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University athletes coach kids

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

What started out as a simple pick-up flag football game between Notre Dame's men's lacrosse seniors and community children last year has now developed into the Irish Experience League.

According to Director Kevin Dugan, manager of Youth and Community Programs, the Irish Experience League is a free five-week program for boys and girls in the local community and is led by student athletes and volunteers.

"The goal of the Irish Experience League is to use the virtues of the five pillars of Notre Dame athletics - excellence, education, faith, tradition and community - to positively influence children," Dugan said. "These are the key fundamental principles we shape our student-athlete experience around. We want to impact as many young children as possible with the virtues inherent with these fundamental building blocks of success."

The league was a collaborative event between the

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Students to 'Raise an X for X'



Courtesy of Corey Colonna

Residents of Zahm Hall raise an "X" in honor of hallmate Xavier Murphy, who lost his battle with leukemia on October 11. Murphy would have been 23 years old on Saturday.

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Associate News Editor

Tomorrow, thousands of students are encouraged to raise their arms in an "X" as a symbol of unity, strength and remembrance.

The "X" will honor Xavier Murphy, a fifth-year student and former resident of Zahm Hall who died Oct. 11 after a short battle with cancer. Tomorrow would have been his 23rd birthday.

Senior Daniel Duffey, a resident assistant in Zahm and friend of Murphy's, said the unified "X" is the perfect way to honor Murphy.

"Doing [the 'X'] for him is just a further symbol of exactly who he was. It represents him, the dorm and our community standing together," Duffey said. "Normally ... everyone hates us for it, but this time it obviously means something more."

Corry Colonna, rector of Zahm Hall, said the Raise an X for X campaign began when Murphy was first diagnosed with leukemia in September.

"We started this process before he had passed away," Colonna said. "The goal was he would be able to see us. He was watching the football games from Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. Our hope was ... he

would see a number of people with their hands up in the air for him."

But for Murphy's family and friends, tomorrow's "X" will hold a different significance.

"One of the first questions the guys asked [after Xavier passed] is, 'Are we going to move forward with this?'" Colonna said. "Mrs. Murphy called me that evening and I asked her. She said, 'Now he'll see it from heaven. Go ahead sounds like a great idea.'"

Colonna said after hearing the news of Murphy's passing, the Zahm community immedi-

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Professor wins Nobel Prize

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

For Notre Dame Astrophysics Professor Peter Garnavich, a telephone call at 5:00 a.m. was a dream come true.

Over the line, his wife informed him that he and his scientific team-mates had just won the 2011 Nobel Prize in physics.



Peter Garnavich

Garnavich said he has always felt that he and his team, the High-Z Supernova Search Team, were capable of winning the prize, but he was surprised at just how quickly this was accomplished.

"It was really a pleasant surprise because it has only been 13 years since we made our findings," Garnavich said. "Some people wait 30 or more years before their work is rewarded ... I think

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Business students strive to improve stadium atmosphere

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

This season, Notre Dame fans have sought a few "-ation's" in their gameday experience, specifically intimidation, motivation and elation.

Junior Kristen Stoutenburgh and sophomore Matthew Cunningham believe they have the solutions to achieve these states at every home game: music and a jumbotron.

After this year's loss to Michigan, Cunningham and Stoutenburgh, Mendoza College of Business students, created a research project aimed at making the game day atmosphere in Notre Dame Stadium more exciting, energetic and intimidating.

"If you look at all the successful college football programs of the last ten years or so, they all have intimidating home field advantage," Cunningham said.

"We think Notre Dame has the potential, with all its tradition, to have as good an atmosphere as anybody."

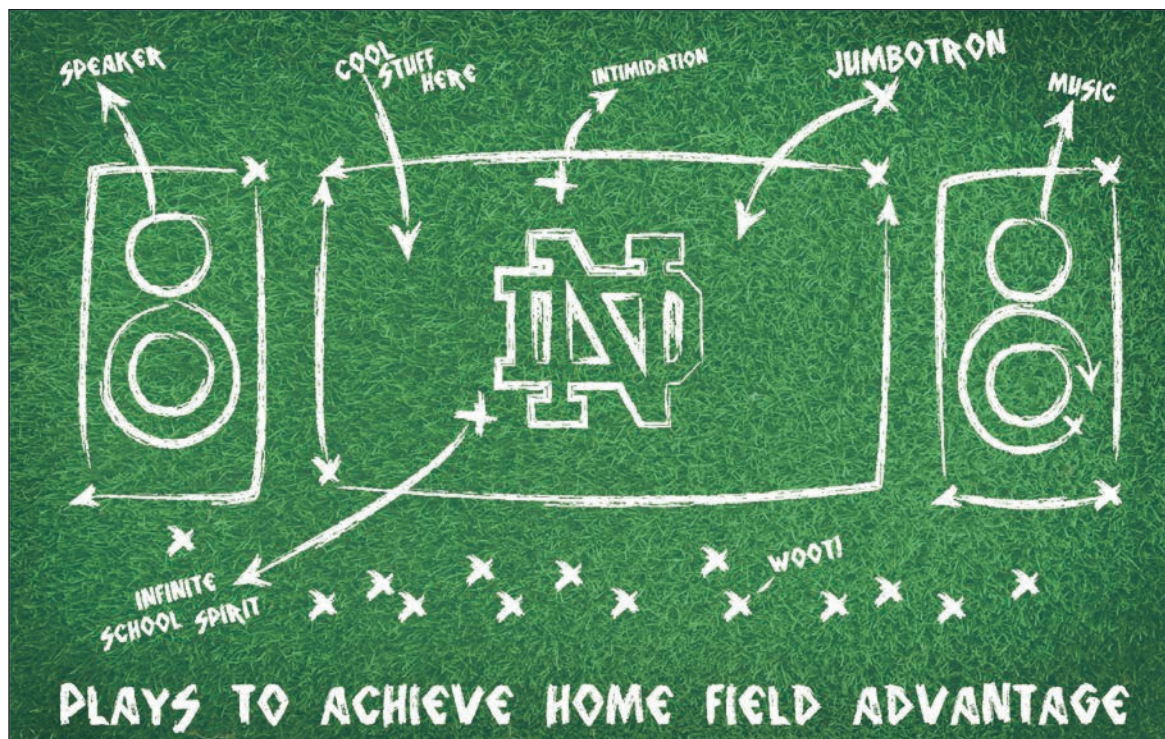
Cunningham said the project researches how Notre Dame can achieve a more intimidating home field advantage.

Home field advantage, Stoutenburgh said, is the key to being more than just a tough game on paper.

"When opponents come in and see our name on the schedule, they are like, 'Oh [man], we're playing Notre Dame,'" she said. "But once they get [here] it is different ... It is not as intimidating as other places."

To begin their project, Cunningham and Stoutenburgh surveyed University students. The survey asked students questions such as, "How would you compare another school's game atmosphere to Notre Dame's?"

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CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, an article in the Oct. 27 edition of The Observer misrepresented which day Wyn Sullivan returned to campus after her brother, Declan Sullivan's death. She returned to campus Tuesday Nov. 2, 2010. A second story in the same edition did not include the fact that the Notre Dame's final agreement with IOSHA in July reduced the "knowing" violation against the University and dropped the total fine to \$42,000 rather than \$77,500. The Observer regrets these errors."

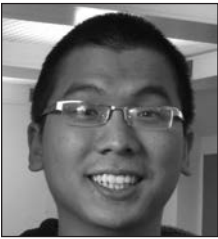
QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S THE BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME YOU'VE EVER SEEN?



Jasmine Young

sophomore
off campus

"Pixelated
female Link."



Truong Pham

sophomore
Siegfried

"The Holy
Trinity."



Wendy Hatch

sophomore
Farley

"Genie in a
bottle."



Michael Vella

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"An interactive
'Words with
Friends'
costume."



Jamie O'Donohue

sophomore
Siegfried

"I had a friend in
high school who
was about 6'6,"
so he painted
himself green
and was the Jolly
Green Giant."



Will Ivancic

junior
Siegfried

"Ricky Bobby,
on fire, in his
underwear."

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



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Signs are displayed outside the North and South Dining Halls on Thursday in support of the 4 to 5 Movement, which encourages students to support gay civil rights and a welcoming and safe enviroment on campus for those who identify as LGBTQ.

OFFBEAT

Tattooed Barbie stirs up controversy, angers parents

NEW YORK CITY — The doll with the dragon tattoo?

With pink hair and tattoos across her shoulders and neck, U.S. toymaker Mattel's latest collector's edition Barbie doll could be compared more to the edgy female heroine of author Stieg Larrson's best-selling Millennium trilogy than to the more traditional Barbies.

Since its release earlier this month, the \$50 limited edition doll designed by Los Angeles-based fashion company tokidoki and aimed at adult collectors, has sold out but not before causing controversy.

"Is the New "Tokidoki" Tat-

too Barbie Inappropriate for Children?" U.S. News & World Report asked in a recent headline.

Some parents also questioned whether the toy company should be promoting body art.

"It's teaching kids to want tattoos before they are old enough to dress like that," Kevin Buckner, of Virginia, told a local television station.

No one was available from Mattel to comment on the issue.

British minister fined for failing to pay taxes

LONDON — Business Secretary Vince Cable, who has called for tough action against tax dodgers, has been fined

for failing to pay his own tax bill, his office said on Wednesday.

Cable, a Liberal Democrat minister in the government, was hit with a 500 pound penalty from the tax office over money he had earned from media work but for which he had not paid the VAT sales tax, the Sun newspaper reported.

During campaigning for last year's election, Cable attacked "billionaire tax-dodgers" who had undue influence on the government and "have the effrontery to tell us how to vote and how to run our tax policies."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

General Anthony Zinnie of the United States Marine Corps will speak today from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Zinni, a four-star General and former Commander in Chief of U.S. Central Command, will give a lecture titled "American Strategic Interests and Options in the Middle East and Beyond." The lecture will be held in the Digital Visualization Theatre at the Jordan Hall of Science and is sponsored by the Notre Dame International Security Program and the James P. Reilly, Jr. Notre Dame National Security Lecture Series.

There will be a tailgate party today from 3 to 6 p.m. sponsored by the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement in Dooley Room 102 of the LaFortune Student Center. Come enjoy donuts, coffee and cider and pick up a CUSE T-shirt.

Robert Schmuhl, Annenberg-Joyce Chair in American Studies and Journalism, will speak today from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Heshburgh Center Auditorium. Schmuhl will give the 2011 Hibernian Lecture: "All Changed, Changed Utterly: Easter 1916 and America."

The 1942 classic film "Sullivan's Travels" will be shown tonight at 8 p.m. in the DeBatolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3.

Magacian Mike Super will perform on the Washington Hall Mainstage Auditorium tonight at 9 p.m. Admission is free for students.

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HIGH 57

LOW 40

ND switches to recycled paper



By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

In the next year, Notre Dame will have the power to save the equivalent of 18 trees, water from 130 showers and 453 gallons of gasoline all by switching to recycled paper.

Office of Sustainability Programs Manager Erin Hafner said the change, which will begin Nov. 1 and take full effect Jan. 1, 2012, is part of an initiative several years in the making.

“We asked about this change a couple of years ago, but it wasn’t feasible,” she said. “When the Office of Public Affairs and Communications changed the Notre Dame brand standards, we saw this as an opportunity to update the paper.”

The change will affect University letterheads, business cards, envelopes and other paper items printed from Express

Press, a South Bend printer. As a result of an agreement between the University, the printer and the paper supplier, the change will come with zero cost increase, Hafner said.

“We pick and choose our initiatives based on the greatest impact,” she said. “This is a centralized change.”

Javier Hernandez, a procurement specialist who worked on the project, said Express Press was an excellent partner to work with on the change.

“Express Press made this transition easy,” Hernandez said. “We’re trying to be a leader with this initiative,” he said.

Hernandez said the stationary will look slightly different. Although the paper will still come from the current stationary provider, Neenah Paper, the new stock will be a brighter white than the current stock.

In an announcement through Procurement Services, Hafner

said Neenah Paper advocates the green sentiments of its paper products through its company practices.

“Neenah Paper is truly dedicated to reducing its carbon footprint,” she said in the announcement.

“They generate their own hydroelectric power at their mills in Wisconsin and Germany, they are one of the largest purchasers of [independently certified] renewable energy in Wisconsin and they are putting major efforts into energy conservation. As a result, their North American mills have cut their [carbon dioxide] emissions almost in half over the last decade.”

According to the announcement, six out of seven Neenah Paper company mills have achieved a company-wide goal of zero landfill waste.

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Student documentaries earn national honors

By ABI HOVERMAN
News Writer

For a few recent graduates, a class project turned into national recognition.

“The Elect” and “Picking Up America,” two documentaries created for a documentary production class in 2010, have been official selections and award winners at film festivals across the country this year.

Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) faculty member Ted Mandell taught the class for which the films were made.

“In the past few years [Notre Dame] has been more successful in terms of getting into national and international film festivals,” Mandell said.

Produced by 2011 graduates Erin Zacek and Dan Moore, “The Elect” was selected for the Los Angeles film festival for its behind-the-scenes look at the Scottsboro Baptist Church.

“When we went to the LA film festival, out of 5,000 films, to be selected and to stand out from that many quality films was really exciting,” Zacek said.

“Picking Up America,” produced by Michael Burke and Marie Wicht of the Class of 2011, tells the story of the environmentalist group Pick Up America, which has been picking up trash across the country since March 2010 to raise awareness about waste and pollution.

In addition to being selected for 12 festivals, the film won the Social Change Award at the Ivy Film Festival and Best Nature Film at the Yosemite Film Festival.

“It was super rewarding to have someone stand up and say, ‘This is the film that can inspire the most change.’ ... Knowing that it worked and people are responding to it is rewarding,” Wicht said. “We’re college kids ... We got in competing against non-student films.”

Mandell said Notre Dame’s FTT department offers students unique opportunities that have contributed to such successes.

First, Notre Dame offers filmmakers funding and grants to travel, which is key when making films of

national scope and interest, Mandell said.

Both films’ creators took advantage of the Broad Avenue Filmmakers Award, a grant for FTT students created by a 1986 Notre Dame graduate.

“We got funding totaling over \$1,000 ... That covered all our travel expenses, as well as submission fees for somewhere around 20 film festivals,” Burke said.

The relatively small size of Notre Dame’s film department gives students the benefit of more faculty attention and more access to equipment, Mandell said.

“Our documentary class had eight people. To get that kind of one-on-one attention from the professor and feedback from the class ... was a luxury,” Zacek said.

Because of small classes, film students participate in every aspect of the filmmaking process, including writing, producing, cinematography, directing and editing, Mandell said.

“For [“Picking up America,”] it was me and Dan doing the whole thing,” Zacek said. “At a bigger school I’d just have one job, like editing. But for FTT, here we got to do the whole thing just the two of us, and that versatility was great to have.”

The Arts and Letters and University requirements that FTT majors must take in addition to their film classes also make more well-rounded students, Mandell said.

“Students are more prepared when they get to the real world,” he said. “They are more aware of issues and ways to approach them.”

As these documentaries continue their tour of film festivals, the students are enjoying their success, Burke said.

“I’m still surprised how welcoming all these festivals are to student filmmakers,” he said. “The fact that a college student — and even a high school student in some festivals — can have an opportunity like that is something I was totally unaware of.”

“What’s been most surprising is the way you get treated as a filmmaker at festivals.”

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SMC club hosts 'scary story' event

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

On Thursday, the Saint Mary's Class Gift Campaign paid homage to the ghostly inhabitants of Saint Mary's with its "Sweet Treats and Scary Stories" event.

It is rumored that various ghosts, including the spirit of Sister Madeleva, former president of the College, roam the halls of Saint Mary's after hours.

At the event, staff and students read excerpts from "Quiet Hours: Revealing the Mysteries," a book written by three Saint Mary's alumnae. This collection of short stories tells actual experiences of Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff with ghosts around campus.

Participants listened to ghost stories while enjoying a spread of sweets including a chocolate fondue bar, apple cider, hot chocolate, pumpkin pie and candy apples.

"I had read 'Quiet Hours' before, but my favorite story is of the girl walking down the avenue," first year Madeline Haverilla said. "A murderer sees her on the road, but doesn't attack her because he sees someone walking with her, even though she was alone. It gave me the chills, but it also made me feel like there is someone looking out for us."

Continuing the scary theme of the night, students participated in a costume contest that awarded the scariest, creepiest costumes. First prize was a bobblehead figure of Dr. Carol Ann Mooney, president of Saint Mary's College, and her husband George Efta.

Due to cold temperatures,

very few students dressed up.

"I would have dressed up if it wasn't so cold outside," sophomore Kira Terrill said.

The Class Gift Campaign also raffled off \$50, \$25 and \$10 of munch money in a drawing. Students entered the drawing by picking up tickets at the dining hall and student center throughout the week and by presenting them upon arrival at the event.

This year, the Class Gift Campaign co-sponsored the event with the Resident Hall Association (RHA).

"RHA has always hosted an Autumn Harvest, an event with fall themed treats, for students. But this year, Class Gift Cam-

paigh approached us with the idea of working together on this event," RHA President Kat Nelson said. "The event has had a great turnout. We had canoe races around the lake earlier, and then everyone came over afterwards. Some faculty and staff mem-

bers brought their families, and it was great to see some professors with their kids."

The event also gave students the opportunity to make individual donations.

"We hope that students will see how much tradition there is at Saint Mary's and how important it is that everyone give back to the College," Amy Dardinger, assistant director of Phonathon, said. "It's a fun event to host around Halloween time, but it's also a way to remind students that many people before them made a Saint Mary's education possible."

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Amy Dardinger
assistant director
Phonathon

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this really reflects the importance of our discovery."

According to a ND News-wire article, Garnavich and the rest of his team will receive the prize based on their 1994 study that proves the universe's expansion is accelerating.

"Using supernovae, we were able to get a pretty good number on how fast the universe was changing its rate of expansion," Garnavich said. "To everybody's surprise, the rate of expansion was increasing."

Although Garnavich is being honored, he will not directly receive the prize due to a long-standing Nobel Prize tradition.

"By tradition, the Nobel Prize is given to only three people at a time," Garnavich said. "This tradition stems from a time when science was done primarily by individuals alone in their labs.

Science nowadays is done more and more in groups, but the Nobel Prize committee really hasn't kept up with this change."

Garnavich's teammates, Australian National professor Brian Schmidt; Johns Hopkins professor Adam Riess and University of California, Berkeley, professor Saul Perlmutter, will receive the award directly.

Nonetheless, Garnavich said he is excited to represent Notre Dame at the ceremony, and he hopes the publicity the event attracts will benefit the science program at the University.

"Professors and grad students are doing excellent scientific research here at Notre Dame, but this is often not recognized as much as it should be," Garnavich said. "I hope that by attending the Nobel Prize award ceremony, I'll be able to really enhance the view of scientific research here at ND."

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ately came together to make Raise an X for X a reality. “I will admit that in a time of such great loss, there is a sense of helplessness,” he said. “[The campaign] gave us some purpose, some way of channeling that grief. We moved forward, got more cosponsors after Xavier’s passing [and] we got the cheerleaders and leprechaun onboard.” Colonna then met with members of the football team’s administration to figure out the logistics of Saturday’s event. The cheerleaders and leprechaun will lead the student body in “raising an X for X” each time the band plays the Celtic Chant during the first quarter, Colonna said. A moment of silence will also be held before kickoff to honor Murphy. Zahm and the football administration decided to postpone the moment of silence until tomorrow’s game against Navy for four reasons, Colonna said. The administration wanted the moment to coincide with the Raise an X for X campaign and to make sure the whole student body was back from fall break to participate. Furthermore, Oct. 29 would have been Murphy’s birthday and, finally, Murphy’s family will be in attendance at tomorrow’s game. Members of the football team wore “X” decals on their helmets at the beginning of the USC game and will continue to wear them for the rest of the season. Murphy was one of three senior football managers last year and was interning with the football team this year. Senior Brendan Corsones,

a resident assistant in Zahm, said Raise an X for X reflects the strength of the Notre Dame community. “I think we’re all kind of bonded together at ND by a spirit that we can’t really describe,” Corsones said. “It’s going to mean a lot this weekend. We hope for a really big turnout.” The campaign also involves T-shirt and bandana sales to raise money for Murphy’s memorial fund, a Basilica mass and a blood drive. O’Neill, Morrissey, Cavanaugh, Lyons, Ryan and Carroll Halls are cosponsoring the campaign with Zahm. Colonna said T-shirt sales and flat out donations will go to the Xavier Murphy Student Scholarship Fund through the Office of Development at Guerin Catholic High School. Proceeds from bandana sales will go toward Relay for Life. Zahm will sell bandanas today in both dining halls and at both entrances of Irish Green during tonight’s pep rally. Residence halls holding concession stands tomorrow will also sell the bandanas. Both T-shirts and bandanas can be purchased online at Student Shop ND. Colonna said Raise an X for X is meant to both honor Xavier and to raise awareness about cancer, showing support for others who have been affected by the disease. “We raised the idea that ‘X’ is like a variable,” he said. “For us, it’s Xavier, but ‘X’

could be the girl that lives down the hallway from you who’s battling cancer, [or] your Aunt Sally.” On Nov. 4 at 5:15 p.m., Zahm will host a mass in the Basilica to honor those currently battling cancer and those who have died from the disease. Zahm priest-in-resident Fr. Jim Gallagher will celebrate the mass. Zahm will also hold a blood drive Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom to benefit the Indiana Blood Center. Colonna said the blood drive will mark the end of Raise an X for X. After the campaign comes to a close, Duffey said members of Zahm will come together to decide on an appropriate way of memorializing Murphy in the hall. “He was just, first and foremost, a guy of Zahm,” Duffey said. “He embodied everything that we love about our dorm.” The Raise an X for X campaign gives the dorm an opportunity to honor Murphy, who has left a lasting impression both on Zahm and on the larger Notre Dame community, Colonna said. “I think that’s what this is about [is] a testament of how many people he touched, how much he meant to us and to others on campus,” he said. “I’m proud. This is the ND community. This is what we do.” Contact Sara Felsenstein at sfelsens@nd.edu

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**Corry Colonna
rector
Zahm Hall**



Senior wide receiver Michael Floyd throws the football around with children at an Irish Experience League event.

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Notre Dame Athletics Department and the Alliance for Catholic Education’s (ACE) Play Like A Champion program. Dugan said the league began with 40 participants but doubled to 80 by last week. More than 40 volunteers helped throughout the course of the fall. “Every week we would play flag football for one-and-a-half hours and then go through 30 minutes of Play Like A Champion character building lessons,” Dugan said. “Seeing student-athletes serving alongside fellow students, faculty and staff was powerful. I think their influence helped plant big dreams, goals and aspirations [in] these kids.” Devon Dobson, a senior on the men’s lacrosse team, said he decided to join the program to reach out to the youth community in South Bend. “Through Coach Corrigan and Kevin Dugan, we were able to partake in the program by coaching, officiating and playing in the flag football games each Sunday,” he said. Dobson said the children came to grasp the importance of teamwork, fair play and good character through the Irish Experience League. The program shed light on the resources at Notre Dame and the positive atmosphere the athletes brought to the community, he said. “The boys and girls of the Irish Experience took away the true meaning of ‘Play

Like a Champion Today,’ which is the motto of the program,” Dobson said. “They gained a firm understanding in the value of team work and undertook confidence in themselves as individuals to succeed.” Tim Abromaitis, a graduate student on the men’s basketball team, said the best part of the experience for him was the connection he felt with the participants. “A lot of conversation centered around common interest in sports, but getting to hear about school and home life was also interesting and insightful,” he said. The program also brought the Notre Dame and South Bend communities closer through fun experiences, he said. “It was good how the program tied together all these different aspects with playing a sport all the kids love,” Abromaitis said. “I hope they enjoyed playing football with me as much as I did with them, but also learned some life lessons in teamwork, dedication and relationships.” Dugan said participants not only left with a greater sense of what opportunities they could pursue in their future, but also built relationships between the internal and external communities around Notre Dame. In the future, he said he hopes to see the Irish Experience League expand. “We see this league growing to multiple locations around South Bend,” Dugan said. “We see it becoming a hallmark volunteer opportunity for the whole Notre Dame family.”

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and “Do you feel Notre Dame Stadium is an intimidating place for opponents to play?” They compiled the results of over 950 surveys, formulated ideas and presented them to the Athletics Department.

“We ... talked to [members of the Athletic Department] and they said ‘we are supporting you and want to work with your project,’” Stoutenburgh said.

The students worked with Josh Berlo, senior assistant athletic director for event marketing and events management.

“Kristen and Matt approached the Athletic Department and met with myself, as well and other athletic administrators, to ensure that we were receptive to their conducting the project and would welcome their presentation of its results,” he said. “The department is always open and receptive to student feedback and appreciates their efforts.”

In order to develop their idea further, Cunningham and Stoutenburgh conducted a focus group of ten people.

“We had two people from the band, one with a traditionalist, don’t change anything view, and some other students,” Stoutenburgh said. “We basically asked questions that were similar to the survey, but engaged more in conversation.”

The students said an interesting observation followed from the focus group. More tradition-focused individuals were receptive to music being played and a jumbotron being installed.

Despite the music idea’s popularity, Cunningham and

Stoutenburgh said they do not want the music to distract from the Band of the Fighting Irish.

“We don’t want to take away from the band at all. We love our band,” Cunningham said. “That’s why we involved the band in the focus group because there are parts where the band can’t play at all.”

Stoutenburgh said the additions of a video board and music would make game day traditions a bigger part of the game day experience.

“When the players run out of the tunnel and hit the ‘Play Like a Champion Today Sign,’ let’s see that,” she said. “[We are about] enhancing tradition ... not taking away from it, but [bringing] it to the forefront.”

To continue their research on game day cultures, Cunningham and Stoutenburgh hope to visit various universities known for their intimidating game day atmospheres and talk to their marketing departments.

“We want to ask them, how do you use a video board, how do you keep your fans engaged

in the game?” Cunningham said.

“As soon as kickoff happens [in Notre Dame Stadium], the energy that is generated the whole day by being on campus ... just goes downhill from there,” Stoutenburgh said. “So we want to sustain and build on that.”

For the rest of the season, however,

Cunningham and Stoutenburgh will suggest new music and other fan-engaging techniques in conjunction with the Athletic Department.

Both said they are open to positive and negative student feedback.

“We love talking to people about [our research],” Stoutenburgh said. “Even if people aren’t on our side, we want to hear it.”

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War vet protests for reform

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Iraq War veteran injured during a clash between police and anti-Wall Street protesters this week wasn’t taking part in the demonstrations out of economic need.

The 24-year-old Scott Olsen makes a good living as a network engineer and has a nice apartment overlooking San Francisco Bay. And yet, his friends say, he felt so strongly about economic inequality in the United States that he fought for overseas that he slept at a protest camp after work.

“He felt you shouldn’t wait until something is affecting you to get out and do something about it,” said friend and roommate Keith Shannon, who served with Olsen in Iraq.

It was that feeling that drew him to Oakland on Tuesday night, when the clashes broke out and Olsen’s skull was fractured. Fellow veterans said Olsen was struck in the head by a projectile fired by police, although the exact object and who might have been responsible for the injury have not been definitively established.

Now, even as officials investigate exactly where the projectile came from, Olsen has become a rallying cry for the Occupy Wall Street demonstrators across the nation, with Twitter users and protest websites declaring, “We are all Scott Olsen.”

In Las Vegas, a few dozen protesters held a vigil for him. A handful of police officers attended, and protesters invited them back for a potluck dinner Thursday night.

“We renewed our vow of non-violence,” organizer Sebring Frehner said.

Another round of vigils were organized for Thursday night, including one in Oakland.

Elsewhere across the United States, officials took steps to close some of the protest camps that have sprung up in opposition to growing economic inequality.

In Nashville, Tenn., officials imposed a curfew, saying conditions at a camp at the state Capitol were worsening. In Providence, R.I., officials told



AP

Soldiers rest after restraining ‘Occupy Wall Street’ protestors in Oakland, Calif., on Thursday.

protesters they were violating multiple city laws by camping overnight at a park.

The group Iraq Veterans Against the War blamed police for Olsen’s injury. Oakland Police Chief Howard Jordan said officials will investigate whether officers used excessive force. He did not return calls seeking comment Thursday.

Police have said they responded with tear gas and bean bag rounds only when protesters began throwing bottles and other items at them.

Olsen’s condition improved Thursday, with doctors transferring him from the emergency room to an intensive care unit and upgrading his condition to fair.

Dr. Alden Harken, chief surgeon at Alameda County Medical Center, said Olsen was still unable to speak but had improved dramatically since he was hospitalized unconscious with a fractured skull and bruised brain that caused seizures.

By Thursday afternoon, Harken said, Olsen was interacting with his parents, who flew in from Wisconsin in the morning, doing math equations and otherwise showing signs of “high-level cognitive functioning.” The doctor said he may require surgery, but that’s unlikely.

“He’s got a relatively small area of injury and he’s got his

youth going for him. So both of those are very favorable,” Harken said.

Olsen smiled when Mayor Jean Quan stopped by to visit and expressed surprise at all the attention his injury has generated, hospital spokesman Vintage Foster said. The mayor apologized and promised an investigation, according to Foster.

His uncle in Wisconsin told The Associated Press that Olsen’s mother was trying to understand what had happened.

“This is obviously a heart-breaker to her,” George Nygaard said. “I don’t think she understands why he was doing this.”

Joshua Shepherd, 27, a Navy veteran who was standing nearby when Olsen got struck, said he didn’t know what hit him. “It was like a war zone,” he said.

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Webcam streams polar bears

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — In the harsh, remote wilds of the Canadian tundra, a wolverine scampers up to a polar bear snoozing near the shore of the Hudson Bay. The bear rises and makes a half-hearted charge, driving away the fierce, badger-like animal.

The brief encounter Thursday was streamed live to computers around the world through a new program that aims to document in real time the annual migration of hundreds of polar bears outside Churchill, Manitoba.

The bears travel through the small town each October and November and then wait for the Hudson Bay freeze-up, when they can get out on the ice and hunt for seals. In the past, their trek was witnessed mainly by scientists and intrepid tourists.

Now, thanks to an initial \$50,000 grant from the An-

nenberg Foundation to set up four cameras on a makeshift lodge and a roaming Tundra Buggy, plus ongoing payments for bandwidth and technical infrastructure, the bears’ antics and actions at this way station can be viewed from anybody’s living room through the foundation’s website, www.explore.org.

“It brings the Arctic to the people,” said Krista Wright, executive vice president of Polar Bears International, an advocacy group based in Bozeman, Mont. “The polar bear is the North’s iconic species. This is that exotic animal that people travel from all over the world to see.”

There are 20,000 to 25,000 polar bears worldwide. The Western Hudson Bay polar bears, one of 19 subpopulations, are estimated to number between 600 and 800. Their gathering point near the former military town of Churchill makes them among the most

accessible and studied group of bears in existence.

Their numbers are expected to grow over the next few weeks as the weather turns colder, culminating with the bay expected to freeze around the third week of November.

The Polar Bears International camp on the tundra is about 30 miles (50 kilometers) outside of town. Each September through November, they and Frontiers North Adventures host scientists and hold webcasts for schoolchildren to give them a firsthand view of how climate change is damaging the bears’ habitat.

It’s unseasonably warm in Manitoba, as evidenced on the webcam by the tundra bare of snow. That raises concerns that ice will be late in forming again this year — last year, freeze-up didn’t happen until mid-December, nearly a month later than usual. That’s a problem for the bears, Wright said.

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New evidence released in Michael Jackson case

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Lawyers for Michael Jackson’s doctor sought to shift blame Thursday to another doctor and a drug different from the anesthetic that killed the star, calling an expert to testify that Jackson was addicted to a Demerol in the months before his death.

They suggested the singer’s withdrawal from the painkiller triggered the insomnia that Dr. Conrad Murray was trying to resolve when he gave Jackson the anesthetic propofol.

Murray’s attorneys claim the ultimate blame lies with Jackson himself, but they also sought to implicate his dermatologist in the drug-laced path to his June 2009 death.

Late in the day, they called to the stand a top expert on the anesthetic propofol. Dr. Paul White is expected to cast doubt on a colleague’s earlier testimony that Murray was responsible for Jackson’s death. He returns to the stand Friday.

Court recessed before White gave his central opinion. He did say he was “perplexed” after reading documents in the case about whether Murray administered the propofol dose that killed Jackson.

He noted that Murray described to police a very low dose of the drug. If that was true, White said, “I would not have expected Michael Jackson to have died.”

White said if Murray did in fact put Jackson on an IV drip of propofol and leave him unattended,

he could not justify it. White did not immediately offer an alternate theory of what happened.

Authorities contend Murray delivered the lethal dose and botched resuscitation efforts. Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter in Jackson’s death.

There was no mention of propofol during the testimony of Dr. Robert Waldman, an addiction expert who said he studied the records of Dr. Arnold Klein, Jackson’s longtime dermatologist, in concluding the star was dependent on Demerol. Records showed Klein used Demerol on Jackson repeatedly for procedures to enhance his appearance.

No Demerol was discovered in the singer’s system when he died, but propofol was found throughout his body.

Waldman relied on Klein’s records from March 2009 until days before Jackson died. Waldman said he was not shown earlier records and didn’t review a police interview of Murray about his treatment of the star.

Under questioning by Murray’s lead lawyer, Ed Chernoff, Waldman said: “I believe there is evidence that he (Jackson) was dependent on Demerol, possibly.”

Klein has emerged as the missing link in the involuntary manslaughter trial, with the defense raising his name at every turn and the judge ruling he may not be called as a witness because his care of Jackson is not at issue. He has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

But Klein’s handwritten notes

on his visits with Jackson were introduced through Waldman, who said Klein was giving Jackson unusually high doses of Demerol for four months — from March through June, 2009 — with the last shots coming three days before the singer’s death.

Over three days in April, the records showed Jackson received 775 milligrams of Demerol along with small doses of the sedative Versed. Waldman’s testimony showed Klein, who also was Jackson’s longtime friend, was giving the singer huge doses of the powerful drug at the same time Murray was giving Jackson the anesthetic propofol to sleep.

“This is a large dose for an opioid for a dermatology procedure in an office,” Waldman said.

He told jurors the escalating doses showed Jackson had developed a tolerance to the drug and was probably addicted. He said a withdrawal symptom from the drug is insomnia.

On cross-examination, prosecutor David Walgren tangled with the expert, who was hostile to most of his questions. He elicited from Waldman that the law requires physicians to keep accurate and detailed records, which Murray did not. The doctor also said all drugs should be kept in a locked cabinet or safe where they could not be stolen or diverted by anyone.

Waldman said every doctor also must document when the drugs are stored and when they are used. Murray told police he kept no records on his treatment of Jackson.

Waldman, who has treated celebrities and sports stars at expensive rehab clinics, told jurors treatment can work if the addict is willing to admit a problem.

Several prosecution experts have said the propofol self-administration defense was improbable, and a key expert said he ruled it out completely, arguing the more likely scenario was that Murray gave Jackson a much higher dose than he has acknowledged.

Jackson had complained of insomnia as he prepared for a series of comeback concerts and was receiving the anesthetic and sedatives from Murray to help him sleep.

Murray’s police interview indi-

cates he didn’t know Jackson was being treated by Klein and was receiving other drugs.

In response to questions from a prosecutor, Waldman said some of the symptoms of Demerol withdrawal were the same as those seen in patients withdrawing from the sedatives lorazepam and diazepam. Murray had been giving Jackson both drugs.

White is expected to be the final defense witness.

White and Waldman do not necessarily have to convince jurors that Jackson gave himself the fatal dose, but merely provide them with enough reasonable doubt about the prosecution’s case against Murray.



Dr. Conrad Murray listens to testimony by Dr. Robert Waldman, an addiction specialist, during the final stage of his involuntary manslaughter trial in Los Angeles on Thursday.

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Feds study levee inventory

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — More than six years after Hurricane Katrina's rampage, authorities have taken only halting steps toward identifying weaknesses in a nationwide patchwork of levees intended to protect millions of Americans' lives and property during potentially catastrophic floods.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, accused of building substandard levees and floodwalls that failed when Katrina swamped the Gulf Coast in 2005, has spent \$56 million since then developing the initial phase of a national levee inventory as required by Congress. The Corps on Thursday was releasing a database with information about nearly 14,000 miles of levees under its jurisdiction.

But the inventory doesn't include what is believed to be more than 100,000 additional miles of levees not covered by the Corps' safety program. Some are little more than mounds of earth piled up more than a century ago to protect farm fields. Others extend for miles and are made of concrete and steel, with sophisticated pump and drainage systems. They shield homes, businesses and infrastructure such as highways and power plants.

The National Committee on Levee Safety, established after the Katrina disaster to evaluate the system and recommend improvements, issued a report in 2009 calling for the Corps to catalog and inspect every levee so deficiencies could be fixed. But Corps officials say Congress has not provided enough authority or

money to add non-federal levees to the database, a massive undertaking that would take years.

"The reality is, we don't know how many levees are out there," said Eric Halpin, the Army Corps' special assistant for dam and levee safety and vice chairman of the levee safety committee. He acknowledged the inventory presently includes only about 10 percent of the likely total.

"I think we've done a great job putting forward a state-of-the-art tool," Halpin said. "It's a first step. It will be much more powerful once we can get all the data in there."

For each levee system, the database will include its location, design and rating following one or more safety inspections.

Inspection ratings from nearly 700 of the roughly 2,000 levee systems under the Corps' jurisdiction have been added to the database thus far, said spokesman Pete Pierce.

Of those, 77 percent had ratings of "minimally acceptable," meaning they have "minor deficiencies" that make the levees less reliable but are not expected to seriously impair their performance. An additional 11.6 percent were rated "unacceptable," or likely to fail during a flood, while 11.3 percent were graded as "acceptable," or without deficiencies.

Experts say the government is moving too slowly to complete the inventory.

"We need to be really candid with the American people," said Sam Riley Medlock, policy counsel for the Association of State Floodplain Managers and a member of the levee

safety panel. "This is yet another class of infrastructure that is aging and posing risks and we're going to have to do something about it."

Gerald Galloway, a former Army Corps district engineer and University of Maryland engineering professor, told a Senate committee this month the levee network has "significant" problems and received an overall grade of "D minus" from the American Society of Civil Engineers in 2009. The group estimated that \$50 billion worth of improvements was needed over five years.

"So today hundreds of levees, whose integrity is in question, are in place in front of communities and properties with little realistic hope of funding for inspection, repair or upgrade," Galloway said.

Concern about the levees dates back to the 1920s and 1930s when killer floods on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers led Congress to order construction of more levees. Many were designed for the biggest flood likely to strike a particular area within 500 years or even 1,000 years.

But starting in the late 1960s, federal policies have inadvertently encouraged the building of levees according to a less protective standard, the safety committee report said. One required financially strapped local governments to help cover levee building and maintenance costs.

The portion of the inventory developed thus far includes data on about 13,500 of the 14,700 miles of levees covered by the Army Corps' safety program. Data on the rest will be added by the end of the year, officials said.



Veronica Dickey of Massillon, Ohio, stands outside the Ohio Statehouse to push for a ban on exotic animal ownership Wednesday.

Ohio widow unable to reclaim exotic pets

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Six exotic animals that were among dozens freed by their suicidal owner and survived a big-game hunt by sheriff's deputies with shoot-to-kill orders will be kept under quarantine at a zoo for now instead of going to his widow, the state Department of Agriculture ordered Thursday.

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium was trying to stop Marian Thompson from reclaiming three leopards, two primates and a young grizzly bear that have been cared for by the zoo since last week, when owner Terry Thompson mysteriously set them and other wild animals including tigers and lions free in a rural area of eastern Ohio. The other animals were killed by each other or by sheriff's deputies armed with high-powered rifles.

The zoo said it had Marian Thompson's permission to care for the six surviving animals, which have been kept separate from other animals, but has no legal rights to them. A veterinary medical officer for the Department of Agriculture looked at the animals and determined they needed to remain quarantined as allowed by Ohio law, which provides for the agriculture director to quarantine animals while investigating reports of potentially dangerous diseases.

The announcement came after Gov. John Kasich, upon learning the widow planned to retrieve the animals, asked the agency to ensure they didn't pose a health threat.

Kasich, a Republican, earlier this year let expire an order that might have prevented the Thompsons from owning exotic animals. Last week he signed a temporary order to use existing laws to crack down on such animals before new laws are proposed.

The Department of Agriculture said it was concerned about reports that the animals had lived in unsanitary conditions where they could be exposed to disease, and the order provides a chance to investigate their health. It prevents the zoo from releasing them until it's clear they're free of dangerous diseases.

A zoo official said Thursday that Terry Thompson had housed animals in tiny muddy shelters made of plywood, many without

roofs. The grizzly bear was kept in an enclosure "about the size of a parrot cage," while the monkeys were found in a similar-size cage, chief operating officer Tom Stalf said.

"The facility was small with many, many animals — too many for them to care for," Stalf said.

It appeared Marian Thompson had planned to take the animals back to the farm near Zanesville, Department of Agriculture spokesman Andy Ware said.

Thompson and her lawyer were informed of the order when they arrived at the zoo with a big truck on Thursday afternoon. The order is indefinite, but Thompson is entitled to a hearing within 30 days if she wants to appeal. Her attorney was traveling with her and could not be reached for comment.

Zoo president Dale Schmidt said Thompson and her lawyer "expressed that they feel these animals belong to her and she wants to exercise her rights."

The animals have appeared healthy, perhaps a bit underweight, but the zoo did not conduct its standard medical tests because it doesn't own the creatures, Schmidt said.

"These animals are the innocents in this situation, and our job is to really take care of them as much as we can and make sure their welfare is looked out for," he said.

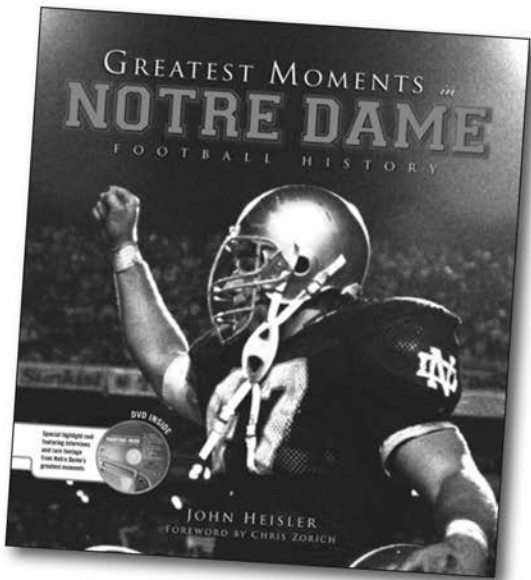
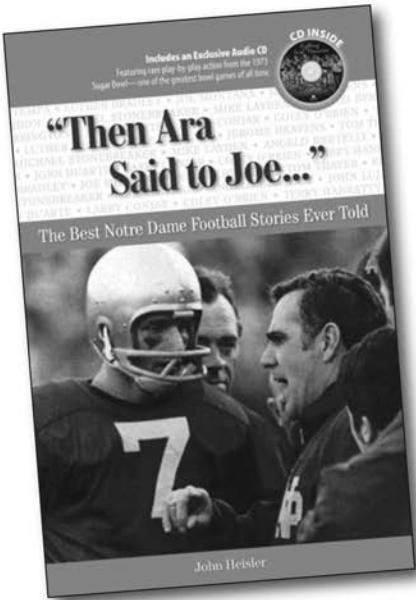
Ohio has some of the nation's weakest restrictions on exotic pets, and efforts to strengthen the regulations have taken on new urgency since Terry Thompson opened the cages at his farm last week, freeing four dozen animals and then committing suicide.

Officers were ordered to kill the animals, including rare Bengal tigers, instead of trying to bring them down with tranquilizers for fear that those hit with darts would escape in the darkness before they dropped and would later regain consciousness.

Muskingum County Sheriff Matt Lutz said his office isn't taking a stance on whether the creatures should return to Zanesville but was evaluating that option.

"If she wants to bring them back here, to this farm, then we're working on what we're allowed legally to do to make sure that everything is safe and appropriate," Lutz said.

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A week of happiness

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Nicole Toczaauer

News Writer

So if you read inside columns regularly, you've noticed by now that staff members at The Observer tend to approach them differently.

You've got those who focus solely on sports and others who can make you laugh after reading one sentence. Some share memories while others have pledged to never write about themselves. Then there are the select few who love writing controversial columns just to rile you guys up.

Regardless of their style, I respect all of these people immensely. They are some of the most talented people I've ever met and I love getting to learn more about them through their columns.

As for me, I tend to lean toward the "share some of my personal life and then apply it to some message I want to share." Sometimes it's a little cheesy, but hey — even if some people brush it off, someone else might connect with it.

Which brings me to my second point. And if you actually follow through with what I'm about to say, I'll give you two gold stars. Crazy stuff, I know.

So...

What makes you happy?

Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens? Gym, Trumpet, Laundry?

My cheat sheet for happiness: photographs, taking Farley for a walk (or basically seeing any dog on campus), running, picking out random flavors of Ben and Jerry's with friends, good conversations and watching reruns of How I Met Your Mother.

I guess my challenge to you this week is to do something that makes you happy, every day if you can.

I don't care if you're busy.

Maybe do something to make a friend's day. Write a letter. Go sticky note crazy on their door. Be fancy and treat them to a quarter dog and Peace Tea.

Or take a lesson from the Scholastic Friend Crush and talk to someone you haven't ever gotten to know well but have always wanted to. I'd like to think that most of the time people will welcome a new friend.

And if you're extremely busy, just check out a new song or feed that squirrel that stares at you when you walk to class. It's really whatever floats your boat.

You've earned one gold star by reading this. Go out and earn another two.

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Ghosts, goblins and the GreenMan

With the tailgating season wrapping up, you're probably wondering — how can I go green now? Don't you worry, the holiday season is beginning with Halloween on Monday. While I'll save my Thanksgiving and Christmas tips for a little later, greening Halloween is a great way to get a trial run in before the overwhelming chaos of turkey takes over.

Anna Gorman

The GreenMan

So let's get down to it, the two big C's: costumes and candy. While I'm a little late in informing you of National Costume Swap Day (occurring every year on the second Saturday in October), it's not too late to swap with a friend. Dig in your closets and see what you can come up with. Hit the local Goodwill and find yourself a treasure. If half the kids in the US swapped their costumes, landfill waste would be reduced by 6,250 tons. Also, think of those store-bought costumes that come in that nasty plastic packaging and reek of chemicals — where does all that plastic come from and where does all of it go? Or get crafty. Some hand stitching goes a long way, or whip out that glue gun you've been hiding under your bed (if DuLac hasn't banned them?). I'm sure there are many other things you'd rather be spending your money on as well. We're college kids, we're supposed to be thrifty. I'll be scouting this weekend, so make me proud.

Now for candy and other noms. If you're going to go for the traditional Snickers, Kit Kat or other packaged sugaryness, please don't litter with your wrappers or throw them away haphazardly. Recycle and reuse. Make a bracelet, a purse or picture frame, if not for you, for a sibling or parent — you know they love that type of thing. If you're willing to shell out some extra cash,

there are dozens of websites that sell organic treats and Fair Trade certified chocolates. Go seasonal with your treats, if you can. Apples are always a great choice. Think about it — baked apples, caramel apples, apple picking, hobbing for apples, applesauce making, apple pie making ... The fun is never ending, so don't be so quick to dismiss them. Also, if you haven't tried toasted pumpkin seeds, I would highly recommend you do.

Look for recipes and cooking times online. If plain salt doesn't excite you, add some different spices (garlic, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, etc.). If you need any help finding recipes or stores with organic treats, email me.

And for those of you who like to go all out, let's talk about decorations. Who doesn't love streamers? Or those sticky sign things that hang on the doors? But PLEASE, don't just pitch everything when you're done. Reuse what you can and recycle the rest. After practicing on Game Days with this technique, it shouldn't be too hard for you all.

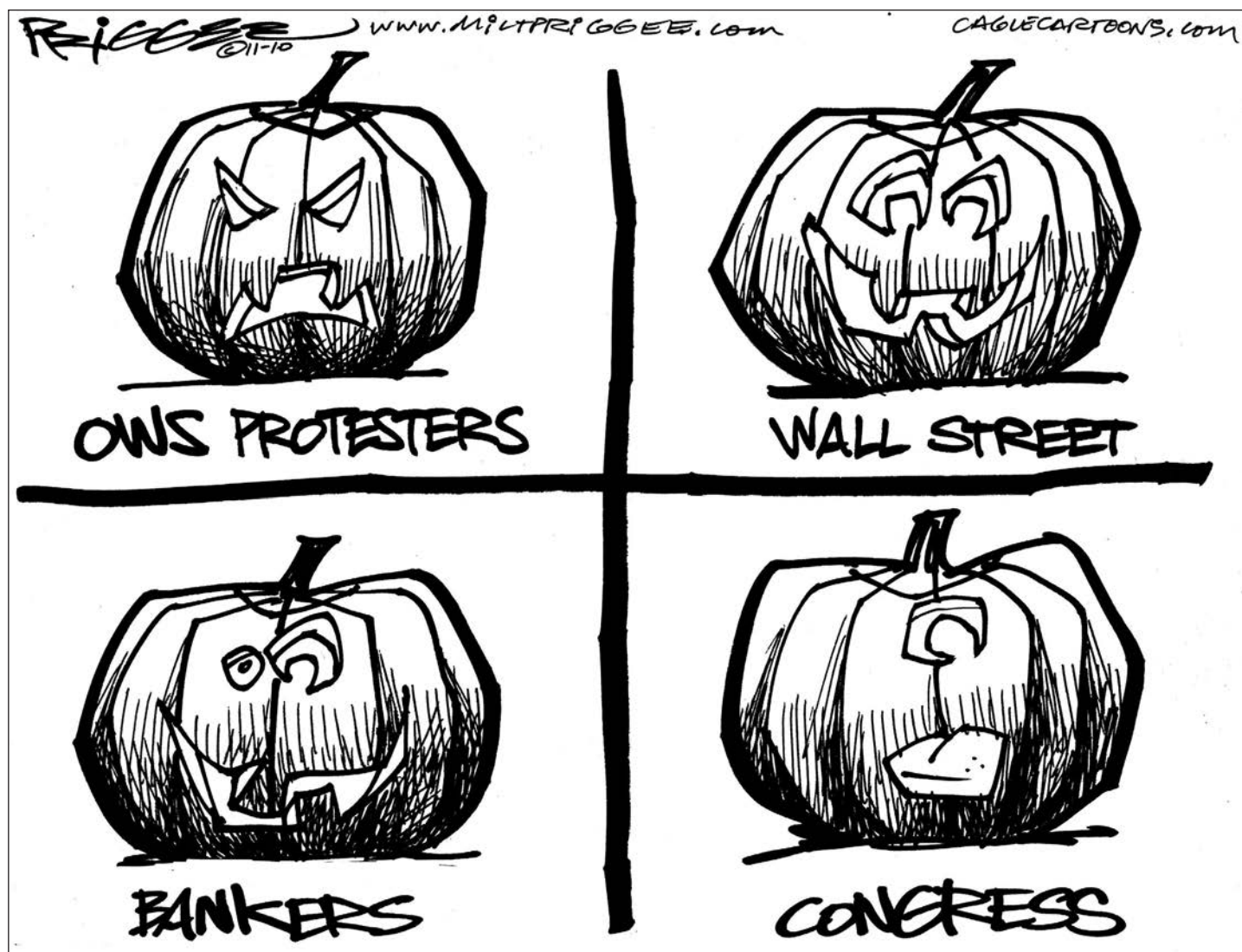
To recap: swap costumes, avoid excess packaging, eat seasonal, buy organic, reuse decorations and recycle as much as you can. Please someone dress as a tree. I would also very much love to see someone as a leaf or a globe or an apple. Green Man Suits will score a few points too.

Until next time, go green, go Irish.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Lasting change is a series of compromises. And compromise is all right, as long your values don't change."

Jane Goodall

British ethologist & primatologist

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WEEKLY POLL RESULTS

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE FOR HALLOWEEN?

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I JUST WANT FREE CANDY...	■	77%

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A chance to heal, unify and enlighten ND

As Halloween comes up, punctuating our first week back at Our Lady's University, the members of the Diversity Council wish to spread a message to the greater Notre Dame student body that serves to fulfill all three facets of Notre Dame's newly displayed mission: "To heal, unify and enlighten." This weekend, when celebrating in all of the festivities offered on and off campus, we ask that members of the student body think twice about how they dress themselves. Companies often sell costumes that caricaturize other groups based on ethnic stereotypes, without regard to how groups may want to represent themselves. To take any culture and simplify it to a headdress of feathers, or a sombrero, or whatever may seem "satirical" and humorous in the market, not only diminishes those who identify with that culture, but also the well-documented struggles that groups of people have been forced to face in the past and present. We know that celebrations are meant to be fun, but even without malicious intent, it takes a special care and compassion to think of others' feelings above one's own. Just because one may personally have friends or acquaintances that do not mind costumes depicting their ethnic heritage in a supposedly humorous fashion, that does not mean that the chance of insulting others while walking around campus is immediately diminished. We are a faith-based community that often refers to being a family, and in order to best exemplify the passion, compassion and familial atmosphere Notre Dame is known for, it is important to think of others when faced with a decision that holds the power of hurting others.

If anyone is at all interested in matters concerning diversity, multi-cultural living or ethnic club activities at Notre Dame, feel free to email diversnd@nd.edu with any questions.

On Behalf of the Diversity Council, submitted with the support of Multicultural Affair Committee Chair Nicholas Ochoa,

Alexa Arastoo
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Lewis Hall
Oct. 27

Supporting 'X for X'

Notre Dame Family,
When the men of O'Neill Hall heard of the tragic news of Xavier Murphy's death, it hit especially close to home. Xavier's brother, Julian, a current senior at Notre Dame, spent his freshmen and sophomore years in O'Neill. One of our O'Neill brothers lost someone really close to them. From the minute we heard of the terrible news, O'Neill wanted to help out our brother in need. Julian and the entire Murphy family are and will always be part of the O'Neill family. During the first quarter on Saturday, we will stand and join with our Zahm brothers and the entire Notre Dame family, past and present, and raise our "X" for Xavier and the entire Murphy family, showing the strong love and support of the entire Notre Dame community.
The Men of O'Neill Hall.

Matthew Lynch
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Change your focus

Dear Brian Kelly,
I just read the Chicago Tribune article saying that the towels and music were a good start to energizing the fans, but now you want more. First off, look at the 2009 USC game. Day game, green out, no music, incredibly loud stadium. We lost that game, but the game was much closer than the one you coached last week. Playing recorded music can only do so much for a football game. The students loved the music, but they make up less than a quarter of the stadium and cheer no matter what. Music won't excite the alumni — good football will. But instead of focusing on fixing the team's problems (there's a lot of problems too), you're more focused on dreaming up your "ideal" Notre Dame stadium. First, you want a jumbotron. Every time I've gone to a stadium with a jumbotron, I've been distracted by the massive screen and have had to suffer through TV commercials and endorsements (ND would abuse this). I love coming back home to Notre Dame and being able to watch the entire game without feeling I was watching it on TV. The only good thing that can ever come from a jumbotron are replays, and controversial plays aren't replayed. Besides, we couldn't hate the refs if it turns out they were right. But what infuriates me more than anything else is that in the article you declared that you want a turf field. If you think that your players aren't performing well because they're standing on natural grass, there is something wrong with you. All of our championships have come on this grass, and we're one of the few grass stadiums left. Brian Kelly, there are so many things that you should be focused on. Like winning a National Championship. I'll even settle with getting us into a BCS bowl, or no longer dropping games that we should win. Destroying the few traditions we have left at Notre Dame should not be on your list. If you wanted to play in an environment similar to Cincinnati, then you should have stayed there.

Matt Roe
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Tradition is character

I apologize for continuing this conversation into yet ANOTHER day of Observer Viewpoints. But I felt it was necessary. I think it is you, Mr. Voutsos ("Perspectives on Tradition," Oct. 27), who misunderstands our tradition. Notre Dame's tradition is not any set of sacred objects as you suggest — it's an idea of class. We maintain a classy character in our sports games that so many schools have lost. For example, we have an incredible university band, we sing an alma mater instead of booing our opponents, we stripe the end zones instead of painting our name there and we resist the urge to clad our mascot in foam. Last weekend at the USC game, we saw our classy character flushed. Towels are not classy. "Crazy Train" screaming on a loud speaker is not classy. And (for future reference, Coach Kelly) jumbotrons are not classy. It is not only the alumni who were disappointed in the changes. I agree that we can develop our traditions, as you pointed out in your article with good examples. But that change must occur within the community's character. Also, I hope everyone supports "X for X" during the Celtic chants of the first quarter this weekend ("Raise an X for X," Oct. 27). Community is classy, and Xavier matters.

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UWIRE

Tax on unhealthy foods may not decrease obesity rates

Denmark has instituted a tax on foods containing more than a certain amount of saturated fat. Approved by nearly 90 percent of the Danish parliament, the tax mainly targets dairy and meat products. It raises retail prices of goods (such as butter, cream, certain cheeses, pork fat and especially lard) by up to 35 percent. Danes justified the measure by citing their nation's rising obesity rate, the desire to increase and improve Danish life spans and the health care industry's burden of treating symptoms of obesity. The Danish lifespan of 79 years is falling below that of their Western European counterparts, and their obesity rate is almost 10 percent. In comparison, the obesity rate in the US is almost 34 percent. If the Danish tax sounds like an invasion of privacy, consider that about forty states in the US have also adopted taxes on some unhealthy drinks and snacks; an example is sugary soda — diet soda is exempted. In contrast, many countries simply subsidize certain healthier food products, like vegetables,

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in their fight against obesity. One problem with the Danish plan is that the demand for these unhealthy products might be inelastic; even with price increases, people will adjust and keep consuming the same amount. If a Danish package of butter used to cost around \$6, and it now costs \$6.50, Danes might just pay more for the sake of their toast. Some Danes might not even realize how much more they are paying because of the tax. This is because the relatively low price for each food item could fool people; since they do not realize how proportionately large the increase is, they might not adjust. Danish restaurants that serve unhealthy foods are also targeted by this law. They have two choices after the increase: either raise prices of entrées, or use less of the taxed goods in the entrées. The hope of Danish lawmakers is that these restaurants will keep their prices stable and instead curb their use of butter and other fatty ingredients. But there is no way to know which option the restaurants will choose. The owner of "Relae," a restaurant in Copenhagen, plans to raise his prices slightly, not start serving healthier items. He would rather produce

what people will keep buying than risk changing his product. If I go to Wendy's and discover that the price of a value burger has increased from \$1 to \$1.25, I will still choose to buy a few of these burgers rather than the small, probably stale, \$6 salad. However, if the salad's price is decreased, consumers may be more likely to change their choices. The same problem exists in the grocery store; even if the price of butter increases, it is still cheaper than "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter." Adjusting prices to affect consumer behavior is common, and doing so to protect people's health is a praiseworthy idea. Not to mention the additional revenue will bring to the Danish government. However, the Danish government might see better results in their campaign against obesity if they simply try to better educate their citizens on the negative consequences of obesity. Due to the global recession, this tax is just another financial burden Danish citizens will have to deal with.

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DOMERS YOUNG AND OLD



By MAIJA GUSTIN and
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Scene Editor/Scene Writer

Raymond and Eleanor

Raymond, two, and Eleanor, one, are already preparing to be lifelong Domers. Their father is a faculty member in the biology department, as well as a 1996 graduate and resident of Keenan Hall.

He has worked here for five years now. Raymond and Eleanor get to come out to every home game, but usually don't make it through all four quarters. They love the marching band, though, especially the pre-game performance at Bond Hall.



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GATHER FOR GAMEDAY



Bill and Charlotte

Bill and Charlotte, pictured with their son George, are both members of the class of 1982. They met during their sophomore year at an SYR hosted by Holy Cross Hall.

They have since sent two children to Notre Dame, members of the class of 2011 and 2013, respectively. George, their youngest, is a potential 2020 graduate. They now come back to campus for one or two football games every year.



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Bill and Patty

Bill Grady, pictured with his wife Patty, is a member of the class of 1948.

Though he began his studies in 1941, he joined the 8th Air Force Division during World War II and put off his graduation by a few years.

He and Patty met at a Christmas party after the war. The two have been coming to Notre Dame football games together since 1956.

Though they once made the trip from their home in Rock-

ford, Ill., to campus for every home game,

Patty is relieved that she finally convinced Bill down to about three a year.

They enjoy coming back though, both to see their granddaughter, a sophomore at Saint Mary's currently studying abroad in Rome, as well as all their old tailgating buddies.

"The tailgate that we've gone to all these years is getting mighty slim," Bill said.

"That happens when you get to our age," Patty added.



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The Pruitt Family

Now married, Kristen and David Pruitt met while students at Notre Dame.

Kristen, a resident of Lyons Hall, and David, a transfer student, had class together, and the rest is history.

After time living in Cleveland and Washington DC, the couple now reside in South Bend and make frequent visits to campus.

Despite their affinity for Notre Dame, the Pruitts said they will allow their children to choose the university of their picking.

"We give them a choice. [Notre Dame picks] what dorm they'll be living in," the Pruitts said, "but we're not putting any pressure on them."

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Baseball’s beauty is in the smallest details

“Baseball is 100 times more interesting to me now than it was 45 minutes ago.”

I heard these words after attempting to explain some of the intricacies of America’s pastime to someone who can only be described as a baseball novice. We had just watched the last three innings of the World Series



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between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Texas Rangers, a game in which the Rangers had come back to win in spectacular fashion. And while most baseball games are interesting if one knows what to look for, games like this one are what make the sport, one which is so often criticized for being boring, great.

In the top of the ninth inning, after the Cardinals had taken a 1-0 lead in the seventh, the Rangers were down to their last three outs. A loss would have meant going down 2-0 in the series, a hole that, though not insurmountable, would not have been desirable in the least.

Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler led off the inning with a single, and then stole second base. And that’s when the entire momentum of the game, and the momentum of the series, changed in just one play.

Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus hit another, seemingly routine base hit. Kinsler advanced to third and Andrus took second base when the throw from the outfield ricocheted off the glove of the Cardinals all-world first baseman Albert Pujols.

To a casual observer, this may have appeared as simply a physical mistake by Pujols which led to the Rangers scoring two runs in the inning, rather than

just one. But it was so much more than that.

When Kinsler saw that Andrus’ single was going to fall in the outfield, he took off from second base hard and rounded third like he was going to score. The Rangers third base coach had to move nearly halfway down the third base line to give Kinsler the stop signal.

Pujols took his eye off the ball, just for a split second, noticing Kinsler rounding third base with a full head of steam. But that split second was all that it took for him to misplay the throw, allowing Andrus to take second base.

This may seem like an incredibly miniscule occurrence in a long game, and it is. But that’s what makes baseball so great, the most miniscule things can become the most important.

Baseball is a game of centimeters, a game of milliseconds. It is a game that can be affected by a blink of eye, a pebble in the dirt or the glare of the sun

that cuts off a player’s vision for just an instant.

The difference between a strike and a ball can be nearly imperceptible, but it can be the difference

between a strikeout and a walk, the difference between a win and a loss, the difference between a championship and just another season that ended without a ring.

Baseball certainly looks boring, and can actually be boring in some circumstances. But the Pujols error was not just an error. It was the product of a multitude of thoughts racing through his head, all of which he is expected to handle without pause. He took his eye off the ball for just one moment, but in that moment may have lost his team the World Series.

Baseball truly is a riveting sport. You just need to know where to look.

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NCAA

Board approves new reforms

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The scandal-plagued NCAA is moving swiftly to clean up its image.

On Thursday, the Division I Board of Directors approved a package of sweeping reforms that gives conferences the option of adding more money to scholarship offers, schools the opportunity to award scholarships for multiple years, imposes tougher academic standards on recruits and changes the summer basketball recruiting model.

“It was one of the most aggressive and fullest agendas the board has ever faced,” NCAA President Mark Emmert said. “They moved with dispatch on it, and I think they’re taking positive steps for schools and student-athletes.”

For decades, outsiders have debated whether college scholarships should include more than just the cost of tuition, room and board, books and fees. Now they can.

The board approved a measure allowing conferences to vote on providing up to \$2,000 in spending money, or what the NCAA calls the full cost-of-attendance. Emmert insists it is not pay-for-play, merely the reintroduction of a stipend that existed for college athletes until 1972. He also compared it to the stipends received by other students who receive non-athletic scholarships.

Some thought the total amount should have been higher. At the Big Ten’s basketball media day in Chicago, commissioner Jim Delany said studies have shown the average athlete pays roughly \$3,000 to \$4,000 out of his or her own pocket in college costs.

But many believe the measure is long overdue.

“I think it needs to happen or else I think what’s left of the system itself is going to implode,” said Ohio University professor David Ridpath, past president of The Drake Group, an NCAA watchdog. “We’ve always lost the moral high ground by saying the educational model is what makes this thing go. I think we’re delivering a model that can exploit kids while they’re here.”

Extra money won’t solve all of the NCAA’s problems.

Schools must infer the cost of additional funding



AP

NCAA President Mark Emmert, right, talks with Northwestern University’s President Emeritus Henry Bienen, left, and Brit Kirwan, chancellor of the University of Maryland.

and it will have to be doled out equally to men’s and women’s athletes because of Title IX rules. While BCS schools have the money and are expected to swiftly approve additional funding, it may prove too costly for non-BCS schools.

There are fears it will increase the disparity between the haves and the have-nots and could prompt another round of conference realignment.

The board also approved a measure that will give individual schools the authority to award scholarships on a multiple-year basis.

Under the current model, those scholarships are renewed annually and can be revoked for any reason. If adopted, schools could guarantee scholarships for the player’s entire career and would be unable to revoke it based solely on athletic performance. Scholarships could still be pulled for reasons such as poor grades, academic misconduct or other forms of improper behavior.

Ridpath said he’s personally been involved with 50 or 60 appeals cases after a coach pulled a player’s scholarship.

“The reason usually is they find a prettier girl to bring to the dance,” he said. “If you’re Frank Beamer or Nick Saban, they make a lot of money, and they should be able to coach that kid up.”

University presidents are moving quickly to repair the damage caused by a year

full of scandals.

Schools from Miami to Boise State, including the reigning the champions in football (Auburn) and men’s basketball (Connecticut), have all come under NCAA scrutiny. The U.S. Department of Justice started asking questions about scholarships, Congress has held hearings about a variety of NCAA-related issues and conference realignment has continued to spin wildly.

So, the NCAA’s board went back to basics and placed a renewed emphasis on academics.

In August, the board approved raising the four-year Academic Progress Rate cutline from 900 to 930 and linking that cutline to eligibility for postseason play. On Thursday, it passed a four-year plan to phase in the new requirements.

During the first two years, 2012-13 and 2013-14, teams scoring below 900 on the four-year average would be ineligible for postseason play unless the averaged 930 on the two most recent years of data. In 2014-15, teams that do not hit the 930 mark would be ineligible unless they averaged 940 in the two most recent years. After that, everyone must hit 930, no exceptions.

Schools that do not make the grade could also face additional penalties such as reductions in practice time and game limits, coaches suspensions, scholarship reductions and restricted NCAA membership.

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Kurt Russell playing Herb Brooks in "Miracle."

Walsh

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Lyons vs. Welsh Family

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

Lyons and Welsh Family look to

solidify their spots in the playoffs Sunday in an intriguing battle of 3-2 teams.

Both the Lyonites (3-2) and the Whirlwinds (3-2) hope to continue their success after the one-week break.

“We want to keep the intensity we had before break for this game, and we want to carry this into the playoffs,” Whirlwinds’ senior captain and receiver Charlotte Seasley said.

The Lyonites are coming off a hard-fought victory over Walsh, which they hope will bridge the stagnant gap caused by the break.

“We were playing great before break and we were doing things right,” Lyonites’ freshman captain Christina Bramanti said. “I just hope the break doesn’t get in the way of that.”

Along with identical records, the Whirlwinds and Lyonites both have offenses that consist of versatile quarterbacks and strong receivers.

However, the Whirlwinds have implemented new schemes into their offense to counter the Lyonites’ attack.

“[Senior] Natalie Baldasare is the best receiver we have, and the connection between her and our quarterback [junior Vicky Moreno] is great,” Seasley said. “About the new stuff we’re adding, I don’t want to give too much away.”

The Lyonites hope to fight off the storming Whirlwinds as they collide Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Badin vs. Breen-Phillips

By PETER STEINER
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Although the matchup does not feature playoff implications, Badin and Breen-Phillips will face off Sunday in a game that is sure to be filled with passion and excitement.

Both Badin (1-4) and Breen-Phillips (0-5) view Sunday’s game as a chance to finish their disappointing seasons with a victory. According to senior captain Maria Lynch, the Babes will have to put all the pieces together to come out on top.

“We really want to go out on a good note and play our best in every facet of the game,” Lynch said.

While the Babes have had some bright moments this season, including scoring for the first time in two years, they want nothing more than to add a win to their record, Lynch said.

“With how wide open this season has been, surprises can happen, and we want to surprise them,” Lynch said.

The Bullfrogs have only one win, but according to senior captain Sylvia Banda, the players view this final game as the culmination of their improvement this season and an opportunity to enjoy themselves.

“It’s our last game and we just want to have fun,” Banda said. “We are just going to go out there and give it our all.”

This regular season finale will take place Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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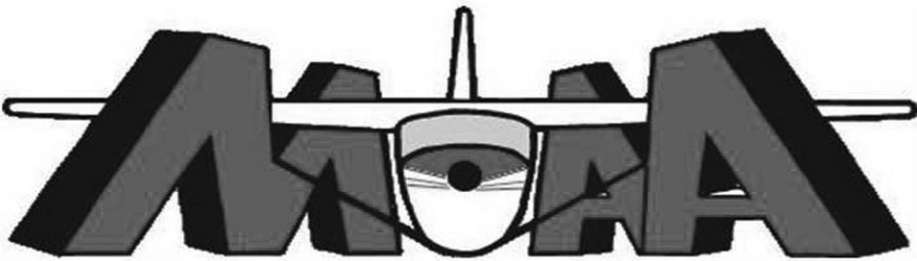
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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles head to Albion for MIAA season finale

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

The Belles will travel to Albion on Friday for their final game of the season and the last match of senior Meghann Rose’s career. The South Bend native and the Belles’ lone senior will lead Saint Mary’s (7-17, 5-10 MIAA) against the Britons (3-23, 0-14) in a match between two teams that are out of contention for the MIAA championship and a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Saint Mary’s looks to halt an eight-match losing streak that has seen the Belles fall out of contention and toward the bottom of the league standings.

“It’s definitely a heartbreaker to have lost the last eight like we have. We’ve been right there, but just haven’t been able to pull out wins,” Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. “We just haven’t been playing at the level that we’re capable of.”

Despite Albion’s winless record in-conference, it will be no pushover, Kuschel said.

“I expect for them to play us tough,” she said. “My goal for us is to play up to our level and get a solid win to finish the season.”

While Rose is the Belles’ only senior, a strong cohort of underclassmen have led the team throughout

the season and will do so again against the Britons. Freshman Kati Schneider leads the squad in kills, followed by juniors Stephanie Bodien and Allison Zandarski. The trio will marshal the offense against a plucky Albion defense that has proved to be a thorn in the sides of MIAA teams throughout the fall.

Though the core of the team will return next year for another season, for Rose, the match will be her final one in a Saint Mary’s uniform. The senior captain has started at libero since her freshman year and led the team in digs each season.

“This is our last chance to play together as a team,” Kuschel said. “And for Meg, this will be her last chance to play with her teammates, the girls that she’s had such an influence on over the last three years.”

In a season that has seen Saint Mary’s fall short of its playoff aspirations, Kuschel and the Belles hope that a win against Albion will be a welcome bright spot to end the year and an opportunity to build momentum for 2012.

The Belles take to the court against Albion at 7 p.m. in Albion, Mich.

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WOMEN’S INTERHALL

McGlinn looks to end Ryan’s undefeated season

Howard aims to keep three-peat dreams alive vs. Chaos; Lyons and Welsh Family to fight for playoff positioning

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

Ryan looks to finish off an undefeated regular season and possibly secure a No. 1 overall seed in the playoffs when it takes on McGlinn Sunday night. Ryan (5-0) has enjoyed great success in only its third year of interhall competition, as the Wildcats are one of the two undefeated teams in the league. Versatile junior quarterback Maya Pillai leads an explosive Ryan offense that has scored at least 27 points in every contest so far.

“Having played the full season last year, Maya has a lot of good experience,” senior captain and running back Brianna Curtis said. “It also helps that she is both a running and passing threat.”

Although a three-week break could be seen as a momentum killer, Curtis said the team benefited from the layoff.

“We had some injuries, so the break allowed us to heal up and be ready for Sunday,” Curtis said.

McGlinn (4-1) comes into the game also eager to improve its playoff prospects. The Shamrocks currently sit at second place in the Gold Division standings, one game behind Ryan.

The Shamrocks have relied on a strong defense and late game heroics, as their last two wins have come in the final two minutes of the game.

“We have had a very stout defense all year long,” senior captain and quarterback Lauren Miller said. “This has allowed us to stay in games and give our offense better chances to score.”

Miller said that the team plans to stick to its usual defensive game plan and focus on finding any way to win on offense, relying on veterans like senior receiver Kate Tucker.

“We are anxious to play again,” Miller said. “We see this game as a chance to gain momentum going into the playoffs.”

This battle of the two playoff-bound teams will take place 6 p.m. on Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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Cavanaugh senior quarterback Rebecca Cink scrambles out of the pocket during a 6-0 win over Farley on Oct. 9.

Cavanaugh vs. Howard

By ERNST CLEOFE
Sports Writer

Faced with the regular season’s last week, Howard looks to keep its playoff hopes alive, while undefeated Cavanaugh looks to fine-tune itself before the playoffs begin.

Cavanaugh (5-0) comes into the game undefeated with a spot secured in next week’s playoffs. But the Chaos look to perform well in this game in order to shake off the rust from an extended break between games.

“I think it’s important with such a long break because of fall break and midterms to get back into things,” Cavanaugh senior captain Maggie Fahrenbach said. “It would be great to have a win and be undefeated going into playoffs undefeated.”

Cavanaugh will also use this week to work on a few new schemes to prepare for the uncertainty of the playoffs, Fahrenbach said.

“Defensively, we want to implement a new defense so we have options against the different offenses we might see in the playoffs,” she said.

Meanwhile, the Ducks (2-3) need a couple of games to fall in their favor to have a shot at the playoffs, but it all starts with a win against Cavanaugh, senior captain Jenny Gassner said.

“If we win it’ll give us a chance,” Gassner said. “We’re going to have to play as good as we’ve played all year and better.”

Led by a strong defense, the Ducks hope that by improving on offense they can reel in a crucial win.

“We’re working on implementing a new offense in practice,” Gassner said. “And our biggest weakness was our energy and not playing up to what we can.”

The two teams will meet with Howard pushing for the playoffs and Cavanaugh looking to smooth the kinks Sunday at 7 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Lewis vs. Walsh

By JONATHAN WARREN
Sports Writer

Walsh will look to play spoiler on Sunday in a matchup that could make or break Lewis’ playoff chances.

The Chicks (2-2) are currently tied with Welsh Family in the standings and find themselves just one point behind in the crucial point differential category. Lewis needs some help from Welsh Family to make the cut, but Sunday’s game is a must-win for the Chicks.

“It would be very exciting for us,” senior captain Libby Redline said. “We’ve had a rollercoaster season so far, so to make it to the playoffs would be pretty cool.”

The Chicks are coming off of a blowout loss to Ryan, but hope the break gave the team time to regroup.

“Hopefully everyone used fall break to get over some injuries and rest up,” Redline said. “We’ve been a little scattered because of fall break and midterms, but we’re hoping to pull it all together in practice this week.”

Walsh (0-3-1) will have to stop dynamic junior Lewis quarterback Connaught Blood, who broke free for a 40-yard touchdown run last game, in order to salvage the season.

“It’s been a rough season for us record-wise, but we’ve grown as a team,” Walsh junior captain Lindy Navarre said. “This week we’ll step it up on both offense

and defense.”

Junior quarterback Kat Leach and freshman receiver Maggie Fisher are two offensive play-makers who will try to lead the offense to a win over Lewis.

“It’s clear to us the talent we have,” Navarre said. “We’re pretty encouraged to have one last shot [at a win]. Walsh isn’t a dorm to quit or one to back down.”

Walsh will close out its regular season against Lewis on Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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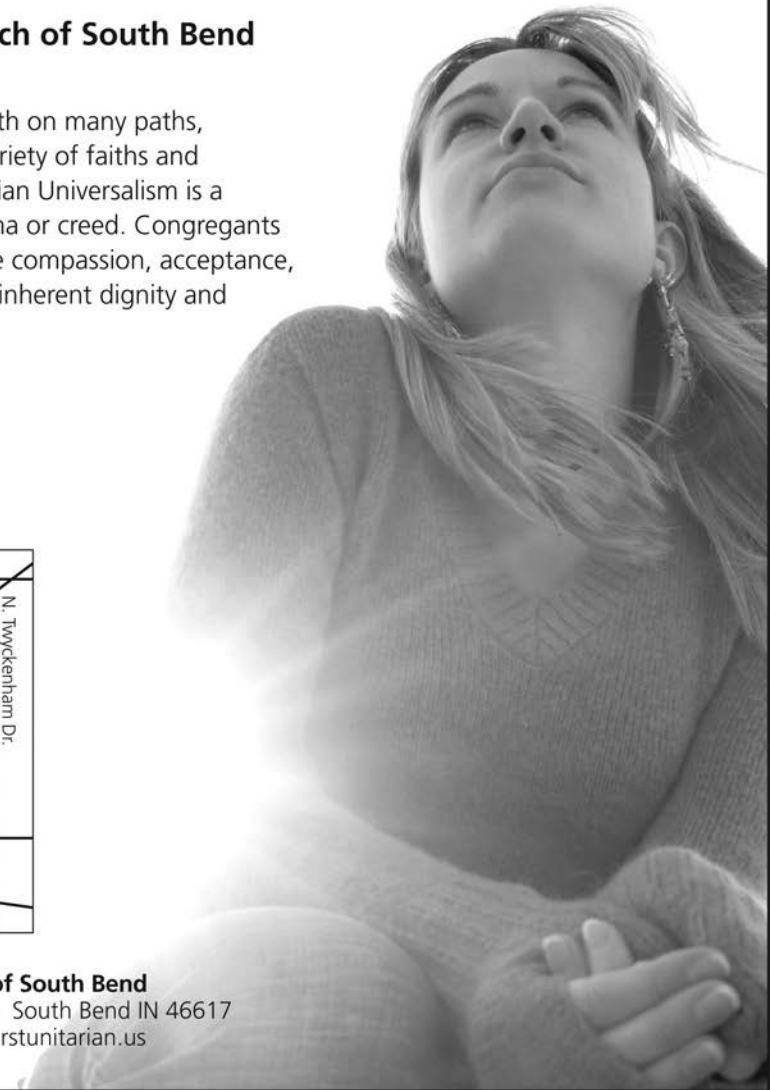
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Knott vs. Morrissey

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

A playoff spot is on the line when Knott and Morrissey square off in their regular season finale.

The Juggerknotts (2-1) can clinch a postseason berth with a win over the Manor (0-3).

Despite Morrissey's record, Knott knows from prior experience it cannot look toward the playoffs.

"We're definitely not taking [the Manor] lightly even though they're 0-3," Knott senior captain Dan Shaffer said. "Last year, we had the same situation. We were 0-3 and Alumni was 3-0 and we actually beat them. They took us too lightly, so we learned from last year. We're going to come out with guns blazing."

In their last game, a 3-0 win over Alumni, the Juggerknotts moved the ball well but left points on the field.

"We drove the ball pretty well [last game]," Shaffer said. "We would move it into the red zone, but couldn't score. We have got to finish some plays."

The Manor hopes to close out the season with their first win. Morrissey is focused on executing and is not concerned with the game's playoff implications for Knott.

"[We're going to] have fun playing football, and [we] play for pride," Morrissey junior captain Alex Oloriz said. "We're here to win a football game. We try to do that every game. We're not worried about the outside effects."

While the defense has been solid, Morrissey has struggled on offense throughout the season.

"Last game, we had a flash of hope when we scored a touchdown," Oloriz said. "We just need to try to do the little things right and get good execution."

Knott and Morrissey take the gridiron Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Fields with a postseason berth for Knott at stake.

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Keough vs. O'Neill

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

With both teams looking for their first win, West Quad neighbors O'Neill and Keough square off Sunday in one of the best rivalry games on campus.

O'Neill (0-3) is coming off a close loss against Stanford in which the Mob were leading at the half.

"Against Stanford, we moved the ball really well on the ground," O'Neill junior receiver and captain Alex Brolick said. "If we can run like that again I

think we will have a good chance to win on Sunday".

For the Mob, the game against Keough represents more than just a chance for the teams' first win.

"This game is all we have to play for now" Brolick said. "Winning against our rivals would be a great way to end the season."

On the other side of the ball, Keough (0-3) finds itself also looking for its first win. The Kangaroos are coming off a 35-0 loss to Dillon in their last game.

Though the Roos have yet to find the win column, Keough junior captain Robby Toole believes the Kangaroos can come out on top Sunday.

"It is our last game, so we are motivated to pull out a victory to end our season on a high note," Toole said. "Our offense has been clicking more and more as the season has progressed. We just need to finish off drives and put the ball in the end zone."

Toole believes the rivalry with O'Neill would make a Keough victory even sweeter.

"We want to win, there is no doubt about it," Toole said. "A win over O'Neill [on] Sunday would be a great win for Keough Hall."

Keough and O'Neill kick off their rivalry Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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Fisher vs. Zahm

By ALLY DARRAGH
Sports Writer

Although Sunday marks the end of two disappointing seasons, Zahm and Fisher will meet with nothing but pride on the line.

Fisher (1-2) is looking to go out with a bang, according to junior lineman Matt Hart.

"We are ready to hit from the first whistle to the last," Hart said. "With this being the last game of the regular season, it's the last chance to affect the playoff standings."

In preparation for this game, the Green Wave has been focusing on forcing turnovers and showing consistency on offense by extending offensive drives. Fisher is expecting Zahm to be ready to come out and be tough physically on both sides of the ball.

Zahm (0-3) is desperately looking to get a victory on Sunday against Fisher. Although the Zahmbies' record doesn't reflect their love for interhall, they feel like they've been the true winners all year, senior center Ryan Costello said.

"We are expecting about the same thing out of Fisher that we have seen all year, a team that comes out, runs the ball and plays good defense," Costello said. "We just have to come out and do it better than them. We are excited for another fun Sunday afternoon."

Blocking and tackling are both key factors of the game

that the Zahmbies have been continuously focusing on, and they hope that their efforts will produce the win they have been searching for.


Fisher will be looking to sophomore quarterback Joe Paggi

and senior running back Pat Hertenstein for offensive productivity. Zahm will be looking at senior defensive lineman Luke "The Professor" Lennon and junior receiver Marty Flavin for laughs and leadership on

and off the field.

Zahm and Fisher go head-to-head Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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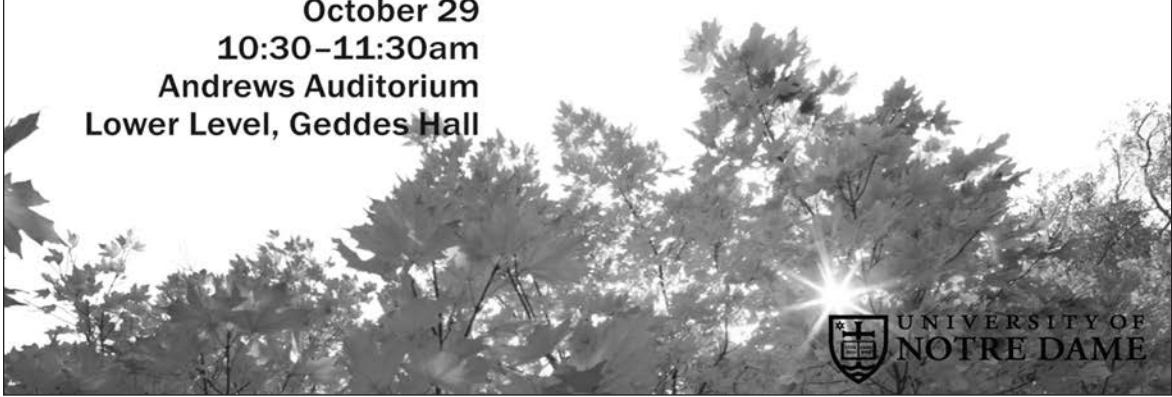
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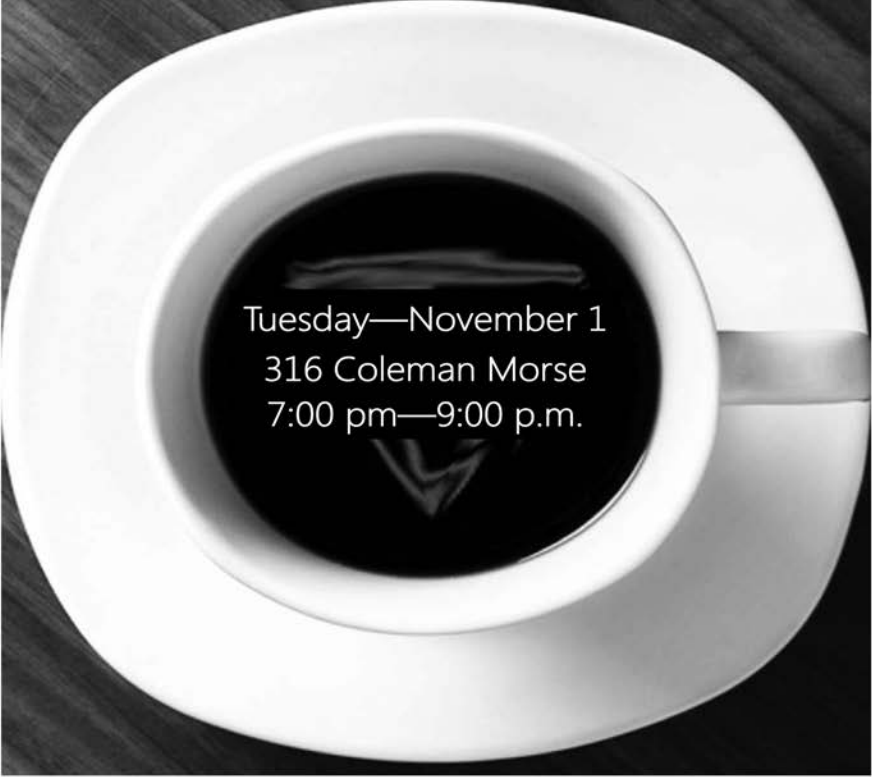
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MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

ND to renew rivalry with matchup at Pitt

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

The inexperienced Irish will travel to Big East rival Pittsburgh for their first road meet of the season.

Following two second-place finishes already this season, Notre Dame has continued its training in preparation for a tough matchup against the Panthers.

The Irish (2-1) will serve as Pittsburgh's (1-1) first taste of competition at home and first Big East opponent of the season. Trees Hall, home of the Panthers, has been named the site of the 2012 Big East tournament.

"The Pittsburgh team and the Notre Dame team have a great rivalry over the years, and it is a college competition at its best," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "It is a very intense, competitive experience, but it is also very high on great sportsmanship. It's got great spirit, intense competition. I think it's going to be a very, very competitive meet."

Irish sophomore Frank Dyer led the Irish to two second-place finishes on Oct. 14 and 15, where the Irish finished behind Michigan in each meet. Dyer earned gold in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle races.

Notre Dame senior co-captain Marshall Sherman said the Irish are counting on Dyer's experience against their out-of-state rival.

"Frankie Dyer, our sophomore, is probably definitely our standout," Sherman said. "We typically have a couple guaranteed victories out of him."

Notre Dame's squad enters its rivalry meet with 16 freshmen on the roster 12 swimmers and four divers. Simply glancing at such an inexperienced roster might cause the team to lose confidence, but the Irish sense this is a special class of freshmen.

Welsh said he remains confident in this particular group, despite a looming test in the team's first meet on the road.

"This is a mature group of freshmen with a great deal of experience in their background. We expect them to be fine, but it is their first meet on the road, so we'll see," Welsh said. "The major advantage for us is that the Big East championships are also at Pittsburgh, so this is early season dress rehearsal for what will be our conference championship. If we're going to win on Friday, the freshmen will play a part. We can't win without them."

Irish junior co-captain Chris Johnson said he believes the freshmen provide energy unlike anything this Irish team has seen before.

"The strength is that we are so young. Guys are coming in ready to go. They're excited about being on a collegiate team," he said. "They're ready to race in whatever meet we have. They're looking to go fast. Just the group of guys that we have right now, they like training hard. That's a definite plus. Guys that like working hard and like sticking together and practicing is a big advantage."

A challenging workout at

practice on Wednesday provided the co-captains with a chance to lead this young group of swimmers by example.

"Number one, [I am] trying to guide them because the team is so new, and stuff that in years past we've been able to take for granted ... now we kind of [have] to walk them through it at least once," Johnson said. "At the same time, it's a great opportunity just to give them an example that they can look up to, and hopefully they'll take that, internalize it and be that someone else somewhere down the road."

The Irish will begin competition at Pittsburgh on Friday at 4 p.m. at Trees Hall.

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SMC SWIMMING AND DIVING

Belles set to begin MIAA play

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Belles will kick off their regular season with a Friday night dual meet against Kalamazoo.

Belles coach Mark Benishek said Saint Mary's is expecting a strong performance from the Hornets, who finished last season with a third-place finish at the MIAA championships after compiling a 4-2 conference record during the regular season. The Kalamazoo women also sent four swimmers to the NCAA Division III Swimming Championships.

"I think they're strong across the board," Benishek said. "They're one of the top teams in our conference. We know they have some great breaststrokers on their team, and I know that they have some pretty good freestylers as well, especially sprinters."

"They're strong across the board. They're one of the top teams in our conference."

Mark Benishek
Swimming Coach

While the schedule lists Kalamazoo as the Belles' opponent on Friday, Benishek said that the squad is also focused on beating the mental mistakes that plague many teams early in the season.

"I think, especially with it being the first meet of the season, we'll be trying to limit some of the small mistakes for our team [and] just swimming

smart," Benishek said. "It's been about a month's worth of training that we've had so far, so we work a lot on technique and things of that nature at the beginning of the season to set the right foot forward."

Benishek expects tight races between Hornets sophomore Molly DeWald and Saint Mary's senior captain Audrey Dalrymple in the breaststroke events.

"They have a really great breaststroker [in DeWald]. She usually challenges our breaststroker, Audrey Dalrymple, and there's a really good competition between the two," Benishek said. "Last year they were only a second apart, and both were just off the NCAA qualifying time in the first meet of the season."

The Belles will jump out of the blocks at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Rolfs Aquatics Center.

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Brown

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take care of business.

“I really don’t worry about the letdown because we have so much unfinished business and so much left to prove,” Brown said. “We are really focused and really determined. I don’t think our team is looking at it like ‘This team isn’t very good, we can relax.’ UConn and St John’s, I think, are better than some of the teams we’ve played with better conference records. They both have some pretty

gifted players and have just not been consistent.”

Looking forward, Brown said her team would likely not have a chance to finish atop the conference due to losses to Villanova, Cincinnati and Louisville. However, she said the Irish will be competitive in the Big East tournament due to their improved play down the stretch.

“From the beginning, we put a huge emphasis on Big East play,” she said. “When we lost the matches we did early on, we knew we put ourselves in a tight spot. We’ve just got to finish as high as we possibly can. It’s probably unlikely we can have part of the regular season

championship, but we’ll have a shot at the tournament championship.”

Brown remains confident the Irish can put together a strong performance this weekend to generate momentum heading into the final matches of the year.

“Finishing strong is really important,” she said. “That’s the time of the year when you need to be playing the best and being the strongest. It’s not like you can cruise through the early part of the year, but it is important to play well at the end.”

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Kelly

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the Marquette attack, which ranks first in the Big East in goals, goals per game, assists and points. Kelly has scored 14 goals combined, along with 10 assists this season, to rank second in the Big East behind Irish senior forward Melissa Henderson. Kelly played a key role in the 3-2 overtime win over Notre Dame, chipping in a goal and an assist.

But Waldrum is confident his team has matured greatly since the devastating overtime loss, when the Irish gave up an early goal 30 seconds into the game and the game-winner 18 seconds into overtime.

“We were in a tough spot in the season and we worked so hard on getting rid of those mental lapses, but gave up two early goals,” he said. “We are at quite a different place in the season now. Having [senior All-American midfielder] Courtney Barg back in the lineup is going to definitely change things. I think we are a different team entirely.

“Our kids have played in really big games this year and I don’t think the crowd is going to affect us. It’s going to come down to being ready to fight for 90 minutes, and I think we are.”

Henderson, who is coming off a school-record tying four-goal performance Oct. 21 against DePaul, leads the Irish attack. The senior, who ranks fifth in the nation with

17 goals, was recently named to the Top Drawer Soccer and “Our Game Magazine” national teams of the week, while earning Big East Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors.

“It was a great way to finish off her home stand here. Every game she is on the brink of having that kind of game. That is just how good she is,” Waldrum said. “[What] a lot of people don’t realize is that she has always had someone else to kind of play off of to carry a lot of the load. This year has basically been about Mel. Teams are just putting double and triple teams on her and try to take her out of the game.”

Waldrum expects his All-American forward to shine heading into her final collegiate postseason, adding that “believing” is the key to the postseason, something the Irish know all too well in the prestigious coach’s tenure.

“We always talk to [Melissa] about being more aggressive. Sometimes she is not selfish enough,” Waldrum said. “We want her to have more of a dagger, and sometimes she doesn’t have that personality, but she has gotten better at it. She knows that she is counted on and she gets that.

“This team has fought every inch of the way and this team has never really given up at all. They believe that when we get to the end, we will be ready for it. We are really talented and had some things not bounce our way, but we believe, and it’s all about believing.”

The Irish face Marquette at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

“It’s going to come down to being ready to fight for 90 minutes, and I think we are.”

SMC SOCCER

Belles to host Trine on Senior Day

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Belles look to send off their seniors with a memorable win Saturday morning when they take on Trine in an MIAA battle.

A victory would give Saint Mary’s (9-9, 5-9 MIAA) a winning record and guarantee the team a record above .500 for the season. The Belles ended a four game losing streak Wednesday when they scored two goals on Albion after being shut out in three straight matches.

Trine is not coming off such a positive result. The Thunder were tied with Kalamazoo at the end of regulation Wednesday, but lost just three minutes into overtime when the Hornets’ first shot of the extra period found its way into the goal. The result was disappointing for sophomore goalkeeper Kate Wegert, who had kept the score tied and recorded eight saves while her team was out-shot 26-6.

Although Trine (3-12-2, 1-11-

2) has not enjoyed much success this season, Belles coach Michael Joyce said the Thunder could be a greater challenge than their record might suggest.

“They are an aggressive and physical team, so we’ll have to come ready to battle,” Joyce said. “At this point in the season, all teams are a little fatigued and beat up. The team that can put that to the side and compete at a high and intense level will be in good shape. [The Thunder] are a tough team to score on, so we’ll have to finish our chances.”

The Belles will also have to adjust to the Trine coaching staff’s personnel decisions.

“It will be interesting to see where their senior Jen Wall plays. She is extremely talented. She’s been a top striker in the league, but has played goalie a bit for them this year,” Joyce said. “We’ll keep an eye on where they play her.

The Belles will honor five seniors on Saturday: midfielders Taylor Paton and Michelle Leon-

ard and defenders Keely Noonan and Michelle Marshall and forward Katelyn Tondo-Steel. Marshall and Tondo-Steele both served as team captains this season.


“I think we’re feeling good about Saturday sending the seniors off with a memorable day,” Joyce said. “The seniors are a talented bunch and the heart of the team. It will be tough to see them go.”

As much as the Belles want to honor the seniors, Joyce said the players still need to avoid letting the emotion of the event distract them from the game itself.

“It can go either way with emotional days sometimes it throws players off, sometimes it motivates them,” Joyce said. “We have a competitive group, so we should be in good shape.”

Saint Mary’s will kick off its Senior Day match against Trine at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

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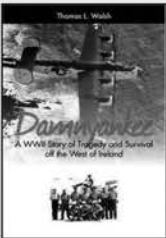
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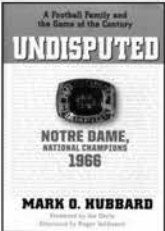
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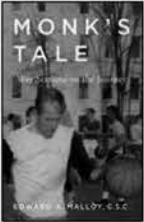
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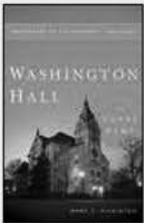
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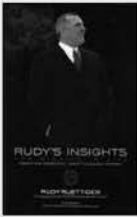
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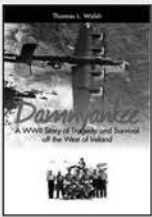
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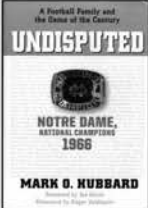
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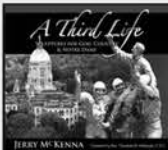
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After clinching a Big East tournament berth in its victory over Providence on Wednesday, Notre Dame (8-3-4, 4-2-1 Big East) returns home for the first time since Oct. 8, when it held then-No. 1 Connecticut to a scoreless draw. Notre Dame has not lost at home all season, but has not notched a win at Alumni Stadium since Sept. 24.

“It’s nice to get back home for sure,” Clark said. “It’s a big game for so many different reasons. You’ve got to win your remaining games.”

The Irish have lost their last two meetings against West Virginia by one goal apiece.

“They’ve had our number the past two years,” Clark said. “Both games we’ve played well in and we thought we deserved more, but we lost both of them. I feel we’re certainly due something, but you only get wins because you play well.”

The Irish carry with them three consecutive wins over conference opponents, all on

the road. The stretch marks the second time this year Notre Dame has scored two or more goals in three consecutive games.

“I don’t think anything has changed [during the three game winning streak],” Clark said. “I think we’ve been playing well all season. This team has played as well as any team I’ve ever had here.”

In the 2-1 victory over the Friars on Wednesday, senior midfielder Brendan King and sophomore midfielder Harry Shipp notched goals for the Irish. Shipp is now tied with junior forward Ryan Finley for the team lead in goals. Sophomore forward Leon Brown and senior defender Greg Klazura chipped in one assist each.

Despite a last-minute goal from the Friars, the Notre Dame defense held strong again. The match marked the sixth consecutive game the Irish have allowed one goal or less, a streak dating back to a 1-1 tie against Northwestern on Oct. 5. Prior to the streak, the Irish fell in a 2-1 double-overtime loss to St. John’s on Oct. 1.

“We lost at St. John’s, but we played superbly well,” Clark

said. “If you look through the games we’ve lost, we’ve actually played pretty well.”

Irish senior goalkeeper Will Walsh has anchored the strong Notre Dame defense, posting five shutouts and a 0.80 goals against average.

The Mountaineers (9-6-1, 5-3-0) enter the game having won five of their last seven games, including a 2-0 victory over Seton Hall on Wednesday.

“They’re very good, very athletic, very strong, big [and] fairly direct,” Clark said.

Senior defender Raymon Gaddis, a preseason All-Big East selection, has missed the last two games for West Virginia due to an ankle injury sustained during its 2-0 win over then-No. 1 Connecticut. His status against the Irish is unknown.

Junior midfielder Shadow Sebele has six goals and a team-high seven assists for the Mountaineers, while freshman forward Andy Bevin has netted a team-high seven goals.

Sebele, a Zimbabwe product, and Bevin, a New Zealand native, are two of the four non-Americans on the Mountaineer roster. By comparison, the Irish have zero international players.



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Junior midfielder Dillon Powers battles for a ball during an Oct. 8 draw against then-No. 1 Connecticut.

“They’re well organized,” Clark said. “It won’t be an easy task for sure.”

Notre Dame and West Virginia will jockey for conference positioning Saturday at noon at Alumni Stadium.

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Lee

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games],” senior defenseman Sean Lorenz said. “We need to make sure we come out strong in the start. It started with RPI and hopefully [we will] continue it at Bowling Green.”

Lee leads the No. 5 Irish with eight goals, while sophomore center T.J. Tynan leads Notre Dame with nine assists. The pair pace the team with 11 points apiece.

In goal, Jackson has employed the services of both junior Mike Johnson and sophomore Steven Summerhays. Johnson, who has started each Friday night game, has posted a .896 save percentage and a 2.33 goals against average. Summerhays, meanwhile, owns a .821 save percentage and a 4.61 goals against average.

Last year, the Irish beat

Bowling Green (4-1-1, 1-1-0-0) in three of the four meetings, outscoring the Falcons 15-8.

“Every year is a new year. We’re going to have to be prepared for some tough road hockey,” Jackson said. “They have a really young team that kind of mirrors us last year.”

Bowling Green returns to action after splitting a pair of games against CCHA foe No. 19 Lake Superior State last weekend. On Friday, junior goaltender Andrew Hammond stopped all 19 Laker shots he faced in helping the Falcons to a 1-0 shutout win. During Saturday’s contest, the Falcons allowed a season-high 37 shots in a 4-1 loss, marking the first time the Falcons had been outshot this season.

“[They are] young, fast, up-tempo,” Lorenz said. “They always work hard. They’re pretty disciplined. They’re well-coached and they’re going to work hard.”

Sophomore forward Camden Wojtala and freshman

forward Ryan Carpenter lead the Falcons with seven and six points, respectively. The Bowling Green offense currently ranks last in the CCHA in scoring, netting just 2.17 goals per game.

“Bowling Green is an up-tempo team and I think they’re going to give us a bit of a challenge,” Lorenz said. “I think we’re prepared for it. We’ve been gearing up well.”

The Irish and Falcons take the ice Friday and Saturday night in Bowling Green, Ohio. Both games start at 7:05 p.m.

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do well at this meet. Our goal is to win, and we have a very good chance of doing that if we have a good day.”

In the men’s previous two races, the team has placed 11th and 19th, respectively. Between the Notre Dame Invitational and last week’s Wisconsin Adidas Invitational, the squad has defeated six ranked teams.

Rachel Velarde, the women’s squad’s senior captain, said the team has put in a lot of hard work in preparation for this meet.

“Our team has been working very hard the past couple of weeks for this race,” she said. “Fall break gave us the opportunity to work really hard as a team and grow closer.”

When the women’s team takes the course to run the 6-kilometer race, it faces what

is arguably a more competitive field, with seven teams ranked in the USTFCCCA national top 30, including four ranked in the top 10. The No. 23 Irish face off against No. 4 Villanova, No. 6 Georgetown, No. 7 Providence, No. 18 West Virginia and No. 28 Connecticut.

Velarde remains confident in Notre Dame’s ability to take on the fierce competition.

“Our goal is [to finish in] the top four.”

Jordan Carlson senior captain

“Our goal is [to finish in] the top four,” she said. “It will be hard, but I have confidence in our team that we can do well.

There are bragging rights for the conference title. It is also a very good opportunity for us to beat some highly ranked teams and get some at-large points for Nationals.”

Velarde, Carlson and the rest of the Irish runners will hit the course Saturday. The men’s race takes place at 11 a.m., while the women’s contest begins at 11:50 a.m.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Crunch time

Irish begin Big East championships at No. 15 Golden Eagles



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Senior midfielder Courtney Barg takes on a double team during a 3-2 loss to Georgetown on Oct. 14. After missing time due to injury, Barg returns to the Irish lineup Sunday at Marquette.

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

In Irish coach Randy Waldrum's 13 years as head coach, never has Notre Dame gone on the road to start the Big East tournament. But this season has been a year of firsts for the defending-national champion Irish, who are now thrust head-first into the role of underdog heading into a matchup at No. 15 Marquette in the Big East quarterfinals.

"We have never been on the road for a quarterfinal game,"

Waldrum said, "but this season has been new and different. To finish third is unusual from us, but we made this bed and we are ready for the challenge."

This matchup of powerhouse Big East squads brings history, as the Golden Eagles (17-2, 10-1 Big East) contributed to Notre Dame's early-season struggles with a 3-2 overtime win Sept. 26 in Milwaukee. But Waldrum said the Irish (9-6-3, 6-3-2) view the game as a resume booster for the NCAA tournament rather than an opportunity for revenge.

"Sure the girls have embraced this opportunity to get them again, but we are still battling for a big playoff spot in the NCAA tournament," Waldrum said. "The picture is much bigger than just the Big East and we are embracing the challenge of it. It's a legitimate chance to strengthen our NCAA bid and it's also a chance to catch a really good team early."

Sophomore forward Maegan Kelly, a member of the 2010 Big East All-Rookie Team, leads

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame heads east for two matches

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

With a trip to Hawaii already under their belts, the Irish have more travelling on the horizon.

Notre Dame (12-8, 4-3 Big East) will fly to Connecticut on Saturday to take on the Huskies and bus to New York to play St. John's on Sunday, all before flying back in time for Monday's classes.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said the travelling might seem unusual to some of the players considering the roster features a healthy number of young athletes.

"I think [playing on the road]

can be difficult from that aspect," Brown said of the constant travel. "It's not too bad unless you're sitting for a really long time, then it becomes more difficult. It's a little bit different for the younger players who have maybe never been to these cities. It's always a new experience."

Notre Dame heads east after an easy three-set victory over South Florida last Sunday. With another few matches against sub-.500 opponents in Connecticut (11-12, 1-7) and St. John's (10-15, 1-7) on the radar, Brown said she expects her team to

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Both squads look for a win at conference meet

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

The Irish travel to Louisville this weekend to participate in the Big East championships at E.P. Sawyer State Park. Both the men's and women's squads expect to face a challenging field of competition.

The men's squad opens the day with an 8-kilometer race. Among the men's field are two teams ranked in the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Association (USTFCCCA) poll top 25

in No. 14 Providence and No. 16 Villanova. Other teams include Louisville and Georgetown, which are also currently receiving national votes, and Syracuse, which has been ranked during the season.

Senior captain Jordan Carlson is very confident in his team's ability to place well.

"We haven't won this meet in quite a while, and I think it's the best opportunity we've had in a long time," he said. "We are very deep as a team this year, so a lot of guys can

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HOCKEY

Squad leaves new home to face Bowling Green

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

This one will be without bells, without whistles, without banners and without grand openings. This will just be hockey.

After debuting the sparkling Compton Family Ice Arena last Friday, the Irish will abandon their new home and travel to Bowling Green for a pair of conference contests.

"I'm looking forward to actually playing on the road and getting away from here for a few days," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "That's where your team has to learn to play more intelligently, play with more discipline."

Notre Dame (3-2-0, 1-1-0-0 CCHA), propelled by three goals from sophomore forward

Anders Lee, downed RPI 5-2 in the opener at the new building. Junior defenseman Sam Calabrese chipped in three assists during the game, while two other Irish players also had two assists.

"He's carrying on from where he finished last year," Jackson said of Lee. "He was our leading goal-scorer last year and I expect him to do the same this year."

The game marked the first time since the season opener that Notre Dame did not allow the opponent to score first. In each of the past three games, the Irish fell behind 2-0. They won two of those games.

"We've really been trying to focus on [our slow starts in

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MEN'S SOCCER

ND looks to lock up NCAA bid

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

With a Big East tournament berth secured, the No. 14 Irish will turn their focus to a larger bid: the NCAA tournament.

The Irish look to extend their winning streak to a season-high four games when they welcome No. 25 West Virginia to Alumni Stadium on Saturday. Irish coach Bobby Clark said he views the upcoming contest as a golden opportunity to achieve a goal as well.

"If we win this game, that will pretty much lock down a bid for the NCAAs," Clark said. "If you make the NCAAs, you know it's been a good year. You can't win the NCAAs unless you make the tournament."

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Senior midfielder Chris Sutton beats a defender to the ball during a scoreless draw against then-No. 1 Connecticut on Oct. 8.