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## Student survives cancer, gives back

Junior overcomes breast cancer, helps research effective treatments on campus

By MEGAN DOYLE  
News Writer

During the fall semester of her freshman year, doctors diagnosed junior Courtney Rauch with breast cancer. Two years and numerous surgeries later, Rauch is now cancer-free and is actively involved in breast cancer research on campus.

"[Breast cancer has] kind of given me the mentality that you don't wait for things," Rauch said. "I try to make the most out of everything that I do here. Coming in, I knew I only have four years here and I have to make the most of college, but the fact that I had to miss school and, occasionally, I thought I would have to stay home an entire semester ... I dedicate myself to everything I do as much as I can."

Rauch said her family and friends supported her throughout the past two years as her cancer returned over and over again. She stayed in school, but traveled home multiple times for doctors' visits and surgeries.

"I have tremendous thanks



Photo courtesy of Courtney Rauch

Courtney Rauch, middle, stands with friends at a Making Strides for Breast Cancer event last October. Rauch was diagnosed with breast cancer during her freshman year and is now cancer-free.

for all of my friends, because freshman year — that's a lot to handle," Rauch said. "My friends did such a great job of keeping me positive."

As an applied mathematics major and a breast cancer patient, Rauch said she was im-

mediately drawn to a research opportunity with Department of Applied Mathematics chair Steven Buechler.

"He's doing research where he's not really finding a cure for cancer, but he's finding out ways to group breast cancer

patients so you know which treatment ... they would respond to," Rauch said. "The way it is now, a lot of people get chemo when they don't actually need chemo. The chemo

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## Malpass elected to TIFF board

Observer Staff Report

Scott Malpass, vice president and chief investment officer at Notre Dame, was recently elected to the board of The Investment Fund for Foundations (TIFF), according to a University press release.

The foundation's goal is to enhance investment returns of U.S. non-profit organizations, the release stated. TIFF currently manages more than \$9.5 billion for more than 750 endowed charities.

TIFF Chief Investment Officer Richard Flannery said Malpass's work at Notre Dame



Scott Malpass

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## USC game weekend handled smoothly



LISA HOEYNCK | Observer Graphic

By SARA FELSENSTEIN  
Associate News Editor

While students and faculty enjoyed Fall Break, Notre Dame Security Police (NDSF) and the Game Day Operations staff were hard at work preparing for Notre Dame's first night game in over 20 years.

Mike Seamon, director for Game Day Operations and associate vice president of Campus Safety, said the preparations

and execution of the weekend's festivities went smoothly, especially considering the massive undertaking of readying campus for a night game.

"People thought the atmosphere and the energy in the stadium were really great. We thought it was a lot of good positive energy and people were excited," Seamon said. "We've heard a lot of really good feed-

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## Archaeology class travels to Ireland

By NICOLE TOCZAUER  
News Writer

Explore Celtic Iron Age ruins? Check. Examine six-thousand-year-old Neolithic agricultural land? Check. Survive a gale that suspended the ferry system? Check.

Rain or shine, 12 Notre Dame students in the Archaeology of Ireland class ventured out each day during Fall Break to study the interdisciplinary facets of archaeology in coastal Ireland.

Professor Ian Kuijt, who has taught the course for the past five years, said the trip offered students an experience of the country far more intensive than that available to casual visitors.

"[There is] an adaptive, spontaneous aspect to it. You see sites off the beaten track, not ones you'd take a tourist bus to," Kuijt said. "Most are in remote locations and [students] probably won't ever see them again."

Kuijt planned this year's trip in collaboration with Director of Irish Studies Chris Fox and received funding from Richard Sweetman, '58.

Kuijt, accompanied by John



Photo courtesy of Ian Kuijt

Students in the Archaeology of Ireland class pose outside of Clifden Castle in Co. Galway, Ireland.

O'Neill, a professor at Ireland's Carlow College, led students in exploring five to eight sites each day. Each student took charge of a site, preparing a tour with write-ups and maps.

"When we went to the site, [the student site leader] had to wear a very attractive red safety vest and give a tour for 30 to 40 minutes. They were essentially in charge of that educational moment," Kuijt said. "That person always got to go on the site first, because

it was theirs."

Some of the sites included areas where Kuijt had done archeological surveys in the past, including Omey Island and Inisbofin. Kuijt and his students were prevented from visiting one of their planned sites by an intense gale that shut down the necessary ferry.

Kuijt said the students dealt well with the severe weather conditions.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT OTHER SONGS WOULD YOU HAVE LIKED TO HEAR DURING SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL GAME?**



**Elizabeth Tracy**

*freshman  
Lewis*

*"Just the band."*



**William Dotterweich**

*junior  
Standford*

*"Christmas songs."*



**Bridget Murphy**

*junior  
Breen-Phillips*

*"Land Down Under."*



**Caitlin Monesmith**

*senior  
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*"My Heart Will Go On."*



**Christian McWilliam**

*freshman  
Dillion*

*"State of Massachusetts' by the Dropkick Murphys."*



**Karina Dube**

*freshman  
Lewis*

*"The band."*

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email [obsphoto@gmail.com](mailto:obsphoto@gmail.com)



ASHLEY DACY/The Observer

**The drum major for Notre Dame's Marching Band leads the Irish Guard and fellow bandmates onto the field as students and fans clap along to the Notre Dame Victory March during Saturday's night game against USC.**

**OFFBEAT**

**Millions of bees shut down Utah highway**

SALT LAKE CITY — A flatbed truck carrying hundreds of beehives overturned near a construction zone on a Utah highway, freeing millions of bees and forcing authorities to temporarily close Interstate 15, officials said on Monday.

"The driver lost control, hit the concrete barrier and rolled over. Of course, we then had bees everywhere," said Corporal Todd Johnson with the Utah Highway Patrol.

The highway in southern Utah was shut down for several hours on Sunday evening and Monday morning, officials said.

Local beekeepers worked through the night to gather the escaped bees. Officials said there was a net over the beehives but bees still managed to escape after the truck overturned.

The truck driver and two law enforcement officers responding to the accident were stung by bees but the stings were not life-threatening, Johnson said.

**Man, 87, nabbed with 228 pounds of cocaine**

DETROIT — An 87-year-old Indiana man was arraigned on drug charges in federal court in Detroit on Monday after police found 228 pounds of cocaine worth an estimated \$2.9 million in

his pickup following a routine traffic stop.

A state trooper patrolling Interstate 94 near Ann Arbor pulled over Leo Earl Sharp on Friday for following too closely and executing an improper lane change. When the trooper asked Sharp if he could search the truck, Sharp refused. So the trooper requested a backup unit with a dog trained to detect bombs and illegal drugs.

Sharp was charged with conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute cocaine. If convicted, he faces at least 10 years in prison.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

Today, from 4 to 5 p.m., there will be a physics colloquium titled, "Millisecond Pulsars: The Gifts that Keep on Giving." This event will be presented by Dr. Scott Ransom from the Natinal Radio Astronomy observatory in Room 118 of Nieuwland Science Hall. Refreshments will be server prior to the event.

This afternoon, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., there will be a lecture titled, "Can Planning Save the City: Facing the Challenges of Urban America." This lecture will be presented by Toni Griffin, director of the Division of Planning and Community Development of Newark, New Jersey and adjunct associate professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. This lecture will take place in Room 104 of Bond Hall.

This evening, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Japanese writer Yoko Tawada will be giving a lecture titled, "Adventures of Foreign Languages." The event is hosted by the Provost's Distinguished Women Lecturers Program. The event will be held in McKenna Hall.

Dan Hesse, CEO and President of Sprint, will be delivering a lecture, "Foresight and Career Choice," on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. He will also discuss the company brand and employment opportunities at Sprint. The lecture will be held in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email detailed information about an event to [obsnews.nd@gmail.com](mailto:obsnews.nd@gmail.com)

**LOCAL WEATHER**

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	GAMEDAY	SUNDAY
HIGH 54 LOW 52	HIGH 52 LOW 41	HIGH 51 LOW 35	HIGH 51 LOW 33	HIGH 50 LOW 34	HIGH 54 LOW 41

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Group discusses leadership program

By KRISTEN RICE  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) began debating the specific programming of "Proud Past, Promising Future," the proposed student leadership development program, at its Tuesday meeting.

The program, set to begin in November, will focus on a different theme each month.

SGA members discussed the possibility of focusing the first month on self-reflection, encouraging students to consider the strength of their leadership skills.

Kelly Reidenbach, Student Diversity Board president, said beginning with a month of self-evaluation would help students decide whether the program would benefit them.

"It's important to start with the reflecting, then from there people can gauge where they need to go," she said. "So it's in stages."

Despite only having a few weeks in December for programming, executive treasurer Liz Busam said finals would be a good time to focus on the theme of motivation.

"Motivation [is fitting] because it will give [students] motivation to get through finals," Busam said.

Reidenbach said the theme

would encourage the personal drive to work through finals, as well as interpersonal motivation to inspire others as leaders.

"The focus should be how to be a leader for yourself, and then how to be a leader for your group," she said.

In January, the group plans to focus on personal presentation and professional development.

Emily Skirtich, chief of staff, suggested an etiquette-themed dinner.

"We could have a leadership etiquette dinner and have someone come in and give specific etiquette lessons," Skirtich said.

Public Relations commissioner Amanda Lester said students would benefit from having prominent businesswomen speak at the College.

"We could bring in different CEOs and have them talk about how they got to their position and their different experiences," she said.

In keeping with the theme of leadership mentors, SGA president Nicole Gans suggested taking advantage of the Board of Trustees visit in February. The program would conclude in March with a proposed theme of inspiration.

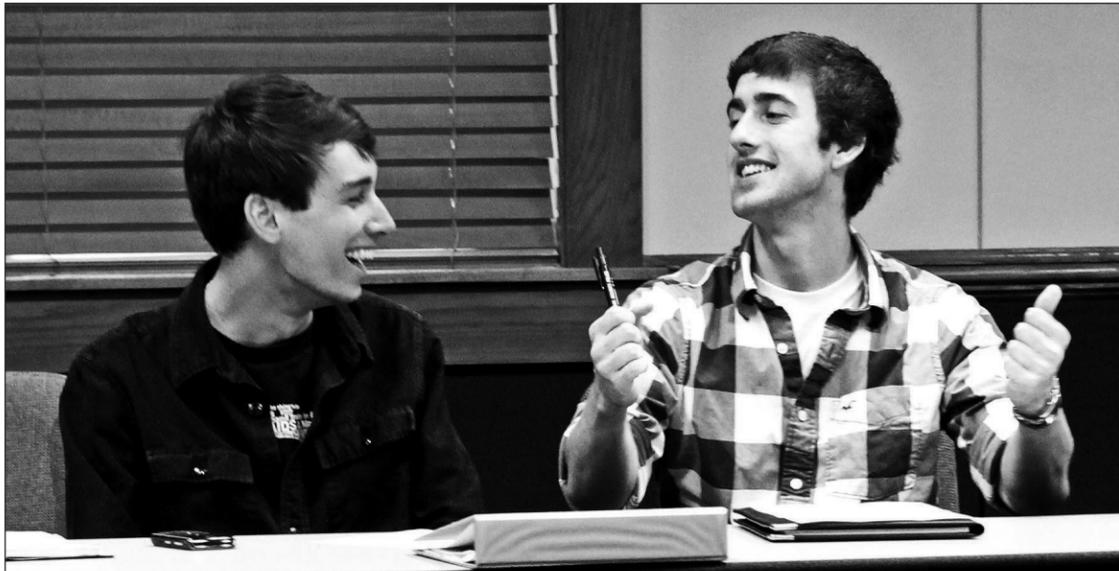
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**Kelly Reidenbach**  
president  
Student Diversity Board

# COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Council reflects on USC night game



JAMES DOAN/The Observer

Student body president Pat McCormick, left, and vice president Brett Rocheleau lead a meeting of the Council of Representatives on Sept. 28.

By JOHN CAMERON  
News Writer

The Council of Representatives reflected on the various changes to the gameday experience implemented for the USC game at its Tuesday meeting.

Oversight chair Ben Noe said holding the game at night for the first time in over 20 years at Notre Dame Stadium enhanced the overall experience.

"I thought it was the most exciting game atmosphere in the stadium I've ever felt," he said. "I think the whole night-game concept went really well."

Council members voiced a number of opinions on the piped music, perhaps the most notable addition to Saturday's

game.

Senior class president Anne Huntington said she enjoyed the addition to the usual band music, but felt it was overdone.

"I don't know if it had to be played so often," she said.

Noe said he did not think the recorded music detracted from the usual band performances and that it helped increase excitement among students.

"I think we had a fairly pleasant balance between the band and the recorded music," he said. "I think the canned music also got the students a little more riled up."

Junior class president Kevin Doherty said the contrast in genre made the recorded music a welcome addition.

"A lot of students have said they're sick of hearing the Celtic Chant six times in one drive," he said. "I think it was a welcome change just because it was something different."

Huntington said a more modern approach could invigorate the crowd.

"Our band is awesome, but they're playing a traditional march and USC was playing DJ Khaled," Huntington said.

Student body vice president Brett Rocheleau agreed. "[The band's songs are not]

really songs you sing to, except the Victory March," Rocheleau said. "If they play music people will sing to, they'll get the student section more riled up."

Student Union treasurer Eric Biro added that a more mixed opinion on the new music among the student body than the council members could lead to its discontinuation.

"Unless we get a big outcropping of student support for the music, we may not get it again," he said.

Student body president Pat McCormick suggested the possibility of a Student Senate resolution to formally recommend the continuation of the canned music.

First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL) director Ricky Bevington reminded members to consider the views of the marching band members.

"If [the resolution] is something you might do, you have to consider all groups on campus, especially the band. They feel like they're being left out, neglected," he said. "It's very traditional at Notre Dame that the band provides the music. It's unique."

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## Prayer Around the World Series

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# Activists discuss proliferation

By TORI ROECK  
News Writer

While other hot button issues may receive more attention from activists, the rise and expansion of nuclear weaponry is the most consequential issue facing leaders today, a former Church leader said in a lecture Tuesday.

"[Nuclear proliferation] has been, for six decades ... the most momentous issue of ethics, security and policy that we face," Cardinal Roger Mahoney, Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles, said.

Mahoney and former Secretary of Defense William Perry argued for nuclear disarmament at "Ethical Dimensions of a World Without Nuclear Weapons," a discussion held Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

At the event, Mahoney outlined the Church's moral stance in opposition of nuclear proliferation while Perry discussed the feasibility of disarmament.

"It is good that defense experts and moral leaders are working together on the nuclear question because it is particularly effective when moral clarity and strategic analysis align in service to the same goal," Mahoney said.

Mahoney said the Church's support for nuclear disarmament hinges on basic human rights.

"[The] point for Catholic reflection on nuclear weapons is the life, dignity and rights of the human person," Mahoney said. "From the dignity and rights of the human person arise the obligations of the individual and states to promote peace and defend the common good."

Mahoney said the only way to truly protect human rights is a comprehensive ban on nuclear weapons.

"The Church is a long-term nuclear pacifist," Mahoney said. "The Church abhors any use of nuclear weapons ... and is convinced that the moral imperative is to move carefully but courageously toward a mutual, verifiable, global ban on nuclear weapons."

Amassing a large number of nuclear weapons in the name of deterrence has long been the United States' strategy for preventing nuclear war, but Mahoney said deterrence should



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

**Cardinal Roger Mahoney discussed the rise of nuclear weaponry in today's world during a lecture Tuesday night.**

not be a long-term plan.

"The Church does not reject the need to deter the use of nuclear weapons," Mahoney said. "That is a moral imperative. But she does reject the view that nuclear deterrence is the only option in the long-term, a permanent component of security in a nuclear age. Rather, the Church insists that it is nuclear disarmament, not nuclear deterrence, that is a long-term basis of security."

Perry said spending part of his career developing U.S. missiles for the purpose of deterrence made him realize that nuclear disarmament is the real answer to the nuclear question.

"My personal journey ... took me from creating the most advanced nuclear weapons in the world to working to try to create a world without nuclear weapons," Perry said.

Perry said his time on a technical team analyzing the Cuban Missile Crisis as it was ongoing greatly informed his beliefs regarding disarmament.

"Every day that I went into that analysis center, I believed it would be my last day on Earth," Perry said.

As Secretary of Defense under President Clinton, Perry said he strove to rid the post-Cold War world of the nuclear threat.

"During the Cold War, I believed it was necessary to take the risks associated with these deadly nuclear weapons," Perry said. "When the Cold War ended, I believed it was no longer necessary to take those risks and that we should begin to dismantle this deadly nuclear Cold War legacy."

During his tenure, Perry said he helped dismantle over 8,000 nuclear weapons in the United States and the former Soviet Union.

Perry said the current threat of nuclear attack has a different source than that of the Cold War era.

"Nuclear proliferation and terrorism have put the world at a nuclear tipping point," Perry said. "If we cannot stop North Korea and Iran from building nuclear arsenals, I fear that the world will cross that tipping point with consequences more dangerous than any of you can truly imagine."

Perry said he is a member of the "Gang of Four" that ardently argues for nuclear disarmament today. This group includes former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State George Schultz and Senator Sam Nunn.

With guidance from the Gang of Four, Perry said President Obama signed the new START treaty in 2010 to decrease the United States' nuclear arsenal.

Mahoney said the United States has an important role in promoting nuclear disarmament.

"The United States has enormous power and influence," Mahoney said. "Our country has a special responsibility to take the lead in reducing and ultimately banning nuclear weapons and in developing the institutions and practices of cooperative security that will make that more likely and more sustainable."

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# Arts and Letters to offer Business Boot Camp

By EMMA RUSS  
News Writer

Come March, some students will head to the beach for Spring Break, but a select group of Arts and Letters students will ship off to boot camp: Business Boot Camp.

The College of Arts and Letters is currently accepting applications for the program, a crash course in all things business, program coordinator Lissa Bill said.

"The purpose of the Arts and Letters Business Boot Camp is to give Arts and Letters students an overview of the business world," she said. "It is a chance for them to gain exposure to some of the fundamentals of business while exploring different areas and career paths within business."

The program, a joint effort between the College and the Career Center, will bring students to Chicago from March 12-15 to explore a number of business career paths available in the city.

"They will gain exposure to marketing, finance, accounting, strategy and business ethics," Bill said. "They will have the opportunity to work in teams on a business case and develop a presentation. Each team then presents their final recommendations to a panel of employers and alumni on the last day of the trip."

The alumni interaction is one of the most beneficial aspects of the program, Bill said.

"The alumni involved with the program are great," she said. "They are committed to letting Arts and Letters students know

how valuable their skills are in the world of business."

Reaffirming the value of a liberal arts degree is important, Bill said, because a business degree is not as crucial to success as many Arts and Letters majors think.

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*"When you look at Arts and Letters' placement rates for six months post-graduation, the number of students still seeking jobs is very small and virtually the same as for those students that are business majors," she said. "Former Boot Camp participants have found internships and full-time positions at companies such as Target, The Boston Consulting Group, Credit Suisse and Goldman Sachs."*

**Lissa Bill**  
program coordinator  
Business Boot Camp

the same as for those students that are business majors," she said. "Former Boot Camp participants have found internships and full-time positions at companies such as Target, The Boston Consulting Group, Credit Suisse and Goldman Sachs."

Senior Tim Crowley, who attended Business Boot Camp last spring, said the program had a major impact on his search for an internship and full-time employment.

"The networking helped me to find a full-time job," he said. "Boot Camp also gave me something to

*"Boot Camp also gave me something to talk about in interviews. It's something employers are really interested in hearing about."*

**Tim Crowley**  
senior

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Bill said the program leaders are mindful of the fact that the participants are on Spring Break, and try

to balance the business with fun, offering dinner outings and a trip to the Art Institute.

"We want it to be an enjoyable and enlightening experience," she said. "Students need to know that the skills they are developing in Arts and Letters are valuable in the world of business."

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# Cancer

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isn't necessarily the best treatment to help them."

Her experience with cancer helped Rauch dedicate herself to Buechler's project.

"His research won't necessarily affect me, but it is going to help other people who were in my position," Rauch said. "Knowing how that felt — literally I was sitting there, and they were saying I could choose what I wanted my treatment to be. I was like, 'I'm 19 years old, and I don't know anything about this.' Having that experience helps me understand what other women are going to feel."

In his research, Buechler is developing an affordable test to determine the chance of relapse for breast cancer patients through genetic data. The test will allow oncologists and patients to make more educated decisions about cancer treatment.

"[The test offers] added information for the patient and the oncologist about what is really going on in that specific disease so you can plan a treatment that makes sense," Buechler said.

"[Courtney is] helping to understand when oncologists decide to give a certain type of drug or not ... Identifying the right drug for them, that might be a lifesaver." Buechler became interested in applying math to disease five years ago. Breast cancer was a natural choice for his project focus because so much information was available on the disease, he said, and he

began to compile genetic data from the National Institute of Health for his project.

"My test identifies four genes that, if they are turned on at a high level, the patient has a poor prognosis," Buechler said.

Once marketed commercially and applied to real patients, the test would allow labs to compare a genetic sample to past samples and predict how the cancer will act in the future.

In order to understand the more technical biology behind breast cancer, Buechler consulted oncologist Dr. Rudolph Navari, the director of the Harper Cancer Research Institute. The Institute is a partnership be-

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**Courtney Rauch**  
junior

with the Indiana University School of Medicine and Notre Dame.

more steps toward a cure.

"I think it is extremely promising," Buechler said. "There are a lot of advances that have been made and are being made. Every dime that has been spent has been well spent ... It's also a story of what advocacy can do. [October] is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and we've heard a lot about it. All of that effort and attention and money and advocacy pays off."

For Rauch, advocating for breast cancer awareness and research will continue to be important.

"I think one of the biggest things that I have learned is how much [cancer] affects everyone around me ... knowing that it's not just one person or their close friends," she said. "It's everyone that interacts with them on a daily basis ... [Cancer research like Buechler's] is a job I would love to do, to use my degree and help other people."

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## Gameday

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back.”

The game itself sold out, with more than 82,000 fans in attendance, but thousands more flocked to campus, Seamon said.

“It’s impossible to estimate, [but there were] somewhere north of 110,000 people on campus Saturday,” he said.

Seamon said he expected a high number of fans on campus due to the Notre Dame-USC rivalry, a prediction confirmed by the influx of visitors beginning Thursday afternoon.

“We knew there were going to be a lot more people on campus than a typical football weekend, which was great,” he said.

He said extra staff was added across the board, including parking staff, medical staff and security personnel to make sure Notre Dame was prepared for the weekend.

“We wanted to make sure the parking went well on [the] front-end and back-end of the game,” he said.

Dave Chapman, assistant director of NDSP, said police arrested six people Saturday. He said that outside the stadium,

three were arrested — one for criminal mischief and resisting law enforcement, one for public intoxication and resisting law enforcement and one for trespassing.

Three were arrested for public intoxication in the stadium, Chapman said.

Seamon said Friday’s pep rally had over 16,500 people in attendance, making it the largest pep rally of the year.

“I thought that was really good [since] students were en route, coming back to campus,” he said.

About 4,200 people went through Friday’s tunnel tour, Seamon said, and Friday’s football luncheon had 1,760 attendees. He said it was the highest-attended luncheon of the year by far.

“These events were early indicators that an incredibly high number of people would be on campus Saturday,” Seamon said.

Given the unconventional circumstances of last weekend, Seamon said he was pleased with the results.

“For hosting the first night game in over 20 years, I thought it was a huge success,” he said.

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**Mike Seamon**  
director  
Game Day Operations

## Ireland

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“We went out in full rain gear but were getting sunburned on our faces and hands. It’s the roughest I’ve seen it in five years,” he said. “But they took great advantage of it in good spirits, which isn’t something all people can do.”

Junior Ryan Lion said the opportunity to employ the skills and knowledge he learned in class made the trip worth the difficult weather and sparse sleep.

“Archeology lets you contextualize a period. You can read about it and have it ingrained in you, but when you actually stand in the remains of a building from the sixth century, it really impacts you,” he said. “It was really active, involved learning.”

Lion said he was drawn to the Portumna Workhouse site because of his interest in health.

“It provided information on the health of Irish workhouses and the diseases affecting the people living in them at that time. People suffered from cholera and typhoid,” he said. “The infirmary was understaffed and even those few workers lacked a medical background.”

Lion and his classmates wrote papers and constructed posters on the sites they visited. He said the students’ firsthand experiences of the sites



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

**Members of the archaeology class wander around Corcomroe Abbey during their trip to Ireland.**

will enrich their projects more than traditional research.

“We’ll do a lot of secondary research for the papers and posters, including statistics and any reading relevant to the topic,” he said, “but primary observation is important for insight — we’re not just spitting out academic blurbs.”

Once the posters are completed, Kuijt said they will be exhibited at Flanner Hall, where they will be judged by an Irish researcher.

Beyond the expanded knowledge about Irish culture and archeology, Kuijt said the students will benefit from the development of communication and presentation skills required by the projects associated with the trip.

“They get this local experience, a hidden Ireland with some zany instructors, but they get a whole range of transportable skills as well,” he said. “That’s what’s paying off.”

Lion said the trip offered an understanding of the course’s subject beyond what he could learn from lectures or textbooks.

“We got to think like archeologists rather than just reading about it,” he said. “I just loved having the chance to learn about the unique identity of Irish culture and how diverse it is within its own national boundary.”

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## Police disrupt Occupy Oakland



AP

**Police search tents in Frank Ogawa Plaza in Oakland, Calif. as they disperse Occupy Oakland protesters Tuesday. The Oakland demonstration is an offshoot of the Occupy Wall Street protests.**

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Under cover of darkness early Tuesday, hundreds of police swept into Oakland’s Occupy Wall Street protest, firing tear gas and beanbag rounds before clearing out an encampment of demonstrators.

In less than an hour, the 2-week-old, miniature makeshift city was in ruins.

Scattered across the plaza in front of City Hall were overturned tents, pillows, sleeping bags, yoga mats, tarps, backpacks, food wrappers and water bottles. Signs decrying corporations and police still hung from lampposts or lay on the ground.

Later Tuesday, hundreds of protesters gathered at a library and marched through downtown Oakland. They were met

by police officers in riot gear, and several small skirmishes broke out.

The protesters eventually made their way back to City Hall for a game of cat-and-mouse as dusk approached. Police later threw flash bang canisters and fired more tear gas as the crowd dispersed up the street.

“It’s really, really tense and I think the cops are trying to walk a fine line, but I don’t think they are going to back down and neither are the demonstrators,” said Cat Brooks, an organizer. “We’re on the move. For now.”

No one was injured during the Tuesday morning raid, Interim Oakland Police Chief Howard Jordan said. The plaza was “contained” at around 5:30 a.m., city officials said.

Protesters had stayed awake through the night, waiting for

the expected raid. Officers and sheriff’s deputies from across the San Francisco Bay area surrounded the plaza at around 5 a.m. and closed in. Eighty-five people were arrested, mostly on suspicion of misdemeanor unlawful assembly and illegal camping, police said.

By midmorning, city workers had started collecting the debris. Some would be held for protesters to reclaim, the rest would be thrown away, the city said.

The Oakland site was among numerous camps that have sprung up around the country, as protesters rally against what they see as corporate greed and a wide range of other economic issues. The protests have attracted a wide range of people, including college students looking for work and the homeless.

## Malpass

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made him highly qualified for a position on the foundation’s board.

“The Notre Dame Investment Office has a long and distinguished record as one of the premier endowment management organizations in the country,” Flannery said. “We are honored to have the leader of that office join our board. We are delighted that Scott answered our call to service and grateful to the University of Notre Dame for sharing him with us.”

Malpass will serve on the board of directors of TIFF Advisory Services, Inc. (TAS), the regulated investment advisor that, along with its affiliates, administers investment vehicles bearing the TIFF name.

Malpass, the University’s chief investment officer since

1989, manages the investment of the University’s endowment, working capital and pension and life income assets of \$7 billion. Under Malpass’s leadership, that endowment has become the 14th largest in American higher education and the largest at a Catholic university.

Through the work of the Investment Office, Notre Dame has experienced a 12.1 percent annualized return on the endowment pool, the release stated. The University has been recognized as an innovator in international, private capital and alternative investing.

Also elected to the TIFF board were Ashvin Chhabra, chief investment officer for the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J., and Sandra Robertson, chief investment officer and chief executive officer of Oxford University Endowment Management Ltd., in Oxford, U.K.

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## ESPN wins

In late July, ESPN announced it was going to air seven new documentaries as a result of its wildly successful and critically acclaimed 30 for 30 series that aired from Oct. 2009 through Dec. 2010.

While perusing the list of the new documentaries, one in particular caught my eye: Unguarded — the story of former collegiate and professional basketball player Chris Herren, which will air on Tuesday, Nov. 1.



Walker Carey

Sports Writer

Much like the story of baseball star Josh Hamilton, Herren's is superbly captivating. As a high school standout at Durfee High in Fall River, Mass., Herren was the central figure of Bill Reynolds' critically acclaimed 1995 book, "Fall River Dreams: A Team's Quest for Glory, A Town's Search for Its Soul."

Following a senior season at Durfee that saw Herren named as Massachusetts Player of the Year and a McDonald's All-American, the six-foot, three-inch combo guard chose to bring his game to nearby Boston College. His Eagle career did not last long, as he suffered a season-ending wrist injury in his collegiate debut.

The injury began a downward spiral that would last for more than a decade. Herren began partying harder and using cocaine. Due to academic problems and a failed drug test, Herren decided in April 1995 to transfer to Fresno State.

While playing for Jerry Tarkanian at Fresno State, the problems just increased. There was another failed drug test in 1997, which resulted in a three-week stay at a rehabilitation facility in Utah. There were allegations over a potential point shaving scandal in the same year. However, through it all, Herren remained a very talented player with NBA potential.

The Denver Nuggets selected Herren in the second round of the 1999 NBA Draft. It was while playing for Denver that Herren was introduced to the painkiller OxyContin, and he almost instantly became addicted. Herren was traded to Boston in late 2000, but only lasted until his release in October 2001.

After his oust in Boston, Herren became a journeyman overseas player, making stops in China, Germany, Italy and Turkey. All the while, he remained a full-on OxyContin addict. He began using heroin in 2004, and this new addiction led to two arrests — one in 2004 and one in 2008.

Following his second arrest, Herren entered an intense drug rehabilitation program in upstate New York where he stayed for nearly 11 months. His experience in rehab has helped him remain drug free since June 4, 2008.

Following his release from the program, Herren began making strides to turn around his life. He soon developed "Hoop Dreams with Chris Herren," which is a basketball development clinic for players of all skill levels. Herren has also used his experiences in speaking engagements where he describes just how much drugs and alcohol adversely affected his career and his life.

I believe ESPN deserves a good deal of credit for airing this story, as it should serve as a cautionary tale for talented young athletes everywhere. Here's to hoping that Herren will be able to remain clean and sober and continue to pass along his story to all those in need.

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## The business case for going green

Since the environmental movement started, most businesses have viewed the process of "going green" as a cost rather than an investment. This sentiment is especially magnified in the United States, where corporate environmental responsibility is generally held to a low standard.

Brian Kaneb

Guest Columnist

This most likely stems from the public's skepticism — just 48 percent of Americans believe human activities play a role in climate change, a 12 percent decrease from 2008. Yet even if the public is undecided about the science behind climate change, it is financially wise for companies to take initiative. Businesses must cater to the consumer, and the demand for environmentally responsible companies will only increase over time. Also, even the simplest of internal efficiency adjustments can decrease unwanted spending while helping the environment at the same time. On top of this, it is also wise for the private sector to invest in green energy to prepare for inevitable environmental legislation like cap and trade.

Though critics may say that my idea is simply wishful thinking, real life examples seem to suggest otherwise. Just look at Nokia, the world's largest manufacturer of mobile phones, which has been particularly active in the green movement. Nokia claims to have exceeded its goal of reducing facility related carbon dioxide emissions by 18 percent in 2010 relative to their 2006 level. One major way in which they do so is by modifying actual product production. Since 2005, they have saved 240,000 tons of paper by dramatically reducing the packaging size of their most affordable products. This helps Nokia hit two birds with one stone, lowering both production and transportation costs. Theoretically, according to their most recent sustainability report, they now only need one-third of the number of trucks to transport

these products. They are also committed to ensuring that all of their main suppliers have set energy efficiency and carbon dioxide emission reduction goals, thus forcing Nokia's partners to adapt to a high level of corporate social responsibility.

Staples, the world's largest office supply company, is another great example of a progressive company. Recently ranked as the fourth largest purchaser of green power in the retail industry by the EPA, it constantly receives awards and recognition for its approach to sustainability. Just this year, Staples more than doubled its annual investment in wind projects, purchasing approximately 340 million kilowatt-hours in renewable energy certificates. Not only does this prevent 62,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents from entering the environment, it also helps it "drive environmental and cost reduction benefits," according to Bob Valair, the director of energy and environmental management for Staples. In an intriguing statement, Mr. Valair referred to buying renewable energy as an "investment" rather than a "cost." But why?

To reference the great Bob Dylan song, "the times they are a-changin'." In order to prepare for higher government standards, the smartest companies are in the process of adopting "pre-compliance" environmental policies. In essence, such companies will gradually decrease their greenhouse gas emissions to prepare themselves for future government policies. By participating in such a long-term investment, they will develop a competitive advantage over businesses that are unprepared for such a dramatic change.

Much of corporate America was first introduced to the term "pre-compliance" around 2008, when it looked like Congress might implement a national cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gases. Accordingly, because of high demand in America, the value of the worldwide carbon market grew nearly 217 percent from the previous year. As we all know,

the federal government effectively shut down the potential for a cap-and-trade system less than a year later. However, this spike shows that government compliance should not be taken lightly. Companies should constantly be preparing for new environmental policies in order to facilitate a smooth future transition.

Whether or not one personally believes in global warming, it is also necessary to recognize that businesses must cater to the growing demand for green companies. Whereas a company that ignores energy efficiency will undoubtedly receive bad publicity, more progressive competitors will only see their reputations increase. Because reputation is important to the consumer, being environmentally friendly often helps companies expand their products.

In 2011, according to Landor Associates, 73 percent of consumers felt that it was "very important" or "somewhat important" for a company to be environmentally friendly. What's more, a recent Yahoo! Finance-commissioned study found that the youth (ages 18 to 35) is "highly influenced to make green choices to help their personal image." As the current youth ages, this poll clearly shows that the demand for green products and companies will gain momentum. Though the movement was hampered by the recession — as was every other industry — it survived and proved to be resilient. This is most likely due to the fact that, despite the recession, at least 55 percent of consumers are willing to spend more on a product "because it is green," according to the previously mentioned Landor Associates poll.

The base of support for green products is astounding, and tapping into it provides great opportunities for the private industry.

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON



### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There are people whom one loves immediately and forever. Even to know they are alive in the world with one is quite enough."

Nancy Spain  
English journalist

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### WEEKLY POLL

What are you going to be for Halloween?

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## Motherhood

I am not certain that what follows is orthodox, but ... well, it may be.

In the beginning, we were animals like any others — taller and swifter than many, true, but animals nonetheless — living like the others according to first impressions, moving like the others according to desire and fear. And so, in the beginning, our world was a garden — a place ordered according to physical, chemical and biological laws of the greatest beauty — one in which we, like the others, played our part. Or so it seemed.



Dan Sportiello

### Bound Variables

But one day we realized that, unlike the others, we could look upon ourselves as though from the outside — could, that is, somehow stand at a distance from ourselves — and thus, unlike the others, reflect upon ourselves, upon our interactions with the world. And so we realized that we could rule ourselves — could, that is, overcome whatever first impressions, whatever desires and fears, we happened to have — and thus, unlike the others, pass from opinion to knowledge, from emotion to volition.

For knowledge is impression purified — is impression taken not as it first comes but rather as it stands after it is checked against other impressions received before and after it. To think is to live in the world not from moment to moment but rather at a distance from time. To think, in other words, is to become eternal: It is to see in the world not the arbitrariness of particular things but rather the beauty of the unchanging physical, chemical and biological laws behind them. And volition is emotion purified — is emotion taken not as it first comes, but rather as it stands after it is checked against other emotions felt before and after. To act is to move in the world not from moment to moment but rather at a distance from time. To act, in other words, is to become eternal: It is to construct in the world not the arbitrariness of particular movements, but rather the beauty of the unchanging soul behind them.

In standing at a reflective distance from ourselves, we could, for the first time, see ourselves as selves — could look upon ourselves, that is, as animals with inner depths, with souls. We became something more than the other animals, something divine. But with the capacity to reflect upon and thus rule ourselves — with, that is, our divinity — came the potential to rule wrongly, to

think and act in ways that undermined themselves — that is, the potential for error and sin. And in seeing ourselves as selves — not only as particulars, each instantiating the same immortal species, but also as individuals, each unique and thus doomed to die, we became something less than the other animals, something fallen.

Our capacity to reflect upon ourselves — that is, our rationality — rendered inevitable error, sin and death. No longer could we live and move by first impressions, by desire and fear. We found ourselves expelled from the garden that we had shared with the other animals, expelled into a world superficially identical to the garden but nonetheless fundamentally hostile, fundamentally other — one in which every aspect of our lives, including ourselves, was at a distance from us. We alone had the capacity to name the other animals, and so we could no longer walk among them. There are two responses to this, the inevitability of error, sin and death — that is, to our fall.

The first response is, perhaps, the more obvious: We can use our rationality to learn the physical, chemical and biological laws that govern the world and then use our knowledge of those laws to make not just our species, but even ourselves immortal. To do so would

be to take heaven by force — that is, to conquer death. And this we have tried to do since we fell. We no longer hunt, but rather herd. We no longer gather, but rather plant. We have built towers that reach almost unto heaven. There is nobility in this — but also madness. Immortality — a duration of time without limit — will always be at a limitless distance from us, no matter how far toward it we walk. Human history is punctuated by the forgetting of this — by the insane attempt to rebuild the garden. We know well the results.

The second response is harder: We can meet death with life. The other animals could not name themselves, and so none were fit to be our companion. Instead, each of us was given a companion like himself and yet, somehow, very much other — one with whom he could, somehow, do what only God could do. Create.

This is a mystery. But it is surely not coincidence that only after their fall did the Man, for the first time, call his companion the Mother of All Living.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Cincinnati style

Let me preface this by stating that I am among the greatest Brian Kelly supporters you'll ever find. I am a Cincinnati native, and passionately followed my Bearcats as Coach Kelly was bringing them to the top of the Big East. With that said, I was extremely perplexed by an idea attributed to Coach Kelly in Christopher Lilly's Sept. 29 submission ("The Football Coaching Internship Continues"). In this article, Coach Kelly was noted to have said in the past that the high-flying, deep-ball-loving offense he ran in Cincinnati was used only out of necessity — you've gotta score points to put fans in the seats.

Essentially, he ran the offense that way because he felt like he had to. However, it wasn't exactly like he employed this style of offense at the expense of performance. In 2009, Cincinnati ranked No. 4 among FBS schools in points per game. His offense worked.

Now, once again, I believe Coach Kelly finds himself in a position where he must consider reverting to that same offense, though for very different reasons. Attendance will never be an issue here. Winning, on the other hand?

I am now talking directly to you, Coach Kelly. People are calling for your job. I know, it's not fair. You have won everywhere you have been in your career, and I am fairly confident South Bend has not simply sucked away your coaching skills. You deserve more time. Your recruiting is superb. With a couple more classes like the ones we have seen you are capable of assembling, our team will soon be one of the four or five most talented in the nation. However, I am sincerely hoping that you consider changing the way your offense is conducted. You have more talent here than you did in Cincinnati. That doesn't mean you can run a "safer" offense and still win — it means you can run your "hyper-aggressive" offense and win by more. I believe in you, Coach Kelly. I want you to stick around. I just want your career here to display what I know you to be capable of.

Jeremy Lamb  
senior  
Knott Hall  
Oct. 24

## An enjoyable time

In response to the letters "Gameday Noise" and "Don't mess with tradition," (Oct. 25) I'd like to say that I had a great time at the game!

So, I can't really build up my image and opinion by prefacing that I'm some legacy student with a strong Catholic history because I'm not a legacy student, I'm not Catholic, I don't have this long history of support for Notre Dame going back to my great-great-whoever, and to be honest I didn't know a thing about this University until I sent in my application letter. I still haven't even watched Rudy yet!

Even so, as your (less than) average-Joe student here at the University, I can say wholeheartedly that even though we lost, even though there was loud music blaring and even though things were different at the game as a whole, I still felt connected with the rest of the student body and my fellow seniors as we blew out our voice boxes to cheer our team on.

Perhaps I don't have the same grasp on tradition as most of the student body, or as most of the wonderful alumni of this school. But as a one time deal, I saw the music as understandable and I think that there's no reason to be irate. There was a lot of energy in the stadium, and the student section was engaged. I think that was their goal, and it was achieved.

While I agree that we would have cheered just as hard without the music, it sure was a lot of fun to cheer with it.

Theresa Gaines  
senior  
Pasquerilla West Hall  
Oct. 25

## Questionable report cards

Dear report card editor,

For my roommate and I, it has become one of our favorite ongoing jokes to wake up Monday morning and laugh at how poorly the past Saturday's game was analyzed. This week's report card was so bad that I felt it was my civic duty to bring this to the Notre Dame community's attention.

To begin, you gave the running backs a D- for their performance against USC. Yes, they may have only rushed for a combined 43 yards, but they only had 9 combined rushing attempts! They averaged close to 5 yards per carry, and Jonas Grey averaged nearly 10 yards per carry. (Not to mention that the only offensive touch-down was a 25-yard run by Jonas Grey.) I would argue that the running backs deserve a B at the minimum. With that being said, how could you give the offensive linemen a D+? With Jonas Grey averaging close to 10 yards per carry and not allowing a single sack all game, they deserve a grade of at least a B as well. Now, about those defensive linemen: A D is being way too generous. I have never seen such a poor defen-

sive performance. They allowed over 200 yards rushing and never sacked the quarterback. They should have received an F. But the biggest complaint I have is the coaching grade. Our defensive play calling was unresponsive to their massive ground attack. However, their biggest fault was not calling any timeouts towards the end of the game. Sure, we probably weren't going to make a comeback, but Coach Kelly sent a message to his football team and fans that day. I am so irate that I do not care about this game anymore. I don't know about you, Mr. Editor, but the student section I was sitting in heard Kelly's message loud and clear.

So please, next week when you fill out the report card against Navy, put more thought and effort into the report card instead of looking up statistics on ESPN the night before it's due.

Respectfully,

Tyler Thomas  
sophomore  
Knott Hall  
Oct. 25

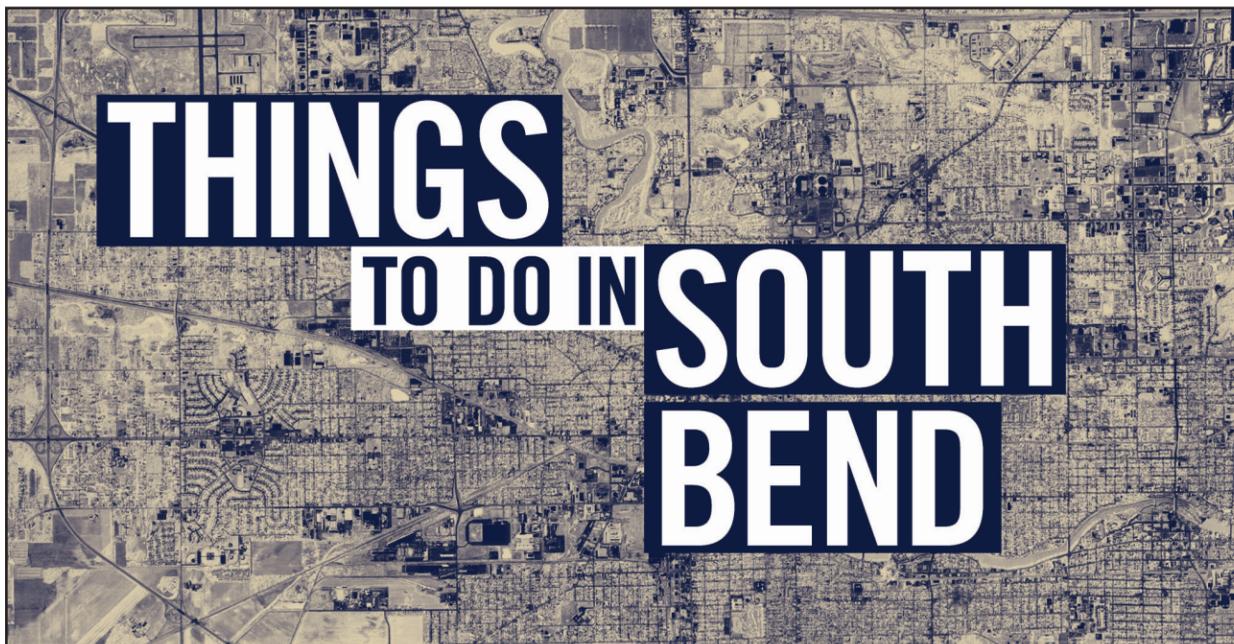
## Ladies — opportunity much?

Ladies, looking for someone who's tall, dark and handsome? Well then I don't have the guy for you.

However, if you're looking for a 5-foot, 10-inch blonde, blue-eyed romantic, look no further. As a representative for my friend (whose name shall remain anonymous), Knott Hall is having its SYR next Friday, Nov. 4, at the RV Hall of Fame. If you're looking for a good time, please e-mail me at mknapp1@nd.edu and I will pass along the word.

Some of this mystery man's hobbies include photography, airplanes and the beautiful outdoors of Denver, Colo. This young go-getter is already set-up with a prestigious job and has the means to show you a good time. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the rich culture of North-Central Indiana with one of South Bend's most eligible bachelors — who may well be the love of your life.

Michael Knapp  
senior  
Knott Hall  
Oct. 25



## LEININGER FARMS CORN MAZE

MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL  
Scene Writer

A few fall traditions are sacred, like apple-picking, pumpkin carving and jumping in leaf piles. Now that you're living in the Midwest — at least for college anyways — you need to adjust that list to include what should become a staple in your fall frolicking: a corn maze.

It's easy to take advantage of the vast farmland surrounding South Bend and all the fun it can provide. Only about seven miles from the Notre Dame campus, you will find the Leininger Farms Corn Maze, a family tradition that has been around for years. Each year, the maze takes a different shape, inspired by borders in Europe and the United States.

This year, the corn maze has taken the shape of Indiana.

All the paths you follow as you wind your way through the maze are the major roads of Indiana. In keeping with the theme of the maze, "Roads to Education," at different stops in the maze, your knowledge of Indiana and farming trivia will be tested. The questions aren't too difficult, but they can stump you at some turns and teach you things you never knew about Indiana and its long history.

And traveling through the maze is quite an enjoyable experience. It takes about an hour and a half to make your way through the whole labyrinth, depending on how many wrong turns you take or how quickly you can answer the trivia questions. It's a casual walk, though, and invites conversation between friends and lots of laughs as you lose yourself amongst all the corn.

Laughs and confusion will abound as you take wrong turns and inevitably find yourself lost in an Indiana of corn. Luckily, the map you receive on entering the maze helps guide you immensely through the winding paths. Getting lost, however, is almost half the fun, so don't walk through

the maze with your eyes glued to the map.

There are a number of kids that race their way around the maze with their parents, delighting in the many forks and colorful corn stalks, but they don't take away from the experience. In fact, they really add to the fun, relaxed atmosphere that gives you a break from the busyness and stress of campus and schoolwork.

In addition to the corn maze, Leininger Farms have many other fun farm staples sure to make your trip even more memorable. It features a fantastic pumpkin patch and a cute country store, as well as farm animals and lawn decorations.

The patch features all different types of pumpkins, squash, Indian corn and mums. Showcasing a wide range of colors and shapes, it's easy to lose yourself looking for the perfect fall decoration for your dorm room or apartment. And at their very affordable prices, you can easily adorn your room on a budget. The animals, which include mules and a goat, are fun to observe, though the farm does not include a petting zoo.

Only about 15 minutes from Notre Dame, the corn maze and pumpkin patch are a great escape from campus. Walking through the maze reminds you of simpler times, when fall didn't mean midterms, but pumpkin carving and homemade apple pie. A day spent raking leaves wasn't a chore, but a means to enjoy a blissful two hours. It reminds you of all the fun that fall should include.

Gather your friends for a fun afternoon activity or head to one of their Saturday night flashlight tours for a night of innocent fun. The maze is also a great place to bring a date as you get lost among the corn and show off your trivia knowledge. Either way, don't miss this Midwest tradition during your four years at Notre Dame.

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## Colorful Mix of New & Old in Coldplay's

# MYLO XYLOTO



CLAIRE STEPHENS  
Scene Writer

After several years of working on the album in a vacant church in North London, Coldplay has finally released its fifth album, "Mylo Xylo," this week, ending fans' long wait.

A colorful mix of quiet and comforting songs, bright and energetic rock and a Coldplay-flavored electronic sound, "Mylo Xylo" is an album to please ardent fans and mainstream audiences alike.

Lead singer Martin told "The Philadelphia Inquirer" that the album is a concept album based on the story of Mylo and Xylo, protagonists who meet in an urban environment through a gang and fall in love.

"Mylo Xylo" offers the sound of Martin's calming vocals that avid fans of Coldplay's softer rock have come to recognize from past albums like "Parachutes" and "A Rush of Blood to the Head." Several instances of major acoustical focus bring the intimate, romantic side of the Mylo Xylo love story out.

Hints of the art rock from the "Viva La Vida" album and an edgier focus on rock add another dimension to the album, as well as bits of a light indie sound here and there. And as usual, the unique quality of the band's instrumentals can enchant the listener so thoroughly, until they awaken in another part of the song to realize the style and pace has changed entirely without them noticing.

"Every Teardrop is a Waterfall," arguably one of the band's best singles yet, broke the Coldplay dry spell in June, following the tradition of rock songs like "Viva La Vida" and "Yellow" with an infectious, upbeat pop-rock twist you'll be humming for days. The fun, easy vocals are married perfectly to the foot-tapping beat of the always-impressive alternative rock instrumentals.

The second single released, "Paradise," mixes mellow, psychedelic rock mixed with the cool vocals of Chris Martin and Will Champion's airy harmonies, giving audiences the Coldplay music they expect with a new sound to surprise and excite them.

The beautiful, multicolored graffiti art on the album and the vibrant music video for "Every Teardrop is a Waterfall," reflect the fusion of the group's famous soothing ballads, high spirited rock and the electrify-

ing and enchanting new electronic sounds added to the Coldplay genre.

"Princess of China (feat. Rihanna)" will likely outshine all the others and represents the perfect combination of tradition and change on the new album. The intriguing collaboration beautifully injects Rihanna's vocals into the Coldplay genre without detracting from the charming female element of her voice. Martin and Rihanna's duets take turns arresting the attention of the listener and fading into the music as vocal instruments.

A hybrid of sounds by itself, "Princess of China" mixes engaging synth sounds with a heavy weight on the rock beat and the signature ethereal ingredient to create a heartbreaking song you can't listen to just once.

Though each song can stand on its own as a work of art in a different piece of the colorful puzzle of styles, they transition seamlessly with short instrumental pieces between songs that blend them together as one story. These minute-or-less transitions put the 14-song album at less than 45 minutes, but Coldplay definitely has placed quality over quantity.

As its European tour stops for 2011 rapidly sell out, it is obvious Coldplay has proved themselves once again to be an alternative rock band to satisfy a global audience. The album offers an array of sounds to enjoy separately or together as a collage of a colorful collaboration of music. Coldplay's versatility within its unique style and consistently impressive performances as musicians is established in "Mylo Xylo."

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### "Mylo Xylo" Coldplay

Release Date: Oct. 24, 2011  
Label: Parlophone  
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Wading through the excessive amount of horrible films on Instant Netflix can be daunting for any subscriber. To ease the process, Scene has graciously provided a list of the best Netflix has to offer.

### 1. "The September Issue"

Though the notorious September Issue of "Vogue" already came out, dig into the real story behind the massive fashion guide with the documentary, "The September Issue." It details the creation of the hundreds of pages that comprise the September Issue, closely following "Vogue" Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour — the real-life inspiration for Miranda Priestley in "The Devil Wears Prada." Even if you don't love fashion, check out the film for a new appreciation of everything that goes into not just "Vogue," but the fashion industry itself.

### 2. "Super Troopers"

This crime-comedy is a classic that will bring laughs even in your darkest moments. It follows the lives of five Vermont state troopers who are better at pranking each other than actual police work. They have an intense rivalry with the local police officers, which becomes a central part of the movie and adds a great comic element. The state troopers set out to take down a drug-smuggling ring and succeed, with their usual hijinx along the way. It's a must-see for all comedy lovers.

### 3. "Trollhunter"

Just in time for Halloween, Netflix has stocked this Norwegian import about a band of kids of who follow around a troll hunter responsible for protecting the Norwegian people from the country's big, dark secret. The film was a hit overseas and has Chris Columbus (director of the first two "Harry Potter" films) ready to produce an American remake. "Trollhunter" provides a welcome relief from movies about sparkly vampires and werewolves with six-packs — these trolls are real monsters, and they're definitely not pretty. Let yourself take a step back from reality and enjoy the ridiculous ride that is "Trollhunter."

### 4. "Clerks"

"Clerks" is a black-and-white, extremely low-budget and absolutely hilarious cult comedy. A classic Gen-X movie, "Clerks" depicts one day in the life of Dante, an aimless but well-intentioned twenty something and his best friend, the sarcastic and pessimistic Randall, as they work at a convenience store in a small New Jersey town. The film hits perfectly on the humor in day-to-day tedium and directionless of post-graduate life and love. Plus, it's Jay and Silent Bob's first film appearance.

### 5. "Dirty Dancing"

Finally, Patrick Swayze stellar dance moves are available to watch at any time of the day. This classic film about forbidden love and breaking out of your shell is a great movie for any occasion. Jennifer Grey stars as Baby, a wealthy New Yorker vacationing with her family in the Catskills, who falls in love with the dance instructor, Johnny (Swayze), of whom her father does not approve. But love cannot be denied, and neither can their dancing.

## SPORTS AUTHORITY

## Time for realignment

With Major League Baseball's collective bargaining agreement expiring in December, the players union and the owners are working on a new deal that would provide uninterrupted labor peace for several more years.

Many fans just might not be happy with one of the likely results.

As it appears right now, baseball is moving toward realignment that would even the leagues at 15 teams apiece. Since the Arizona Diamondbacks and Tampa Bay Rays were added in 1998, the American League has had 14 teams and the National League 16. Four of the six divisions have five teams — the AL West has four and the NL Central has six.

This imbalance was necessary to avoid playing interleague games throughout the season. While most fans regard interleague play as a success in 2011, 14 years after its inception, it was mostly unpopular when Commissioner Bud Selig added it in 1997. Making the radical move from no interleague to interleague throughout the season never would have been accepted by the fans.

The team most likely to make the switch would be the Houston Astros, currently a National League team, for two reasons. They would switch from the NL Central to the AL West, giving each division five teams and preventing any other teams, like the Diamondbacks or Marlins, from being forced to move divisions. Also, they are about to assume new ownership, giving the organization much less leverage than other teams hoping to avoid the switch.

While there are some issues that realignment presents, overall, it would be a step in the right direction for Major League Baseball.

The biggest issue for fans would be nonstop interleague play throughout the season. While it could be staggered in a way that would not cause

teams to play too many more interleague games, a team like the Red Sox could be pursuing a playoff spot down the stretch and would be forced to sit designated hitter David Ortiz on the bench in critical games, or the Tigers with Victor Martinez. And the list goes on and on.

Selig and the owners should once and for all remove the imbalance between the leagues caused by the designated hitter rule, which would be magnified if realignment occurs. Either remove it from the American League (my preference) or add it to the National League (more likely), but it is ridiculous to have the two leagues playing under different rules, especially when they meet in the World Series.

There are some real issues that realignment could solve. It simply is unfair to have four teams in one division and six in another, and realignment would solve this. All teams would have an equal opportunity to reach the playoffs except for the AL East, maybe.

Secondly, identical schedules could be created for all

teams within a division. The Mets play the Yankees six times a year in interleague because of their rivalry, while the division rival Nationals get to play the Orioles six times. When

pigs fly and the Nationals and Mets are competitive, such scheduling issues could play a role in determining the division champion or a wild card berth. These scheduling issues persist throughout baseball, and Major League Baseball should ensure that each team has an even playing field when the schedules are created each year.

While realignment would force change upon the game that many are not ready for, it is in baseball's best interests to adopt the new format. Critics will point out that no one will get excited over a Mariners-Nationals game in July, but let's be honest — Is there any matchup that would excite people involving the Mariners or the Nationals?

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## ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

## Terry accused of racial abuse

Associated Press

England captain John Terry is being investigated by The Football Association and police over allegations he racially abused a black opponent while playing for Chelsea.

Terry was accused of directing a racial slur at Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand during Sunday's 1-0 Premier League loss, and footage of the incident has spread on the internet.

It is the latest incident to blight Terry's scandal-plagued career, coming just seven months before he is due to lead England at the European Championship. The center back only regained the England captaincy in March — after being forgiven for a sex scandal by coach Fabio Capello ahead of the 2010 World Cup.

The result of the investigation launched by the FA on Tuesday evening could again throw into question his suitability as England captain.

"The FA can confirm it has received a complaint relating to an alleged incident of racist abuse in the QPR versus Chelsea fixture," English football's governing body said in a statement. "The FA will now begin to make enquiries into this matter. The FA takes seriously any allegations of discrimination and abuse of this type."

A separate investigation was launched at Scotland Yard.

"We can confirm that police have been notified of an incident ... involving alleged racial abuse," the London police force said. "This is currently being assessed by officers."

The 30-year-old Terry said the alleged comments directed at Ferdinand — who is black — were taken out of context by social media users who spread the video on Sunday night.

"I thought Anton was accusing me of using a racist slur against him," he said after the match. "I responded aggressively, saying that I never used that term."

After the FA investigation was opened, Terry released another statement saying: "I welcome the FA enquiry and look forward to clearing my name as soon as possible."

QPR, which is back in the Premier League after 15 years, spent two days assessing the incident with Ferdinand before deciding to submit a complaint to the FA against its west London rival.

"Queens Park Rangers Football Club does not condone racism in any way, shape or form," chairman Tony Fernandes said. "As a club, we will provide our



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Chelsea captain John Terry and QPR's Anton Ferdinand exchange words during a match at Loftus Road stadium Oct. 23.

players with our unequivocal support when alleged incidents like this occur."

The incident happened during English football's anti-racism week, which highlights the progress made since abuse marred the game in the 1970s and 80s.

And it came just a week after the FA launched a probe into allegations that Liverpool striker Luis Suarez racially abused Manchester United's black defender Patrice Evra during a Premier League match.

"It is of great regret that ... two high profile incidents of alleged racist abuse have taken place," said Herman Ouseley, chairman of English football's anti-racism group, Kick It Out. "This is worrying and potentially very damaging. What happens at the top end of the game has an impact at grass roots level and at parks pitches across the country."

Off-field transgressions have followed Terry throughout his footballing career, which has been spent entirely at Chelsea.

He was fined by the club after he and three teammates drunkenly abused American guests at a London hotel the day after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

The England armband was taken off Terry by Capello in February 2010 following allegations that Terry had an affair with the former girlfriend

of Wayne Bridge, an England teammate.

Rio Ferdinand, the older brother of Anton and Terry's longtime central defense partner with England, took over as captain only to relinquish it 13 months later.

Since the latest allegations emerged, Chelsea has thrown its full support behind Terry.

"(Terry) said to me the incident was a big misunderstanding," manager Andre Villas-Boas said. "That's why he put his statement out straightaway. I find it strange when people don't trust the words of a representative from your country."

The FA charged Chelsea with "failure to ensure their players conducted themselves in an orderly fashion" in Sunday's match when they surrounded referee Chris Foy. They were protesting against his decision to give a straight red card to Jose Bosingwa in the 33rd minute.

Didier Drogba was also sent off in the first half at Loftus Road and after Chelsea had seven players booked in a fiery match played in a hostile atmosphere, Villas-Boas accused Foy and his team of officials of being swayed by the crowd.

Villas-Boas said Foy's performance was "very, very poor" and acknowledged he was "very aggressive" with the official after the match.

## CLASSIFIEDS

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Today, I saw an ad on craigslist saying that they had a huge box that was perfect for a fort. Needless to say, I picked it up and made a fort with it. MLIA.

Today, I was on stupidlaws.com, looking up the state of Maine because I live there. First thing I saw was this: "After January 14th you will be charged a fine for having your Christmas decorations still up." The one person in my town that keeps his decorations up year-round? A cop. MLIA

Today, on Facebook, I noticed one of my guy friends had posted a video to his best friend's wall, with a comment saying, "This is what I was talking about earlier!" It was a video of a guy carving a deer out of wood. I wish I had been there for that conversation. MLIA.

Today, I read a story that said, "Today, I learned that there is a town in Colorado called Dinosaur. MLIA." I looked it up and every street is named after a dinosaur. Including Stegosaurus Freeway. MLIA

Today I was on stupidlaws.com and while reading the ones for Tennessee, I saw: "It is illegal to use a lasso to catch a fish." I live in Tennessee, and I know what I'm doing tonight. MLIA

Today, when I went to my locker, I tried to open it with the automatic unlock button on my car keys. This is not the first time this has happened. MLIA.

Today, I learned from my English teacher that a group of unicorns is called a blessing. MLIA

Today, I was taking the PSATs. It was really boring, until I came across a question about why Mulan went to join the army. The PSATs just got so much cooler. MLIA

Today, I learned the "awkward turtle" is sign language for platypus. MIND. BLOWN. MLIA

Yesterday, I set my digital alarm clock to go off at 7:07 and turned it upside down. When it woke me up this morning, the clock read "LOL." I did. MLIA

Shout out to Brian - one day, all of this will be your problem. Get your Seinfeld quotes ready.

Today I was watching my parent's wedding video for the first time. During the vows before my Dad said "I do" he turned to my mom and asked if she squeezed the toothpaste tub from the middle. My Mom then answered, in a very confused voice, that she didn't. My Dad then turned back to the pastor and said, "Well in that case, I do". I love my Dad. MLIA

**NCAA FOOTBALL**

# Minnesota coach Kill agrees to extension

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Jerry Kill took over Minnesota's struggling football program and assessed that rebuilding the Gophers is going to take longer than he first anticipated. The university agreed.

After working for more than eight months under the terms of an agreement struck when he was hired as the head coach, Kill finally signed his contract Tuesday — getting two more years and a little bit more money than in the original framework of the deal.

His contract runs through the 2017 season and will pay him at least \$1.2 million annually, half of that in base salary and the other half in supplemental compensation for appearances, endorsements and fundraising.

"We believe that Jerry Kill is the right guy. I'm convinced he is. He has brought a lot of energy to the program," athletics director Joel Maturi said.

The timing was certainly strange, given the 1-6 record for the Gophers. They've lost their first three Big Ten games by an average margin of 38 points.

But Maturi downplayed the delay and noted that the length of the deal is the same as what men's basketball coach Tubby Smith got when he was hired in 2007.

"I don't mean to be disrespectful to the lawyers, but I think Joel Maturi and Jerry Kill agreed upon the parameters of this contract a long time ago. There's a lot of things that go into contracts as far as the words are concerned," Maturi said.

**MLB**

# Epstein introduced as Cubs GM



**New Cubs general manager Theo Epstein, left, and Cubs owner Tom Ricketts shake hands at a press conference Tuesday at Wrigley Field.**

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Theo Epstein knew it was time to move on, even though it meant leaving the team he loved. After nearly a decade as general manager in Boston where he won two World Series titles, Epstein decided change would be a good thing.

"After 10 years, no matter how passionate you are, you see the same issues, day after day and you are around the same people day after day," Epstein said. "You are around the same landscape day after day for 10 years and eventually you will benefit from a new landscape and fresh problems."

Fresh problems? There are plenty of those in Chicago.

Epstein was introduced as the new president of baseball operations for the Cubs on Tuesday, going from one team that ended its long championship drought while he was at the helm to one desperately searching for a title after more than a century of futility and frustration.

"I think it's equally as big a challenge," Epstein said Tuesday.

There is so much work to do, from building a strong minor league system and sharp scouting to putting together an evaluation system that is on the cutting edge. All while trying to win with moves that make sense.

"I didn't use the world rebuilding and I wouldn't. I think that is just a buzzword in baseball that leads people down the wrong path," Epstein said.

"The best way I can describe it is there are parallel fronts — the job of building the scouting and player development foundation that is going to serve well for the long haul and treating every opportunity to win as sacred."

The 37-year-old Epstein left the Red Sox with a year left on his contract as general manager. The teams made the announcement Friday night, but held off on the news conference until Tuesday, a travel day for the World Series.

Epstein got a five-year deal worth a reported \$18.5 million. The Cubs and Red Sox still have to hash out compensation for Epstein and a Major League Baseball spokesman confirmed that Commissioner Bud Selig has set a Nov. 1 deadline or else he will mediate the issue.

With that pending, the focus

was squarely on Epstein, with nearly 100 media members attending his inaugural news conference and "Cubs Welcome Theo Epstein" splashed across the famous Wrigley Field marquee at the corner of Clark and Addison on Tuesday morning.

The Cubs haven't won a World Series since 1908 and one of Epstein's first decisions will be deciding the future of manager Mike Quade, who has a year left on his two-year deal. Chicago was 71-91 last season and the team Epstein inherits will not be nearly as talented as the one he took over with the Red Sox in 2002.

"I need to get to know Mike Quade better. I had a great conversation with him on the phone. We're going to get together over the next week," Epstein said.

Various reports say the Cubs aren't through bringing in front office staff from other teams and San Diego's GM Jed Hoyer and Padres assistant Jason McLeod could be reunited with Epstein in Chicago. The three worked together in Boston and Hoyer could be the Cubs' new GM.

Epstein wouldn't comment directly on Hoyer but said if the Cubs do bring in a GM it will be because of his talent.

"Obviously, there is some scuttlebutt going on right now about things that are happening," Epstein said. "I think it was important to develop a structure that allowed for the hiring of the GM if we got the right person."

When the Red Sox won the World Series in 2004, it ended talk of the so-called "Curse of the Bambino" that hung over the team, supposedly for sending Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees.

Of course, the Cubs have one of their own. As legend has it, they were cursed by a tavern owner at the 1945 World Series when he was asked to leave a game because he was accompanied by his pet goat.

"I don't believe in curses and I guess I played a small part in helping prove they don't exist from a baseball standpoint," Epstein said. "I do believe you can be honest and up front about the fact that a certain organization hasn't gotten the job done and hasn't won a World Series in a long time. And that's the approach we took in Boston. It wasn't a curse."

Epstein fits the description

owner Tom Ricketts put forth after he fired Jim Hendry this summer — he uses math and formulas as one way to determine the value of players while also combining those evaluations with scouting.

The new owner, whose family took over the Cubs two years ago, was all smiles Tuesday in introducing Epstein, who was the youngest GM in major league history when he took over at 28 in Boston back in 2002 and trumped that by becoming the youngest GM to win a World Series title.

"We began that search in August and I said I was looking for someone with a background in player development, someone who has a proven track record of success, someone who has a strong analytical background and someone who has experience in creating a culture of winning," Ricketts said. "It was also important to me that that person who would not be content with past successes but would build on those success to improve themselves and improve the organization."

Under Epstein's guidance, Boston went 839-619 (.575) in the regular season and a 34-23 in the playoffs, winning more than 90 games in all but two seasons.

He acquired such stars as David Ortiz, Curt Schilling, Jason Bay and Adrian Gonzalez, though he will be remembered for bringing in highly-priced players who fell short, including Edgar Renteria, Daisuke Matsuzaka, John Lackey and Carl Crawford.

Epstein has a history of smart draft moves (Jacoby Ellsbury, Dustin Pedroia and Clay Buchholz) and he has spent freely.

Epstein quickly pointed out that winning a championship doesn't happen over night but with the right moves a struggling team can get right back into contention the following season.

"We're going to have to grind our way to the top," he said.

He said the Cubs would be active in free agency, but wouldn't commit to whether the Cubs might be interested in a big-name, long-term star like Prince Fielder or Albert Pujols.

"There will be a time and place for that," he said. "I'm not going to say whether it's now or down the road."

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## LA LIGA

# Xavi leads Barcelona to top of standings



From left to right, Barcelona defenders Dani Alves, Maxwell and midfielder Xavi Hernandez celebrate during their 1-0 victory Tuesday.

Associated Press

MADRID — Xavi Hernandez celebrated his record-setting appearance by scoring Barcelona's only goal in a 1-0 victory at Granada on Tuesday that put it provisionally top of the Spanish standings.

Xavi, who surpassed Migueli with his club record 392nd league appearance, curled a free kick from outside the area over the defensive wall into the top left corner for the 33rd-minute winner.

Granada had little possession inside Barcelona's half and were further limited after Jaime Romero was sent off in the 53rd. Barcelona lost forward Pedro Rodriguez to injury shortly after.

Granada striker Dani Benitez was also sent off in added time for protesting.

Barcelona leads with 21 points, one better than Levante and two over Real Madrid, which plays Villarreal on Wednesday. Surprise package Levante can reclaim top spot with a seventh straight victory when it faces Real Sociedad.

Also Tuesday, Manu del Moral extended Sevilla's best start in 67 years by heading home an injury-time equalizer to salvage a 2-2 draw against Racing Santander.

Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola gave youth team player Isaac Cuenca his first start on the left wing, leaving David Villa and Andres Iniesta on the bench, while Carles Puyol was rested and left out of the squad.

Granada was keen to counterattack and often sent testing long balls toward Barcelona defender Javier Mascherano, but the Argentine — who is normally a midfielder — comfortably dealt with those inconveniences.

Lionel Messi, looking to rediscover his scoring touch after having an injury-time penalty saved in a 0-0 draw against Sevilla on Saturday, displayed some slick dribbling in the 13th but sent a left-footed shot wide of the far post.

The 20-year-old Cuenca had a go from a similar position soon after but also curled it wide.

Pedro headed a clear chance wide in the 22nd while goalkeeper Roberto Fernandez was well-placed to save Eric Abidal's effort a few minutes. Barcelona's overwhelming hold on the ball then finally resulted in Xavi's fourth

league goal of the season.

"We didn't circulate the ball quick enough," Guardiola said. "We were slower than usual but we still did well to control the game."

"Granada did great work tonight. We didn't reach the level we should be at, while they did."

Jaime was shown a second yellow card for kicking Maxwell in the face in a bid to reach the ball, right before Pedro came off with a left leg injury after twisting awkwardly. Villa replaced his fellow Spain international and set up Messi just before the hour mark, but defender Diego Mainz cleared the Argentina forward's chip off the line.

Roberto denied Cuenca a goal on his debut in the 70th and Granada finally looked to have its first shot on goal six minutes later when substitute Alexandre Gaijo was played through on Victor Valdes but a questionable offside flag was raised.

Benitez was shown a second yellow following another contentious offside call as Granada failed to lodge a shot on Valdes' goal.

Barcelona remains unbeaten after 15 games in all competitions this season. Granada's winless run stretched to six games and kept it 18th.

Sevilla, which last started this well during its league-winning campaign of 1944-45, frequently exposed Santander's defense on set plays, including when Del Moral met Jose Angel Campana's free kick untouched for a 37th-minute opener.

Santander goalkeeper Antonio Rodriguez made good saves from Emir Spahic and Del Moral to keep the visitors in the match and Papakouly Diop started a perfectly executed counterattack in the 64th that ended with Ariel Nahuelpán heading home Adrian Gonzalez's cross for the equalizer.

Diop released Jairo Samperio along the right side five minutes later and the Santander midfielder shot over Sevilla goalkeeper Javi Varas into the roof of the net to atone for an earlier miss from a similar spot.

On the verge of its first win, Santander finally capitulated as Del Moral beat his marker to a ball into the box to head home an equalizer in the 92nd minute that left Sevilla four points behind Barcelona. Santander joined Granada on five points.

## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Big 12 poised to add West Virginia

Associated Press

The Big 12 has a replacement lined up for Missouri before it even leaves the conference.

The Big East, meanwhile, is in danger of losing another school before replacing the three that already have bailed on the league.

Acting quickly to make sure it maintains a 10-member lineup, the Big 12 approved bringing in West Virginia to replace Missouri when the Tigers complete their move to the Southeastern Conference, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the Big 12 had not announced that the conference board of directors on Monday unanimously approved inviting West Virginia when Missouri's spot comes open.

The move is another step toward stabilizing a Big 12 that seemed on the verge of collapse about a month ago when Texas and Oklahoma were pondering a move to the Pac-12.

On the other side, West Virginia's pending departure from the Big East, which has lost two members and one member-to-be in the last six weeks, leaves the embattled conference facing another crisis.

The Big East is trying to reconfigure as a 12-team football league and has been courting Boise State, Navy and Air Force as football-only members and Central Florida, SMU and Houston for all sports. Commissioner John Marinatto met with officials from some of

those schools Sunday in Washington.

Because there is no timetable for Missouri to complete its expected departure from the Big 12 — and the league's board of directors expressed "a strong desire" for Missouri to stay — there is no timetable for West Virginia to receive a formal invitation, the person said.

But West Virginia will accept an invitation from the Big 12 once it is offered, the person said.

During an interview Tuesday with KFRU-AM in Columbia, Mo., Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton said it would be "days" or "a week or two" before the school announced its decision.

Interim Big 12 Commissioner Chuck Neinas has said he expects Missouri to compete in the Big 12 in 2012, though Deaton has said that if Missouri does make a move, he'd like the Tigers to be playing in their new conference next fall.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

# Irish win two of first three

By CORY BERNARD  
Sports Writer

So much for a relaxing Fall Break. After cruising to a pair of victories during a double dual meet Oct. 15 against TCU and Oakland, the Irish hosted No. 4 Auburn on Friday.

Against the Horned Frogs (3-1) and the Golden Bears (2-4), the Irish (2-1) won six of 16 total events, led by sophomore Kelly Ryan's victories in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke. Freshman Bridget Casey was also impressive, earning a pair of runner-up finishes in the 500- and 1,000-yard free-style races as Notre Dame defeated TCU (173-127) and Oakland (207-93).

Though Notre Dame recorded some impressive individual performances against the Tigers (2-0), including junior diver Jenny Chiang's victories in the one- and three-meter dives, Auburn proved too talented. The Tigers prevailed 167-125.

Irish coach Brian Barnes said that he won't dwell on the loss to Auburn, but also said it

was important for his team's development.

"I'm not a big fan of moral victories," Barnes said. "However, having a ranked team like Auburn come in you learn a lot about who you are and you begin to see the team dynamic begin to take shape. We live by the one-minute rule one minute to get over a great swim, one minute to get over a bad swim. We're always looking to the next one, and how we competed against Auburn was very important for me."

Because the Irish are still adjusting to the pace of competition, Barnes said fall meets are important for the coaching staff to evaluate a team returning from the off-season.

"Everyone's gradually getting in better shape now that we are into our actual season," Barnes said. "The early stages are about gathering a lot of information about the team. We have 10 freshmen on this team, so we are learning a lot. The road to March really is a learning experience."

Casey's impressive showing so far this season has not

necessarily surprised Barnes, though he said he is still in the process of evaluating her skills.

"I really didn't have any expectations," Barnes said of Casey heading into this year. "She is a U.S. National Junior Team member, she comes from a great family and a great club team. We recruited her to come to Notre Dame to be successful, but I'm still observing very objectively at this point and I will be for a while."

Though still gauging Casey's ability and role on the team, Barnes said she has caught his attention.

"Her performance at Auburn was even more impressive than against TCU and Oakland," he said. "She had to swim the 1,000-free and then she came back and got her first win at Notre Dame in the 200-back. She's one to keep your eye on."

Notre Dame next competes at Pittsburgh at 4 p.m. on Friday.

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ROWING

# Varsity four boat takes fifth in prestigious race

By CORY BERNARD  
Sports Writer

The Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston annually brings together some of the world's top rowing competition from the high school, collegiate and club levels. In the championship four-race, only one university finished ahead of the Irish.

Notre Dame clocked a time of 18:40.01, good enough for fifth place overall. The Vesper Boat Club took first with a time of 18:21.85. Virginia, the only school to top the Irish, finished second at 18:34.40. Defending national champions Brown rowed a 19:00.23, placing seventh.

As one of the most prestigious regattas in the world, thousands of spectators lined the Charles River over the weekend to watch the myriad races. Irish coach Martin Stone said he made his team aware of the magnitude of the event during practice the previous week. "We talked about [the crowds] beforehand," he said. "It's an incredible atmosphere for this type of race. It's gotten a lot bigger. I remember 10 or 12 years ago it was a one-day regatta. This year, they were estimating about a quarter of a million people would be watching from the shore over the weekend."

Although Notre Dame's four-crew could not replicate the fanfare of the regatta in practice, it handled it well according to Stone.

"It was crazy," Stone said of the atmosphere in Boston. "You can't really prepare for it, but at the end of the day it's a time

trial. You're racing against the clock, and we've done a tremendous amount of those."

Toward the end of the race, Notre Dame encountered a potentially damaging hurdle. Heading into the final bridge, the Irish encountered some slower traffic. Stone said his squad practiced for such a situation, and junior coxswain Abby Meyers guided the boat out of trouble.

"We had prepared for [such a situation], knowing we were starting in the back of the field and we might run into some slower traffic," Stone said. "To her credit, Abby saw what was going on, and since the other team wouldn't yield, she shut it down for a few seconds to make sure we had a clear path."

By virtue of finishing fifth, the Irish are guaranteed a spot in next year's Head of the Charles Regatta. According to Stone, Notre Dame hopes to return annually.

"It's a race that has a lot of value," he said. "It's definitely a place we should be as a program."

Despite Notre Dame's impressive showing against some of the nation's best, Stone said he has to see his team in more races to accurately gauge its ability.

"This race gives us a base idea of where we are in the general field. Spring is a long way away still. We'll have a better idea after we race Indiana and then Ohio State, Michigan State and Indiana again."

The Irish next race the Hoosiers in Indianapolis on Nov. 6.

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NHL

# Lightning come from behind to win

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Mathieu Garon didn't panic when he surrendered a pair of goals on the first three shots he faced. He just took a step back, refocused, and watched his teammates climb out of an early hole.

Garon made 36 saves to help lift the Tampa Bay Lightning to a sweep of their home-and-home series with the Buffalo Sabres with a 4-3 comeback win on Tuesday night.

"You have to forget about the goals because if you give up another one it's probably over," Garon said. "You just have to worry about the next shot and battle through."

Vincent Lecavalier, Nate Thompson, Steven Stamkos, and Ryan Malone all scored for the Lightning (4-3-2), who defeated the Sabres 3-0 on Saturday in Tampa Bay.

Garon was given a third straight start after registering his 20th career shutout Saturday. He tightened up after allowing those two quick goals in the first 2:31 of the game, giving Tampa Bay a chance to erase the deficit and win its third in a row.

"One of the toughest games I've ever had to coach in the NHL, if not the toughest," said second-year Lightning coach Guy Boucher. "We didn't come out at first, and we were giving the puck away every two seconds. You're looking at your bench and saying, 'I've got nobody to throw out there.' So slowly we had to build them, one guy at a time."

Buffalo's first two goals came just 35 seconds apart. Thomas Vanek got his seventh after stealing the puck from Lightning defenseman Eric Brewer at the blue line, then going in and slipping the puck between Garon's legs.

Then Brad Boyes made it 2-0 when he put a backhand in from the slot.



Tampa Bay center Nate Thompson, right, checks Buffalo's Patrick Roy during the Lightning's 4-3 victory Tuesday.

That's when the Lightning began to take some of the play away from the Sabres, who came in with the stingiest defense in the Eastern Conference. They finally broke through on goals by Lecavalier and Thompson, with Lecavalier scoring on a wrist shot from the slot with just under 7 minutes left in the first, and Thompson tying it with a goal with just 60 seconds remaining in the opening period.

"We knew they were going to come out with a strong start, but yet we weren't ready," Malone said. "They were winning the battles and took it to us early. We just tried to keep it simple because we knew there was a lot of game left."

Nathan Gerbe also scored, and Boyes added an assist for the Sabres (5-3-0), who've now squandered leads in both of their losses in Buffalo so far this season.

"We got on them hard, we skated well, and did some good things early on," Sabres captain

Jason Pominville said. "After that, we kind of slipped away from our game."

Ryan Miller, making his fourth consecutive start, finished with 19 saves for Buffalo.

"We all have to get better," he said. "We can't get rattled, and we have to keep going."

Up 3-2 after two periods, Malone pushed the lead to 4-2 with a breakaway goal with 1:23 to go in regulation, but Gerbe cut it to one goal just 33 seconds later to cap the scoring.

With the score tied 2-2 after one period, Stamkos made it 3-2 when he re-directed a shot from the point through Miller's legs.

With three consecutive wins under their belt, the Lightning have rebounded after a dismal 1-3-2 start.

"We were floating around and not supporting the puck, but now we're not turning the puck over as much," Malone said about the turnaround. "It wasn't a pretty game for us, but we found a way to win."

FORMULA ONE

# New Jersey set to host historic race

Associated Press

WEEHAWKEN, N.J. — New Jersey will host its first-ever Formula One Grand Prix race in 2013 on a course that winds along the Hudson River waterfront and offers striking views of the Manhattan skyline.

Auto racing officials and Gov. Chris Christie on Tuesday announced a ten-year agreement to hold the race at a news conference in front of the Port Imperial ferry terminal, which will serve both as entry point for race-goers coming from New York and as the start-finish line for competitors.

The 3.2-mile course will run along the river through the towns of Weehawken and West New York, then climb uphill before looping back around in front of the ferry terminal. It features one hairpin turn and several other 90-degree turns. Promoters estimated drivers will reach speeds up to 200 miles per hour on the course's straightaways and about 60 to 80 mph on the turns.

Steve Matchett, a commentator on Formula One races for the SPEED network, called the course layout and views "abso-

lutely staggering" and compared it to the famed Monte Carlo course for its proximity to water and its steep climb.

Leo Hindery, a founding chairman and former CEO of the YES Network who is promoting the race, said that aside from a pit area being constructed in front of the terminal, only temporary structures such as bleachers, 10- to 12-foot-high fences and concrete barriers will be erected and then removed after the race. Work will begin next year to resurface the road along the course, he said.

No public funds will be used to stage the race, Christie said.

"Once again, this proves to everyone that the New Jersey comeback continues at full tilt," he said. The state hosted an NCAA regional basketball final this year, and will host the Ironman triathlon competition next year and the Super Bowl in 2014.

West New York Mayor Felix Roque called the awarding of the race "the second miracle on the Hudson" in reference to the safe landing of a US Airways jet on the river in 2009, and said the race would bring worldwide attention and economic growth to the region.

## SMC VOLLEYBALL

## Belles look to break losing streak against Adrian

By KATIE HEIT  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's, which has fallen short in its last seven games, looks to break the streak with a victory over Adrian today.

The Belles (7-16, 5-9 MIAA) defeated Adrian (7-19, 4-9) Sept. 28 in a dominating 3-0 victory.

"They're a tough team," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "It's really important

for us to play our game if we want to win."

Kuschel said the losses have been tough, but her team has played good volleyball in every match, keeping pace with many of the teams it has played. She said her players know what they need to do in order to secure a win against Adrian.

"They're very aware that we had some tough losses last week," Kuschel said. "They're capable of so much

more, so they're looking to play their best volleyball [in] the last week of the season."

The Belles are currently ranked sixth in their conference and have only two more games remaining in the regular season. Kuschel said she is looking for everyone to step up and perform to the best of her ability in the last two games.

Consistent leaders for the team have been freshman outsider hitter Kati Schnei-

der, who leads the team in kills, as well as senior defensive hitter Meghann Rose, who has been a leader in digs in her four years at Saint Mary's. Junior setter Danie Brink has also performed well this season and has earned nearly 100 assists in her last five games.

Through the losses, Kuschel said she has noticed that her team has been working to improve in every match, and the upcoming match will

be a good indication of how far the team has come this season.

"We're focused on what we need to do to get better every time we step out on the court," Kuschel said. "We need to play our level of volleyball."

The Belles will attempt to break their losing streak today at 7 p.m. at Adrian.

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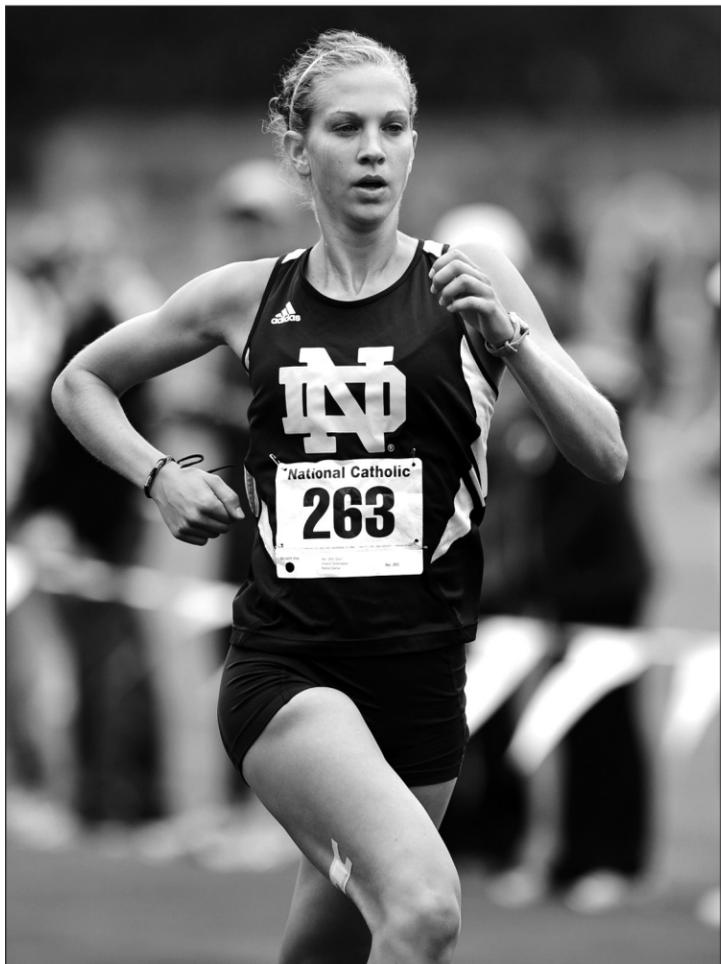


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Senior Allison Schroeder competes in the National Catholic Championships at Notre Dame on Sept. 16.

## Rydberg

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chel Velarde each finished the course in just over 21:30 as both scored for the Irish.

"I didn't think that overall we had a great race," Connelly said. "As a group, there was a pretty big gap between [our runners]. We didn't do a good job of running together."

Villanova senior Sheila Reid won the race, clocking in at

20:00.

Washington, which placed three runners in the top 25, won the race while Vanderbilt and Arizona rounded out the top three. Notre Dame did, however, top seven ranked teams Providence, Minnesota, Florida, Iowa, Brigham Young, Princeton and Clemson.

As a result, the Irish moved up from No. 25 in the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) national

poll to No. 23.

"Until we line up at the regional meet and earn a spot at the NCAAs, being ranked doesn't mean a lot," Connelly said. "Right now, rankings are just someone's opinion."

On the men's side, junior Jeremy Rae paced the Irish, finishing the eight-kilometer race in 76th place with a time of 24:41. Sophomores Martin Grady and Walter Schafer and junior J.P. Malette also finished the race in less than 25 minutes.

"We raced a lot better than we did at [the Notre Dame Invitational]," Rae said. "We beat some ranked teams, which was good."

Rae, an NCAA track All-American last year, ran in just his second race this year for the Irish, finishing the slightly shorter race 30 seconds faster than his debut.

"[My performance] was all right," Rae said. "I'm coming along but, as a team, we're still getting better."

Arizona freshman Lawi Lalang won the race, finishing in 23:10. Despite Lalang's strong finish, the Wildcats placed 36th. Wisconsin finished first while Brigham Young, who won the Notre Dame Invitational, and Stanford also placed in the top three.

"We're not at that level yet to be competing with top-five teams," Rae said. "Our main goal right now is to place well at the Big East [championships]."

Notre Dame defeated ranked teams Georgetown, Syracuse, New Mexico and North Carolina in the race. The Irish reentered the USTFCCCA national rankings at No. 29.

The Irish return to the course for the Big East championships Saturday.

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Senior Jonathan Whitcomb competes in the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 28 at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

## Relays

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dominating one for Michigan, however, as the Wolverines took 10 of the next 11 races on their way to a first place finish.

For a team that features 12 freshmen swimmers and four freshmen divers, the Stark Relays were a much-needed learning experience, Irish coach Tim Welsh said.

"It was a very positive start for us, lots of positive excitement," Welsh said. "It's the beginning, not the end. As the season progresses we want to place higher, but I was happy with the results. For a lot of our team, this is something they've been looking forward to for over a year. There's something special about swimming in the Notre Dame cap for the first time."

On Saturday, the Irish faced off against a familiar slate of foes in a dual meet with Michigan, Oakland and TCU. Similar to the previous day, the Wolverines took first with

three victories on the day, including a 174-119 victory over the Irish. Notre Dame finished at 2-1 with victories over the Golden Grizzlies (194-100) and Horned Frogs (174-126).

Dyer led the Irish with two gold medal performances in the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle, turning in times of 44.57 and 1:37.92. Dyer's mark in the 200-meter freestyle was the nation's fastest this season. He was named the Big East Athlete of the Week in men's swimming and diving Monday for his performance.

The Irish also took gold in the 1-meter springboard as freshman Nick Nemetz totaled 332.55 points.

"We did a lot of swimming in a 24-hour period," Welsh said. "From Friday to Saturday we saw a lot of competitiveness and a lot of excitement. Especially for our young swimmers and divers, this was a great result."

The Irish return to the pool Friday at Pittsburgh.

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## Albion

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combined score of 12-1. They haven't scored a goal in their last three matches, and were shut out 5-0 by Calvin at home Saturday.

"I think we're in good shape for the game against Albion," Joyce said. "I think the losses last week have motivated us to get back on track in the win column."

The Belles are in sixth place in the MIAA conference standings with 12 points, while the Britons are languishing in last place with one point, earned in their tie with Trine on Oct. 12. Adrian leads the league with 36 points and a 12-2 conference record.

While the Belles had trouble of late offensively, they are ahead of the winless Britons, whose woeful season record includes a 2-1 loss to the Belles at their home field in September. Albion has only scored 12 goals this season, three of which came in an overtime loss to Kalamazoo Sept. 17, while allowing 66.

Albion celebrated Senior

Day during its match against Olivet on Saturday, but its final home game of the season was marred by a 2-1 loss to the Comets (3-14, 3-10), who scored an early goal in each half.

While the Belles are focused on securing a victory, soccer will not be the only item on Wednesday's agenda. The team will be honoring Domestic Violence Awareness month by wearing a specially made purple shirt the color of domestic violence awareness.

"This is our second year promoting domestic violence awareness through the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) here on campus," Joyce said. "We will have an empowerment wall serving as a message board and a table with flyers, information, statistics, food, desserts, hot chocolate and tie dye T-shirt making. There will also be a number of people on hand from the BAVO department to answer any questions people have."

The Belles will face off with the Britons at home Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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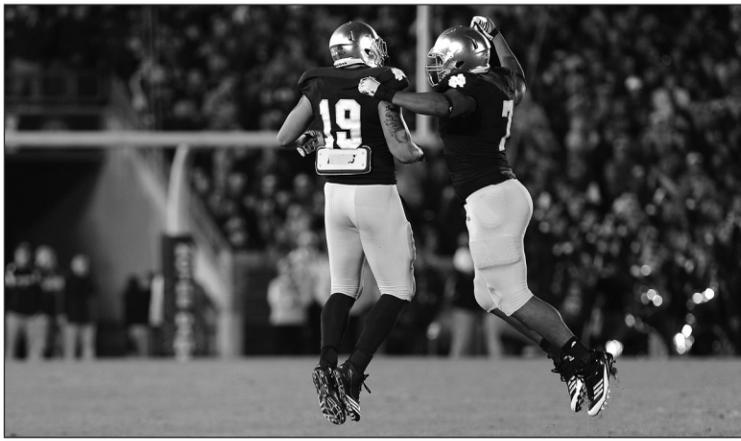
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Freshman defensive ends Aaron Lynch, left, and Stephon Tuitt celebrate a stop during Notre Dame's 31-17 loss to USC on Saturday.

## Johnson

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Dame (4-3) will depend on some younger players to take on a larger role, Kelly said.

"Well, you know, you've got great flexibility because we have [freshman defensive end] Chase Hounshell activated," he said. "Chase is in the mix. Certainly [sophomore defensive end] Kona [Schwenke] is in the mix, as well as [freshman defensive end Stephon] Tuitt has flexibility to play inside and outside. And if we can get some work from Ethan, that helps us out."

The injuries come at an especially inopportune time with the Irish preparing to face Navy and its triple-option offense, a unit that gashed Notre Dame for 367 rushing yards in a 35-17 win

in 2010.

"Kapron and Ethan probably have more experience against the option than anybody here in terms of actually understanding their jobs and what to do," Kelly said. "But, you know, we'll call on the next guy."

In what Kelly called "Intense Tuesday," the Irish were in full pads and hitting at practice as the team prepares for the Midshipmen.

"You know, I think we have to get into a routine that we practice similar to the way that we want to play without putting our team at risk for injury," he said. "But certainly we have to have a very spirited practice during the week so that our football team is prepared to play the right way on Saturday. And that falls on me in terms of the preparation."

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## Streak

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"I don't think it's any one thing [that marks the difference between the streaks,]" Maund said. "We were playing well, and as long as you keep playing well, goals are going to come. Sometimes you get lucky, sometimes you don't, but if you keep playing well eventually you are going to get lucky. [We've been] staying true to our style of play, staying true to just believing in our system and in the players that we have, and the coaching staff."

The Friars carry a winning streak of their own into the contest, earning victories in their last three games. Providence is led by junior midfielder Mark Cintron, the most recent Big East Offensive Player of the Week, who recorded two goals and one assist last week for the Friars.

The Irish captured last year's contest between the two teams, 2-1, and hold a decisive 13-2-1 lead in the series record, but the Friars could prove to be a tough test for Notre Dame this year, Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

"Providence is definitely a very good team, and they are having a very good year this year," he said. "It's a small, bumpy field [at Providence], so that's something that we will have to deal with. We are used to playing on our field, which is big, full size and nice and flat. They're



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Junior midfielder Dillon Powers maneuvers around a UConn defender during Notre Dame's scoreless, overtime draw Oct. 8.

field is not nearly as conducive to playing good soccer, so we'll have to adapt to the layout. It'll be a good test."

For the Irish, the game is a valuable opportunity to fortify their standing in the Big East Blue Division, but also a chance to preserve momentum as they move into the postseason, Maund said.

"This whole season has been a work in progress, and we are still progressing and still getting better," he said.

"I think the team realizes that we just want to peak at the right time. So hopefully that right time is the national championship title."

With postseason and conference implications very much on the line, Notre Dame will take the field today at 3 p.m. at Providence's Glay Field in its final road game of the season.

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## FOOTBALL

# Lewis-Moore out for year

Senior defensive end suffers detached MCL

By ANDREW OWENS  
Associate Sports Editor

Following Saturday's 31-17 loss to USC that effectively ruined any Irish BCS Bowl-game aspirations, Notre Dame was dealt another blow when senior defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore's season was ended due to a knee injury.

"[Lewis-Moore] has a knee injury. I think I said I thought he had an ankle injury, but that wasn't the case. It was a knee injury," Irish coach Brian Kelly said Tuesday.

"It was a very unusual injury ... We're still talking four to six months [that Lewis-Moore will be out]. But [the injury is] one that I haven't seen in 21 years and our doctors have seen very rarely, so it was hard to get a good assessment on



Senior defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore pursues the ballcarrier during Notre Dame's 31-17 loss to USC on Saturday. Lewis-Moore will miss four to six months with a knee injury.

him until the MRI yesterday."

Sophomore quarterback Tommy Rees, junior safety Zeke Motta and senior de-

fensive end Ethan Johnson all practiced Tuesday after injuries sustained Saturday or, in Johnson's case, two weeks ago.

With Johnson not at full strength and Lewis-Moore out for the season, Notre

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## SMC SOCCER

# Belles host MIAA foe Albion

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

The Belles begin their final push for a winning record when they host Albion on Wednesday.

"We're at 8-9 with three games to go, so we're still shooting for a winning season," Belles coach Michael Joyce said.

Saint Mary's (8-9, 4-9 MIAA) will need a victory in each of its remaining matches against Albion (0-16-1, 0-12-1), Trine and Hope in order to finish the season with a winning record, but to do that the Belles will need to turn around their recent skid.

The Belles have dropped their last four contests by a

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## MEN'S SWIMMING

# Wolverines dominate field at Stark Relays

By CONOR KELLY  
Sports Writer

The Irish opened their season with events on consecutive days, taking second in both the Dennis Stark Relays and the first dual meet of the year on Oct. 14 and Oct. 15, respectively.

The Stark Relays featured Michigan, Oakland, Valparaiso and TCU, and the Irish took second place with 156 points. Michigan took first with 200

points.

The day started off well for the Irish as the 200-meter freestyle relay team of junior Christopher Johnson, junior John McGinley, sophomore Frank Dyer and junior Kevin Overholt won the first race of the day, posting a time of 1:22.01 that beat second-place TCU by almost three seconds.

The day quickly turned into a

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Irish look to clinch playoff spot



Senior defender Aaron Maund follows the flight of his pass during Notre Dame's scoreless draw with Connecticut on Oct. 8. The Irish are still looking to clinch a berth in the Big East championships.

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Sports Writer

As the conclusion of the regular season nears, No. 15 Notre Dame's position seems to be simultaneously perilous and promising. With only one spot unclaimed in the Blue Division, the Irish have not yet clinched a berth in the Big East championships, but have the opportunity to climb up the rankings when they travel to Providence Wednesday.

Notre Dame (7-3-4, 3-2-1 Big East) currently occupies the sixth and final postseason position in the division, but seventh-place Pittsburgh still threatens. A win over Providence (9-5-1, 4-2-1) would guarantee the Irish a ticket to the conference championships and help them pull even

with the rest of the pack.

"I think we are in the position where our fate is in our hands," senior captain Aaron Maund said.

"At the beginning of the season, if you had said that going into the last week of Big East play, your fate is in your hands, a lot of teams would be pretty satisfied with that."

While most of the teams in the postseason race have only two games left on their schedules, the Irish have three games remaining, providing them with an extra opportunity to accumulate points and improve their seeding. Although they are paying attention to the conference standings, the Irish remain focused on their upcoming game.

"We have an eye on [the standings], of course," Maund

said. "But we still try to focus on ourselves because that is the only thing that we have control over. We try to affect the things that we can control ... and worry about that stuff more than about the standings and what other teams are doing, because all that will work itself out."

The Irish head into their game against Providence riding a two-game winning streak in which they netted six total goals, the same number scored in their previous seven games combined. The two-game winning streak comes on the heels of a four-game winless streak where the Irish struggled to score goals despite feeling as though they had outplayed their opponent.

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## ND CROSS COUNTRY

# Rydborg paces ND at adidas invitational

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS  
Sports Writer

With two different championship meets just around the corner, the Irish prepped by competing against 37 ranked teams in both the men's and women's fields at the Wisconsin adidas Invitational. The women's team finished 15th, while the men's squad placed 19th.

"Probably 20-plus teams at Wisconsin will be at the NCAA meet," Irish women's coach Tim Connelly said. "This was as close a regular season race to the NCAAs we will see."

For the fourth consecutive race, junior Jessica Rydborg led the Irish. She ran the six-kilometer course in 20:46.5, good enough for 36th place.

"She's been big," Connelly said of Rydborg. "We struggled last year without a front-runner. She's getting more fit every week and gaining more confidence with each race."

Senior Susanna Sullivan and sophomore Alexa Aragon followed Rydborg, placing 81st and 85th, respectively. Junior Rebecca Tracy and senior Ra-

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