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Students support ND from abroad

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

While students at Notre Dame have gathered in the Notre Dame Stadium to watch the football team take on its rivals this semester, hundreds of students studying abroad have congregated in places across the globe to do the same.

Junior Tara Ounan, currently studying in Rome, said although it can be difficult to watch the games because of weekend travels, students in the program have still cheered for Notre Dame a few times.

"For the [South Florida] game everyone in our program was in Rome so we all went to the local Irish bar together and watched the game which was awesome," Ounan said. "We all

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Sexual assault reported

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a sexual assault reported over the weekend, according to an email sent to students Sunday evening.

The reported sexual assault occurred in a residence hall during the early morning Sunday, police said. The victim knew the person who committed the assault.

In the email, police warned students of the risk of sexual assault.

"Sexual assault can happen to anyone at any time," the email stated. "College students are more likely to be assaulted by an acquaintance, which means that the person perpetrating the assault could be part of the campus community. Being aware of your own safety and watching out for your friends are important steps you can take to reduce the risk of sexual assault."

Information about sexual assault prevention and resources for survivors of sexual assault is available online from both NDSP and the Committee for Sexual Assault Prevention, the email stated.

Irish defeat Midshipmen

Students pleased with Halloween weekend win over Navy



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Sophomore Caroline Thompson cheers for Notre Dame during Saturday's game against Navy. Many students dressed up in Halloween costumes to watch the Irish's 56-14 victory.

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

It may have been Halloween weekend, but for junior Angela Ryck and sophomore Eily Andruszkiewicz, Notre Dame's 56-14 victory over Navy was particularly special for another reason: It was also their birthdays.

"It was pretty much a perfect game for me because it was my 20th birthday," Ryck said. "My family was here — my parents and my sister and a few friends."

Winning was a great birthday present, Andruszkiewicz said.

"It was awesome to have a game on my birthday," she said. "And it was really fun to share my birthday with Angela. We called every touchdown a birthday touchdown for us and I got to go up for 28 push-ups."

Andruszkiewicz said she thought the game went very well overall.

"There were definitely still some sloppy plays, but there is always room for improvement," she said. "I think the

team definitely pulled themselves back together after being shaken up by USC last week and started playing like it was our game, not someone else's. It was great to see us converting on third downs and driving the ball well."

Junior Joe Thomas said the Oct. 23 loss to USC lowered his expectations for the season but did not make him especially concerned about Saturday's game against Navy.

"I think we needed this game against a not very legit-

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Students display an "X for X"

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
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The impact one student made on the Notre Dame community was tangible Saturday, as thousands of people in the Notre Dame Stadium raised their arms in an "X" to honor his life and memory.

Each time the marching band played the Celtic Chant during the first quarter of Notre Dame's victory over Navy, cheerleaders led the student body in forming an "X" with their arms to honor Xavier Murphy, a fifth-year student and former resident of Zahm Hall who died Oct. 11 after a short battle with cancer.

Corry Colonna, rector of Zahm and organizer of the Raise an X for X Campaign, said more people formed the "X" than he could have hoped for. The "X" not only contin-



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Members of the student section "raise an X for X" during the Celtic Chant during Saturday's game against Navy.

ued throughout the game, but spread from the student section into the rest of the Stadium.

"I just sort of looked up to the sky and thought, 'He knows, he

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App shares game day experience

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
News Writer

Any Notre Dame football fan knows the excitement and chaos of game day in South Bend. From tailgating to watching the band, from the end zone to the press box, it is impossible for one person to see it all — unless that person has a smart phone with access to the free LiveShare application by Cooliris.

Through a partnership between the Notre Dame Alumni Association and the computer software and online media company Cooliris, Notre Dame fans around the world can now experience game day in real time by uploading, sharing and viewing game day photos in an online gallery.

The project, spearheaded by senior Ashmi Pathela, enables fans without tickets to participate in the excitement by keeping a finger on the refresh key of their computer and watching updated shots of the game.

Photos of all game day activities are streamed online and are available through the mobile application or through the Alumni Association's Facebook page, Pathela said.

"The app is really awesome because game day is so busy and you want to be everywhere at once, so it gives you a chance to see what's going on all over," Pathela said. "It connects the students, alumni and fans at a higher level."

Pathela said that LiveShare gives fans a chance to be everywhere at once on campus.

"For example, Rudy was visiting and signing his book at the bookstore [during USC weekend], and so people got to see photos uploaded of him in the stream and could head to the bookstore if they wanted to see him in person," she said.

Notre Dame is the second university in the country, after Stanford, to utilize LiveShare in this way, Pathela said.

"It's a good way to keep up our ranking as No. 1 in social media usage," she said.

The app was launched during USC weekend and 230 photos were added to the stream on game day, Pathela said. Fans uploaded photos from high in the stands, showing the band formation, as well as

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SMC raises awareness for disorders

Event highlights careers related to communicative impairments

By BRIDGET FEENEY
News Writer

The Saint Mary's chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSHLA) hosted an event highlighting the professions available to students interested in communicative disorders Sunday.

Current Saint Mary's students and high school seniors from the South Bend community attended the free event to learn more about the professions and collect more information about the communicative disorders major at Saint Mary's.

The event featured student speakers, tours of the pathology and audiology labs at Saint Mary's and a discussion panel with current speech and language pathologists and audiologists from the community.

Senior Elizabeth Downs, vice president of the Saint Mary's NSSHLA chapter, organized the event and spoke to prospective students.

"We think it's very important to promote our major because

not many people know what we do," she said. "It's a great profession to go into, especially if you enjoy helping others. I fell in love with the intro class I took and I am really happy with my decision [to be a communicative disorders major]."

Senior Lori LeClere, president of the Saint Mary's NSSHLA chapter, said advertising the important need for communicative disorders majors was a goal of Sunday's event.

"We hope students learn about the career path — what they can do, where they can do it," she said. "We want them to get an inside view of what speech pathology and audiology are. I came to Saint Mary's without knowledge of the profession, so we feel it is necessary to educate others about what we do."

Downs and LeClere agreed that knowledge and awareness of professions in communicative disorders are crucial to getting more students interested in being involved.

Some current communicative disorders majors were

unaware that the major even existed before starting at Saint Mary's.

"I came to Saint Mary's as a biology major," junior Maria Malm said. "I had a general interest in helping others, and when I took the Intro to Communicative Disorders class and did my observation of others, I discovered I really enjoyed helping others. I decided to switch majors."

Malm said she hoped the NSSHLA event on Sunday stimulated more interest in the communicative disorders major, as the need for qualified therapists, pathologists and audiologists continues to rise.

"Communication is essential to having high quality of life," she said. "There is a great need for speech pathology to help others communicate their needs and wants. I look forward to helping others and getting a hands on feel for giving a voice to those with communicative disorders."

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ND women's boxing hosts Power 24 Hour



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Senior Kat Rodriguez exercises outside South Dining Hall Friday to raise money for East African Holy Cross Missions.

By AUBREY BUTTS
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Members of the women's boxing program, Baraka Bouts, directed their physical and mental toughness toward raising funds for East African Holy Cross Missions this past weekend in their signature event, the Power 24 Hour.

With the hope of raising more funds and increasing awareness of the club and charity, the team changed and intensified the structure of this year's event, senior captain Jen Coe said.

"For a few years now, we've had a 'power-hour' where the boxers are split into two teams and try to beat each other in the number of pushups, sit-ups and jumping jacks that could be completed in the hours," she said. "We wanted to double the amount of money raised, so we spread it over an entire day in the hopes of garnering more funds and raising more awareness about our club, the tournament and the Holy Cross missions."

The longer time period allowed the boxers to test their creativity and come up with unique approaches to their workout, senior captain Carleigh Moore said.

"At one point we were doing push-ups for every dollar raised," Moore said. "It was a great way to get in shape for the Bouts all in the name of a great cause."

Coe said there was an advantage to working out in one-hour shifts over the previous structure of one 24-hour period.

"Since everyone had a one-hour shift, the energy was

kept high as people were rotating in and out, then coming back later to visit and cheer their fellow team-members on," she said. "We were working out for a good cause, so it wasn't hard to keep up the spirit."

While the team has not yet totaled the funds raised from the Power 24 Hour, both Coe and Moore said they are extremely grateful for the outpouring of support.

"The response was incredible. Students, faculty, alumni and fans were so generous and receptive to our cause," Moore said. "Thank you to everyone who donated

to help us support the efforts of the Holy Cross Missions in Uganda."

The women's boxing team will fight in the Baraka Bouts tournament in the beginning of November to raise additional funds, which will benefit two secondary schools in Kasese and Jinja, Uganda.

The women's boxing team is changing the structure of the Baraka Bouts tournament this year as well, Moore said.

"For the first time, women's boxing will be holding a two-day tournament," she said. "Our vision for this year's season has been double the bouts, double the donations."

This year's Baraka Bouts event will take place on Monday, Nov. 7, and Thursday, Nov. 10. Tickets for entry on both nights can be pre-purchased from any Baraka Bouts participant for \$10 until the night of the tournament.

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College class rings symbolize tradition



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Saint Mary's students model the class ring. The ring's current design was introduced in 1973.

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

If you want to learn more about a Saint Mary's woman and the unique experience she has lived during her college years, ask her about the class ring on her finger. "When I look down at my ring finger, I'm reminded of my love for Saint Mary's," senior Kelly Golden said. "The Saint Mary's ring is much more than a status symbol to me. Its uniqueness and beauty remind me of my time at Saint Mary's."

The Saint Mary's class ring has stood as a symbol of the College since the 1950s, Ed O'Neil, regional sales representative for Balfour, said. Balfour, the Saint Mary's ring manufacturer, did not introduce today's version of the traditional Saint Mary's ring until 1973.

"To my knowledge, [the current design] has been [in place] since 1973, and the differences between the previous [rings] and today's version are very, very small," he said. "Most people almost wouldn't even recognize [the differences]."

The major difference between the most popular ring of today's Saint Mary's student and those of the past is the size of the ring. O'Neil said almost 95 percent of students today buy the petite version, whereas many women in the fifties bought the larger version or pinkie rings.

"Sometimes alumni will come in and comment that there's very little difference in the seal itself — the size itself is the only difference," he said.

Prior to the fifties, the Saint Mary's ring looked very different. O'Neil said the original Saint Mary's rings were made in Europe and shipped to the United States.

"I gave a ring to Saint Mary's from 1921, and it had a black onyx and the whole ring was a square-shaped, rectangular ring with a very small seal that was kind of the shape of the cross," he said. "It was a four-pointed seal and had SMC lettering on it."

This is a dramatic variation from the current look of the Saint Mary's ring.

According to Balfour's website, smcring.com, the current look of the ring features the College's seal at the top of the ring. The French Cross in the center of the seal stands as the instrument of salvation. Two anchors in the form of an "X" cross the seal and stand for the Greek letter Chi, the monogram of Christ and the source of the virtue of hope.

O'Neil said these are the features that make the Saint Mary's ring so unique.

"The Saint Mary's ring is extremely unique, extremely well thought of and definitely identifiable," he said. "[Students] prob-

ably know that from listening to stories from people. No matter where they go, they'll have a comment made that they recognize that ring."

Senior Bridget Gartenmayer discovered how well known the Saint Mary's ring is while on a trip to Rome.

Gartenmayer said a woman approached her and her group of friends while they were eating dinner. The woman noticed their American accents and inquired about where they attended school.

"We told her that we went to Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana, and she lifted up her hand in excitement to show us her Saint Mary's ring," she said.

Gartenmayer said she and her friends instantly felt connected to the woman.

"The woman, who was in Rome with her Notre Dame husband, was in her 40s, still wore her ring and had the essence of a Saint Mary's woman," she said. "It was so amazing to know that such a small symbol of Saint Mary's College can bring Belles together all around the world."

Saint Mary's class of 2007 alumna Jess Jordan said she still wears her ring, as it serves as a constant reminder of her education and the memories developed at Saint Mary's.

"My ring helps me stay connected, and even though I'm not there anymore, it reminds me of the time I spent at Saint Mary's, my friends and my experiences," she said. "I wear my ring as a symbol of pride because I'm extremely glad I went to Saint Mary's and I enjoyed every minute of my time here."

O'Neil said anecdotes like these stand as a true testament to the character and teachings of Saint Mary's.

"In a school that graduates 350 people a year, [stories like these are] a tremendous statement really," he said. "The attachments and the recognition are just tremendous. It's such a connection to the past, and it's that link that never goes away."

O'Neil said the 40 years of working for Balfour and selling Saint Mary's rings have allowed him to play a role in the formation of the lasting connections Saint Mary's students feel with their rings.

"I think that the students and alumna at Saint Mary's really [cherish] that, and that ring is very representative of that," he said. "I was thinking about what the Saint Mary's ring really represents, and it kind of is like saying a Saint Christopher's medal is more than just a piece of jewelry. The Saint Mary's ring is more than just a piece of jewelry."

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imate offense," Thomas said. "I would have been a lot more concerned if they weren't an option offense that I know we can stop."

Thomas said he was pleased the Irish scored so many points but thinks the team still needs to improve.

"I've always thought the key to success in a football team is having a steady quarterback, and we still haven't made a decision there," he said. "We're a solid chunk through

the season and I think that's what's holding us back. The quarterback is the leader on the field and if we feel like the quarterback could be pulled at any time, everyone feels more vulnerable."

The music played over the loudspeakers was a nice touch, Thomas said.

"I thought they did a really good job with it this weekend. 'Crazy Train' was fun, but it got played a little too much [at the USC game]," he said. "I thought they did a great job of mixing it up this weekend. It got everyone pumped."

Junior Kelly Sullivan said she wasn't sure if she liked

the music but thought it was better than it was at the USC game.

"It was more toned-down," Sullivan said. "I was worried that it would take away from the band, and I like the tradition that we have, but I think they did a better job this time."

Sophomore Lisa Rague said she liked the music a lot.

"I think especially when it's songs that everyone knows and we're all singing at the same time, we're all a community, and it feels cool to be a part of that," she said.

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sees us," Colonna said.

Colonna watched the game from around the 50-yard line with Murphy's family. He said they were clearly touched by the showing of solidarity for their son and brother.

Saturday would have been Murphy's 23rd birthday.

Senior Steve LaBrecque, a resident assistant in Zahm, said showing Murphy's family just how much he meant to Notre Dame was one of the foremost goals of Raise an X for X.

"The fact that his family was there, for them to be able to see the whole student body come together and realize that [Xavier] meant something to this community, and ND as a whole, for me that was the biggest takeaway," he said.

Senior Charlie Harig, Zahm Hall president, agreed.

"The big thing for me afterwards was less about selling stuff, but more about [Murphy's family] seeing 'Wow, our son made an impact on a lot of people's lives,'" he said.

Senior Daniel Duffey, a resident assistant in Zahm, said "raising an X for X" during the game was the perfect way to

remember Murphy, who was passionate about Notre Dame — and especially Notre Dame football.

"It was a really fitting memorial for who Xave was — his love of Notre Dame football and Zahm," Duffey said.

Planning for the Raise an X for X Campaign began in September, when Murphy was first diagnosed with leukemia. The goal was that Murphy would see a number of people with their hands in the air for him while he watched the game from Riley Hospital in Indianapolis, where he was receiving treatment.

After Murphy died, Colonna said the Zahm and larger Notre Dame communities pulled together to bring the campaign to fruition.

Colonna said the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, Student Activities Office (SAO), cheerleaders and leprechaun and football administration all went to great lengths to help make Raise an X for X a reality.

"I'm humbled and immensely grateful for everything everyone did for Xavier and his family," Colonna said. "It was such a good cause but so many people were willing to help out. [That] speaks a lot to who Notre Dame is."

Duffey said it was great to have the support of the student

body in "sending the message about who Xave was."

"We definitely got the word out there," he said. "We know he was looking down, we were definitely proud to have done it for him."

In addition to last Saturday's events, the Raise an X for X Campaign also involves T-shirt and bandana sales, a Basilica mass and a blood drive. Colonna said T-shirts and bandanas were almost entirely sold out by the end of Saturday, but a few can still be purchased online at Student Shop ND.

Proceeds from the T-shirt sales and other regular donations will go to the Xavier Murphy Student Scholarship Fund through the Office of Development at Guerin Catholic High School, Colonna said. Proceeds from bandana sales will go toward Relay for Life.

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-residence 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.

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shots from the student section and the field.

Statistics from the Alumni Association reveal that the number of weekly active users increased by 5,306, and post views during game week increased by 98 percent.

The application was initially publicized most strongly to alumni, but Pathela said there are plans to spread awareness to students.

"For the USC game we focused on publicizing to alumni mainly — especially those attending the game — to upload pictures if attending or view the photos if not," Pathela said. "In the future, we would like to extend more marketing to students."

In order to get the word out to alumni, the project relied on other forms of social media.

"We sent an email about it to all alumni ticket-holders for the game as well as an e-newsletter via ND Today," Pathela said. "We also post-

ed about the app on the official Facebook pages of the Alumni Association and the University."

Notre Dame quarterback Dayne Crist also tweeted about the LiveShare app Oct. 21, spreading the information to his 12,000 Twitter followers.

The free application can be found by searching "LiveShare by Cooliris" in either the Apple or Android application markets.

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LiveShare by Cooliris

- Partnership between ND Alumni Association and Cooliris.

- App launched during USC weekend.

- 230 phones added on game day.

- Available in Apple and Android application markets.



SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK

10.29 - 11.5

Solidarity Displays
Presented by Student
Government
(by residence hall)

**Committee on Sexual
Assault Prevention
(CSAP) Posters**

10.29 - 10.30

**Petitions and
Prayer Cards**
at Campus Masses

10.31

Free T-shirt Giveaways
see grc.nd.edu for times
and locations

11.1

"Teal Out Tuesday":
wear the shirt, buttons
or ribbons

Resource Tables

LaFortune, Dining Halls
Joyce Center

Mass of Healing
Sorin Hall Chapel
10 pm

11.2

**Men Against Violence
Pledge Campaign**

"49 1/2 first dates"
Presented by PILLARS
Lafortune
8-10 pm

11.3

A Time to Heal Dinner
Club Naimoli
6-8 pm
RSVP at grc.nd.edu

Presented by the Gender Relations Center, in collaboration with: Department of Athletics Student Welfare and Development, the Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention (CSAP), FIRE Starters, Men Against Violence, Notre Dame Security Police, Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, PILLARS, Student Government, SOS of the Family Justice Center, the Rape Crisis Center of St. Joseph County, University Counseling Center, University Life Initiatives

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Occupy Wall Street protesters arrested

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Dozens of anti-Wall Street protesters were arrested Sunday in Texas, where they clashed with police over food tables, and in Oregon, where officers dragged them out of a park in an affluent neighborhood.

In New York and many other East Coast cities, it was a snowstorm that was making it difficult for demonstrators to stay camped out in public places.

The “Occupy” movement, which began six weeks ago in lower Manhattan to decry corporate influence in government and wealth inequality, has spread to cities large and small across the country and around the world. Demonstrators have spent weeks camped out in parks, wearing at the patience of city officials — even those who have expressed some level of support for their cause.

In Portland, Ore., police have allowed protesters to sleep in two parks surrounded by office buildings despite policies outlawing camping, but Mayor Sam Adams warned demonstrators last week that he would not allow them to take over any more parks. Late Saturday, hundreds of protesters gathered in another park — Jamison Square in the wealthy Pearl District — and defied a midnight curfew.

About 30 people who had decided to risk arrest sat on the ground as other protesters walked around them and chanted “Whose Park? Our Park!” and “Make No Arrests.”

When police moved in around 2 a.m., all but the sitting protesters backed off. An Associated Press photographer said most of those protesters went limp and were carried or dragged away by police. There was no violence during the arrests, which took about 90 minutes.

The protesters — all appearing to be in their 20s and 30s with many wearing Halloween-style face paint — were handcuffed and taken away in police vans. “We are the 99 percent,” one arrestee continued to chant.

Police said the arrests were made on charges that included criminal trespassing, interfering with a police officer and disorderly conduct.

Some protesters said they wanted to camp in the Pearl District because they view its residents as part of the wealthy demographic they’re protesting. Commissioner Randy Leonard had urged them to reconsider, saying in a letter that it would be inappropriate to expand the demonstration into a neighborhood park.

“We — the entire city council — are your friends ... at present,” Leonard wrote. “However, our friendship and support are now being unreasonably tested by the decision to occupy Jamison Square.”

Police in Austin, Texas, made 39 arrests early Sunday as they moved to enforce a new rule banning food tables in the City Hall plaza where protesters have camped out. Some protesters surrounded the tables with arms linked.

Most were charged with

criminal trespass, Police Chief Art Acevedo said. No injuries were reported.

Protesters had been advised of the food table ban on Friday, Assistant City Manager Michael McDonald told the Austin American-Statesman.

“We want to facilitate their activities,” he said, “but we can’t allow this to be a permanent campsite.”

Some protesters found the ban arbitrary. “On a night where there are hundreds of drunks driving around town, they have all these resources here to take down three food tables,” protester Dave Cortez told the newspaper.

Protesters in California, Georgia and Colorado also have been arrested over the last several days.

In Tennessee, Republican Gov. Bill Haslam’s administration sent state troopers to haul away Occupy Nashville protesters Thursday and Friday for violating a park curfew, but none were jailed. A local official, Night Court Magistrate Tom Nelson, refused to sign off on the arrest warrants, saying state officials have no authority to set the curfew.

On Saturday night, protesters prepared for a third night of arrests but were greeted by only a single trooper on patrol who made no move against them. Safety Department spokeswoman Jennifer Donnals would not say whether the troopers plan to continue the arrests, saying only, “The curfew remains in effect and we urge the protesters to adhere to it.”

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also watched the USC game together on a projector in our residence.”

Because Rome is six hours ahead of South Bend, Ounan said students are able to watch the games when they go out at night at a few bars, such as Scholar’s and Mikki’s, whose owners welcome Notre Dame students.

“Staying up until 5 a.m. to see all of the USC game was a struggle though,” she said. “And not worth it.”

Although there are downsides to watching the games abroad, junior Conor Hegedus said the benefits of being in London far outweigh them.

“I still get excited for the games and get upset when we lose but it isn’t as bad because I can drink legally and don’t have to be in South Bend where everyone is blacked out

wishing we were relevant in football again,” he said.

But as the season continues, some abroad students have lost interest in the team.

Junior Katie O’Leary, who is also studying in London, said because it is often difficult to watch the games, students are more likely to stop following them.

“People will still talk about them and complain or celebrate depending on the outcome, but the normal enthusiasm dwindles after a while,” she said.

Hegedus said it is difficult to re-create the atmosphere of a Notre Dame home game in a country where residents do not care about American football.

Similar attitudes have taken hold in Rome, Ounan said.

“It’s so different not being in the student section, it’s almost like I’m just watching any old football game,” she said. “Although the first game when we rolled 30 deep to the bar in ND gear and with ND flags was

pretty awesome. But that was pretty much the peak of the excitement, everyone has gotten kind of lazy since then.”

Ounan said although she misses being on campus for the games, she is happy she made the decision to study abroad.

“It’s a completely different experience and as much as football rocks, it’s kind of hard to think ‘I’d rather be in South Bend right now’ when you’re out at the bar in Rome or London or Paris,” she said.

Although she said she is pained to be absent from the rivalry games, such as USC, O’Leary agreed.

“For me getting the experience of going abroad was much more important,” O’Leary said. “I love Notre Dame and going to the games, but getting to be in London for a semester is definitely worth missing a season.”

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Photo courtesy of Conor Hegedus

Junior Conor Hegedus does push-ups at SportsCafe in London during Notre Dame’s Sept. 10 game against the University of Michigan.

6–9pm, Tuesday, November 1st
Great Hall of the Hesburgh Center

- Featuring an altar by internationally known artist Ana Teresa Fernandez, who will speak at 6:45pm.
- Film Screening “Cine Indigenista: El Día En Que Vienen Los Muertos” at 7:45 pm.
- Mariachi ND, Ballet Folklórico Azul y Oro, and Coro Primavera de Nuestra Señora will perform throughout the evening.

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Cain reverses, opposes all abortion

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Republican Herman Cain on Sunday said he opposes abortion even in cases of rape, incest or when the life of the mother is at stake, contradicting previous statements in which he favored some exceptions.

The tough stand that Cain staked out during an interview with CBS' "Face the Nation" comes as he tries to clear up his position on an issue closely watched by social conservative and evangelical voters, who are among his strongest supporters.

In a 1998 interview with Nation's Restaurant News, the former pizza executive described himself as "pro-life with exceptions, and people want you to be all or nothing."

In a recent interview with CNN, he said the government should not tell women what to do in cases of rape and incest. Afterward, his campaign

issued a statement saying he was "100 percent pro-life." It did not specifically mention whether he supported any exceptions.

The no-exception position is considered the most rigid in the anti-abortion community. Even some who oppose abortion support exceptions in extreme circumstances such as when the mother's life is at risk.

Cain told CBS he's "pro-life from conception, period."

Asked whether that includes instances of rape, incest and life of the mother, Cain said, "Correct. That's my position."

He also endorsed a controversial theory linking abortion to racial genocide. Cain said Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger wanted to eradicate minorities by putting birth control clinics in their neighborhoods, a charge that the group denies.

Cain said 75 percent of the organization's abortion facili-

ties were built in black communities.

"In Margaret Sanger's own words, she didn't use the word genocide, but she did talk about preventing the increasing number of poor blacks in this country by preventing black babies from being born," Cain said.

But Planned Parenthood disputed Cain's claims, citing a study by the Guttmacher Institute that found that fewer than one in 10 abortion clinics are in predominantly African-American neighborhoods.

"Herman Cain is wrong on the facts and clearly out of the mainstream in his attack on Planned Parenthood," spokeswoman Veronica Byrd said in a statement.

"It is simply unacceptable for those who oppose legal abortion to use inflammatory and divisive language based on race to push an ideological agenda."

October snow leaves millions without power

Associated Press

SOUTH WINDSOR, Conn. — When winter's white mixes with autumn's orange and gold, nature gets ugly.

A freak October nor'easter knocked out power to more than 3 million homes and businesses across the Northeast on Sunday in large part because leaves still on the trees caught more snow, overloading branches that snapped and wreaked havoc. Close to 2 feet of snow fell in some areas over the weekend, and it was particularly wet and heavy, making the storm even more damaging.

"You just have absolute tree carnage with this heavy snow just straining the branches," said National Weather Service spokesman Chris Vaccaro.

From Maryland to Maine, officials said it would take days to restore electricity, even though

the snow ended Sunday.

The storm smashed record snowfall totals for October and worsened as it moved north. Communities in western Massachusetts were among the hardest hit. Snowfall totals topped 27 inches in Plainfield, and nearby Windsor had gotten 26 inches by early Sunday.

It was blamed for at least nine deaths, and states of emergency were declared in New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and parts of New York.

Roads, rails and airline flights were knocked out, and passengers on a JetBlue flight were stuck on a plane in Hartford, Conn., for more than seven hours. And while children across the region were thrilled to see snow so early, it also complicated many of their Halloween plans.

Sharon Martovich of Southbury, Conn., said she hoped the power will come back on in time for her husband's Halloween tradition of playing "Young Frankenstein" on a giant screen in front of their house. But no matter what, she said, they will make sure the eight or so children who live in the neighborhood don't miss out on trick-or-treating.

"Either way we will get the giant flashlights and we will go," she said.

More than 800,000 power customers were without electricity in Connecticut alone — shattering the record set just two months ago by Hurricane Irene. Massachusetts had more than 600,000 outages, and so did New Jersey — including Gov. Chris Christie's house. Parts of Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New York, Maine, Maryland and Vermont also were without power.

"It's going to be a more difficult situation than we experienced in Irene," Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy said. "We are expecting extensive and long-term power outages."

Thirty-two shelters were open around the state, and Malloy asked volunteer fire departments to allow people in for warmth and showers. At least four hospitals were relying on generators for power.

Around Newtown in western Connecticut, trees were so laden with snow on some back roads that the branches touched the street. Every few minutes, a snap filled the air as one broke and tumbled down. Roads that were plowed became impassible because the trees were falling so fast.

One of the few businesses open in the area was a Big Y grocery store that had a generator. Customers loaded up on supplies, heard news updates over the intercom, charged up their cell phones, and waited for a suddenly hard-to-get cup of coffee — in a line that was 30 people deep and growing.

Many of the areas hit by the storm had also been hit by Irene. In New Jersey's Hamilton Township, Tom Jacobsen also recalled heavy spring flooding and a particularly heavy winter before that.

"I'm starting to think we really ticked off Mother Nature somehow, because we've been getting spanked by her for about a year now," he said while grabbing some coffee at a convenience store.



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Candy theory

I love Halloween. However, I really don't like scary movies, the only haunted house I've ever been to was at my city's children's museum and I really don't like dressing up. What I love about Halloween is all the candy.

I literally overdose on candy from about Oct. 27 to the 31st every year. I'm not much of a candy-eater during the rest of the year, but when October rolls around, I'm ready to indulge. I'm not really picky either. While my favorite candy is Reese's



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News Writer

peanut butter cups, I pretty much enjoy everything and I am not afraid to give a new Halloween candy a try.

I think this obsession with all things Halloween candy started out when I was a little kid. I grew up on 45 acres of land and my only neighbor was my family's 3 acre greenhouse and my grandma, so my trick-or-treating was limited. We used to drive to my Aunt Annette's house and my Aunt Dory and Uncle Bob's, but that was about it.

So needless to say, my Halloween candy stash was much smaller than my friends' at school. Their moms would pack them a few pieces for weeks afterwards, while my lunch only contained salami sandwiches or leftover pasta.

I was so jealous of their candy hauls. Kids would have full pillowcases and whole kitchen drawers set aside for that year's Halloween candy. To me, a huge amount of Halloween candy was like the ark of the covenant — I knew it existed but I could never find it. Then, in the 4th grade, my friend Olivia Bruns invited me to trick-or-treat in her neighborhood. It was my first real, walk around a neighborhood, trick-or-treating experience. And I was psyched.

Olivia and I dressed up as renaissance princesses that year, and our parents took us trick-or-treating. I got to carry a pillowcase and as the night went on, that pillowcase got full of candy. I was always under the impression that getting Halloween candy was pretty simple. Walk up to the door, ring the bell, say something cute, collect candy and leave. Well, I was all wrong.

That night, I learned there was a pretty complex method to ensure the best Halloween candy haul. Certain houses gave out King Sized candy bars, while other houses only gave out granola bars or candy leftover from last year. However, even though I was a Halloween novice at ten, my friends quickly got me up to speed. I came home toting what seemed like a 100 pound bag of candy.

My parents were amazed at how much candy I got. While I ate my fair share, I barely cracked the surface of that pillowcase. It was just too much for me. All the different flavor combos of peanut butter and chocolate, sour patch kids and caramel were just too new for ten-year-old me.

And that's my theory on why I now eat so much candy at Halloween. At ten years old, I couldn't handle all the candy I got on my first real Halloween. So basically, 11 years later, I'm still making my way to the bottom of the bag.

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What's the point?

Happy Halloween everyone!

After returning home from a terrible midterms week and a relaxing Fall Break (I'm jealous of all you Vegas vacationers), I was ready to put schoolwork on hold and have a good time.

Dee Tian

Confessions of a Christian Party Girl

However, after six straight days of excessive drinking and questionable decisions (why must I eat a hot pocket every night when I come home from the bars?), it's safe to say that I don't feel very holy or close to God. Each morning, I pray (as I stand hung over in my shower), "Hi God, You probably didn't approve of last night ... Sorry." Then 12 hours later, I'm once again taking shots. I'm sure he's convinced.

Not.

This conflicted feeling reminded me of a movie I saw this summer. I led a youth group (my first time ever leading one, thank you to the pastor who volunteered me) on a summer retreat and we watched "To Save a Life."

Okay, so it was kind of cheesy, a bit unrealistic (they definitely played pong incorrectly), but still pretty good. It centers on a popular high school senior, Jake, whose childhood friend, Roger, kills himself in the middle of a crowded school hallway.

Jake seems to have it all — a cute girlfriend, lots of friends, invites to parties and a scholarship to Lou-

isville to play basketball. However, after Roger's death, he recalls how Roger saved him from a car accident, sacrificing himself, when they were children.

Jake reflects on how when he became "cool," he left Roger behind, watched him being picked on and did nothing. One day, Jake meets a youth minister, Chris, who helps him discover his true potential and the greater things in life, including God.

The movie deals with sex, dating, teen suicide, teen pregnancy, partying, peer pressure, cliques, God and religious hypocrites — the usual. What resonated most with me was the question Jake asks Chris after finding out the pastor's son smokes weed: "Why are there so many fakers?"

I often wonder that myself. I see self-professed Christians, judgmental and self-righteous, turn around and get wasted, have sex with plenty of randoms and say malicious things about others behind their backs. It just doesn't feel right. Then again, I admit that I'm often one of them. Does being a "party girl" send a positive message to others about Christians?

God is the most important being in my life. I read the Bible every night, pray multiple times each day, go to church every Sunday and won't change my radio station from KLove (Christian rock) when my friends get in the car. I know, I'm a freak.

Then I look at the flip side: I went

to my first party when I was 15 years old, got my first fake ID when I was 18, was voted Life of the Party for my High School Senior Superlatives and day drinking is one of my favorite activities (something about the sun ... so rare in South Bend).

Most would say these two lifestyles are dire opposites. Is it possible to be both? I try to be encouraging and kind, but I can be catty and vain like any other college girl. In the movie, Jake gives up his partying because "What's the point if you're not going to really let it change you?" That really strikes a chord with me. I say, I'm only this way because I'm in college, and everyone is like this in college.

I'll stop pounding shots when I get a real job and it becomes socially unacceptable. I mean, that's what everyone else said in my Alcohol Education Class (thanks ResLife).

But is that really morally correct? Can I really keep one foot in each boat? My friends, even the really Christian ones, say it's okay.

We're young; we're supposed to be crazy and wild. But are we being honest with ourselves ... or are we just making excuses?

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There is no pleasure in having nothing to do; the fun is in having lots to do and not doing it."

Mary Wilson Little
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WEEKLY POLL

What's your favorite kind of candy?

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Being international at Notre Dame

If you studied abroad, you would know that being an international student is a challenging experience.

But being one for four years at Notre Dame, like five percent of the student body, requires deeper interaction with the new place.

Jee Seun Choi

Asiatic Gaze

The experience, of course, varies from individual to individual. I know of an international student who didn't even know that Notre Dame had a football team, or even that it is a Catholic school.

Then there are other international students who know everything about the Notre Dame tradition. Some speak English with their parents, while some find speaking the language very uncomfortable. The culture at Notre Dame can be shocking even to an American student; for an international student, Notre Dame provides a different kind of challenges and excitement.

When I first arrived at Notre Dame, I was afraid, excited and jet-lagged. I had said goodbye to my old friends who came to see me before I left at 4 a.m. I cried in the airplane as I read a farewell letter from my family. The immigration process at the airport was predictably unfriendly. I was anxious to be speaking a foreign language that I had learned for a while but nowhere close to be fluent in.

My first impression of Notre Dame? I hated Frosh-O. Everyone else seemed

to know all the songs and childhood TV shows that were basics of a culture I had not grown up with.

The moment I opened my mouth, they knew that I was not American. I felt judged when I couldn't act fluently in a quick and stressful social situation. The program designed to make most of the student body bond and identify with each other only accentuated my dissimilarities.

Classes were challenging as well. At Notre Dame, it's so easy to lose the balance between one's studies and life outside academia. When self-worth is defined by academic performance, one can easily be crushed when that one pillar becomes unstable. The pressure is exacerbated for the hyper-achieving international students, who came to a different country to attend an academic institution while lacking fluency in the language and culture.

People might extol bilingualism and cultural awareness, but in reality the general attitude makes one feel less than appreciated. It is extremely frustrating when you have something to say in class but cannot express it or misrepresent it due to the language barrier. Your classmates often appear more intelligent because of their mastery of the language the class is taught in. You might be the sole contributor of an idea that isn't received by anyone else because the reference is specific to your cultural upbringing.

Connecting with the American profes-

sors can be really awkward because of the cultural difference. You need to make an extra effort to make what you learn in college applicable to where you come from.

My sophomore year was especially challenging. I missed speaking and reading in my language. I missed my family and friends. I missed the food and culture. I sometimes felt absolutely lonely. I questioned why I left home; some days I just wanted to go back.

Despite all the difficulties, or maybe because of them, international students have a tremendous opportunity for personal growth at Notre Dame. The culture shocks — a surprising level of patriotism, an unquestioned Christian faith, the idea of equality, sexual liberalism or lack thereof, material abundance, openness, diversity, political correctness, differences in socializing — make you reflect on your own culture.

The intellectual seriousness is the right environment to reconstruct many of the values you had taken for granted, which has been a critically painful but rewarding process for myself.

You truly learn what it means to respect different ways of life through befriending Americans and other international students. Academics are challenging, but you know it's what you could not have gotten at home. After Notre Dame, you have the option of choosing between two different countries, which most people usually do not.

You can bring something what you've learned here to your home country.

Although there is room for significant improvement, Notre Dame is a diverse place. It all depends on how you make use of it. However small, there are young and enthusiastic people from all parts of the world from different background. Many campus-wide events celebrate different cultures, and the school even pays you to go abroad.

Many Notre Dame students have international experiences, or want to have them, maybe even through international students here. If you haven't found your niche, you can be the pioneer. (This semester I witnessed the birth of two Asia-related academic groups!) The school is trying hard to increase the enrollment of international students and support them.

So international students at Notre Dame, and American students who want to be true internationals, do not be frustrated. If you are unhappy about Notre Dame, shamelessly put yourself out there and you can be the change. I know it is difficult, but you will find support.

(And don't forget to check out the Asian Allure this weekend!)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Class" is not tradition

Lost in recent debate is the fact that Notre Dame is not a university bound to tradition.

If we adhered to all of our past traditions, our players would still be wearing leather helmets, Notre Dame Stadium would be three-quarters its current size, we wouldn't have "The Shirt," and we'd still be running the wishbone (which most alumni would rather see than a modern spread offense).

Times change, and so does tradition. Nearly every other major collegiate football team has a Jumbotron. I'm pretty sure every other football stadium pumps in music.

And not only do other schools give out towels, but they distribute T-shirts to coordinate the color of the crowd.

And guess what: so does Notre Dame. That's right: several of our own teams play under the Purcell Pavilion's Jumbotron, some play on artificial turf, and to my knowledge, music is blasted through the loudspeakers at every non-football sporting event at Notre Dame.

Why does Notre Dame — and other schools — participate in this madness?

Well, maybe because it works. While our football team has won only fifteen of its last thirty-one home games, partially thanks to our apathetic crowd, our other sports teams actually win games, conferences and national championships.

Not only do they win, but they represent the University proudly, usually with student-athletes who seem to make better grades and seem to deal with fewer suspensions and legal issues than their football counterparts.

So what is tradition anyway? For Notre Dame, all tradition means is winning. "Class" is not tradition at Notre Dame. In the late 1980s, our players engaged in at least one fight per season, and our fans graciously welcomed strangers with profanity and violent bus rocking. Class was not even in their vocabulary, and no one seemed concerned.

Here's the main point: tradition doesn't matter. Class should matter, but if we're winning, no one at Notre Dame cares about how opponents feel.

So if a Jumbotron, artificial turf and outside music give us the best chance to win, I'm all for it. Tradition be damned. Win, baby, win.

Stephen Rehagen
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Oct. 28

What makes Notre Dame classy

What's the big deal about having a Jumbotron? How does that make the game suddenly classless ("Tradition is character," Oct. 28)? Historically, Notre Dame has always been a team that embodies the American public.

We were once known as the working man's Harvard. We got our mascot because we decided to embrace a racial slur. And nowhere is this truer than on the football field. This isn't cricket. We don't stop for tea time.

Football is a brutal game, where we cheer when we hear a great hit. We are literally screaming as loud as we can for half the game. This isn't about being classy, it's about making our football stadium a place that other teams fear.

A few years ago, when USC played Ohio State at the Horseshoe, Pete Carroll blasted music at their practices to try to simulate what the game would be like. Just a guess, but I highly doubt such preparations had to be taken when they played us.

So, invigorating our fans during the game is important (mind you, nothing will invigorate a fan base more than a slew of victo-

ries, but that's another topic entirely), but we can't really do that if we conform to your standard of "class."

I'm not saying that Notre Dame and football doesn't have any form of class, but what you are talking about, Ms. Buechler, is not class. It's us sticking up our noses at people because they aren't "traditional" enough.

Class isn't about Jumbotrons or towel waving, it's about the fact that when a fan from an opposing team walks onto campus, they are treated with respect, not a face full of spit (yes, you know which campuses I'm talking about).

Class is our football team walking over to the Navy band and standing with them for their alma mater. It's the fact that win or lose we stand together arm in arm singing about our love for this most amazing of universities. That is what makes Notre Dame classy.

Serena Mathews
junior
off campus
Oct. 30

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Not sure what to spend your Halloween doing? Try catching up with FX's new hit show, "American Horror Story." "Horror Story," developed by "Glee" creators Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk, is a little different in tone than their Fox-based musical hit. In fact, it just might be the complete opposite.



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"Horror Story" follows Vivien (Connie Britton) and Ben Harmon (Dylan McDermott) and their daughter Violet (Taisa Farmiga) as they move from Boston to Los Angeles after Vivien suffers a miscarriage and catches Ben having an affair.

They find a beautiful old home at a reasonable price and move in immediately. It doesn't take long, though, to learn that their home is commonly known as "Murder House" thanks to a string of violent events in its history.

"American Horror Story" does something that has been attempted often yet accomplished rarely on television: it scares its audience. In fact, it stands up against some of the best horror movies around in its ability to send chills down your spine and make you jump out of your seat.

The scares, though, are wrapped in a rich world of televisual storytelling replete with compelling characters, fascinating plot lines and a detailed story world.

In fact, it is the combination of great horror and great storytelling that makes "American Horror Story" one of the most interesting shows on TV this season. Many viewers looking to replace the complex mythology of "Lost" have looked to shows such as "Terra Nova" and "Once Upon a Time" to consume their minds with complicated theories and twisted storytelling, but "American Horror Story" might be the real solution. Four episodes in, it already has a dense Wikipedia page and is ripe for fan theorizing.

If you love being scared, then you'll probably like, maybe even love "American Horror Story." But even if horror isn't really your thing, "American Horror Story" is the kind of storytelling that sucks you in so completely that it might not even matter. It's scary, but the scares are thrilling, pushing along a fast-paced plot that has twists at every turn.

Scary movies are perfect, though, because they are contained to two hours. In two hours, some people show up, scary things happen and then it's all over. The scares come to an end and there isn't enough time to bother with simple questions like, "Why don't you just move out of your house?" or "Why don't you just bring in an exorcist?"

"American Horror Story" deals with these issues and is all the better for it. Addressing why the family can't just move out of their house, for example, adds an element of realism to the series that many scary movies lack, making it even scarier in a way. You can't just write this show off as a bunch of people without enough common sense to get them out of this situation, something that gives you a sense of comfort as a viewer because that would never happen to you. You're too smart.

The Harmons are stuck in this horrible situation (and horrible it is) not because they lack sense or because they asked for it they're just unlucky, really unlucky, because what happens to them in "American Horror Story" really is horrifying.

This isn't a show that passes itself as slightly horrifying because it features zombies or serial killers the things that happen to this family are twisted and horrifying. This stuff, from home invasions and scary babies to a man in a black rubber suit and a doctor with a penchant for sewing things together, shouldn't even be on TV. But it is, and Murphy and Falchuk show the same kind of flair they showed for presenting the predicaments of a bunch of high school misfits who like to sing in their crafting of this hauntingly engaging TV show.

So give it a chance on Halloween. You'll get the thrills of any good scary movie, but with it you'll get a fantastically-crafted show with all the qualities of the best television and a hook that will keep you coming back for more.

Even if the pilot doesn't sell you, give it a chance. Each episode is full of action and suspense, but the show only gets better as the characters develop and the mythology deepens. Brace yourself for thrills and chills that will extend well past Halloween and prep yourself for this week's, "Halloween: Part 2," with a viewing of the first four episodes of "American Horror Story."

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THE TOP 20 POP CULTURE VILLAINS



In honor of All Hallows' Eve, The Observer Scene Department has compiled a list of the 20 best pop culture bad guys. Many scare with their unworldly powers, others scare with their uncanny intelligence and others scare simply with a stare. Is your most fearsome villain missing from the list? Let us know in the comments section of the article at ndsmcobserver.com

1. Darth Vader from "Star Wars"
2. Voldemort from "Harry Potter"
3. Dracula from "Dracula"
4. Hannibal Lecter from "The Silence of the Lambs"
5. The Joker from "The Dark Knight"
6. Miranda Priestly from "The Devil Wears Prada"
7. Leatherface from "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre"
8. Michael Myers from "Halloween"
9. Ursula from "The Little Mermaid"
10. The Trinity Killer from "Dexter"
11. Regina George from "Mean Girls"
12. Sauron from "The Lord of the Rings"
13. Cruella de Vil from "101 Dalmatians"
14. Miss Trunchbull from "Matilda"
15. Sue Sylvester from "Glee"
16. Samara from "The Ring"
17. The Tammys from "Parks and Recreation"
18. John Doe from "Se7en"
19. "A" from "Pretty Little Liars"
20. Freddy Krueger from "A Nightmare on Elm Street"

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“It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia” — “Who Got Dee Pregnant?”

This episode was not scary in the typical Halloween horror sense, but was perhaps frightening because it hit too close to home for its college-age audience. The hilarious episode is a sort of murder-mystery, where the cast tries to piece together their sparse memories to figure out what the heck happened at their recent Halloween party. In this case, however, the mystery at hand is the identity of the man who impregnated Dee. The episode spawned a host of new costume ideas (i.e. Man Spider), as well as a healthy dose of Halloween one-liners.

“The House of the Devil”

“The House of the Devil” is outrageously scary. It features traditional horror-movie lore — a babysitter shows up to a remote, creepy house and becomes involved in a satanic ritual. Although it relies on traditional themes, this movie is far from tired. The film’s heroine is not your typical horror-movie protagonist. Her decisions are all somewhat intelligent and more like what a real person would do in her situation. The style of the movie is also decidedly throwback, which gives the movie a rad ‘80s vibe. It’s a Halloween must-see, just don’t do so alone.

“How I Met Your Mother” — “Slutty Pumpkin”

Hopeless romantic Ted Mosby is no less hopeless on Halloween. In season one of the series, Ted returns to the rooftop party he attends every year in hopes of re-meeting the girl of his dreams. Years before, Ted met a woman who will forever be known as “the slutty pumpkin.” When he got her number, she wrote it down on a candy bar that was then given away to a trick-or-treater. Every year since then Ted has returned to the same party in the same costume — a hanging chad a la the 2000 presidential election. Meanwhile Ted’s friend Barney hilariously tries to pick up the ladies while making at least three costume changes. Tune in tonight to see the saga of the slutty pumpkin continue.

“The Middle” — “Halloween II”

“The Middle,” one of TV’s most underrated family sitcoms, had one of the most heartwarming Halloween episodes this year. Sue Heck, the extremely socially awkward freshman, attended a Halloween party as a die. Needless to say, the large cardboard box engulfing her body didn’t attract the men. She comes home and tries to talk to her dad, Mike Heck, about what boys want. Needless to say Mike freaks out and gives some of the worst parental advice of all time. At the same time, Frankie Heck, the matriarch of the Heck family, is forced to drag son Brick and his social group trick or treating. After attaching them all to a leash and trying to make the best of the situation, Frankie flips out on a woman who doesn’t say, “That’s okay,” after Frankie apologizes for being in her way. Oldest son Axl and his friends serve as the neighborhood superheroes as well in this altogether charming Halloween episode.

“Modern Family” — “Halloween”

Even though they didn’t offer a new Halloween episode this year, “Modern Family” re-ran their fantastic episode from last year. Phil and Claire Dunphy turn their house into a house of horrors for trick-or-treaters, but everything in the process seems to ruin Claire’s favorite holiday. Her daughter Haley comes down the stairs in a string of unbelievably inappropriate costumes — including an attractive Mother Theresa. Her husband won’t leave her alone because he’s spooked by their neighbor’s sudden divorce. Her brother Mitch and his partner Cam refuse to dress up. Cam won’t

stop talking about how rough Halloween is for him. To top it off, her dad Jay and his wife Gloria are fighting because Jay said that sometimes it’s difficult to understand what Gloria is saying with such a thick Colombian accent. It all culminates in a disastrous first run of their trick-or-treat performance. In true sitcom fashion, however, everything wraps up perfectly in the end.

“Buffy the Vampire Slayer” — “Halloween”

We all know that you’re supposed to dress up as someone or something else on Halloween. But what if you actually turned into your costume? This episode from the second season of “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” answers that, when a spell transforms the Scooby Gang and everyone else in Sunnydale. Willow becomes a ghost, Xander a soldier, and Buffy is helpless as she turns into a noblewoman from the 18th century. Similar to the season six episode “Tabula Rasa,” there are great comedic mo-

awake at night when they were in elementary school. “The Ring” is a classic film that is still both scary and good. It’s what a good movie should have — an engaging plot, suspense, drama — as well as what makes a good scary movie — creepy images, risk of death, action and the pop-up-and-scare moments. The movie has great acting, unforgettable moments (like the distorted faces of the dead, Samara’s long hair and freakish crawling, and the horrifying video tape sequence) and leaves the audience afraid to answer their phone or be alone in the room with a television.

“Rocky Horror Picture Show”

A retro cult favorite, this film makes movie-watching cinema an active event every year for enthusiastic participants. Acting troupes’ live reenactments, throwing toilet paper, squirting water guns and shouting at the screen are some of the attractions this famous movie has to offer. Additionally, the combination of naïve and strange char-

acters (Brad, Janet, the confident Dr. Frank-N-Furter, Rocky) allows for many moments of comedy with a plot that is pretty good on its own. And of course, the fun and catchy rock music literally has audiences dancing in the aisles.

“Hocus Pocus”

This classic ‘90s film probably played a big role in your childhood Halloween celebrations — and for good reason. “Hocus Pocus,” about three dastardly witch sisters and the kids who bring them back one Halloween, captures the true spirit of Halloween. It mixes humor and gags with witches, ghosts and a book of spells for the perfect Halloween movie. A skeptical teenager is made a believer when he, his sister and his crush-worthy classmate accidentally bring back the Sanderson Sisters, intent on prolonging their life by sucking out the souls of the local children. With the help of a talking cat and a vengeful zombie, the three kids try to stop the devious

“Community” — “Horror Fiction in Seven Spooky Steps”

In one of the best Halloween episodes this year, the students of “Community” come together on Halloween to solve a mystery — which one of them is a psychopath. When Britta asks her classmates to fill out an anonymous personality survey for her psychology class, one indicates a severe personality disorder. Britta organizes a Halloween party where everyone will tell a scary story to determine who the psychopath is. Each story, told with typical “Community” flair, is more ridiculous than the next and the results might just surprise you.

“The Exorcist”

Nearly 40 years later, “The Exorcist” is still considered one of the scariest films of all time. Movie theaters reported audience members fainting or getting sick during the film about a young girl who is possessed by the devil. With infamous scenes, like the one involving pea soup, and a shocking story, “The Exorcist” is a powerful film about the dangers of the devil that is guaranteed to shock even the bravest viewer.

“Paranormal Activity”

The third iteration of this popular film series is in theaters now. But before heading to the cinema, check out the game-changing original film as well as its sequel. The films utilize handheld cameras and surveillance camera footage to create the most eerily realistic depiction of horrifying events since “The Blair Witch Project.” The original sets up the story of a couple terrorized by a demon while the second acts as a direct prequel that explains how the events of the original film came to be. The third film is a prequel to both, giving background on the central characters of the first two films and their haunted history with the supernatural. These films are some of the most-clever scary movies to come out in years and keep you on the edge of your seat the whole time.

“Psycho”

Alfred Hitchcock’s classic, which features that infamous shower-stabbing scene, is a thrilling look into the deranged mind of one man and his mommy problems. “Psycho” is, perhaps, the scariest of Hitchcock’s films and revels in crawling under your skin and holding you in suspense rather than shocking you with blood and gore. This black-and-white classic holds up even against the most gore-tastic films of recent Hollywood output.

“Psych” — “This Episode Sucks”

The current societal obsession with vampires finally took hold of “Psych” in this season’s Halloween-themed episode. The latest murders in Santa Barbara appear to be the work of a vampire, at least according to Shawn and Gus, who love the idea of vampires. When even Detective Lassiter agrees with their crazy idea, you know the episode is destined to be one to remember. Hijinx, of course, ensue as everyone tries to solve the murder and avoid being bitten by a vampire.

“It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown”

This Halloween classic just never gets old. This TV-special based on Charles Schulz’s comic strip, “Peanuts,” follows the Peanuts gang as they prepare for the holiday festivities surrounding Halloween. Linus writes a letter to the Great Pumpkin, despite great ridicule from all his friends, and then spends Halloween in a pumpkin patch rather than trick-or-treating. The story is endearing and heartwarming, even as Charlie Brown receives only rocks at every house he stops at. The episode is short and available on Hulu for the holiday season.



ments to be had in changing identities.

“Parks and Recreation” — “Greg Pikitis” and “Meet ‘n Greet”

The second season Halloween episode of “Parks and Recreation” pits the protagonist, Leslie Knope, against the forces of wily teen prankster Greg Pikitis. It is an epic contest of wills, made all the more interesting by the involvement of Leslie’s then-boyfriend, a police officer portrayed by the hilarious Louis C.K. This season’s Halloween episode featured April and Andy throwing their first Halloween party as a married couple, causing some problems for their roommate Ben. Also in turmoil are Leslie’s campaign and Tom’s business venture, Entertainment 720. The episode is available to watch on Hulu, and it is just the sort of Halloween hilarity that will make even Monday better.

“The Ring”

Of all the horror films that kept people

SPORTS AUTHORITY

Swings in emotion boost NCAA football

Maybe you've spent a week preparing for your biggest rivalry game in primetime on national television. Maybe you've spent that week gearing up to take down a previously undefeated team, assuming the role of David to your opponent's Goliath. Maybe you've spent that week preparing to face a scrappy underdog hungry for nothing more than a win.



Allan Joseph

Sports Editor

Then you take the field. The fight songs play, the crowd cheers and the game comes down to the very end. You fight, you scrap and emotion pours out of your body with every bead of sweat.

You might triumph against all odds, vanquishing your once-proud opponent. You might fall on the last play of the game. Whatever the outcome, you finally go to the locker room and take your pads off, exhausted and spent.

And that's when it hits you you've got a game next week.

College football is an emotional game. Teams can ride the emotion of a raucous home crowd to an improbable

victory. Others thrive on silencing a hostile environment. Nowhere are the thrill of victory and agony of defeat more on display than at the end of a rollicking contest decided at the very end.

We saw that last week when Texas Tech took down mighty Oklahoma, when USC took down Notre Dame and when Wisconsin dramatically fell to Michigan State. Emotion was on full display, and fans nationwide enjoyed a classic weekend of college football.

But emotion has a dark side. It's exhilarating, but it's exhausting. It can give a team energy, but it can take it away just as quickly afterwards. Perhaps the great-

est challenge in coaching is getting a team to refresh, refocus and respond for the next game on the schedule.

Some coaches have found a way. This past weekend, Notre Dame smacked Navy while Oklahoma pounded a previously-undefeated Kansas State squad. Brian Kelly and Bob Stoops found ways to motivate their players after stinging losses.

But sometimes, teams simply cannot shift their focus to the future. The lingering feelings of joy stick around into preparation for next week. Michigan State and Texas Tech both lost handily after knocking down undefeated teams. It was clear that the players had spent too much reveling in the previous success of the previous Saturday and too little working toward continuing that success.

Then there's USC. The Trojans clearly shifted their focus to Stanford and gave the highly talented Cardinal all they could handle. USC fought tooth and nail to keep the game tight and made some timely plays along the way to put a triple-overtime scare into Heisman frontrunner Andrew Luck.

But by the end of the game, the Trojans were beyond tired. Coming off an intense battle with Notre Dame in an electric environment, USC simply did not have enough gas in the tank

to keep up with the physical Stanford squad for more than four quarters. Despite their best efforts, the previous week just took too much out of the Trojans for them to beat the talented Cardinal.

It's part of what makes college football so great. Every weekend, there's a game that leaves fans with sweaty palms and racing hearts. But in the big picture, it's the game after the thriller that matters more to a team's season.

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NFL

Steelers solve Brady, Patriots

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers no longer have a Tom Brady problem. And that may be a problem for the rest of the NFL.

Old, slow and over? Not quite yet.

Ben Roethlisberger picked apart the NFL's worst defense and the Steelers rattled the nearly unflappable Brady in a 25-17 victory on Sunday, putting an end to the two-time MVP's decade of dominance over the defending AFC champions.

Brady came in 6-1 all-time against the Steelers, putting up eye-popping numbers in the process. He never got the chance on a chilly day at Heinz Field. Pittsburgh (6-2) controlled the ball for nearly 39 minutes and never let Brady get into a sustained rhythm.

"It's been all Tom Brady versus the Pittsburgh Steelers and looking back on the past, how he's owned the Pittsburgh Steelers, and I think everybody forgot about our offense a little bit and the things they've been doing out there," Pittsburgh linebacker LaMarr Woodley said. "I think they took that a little personal."

Playing efficiently and working almost exclusively on short, safe, underneath routes, Roethlisberger completed 36 of 50 passes for 365 yards and two touchdowns as the Steelers won their fourth straight following a 2-2 start.

"We can be as good as we want to be," Roethlisberger said. "When we don't kill ourselves and stop ourselves, we can be pretty dangerous."

Brady passed for two touchdowns but threw for a season-low 198 yards. His attempt to lead the Patriots to an unlikely comeback ended when Pittsburgh's Brett Keisel sacked him, forcing a fumble that Troy Polamalu slapped through the end zone with 8 seconds left to provide the final margin.

"We all have to individually look in the mirror and figure out what we need to get better at," Brady said.

There was no sense of panic among the Patriots, who fell into a tie with Buffalo atop the AFC East. Yet the Steelers did something no team has been able to do this year: keep Brady under wraps.

Pittsburgh sacked him three times, held wide receiver Wes Welker — on pace for an NFL record for yards receiving in a season — to 39



AP

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger prepares to throw during Pittsburgh's 25-17 win over New England on Sunday.

yards on six receptions while limiting the Patriots to their fewest points since a 34-14 loss to Cleveland last year.

The Patriots punted four times, missed a field goal in the third quarter that would have drawn them within a touchdown and failed to recover an onside kick with just over 2 minutes remaining.

Not the kind of brisk execution that's been the hallmark of Brady and coach Bill Belichick's highly successful tenure.

"It just wasn't a really good day for us in any phase of the game, in any area," Belichick said. "We just didn't do a good enough job. That's really all there is to say."

Brady and Belichick remain tied with Don Shula and Dan Marino for most wins by a coach/quarterback tandem. Win No. 117 will have to wait at least a week after the Steelers emphatically awoke from an early-season slumber that included one-sided losses to Baltimore and Houston.

Pittsburgh didn't panic after the slow start. And while the Steelers weren't ready to declare they're back, there was a definite sense of vindication on a day that felt more like January than late October, and not just because of the chilly weather.

"It's a huge step," linebacker Lawrence Timmons said. "The New England Patriots have Belichick and Brady. This is a tie that contends in the AFC every year and goes to the championship or the Super Bowl. So having this win, in our house, is huge and something to build on."

On both sides of the ball.

Roethlisberger has built a career and won two Super Bowls by chucking it deep with abandon. On Sunday he didn't complete a pass over 26 yards. He didn't have to.

Roethlisberger consistently found Antonio Brown (a career-high nine receptions), Heath Miller (a season-high seven grabs) and speedster Mike Wallace (seven catches) on short and intermediate routes.

The West Coast-style approach worked perfectly.

Pittsburgh's five scoring drives lasted 11, 16, 10, 14 and 11 plays. The Steelers converted 10 of 16 third downs and Shaun Suisham kicked three field goals.

"It's very frustrating," New England nose tackle Vince Wilfork said. "You talk about getting a team in second-and-longs and third-and-longs and taking advantage of those situations. We had them in those situations; we just didn't take advantage of them."

Despite being dominated for long stretches in the first half, the Patriots trailed just 17-10 at the break. Yet the magic Brady has been able to muster repeatedly against the Steelers throughout his career never appeared. On the same field where he won two AFC championships, Brady never really got comfortable.

"We had to beat them today," safety Ryan Clark said. "We're talking about this dominance that New England's had on us. I think we've won more Super Bowls, been to more Super Bowls than they have. It's not about history. We were excited to win today."

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Ray Kinsella: It's Iowa.

John Kinsella: Iowa? I could have sworn this was heaven.

[John starts to walk away]

Ray Kinsella: Is there a heaven?

John Kinsella: Oh yeah. It's the place where dreams come true.

[Ray looks around, seeing his wife playing with their daughter on the porch]

Shoeless Joe Jackson: What's with the lights?

Ray Kinsella: Oh, all the stadiums have them now. Even Wrigley Field.

Shoeless Joe Jackson: Makes it harder to see the ball.

Ray Kinsella: Yeah, well, the owners found that more people can attend night games.

Shoeless Joe Jackson: [Shakes his head] Owners

[Ray explains Terence Mann's "pain" to Annie]

Ray Kinsella: The man wrote the best books of his generation. And he was a pioneer of the Civil Rights and the anti-war movement. I mean, he made the cover of Newsweek. He knew everybody. He did everything. And he helped shape his time. I mean, the guy hung out with The Beatles! But in the end, it wasn't enough. What he missed was baseball.

Happy Halloween!

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NFL

Vikings edge out Panthers in matchup of top picks

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Christian Ponder took only two starts to get his first career win, out-dueling the more-heralded Cam Newton in the process.

The rookie showed tremendous poise in the pocket, particularly on third downs, and got a huge assist from Adrian Peterson on Sunday as the Minnesota Vikings held on to beat the Carolina Panthers 24-21.

Peterson had 162 yards from scrimmage and scored two touchdowns, and Ryan Longwell kicked a 31-yard field goal with 2:43 left as the Vikings (2-6) snapped a two-game losing streak. The Panthers had a chance to tie the game with 26 seconds left, but Olindo Mare missed wide left from 31 yards.

Ponder, the 12th overall pick in the draft, completed 18 of 28 passes for 236 yards to beat Newton, the first choice in the draft. Ponder moved the chains with key completions on third downs in the second half to keep scoring drives alive.

"It's satisfying to get a win no matter what," Ponder said. "Cam played extremely well. He had three touchdown passes, and a big drive there at the end. Fortunately, the ball bounced our way with the missed field goal."

Peterson, the NFL's leading rusher, bounced back from a slow start and scored on a 9-yard run to tie the game at

21 late in the third quarter. He ran for 86 yards and had five catches for 76 yards, including a 19-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter.

"They kept dropping deep and leaving him open," Ponder said. "I kept taking it. ... I'll take that all day."

Newton threw for 290 yards and a career-high three touchdowns, but once again the Panthers (2-6) failed to finish in the fourth quarter. It was their fifth loss by a touchdown or less this season.

The Panthers had their chances. Carolina went three-and-out on three straight possessions in the second half and watched their lead slip away.

But after Longwell's field goal gave the Vikings the 24-21 lead, Newton seemed poised to lead a memorable comeback. He completed a 44-yard pass to Brandon LaFell on fourth-and-15 to reach Vikings territory. The Panthers appeared to reach the 7 on a first-down run by Newton, but the play was called back because of a holding penalty on Steve Smith.

"I got a few texts saying already in the HD it didn't look too bad," Smith said of the official's call. "For a 70-year-old man gimping down the field, I guess that's what he saw."

Newton went back to Smith on the next play, but he was stopped short of the first down. Mare's kick sailed wide left and the home crowd groaned before

heading to the exits.

"Whoever thinks that this game came down to the last possession is a fool," Newton said. "Offensively and defensively, we had opportunities, man."

Minnesota's defense came up with some timely turnovers, jarring the ball loose from Newton on a pair of blindside hits; both fumbles led to first-half touchdowns.

Still, the Panthers led 21-14 after a 22-yard touchdown catch by Smith in the third quarter. But Carolina's offense sputtered most of the second half — going three-and-out on three straight possessions. The Vikings tied the game on Peterson's ninth touchdown rushing this season late in the third quarter.

"I got more involved in the passing game today," Peterson said. "The first half was critical. Carolina was stacking the box and slowing down the run. I was able to get around the perimeter on a checkdown. Christian did a great job of finding me."

Minnesota took the lead for good on a 13-play, 72-yard drive in the fourth quarter that took 7:10 off the clock.

Smith, who came into the game leading the NFL in yards receiving, had seven catches for 100 yards. Tight ends Jeremy Shockey and Greg Olsen also had touchdown catches for Carolina.



Vikings quarterback Christian Ponder evades the Carolina defense during Minnesota's 24-21 victory Sunday. AP

Jared Allen, who entered the game leading the NFL in sacks, had a big game for the Vikings with five tackles, a sack, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Percy Harvin had four catches for 58 yards and scored on a touchdown run for the Vikings.

The game began with a crazy flurry.

Marcus Sherels returned the opening kickoff 78 yards to the Carolina 27. However, the Vikings went three-and-out and Longwell missed a 45-yard field goal.

It seemed Carolina had seized the early momentum with that defensive stop. But E.J. Henderson sacked Newton from behind on Carolina's first play and Allen recovered at the Carolina 16. Harvin, lined up in the backfield, scored two plays later on a 10-yard run to give the Vikings a 7-0 lead.

The Panthers evened the score in the second quarter when Shockey hauled in his first touchdown pass of the season, a 1-yarder from Newton. Shockey celebrated by blowing kisses to the crowd.

"LIKE A BIRD, MY WORDS FLEW"

A POETRY READING AND DISCUSSION

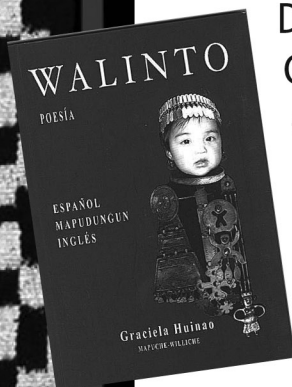
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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Coach impressed with team despite finish

By WALKER CAREY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's ran to a seventh-place finish in Saturday's MIAA championships.

The Belles' finish was identical to their seventh-place finish earlier in the season at the MIAA Jamboree. The results of both meets are used to name a conference champion. The MIAA Jamboree accounts for one-third of the team score and the conference championships makes up the other two-thirds.

Despite the seventh place finish, Belles coach Jackie Bauters was quite impressed with her team's performance.

"While it may not be evident in the overall rankings, the Belles had a great day," Bauters said. "It was a really fun weekend and great to see all of the hard work pay off."

Individually, each Belle accomplished either a career-best time or a season personal-best time.

Senior Joanne Almond led the squad, placing 33rd overall with a time of 23:22. Almond's time established a new personal best, surpassing her previous record by 11 seconds.

Almond believes the

team's preparation contributed to its success.

"The field went out fast," Almond said, "but we had practiced running positive splits and we were really prepared to compete."

Junior Julia Kenney finished 39th with a time of 23:39. She reiterated the importance of the team's preparation.

"We all came well prepared after many weeks of quality workouts and preparation," Kenney said. "It was very rewarding to see all of our hard work come together."

The MIAA conference championship represented the Belles' final regular season race. Kenney believes that the team is now fully focused on the postseason.

"We now look toward regionals," she said. "Over these next two weeks, we will continue to improve upon our strengths and weaknesses so that we can finish off the season on a strong note."

The Belles will return to competition at the NCAA Regionals on Nov. 12 at Oberlin College.

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Jackie Bauters
Belles coach

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles sweep MIAA foe Albion

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

The Belles ended their season in strong form when they went on the road and defeated Albion on Friday night. Saint Mary's (8-17, 6-10 MIAA) managed to fight back in each of the first two sets and ultimately pulled out the 3-0 sweep against the Britons (3-24, 0-16).

"It felt really great to play well and end on a high note this season," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said.

Kuschel attributed a large part of Friday's win to the outstanding play of junior setter Danie Brink. Brink hit at a .500 clip for the match, aced three serves and tallied 24 set assists.

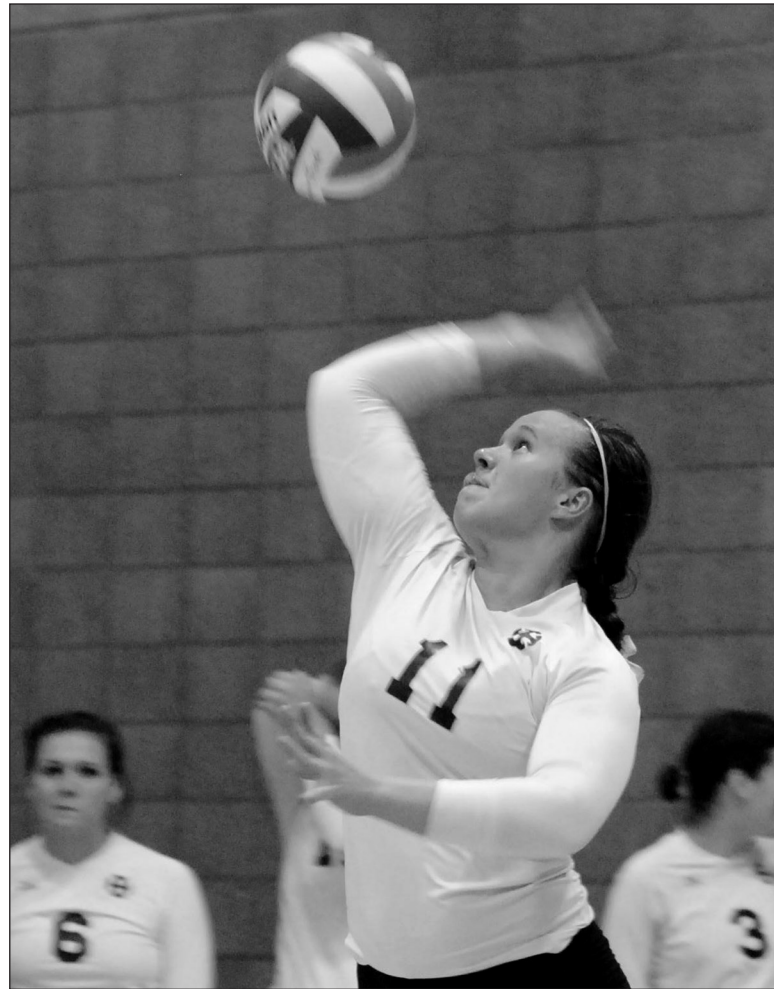
"We were able to pass well, which allowed Danie to run our offense," Kuschel said. "[She] played a great match."

Sophomore middle hitter Christi Wyble paced the Belles on offense, finishing with a .625 hitting clip and four blocks for the match. The Belles were led on defense by senior libero and defensive specialist Meghann Rose, as well as freshman setter Annie Bodiën and junior outside hitter Stephanie Bodiën.

Kuschel said Friday's win capped a solid season, despite numbers that may have shown otherwise.

"We had a successful season this year even though we did not end the season being a top-four team in the conference," she said. "We were able to double our wins in conference play as well as have a better record than our 2010 season. More importantly, we played at a much higher level this season while remaining healthy."

Looking forward, Kuschel



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Junior setter Danie Brink serves the ball during the Belles' 3-0 victory over Albion on Sept. 28.

has even higher expectations for her squad.

"Our team was able to compete at a very high level this year and I will be looking for them to work hard during the off-season to come back connected and even more ready to compete for a top spot in the conference," she said. "We had a very young team this year with eight freshmen. We will be losing one senior, Meghann Rose, who will be leaving some big shoes to fill. She set a great example of what it takes to be a leader and a top libero

in our conference."

The team's freshmen received significant playing time and experience this season, which should advance their development as they transition into returning players.

"I am very confident that they will come back next season with even more confidence and knowledge of what it will take to get us where we want to go," Kuschel said.

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SMC SWIMMING

Kalamazoo overwhelms SMC

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Belles swam well Friday night, but Saint Mary's couldn't keep up with the Hornets and dropped its first dual meet of the season 213-75.

Swimmers from No. 18 Kalamazoo (1-0, 1-0 MIAA) won 14 of the 16 events, but the large margin of victory did not detract from promising performances from Saint Mary's (0-1, 0-1).

"We had some solid swims," Belles coach Mark Benishek said. "We've had two really hard weeks, and this past week we had some really hard swims practice-wise. We've put in a lot of yardage but there were good swims overall from the entire team."

Benishek predicted tight races between senior captain Audrey Dalrymple and Kalamazoo sophomore Molly DeWald, and the two did not disappoint. Dalrymple finished 2.29 seconds behind DeWald in the 100-yard breaststroke, which DeWald won in 1:08.68. But Dalrymple grabbed a victory of her own in the 200-yard breaststroke, finishing in 2:29.30, over three seconds before De-

Wald.

Dalrymple also accounted for the Belles' other win, finishing first in the 200-yard individual medley in 2:18.79. She took second place in the 50-yard freestyle and third place in the 200-yard medley relay with junior Genevieve Spittler, senior Megan Price and freshman Anna Nolan, whose performance caught Benishek's attention.

"We saw some good things out of some of the younger swimmers. One of them to note is Anna Nolan, a freshman. She had very, very good swims," Benishek said.

In addition to the medley relay, Nolan finished second in both the 100-yard backstroke and 50-yard freestyle with times of 1:05.34 and 26.44, respectively.

Benishek said that the support team members give each other at practices and meets have a noticeable impact on individual performances during races.

"They challenged each other and they do a really good job of stepping up and encouraging each other, whatever time it might be, so that works out," Benishek said.

Benishek was also pleased to see his swimmers avoid the men-

tal errors that often hurt teams early in the season.

"They were really focused. We had a good discussion before the meet about that," Benishek said. "Nobody's perfect they're going to make mistakes. We talked about that, and it's what you do afterwards and overcoming it."

The Belles have largely trained as one team for the first month of the season, but they'll now focus on the finer points of their individual events.

"We're going to continue to work hard over the next couple weeks here, because we're really gearing up for our invitationals that we have coming around Thanksgiving period," Benishek said. "We're going to have a lot of hard swims, but we'll probably start isolating the group down into their strokes. Distance swimmers will break off and do some different workouts than some of our stroke and our sprint freestylers."

The Belles take to the water next at 7 p.m. Friday as they host Hope at the Rolfs Aquatics Center.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Freshmen spearhead blowout

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

In just the fourth meet of the season, Irish freshmen swimmers and divers are already proving their impact on the squad. Freshman Emma Reaney led the way with victories in two individual events as Notre Dame (3-1) won 13 of 16 events overall on its way to a dominating 185-115 win in a meet against Big East rival Pittsburgh on Friday afternoon.

Reaney earned first place in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:18.02 and won the 200-yard individual medley with a finishing time of 2:04.72, beating the field by nearly three seconds.

"Emma's getting what she deserves," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "She's a hard worker, a great student and she's hungry for success."

Meanwhile, freshman Suzanne Bessire placed first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:51.87 for her first collegiate victory. Adding to the success of the Irish freshmen was Hannah Bowen, who won the 50-yard freestyle in 23.53 seconds.

On the diving side, junior Jenny Chiang and freshman Allison Casareto both dominated the 3-meter and 1-meter dive events. The teammates claimed first and second in both events, when Chiang finished first to Casareto in the 1-meter with 295 points, while Casareto scored 293 points to beat Chiang in the 3-meter.

Both divers have proven dominant in meets so far this season as Chiang recently won both events in last week's loss to Auburn.

Barnes was impressed with the overall team effort,



ASHLEY DACY/The Observer

Junior diver Kimmie Lisiack concentrates before a dive during Notre Dame's first-place effort at the Dennis Stark Relays on Oct. 16.

especially in light of competing after a more than six-hour bus trip to Pittsburgh.

"It was a hardworking meet," Barnes said. "I was curious to see how we would handle the travel on Friday, and we stood up and competed. I'm very pleased with our progress."

In other events, freshman Kelly Ryan took first place in the 100-yard backstroke

by half a second over her Pittsburgh opponent. Freshman Bridget Casey won the 200-yard fly with a finishing time of 2:02.36.

The Irish will make a shorter trip this Friday to West Lafayette, Ind., when they face Purdue in a dual meet at 5 p.m.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Young squad overtakes Big East rival Pittsburgh

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

The Irish hit the road for the first time this season, picking up their third victory 193-107 at Big East rival Pittsburgh on Friday.

Prior to Notre Dame's trip to Pittsburgh (1-2), Irish coach Tim Welsh said he believed his team could win as long as the freshmen played a role in the victory, and the freshmen did in fact play a large part in Notre Dame's third win of the season.

The Irish (3-1) won 12 events, and a member of the freshman class was awarded gold in seven of those events.

"It shows that we can come out and win the events that we want to win in order to take over the meet and not have to worry so much about the points we have to get," Irish junior and co-captain Chris Johnson said. "We can switch up the lineup a lot and put people in races in which they don't normally get to swim in when the freshmen are racking up points for us like that."

Irish freshman Cameron Miller tied Johnson for gold in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 56.71. Miller also earned gold in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Johnson earned a spot in the Notre Dame record books last season with a 55.63 time in the 100-yard breaststroke in the Big East championships. Irish senior co-captain Marshall Sherman said the team was impressed by Miller's performance.

"That was huge. He tied with Chris Johnson," Sherman said. "That's huge for a freshman to come in and give us [a great finish]. [Johnson] was our top performer last year. It's great to have another breaststroker to come

in and have a one-two punch for us."

Johnson shied away from any praise for his performance and credited the team's success to the work ethic of the freshman class.

"It shows that [the freshmen are] working, not just Cameron but all of them, and they're ready to come out for the race," he said. "[Cameron and I] could see each other side by side, but it's just a coincidence that we tied."

Notre Dame freshman diver Michael Kreft earned gold in two events Friday, placing first in both the one-meter and three-meter dives.

Irish junior Kevin Overholt, who has been rehabbing an injured shoulder, won two gold medals, finishing first in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle races.

The meet was held at Trees Hall, the site of the 2012 Big East championships. Sherman said a dominant performance from the entire Irish squad and gold medals from five different freshmen sparked Notre Dame's confidence and increased the future expectations of this high-energy squad.

"[Freshmen] always give us a close meet," he said. "I think the whole team was surprised [about their performance]," Sherman said. "The coaches tried to get us pumped up and excited for the meet, being our first Big East meet. It was a great confidence boost for us. We won nearly every event, but that [gives us] great signs going forward."

The Irish will return to action Friday against Purdue at 6 p.m. at the Boilermaker Aquatic Center.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish end fall season on high note

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

From a last-place finish at the Tar Heel Invitational to a heartbreaking runner-up showing at the Indiana University Fall Invitational, it has been a somewhat disappointing fall season for the Irish. The team ended the season on a very encouraging note over the weekend though, hanging tough in an elite field to earn a top-10 finish at the Landfall Tradition in Wilmington, N.C.

"It was a productive trip," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "We beat a handful of teams that were ranked ahead of us, and the ones we lost to were some of the top teams in the country."

Despite the tough field, Notre Dame's golfers were able to hold their own, and then some. Senior Katie Allare had her opening round disqualified due to an unsigned scorecard, but rallied over the weekend to finish strong. Notre Dame's two freshmen also ended their opening season well, as Kelli Oride (239, 23-over-par) just barely edged out

Ashley Armstrong (240, 24-over) in overall scoring. Making the rounds more impressive was the fact that they came despite difficult conditions.

"The conditions proved to be quite difficult," Holt said. "It was chilly and cold all this weekend. For the quality of players that were there, the scores were high, and that was due to the challenging weather conditions."

Notre Dame's best score of the weekend, though, came from senior captain Becca Huffer. Coming off her individual title at the Indiana University Fall Invitational, Huffer climbed the leaderboard with a Sunday score of 73 to notch a top-10 finish in the elite field.

"Tenth place is very good for the level of competition that was at the tournament," Holt said. "She put together a very solid final round [and] was under par for most of it until the final few holes."

The Irish were also helped greatly by sophomore Kristina Nhim, whose consistency was rewarded with a

16th-place finish. Nhim shot a 76 on Friday, and followed that up with two rounds of 77 on the weekend to conclude her season.

"[Nhim] finally played three consistent rounds," Holt said. "I'm very happy for her to get her game together and put up good numbers."

With the fall season over, the Irish will now have several months to prepare, practice and make some adjustments before they open up the more pivotal spring season. The opening tournament of the season, the Darius Rucker Intercollegiate Classic, tees off in just over four months. With a season's worth of results to work with and so much time to improve, Holt believes her team will have to utilize every single practice in order to excel next year.

"We need to do a lot of things better for the spring, especially since the schedule will be challenging," Holt said. "Our winter practices must be productive."

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SMC SOCCER

Belles shut out in final home game

Observer Staff Report

In Saturday's Senior Day home game against a three-win Trine squad, the Belles missed a prime opportunity to clinch a .500 record and a 10-win season. In a game delayed 45 minutes by hail and a thunderstorm, Saint Mary's (9-10, 5-10 MIAA) was shutout 1-0 by the Thunder (4-13-2, 2-11-2) despite posting a 10-4 edge on shots on goal.

Following a scoreless first half, Trine scored the game's lone goal just over a minute into the second half. Sophomore Kristin Elliot sent a shot across the goal box, where it went past Belles freshman goalkeeper Natalie Warner.

The score would stand the remainder of the match, but the Belles received numerous chances to tie the game. In the second half, Saint Mary's earned six corner kicks and took nine shots, but the Trine defense kept the Belles out of the net. Wegert recorded 10 saves over the course of the match.

The match was also suspended in the middle of the second half when an intense hail and

lightning storm descended on the South Bend area. Players waited approximately 45 minutes for the storm to pass and play to resume.

The Belles received numerous scoring chances in the first half. Sophomore forward Kaitlin Teichman's header was turned away in the goal box while another one of her shot's fell off line. Teichman led the team with five shots, including two on goal.

Meanwhile, Wegert saved a shot by junior midfielder Ashley Morfin's in the 35th minute and the Belles were unable to capitalize on a rebound chance. Both Morfin and sophomore midfielder Mollie Valencia tied Teichman for shots on goal, recording two a piece.

Although the Belles defeated Trine 2-1 in a road match Oct. 4, they could not complete the season sweep of the Thunder. With the loss, the Belles now must upset Hope College, which is in fourth place in the MIAA, to finish .500 for the season.

The Belles' final game of the season will take place at Hope College at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

MEN'S GOLF

Veteran team looks to finish strong

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

A senior-laden squad will face a monumental task when it closes out the fall season at the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate in Dallas Monday.

The Royal Oaks Intercollegiate, co-hosted by Baylor and SMU, poses a tough test for the defending Big East champions as the tournament features eight teams in the top 50 of the latest Golfweek rankings. Notre Dame is set to face the last two national champions (No. 36 Texas A&M and Augusta State), as well as familiar foes in No. 25 Duke, No. 29 Iowa and Houston, a task Irish coach Jim Kubinski said will require a resolute focus from his entire team.

"We try to take the same approach to every tournament, but we just try to tell the guys that they need to maintain their focus and concentration on the task at hand," Kubinski said. "We just have to take the same mindset into the tournament and play confidently."

Despite a strong start to kick off the year, the Irish have faced adversity in the form of inconsistent scores that have led to middle-of-the-pack finishes. At this time last year, Notre Dame finished first or second in each of its fall tournaments and returned all five starters from the previous season.

"A few guys have taken a step back in order to improve their game," Kubinski said. "It happens to Tiger Woods all the time, where players make certain adjustments and have to work on their game so they can get better down the road. And experience will also help, too."

Meanwhile, senior Max Scodro continues to impress, coming off his third top-10 finish of the year at the Kiawah Invitational in South Carolina on Oct. 18. The U.S. National Amateur Championship contender finished the two-day tournament at even par, tied for seventh after carding a

score of 216.

Kubinski said he is looking for more consistency from the rest of his lineup to complement Scodro.

"Max is so well-rounded and confident in the way he is playing. He is working on other parts of his game too," he said. "The rest of the guys feel they have to get it out there and play better. If we miss a shot or two, we have to focus on recovering. They are excited to get out there and support him and the team."

According to Kubinski, the tournament provides an opportunity to close the year positively before the doldrums of winter etch a three-month gap in the golf season.

"To us, this is the halfway point," Kubinski said. "It's like a bye week in football except it is three months instead of a week. We have the opportunity to finish well and get some momentum before we start working on things during the break. We are only one good tournament win away from jumping into the top 25. The key is turning it around with a positive outlook."

Notre Dame will take to the course Monday for the first two rounds of the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate.

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Irish coach



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Senior outside hitter Kristen Dealy digs the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 loss to Louisville on Oct. 2.

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points on their way to victory.

"Those were some good plays by UConn and some miscommunication on our part," Brown said. "They were a team that was on fire to get a win. It was that kind of day. We struggled to get into any rhythm."

Senior Kristen Dealy led the Irish with 15 kills and 16 digs on the day. Freshman Jeni Houser added 13 kills while the Irish offense ran primarily through sophomore setter Maggie Brindock, whose 39 assists led the team.

"Everybody was really disappointed against UConn," Brown said. "We talked specifically about strong starts and strong finishes. That's something we really struggled with on Saturday."

Less than 24 hours later, the Irish recovered from the loss at Connecticut and dismissed last-place St. John's (10-17, 1-9) in four sets. Though Brown acknowledged her team could play

better, she said her team's play in the third set was a sign of the team's resilience. Trailing 21-11 in the third set, the Irish clawed back to take the set and a 2-1 lead that they would not relinquish.

"That series was huge for us," Brown said. "It's much harder to be down 2-1 than up 2-1. We don't want to be in that situation in the first place, but that's the type of play our team is capable of."

With four matches remaining before the start of the Big East tournament, the Irish sit tied with Syracuse at fifth in the conference.

"We've been pretty disappointed with our play so far this year," Brown said. "We've lost some matches that we've had every opportunity to win. But we have chances to turn it around. We want to give ourselves an opportunity to play in the Big East tournament."

The Irish return to the court against Seton Hall on Nov. 5 at the Purcell Pavilion.

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Rae

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shooting for at least three or four up there."

The individual performances of both Rae and Grady were particularly noteworthy, as the top finishes marked the second and third time Irish runners placed all-Big East honors in the last two seasons. Last year, former Irish runner Dan Jackson placed 12th in the Big East championships.

Overall, Cincinnati senior Eric Finan won the race with a time of 23:17.7, but as a team, the Bearcats faltered to an eighth place finish in the 14-team field. Villanova had a very strong team showing, earning top finishes in both the men's and women's races. Villanova placed six runners in the top 15 in the men's race.

"It was pretty incredible and definitely is something we want to shoot for as a team in the future," Rae said.

The Irish women had a strong team showing, with five runners contributing to team scoring. Junior Jessica Rydberg placed 18th, while sophomores Alexa Aragon and Kelly Curran, freshman Gabby Gonzales and senior Rachel Velarde all finished in the top 35.

But again Villanova took

home the medals, placing three runners in the top 15, including seniors Sheila Reid and Bogdana Mimic, who finished in first and second with times of 19:40.9 and 19:51.2, respectively.

"You look at the results and we were only sixth, but I think we ran about as well as we could," Irish coach Tim Connelly said. "That was probably our best performance one through seven all year."

"They executed a really good race. We set up a race plan on how we wanted to race, and this was probably the first time, especially the young ones, really came out and said, 'This is what we need to do to run well.' They competed really well."

Despite the solid finish, Connelly said both teams are committed to continued improvement and better finishes.

"All the athletes really felt like this was a step in the right direction," Connelly said. "I don't think it's unrealistic to make it a goal to be in the top-two of the regional meet. It's going to be a challenge, but it's a realistic thing."

Two weeks from now the Irish will try just that, as both teams travel to Toledo, Ohio, for the Great Lakes Regional competition.

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1) had two close attempts to score in the fifth and 11th minutes from senior midfielder Chris Sutton and senior defender Aaron Maund, but the first shot was deflected off the crossbar, and the second was saved by West Virginia junior goalie Pat Eavenson.

"We opened up the game great," Clark said. "We were moving the ball and connecting passes in a nice way. It looked good. I don't know, we lost our way a little bit after that."

The No. 25 Mountaineers (10-6-1, 6-3-0) concluded their in-conference portion of the season with Saturday's shutout over the Irish. West Virginia produced its first goal in the 24th minute off a short shot that escaped through Irish senior goalkeeper Will Walsh's reach. The Mountaineers led 1-0 at halftime.

In both the 49th and 54th minutes, Irish junior forward Ryan Finley had two successive shots on goal, but both were effectively stopped by Eavenson.

"We didn't threaten [Eavenson] as much as we would have liked," Clark said.

The Mountaineers upped

their advantage to a two-goal margin in the 71st minute, as junior defender Grant Van De Castele deflected a Mountaineer shot in for an own goal.

"Their second goal was a shot really going nowhere, but Grant deflected it from the opposite corner from where it was going," Clark said.

In the 87th minute, Maund sent the last shot on goal over to Eavenson, who produced his fifth save of the day.

Clark said the Irish showed the same effort they always have throughout the season, but it was a misguided effort that resulted in the loss.

"Goals affect games, and some days you just have to keep playing. People have to stop trying to solve the problems individually, instead of relying on teamwork," Clark said. "It was a little bit of a team malaise. You've obviously got to hurry, but you've got to do it slowly, you've got to stay together as a team. I think."

The Irish have one game left in their regular season, an in-conference home contest against Seton Hall at Alumni Stadium. Notre Dame will kick off against the Pirates at noon Tuesday.

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Bobby Clark
Irish coach

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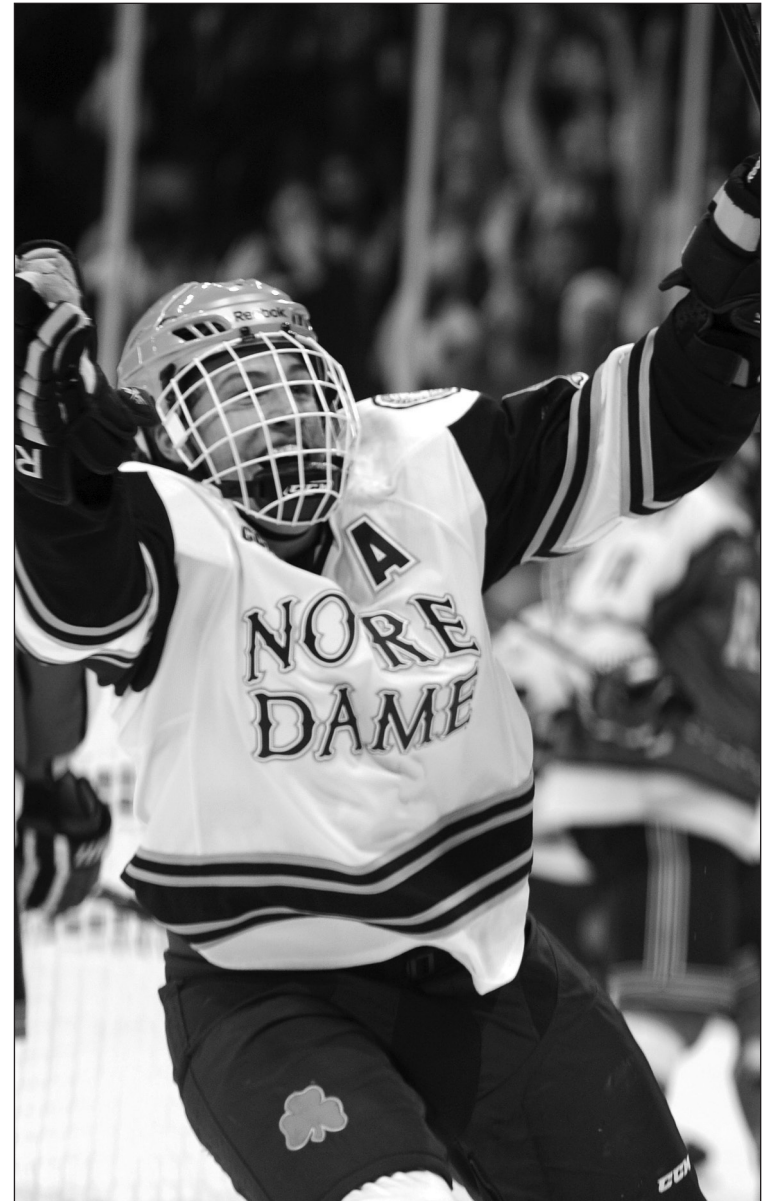
After starting out hot Friday, the team found itself facing a 2-1 deficit heading into the final period Saturday. The Irish rally began on the power play with Lee, who one-timed his 10th goal of the year home to equal the score. That 10-goal count made Lee the highest scorer in college hockey this year.

"Anders is always in the right place at the right time," Jackson said. "He's got a great shot and he just finds ways to score big goals for us."

While Lee may be one of the most feared scorers in the country, the game-winning goal came from one of the least heralded players on the team: senior center Patrick Gaul. After contributing just three points in his first three seasons, Gaul has four already this year, including his top-shelf wrist shot that sealed the deal on Saturday.

"I'm definitely happy for him," Jackson said. "He wouldn't be in the position he's in without the great attitude he's had. He didn't play at all last year, but he's been working hard on the ice, and in the weight room, and it's paying dividends for him. He's not the biggest guy and he's not the fastest guy, but he's been taking advantage of the opportunity that's been given to him."

After Gaul's goal, the Irish successfully killed two more penalties and Johnson was called upon to make some big saves to



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Sophomore forward Anders Lee celebrates a goal during Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over RPI on Oct. 21.

secure the victory and the much-needed sweep.

"It was a tough road weekend. Bowling Green was a tough opponent," Jackson said. "It's good to get out of there with two wins, and now we've got another test this weekend."

Notre Dame will travel to the upper peninsula for a series with Northern Michigan this Friday and Saturday. Game time on both nights will be at 7:35 p.m.

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Marquette

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around, Henderson scored in the ninth minute of the game, and a stout Irish defense held onto that lead for the remainder of the contest. This contrast demonstrates a complete shift in outlook for the Irish, according to Henderson.

"I think our mindset altogether [has changed]," she said. "We're going a game at a time. We went through a lot of adversity at the beginning of the season and I really think it came down to the fact that we realized we have to play for each other and we have to bring it together."

In spite of any questions or concerns that have surrounded this Irish squad in the midst of the losingest season of Henderson's collegiate career, she said that she and her teammates remain confident, and their goal remains the same.

"I know a lot of the underclassmen have told us that they want to do it for us, for the seniors," she said. "So I really think that we're all on the same page now and everybody has the same goal and that's just to get another national championship."

Henderson said defense is the key to that goal, and the Irish defense has certainly been stepping up recently, posting shutouts in five of their last eight outings. Though a common theme of the early season was difficulty integrating newer players in with the upperclassman defenders, Henderson said the backfield has come together as a unit, apparently primed to peak at just the right time.

"The defense has been doing amazing with all the shutouts," Henderson said. "I can't say enough [about my teammates.] Just being able to watch them grow together and just being able to communicate in a different way and keeping these shutouts coming has been amazing."

"You win championships with the defense and I have so much respect for everything they've been doing, and not even only the defense that's been playing in games but also the defense that play in practice. We'll be scrimmaging and everyone has a part of everything, whether you're playing in games on the field or not. They push us to get better and vice versa, so it's been really good."

The senior sloughed off any talk about record breaking, giving all the credit to her teammates. As the Irish move deeper into the post-season, Henderson made it clear the focus will be on one thing: winning.

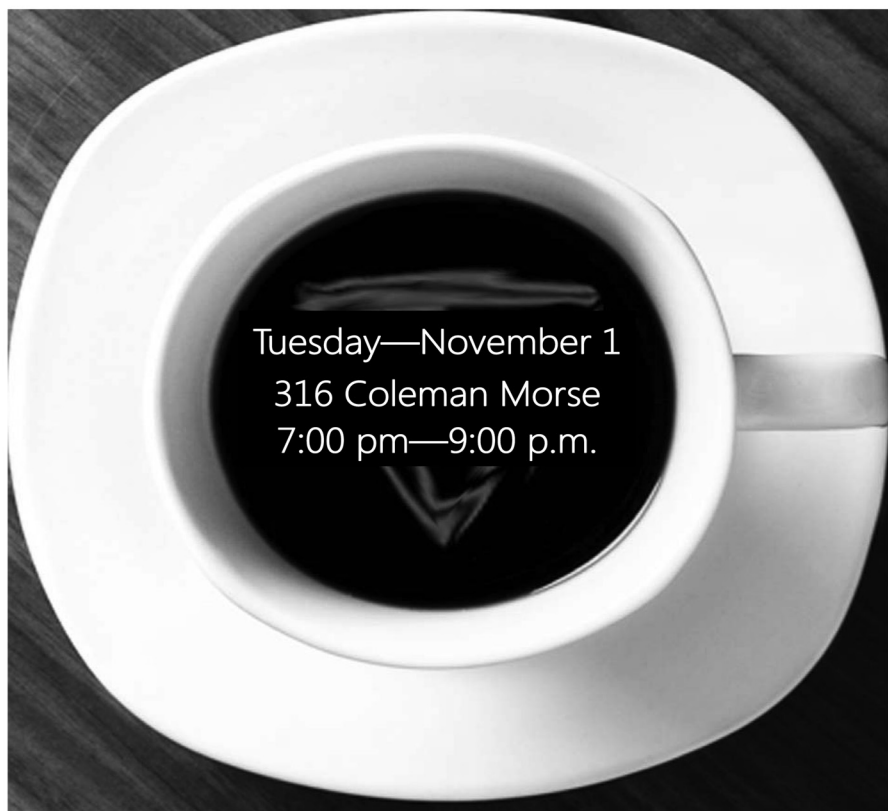
"I don't really know that much about [the record] to be honest ... but I am absolutely honored and I can't say enough about how it's not really me getting those goals, it's my teammates and I just happen to be the one that's getting them in," she said. "If anything I'm just absolutely grateful for the players around me that are making it possible for that to even happen."

The Irish will now turn their attention to Louisville, again out to avenge an early season loss. The Big East semifinal will kick off Friday at 3 p.m. in Morgantown, W.V.

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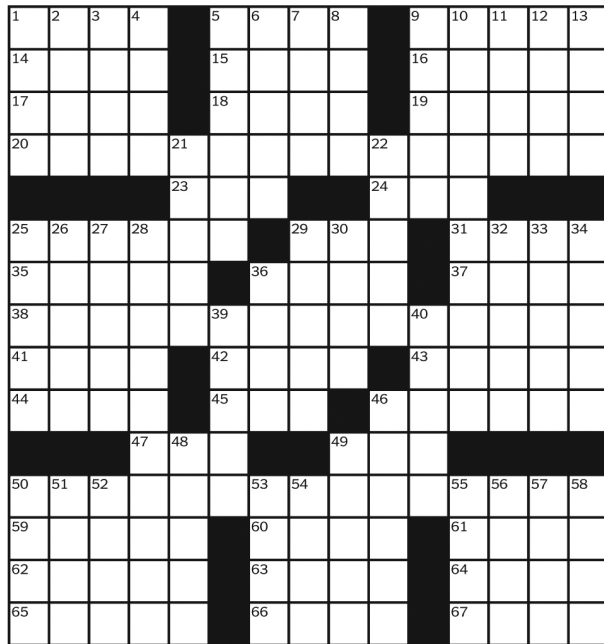
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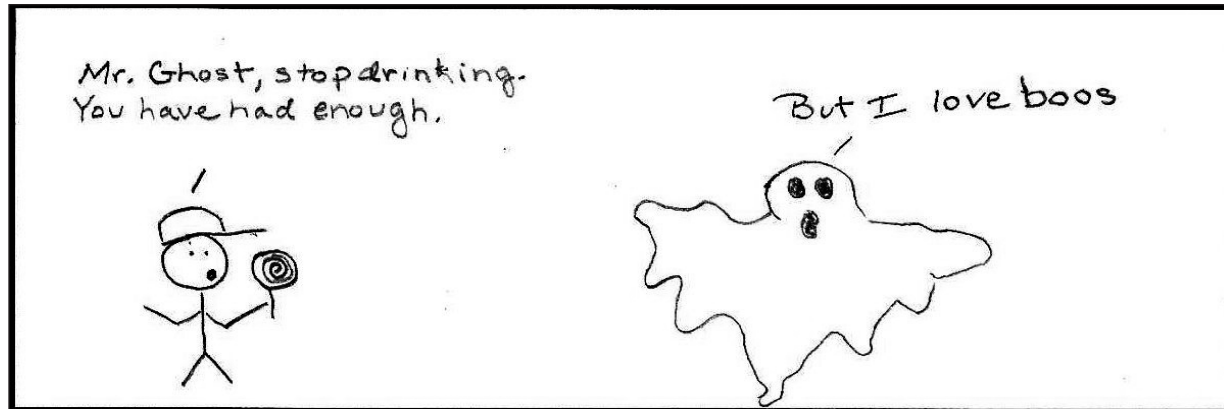
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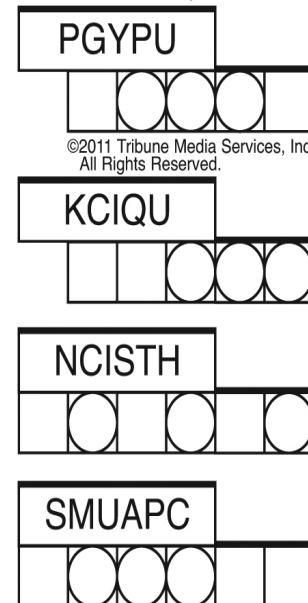
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Familiar feeling

Irish advance to Big East semi's with win

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

Senior tri-captain and reigning Big East Offensive Player of the Week Melissa Henderson netted a school-record 24th match-winning goal to lift the Irish to a 1-0 victory over No. 5/9 Marquette on Sunday, sending Notre Dame to the Big East semifinals for the 15th time in 17 years.

The quarterfinal matchup marked the second time Notre Dame has faced Marquette in just over a month, and in what the Irish hope will be a theme of the post-season, they got it done when it mattered most.

Before Sunday, Notre Dame's last game against the Golden Eagles ended in a heartbreaking fashion, as the Irish fought back from a two-goal deficit only to lose the ball on the overtime kickoff which led to a Marquette goal just 18 seconds into the extra period. This time

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Junior defender Jazmin Hall throws the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Villanova on Oct. 16. The Irish advanced to the Big East semifinals with a 1-0 victory over Marquette on Sunday.

ND VOLLEYBALL

ND splits pair of Big East games

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

The Irish traveled to the east coast for two matches over the weekend, taking on Connecticut and St. John's.

In what Irish coach Debbie Brown has described as a disappointing Big East season thus far for her team, the weekend proved to be a microcosm of the squad's frustration as the Irish (13-9, 6-4 Big East) fell in a five-set heartbreaker to Connecticut 3-2 (24-26, 25-20, 25-22, 22-25, 16-14) before defeating the Red Storm 3-1 (25-19, 17-25, 25-22, 25-20) in Queens, New York.

Brown saw the Irish lose three match points Saturday in the deciding fifth set as a spirited Connecticut team prevailed. With the score 14-11 in favor of the Irish, a series of strong plays by Connecticut (13-12, 3-7) and miscues by Notre Dame helped the Huskies reel off five straight

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HOCKEY

Special teams shine in road sweep of Bowling Green

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

When you're number one, you're expected to beat everyone.

Notre Dame opened the season as the top-ranked team in the country, but slipped to No. 5 in the polls after splitting series with No. 10 Minnesota-Duluth and Ohio State. This past weekend though, the team was able to take care of

business as the Irish (5-2-0, 3-1-0-0 CCHA) swept Bowling Green on the road for its first two-win weekend of the year.

Friday's game against the Falcons (4-3-1, 1-3-0-0) was a showcase of Notre Dame's prowess on special teams. Sophomore forward Anders Lee opened the scoring for Notre Dame early in the first period. With the man advantage, senior right wing Billy Maday took a pass at

the top of the circle then found Lee parked on the far post for the tap-in goal.

After the teams traded goals in the second period, Notre Dame was able to exploit a 5-on-3 advantage in the third. Sophomore center T.J. Tynan fed freshman defenseman Robbie Russo, whose rocket shot gave him his first goal of his year and gave his team its 3-1 victory.

"The chemistry on the

power play is really starting to click right now, ever since we put Maday up top on the first unit," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "This weekend was really their first extended playing time, and they're starting to get used to playing with each other."

Opposite the power play was the Irish penalty kill, which was also a key factor in Friday's victory. The shorthanded unit held Bowling Green scoreless in

all four of the Falcons' power play chances, including an extended 5-on-3.

"Our penalty kill also played very well, and that's partly goaltending," Jackson said. "[Junior] Mike Johnson played great for us back there. The other part of it is our skaters, and we're starting to narrow down who we want out there now, heading into the

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MEN'S SOCCER

Offense sputters in shutout loss

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

With five shots on goal to the Mountaineers' two and facing a strong opposing goalie, the Irish suffered a disappointing 2-0 loss against West Virginia at Alumni Stadium on Saturday.

Inclement weather delayed the game for 90 minutes shortly following the team's on-field presentations just before the initially-scheduled noon kickoff.

"It was a strange game in many ways," Irish coach Bob Clark said.

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Senior defender Aaron Maund jumps to control the ball during Notre Dame's scoreless draw with UConn on Oct. 8.

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Irish finish sixth at Big East championships

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In a competitive field, both the Notre Dame men's and women's teams cruised to a sixth-place finish at the 2011 Big East championships.

The No. 29 Irish men's squad was led by sophomore Martin Grady, who finished 10th in the eight-kilometer race with a time of 23:52.2. Notre Dame junior Jeremy Rae finished hot on his heels in 12th with a time of 23:55.4. Both runners earned all-Big East honors for their strong showing.

Junior J.P. Malette and seniors Jordan Carlson and Kelly Lynch also contributed to the scoring, finishing in less than 25 minutes.

"We had a really good week of training [over fall break]," Rae said. "We were all feeling pretty confident. We had three solid workouts."

Yet as a team, there was a certain amount of disappointment.

"We wanted to get more than two of us in the top 15," Rae continued. "We were

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