



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Students gaze through the recently refurbished Napoleon Telescope at Nieuwland Hall on Monday during Astronomy Night.

Main Building, but is now housed in the Nieuwland Observatory

Garnavich said the original six-inch objective lens remains on the telescope, but the exterior has been re-

furbished in recent years.

"It used to be in a roll-off roof observatory, but it was falling apart," Garnavich said. "We decided we needed

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR BODY?



Mike O'Brien

junior
Knott

"My ability to
grow facial
hair."



Chris Whelan

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"Either my back
acne or my six
pack of rolls."



Alexa Wilson

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"My (non)
running legs."



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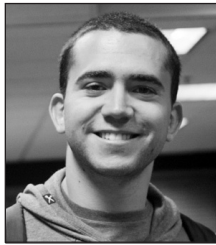
"My biceps
because they
resemble
Hannah Ziegler's
beautiful
biceps."



Paige Becker

senior
Ryan

"That I can
touch my
nose with my
tongue."



Dante Garcia

junior
Zahm

"My butt."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



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As part of Love Your Body Week, students show appreciation for their bodies in front of South Dining Hall on Monday. Students also signed pledges to love their bodies at the event.

OFFBEAT

Wash. man banned from parks for digging up fossil

PORTLAND, Ore. — A Longview, Wash., man accused of digging up the skull of a hog-like animal that predated humans by 20 million years has been banned from national park lands for a year.

The Oregonian reports that 48-year-old David Wixon also must pay \$4,500 in restitution for the misdemeanor crime of depredation of government property.

The fossil was from an oreodont, one of a number of stout, hooved, plant-eating animals now extinct.

Court records say an off-duty interpretive ranger saw Wixon using a rock hammer

at a site at the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument in May 2007, leading to an investigation by federal agents. Authorities say they searched his house, and he returned the skull.

Prosecutors say the penalties were imposed Friday.

Trump casino offers plastic surgery prize

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The latest casino promotion in Atlantic City gives new meaning to "going bust."

The Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort plans to give \$25,000 worth of plastic surgery to a winner from a player's card contest. The lucky one can mix and match surgeries including breast enhancements, tum-

my tucks, liposuction and face lifts until the total hits \$25,000.

"We wanted to change the face of a typical casino promotion, and with this one we are literally doing it," said Kathleen McSweeney, senior vice president of marketing for Trump Entertainment Resorts.

"Many people have something they want to change; a nip and tuck here, a lift there, but the cost of these procedures can be quite costly," she said. "This promotion will allow the winner the opportunity to get the procedures of their choice."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

As a part of Neglected Tropical Diseases Awareness Week, there will be free Einstein Bros. bagels, brochures and coffee outside DeBartolo Hall from 8 to 10 a.m. today, sponsored by ND Fighting Neglected Tropical Diseases.

A symposium titled "Transitions to Democracy and the Arab Spring: Are There Lessons from the Latin American Experience for the Middle East?" will take place in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies from 1 to 6 p.m. today.

As a part of the Entrepreneurial Insights Lecture Series, Fred Keller, Chairman and CEO of Cascade Engineering, will give a talk titled "Entrepreneurship and Social Good" today at 5 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

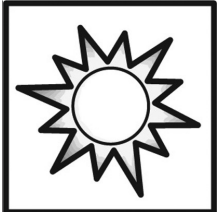
In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, Fr. Tom Doyle will say Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart tonight at 5:15 p.m. After Mass, professor Matt Ashley, Chair of the Department of Theology, will give a lecture titled "Sustainability and Catholic Theology" tonight at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Hall of Science room 101.

Four:7, the Catholic Fellowship group run by Camus Ministry, will meet tonight from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in the Cavanaugh Chapel.

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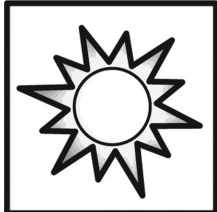
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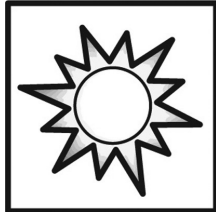
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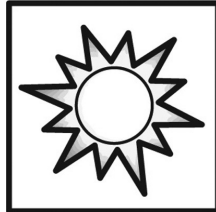
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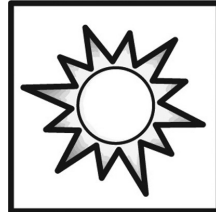
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Architect lectures on local design

By CLAIRES BRADY
News Writer

Designing buildings is not about creating an artistic masterpiece, a renowned architect said during a Monday lecture in Bond Hall.

Urban architect Joanna Alimanestianu said her work is instead about creating a place that people will love as part of their local community.

“My mission is to create places for people, places people love, places where people can live quality lives,” Alimanestianu said.

“If a place isn’t lovable, it isn’t livable,” she said. “If a place needs to be livable, it has to be lovable.”

An architect must focus a city’s atmosphere and culture to design “authentically local” developments, she said.

“You have to understand the social fabric, the history, the people’s aspirations and history,” Alimanestianu said. “You have to understand how people live there, work there, walk around there.”

A design that emphasizes the local flavor will create a “contextually beautiful” place that will fit into its surroundings, Alimanestianu said.

Successful designs also need to “bounce forward” to answer the needs of the future, she said.

“You have to be open and present to what works and doesn’t, and what will stand the test of time,” Alimanestianu said. “You have to design for today, but be flexible for the future.”

Alimanestianu put these ideas into practice in her



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Urban architect Joanna Alimanestianu speaks to students about creating “lovable” buildings at a lecture in Bond Hall Monday.

famous redesign of the Rue de Laecken development, an abandoned row of townhouses in Belgium. During the project in the early 1990s, she hired seven young architects under 40-years-old to design nine unique townhouses.

Realtors were skeptical, she said, but taking a risk with a new team paid off for the overall project. The homes sold immediately and attracted attention across Europe.

“They wanted to do this, they were interested and all seven went on to become famous, successful architects,” Alimanestianu said.

Alimanestianu also designed a vibrant neighborhood in Guayaquil, Ecuador, in 2006. She said she worked to revive the area by remodeling it according to traditional styles.

“It was one of the ugliest cities out there,” Alimanestianu said. “We produced the architecture guidelines by

looking at what was truly Ecuadorian, what people would feel comfortable in.”

Although the Guayaquil project is not yet complete, Alimanestianu said residents have already expressed enthusiasm about the changes.

Alimanestianu said her work in both Europe and the United States places her at the intersection of two modern urban architecture movements — the American New Urbanists and the European Urbanists.

However, rather than identifying with either movement, she said she prefers to remain independent and design buildings according to residents’ needs rather than her own artistic inspiration.

“I’m not interested in making a statement or calling attention,” Alimanestianu said. “I am not interested in making a work of art.”

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Junior Class Council hosts Domecoming activities

DOMECOMING 2011

- Tuesday** Song-led adoration in the Ryan Hall Chapel at 9 p.m.
- Wednesday** Ice skating in the JACC at 8 p.m. Skate rental is free for juniors and \$3 for other students.
- Thursday** Dodgeball tournament at the Hammes Bookstore basketball courts at 7 p.m. Registration is \$10.
- Friday** Domecoming Dance on South Quad at 10 p.m.

LAUREN KALINOSKI | Observer Graphic

By EMMA RUSS
News Writer

This year’s annual Domecoming Week, hosted by Junior Class Council (JCC) will be “fun for a cause,” junior class president Kevin Doherty said.

Monday’s Domecoming kickball game, Kick for Kars, launched a weeklong food drive sponsored by the junior class. Students who donated a non-perishable food item could play the game on North Quad.

“We thought that giving back to the community would be a good way to give Domecoming a new dimension of ‘fun for a cause’ that would attract more interest from the student body and the local community,” Doherty said. “We will have collection boxes available at all of the events this week.”

Doherty said the week offers a chance to bring the junior class and other members of the student body together.

“Its purpose is to unite students in a week of fun events and activities on campus,” Doherty said. “Our hope is that Domecoming will continue to grow and involve more student groups, and be carried on as a tradition for years to come.”

The junior class will also sell Class of 2013 “bro tanks” throughout the week. Doherty said an initial order of the tanks sold out almost immediately.

“We sold out within a few hours during our first sale in the dining halls,” Doherty said. “We ordered a little over 200 new tanks and are hoping these will sell out over the course of the week.”

JCC representative Kelsey Eckenrode said Domecoming is Notre Dame’s version of homecoming at other schools.

“We wanted to give the students something similar,” Eckenrode said. “We were sur-

prised that a big football school like Notre Dame didn’t already have homecoming.”

The junior class will also host song-led adoration service at 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Ryan Hall Chapel.

“The song-led adoration should be a really awesome event for people to relax, reflect and listen to some great music,” Eckenrode said. “The JCC is really excited for all of the events this week.”

Juniors can skate for free on the JACC ice rink Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Doherty said students could still register for a Thursday dodgeball tournament online or at the event.

“The winning teams will be awarded Chipotle gift cards and bragging rights,” Doherty said.

The second annual Domecoming Dance on Friday will end the week with music and dancing under a tent on South Quad, as well as free food from Chick-fil-A, Eckenrode said.

“We’re happy that the dance is outdoors this year since the weather is supposed to be great on Friday,” Eckenrode said.

The junior class will host all the Domecoming events this week, Doherty said, but the activities are open to all students.

“While the focus is on the junior class, we welcome all students to our events this week,” he said. “The only exception is the Domecoming Dance, which SAO classifies as a junior class dance, but non-juniors are welcome to attend as long as they accompany a junior. Our goal is to involve as many students on campus as possible in Domecoming Week.”

Further information about Domecoming events can be found on the Domecoming 2011 Facebook page.

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“We were surprised that a big football school like Notre Dame didn’t already have homecoming.”

**Kelsey Eckenrode
representative
Junior Class Council**

French Language Programs Information Session

**Tuesday, October 4
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ROTC

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The group practiced drills in the dark Friday night. Freshman cadet Colin O'Shea said this exercise, called night-land navigation, was the most difficult task for the students. "Saturday's night land navigation was the hardest part of the weekend," O'Shea said. "During the day, land navigation was still hard because it was my second time doing it. I did pretty well, but being alone at night in the forest, in the dark, was extremely challenging."

Junior cadet Kathleen Frechette led her group through a movement-to-contact exercise. "The seniors were playing the enemy, and we were about 300 meters away," Frechette said. "As the leader, I had to figure out what the mission was, how we're going to conduct that. We'd move from where we were to try to attack the enemy. It was a practical application of what we've learned in class."

Battalion commander Josh Sandler said he and other seniors organized the FTX trip and acted as the enemy in each of the training exercises. Each junior cadet led a squad of sophomores and freshmen through the exercises. Sandler said the exercise is especially helpful for junior cadets because next year they will spend

one month in a required Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC). The course will test their leadership abilities, physical fitness and other useful skills. "[This weekend was] like a mini LDAC," Sandler said. "It's trying to take 30 days worth of training and evaluations and cram them into one weekend."

Sandler said he and the other seniors added exercises in garrison leadership, or planning for everyday needs for the men and women under a leader's command, to this year's FTX. Squad leaders now need to manage the day-to-day concerns of their group while everyone lives in close quarters. "Now with the addition of garrison leadership ... that's 24 hours that you need to be on your game," Sandler said. "It's meant to be the addition of a huge amount of stress ... While our previous FTXs have been good, they've been incomplete without this garrison leadership piece."

"My role as a [senior cadet and battalion commander] is to train [the younger cadets] to be better prepared than I was, and I feel that we have accomplished this."

Junior cadet Ted Spinelli said he was glad the weekend exercise would prepare him for the LDAC in the summer. "The [Leader Development and Assessment Course] is the apex of ROTC, the stepping-stone where a very large amount of our total perfor-



mance in ROTC is established," Spinelli said. The LDAC determines the number of placement options in the Army for the senior cadets after graduation, Spinelli said. "For me the most helpful part of the weekend was executing a patrol mission on Sunday, and developing a plan to execute that mission that was executed on the larger patrol or platoon-size scale," Spinelli said. "The longer time allotment and more complex objective made this a more involved exercise, more similar to what we would be doing as officers in the army after school."

Sandler said that while the weekend was challenging, the cadets in his battalion learned important lessons for their ROTC training during the FTX weekend. "The most [difficult] part of the weekend was the constant



Photos courtesy of John Kelly

Above: Junior cadet Ted Spinelli leads his squad from the front during a training exercise this weekend.
Below: Senior battalion commander Josh Sandler participates in the field training exercise.

physical discomfort," Sandler said. "They don't get to eat or sleep very much, and it's very cold, wet and windy. That is a constant part of this training. But this is forcing them to be agile thinkers despite this discomfort. Teaching decision making under less-than-ideal conditions is how the Army prepares us to be leaders."

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people talking about NTDs who might not have known or cared about them before," Conron said.

To raise awareness, Five Guys at Eddy Street Commons will donate 15 percent of Wednesday's profits from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. to NTD charities. Fundraisers around campus this week will include a dessert sale in the LaFortune

Student Center on Thursday, a face-painting booth on Irish Green on Friday and a collection at all Masses on Sunday. "Donations are important, but outreach is key," Conron said. "Contact your government representatives, advocate to pharmaceutical com-

panies and spread the word however you can." Conron said the club wants to engage the student body in new ways during NTD Awareness Week. "NTDs are an issue that we take very seriously," Conron said, "But as college students,

we recognize that in order for people our age to become fully invested in a cause, they need to be able to approach it in creative and unforeseen ways."

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Telescope

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a new dome to protect the Napoleon Telescope." A new power dome covers the outside of telescope in Nieuwland, Garnavich said. "Because of water damage, the physics shop cleaned up the rust and made sure all the parts were working," he said. Students at Astronomy Night could gaze at the moon through the telescope in the Nieuwland Observatory, but others stared at its face from several smaller telescopes on North Quad near Stonehenge. Seniors Maureen Choman and Elizabeth Flood said they were excited to catch a more detailed glimpse of the night sky. "We ran from Lewis," Flood said. Choman said the girls had planned to see the telescope before they graduate. "They have it every year, and it's on our bucket list," Choman said. Law student Colin Little-

field showed students an image of a supernova, or a recently exploded star, on his computer. "This supernova is about 25 million light years away," he said. "It exploded about five weeks ago." Littlefield said he studied astronomy before attending law school, and he is now a teaching assistant for Introduction to Astronomy. The supernova is located in the M101 galaxy, a spiral galaxy not unlike the Milky Way. "This particular supernova was part of a star not much bigger than Earth," he said. "It kept pulling matter off a smaller star until it got so heavy it finally exploded. The supernova is expanding at about 30 million miles an hour." Junior Bailey Moser, a physics lab assistant, said students could access telescopes at other times of the year as well. "They are always set up in the observatory," he said. "Anyone can come up after sundown on a clear night."

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"Because of water damage, the physics shop cleaned up the rust and made sure all the parts were working."

Peter Garnavich
professor of physics

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Belles for Boobies 5-K Walk and Run

- Sunday, Oct. 8, at 2 p.m.
- Race begins at the Saint Mary's softball fields
- Registration is \$5.
- All proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

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to organize the race after her summer externship experience.

"I spent this past summer learning as a nursing extern at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan and working with oncology patients," Dorson-King said. "It was this experience that furthered my enthusiasm to not only help raise awareness of breast cancer, but to inspire in [Saint Mary's] women a passion to fight for a phenomenal cause that touches so many lives not only in this country, but in the [Saint Mary's] community."

The "Save the Tatas" campaign also inspired Dorson-King to come up with the name "Belles for Boobies."

"I love the 'Save the Tatas' campaign, but that's already been used and I wanted to con-

nect [the name] to Saint Mary's, so I used Belles and boobies instead of tatas," Dorson-King said. "But I didn't want to cross any lines, so I went right to [Vice-President of Student Affairs] Karen Johnson and asked her to approve the name."

The race has also inspired Saint Mary's graduates to get involved.

"There have been some alumnae that contacted me about coming and participating," she said. "There even might be a SMC alumna and breast cancer survivor that will speak at the start of the race."

The track for the Belles for Boobies 5-K will follow a double loop around Saint Mary's campus.

The registration fee for the race is \$5. Funds raised by the event will support the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Dorson-King said.

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Michigan professor discusses music, culture

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News Writer

The lyrics to country artist Gretchen Wilson's song "Redneck Woman" could be a solution to modern tension between gender and class, a University of Michigan professor said during a guest lecture Monday.

Nadine Hubbs, associate professor of women's studies and music at the University of Michigan, spoke at Saint Mary's about popular music's role in culture and used female country singers to demonstrate issues facing women, particularly those who come from the lower class.

Wilson, who grew up in a trailer park and comes from a working class family, sends a very specific message to her listeners with the song, Hubb said.

"In the song where she defines herself and her position in society, she says that being who she

is, is cool, and being that kind of person has not always been cool," she said.

Hubbs said women in working-class households are expected to cultivate "middle-class manners" in their families, but Wilson's song is a good example for working-class women struggling to assert themselves against negative stereotypes.

She said the singer has a vision of women being proud of where they come from, which shows how popular music can be used as a statement about class misconceptions that often victimize women.

"I look at this song 'Redneck Woman' as a solution or a detour around that tough predicament [between gender and class,]" Hubbs said. "It's quite a trick to pull off."

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INSIDE COLUMN

‘Ware scare

At the beginning of last summer, as I went to pick up the subletting forms from the recently-graduated student whose apartment I'd be renting, I had a stark realization. It came via ominous warning.

"Enjoy your fake adulthood while it lasts," he said. The words landed in my stomach with a thud.

I had never known pseudo-adulthood was a thing but it totally makes sense. I was working on campus and living in an apartment, but could still cling for comfort to my identity as a

student. I was freaked out by what our school morphed into during the summer (it's overrun with children), but could still look forward to returning to it in the fall. Although I hated how old this term made me feel, I definitely saw the benefits of being a pseudo-adult.

That is, until I tried to grocery shop.

Prior to this summer, I viewed groceries as an inexhaustible and self-replenishing resource. Groceries were just always there, and I never had to concern myself with their origin.

Grocery shopping by yourself, for yourself is what I see as a hallmark of adulthood. Having to figure out what to buy, scouring the store for it and, worst of all, paying for it were the most unpleasant parts of my summer.

This is mostly because I am mind-blowingly bad at grocery shopping.

I would always clumsily maneuver an unnecessarily large cart, narrowly avoiding towering stacks of cereal boxes and canned vegetables. I suspect they rearranged the entire store between my trips, because I would get hopelessly lost while looking for the same items each time. Without fail, I would spend at least double what I had planned to.

This is primarily because I'm a huge sucker for advertising. Put a flashy sign up for something and odds are I'll buy it. Four boxes of popsicles for \$5? Sign me up. Buy one, get one free mac and cheese? Put it on my tab.

Not only did this habit lead to me needlessly acquiring things, but it also made the grocery store my own personal time-vortex. I would spend far too long browsing the aisles, looking for sweet deals on things I would probably never consume.

What I completely overlooked is how much you have to buy before you can even buy actual food. I spent \$50 in my first trip and realized I had only bought food's prerequisites. As much as I tried, I couldn't live off cooking spray, napkins, plastic silverware and ranch dressing alone.

The final slap in the face came as I checked out. With my purchases, I earned points, which I could exchange for Tupperware containers. If there's anything that can simultaneously threaten your masculinity and make you feel old, it's the idea of getting new Tupperware containers from your purchases at the grocery store.

As I lugged my groceries back to my apartment after one particularly troublesome excursion, I made a mental list of all the things I forgot to buy and dug through the bags for my box of limited edition Fruit Roll-Ups.

In a moment of clarity, I breathed a sigh of relief. Despite the grocery shopping and the terrifying prospect of Tupperware, I was nowhere near adulthood.

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Scene Writer

Separate (but equal?)

Over this past summer, the Catholic University of America announced that it was abandoning coed student housing and reverting to a model of single-sex residences beginning with the class of 2015. In an editorial piece published in The Wall Street Journal, university President John Garvey argued that the change would help reduce the prevalence of binge drinking among undergraduates, and would also prevent further development of a "hook-up culture" on campus.

Garvey graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1970 and served as a professor in the Law School from 1994 to 1999, so it is not surprising that he waxes nostalgic for the single-sex dorms and parietal regulations that we are so fond of here.

What is a bit more surprising is that he believes his strategy to reduce binge drinking and the number of casual hook-ups will actually work. As anyone at Notre Dame can attest, these two issues do not magically disappear merely with the presence of single-sex dorms, as they are certainly present here on our own campus.

Moreover, a convincing argument can be made that in this day and age, universities no longer have the right to meddle in the personal lives of their students, and thus must be wary of instituting policies designed to change student behavior.

A more disturbing potential consequence of the switch to gender-segregated housing has been highlighted

by George Washington University law professor John Banzhaf, who has filed a complaint against Catholic University on the grounds that the new policy violates Washington D.C.'s 1997 Human Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination in housing and education on the basis of numerous categories, including gender.

Banzhaf argued that separating students into male and female dorms is no more justifiable than placing all Jewish students into one dorm and all Muslims into another, or establishing distinct calculus courses for men and for women. The university countered by noting that the Human Rights Act only forbids a school from conditioning the use of facilities for a discriminatory reason, and because the new housing policy treats both sexes equally, there is no discrimination occurring and thus no violation of the law.

Whatever your position on the validity of these arguments may be, they certainly raise important questions about our own housing situation here at Notre Dame. Like Catholic University, Notre Dame maintains a single-sex housing policy that strives to achieve equality for all students. In practice however, this standard often falls short of its stated goals. To see evidence of this, one merely has to take a walk around Notre Dame on a Friday or Saturday night and observe that all the parties being held on campus are taking place exclusively in male dorms.

The reason for this is the gross disparity between how men and women are treated in their own residence

halls. In most male dorms, parties with loud music and alcohol are generally allowed so long as they remain within reasonable levels of control. The University has wisely concluded that college students will party regardless of whether there are rules against it, and so it has determined to try and keep the partying on campus where it can better look after the safety and well-being of its students.

In female dorms, however, there is no such tolerance for this behavior, and any student attempting to host a party with loud music and free-flowing alcohol would quickly find herself facing consequences far more severe than anything experienced by her male counterparts. It is unclear whether the rectors and resident assistants in female dorms are simply significantly stricter, or rather if there is a concerted effort by the University to limit the partying to male residence halls, thus reducing the number of dorms requiring monitoring on any given night.

Either way, the end result is that the women of Notre Dame are increasingly treated like second-class citizens, a reality that hardly aligns with the mission and ideology of this University. Its time for us as a community to reopen the discussion on single-sex housing and work together to eradicate discrimination at Notre Dame.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night."

Edgar Allan Poe
U.S. author

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Europe’s double conundrum

There seems to be a lot of good news coming out of Europe in the past couple of days. First, Greece recently passed a new string of austerity measures, most notably a new property tax, aimed at closing its budget deficit. This will likely satisfy the troika, composed of the International Monetary Fund, European Central Bank and European Union, which administers the bailouts given to Greece. As a result, Greece will likely receive the next part of its bailout package, about \$8 billion, which will keep the Greek government solvent until December.

Second, the German parliament recently passed the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) with an overwhelming majority. The fund will be used to buy the bonds of distressed countries (lowering their borrowing costs), to give loans to countries that can’t borrow from the markets at reasonable rates and to recapitalize European banks if necessary.

Unfortunately, this news is too little, too late. Europe is stuck in an impossible cycle. Even as the PIIGS (Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece and Spain) try to cut spending to get their deficits under control, a recession appears to be setting

in across the continent. This recession will hurt economic growth, lowering the amount of money that European governments collect from taxes and reducing Germany and France’s willingness to continue bailing out other governments. It also appears unlikely that Greece will be able to make good on its debts, which would unnerve markets and lead to trouble for Italy and Spain. Long story short: Europe is in for trouble.

Let’s look at this situation a little more closely. The European recovery, which has been powered by Germany’s remarkable economic run, is losing steam. Consumer spending is falling in Germany, economic growth has come to a standstill in France and the Eurozone as a whole is only projected to grow by 0.3 percent in the second quarter. This is especially bad for countries like Italy and Spain, which are cutting government spending to reign in deficits. The more that government spending is cut, the slower the economy will grow in the short run. As a result, the government will take in less revenue, leading to a pernicious cycle in which deficits become more and more difficult to reign in.

Meanwhile, Greece, the focal point of this entire crisis, is not going to get any better. Greek government debt as a percentage of GDP now stands at 150 percent, which is actually higher than when

Greece got bailed out. This is because its GDP has shrunk dramatically in the face of lower government spending.

What’s more, the ruling Greek Socialist party is struggling to enforce even the moderate initial cuts demanded by the troika. This does not bode well for the future, especially when the government is forced to consider even more painful cuts. This includes laying off government workers, which is actually banned by Greece’s constitution except in extraordinary circumstances.

Current austerity measures have already elicited a tremendous (and at times, violent) response from public labor unions and large elements of Greek society. Future responses will only increase, making the situation more and more difficult for the Greek government.

What, then, will be the outcome of the Eurozone crisis? While the specific answer is hard to predict, it seems almost a foregone conclusion that Greece will either default on its debt or force investors to take haircuts (e.g. only receive a certain percentage, say 40 percent, of what they were originally promised) on their investments. The distinction between these two is of critical importance. European banks are highly exposed to the Greek crisis, holding tens of billions of dollars worth of Greek debt. If these banks were forced to take a total loss on

these loans, it is likely that they would need to be recapitalized, which would be a highly expensive process akin to the TARP program initiated here in the United States. What’s more, a disorderly default would unnerve financial markets, perhaps making it necessary to bail out Italy and Spain. These countries, which have debts in the trillions, not billions, may be beyond the capacity of Europe to save.

Pain is coming for Europe regardless of what happens. Greece, Ireland, Portugal and possibly Italy and Spain are in for years of painful cuts in spending and slow economic growth. Germany and France will continue to face the question of how much they should help out other countries, even as their own economies begin to suffer. The answer to this question will determine whether or not the European Union stays together. The most likely outcome will be a hybrid. The European Union will continue to exist, but it is unlikely that the process of creating a “United States of Europe” will continue much further.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Something worth fighting for

Yesterday I spent \$5.95 on a Pizza Pollo at Recker’s. It tasted like happiness, as always. It also cost the same as about 12 human lives.

Let me explain. This week is ND Fighting NTDs Awareness Week. NTDs are Neglected Tropical Diseases, a collection of chronic, preventable diseases that plague over 1.4 billion people worldwide. That’s 20 percent of the global population. All of these diseases can be treated or prevented for just 50 cents per person per year.

NTDs are chronic parasitic illnesses. They cause unimaginable suffering: malnutrition, respiratory illness, debilitating, painful blindness, paralyzing swelling of the limbs, mental retardation — the works. The medicines to treat NTDs have been developed and donated by major pharmaceutical companies, but we have no way of physically getting them to the people who so desperately need help.

That’s why ND Fighting NTDs is launching a major initiative around campus this week to raise money and awareness. Here’s a quick overview of the events you don’t want to miss: free Einstein bagels in front of Debartolo on Monday and Tuesday, a documentary screening on South Quad Monday evening, a faculty panel to discuss various solutions to global health problems on Tuesday in Geddes Auditorium and a Dirt Cup Dessert Sale in Lafortune on Thursday.

If you are starting to feel really guilty about your latest Starbucks coffee, don’t. I don’t feel guilty about my pizza, but I will go to Five Guys on Wednesday evening after 7 p.m., because 15 percent of all proceeds will be donated to fight NTDs. And I will indulge in a Dessert Cup on Thursday (buy one with FlexPoints!) to help the cause. And yeah, for the chocolate, too.

But really, why should you care? Well, these diseases are major humanitarian problems. Their symptoms collectively slow down economies, prevent children from reaching their full mental capacity and imprison entire populations in a cycle of pain, poverty and illness. This is a truly social issue, so I hope I see you at our events. NTDs are fixable, and as a proud member of the Fighting Irish community, I will happily fight to end the neglect. So should you.

Eileen Lynch
junior
Ryan Hall
Oct. 2

Science and God

The Sept. 30 editorial (“Health insurance issue calls Notre Dame’s identity into question”) suggests a conflict exists between Notre Dame’s identity as a Catholic and a scientific research university. The editorial creates a false dichotomy between science and Catholicism. The inscription, paraphrased from Ecclesiastes 3, on Nieuwland Science Hall says, “All things God made are good and each of them serves its turn.” If God created the universe, scientifically exploring it can help us understand God’s work and, in turn, God Himself.

Notre Dame can be a research university and not blindly accept any recommendation of the “premier scientific researchers” the editorial mentions. Can there not be more than one view in the scientific world?

Where would we be with only science or only religion? Both have made mistakes. After all, clerics condemned Galileo and scientists (not so long ago) declared the size and shape of one’s head determines intelligence.

Sam Bellafiore
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Oct. 3

“Grinding” my gears

Reading Dr. Moss’ article “Hip-hop night education” (Sept. 30) made me think (which, if you ask my friends, is something I do not do nearly as much as I should).

I’ve never really thought of grinding as a social interaction. I mean, it seems obvious, but I’d always seen the party or the dance or Hip Hop Night itself as the social interaction, and grinding just as something that follows naturally from it. And Dr. Moss is right, it’s easy; it’s the easiest dance move ever. It’s the most physically intimate dance there is, but there’s no real emotion to it. You just press yourself up against your partner’s body and sway to the beat of the song. Until you end up making out with your partner (which is usually the endgame for both students), you can’t even see their eyes.

That’s why it’s popular — there’s no need to get to really know the person if it’s just some random drunk kid at Hip Hop or Fever, no need to wrap yourself up in who your partner really is, in all their perfections and imperfections. You just fly past all those messy complexities that come along with it and just go straight to physical satisfaction.

It’s cheating. It’s skipping the best parts — those small moments, those quick glances, those subtle touches and I really don’t want to miss any of that. I want to get to know the girl I’m interested in, and I want her to feel the same way. That sounds a lot more appealing to me than some drunken make-out session, surrounded by hundreds of other students I barely know, with someone I may not talk to again.

When my friends ask me if I’m planning on “getting some” when we go out, I kind of cringe. Not because it wouldn’t be physically satisfying, but because I want something a little deeper than that. I’m looking for something a bit more meaningful than a one-night relationship, and I wish I had realized that sooner. The freshmen at Hip Hop Night will probably come to realize it too, eventually.

Okay, good talk.

Peter Teneriello
senior
off campus
Oct. 3

FOREIGN

FOOD FINDS

After a nostalgic trip to the movie theater to see “The Lion King 3D” this weekend, a few friends and I discussed and debated the age-old question of where to grab dinner. Many of you might scoff at this, believing that the only places worth going to near school are Taco Bell and Perkins. I, however, am on a quest to dispel that myth and find the best foreign food places in South Bend.



Ankur Chawla

Scene Writer

Naturally, our first option for this expedition into the wide world of food was Outback Steakhouse. As a practicing Hindu, it was not my first choice. The few of us still traumatized from seeing hyenas eat zebra carcasses in “The Lion King” walked to the strip mall behind Outback and found the hidden Mexican restaurant and attached supermarket, Puerto Vallarta.

At first, we seemed extremely out of place in the traditionally decorated restaurant. The only customers were of Hispanic descent. However, the moment we sat down, we felt at home. The service was great (I don’t say that about every restaurant) and a waitress was always ready to bring us another batch of warm chips and surprisingly



Vallarta Chimichanga

I elected to get a Jarrito’s Mexican soda, which was delicious and pineapple flavored, while others ordered old-fashioned glass-bottled Pepsis and Fantas.

As for the meal itself, the portion sizes were huge and, yes, I finished every last bite on my plate. I ordered the Vallarta Chimichanga, which contained a pair of deep fried chicken, spinach and white cheesy burritos, a side of refried beans and Mexican rice. Though it was delicious, I recommend the fajita burrito one of my friends bought which, honestly, puts Chipotle to shame. For those of you who like a plain cheese quesadilla, this place is not for you. Everything from the guacamole to the side order of rice packs strong flavor and an authentic feel.

At the end of the meal, everyone was served a complimentary cinnamon sugar fried tortilla with a caramel drizzle and dollop of whipped cream. It was the cherry on top, pun intended.

The biggest complaint I had about the meal was that I was too ridiculously full afterward to order more to bring home.

If you couldn’t tell by now, I am a huge fan of Puerto Vallarta, and recommend a visit if you’re looking for a relatively inexpensive, yet delicious meal.

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Puerto Vallarta Menu

good salsa. Despite being on the thinner side, the salsa actually had a nice spicy kick.

The menu had more options than you could imagine, and more than you’d expect from a relatively small restaurant in northern Indiana. Puerto Vallarta has an extensive lunch menu available every day until 3 p.m. and daily drink specials for those over 21.

Puerto Vallarta

Where: 4609 Grape Road, Mishawaka
When: Open 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.
Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday
Price: \$4-8 for lunch, \$6-12 for dinner



SCENE

Selects

1

“Pan Am”

Intrigue and glamour rule in ABC’s new series about stewardesses in the early 1960s. Some may be hesitant about its similarity to “Mad Men,” but “Pan Am” provides just enough difference to turn it into a fantastic series in its own right. The beautiful scenery of Paris and London in the first two episodes invokes wanderlust in even the sternest homebodies. The backdrop of the most major airline of the time is the perfect setting for a spy drama to ensue. It situates the series in a more political context instead of only paying superficial attention to the aesthetic of the 1960s. **Airs Sundays at 10 p.m. on ABC.**

2

“The Rachel Zoe Project”

Zoe-M-G! This show is ba-na-nas. Even though “The Rachel Zoe Project” is several seasons in the making, the current fourth season is mah-jor. While pregnant, Rachel is so much less high stress than normal and it’s truly refreshing to see her so happy after a tumultuous third season between her and husband Roger. The addition of the gorgeous Jeremiah is perfect. The series showcases Rachel’s first collection as a designer and the unbelievable ten look spectacular that was Anne Hathaway at the Oscars. It may not be new but it’s definitely worth watching, even if fan favorite Brad Goreski is out of the picture. **Airs Tuesdays at 9 p.m. on Bravo.**

3

“Up All Night”

The new NBC show about a couple, played by Christina Applegate and Will Arnett, and their new baby manages to avoid all of the alienating pitfalls of many shows about parenthood. It’s a show that remains funny whether you’ve had a child or not. Applegate and Arnett have fantastic chemistry and play off each other perfectly, and “Bridesmaids” star Maya Rudolph adds some just-over-the-top-enough humor for a perfect blend of comedy and charm. **Airs Wednesdays at 8 p.m. on NBC.**

4

“Archer”

Best described as “Arrested Development” meets “James Bond,” “Archer” walks the line of absurdly immature and incredibly clever. Set in a world where the Soviet Union still exists, “Archer” makes use of anachronisms, obscenity, Oedipal complexes and explosions, many explosions, to explore the spy world in the fastest paced animated comedy on TV. **Airs Wednesdays at 10 p.m. on FX.**

5

“Revenge”

There’s nothing better than revenge, except maybe watching the chilling story of someone else exacting bloody revenge. ABC’s new drama “Revenge,” starring Madeleine Stowe (“Last of the Mohicans”) and Emily VanCamp (“Everwood”), affords viewers just that opportunity. Billed as an adaptation of “The Count of Monte Cristo,” the thriller follows the story of Emily Thorne (VanCamp) as she seeks retribution for the arrest of her father. Set in the beautiful landscape of the Hamptons, “Revenge” keeps you on the edge of your seat and always coming back to see what calculated move Emily will make next. **Airs Wednesdays at 10 p.m. on ABC.**



is Darling in ‘What’s your number?’

By COURTNEY COX
Assistant Scene Editor

“What’s Your Number?” explores the effects of a fictional Marie Claire article that claims any woman who sleeps with more than 20 men will not find a husband. The movie’s raunchy humor and Anna Faris’ undeniable charm keep it afloat.

In the lead up to her sister Daisy’s wedding, Ally Darling (Faris) experiences a moment of panic thinking about her own casual dating experiences. She reads an article that reports, much to her horror, that the average number of partners for a woman is 10. Ally has been with nearly double that number.

Further fueling her panic, Ally is fired from her marketing job and subsequently embarrasses herself with a disastrous toast that ends up on YouTube.

One night at the bar, Ally decides it would be a good idea to compare numbers with her friends, but is disappointed to find out how much more promiscuous she is than her cohorts.

In an attempt to avoid going over 20

men, she calls on her hunky neighbor Colin (Chris Evans) to help her track down her ex-flings. In exchange, she offers Colin shelter in her apartment when he needs to avoid the many women he brings back to his bachelor pad for one night of lust.

Typical romantic comedy plotlines ensue, but it’s almost easy to forget the film’s predictability because of the intermittent cameos from every comedian in the business.

Faris’ real-life husband, Chris Pratt, starts the parade of exes by playing Disgusting Donald. The flashback to their relationship hysterically shows them each at least 50 pounds heavier and talking about Korean barbecue. Pratt re-appears throughout the film, and Donald appears infinitely more put together than his television alter-ego, Andy Dwyer on “Parks and Recreation.”

The cameos don’t stop there. Andy Samberg stops in as the puppeteer Ally lost her virginity to. Awkward and definitely more disgusting than Disgusting Donald, Samberg is fantastic as Gerry Perry.

Aziz Ansari may not physically be in

the movie, but he makes a vocal cameo as an ex named Jay in the most important call of the film. It leaves the audience just praying for a flashback of Jay and Ally’s Caribbean tryst.

Faris is perfect as Ally because she so effortlessly combines pure fun and carelessness without dipping too completely into the realm of dumb blonde. Anyone who’s seen “House Bunny” knows it’s easy for her to pass as the Playboy Bunny type, but in “What’s Your Number?” she comes off as much more substantial.

Faris is a sculptor who enjoys creating gritty urban scenes and only works in marketing to pay the bills. She’s misguided in her pursuit of love, but that doesn’t mean she isn’t looking for something that lasts. The line between stupid and fun is very thin, but Faris has perfected a winning blend in Ally Darling.

Evans is extremely attractive as Colin and he’s just the right person to play off Faris’ enthusiastic Ally. He’s a little subtler with his feelings, but he shows them obviously with his actions. His character leads the two to one of the movie’s more romantic moments, diving

into the bay of Boston. It’s a little strange, however, to see him walk out of his apartment on several occasions completely nude, save for a dishtowel.

The film is ultimately about finding the right person. The perfect stable man with an incredible job may be the dream for some women, but for those like Ally, that’s simply not who they’re meant to be with.

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“What’s Your Number?”

Starring: Anna Faris, Chris Evans
and Ari Graynor
Directed By: Mark Mylod



Hollywood executives like to make money. To that end, they tend to like making movies they are confident lots of people will want to go see. This means the types of movies that get made are innumerable sequels and adaptations of other media properties. There isn’t anything inherently wrong with this, except that turning an animated series into a live action movie is often a terrible idea.

Patrick McManus

Scene Writer

Certain stories are suited to a specific medium. That is why (among other reasons) “Catch Me if You Can” was a great movie and a so-so musical. That is why no matter how hard they tried, “The Smurfs” was not going to be a quality film. However, because “The Smurfs” grossed nearly \$140 million, it seems unlikely that live action adaptation of cartoons will stop anytime soon. That doesn’t have to be a bad thing, as long as the right cartoons are turned into movies.

Computer-generated animals talking to real people is just weird. That is why “Yogi Bear” was not only bad, but also completely unwatchable. However, this list is going to start with the one exception to that rule.

The classic 1960s Hanna-Barbera cartoon “Top Cat” would make a great movie. The plot revolves around Top Cat leading his gang of alley cats in attempts to outsmart Officer Dribble and make a quick buck. It’s a clever and funny series that could even make jokes addressing how silly the movie might look, without breaking character.

There have been numerous attempts to turn “Jonny Quest” into a live action movie, including the announcement in 2009 that Zac Efron and Dwayne Johnson would star in an adaptation, but no further announcements have been made about the progress of the movie. The story of Jonny, his adopted brother Hadji, his father Dr. Quest, his bodyguard special agent Race Bannon and his dog Bandit gallivanting around the world on all sorts of adventures lends itself naturally to the screen. “Jonny Quest” set the standard for realistic action cartoons in its day and could do the same for contemporary movies.

Another animated action adventure series that seems to be stranded somewhere in the development process is the Cartoon Network classic “Samurai Jack.” In 2009 it was announced that J.J. Abrams would produce the film, retelling the tale of the Japanese samurai trying to make his way home after being displaced in time by the villainous demon Aku. Hopefully this movie will make it, because the original series was awesome and because it won’t be as ridiculous as a live action “Alvin and the Chipmunks.”

The problem with the “Pirates of the Caribbean” franchise was that after the first movie, no one, including the director, had any idea what was going on. They could have avoided that problem by adapting the 1991 cartoon “The Pirates of Dark Water,” which tells the tale of Prince Ren collecting the Thirteen Treasures of Rule.

Their combined power is the only way to stop the mysterious Dark Water from consuming the world of Mer. The series contains many fantastical elements and is a great swashbuckling tale. Adapting the series could also be

fun because it was cancelled due to high-production costs after only eight of the treasures were collected.

The movie “Transformers” was adapted from the line of toys, so its plot did not really owe anything to the numerous animated shows based on the same toys. This was unfortunate because the story (and Shia LaBeouf) was the biggest problem with that trilogy.

It would have been better to adapt the anime show “Mobile Suit Gundam Wing” that aired on Cartoon Network’s Toonami block in 2000. The movie would look a lot like “Transformers” with giant robots fighting and blowing stuff up, but the series would provide rich character development and tense political drama (and no Shia LaBeouf).

The cartoon that most deserves to be turned into a live action movie is “Thundarr the Barbarian.” Set in a post-apocalyptic world filled with both advanced science and magic, the story follows the eponymous barbarian wielding his light-saber-esque Sunsword and his companions, the beautiful sorceress Princess Ariel and Ookla the Mok (a Chewbacca look-alike).

The trio rides around the ruins of the United States and fights evil wizards, but any conceivable type of foe fits seamlessly into the world of “Thundarr.” It wasn’t a particularly smart cartoon, but it certainly has all the trappings of a blockbuster film.

Hollywood, take note!

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CARTOONS Ripe for Adaptation

SPORTS AUTHORITY

Disastrous Dolphins

If you took a potty-training baby, put it in one of those “Hoarders” houses and threw a raging party before crashing a Hummer into a Civic in the driveway, you would have a mess.

And then you have the Miami Dolphins.



Matthew DeFranks

Sports Writer

Fresh off a 26-16 loss in San Diego, Miami has now dropped its opening four games and seven in a row dating back to last season. The Dolphins have not won more than two consecutive games since 2008, when they won the AFC East title in coach Tony Sparano’s first year.

2008 was a strange year for the Dolphins. They came off a 1-15 season, welcomed a new coach, faced an easy schedule and conditioned a new veteran quarterback.

The Phins finished 11-5, winning seven games by less than seven points before bowing out in the first round of the playoffs to Baltimore. A playoff season should always be commended but that season was a bit fluky, as the past couple years have shown.

Why do I bring up the one good season in recent Dolphins history? Because it is Sparano’s crowning achievement in an otherwise underwhelming tenure.

Dolphins majority owner Stephen Ross agrees — but maybe not whole-heartedly. In January, Ross traveled to California to try to woo former Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh to replace Sparano at Miami. Ross’ recruiting pitch was ultimately not good enough (Harbaugh now coaches the 49ers), or private enough.

The West coast trip was front page news on the Miami Herald, a lead story on SportsCenter and a poorly kept secret. Whispers began to amplify and rumors continued to swirl. But Sparano survived that swell. Whether or not he survives the possible oncoming tidal wave, however, is yet to be seen.

Not like Ross cares, either.

He is too busy tracking down celebrity part owners (like Gloria Estefan and the Williams sisters), putting a night club in Sun Life Stadium and “enhancing the fan experience” to truly worry about his on-the-field product.

Not only did the Dolphins blatantly look for a new coach, but they also searched for a replacement to take over Chad Henne’s quarterbacking duties. The big prize? Kyle Orton, of zero postseason starts. When you want Orton to be your top quarterback, you are in trouble (see: Broncos, Denver, 2010).

But still, management tried and tried and tried to land Orton and fans at training camp chanted for him. However, Miami could not even snag a quarterback with just one season and a completion percentage over 60.

Even worse is that Henne was injured during the loss to the Chargers, leaving Miami with Matt Moore as its primary quarterback. But maybe help is on the way.

The Phins with no wins look like big contenders in the Suck for Luck 2012 campaign. One of few 0-4 teams remaining, Miami is in a prime position

to grab the number one overall pick, presumably Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck.

Miami’s last top pick, offensive tackle Jake Long, has blossomed into a Pro Bowler. Dolphins fans can only hope Luck can do the same.

If you took an embattled, overmatched coach, put him in a franchise nearly 40 years removed from their last championship with a disconnected owner, shopped around for a new coach and new quarterback before losing four straight games to open the season, you have a disaster. Welcome to the Miami Dolphins franchise.

At least part owners Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony are still together. Oh, wait, looks like the Dolphins really are a wreck.

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NFL

Cowboys to recoup during bye week

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — So much for Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys getting extra time to savor something good.

Instead of a three-game winning streak, Dallas (2-2) began its bye week — and now excruciating extra time before playing again — after the biggest collapse in the team’s 52-season history with coach Jason Garrett again having to defend his quarterback after another turnover-plagued finish.

“Certainly, Tony has had a lot of really good games for us. He’s had some games where things haven’t gone well also. In recent weeks, I think we’ve seen each of those kinds of games,” Garrett said Monday.

“Even the best ones have games that end like this. Tony will learn from this. He goes about it the right way, and we will be better as a football team because of this.”

The worrisome part for the Cowboys (2-2) has to be how the latest meltdown, blowing a 24-point lead over the last 25 minutes in a 34-30 loss to Detroit, is eerily similar to how the season began.

In the season-opening loss at the New York Jets, Romo had an interception and lost a fumble at the 3 as Dallas blew a 14-point fourth-quarter lead to lose for the first time in franchise history.

Against Detroit on Sunday, the Cowboys led 27-3 after Romo threw his third touchdown early in the third quarter. He followed with three interceptions, the first two returned for touchdowns and the third setting up the Lions’ game-winning score with 1:39 left.

“Certainly the thing that we’ll continue to emphasize to our football team, and he’s a big part of that, is playing winning football and doing the things that help you win games, and the last couple of weeks he’s done those things,” Garrett said.

“In this game against Detroit and the earlier game against the Jets he didn’t do those things. Hopefully, he’ll learn from those experiences.”

A week after the loss to the Jets, Romo threw for 201 yards in the fourth quarter and overtime of a win at San Francisco despite suffering a fractured rib and punctured lung early in the game

The Cowboys then had an 18-16 win over NFC East rival Washington, the first time in 10 years they won without scoring a touchdown.



AP

Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant sits on the bench Sunday during Dallas’ 34-30 loss to Detroit in Arlington, Tex.

Before losing to the undefeated Lions (4-0), the biggest lead blown by the Cowboys in a loss was against Washington on Nov. 28, 1965, when they had a 21-0 lead in the second quarter and lost 34-31. That was exactly four months before Garrett was born, and during the franchise’s sixth season before Dallas had ever been in a playoff game.

Players had their scheduled day off Monday, then will practice Tuesday and Wednesday before getting a four-day weekend. Their next game is Oct. 16 at New England.

“You can’t forget about this. You want to remember these types of losses. This is something you definitely want to learn from,” linebacker Anthony Spencer said after the game.

“We have to realize we were up and we didn’t finish the game. We know that this can’t keep happening throughout the season and if it does we’re going to be the mediocre team that we don’t want to be.”

Tight end Jason Witten described the loss as “frustrating” and “disappointing.” He said the team will stay together and believe in each other with three-fourths of the regular season still left to play.

Even after missing a chance to be 3-1, the Cowboys have one more win than at this point last season. They were 1-7 and lost Romo to a broken collarbone before Wade Phillips was fired and Garrett promoted.

“We must and we will look ahead,” owner Jerry Jones said after the game.

“We know how for it to be worse than this. We’ve experienced it, a lot of this same group has experienced it. So we’ll get in here, take our bye, get well and come back and try to do something very special.”

There was an awkward moment on the sideline Sunday between Jones and Romo after Detroit scored its go-ahead touchdown.

A short video clip shows Jones patting Romo on the shoulder pads and then reaching for the quarterback’s jersey while apparently offering encouragement. Romo pulled away and kept walking.

Jones never addressed that brushoff after the game, when he quickly defended the quarterback. The owner said he had “a lot of faith in Romo” and nothing had changed that.

Since leading the Cowboys to their first playoff victory in 13 seasons at the end of the 2009 season, Romo is 3-8 in his past 11 starts, including his abbreviated 2010 season.

“I think he’s a very good starting quarterback,” Garrett said. “I played next to a Hall of Fame quarterback in this organization (Troy Aikman) for a long time and each and every day he came in to learn and get better. That’s what the best ones do in football and do in life. I’d expect Tony to continue to do that.”

Romo also got a show of support Monday from Dallas Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki, who tweeted “Dear tony romo. Don’t worry abt all the critics. I heard that same garbage for a long time. Keep working hard and keep improving.”

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Wildcats dominate Welsh Family, 38-8

By **BRENDAN BELL**
Sports Writer

Ryan continued its dominance this weekend with a 38-8 victory over Welsh Family.

Ryan (3-0) fell behind early in the game 8-0, but immediately responded with a touchdown and never looked back. Senior captain and running back Brianna Curtis led the Wildcats with 100 rushing yards and two touchdowns along with 20 receiving yards.

“This week basically was just putting what we’ve done in practice into play,” Curtis said.

Junior quarterback Maya Pillai also threw for three touchdown passes in the game. With the score at 14-8, the Wildcats ran a hook and lateral to Curtis down the sideline for a 65-yard touchdown.

“It’s a play we like and it’s difficult to pull off, but when we do it’s a lot of fun,” Curtis said. “It worked out really well for us today.”

Welsh Family (2-2) started out strong with a touchdown pass from junior quarterback Vicky Moreno to senior receiver Natalie Baldasare. After the Whirlwind’s quick start, though, they struggled against the Wildcat defense.

“We made a couple of errors and didn’t make adjustments well,” senior receiver and captain Charlotte Seasily said. “Next week we will look to tighten things up a little bit offensively.”

Ryan looked to keep its undefeated season alive last night against Pasquerilla East, while Welsh Family hopes to bounce back against Walsh next Sunday.

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Lewis 8, Pasquerilla East 6

By **JONATHAN WARREN**
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Following a scoreless first half, both Pasquerilla East and Lewis were ready to prove themselves in the second, but it was the Chicks who edged ahead with an 8-6 victory.

Lewis junior quarterback Connaught Blood found sophomore receiver Colleen Haller for the decisive touchdown.

“Getting an offensive touchdown was a highlight for us this game,” senior captain Margot DeBot said.

By winning, the Chicks (2-1) kept their playoff hopes alive.

“With our first loss, we needed to win most if not all of the rest of our games,” DeBot said. “This game and winning two games in a row definitely gives us momentum. We’re really getting into a groove.”

Pasquerilla East (0-3-1) is still looking for its first win. The Pyros took the lead in the contest when freshman receiver Amanda LaPorte caught a pass and ran for a 20-yard touchdown.

“Overall, it was a tough loss,” LaPorte said. “We gave it our hardest effort, and we’ve really improved a lot.”

The Pyros’ defense, with great pass coverage from junior safety Anna Perino, held

the Chicks scoreless until the second half.

“The defense had some pretty big plays,” LaPorte said. “They did really well in the first half and worked really hard.”

The Pyros hoped to notch their first victory against Ryan last night and the Chicks look to continue their momentum against Lyons on Monday.

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Lyons 13, Walsh 12

By **STEPHANIE BANTA**
Sports Writer

In a game that was decided in the final seconds, Lyons gained a victory beating Walsh 13-12 Sunday night.

“We are thrilled,” senior quarterback Kat Rodriguez said. “It was an exhilarating win.”

Rodriguez, who threw for 153 yards, led the Lyonites (2-2) through the aggressive Wild Woman defense.

“Our offense played well today, especially under the pressure of Walsh’s defense,” Rodriguez said. “We were able to hold ourselves together and play composed.”

The Lyonites found keeping their composure even harder after two penalties cost them 75 yards and a touchdown in the second half.

“We were a bit dejected after the penalties but we knew there was nothing we could do about it except play even harder,” Rodriguez said. “Overall it was a great game with a lot of controversial calls. That we were able to hold it together till the end shows the strength of Lyons Hall football and how far we have come since last year.”

Working to improve each week, Walsh (0-3-1) grappled with setbacks as well.

“They ran a different offense than we expected which threw us off a bit but defense adjusted well,” junior captain Lindy Navarre said. “We played well and we played hard and I guess that’s all we can ask for. No one likes to lose but we’re improving each game.”

With 96 rushing yards and two forced punts, Walsh has found improvements since its last game especially with young talent like freshman Maggie Fisher, who scored one of Walsh’s two touchdowns.

“We just need to regroup and refocus for this coming week,” Navarre said. “I am confident in the talent of this team and their dedication to the game.”

Lyons looked to continue its winning ways against Lewis last night, while Walsh hopes to regain its composure against Welsh Family on Sunday.

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Cavanaugh 20, Breen-Phillips 0

By **BRIAN HARTNETT**
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The Cavanaugh offense made it a point to score early and often Sunday night, amassing

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ability of the offense to help the defense.

“It’s on the offense,” Dansdill said. “The offense was bad and it made the defense tired.”

Alumni will try to reestablish its dominant defense Sunday against Knott, while Siegfried will look to stay undefeated Sunday against Morrissey.

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St. Edward’s 9, Fisher 8

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Sports Writer

St. Edward’s triumphed over Fisher in a thrilling 9-8 battle that came down to the last play.

The Gentlemen (1-1) first drew blood in the showdown with a 47-yard field goal. Then, with six minutes left in the game, junior receiver Connor Ryan came up with a clutch 11-yard touchdown catch from sophomore quarterback Paul Martin Rodriguez to secure the lead at 9-8.

“Our passing really came together towards the end, and our defense ran hard,” senior defensive lineman Neil Mathieson said.

Mathieson had two pass breakups, a sack and a forced fumble for the Gentlemen.

The defense as a whole stood firm in the face of Fisher’s attack with two interceptions that iced the win for St. Edward’s.

“We can’t lose right now,” Mathieson said.

Fisher (1-2) came away disappointed, despite a solid defensive effort that included three sacks. Dropped interceptions haunted the Green Wave, and a failure to establish a consistent passing attack kept the offense one-dimensional.

“We just need to get going in the first half,” junior captain Matt Hart said.

Fisher sophomore quarterback Joe Paggi marched the offense down the field in the third quarter, scoring on a three-yard sneak and converting the two-point conversion with another run. But mistakes and turnovers limited Fisher, and despite recovering a fumble in the fourth quarter, the offense could not generate any significant drives late in the game.

“If we bring more offensive intensity, then we’re tough to beat,” Hart said.

St. Edward’s will try to extend its winning streak against Zahm on Sunday, while Fisher looks to improve in practice during a bye week.

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Carroll 9, Zahm 0

By ALLY DARRAGH
Sports Writer

Carroll dominated Zahm in a 9-0 shutout win Sunday, prolonging the Zahmbies’ search for their first win.

“I had the time of my life out there today,” Zahm senior Luke Lennon said. “I don’t think we lost. I think the only people that lose are the people who actually care about interhall football. I’m just excited to finally go to the Old Country Buffet.”

Zahm (0-2) had a chance to take the lead after intercepting a pass at the Carroll 20-yard line. But the Zahmbies could not muster up enough offensive production to capitalize on

the potentially game-changing opportunity and failed to convert on third-and-inches. The Vermin (2-1) then took over on downs and scored on a 15-yard pass to sophomore receiver Bobby Dorman.

“It was good to come back out with a win and hopefully the same will happen next weekend against Sorin,” junior captain Keith Marrero said. “I’m proud of the way we came out today. We came ready to play and we got it done.”

Zahm, meanwhile, is hoping for a different outcome next weekend.

“We had a great time out there today, but there isn’t much you can do with everyone playing both ways,” senior center Ryan Costello said. “We don’t have many options right now. We only have two more games left, so if we can just work on the positive things we did today, I think we might be able to turn it around a little bit.”

Zahm will play St. Edward’s on Sunday, while Carroll faces Sorin in hopes of continuing its winning streak.

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Dillon 17, Stanford 0

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Dillon sophomore quarterback Kevin Fink threw for 109 yards with a touchdown and ran for another 36 yards in a 17-0 win over Stanford.

“Our offensive line played amazing,” Fink said. “They determine how well our offense plays. Without them, we could have not played as well as we did.”

From the first snap, the Big Red (2-1) dominated, opening the game with a quick 47-yard pass to junior receiver Will Salvi that led to a 36-yard field goal.

“We controlled the ball with two quick turnovers which set the tone for our offense,” Salvi said. “Our biggest improvement by far was the fact that we made no mental mistakes and we took care of the football.”

Meanwhile the Griffins defensemen played well, giving up 195 yards of total offense but still keeping their team in the game. Their offense, however, never really gained momentum

after committing too many penalties and turning over the ball twice.

One of the bright spots for the Griffins, though, was an outstanding one-handed grab by sophomore receiver Jack Bernard.

Stanford junior captain Eric Zeltwanger said the Griffins (1-1) will take a lot from this game.

“We had no energy, spirit and we played dead football,” Zeltwanger said.

The Griffins will look to revive their playoff hopes next week when they play Keough, and the Big Red will play O’Neill on Sunday.

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Duncan 7, Morrissey 0

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

After running the ball well the whole game, Duncan finally reached the end zone in the third quarter when sophomore running back Noah Rangel scored on a five-yard touchdown run to shut out Morrissey 7-0.

The Highlanders (1-2) came out on top with their combination of smash-mouth football and a strong defensive effort. The Highlanders combined for 214 yards rushing, with 130 coming from Rangel and sophomore quarterback Josh Whelan.

“Our offensive line played with a lot of intensity today and our fullback had a couple of great blocks that opened some holes and got me some yards,” Rangel said.

Rangel’s winning touchdown was set up by Whelan’s 20-yard pass to the Morrissey 5-yard line on fourth down after Whelan fumbled the field goal snap.

In addition to an effective rushing attack, the Highlanders’ defense also played well, Whelan said.

“Our defense was great as always,” Whelan said. “It’s really been a strong point of this team.”

Duncan had two interceptions on the day, including one with 1:25 left in the game. Morrissey threatened to score, but the sophomore quarterback Patrick Dugan threw an interception at the goal line and ended the Manor’s chance to tie the game.



SARAH O’CONNOR/The Observer

Fisher sophomore quarterback Joe Paggi tries to escape a tackle during the Green Wave’s 9-8 loss to St. Edward’s on Sunday.

Morrissey struggled to generate offense in the game, only gaining three first downs. The Manor also lost the time of possession battle, as they did not once have the ball on offense in the third quarter.

“We played hard,” junior safety Alex Oloriz said. “We played for four quarters and always will.”

Next week the Manor will try to get their season back on track against Siegfried while Duncan has the week off.

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Keenan 35, O’Neill 14

By MEGHAN RODER
Sports Writer

Keenan took care of O’Neill 35-14, despite an O’Neill comeback attempt that left the game tied at 14 in the second half.

“We shot ourselves in the foot the first half,” O’Neill senior captain Guy Schwartz said. “We did a lot better in the second half. It was tied at 14-14 and that was obviously not because Keenan was letting up. Our offense fixed a lot of the problems

they were having in the first half.”

Sophomore Jonathan Savakus maneuvered his way through the Knights’ defense, helping push the Mob offense during the second half. But there was not much the Mob (0-2) could do to prevent the Knights’ reign.

“Today feels really good. Those guys beat us last year and there was no mistake that this was our payback,” junior captain Andrew McDonough said. “It got a little chippy out there towards the end, but we are really happy with the way we played.”

Led by senior Allan Jones who recorded two catches and a touchdown on the day, the Knights’ offense was nearly unstoppable.

“Big shout out to the offensive line,” McDonough said. “Behind the line of scrimmage I got touched once. I was able to throw all day. When our guys do their jobs, that allows our offense to really click how it did today.”

Keenan has a bye next week, while O’Neill plays Stanford on Sunday.

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Chaos

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three touchdowns in the first half to give the Chaos a 20-0 win over Breen-Phillips.

After being held to a three-and-out on its first drive, Cavanaugh (3-0) scored on its next three possessions. The Chaos put their first points on the board when senior quarterback Rebecca Cink connected with senior receiver Brittni Alexander on a 19-yard touchdown pass. Alexander would then find the end zone again on the next possession, running the ball in from the 1-yard line to give the Chaos a 13-0 lead.

"I simply ran my routes the way they were designed and turned on the afterburners to outrun their defenders," Alexander said. "Rebecca can really throw the deep ball, and she executed well today."

Cink showed her effective passing skills on several long completions, including a 41-yard touchdown pass to senior receiver Bridget Bredemann with mere seconds left in the first half.

Breen-Phillips (0-4) was able to gain yardage on offense, amassing eight first downs and utilizing several strong runs from sophomore quarterback Molly Toner.

However, the Babes were kept from reaching the end zone by Cavanaugh's defense, a unit that has not allowed a single point this season.

"We moved the ball better today than we have done the entire year," Toner said. "Unfortunately, we couldn't put together enough good plays in a row to score touchdowns."

Breen-Phillips looks to notch its first win of the season when it plays Pasquerilla West next Sunday, while Cavanaugh looks to keep its perfect record

intact when it plays Pangborn tonight.

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Farley 6, Pangborn 0

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

On its way to its third shutout of the season, an undefeated Farley squad defeated Pangborn 6-0.

Farley (3-0) relied on its lockdown defense and some timely offense to get the victory. Senior defensive end Elise Jordan and senior defensive back Claire Kueny both greatly contributed to the defensive effort, as Jordan had four key stops in the backfield and Kueny had one of the Finest's two interceptions.

"It was a hard fought defensive battle," Jordan said. "I'm really proud of the defense."

The Finest's lone score came in the first half when senior quarterback Megan Bastedo threw a 1-yard touchdown pass. Farley's offense had difficulties in the second half as they failed to gain a first down, but the first-half score was enough for the Finest's defense.

Pangborn (1-2) stayed with the Finest all game and threatened to score at the very end but ran out of time on the clock. The Phoxes were frustrated by the Finest's defense in the first half, running only five plays. Though they felt short of scoring, the Phoxes made some improvements in the second half, amassing 100 yards of offense.

"It was a good game," senior captain Liz Pawlak. "But it was frustrating we couldn't score."

Since the defense was able to stop Farley's offense for the majority of the game, Pawlak says Pangborn hopes it can work on its offensive production.



KARLA MORENO/The Observer

Pasquerilla West lines up on offense during the Purple Weasels' 20-6 win over Badin on Sunday. Junior quarterback Kirsten Danna, back left, directed the offense on three scoring drives.

"Hopefully we can get our offense down the field a little bit better," Pawlak said.

Farley looks to stay unbeaten tonight against Badin, while Pangborn also plays tonight, hoping to get back to .500 with a win against Cavanaugh.

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Pasquerilla West 20, Badin 6

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

Pasquerilla West put together a dominant all-around effort in a 20-6 win over Badin.

Coming off a thrilling come-from-behind win last week against Pangborn, the Purple Weasels (2-1) picked up right where they left off, scoring on their first two drives of the game. Pasquerilla West is

surging, and has its sights set on a third straight championship game appearance.

"We're feeling really confident right now," senior head coach Jim Moore said. "We're looking to get back to [Notre Dame Stadium]. We lost in the championship game the last two years and we don't think it's a successful season unless we win the championship."

The Purple Weasels had to install a new offense after losing freshman quarterback Lauren Vidal to the varsity crew team. Junior Kirsten Danna took over at quarterback and the offense didn't miss a beat. Pasquerilla West scored three times, twice on trick plays.

"We scored on some trick plays that they love running," Moore said. "We had the line-man screen and the option pass, which worked like a charm."

Badin (1-2), which only had

one first down in the first half, struggled to find continuity on offense. The Bullfrogs, however, know they ran into a powerhouse in Pasquerilla West.


"We put up a good fight against a good [Pasquerilla West] team," senior captain Melissa Guinan said. "We're seeing a lot of improvement and we're excited for our next game against Farley."

Some of that improvement was seen in the offense in the second half. With junior Ashley Okonta in at quarterback, the Bullfrogs moved the ball with more success. Okonta accumulated 78 total yards, 10 of which came on a touchdown run.

Badin looks to get back on track tonight against Farley, while Pasquerilla West hopes to keep rolling next Sunday versus Breen-Phillips.

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Belles begin MIAA stretch with Trine

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

Looking to return to the winning ways that marked the Belles' early season, Saint Mary's begins a stretch of four straight MIAA matches on the road Tuesday with a game against Trine College.

After winning the first five games of their season, the Belles (6-4, 2-4) have since dropped four of five, including a 2-0 home loss Saturday to Kalamazoo.

To get past the Thunder and avoid dropping to seventh place in the nine-team MIAA, the Belles will look to convert more of their opportunities on offense. In Saturday's match, Saint Mary's managed 14 shots — only three less than Kalamazoo — but failed to convert any of the opportunities into goals.

Senior midfielder/forward Kate-lyn Tondo-Steele will look to spark the Belles' offensive efforts. Tondo-Steele leads the Saint Mary's squad with 10 shots on goal for the year, and is tied for the team lead in scoring with three goals thus far.

Meanwhile the Belles' defense will look to continue its strong play so far this season. The defensive squad has surrendered a mere 11 goals in 10 games and has given up more than two goals on only

one occasion.

Saint Mary's youth at the goal-keeper position have also contributed to the Belles' backfield efforts. The team's two goalies, freshmen Chandler Rosenbaum and Natalie Warner, have together saved 77 percent of shots sent their way.

In the upcoming match, the Belles face a Thunder team (3-6-1, 1-4-1) that has dealt with its own struggles lately, winning just one of their last seven games.

However, Trine put forth an encouraging effort Saturday as it took MIAA-leading Alma College to a scoreless tie. Though goals have proven hard to come by for the Thunder offense, the defense has stepped up over the past four games, allowing a mere two goals cumulatively.

The Thunder defense has been anchored by the strong play of senior goalkeeper Jen Wall. Facing a barrage of 23 shots from the Alma offense Saturday, Wall managed to save all 11 shots on goal.

Saint Mary's will travel to Angola, Ind. on Tuesday to take on Trine College at 4 p.m.

Following Tuesday's game, the Belles will travel to Holland, Mich. for a match at Hope College on Thursday at 7 p.m.

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bers told us how significant it was going to be and set us up an account. Within two days, we had 25,000 hits, and I realized that it was just marketing. It was just a matter of time after that until I brought it to Notre Dame.”

In addition to Waldrum, many Irish players have also taken to tweeting. Senior captains Melissa Henderson and Jessica Schuveiller, freshman Taylor Schneider and sophomores Kecia Morway and Adriana Leon can be found on the site, and their back and forth with Waldrum is always entertaining.

“We have some good ones between us,” Waldrum said. “Unfortunately, you have to monitor them in this day and age, but so far the kids have been nothing but classy and funny.”

With its candid and humorous tweets, the team has attracted a large online following. Waldrum alone has over 1,400 followers and 2,500 tweets, and has reached an entire new set of fans.

“There’s been so much response to it,” Waldrum said. “I hope it has [brought in more fans]. We’ve gone back up this year, and it’s probably been a factor in that.”

For Waldrum, though, the biggest appeal of the site is the ability to keep in touch with the soccer community around the country.

“I think the best part of the whole thing is just the bantering that goes on around the country,” he said. “I decided to change it up this weekend, and I wore a suit and tie on the sidelines for our game against UConn on TV. I was inundated with tweets about how I was the [Portuguese team manager] Jose Mourinho of Notre Dame.”

Notre Dame will be back in action at Seton Hall on Friday at 7 p.m., where they hope to continue their #winning ways.

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Mathews

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rankings, which can help them get into the NCAA individual championships,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “It gives our top two players a chance to compete against the top players in the country.”

Mathews echoed her coach’s enthusiasm for meeting her toughest competitors.

“I look forward to this opportunity,” Mathews said. “Kristy and I have been working hard these past few weeks in preparation for this tournament and we feel great about our games as well as our chances this year.”

Sizing up some of the best competition in the country will be exciting, but it’s not the only thing on Mathews mind. She said she hopes the Southern California weather will live up to its reputation and bestow a bit of much-appreciated sunshine on the Irish.

“I always enjoy playing tennis outdoors, especially in California,” Mathews said. “Unfortunately, I think it will actually be warmer in South Bend this week than Pacific Palisades, but maybe Mother Nature will surprise us.”

Matthews will represent the Irish at the Riviera Tennis Club for All-American Qualifying in Pacific Palisades, Calif., on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Seniors

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ing played on the U.S. Amateur tour this summer, Scodro was named one of the top 50 college players to watch this season by Golf World magazine.

“Winning the Big East gave Scodro a lot of confidence,” Kubinski said. “He finished five off the lead at the Gopher Invitational last weekend, and he really didn’t play his best golf. That just shows how good he can be.”

Tom Usher and Chris Walker join Scodro at the top of the Irish line up.

Usher, who hails from Baildon, England, is attempting to come back from a wrist injury suffered while weightlifting in the spring season. Before the injury, Usher was a game changer for the Irish after he exploded onto the scene his sophomore season.

“Usher really has a chance to put together a special season,” Kubinski said. “Even though he’s recovering from injury he beat our whole team at qualifying early in the year. We know he has the big-time experience after winning the Big East as a sophomore.”

Walker is another player who has a chance to lead the Irish to a special year in 2011, Kubinski said. Though he broke into Notre Dame’s line-up during the fall of his sophomore year, Kubinski believes the Texan can raise his game to another level.

“Walker has been a steady, if not consistent player for us for a couple years,” Kubinski said.



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Senior Chris Walker surveys the course during Notre Dame’s sixth place finish in the Gridiron Golf Classic on Sept. 26 at the Warren Golf Course.

“When we recruited him, we saw him as a surefire No. 1 for us, and he has shown flashes of that. He hasn’t broken through to where we think he can go, but if he can, we’ll have a special season.”

Rounding out the foursome is walk-on Ryan Coughlin who, sitting at No. 6 or 7 on the depth chart, has a chance to make an impact for the first time this season.

“Coughlin actually tried out for the team as a sophomore, didn’t make it and returned for his junior year,” Kubinski said. “He’s a testament to what hard work can get you.”

With hard work and a little luck, Kubinski said he is confident this group of seniors could lead the Irish to a successful season.

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Brown

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pecially in high-pressure situations. I understand what it’s like to be a student athlete.”

Brown began her playing career at USC in 1976 and led the Trojans to a 72-1 record in her first two years. She left after her sophomore year, during which she won the Mikasa award for the nation’s “best all-around player” for the second year in a row. Brown joined the national team to train full time and cap-

tained the squad at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics.

But Brown said that is was her love of the college experience that led her back into coaching after her playing days were over.

“I always thought I’d continue as national team coach,” Brown said. “But I really missed the college atmosphere, being in a department that’s not just about volleyball.”

After six years as head coach at Arizona State, Brown joined the Irish in 1990. Since then, she has amassed a .717 winning percentage, 15 conference championships and 21 NCAA tournament appearances. But Brown said it is more than on-court successes that have kept her at Notre Dame for the last 21 years.

“I think I believe in everything that the University stands for and is trying to do,” Brown said. “The educational experience, campus life, spiritual growth is all so strong here.”

Through it all, Brown said she has always maintained a strong devotion to her players and their needs.

“Whether it’s coming in to watch film or analyze play, my players always come first no

matter what I’m doing,” Brown said. “Because when it comes down to it, that’s what we’re really here for.”

Brown’s busy schedule is a juggling act of coaching, program managing and recruiting in a cycle that she said seems never-ending. But, ultimately, Brown said all the hard work has been worth it.

“There can be some pretty late nights in the office,” Brown said. “But it’s what I signed up for.”

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18 Longtime New York theater critic

20 Emphatic follow-up to yes or no

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23 Actor in 1960s TV's "77 Sunset Strip"

26 Nary a soul

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- 32 Wilson of "Midnight in Paris"

33 Spanish king

34 Popular card game since 1954

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38 Org. issuing many refunds

39 TV/film/stage actor once married to actress Meredith Baxter

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51 Italian city famous for its cheese

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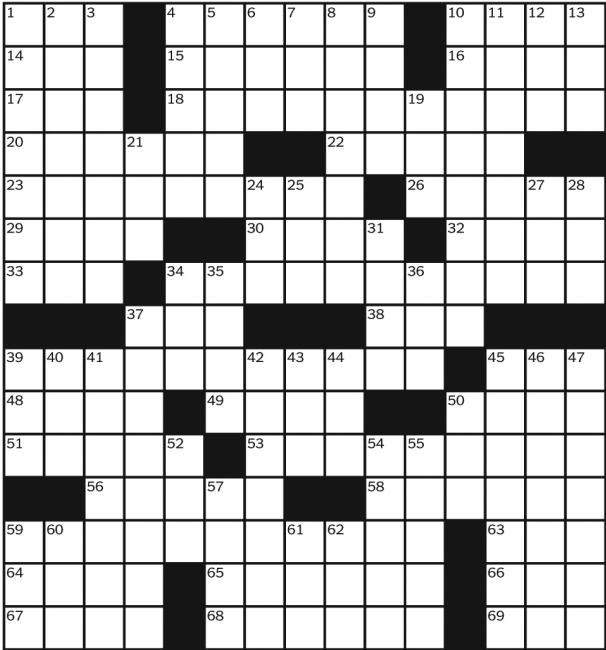
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ashlee Simpson, 27; Seann William Scott, 35; Neve Campbell, 38; Gwen Stefani, 42.

Happy Birthday: Ease into whatever you do. It's important to prepare as much as possible before making a commitment that you will have to live with for years to come. Pressure to earn more will take its toll. It's important that you enjoy what you do. Use your charm, follow your intuition and you will excel. Your numbers are 4, 13, 22, 28, 30, 42, 49.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Take on responsibility. Your ability to work quickly will be impressive. Participate in social events that are conducive to business and pleasure. An old friend or colleague will relay important information that can raise your income. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Express your ideas creatively. Follow your own path and make whatever you do appealing. You can ask for favors and support, but make sure you get what you want in writing. Someone from your past will help you make a decision. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Concentrate on advancement. Others will be intrigued by your quirkiness. A chance to develop something new will add to your credentials and draw recognition from those who can utilize your talent. If you don't like an offer, stay calm and counteroffer. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be fooled by what others do or say. A partnership problem will lead to unexpected change. Do your best to keep things stable at home. Someone will cost you emotionally and financially if you don't protect your assets. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be a recipient of good fortune if you are patient. An opportunity will pan out as long as you don't hesitate. If you waver, a promise may not be honored. Romance is highlighted and a commitment will be well received. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pick up new skills and information. What you discover now will pay off in the future. If you revisit your past, size up your situation and refrain from making similar mistakes, you will excel. Someone from your past will make you an offer. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't give in to demands or put up with outrageous behavior. Stand up for your rights and express yourself boldly. Unexpected changes are likely, but if you follow your own path you will have no regrets. It's you who needs to be pleased. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take old ideas and new technology and meld them together. You'll come up with a viable way to finish a project and turn it into a moneymaking machine. Expand your ideas and you will make financial gains. Take advantage of anyone offering assistance. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Turn your dream into a reality. Create the position you want and your services will be in demand. Love is in the stars, and mixing business with pleasure will pay off. Don't let an emotional mishap ruin your fun. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Prepare for the unexpected. Don't be daunted by last-minute changes. Follow your heart, regardless of what others do. Focus on home and family no matter what occurs. Speak from the heart and no one will be able to fault you. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You don't have to exaggerate to be heard. Your unique way of putting things will help you outsmart anyone who may have a different agenda. Upfront and forceful is the best route to take in order to beat any competition faced. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can get ahead professionally and improve your status by nudging people you've worked with in the past to team up with you again. Don't linger. Time is money, and now is your moment to bask in the limelight. ★★★★★

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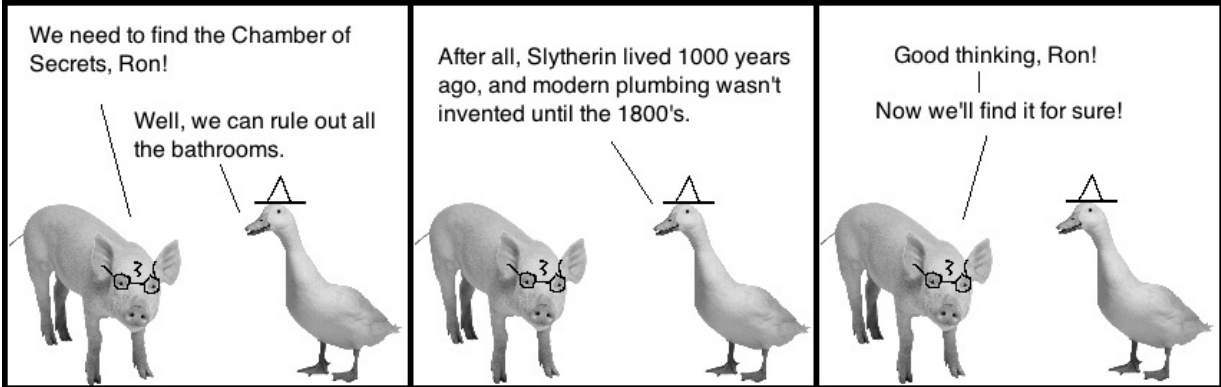
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MEN'S GOLF

Fantastic Four



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Senior Max Scodro sets up a putt during Notre Dame's sixth place finish in the Gridiron Golf Classic on Sept. 26 at the Warren Golf Course. Scodro is one of four seniors leading the Irish this season.

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

After a Big East championship and a respectable showing at the NCAA championship last year, Irish coach Jim Kubinski said his squad has the talent to make a deep run in national competition this year.

Returning the top five golfers from last season, Notre Dame draws strength from its depth and experience. That stems from the squad's four seniors, whose presence over the last three years has helped propel

the Irish to the brink of the nation's elite.

Though Kubinski was disappointed at his team's third place finish at the Gopher Invitational this past weekend, he said the tournament highlighted just how much potential his senior foursome of Tom Usher, Max Scodro, Chris Walker and Ryan Loughlin has.

"Three of those guys have been playing since their sophomore year and one since his freshman year," Kubinski said. "They know what they're doing out there, and more importantly

they know what they want to do. We were crushed after finishing third the other day. Last year we might have been satisfied with that, but not these guys this year."

Any discussion of the senior class has to start with Chicago native Max Scodro, the defending Big East individual champion. Despite Kubinski's reluctance to label him as such, Scodro appears to be Notre Dame's top golfer based on his early tournament results. Hav-

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Mathews to play in qualifying tourney

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

Shannon Mathews, the nation's No. 38 women's collegiate tennis player, will participate in the 64-player qualifying pool in Pacific Palisades, Calif., on Tuesday to try to secure a spot in this weekend's All-American Championships.

The senior will first play No. 43 Nadja Gilchrist from the University of Georgia. Mathews will need to win that match, plus two more across Tuesday and Wednesday, to be one of the eight finalists in the 32-player main draw.

Mathew's teammate Kristy

Frilling, ranked No. 3 in the country, is one of those 32. Together, the two make up the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's fifth-ranked women's doubles pair, and are already entered in the main draw of the 24-team doubles field.

This is the second consecutive year that the duo has automatically qualified for the main pool. Last year, the two defeated a pairing from Yale before falling to the nation's top-ranked pairing from the University of California in the round of 16.

"This is a tournament that helps our players' individual

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Brown draws on time as player to coach

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

Since taking over the reigns as head coach of Notre Dame, Debbie Brown transformed a program that had recorded just five winning seasons in its first 11 years of existence into a Big East powerhouse.

Now in her 21st season at Notre Dame, nine of Brown's Irish teams have ranked in the AVCA's final poll.

The involved coach has not only led her players to success in the collegiate realm, but also on the international stage. As

the Irish currently sit at 8-6 and appear poised to make a run in the Big East, current sophomore Andrea McHugh is set to join the ranks of Irish players on the U.S. national team.

Brown credits her experience playing both in college and on the international level with helping her relate to her players.

"I think as a coach, being a former player is a huge advantage," Brown said. "You are able to identify with players, what they're going through, es-

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Ramblers hand Dawgs their first loss of season

By SCOTT FRANO
Sports Writer

Siegfried not only became the first team to score on Alumni this season but also became the first to defeat the Dawgs with a 13-3 win Sunday.

Siegfried senior receiver Will Gesicki caught a touchdown pass on the Ramblers' first drive and junior running back David Whitmore added another touchdown on a sweep play at the end of the first half.

Whitmore admitted he knew of Alumni's shutout streak and gave his offensive line credit for the running game's success.

"We had some trouble getting a push from our line last week," Whitmore said. "We have some pretty good backs, we just needed a little space at the line and

we got that this week."

Alumni (2-1) tried to establish a running game of its own, but the Ramblers' defensive line stood tall throughout the contest. Senior defensive lineman Mike Dineen said he liked what he saw from the defense, but thinks there is still room for improvement.

"We did pretty well [Sunday]," Dineen said. "We just have to keep improving. We have to clean up some mistakes. They had a couple good runs on us but overall we caused some turnovers and got some good pressure from our defensive line."

Alumni senior running back and captain Dan Dansdill put the blame for the loss on the in-

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Waldrum, team embrace Twitter

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

In the world of college soccer, Irish coach Randy Waldrum is known as a successful coach, a strong tactician and a national champion. To an increasing number of on-line followers though, he's also known by another title: @NDCoachWaldrum.

Waldrum and the Irish have embraced Twitter as a way to reach out to fans and give people an inside look at the team. Waldrum said he was introduced to the power and reach of the website several years ago.

"What got me started in on Twitter was a convention a couple of years ago when I was president of the National Soccer Coaches Association," he said. "One of our board mem-

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Senior forward Melissa Henderson, right, is one of several Irish players who have taken to tweeting.