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Renovators expand Inn

University uses donations to construct new rooms in the Morris Inn



Observer File Photo

Donations from University Trustee Emerita Ernestine Raclin and other members of her family funded the renovations to the Morris Inn.

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

More than 60 years ago, a Notre Dame Law School graduate donated \$1 million to the University to construct the Morris Inn.

In 2013, renovators will finish adding new rooms and updating the venue's facilities

thanks to a \$15 million gift from that same donor's daughter.

University Trustee Emerita Ernestine Raclin, along with other members of her family and the Carmichael Foundation, recently donated the money through the "Spirit of Notre Dame" campaign, according to a University press release.

Raclin's father, Ernest Morris, funded the original construction of the Inn, which was dedicated in May 1952 after his death.

William Beirne, director of the Morris Inn, said public feedback for the project has been extremely positive.

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OIT provides Google + access to ND students

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

Notre Dame students can now "Hangout" online with their social "Circles" through Google+ accounts open to anyone with a University Gmail account.

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) informed students last week that an advance release field trial of Google+ would be available through the University.

Mike Chapple, senior director for OIT Enterprise Support Services, said students previously needed to be invited by a friend to join Google+.

"Previously, you had to have an invitation for Google + to work, but now you can just sign up with your ND account," Chapple said. "It's the same service that's been available to regular Gmail users since July, now available to ND users."

Chapple said one of the benefits of Notre Dame's access to Google+ is that students no longer need to log out of their Notre Dame email accounts to

access the social network.

Sophomore Nicole Gantz said she is happy to have streamlined her email and Google+ accounts.

"It's nice to have the full functionality of Google all in one area," Gantz said. "I'm excited by this new integration of Google's services all under my ND account."

The email advertising Google+ accounts said the social networking site could be useful to the student body for a number of reasons.

"There are many possibilities for using Google+," the email said. "Below are just a few ideas to get you started: share your thoughts with a project group, friends or family circle; have a Hangout with up to nine classmates; keep up with your connections from your mobile device."

Despite the benefits promoted by OIT, sophomore Sean Doherty said he does not see the value of Google+.

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Game day operations run smoothly despite storm

GAME DAY ARRESTS	
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By SARA FELSENSTEIN
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For the second time this season, intense storms changed the course of game day activities.

But this time, Saturday's severe weather was brief and almost completely unpredicted.

Mike Seamon, director of Game Day Operations and associate vice president of Campus Safety, said officials had been tracking the weather going into the weekend and that all in-

formation pointed to "cool and clear" until about 10:30 a.m. on game day.

"[It] kind of popped out of nowhere, was intense [and] short in duration," Seamon said. "As quickly as it came, it left."

He said Notre Dame issued the first campus-wide announcement of the day around noon, warning people that a storm was approaching and advising them to find shelter.

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Brothers debuts at Eddy Street

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Editor

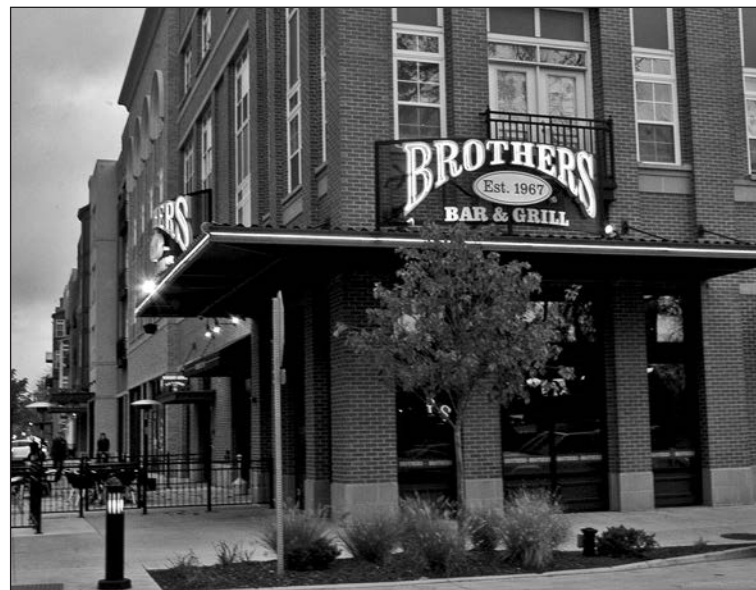
The new Brothers Bar & Grill opened at Eddy Street Commons this weekend, and given the success of the bar's first few days of operation, company management said it expects greater success and popularity moving forward.

Scott Severson, vice president of franchising and development, said the company could not be happier with the bar's first weekend.

"We were very happy with the weekend ... I don't think we've had a bigger or better opening than we've had in South Bend," Severson said. "It was absolutely spectacular."

Despite some small challenges associated with opening weekend, Severson said customers seemed pleased with their experience.

"The community has been incredibly welcoming to us," Severson said. "I can't tell you how many people came up to me ... and said, 'Thank you for coming to South Bend.' ... When we did run into service issues, everybody was incredibly patient and sym-



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The Brothers Bar & Grill opened at Eddy Street Commons this weekend. The new location does not plan to charge a cover.

pathetic and understanding."

Severson said the new location offers 80 different tap handles with 37 different types of beer.

"What the students will see in our store in South Bend is a spectacular array of tap beers," Severson said. "It is really the showcase of that store, and it is something we have gotten great feedback

on."

The bar also does not plan to have a cover charge, Severson said.

"It was a very, very simple business plan," Severson said. "We wanted to offer our customers a really nice venue, and offer them food and beverage items that were

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HIGH
LOW

South Bend children trick-or-treat at Saint Mary's College

By MADELINE MILES
News Writer

Witches, goblins, vampires and princesses ran through the dorms at Saint Mary's on Sunday night as faculty and members of the local community brought their children to trick-or-treat at the College.

The Resident Hall Association (RHA) sponsored the event through the dorms. Junior Gina Althoff, a resident advisor and RHA all-school formal chair, greeted the trick-or-treaters at the front desk in Regina Hall on Sunday night.

"We extended a special invite to the Saint Mary's trick-or-treating to our service partner, South Bend's Center for the Homeless," Althoff said. "We saw a large turnout from the Center and were excited to be able to provide a safe and fun event for those children. It was also a unique opportunity to see professors and other staff members with their families."

Biology professor Ryan Domb-

kowski and his wife brought their 2-year-old son Reece to trick-or-treat around the College campus.

"It's nice to not have to worry about weather, cars, crossing the street and other safety issues," Dombkowski. "It's great to see all the students get involved."

Welcome Center receptionist Ann Sheldon brought her daughter, Lauren Sheldon Ogren '07, and grandson to LeMans Hall for candy.

"My daughter is Saint Mary's graduate," Sheldon said. "She always gave out candy to the trick-or-treaters as a student, but now it's her first time bringing her son around. It's part of continuing the tradition."

Eight-year-old Zach Toul sported fangs and a cape for his vampire costume.

"Vampires are so cool and scary," Toul said. "I came to Saint

Mary's last year and got lots of candy, so that's why I wanted to come this year. Oh, and my grandma works here."

Students said they enjoyed trick-or-treating just as much as the children. Junior Caroline Keep opened her door and dressed as a peanut M&M for trick-or-treat night.

"When I was little, I went trick-or-treating at the college my mom worked at," Keep said. "I knew I wanted to give out candy to the kids."

Junior Liz Kraig enjoyed decorating her room in celebration of Halloween.

"I love giving out candy and seeing the kids' costumes," Kraig said. "It's just a really fun event for all of us."

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Faculty and members of the South Bend community brought their children to trick-or-treat at SMC on Sunday night.

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Reece, the two-year-old son of Biology professor Ryan Dombkowski, makes his way through the hallway of LeMans Hall while gathering candy in his bag.

CEC welcomes Snead as new director

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

The Center for Ethics and Culture (CEC) will welcome new leadership as law professor Carter Snead prepares to take over as director July 1, according to a University press release.

Snead said in an email interview that his most general goal in his new position would be to build upon the CEC's existing achievements.

"The Center for Ethics and Culture is an essential, indispensable institution dedicated to the pursuit of matters that lie at the heart of Notre Dame's distinctive educational and religious mission," Snead said. "It has been a vibrant forum for dialogue and exchange for elite and emerging scholars from a diversity of viewpoints and disciplines."

The Center hosts "lectures, conferences, film and litera-

ture series, awards, student formation programs and other initiatives" since its founding in 1999, according to the release.

The annual CEC Flagship Fall Conference will be held on campus from Nov. 10 to 12.

Snead said the Center's unique work facilitates an exceptional platform for scholarly ethical debate.

"[The Center] has been a place for students, scholars and public figures inside and outside of Notre Dame to explore together the richness of the Catholic tradition, including especially its unique resources for engaging concrete ethical problems in the broader culture," he said.

John McGreevy, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said in the release that Snead would build upon the Center's existing programs.

"We all welcome Carter Snead into his new role and look forward to the programs and publications that will emerge under his leadership," McGreevy said.

Snead's area of expertise focuses on the relationship between bioethics and law, and he has previously served on the President's Council on Bioethics, the Council of Eu-

rope's Steering Committee on Bioethics and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) International Bioethics Committee, the release stated. His work has been published in the New York University Law Review and the Harvard Law Review Forum.

Snead will replace professor of Philosophy W. David Solomon as director. Solomon, in addition to his role as CEC's founding director, has lectured on ethical theory and medical ethics at more than 100 colleges and universities and co-authored "Abortion and Public Policy" and "The Synoptic Vision: The Philosophy of Wilfrid Sellars," the release stated.

In the release, McGreevy praised the achievements of the center made possible under Solomon's leadership.

"All of us are grateful to David Solomon for his work at the center as its founding director and visionary, and his continued effort to enrich not just scholarly conversation but student intellectual life at Notre Dame," McGreevy said.

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SMC club celebrates Dia de los Muertos

By JILL BARWICK
News Writer

Decorated skulls will rest on an altar in Saint Mary's Student Center Atrium this week to commemorate Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, and honor loved ones who have passed away.

La Fuerza, a group that celebrates Latino culture, hosted an event to decorate the skulls Monday evening in the Student Center.

Senior Areli Bautista, a member of La Fuerza, said people sometimes misunderstand the holiday's purpose.

"In Mexico and other parts of the world, the Day of the Dead is a day to remember loved ones and bring cultures together," Bautista said. "This is a day of celebration, not mourning."

Students decorated the skulls with bright colors like

blue and green for the display. "By creating and decorating things like skulls with vibrant colors, rather than black, dark colors, it reminds us that the Day of the Dead is a celebration of loved ones," Bautista said.

The celebration takes place every year on Nov. 1 and 2 during the Catholic holidays of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

The skulls will remain on the altar in the Atrium until Friday. Bautista said Mass will be celebrated at 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Le Mans Holy Spirit Chapel.

"The prayer services are for remembering loved ones that have passed and celebrating the lives they had," she said. "That is the true meaning of Dia de los Muertos."

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"They have said it's been long overdue," Beirne said. "People are happy to see the Inn stay at the center of our campus. There's a great affinity for the Morris Inn. It means a lot to a lot of people. This renovation is a great thing for the Inn and the University. It's a great inn, and this renovation should take care of campus hospitality for the next 25 to 50 years."

Beirne said the best improvements would be the additional guest rooms and new 300-seat ballroom. The renovations, which will begin in November in 2012, will increase the number of guest rooms from 92 to 138, the release stated.

"This project brings the Morris Inn up to date," Beirne said. "It brings it within the marketplace, especially for weddings and other special events."

The lobby and Leahy's Pub will also be renovated, and all of the plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical systems will

be replaced. In addition to the new ballroom, three private dining rooms will be added.

The building is slated to grow from 72,000 to 130,000 square feet upon completion, the release stated. The University will also seek LEED Silver certification for environmentally friendly practices in design and construction of the facility.

University President Fr. John Jenkins said in the release that the gift would allow the University to continue its tradition of hospitality at the Morris Inn.

"The generosity of Ernestine and her family is legendary, both for Notre Dame and in our community, and we are tremendously appreciative of their latest expression of that generosity," Jenkins said. "This gift will enable us to continue to welcome alumni and visitors in the warm, welcoming style that we always hope is one of Notre Dame's distinguishing characteristics."

Morris appealed to the University in 1905 for financial assistance, the release stated. He received a \$100 loan and was accepted for legal stud-

ies. After his graduation, he worked in law and finance, and in 1917, he founded what developed into the Associates Investment Corporation of America.

Morris, who died in 1951, never saw the completion of the Inn he funded, the release stated. His wife, Ella Morris, saw the finished hotel and served as chair of the Notre Dame Women's Advisory Council before she passed away in 1969.

Raclin and her family led major campaigns for the University, the release stated.

"Our family has a long and deep emotional bond with the University and with the Morris Inn," Raclin said in the release. "We are very pleased to have an opportunity to deepen this association and to help ensure that the Inn continues to play a prominent role in the life of the University."

"The Morris Inn has long been a treasure, not just for the Notre Dame community, but for all of Michiana. It is where the community and the campus meet."

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GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Students dressed as the Irish Guard cheer at Saturday's football game against Navy. Notre Dame fans showed their support for the team, while maintaining a high level of respect for the Midshipmen.

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"About 12:30 p.m. or so [the storm] hit campus and covered the ground in hail and snow and sleet," Seamon said. "People who were tailgating had to seek shelter. It was really, really unusual."

The storm passed campus by 1 p.m., Seamon said, and the University issued an all-clear message over the loudspeakers at 1:10 p.m.

He said soon after the announcement, fans resumed tailgating, and the sky was clear for the rest of the day during the Notre Dame victory over Navy.

Phil Johnson, director of

Notre Dame Security Police, said police made only one arrest inside Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday.

Outside the stadium, police issued four citations for underage drinking. One man was transported by ambulance to the hospital, and his case has been forwarded to the prosecutor's office for public intoxication and disorderly conduct, Johnson said.

Despite the brief storms Saturday, Seamon said the Game Day weekend was a success overall.

"It was a really good weekend, minus the little weather incident we had," he said. "Everything worked really well. It was a great victory."

Seamon said 8,000 people attended the pep rally Friday.

Over 3,300 visitors walked through the tunnel, and 1,000 attended the football luncheon. The LaBar practice field had 1,035 visitors on game day.

"[There was] a lot of excitement [with the] Halloween weekend and home game. People were ready to go, which I thought (was) great," Seamon said.

Seamon said that as usual, Notre Dame fans showed great support for the team and a high level of respect for Navy.

"I thought it was a great atmosphere. There was a lot of respect for the rivalry with Navy," Seamon said. "People were fired up to get back to winning."

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Doherty created an account, but does not plan to use it.

"I created an account when it first came out, but since then I haven't looked at it in a while because it didn't offer me anything that Facebook didn't," Doherty said.

Doherty said he does not know many other students that use Google+.

"All of my friends are on Facebook, so I don't see a point in going to another website that's pretty much the same," he said. "I don't think Google+ really offers anything that Facebook doesn't."

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competitively priced in the market."

The entire menu, with only a few exceptions, offers food made from scratch, Severson said.

"At the end of the day, we are a bar that serves really good food," Severson said.

The venue, built in just three months, will be a model for future locations.

"The food is great, the environment is great [and] it's been very positive," Severson said. "We're very excited and very happy to be in the South Bend market."

Students who visited the bar over the weekend said they were pleased with their experiences.

Senior John Heid said he was curious about Brothers before it opened a location in South Bend.

"I heard good things about it at other schools," Heid said, "but it was also close to campus, and I didn't need to call a cab to get there."

Heid called Brothers a "pleasant change" from other local bars.

"I love the Backer and Finny's, but I don't want to be standing in an inch of spilled beer every Friday and Saturday," Heid said. "I think the centrally located bar was a great idea; everybody wasn't crowding in the same place. The only problem I had with Brothers was that the dance floor was too small."

Senior Christina Kuklinski said she appreciated the lack of cover charge at the bar.

"Brothers has the potential

to offer something a little different than your typical South Bend bar," Kuklinski said. "It's a lot more laid back than other places, and it's within walking distance, which is a definite advantage. It was nice to just go and talk with people and not be drowned out by music."

The environment at the bar was more relaxed earlier in the night, but became more busy and loud as everyone began to dance later at night, Kuklinski said.

No cover charge was also a draw for senior Tony Dang.

"Everywhere else in town has a cover on Saturday nights," Dang said. "It was nice to just walk in."

Even during the first weekend, Dang said the bar was busy.

"It was pretty lively, and they had good music going on," he said. "What was interesting was that they have a lot of TVs in there, and they play the music videos to the songs they are playing, which is kind of cool. It reminded me of bars I've been to in Chicago ... You haven't seen that around here."

Dang said he visited a Brothers location in West Lafayette, Ind., when he visited the city for the Notre Dame football game against Purdue earlier this year. He said he hopes Brothers continues to attract students and develop a similar college-town feel.

"That place was packed full of people," Dang said. "That's what makes it fun, when you can see a lot of people. Hopefully that's going to be the case here as more people learn about the bar."

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INSIDE COLUMN

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I spent the summer before my senior year of college living in a convent. In Kansas City, Mo., 1,500 miles away from home. And it was one of the best summers of my life.

No, I am not on my way to becoming a sister or entering religious life. Faith is an important part of my life, but I want to live and share my faith in different ways. The experiences I had this past summer, the stories I brought back with me and the women I met, however, will forever be a part of my life and brought a new perspective to it.

Over the summer, I participated in the Summer Service Learning Program through the Center for Social Concerns. My site was Cristo Rey Kansas City High School, where I worked all over the school, helping out in classrooms and with different administrators, but mostly in their Corporate Work Study Program office.

I won't lie — I was a little nervous about my decision to head to Kansas City for eight weeks of my summer and my apprehension only grew when I learned I would not be living with an alumni family there, but instead in a convent with a group of sisters. Succumbing to stereotypes, I pictured myself living in a tiny room with a bunch of stern women who were always in their habits and never smiled. I was terrified.

I could not have been more wrong about my time in Kansas City.

When I arrived at Xavier House, a convent of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, I was greeted with open arms and wide smiles. I wasn't entering a stone dungeon, but rather a converted preschool. Sure, my room was small, but I've lived in smaller and it was all I really needed.

Over the course of the summer, Sister V, Sister Mary Rachel, Sister Mary Geraldine, Kate and Denise treated me as a part of their family. I worked with them. I learned to cook and grill with them. I prayed with them. I painted with them. I roadtripped with them. I celebrated birthdays and jubilees with them. I laughed with them — harder sometimes than I ever have in my life.

If you had told me in May that I would have left Xavier House with such a heavy heart, I would have laughed at you. But leaving that house, knowing that I would not be able to watch "Glee" with V on Tuesdays, knit with Kate or do countless other daily activities with all the other sisters I lived and worked with was one of the saddest goodbyes I have ever experienced. Pulling away from that house for the last time on July 15 brought tears to my eyes.

I was terrified to spend my summer in Kansas City. But working at Cristo Rey was one of the most fulfilling jobs I have ever had, and I will never forget the summer I lived in a convent.

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The real points for the protesters

The Occupy Wall Street protests started out as a small movement, but have since grown into an international phenomenon. This has been fueled by public anger over slow economic growth in developed countries, a highly disproportional distribution of wealth and continued frustration with the role that money plays in determining politics.

William Miller

Guest
Columnist

Many of these frustrations are justified. It is true that big banks received a bailout that kept them in business while Main Street suffered. It is true that wealth is disproportionately concentrated in the hands of a few wealthy individuals. And it is true that money greases the wheels of power in ways that are both unfair and undemocratic.

Unfortunately, the Occupy Wall Street protesters have not yet found a cohesive or logical set of policy prescriptions. I personally am a moderate conservative, yet I sympathize with the sentiment of these protests. This is my attempt to give the protesters a message that could actually lead to constructive changes in our society.

First, the protesters need to remember that the American Dream is founded on the idea that it's okay to become wealthy if you are smart and willing to work hard. Many people in the "One percent," such as Bill Gates, came from modest backgrounds to acquire enormous wealth. Did he deserve it? Of course he did.

Mr. Gates revolutionized the world, and our capitalist system rewards people whose brilliance can create innovations like the personal computer. What's more, taxing Mr. Gates at a higher rate would not significantly alter the distribution of wealth in this country.

Would it have some impact? Yes. Would that impact be large enough to undo the fact that a large amount of wealth is concentrated in the hands of a

few people? No.

That is, of course, unless we taxed the wealthy at a punitively high rate, which seems incongruous with the liberal economic system that has made America so successful. What's more, the wealthy already pay a majority of all taxes in our country, while just around half of all Americans pay no income tax. Raising taxes on the rich is an ineffective and potentially unfair way to solve the problems facing our nation.

Second, it is more productive to focus on building up from the bottom rather than tearing down from the top. While it is debatable whether or not income growth has stagnated over the last 20 years or so (I've read studies with wildly different conclusions on this point), it is true that workers need to acquire new and better skills to compete in a global economy.

The most effective way to do this is through educational reform, which should focus on opening up school choice for parents and rewarding excellent teachers through some form of merit-based system. The solution is not necessarily more money — per-pupil spending has doubled in the last 40 years, yet high school graduation rates have stubbornly remained stuck at 40 percent — but the political will to reform a system that consistently fails many students.

What's more, tax reform has to be part of this story. U.S. corporations currently pay a 35 percent tax on their earnings, which, coupled with state taxes, means that U.S. companies pay the highest taxes in the developed world. What's more, the tax system is so riddled with loopholes that some companies end up paying almost no taxes, while others are stuck paying obscenely high rates.

Closing loopholes while lowering the overall tax rate would help stimulate the economy while simultaneously raising more revenue. This would help close our budget deficit while also spurring more companies to base their operations

in the U.S., thus bringing in the type of white collar jobs that contribute to a strong and prosperous middle class.

Finally, the Occupy Wall Street protesters should put together a set of serious proposals detailing how they would like to regulate the financial sector.

It is on this issue that I am most skeptical. Financial services is one of the things that the U.S. does best, and more regulations could force this profitable industry to begin moving overseas. However, I am willing to listen to suggestions, and am open to persuasion, so long as the proposals are detailed and aimed to reduce economy-wide risk rather than punish success.

Few would argue that we have reached the perfect equilibrium of regulation. Some would say we need more, others less, but until clear lines have been drawn in the debate it is impossible to determine where we stand.

I have no doubt that the Occupy Wall Street movement will continue to spread in the near future. The sentiment behind it is too strong, and the slogan of "ending corporate greed" is too catchy for anything else to happen. Unfortunately, sentiment and slogans make great politics and terrible policy. As a result, the movement is destined to flounder unless it can make a serious contribution to the ongoing discussion about our country's future.

The steps I have outlined above, including my suggested policies, would go a long way towards legitimizing the movement. The best way to grow our country is not by tearing down those who have succeeded, but by helping even more people succeed. Only time will tell whether we focus on the former or the latter.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

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Greece is the word

What do you get when you lock the leaders of the EU into a conference room and tell them they can't come out until they have a comprehensive plan to save the continent from impending financial doom?

A haircut.

Wait — a haircut? Did the eurozone leaders propose a mass trip to barbershops across the continent as a way to stimulate their economies?

No, this is a different kind of haircut, but it's just as slick as John Travolta's hair in Grease.

The latest solution to avoid a Greek debt default is a 50 percent haircut on Greek bonds, which means that the private bondholders can trade in their old battered bonds for shiny new ones worth half the value. The proposal is expected to reduce Greece's debt levels to 120 percent of GDP by 2020 (it's

currently greater than 160 percent). That's still an uncomfortably high level of debt, but for now it avoids a default.

A 50 percent reduction in the value of bonds isn't a default? No, it very intentionally is not. The drafters of the plan stuck a tricky little word in front of the bond exchange language: voluntary. Some lawyers have decided that since the haircut is "voluntary" it is not technically a default. So, no one is forcing the bondholders to accept the exchange proposal and cut their holdings in half, but somehow leaders expect participation to be very high.

We had better hope participation is high and the plan works as expected. This is the third "comprehensive" plan this year to prevent a Greek default, so the track record is not so good.

Greece itself is not the problem; countries do occasionally default. The problem is that Greece is deeply connected via the Euro to a whole lot of other struggling countries. Like a group of friends trying to stay on their football bench while dancing an Irish jig, if one goes down, the whole sec-

tion goes down along with them.

If Greece tips the balance, Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Spain and now even France could go down along with it, or at least their financial systems could be mired in a crisis worse than 2008.

So, the Euro complicates the whole situation. The ECB, keeper of the Euros, has the power to print money to ease the pain, but printing money causes inflation and Europeans are deathly afraid of inflation. Instead, in May 2010, the ECB decided to create a bailout fund to throw money into the Adriatic. The European Financial Stability Fund (EFSF) lends financial assistance to struggling countries using money collected from other eurozone states.

But, after an earlier bailout of Greece and subsequent bailouts of Portugal and Ireland, there isn't enough money left in the EFSF, so the other part of the latest solution is to leverage the EFSF.

Leverage in finance can take a lot of different forms, but essentially it is borrowing in order to increase returns. The EFSF would raise money

by selling insurance to bondholders against default on countries like Spain and Italy that would hopefully never be paid out. This seems absurdly cyclical considering that over-leverage played a role in creating the whole mess. Now they want to use it to get out?

Shifting the debt around and likely slapping on a AAA rating to make it look prettier doesn't seem like a solution, but then again, neither does a default.

It's like the end of Grease when Olivia Newton John can either sew herself into leather pants or risk losing John Travolta forever. Neither is a great option, but of course she picks the man and together they ride happily off into the sunset in a flying car.

Hopefully the leather pants will have the same effect for the EFSF.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Better things Kim could have done with \$12 million

Dear The Observer,

Today, when my friend told me that Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries were getting divorced after only 72 days of marriage, I laughed on the floor of my dorm room in Breen-Phillips Hall for a solid minute and a half. Then, when she told me that the wedding festivities, including the engagement ring, cost a collective \$12 million, I got angry. We started crunching numbers, and the following is a list we compiled, entitled "Better Things Kim Could Have Done With \$12 Million — Notre Dame Edition:"

48 million: Quarter Dogs from the Huddle

Six million: Candles at The Grotto (\$2 suggested donation to light)

Six million: Huddle student meal tickets

800,000: The Shirts

315,789: Pairs of Toms (then double it because the company donates a pair for every pair purchased)

57,142: Sets of student football tickets

56: Full four-year tuitions paid to the University (Now for the Kickers:)

24 million: People protected from Neglected Tropical Diseases for one year

1.2 million: Families who could receive clean water for 10 years through the Totter for Water campaign

48,000: Children who could have received a year of education and food at The Hopeful School in Uganda through Fields of Growth International

19: Lifetime treatments for HIV (valued at \$618,900 per person)

Help a brother out, Kim.

Sincerely,

Lauren Morisseau
freshman
Breen-Phillips Hall
Dylan Parent
freshman
Breen-Phillips Hall
Oct. 31

Asian Allure on the horizon

I left my family 8,500 miles away in Hyderabad, India. But I've found a whole new family here at Notre Dame. Right from international orientation, where I met my some of my best friends, to today, heading to rehearsal for Asian Allure, the time I've spent so far has been scary, interesting and thoroughly enjoyable. As an international student, the Asian American Association was one of the first few places I was introduced to other Asian students, both from abroad and from the United States.

While I spend a lot of time doing a variety of things around campus, I still always look forward to quality time with the people who are a part of AAA. It is an incredible support system; while it offers the opportunity of comfort and familiar surroundings, it also encourages all-around engagement on campus and it has allowed me to learn so much. Not only have I been exposed to other Asian cultures and the culture in America, but I have also been able to further explore my own culture, and I love talking to people who are interested in learning more about Indian music, movies and food

(not the dining hall version).

Asian Allure is the perfect platform for all the wonderful cultures to come together in a beautiful performance of diversity and integration. I look forward to it every year and it is one of my favorite weekends. I want to be a part of all the shows, but I think this semester taking part in three shows with five costume changes is more than I can handle. It's great for the people involved to showcase their talent, and it's a fantastic night for the rest of campus to come watch a spectacular series of events. Everyone puts in so much effort, and the result is an amazing display of color, joy and timelessness. Buy your ticket as soon as possible, and don't forget to clap and cheer really loudly! Hope to see you there, either on Friday at 7:30 p.m. or Saturday at 4 p.m.

Thanks!

Always,

Nikita Taniparti
sophomore
Badin Hall
Oct. 30

EDITORIAL CARTOON





By ANKUR CHAWLA
Scene Writer

Universal Pictures will host a pre-screening of their new movie "Tower Heist" on campus Wednesday at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Come see what looks to be a hilarious hit starring Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy.

Stiller and Murphy lead the all-star cast in this action-packed comedy about working men seeking revenge on a Wall Street swindler who stiffed them. After workers at a luxury

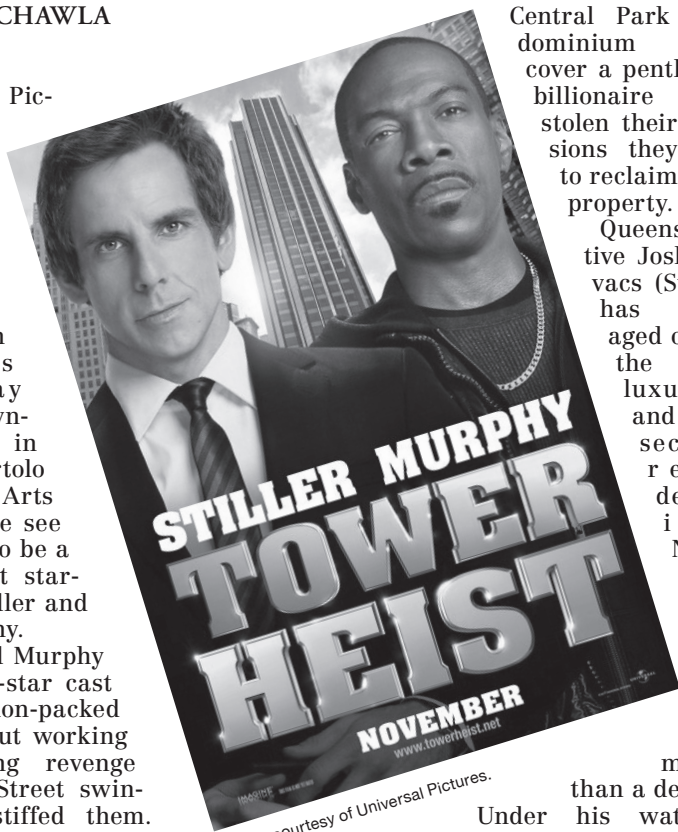


Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures.

Central Park condominium discover a penthouse billionaire has stolen their pensions they plot to reclaim their property.

Queens native Josh Kovacs (Stiller) has managed one of the most luxurious and well-secured residences in New York City for

more than a decade.

Under his watchful eye, nothing goes undetected. In the swankiest unit atop Josh's building, Wall Street titan Arthur Shaw (Alan Alda) lives under house arrest after getting caught stealing \$2 billion from his investors, including the tower staffers' pensions he was entrusted to manage.

To get back at Shaw, Josh's crew turns to petty crook Slide (Murphy) to plan their "Mission Impossible" attempt to steal money they believe is hidden in Arthur's guarded condominium. Though amateurs, these rookie thieves know the building better than anyone else. See "Tower Heist" to find out if the crew successfully "Occupies Wall Street" and pulls off the raid.

The film will be released in theaters Friday. Official tickets to the Wednesday prescreening will be handed out at DPAC an hour before the show on a first-come, first-serve basis. Come by The Observer office in the basement of South Dining Hall for free mini posters, promotional items and information about the prescreening.

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On campus

What: "Tower Heist"

Prescreening

Where: Browning Cinema
of the DeBartolo Performing
Arts Center

When: Wednesday at 9:15
p.m.

How Much: Free for
Students. Tickets are
available one hour before
the show at the DPAC ticket

NEW TO Your Queue

The Best of Watch Instantly

Wading through the excessive amount of horrible films on Instant Netflix can be daunting for any subscriber. To ease the process, Scene has graciously provided a list of the best Netflix has to offer.

1. "Breaking Bad" Seasons 1-3

When low-paid, underappreciated chemistry teacher Walter White finds out he has terminal cancer, he decides to produce high quality meth to provide money for his family. Teaming up with his underachieving former student, Walter slowly changes from Mr. Chips to Scarface in this critically acclaimed AMC original series. A wide array of characters from comic to killer, violent action sequences, creative cinematography, great acting, suspenseful storytelling and the beautiful but dangerous setting of Albuquerque make this show a must-see. Watch seasons 1 through 3 to catch up with the currently airing season four.

2. "Gossip Girl" Seasons 1-4

One of the most stylish shows on television is now in your instant queue. Watch the most dramatic teenagers on New York's Upper East Side as they flirt, fight and flaunt their wealth. It's the perfect escape from real life, complete with glamorous parties, incredible fashion and beautiful people. Serena van der Woodsen and her friends Blair, Chuck, Nate and Dan represent something almost impossible to reach, yet so enjoyable to watch. Catch seasons one through four on Netflix for clothing inspiration and indulge in guilty pleasure excellence.

3. "Up"

Although it may bring tears to your eyes at parts, "Up" will also warm your heart and bring a smile to your face. This animated film follows the adventures of Carl Fredrickson, a man who loses the beloved wife he had planned on taking grand explorations with. When he finally begins his journey, a young boy named Russell surprisingly tags along. At first Carl is a crotchety old man, but he grows to appreciate Russell. "Up" is the touching story of friendship, love and perseverance in achieving your dreams.

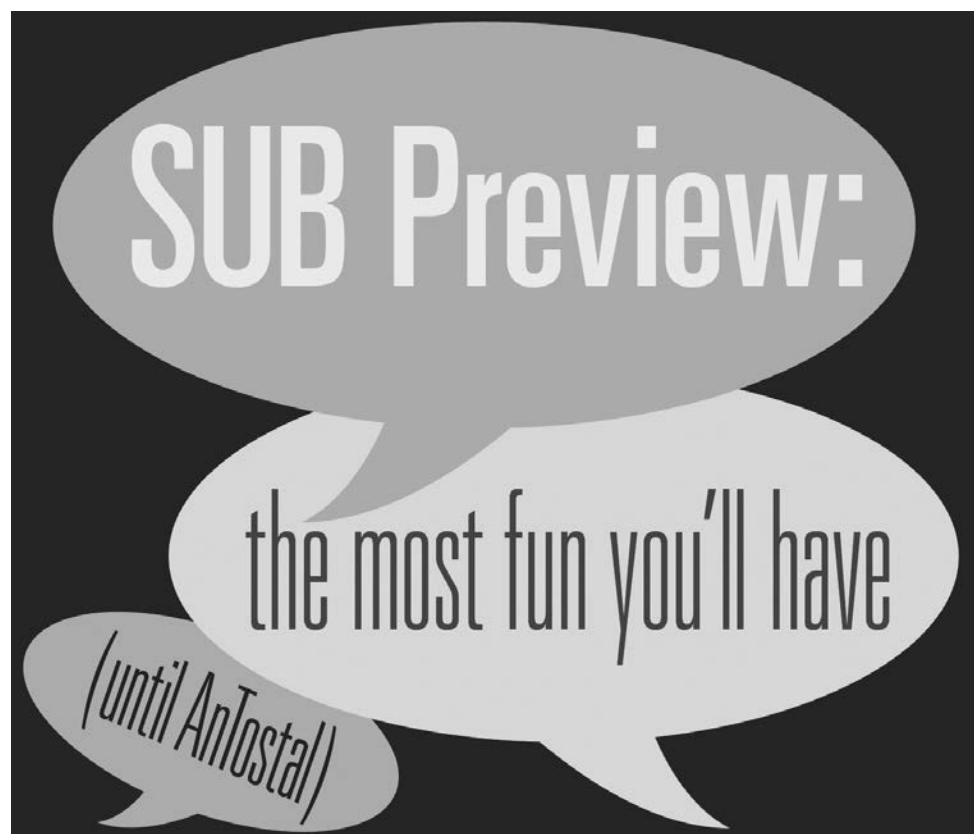
4. "Searching for Bobby Fischer"

Chess never seemed more interesting than in director Steve Zaillian's critically-acclaimed film about a chess prodigy who may or may not follow in the footsteps of chess's most enigmatic and energizing master, Bobby Fischer. Based on a true story, the movie explores what it is like growing up with an incredible gift and what it means to win. The all-star cast includes Joe Mantegna and Ben Kingsley. With a 100 percent fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes, you know this movie is the worth the time.

5. "Sherlock"

Sherlock Holmes has appeared in many different forms throughout his 100+ year history. He has worn that famous deer hunter cap, been played by Iron Man and has even been featured as a mouse. However, you've never seen him quite like this before.

"Sherlock," produced by the BBC and presented in America by PBS, comes from the geniuses behind the cult British show "Doctor Who" and features the man who played Bilbo Baggins as Sherlock's (Benedict Cumberbatch) sidekick Watson (Martin Freeman). The story now takes place in modern London and Sherlock is a genius who uses modern technology along with his own wits to solve crimes. Check it out on Netflix in preparation for the second mini-series, premiering early next year.



By CLAIRE STEPHENS
Scene Writer

The Student Union Board is at it again. This away football weekend, find SUB's movies, speakers and comedy across campus. With 6 events hosted by SUB this week, there will not be a dull moment. This week's SUB movie is the summer hit and finale to the beloved J.K. Rowling series "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2."

Thursday, Nov. 3

MARVEL



Photo courtesy of Marvel.com

"Marvel Comics: The Hero is You" with Bill Rosemann
7 p.m.

101 Jordan Hall of Science, Free
Bill Rosemann is an editor at Marvel Comics, editing fan favorites such as "The Avengers" and "Captain America." His lecture, entitled "Marvel: The Hero is You," will cover his life at Marvel Comics, as well as his choice to pursue a not-so-typical career.

Best Of: AcoustiCafe
10 p.m.

Legends of Notre Dame, Free
Providing live music by some of the best student performers on campus every Thursday, AcoustiCafe is a great place to hang out and see some of Notre Dame's talented musicians. This week's artists are chosen from previous performers this year via stu-



Photo courtesy of Warner Brothers

dent votes.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2"
10 p.m.
Debartolo 101, \$3

Friday, Nov. 4

Comedy Show
10 p.m.
Legends of Notre Dame, Free with ID
Special Events brings you alternative programming like comedians, magicians and hypnotists. SUB Comedy will bring you laughs until your sides ache.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2"
8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
Debartolo 101, \$3

Saturday, Nov. 5



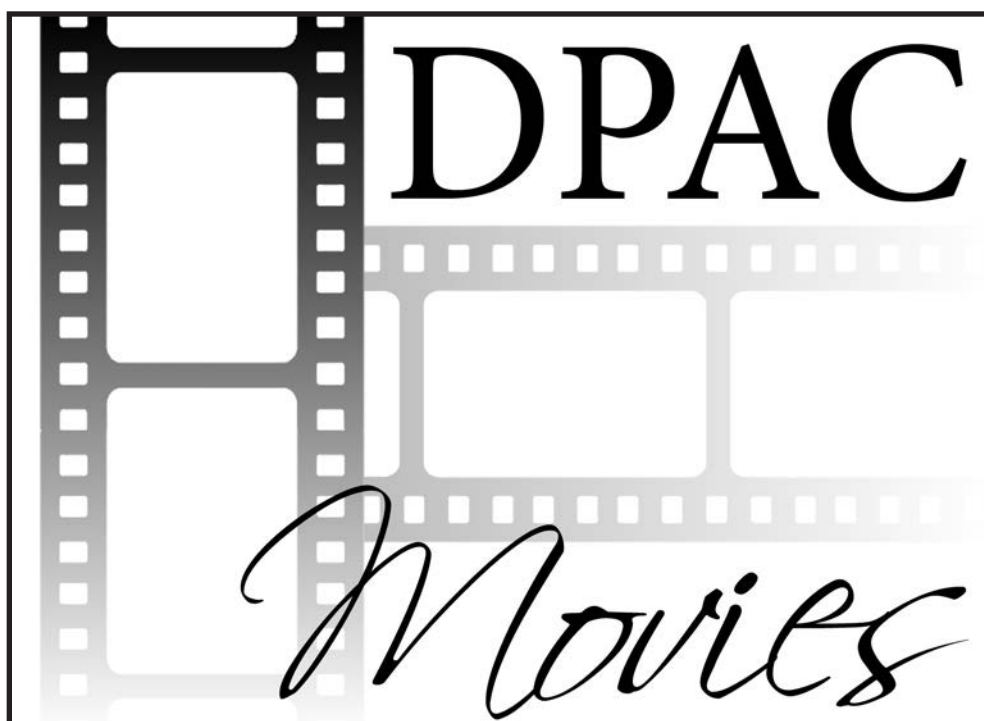
Photo courtesy of Macklemore

Macklemore with Ryan Lewis
10 p.m.
Legends of Notre Dame, Free with ID

Looking for some fresh hip-hop to start your Saturday night right? Look no further than Macklemore and producer Ryan Lewis. Macklemore, a hip-hop artist based in Seattle, is labeled as a conscious rapper, concerned with issues surrounding consumerism, race and drug addiction. He pays tribute to his Irish heritage in his song "Irish Celebration."

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2"
8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
Debartolo 101, \$3

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Scene Writer

In addition to music, theater, dance and lectures, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) also offers students the chance to watch a variety of films. Check out the movies playing this week in the Browning Cinema.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

"Silent Shakespeare: An evening with Thanouser Films"
7:30 p.m., Free

Thanouser Company was a pioneering film studio during the silent film era. Thanks to the efforts of archivist Ned Thanouser, grandson of the company's founders, many of their films have been preserved for the benefit of future generations. This program of three short films produced by Thanouser showcases the



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company's achievement of being the first American film producer with a background in legitimate theatre to bring Shakespeare to the silent screen. The series includes "The Winter's Tale" (1910), "Cymbeline" (1913) and "King Lear" (1917) and will be introduced by Ned Thanouser, President of Thanouser Company Film Preservation, Inc. Not rated, 71 minutes total.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

"Tower Heist" (2011)
9:15 p.m., Free, Tickets to be distributed beginning at 8:15

Take advantage of the chance to see Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy's new film before it is released in theaters. In Brett Ratner's new film, a group of hard working guys find out they've fallen victim to a wealthy business man's Ponzi scheme, so they conspire to rob his high-rise residence. Get to DPAC early to make sure you get a ticket. Rated PG-13, 104 minutes.

Thursday, Nov. 3

"Hadewijch" (2009)
6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$3

Bruno Dumont's study of faith and religious fervor follows a devout novice who is expelled from a nunnery and returns to the secular world. She meets a rebellious Arab teenager and his older brother and becomes fascinated by their intense theological debates and support of jihad. Dumont's powerful film profoundly explores the relentless pursuit of faith in both Christianity and Islam and what drives certain believers to acts of extreme violence. Not rated, 105 minutes, French with English subtitles.

Friday, Nov. 4

"Another Earth" (2011)
6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$3
Rhonda Williams (Brit Marling), a bright young woman accepted into MIT's astrophysics program, aspires to explore the cosmos. John Burroughs (William Mapother; ND '87), a brilliant composer, has just reached the pinnacle of his profession and is about to have a second child. On the eve of the discovery of a duplicate earth, tragedy strikes and the lives of these strangers become irrevocably intertwined. This Sundance winner directed by Mike Cahill offers an unusual hybrid of indie drama and science fiction. Actor and Notre Dame alumnus William Mapother is scheduled to be present. Rated PG-13, 92 minutes.

Saturday, Nov. 5

"Film Socialisme" (2010)
6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$3
Legendary director Jean-Luc Godard returns to the screen with "Film Socialisme," a magisterial film on the decline of European Civilization. As a garish cruise ship travels the Mediterranean (with Patti Smith among its guests), Godard produces a vibrant collage of philosophical quotes, historical revelations and pure cinematographic beauty. Not rated, 101 minutes, French with English subtitles.

"Superbad" (2007)
12:00 a.m., \$3

Part of the Midnight Movies series, Seth (Jonah Hill) and Evan (Michael Cera) plan one last night of fun before leaving for college in "Superbad." Will they win the hearts of their longtime crushes (Emma Stone, Martha MacIsaac) with a prized bottle of Goldslick ka? Leave it to McLovin'.
Vod-Rated R, 113 minutes.



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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Not yet Tebow Time

You can't run. You can't hide. No, it's not some Halloween monster, but it is pretty scary and it's coming for you.

It's Tebowmania. Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow is larger than life and he's invading our homes, but it's not exactly his fault.

You see, Tebow was a very good mobile quarterback in college at Florida, where his agile frame and glistening smile made him beloved by fans everywhere. He led the Gators to two national championships and became the youngest player ever to win the Heisman in the process.

Tebow was drafted by the Broncos with the 25th overall pick last year and has probably been the most celebrated backup in the NFL since then. But the hype surrounding Tebow far exceeds what he does on the field.

And that's because Tebow is Christian. Not just Christian, but really, really Christian. Like doing mission trips in the offseason, filming pro-life Super Bowl ads and converting convicts in his spare time. He is the son of Baptist missionaries and was born at a mission in the Philippines.

All this only contributed to the legend of Tebow. It's the reason millions of people looked up the bible verses he wore on his eye black after his games in college, and it's the reason for the media circus that accompanied his first real chance in the NFL.

The Tebow Experiment began in full three weeks ago, when the 1-5 Broncos got fed up with Kyle Orton's lackluster play (Chicagoans know the feeling). Down 19 to the Chargers in the second half, Tebow entered the game in relief and quickly passed for one touchdown and rushed for another. The comeback effort came up short, but it was all Tebow needed to convert the Mile High masses, and mass media, too.

Tebow became an omnipresent topic on ESPN, which was only fueled by the announcement that he would start the next week at Miami. Upon that news breaking, the winless Dolphins sold 75,000 tickets in one day and the show was on. Tebow stumbled through an absolutely atrocious first three quarters, and the Broncos fell behind the lowly Dolphins, 15-0. But Timmy Terrific rallied back in the last

three minutes to tie the game, and the Broncos escaped embarrassment with an 18-15 win in overtime.

Instead of being criticized for almost losing to arguably the worst team in the league, Tebowmania swept the nation. A sports fan couldn't escape the headlines, be they in print, on TV or online: "Tebow Time," "Is Tebow the Real Deal?" or "The Second Coming." For an entire week, there was one top story: Tim Tebow.

But it didn't stop there. On Sunday, the Broncos were embarrassed by the new-look Lions in a game in which Tebow singlehandedly created two touchdowns — for Detroit. The media circus hasn't been called off though; it's just changed its tune. "What's wrong with Tim Tebow?" and "Too much hype, too soon?" are now the questions du jour.

For those trying to hide from Tebowmania, there is no hope. Tebowing, or posing in kneeled prayer in unusual places, is the next Internet fad. Tebow's jersey was one of the top five highest-selling last year. Did you know that Tebow will start next week in Oakland? (If not, you haven't been on ESPN.com in days.)

It appears that Tebowthon will march on for the time being, and I'm not alone in starting to get fed up with it. However, you have to feel for the young quarterback. I admire that he uses his position to raise awareness for something he cares about and he seems, by all accounts, like a great guy. The problem is, he's not a great football player and his game just doesn't translate well in the pros.

So Tim, I wish you the best, but for now we need you to fade from the public eye. We simply can't take it anymore. Maybe you can go on a mission trip or take a leave of absence or request a benching after the way you played last week. Tebowmania can't go on like this forever.

You've held the spotlight for a while now—it's time to give it to the next guy.

Besides, the Broncos have another handsome, formerly successful backup quarterback. He's been long-forgotten for a while now and could use the help of a Good Samaritan like yourself.

Fire up the bandwagon, folks, and dust off those old No. 10 jerseys.

It's BradyQuinnapalooza!

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Jack Hefferon
Sports Writer

Knott

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up [holes], which made our jobs easier."

Looking toward the playoffs, the Juggerknotts see no need to change their style of play.

"We'll stick with our game plan," senior captain Dan Shaffer said. "We'll just stay with what we've been doing."

For Morrissey (0-4), the season finale was a chance to spoil Knott's postseason aspirations. The Manor, despite being undermanned, kept the game close thanks to an opportunistic defense that forced and recovered three fumbles.

"We were in the game," junior captain Alex Oloriz said. "We just got [exhausted] at the end."

"We have a young squad, so we will have a lot of experience next year."

Alex Oloriz
Morrissey junior

Although it didn't win a game this season, Morrissey is optimistic about the future, as it will return many of its players.

"We have a young squad, so we will have a lot of experience next year," Oloriz said. "One player we will miss is our [senior] kicker Rory Carroll." Morrissey's season is over, while Knott advances to the first round of the playoffs against Dillon next Sunday.

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O'Neill 12, Keough 6

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

O'Neill dominated both sides of the ball Sunday as the Mob pulled out a 12-6 victory over West Quad rival Keough.

The Mob (1-3) was led by a defense which forced two turnovers and had multiple fourth down stops, while the offense was able to move the ball consistently behind the strong play of senior quarterback Mike Wilbur, who threw for 161 yards and two touchdowns.

"All season we've known that we have a lot of talent at wide receiver, and they were able to make some great plays on the ball today and really help me out," Wilbur said.

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Fisher 8, Zahm 0

Observer Staff Report

Fisher was awarded the 8-0 win due to forfeit, as Zahm did not have enough players show up to participate. In accordance with the RecSports rules, the winning team in a forfeit receives eight points and the losing team receives zero. The Green Wave's record rose to 2-2 and Zahm's fell to 0-4. Neither team qualified for the playoffs.

MLB

La Russa retires after championship

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Tony La Russa waited until after the championship parade and then called a team meeting with his players.

"We didn't know what to expect," said pitcher Chris Carpenter, who won Game 7 of the World Series against Texas on Friday night. "I think we all figured it was just going to be like, 'Thataway guys. Great year. Way to battle!' Instead, he dropped that on us. I think everybody was caught off-guard."

And with that, the 67-year-old La Russa said goodbye to baseball and became the first manager to retire immediately after leading his team to a Series title — the third of his career.

"I think this just feels like it's time to end it," he said Monday. "When I look in the mirror, I know I'd come back for the wrong reasons, and I didn't want to do that."

La Russa said he told general manager John Moze-liak of his decision in August — before the Cards rallied from a 10½-game deficit in the NL wild-card



Former Cardinals manager Tony La Russa speaks to fans during the Cardinals victory celebration Friday.

race to upset Philadelphia and Milwaukee in the playoffs.

They won the thrilling seven-game Series after twice coming within a strike of elimination in Game 6.

"I tip my hat to him. He's had a great career. What a way to go out," Washington Nationals manager Davey Johnson said.

The player meeting was short and emotional.

"Some grown men cried," La Russa said, joking that, "I kind of liked that because they made me cry a few times."

La Russa won the World Series with Oakland in 1989, and St. Louis in 1996 and this year, joining Sparky Anderson as the only manager to win with clubs in both leagues.

During 33 seasons with the Chicago White Sox (1979-86), Oakland (1986-95) and St. Louis (1996-11), La Russa compiled a 2,728-2,365 regular-season record. He trails only Connie Mack (3,731) and John McGraw (2,763) for wins. And his 70 postseason victories are behind only Joe Torre's 84.

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<http://pregnancysupport@nd.edu>

Mr. Deeds Quotes

Longfellow Deeds: Crazy Eyes.

Crazy Eyes: Hey, Deeds.

Longfellow Deeds: How you doin', pal? I got your pizza for you, just the way you like it.

Crazy Eyes: Oh, yes. French Fries and Oreos, you know me all too well, Deeds.

Chuck Cedar: That guy will have a million dollars and that photo will be all over the news in less than an hour.

Longfellow Deeds: He deserved it with the James Bond moves he just pulled.

Chuck Cedar: He deserves to have his throat cut, filthy spy.

Billy Madison quotes

Veronica Vaughn: So what's it like, being back in school?

Billy Madison: I don't know. I kinda feel like an idiot sometimes. Although I am an idiot, so it kinda works out.

3rd Grader: How's high school Billy?

Billy Madison: High school is great. I mean I'm learning a lot. And all the kids are treating me very nice. It's great.

3rd Grader: Gee, I can't wait till I get to "hike" school.

Billy Madison: Don't you say that. Don't you ever say that. Stay here. Stay here as long as you can. For the love of God, cherish it. You have to cherish it.

Kid: Mortal Kombat, on Sega Genesis, is the best video game ever.

Billy Madison: I disagree, it's a very good game, but I think Donkey Kong is the best game ever.

Kid: Donkey Kong sucks.

Billy Madison: You know something? YOU SUCK!

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 024 South Dining Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 5 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

Badin

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time, Breen-Phillips looked as if it would win its first game of the season. Badin pulled out a late victory in the end though, with an impressive performance from junior running back Ashley Okonta.

Breen-Phillips (0-6) jumped out to an early first-half lead with two touchdowns from sophomore quarterback Molly Toner.

The lead was not enough, however, as Badin (2-4) came storming back with two touchdowns from Okonta to take the lead 15-14 with five minutes remaining in the second half.

Breen-Phillips quickly countered with a 70-yard touchdown run from Toner. After a successful two-point conversion, the Babes went up 22-15 with only two minutes remaining.

Trailing by one touchdown, Badin marched the ball down the field with key passes to senior receiver Ryan Cooney and eventually scored on a 5-yard touchdown run by senior quarterback Carli Fernandez. Down by one, Badin successfully completed a two-point conversion to win the game.

"We finally got our stuff together and made it happen," Okonta said. "We actually produced the results that were expected, which was winning."

The Babes, meanwhile, were disappointed they could not hold on to win the game, Toner said.

Toner, who amassed 222 yards of total offense, did identify a bright spot for Breen-Phillips though.

"We had a rough season, but I

felt this game was our full potential," Toner said.

The season is over for both the Babes and Bullfrogs. While the seniors of Badin and Breen-Phillips will move on, both Toner and Okonta said they are looking forward to getting a few more wins next season.

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Cavanaugh 13, Howard 0

By ERNST CLEOFE
Sports Writer

Cavanaugh will enter the playoffs as the undefeated No. 1 seed after earning a shutout win against defending-champion Howard in a grueling 13-0 match. Facing tough defenses and weather conditions, each team struggled to move the ball down the field on a consistent basis.

Cavanaugh (6-0) earned a quick score on its first drive with a 40-yard passing play from senior quarterback Rebecca Cink to senior receiver Brittni Alexander. After the score, neither team could capitalize on drives into the opposing team's side of the field.

Late into the second half, Howard (2-4) tried to utilize short passes to move the chains for a comeback. But the Ducks failed to convert on a fourth-and-short, and Cink sealed the win by throwing another touchdown pass to give the Chaos a 13-0 victory.

"It's great to finish undefeated, even though things got a little difficult with the rain and weather," Cavanaugh senior cap-

tain Maggie Fahrenbach said.

Despite the undefeated season, the Chaos hope to continue improving to prepare for post-season uncertainty.

"In the playoffs, everything changes with everyone starting without a record," Fahrenbach said. "We just need to stay focused and improve on the defense we just implemented."

The Howard passing game ran into difficulties from Cavanaugh's pressure on the quarterback.

"It was a defensive battle and we played as hard as we could," Howard junior quarterback Katharine Mack. "We've fought hard and we always played as a unit."

In the first round of the playoffs No.1 Cavanaugh will play No. 8 Lyons, while No. 7 Howard will take on undefeated No. 2 Ryan.

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Walsh 7, Lewis 6

By JONATHON WARREN
Sports Writer

In a penalty-filled, defensive struggle, Walsh upset Lewis 7-6 to eliminate the Chicks from playoff contention. Walsh's defense was too strong for Lewis, who tied their lowest offensive point total of the season.

"The defense was so crucial," Walsh junior quarterback Kat Leach said. "They really stepped up and were the heart of the team today."

Junior defender Alex Meyer and sophomore defender Anna Carmack each recorded two



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Walsh freshman Kathleen Brown carries the ball against McGlinn on Sept. 26. Walsh earned a 14-7 victory in the contest.

sacks for the Wild. Walsh (1-4-1) scored in the first half on an 11-yard pass from Leach to freshman receiver Maggie Fisher. The converted extra point was enough to secure the Walsh's first win of the season.

"We wanted to prove that you can never count Walsh out," Leach said. "We threw a wrench in the playoffs, and now we're just looking forward to next year."

Lewis (2-4) struggled to gain offensive momentum, partly due to penalties. Despite committing eight penalties, the Chicks pulled within one point of Walsh in the second half with a 33-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Connaught Blood to sophomore receiver Colleen Haller. A failed extra point, however, kept Walsh in the lead.

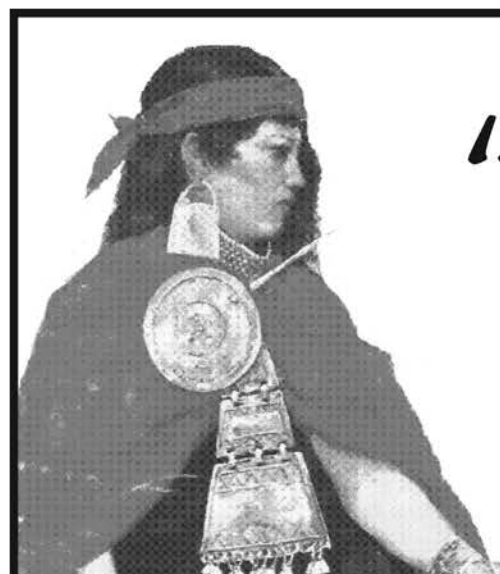
"I think we're all appalled at the penalties," Blood said. "We're a little in shock that we had to wait so long between plays and couldn't gain momentum because of it."

Blood played with an injured ankle and was called for flag-guarding penalties three times, but still managed to rack up 92 rushing yards.

"It was really hard to get in a good rhythm," Blood said. "I didn't play as smart as I could have, and it was hard for me to be as mobile as I normally am because of my ankle."

With the season over for both teams, Walsh and Lewis will look to rebuild for next year's campaign.

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Joyce

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an improvement from last season, when they put up a 4-13-2 record. It will be the final game for the five Saint Mary's seniors, and Joyce said he is looking forward to seeing the girls end their season on a good note. "I know our seniors will be on their game, and they'll leave it all on the field for their last game," Joyce said. "They are a competi-

"I know our seniors will be on their game, and they'll leave it all on the field for their last game. They are a competitive group."

Michael Joyce
Belles Coach

itive group." Senior midfielders Katelyn Tondo-Steele and Taylor Paton have been consistently strong throughout the season. The Belles will also look to freshmen goaltenders Chanler Rosenbaum and Natalie Warner, who both held strong presences on the field in their first collegiate season. The Belles will take on Hope College at 3 p.m. at home in their final game of the season.

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Grady

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experiences, both the good and the bad. This year, we've had a ton of guys to step up and take those senior leadership spots." While the upperclassmen have helped Grady become a better runner, it was the underclassmen that helped woo him to Notre Dame. "I really liked the guys on the team, great academics, pretty much a good combination of everything," Grady said. "I knew some of the other freshmen coming in. I really liked those guys." With the Big East race behind the team, the Irish will try to finish the season



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Sophomore Martin Grady runs to a second place finish for the Irish at the National Catholic Championships on Sept. 16.

strong at nationals. "The biggest thing is to make it to nationals," Grady said. "I think we're in a decent position now. We need to run well in a few weeks. After that, it'll just be how good we do at nation-

als." Notre Dame will compete in the Great Lakes Regional in Toledo, Ohio on Nov. 12.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Ryan overpowers McGlinn to finish undefeated

Welsh Family scrapes past Lyons; Farley dominates PW with stifling defense; Badin comes back against BP

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

In a high-powered offensive battle, Ryan outscored McGlinn 25-19, capping off an undefeated regular season and securing the No. 2 seed in next week's playoffs. Ryan's offense showed great efficiency from the onset, as the Wildcats (6-0) scored on their first possession when junior quarterback Maya Pillai found senior receiver Grace Johnson on a 13-yard touchdown pass. After McGlinn senior quarterback Lauren Miller scrambled for a touchdown to tie the game, the Wildcats responded by marching down the field for two quick

scores. Pillai threw a two-yard touchdown pass to Johnson and senior running back Brianna Curtis scored on a one-yard touchdown run for the Wildcats. Pillai found the end zone again with just a few minutes left in the game, this time running the ball herself for a touchdown to seal the Ryan victory. "It feels really good to get this win and finish undefeated," Curtis said. "We plan to keep the momentum going and feel really good going into the playoffs." McGlinn (4-2) put forth a strong offensive effort, but was unable to keep up with the pace of Ryan's. Miller had great success in throwing the ball deep in the sec-

ond half on two scoring plays to freshman receiver Emma Collis with long touchdown passes of 19 yards and 39 yards. "We set up the offense with some short passes in the first half and then made the adjustment to throw more long passes in the second half," Miller said. "We missed some opportunities, but it was tough to keep Ryan at bay." No. 2 Ryan will take on No. 7 defending-champion Howard while No. 6 McGlinn will take on No. 3 Farley in Sunday's quarterfinals.

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Welsh Family 7, Lyons 6

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports writer

In a contest that came down to the wire, Welsh Family topped Lyons 7-6. The momentum seemed to be in favor of the Lyonites (3-3) when they scored on a 57-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Kat Rodriguez to junior receiver Erica Miller with two minutes left in the game. However, the Whirlwinds (4-2) held strong, stopping the two-point-conversion from 10 yards out. Welsh Family then ran the clock down to seal the victory. "I was just hoping the defense would get that stop," Welsh Family senior captain and receiver Charlotte Seasily said. "Without that win, we would not have gotten a playoff berth." The Whirlwinds' early second half touchdown came on a 15-yard pass from junior quarterback Vicky Moreno to senior wide receiver Natalie Baldasare, topped off by a 5-yard one-point conversion pass from Moreno to Seasily. "Vicky put the ball exactly where it needed to be and that makes my job easy," Baldasare said. Not converting for the two-point-conversion was a huge let down for Lyons, Rodriguez said. "It was a hard loss," Rodriguez said. "If it happened again, we would still go for the win. We made that gamble going for it and it was tough not to get it." Although it was a hard loss for the Lyonites, they still made the playoffs as the last team in and are going to target specific weaknesses of the teams they have observed over the year. "We have played all of the teams now in the playoffs and are preparing for what they can do," Rodriguez said. "We have to finalize our defensive schemes and add some new plays on offense based on what we've seen." The No. 4 Whirlwinds will face No. 5 Pasquerilla West, while No. 8 Lyons will face undefeated No.1 Cavanaugh in Sunday's first round of the playoffs.

Farley 24, Pasquerilla West 0

By JAMES SOUTHARD
Sports Writer

Farley's stifling defenders shut-out the Pasquerilla West offense and moved in on an enviable playoff spot after soundly winning 24-0 on a dark, wet Sunday evening. Led by senior receiver Kaitlyn Vitale, who accumulated 40 yards of offense on Farley's second scoring drive and three interceptions from senior defensive back Katie Smith, the Finest (5-1) rode a tide of big plays and defensive consistency to a convincing victory. "Coming out from the start, our defense shut them down," senior captain Analise Althoff said. The win boosted Farley's playoff position and gave them momentum headed into the post-season. "The first series on offense, we marched the ball all the way down the field for a score. We definitely came ready to play," Althoff said. Pasquerilla West (4-2) had its bright moments, but penalties, turnovers and offensive stagnancy haunted the team. The Purple Weasels only garnered 25 yards of offense in the second half, and the defense allowed too many Farley trick plays to get the best of them. "We're just looking for consistency. We know we can get those big plays and big stops," senior captain Alison Lindeen said. Pasquerilla West is still looking to make a deep playoff run, and the team is maintaining a positive outlook. "We're still a good team. We had a lot of new girls come out and play, and we learned a lot this season," Lindeen said. No. 3 Farley will meet No. 6 McGlinn and No. 5 Pasquerilla West will line up against No. 4 Welsh Family to kick off the postseason.

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Badin 23, Breen-Phillips 22

By PETER STEINER
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Seton Hall

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Connecticut on Saturday was postponed due to snow on the East Coast, however, Monday's rescheduled game had to be pushed back again, ultimately to Tuesday.

"It's been weird for sure," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Somehow we always manage to play them. The field was literally underwater our first game and, obviously, the snowstorm was a big snowstorm. It was two fairly freak turns of nature that caused it. Hopefully, it's third time lucky."

The Irish (8-4-4, 4-3-1 Big East) return to action after dropping a 2-0 decision to No. 25 West Virginia. In the loss, Notre Dame held the Mountaineers to just two shots on goal while producing five of their own.

"It was just a bad game," sophomore forward Harry Shipp said. "We were playing well, won our last three games on the road. Things just didn't go our way."

The season finale against Seton Hall (5-10-2, 1-7-0) will decide Notre Dame's seed for the upcoming Big East tournament. With a win, the Irish — currently in fourth place in the tight Big East Blue division — would host Villanova in the first round of the tournament. With a loss, however, Notre Dame will travel to St. John's. The Irish lost earlier this season to the Red Storm, 2-1.

"This is a huge game," Clark said. "If we had played it two weeks ago, it would still be an important game but it has taken huge proportions now for a lot of reasons. [A home game] is huge for us because it allows the guys to relax and be at home."

Shipp, who scored three

goals over the last three matches, is tied with junior forward Ryan Finley for the team lead with five goals each.

"[I'm] finding better places around the goal," Shipp said. "Earlier in the season, I was making runs and the ball just didn't seem to find me. It's more luck than anything."

Notre Dame is unbeaten in their last nine meetings with Seton Hall, holding a 7-0-2 record over that time. Additionally, the Pirates have only defeated the Irish once in South Bend, a 1-0 decision in 2000. Seton Hall, who will not make the Big East tournament, will conclude their season Tuesday.

The Pirates will enter Alumni Stadium after snapping a seven-game losing streak by beating then-No. 3 Connecticut, 1-0. The win marked the Pirates' first victory over a ranked opponent since 2005. Earlier in the season, Seton Hall held then-No. 1 Maryland to a scoreless draw.

"They're a very good team," Clark said. "They handle the ball well. This will be a good challenge. But we're a good team, too."

Seton Hall sophomore forward Max Garcia has scored a team-high five goals this season — accounting for nearly a third of the Pirates' total — while firing 57 of the team's 206 shots. Freshman midfielder Damian Bziukiewicz, meanwhile, leads the team with four assists.

"We need to win," Clark said. "We need to win a couple of games to get an at-large bid in the NCAA [Tournament]. That's another big, big part of this."

Notre Dame and Seton Hall finally finish the regular season with a tilt at noon in Alumni Stadium today.

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Scodro

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with a +5. The junior finished near the top of the field after the first round, but fell into a tie for 28th individually by the end of the day.

"Max [Scodro] played very well this morning," Kubinski said. "He just missed some full swing shots in the afternoon."

Seniors Chris Walker and Tom Usher turned in consistent performances of +4 and +6, respectively. Junior Paul McNamara struggled from the outset, carding a 10 over par in the first round, followed by a score +8 in the second.

"Paul has to learn to relax and play golf, giving up his need to control the environment at all times," Kubinski said. "He's a heck of a player when he does."

Despite the struggles on Monday, Kubinski said he saw bright spots for the Irish.

"We played some good stretches today," Kubinski said. "We just didn't take advantage of some of the easier holes."

With just one round of golf separating the Irish from the offseason, Kubinski said he'd like to see his team improve in the standings Tuesday with a solid round.

"We can move up a few spots with a good round tomorrow," Kubinski said. "Tomorrow is another opportunity to put together a strong and full team round."

The Irish hit the links again Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.

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ASHLEY DACY/The Observer

Irish sophomore Niall Platt takes the course at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course on Sept. 26th.

Scorers

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per game, respectively. Brey attributes the rapid growth of the young players to the experience provided by both Abromitis and Martin.

"I felt better than I thought I would about how we would move as a unit," he said. "On the offensive end, given how many new guys we are working in, it made me feel good to see that they were watching and learning."

"[I'm] very impressed with where Jerian and Alex are in understanding how to play within our system. I think playing against and watching those veteran guys last year has really helped them. Those guys are going to be key, certainly."

Yet the defensive side of the ball concerns Brey, as the Irish lost two of their top three rebounders, as well as their top shot blockers, in Nash and Scott.

"I am still trying to figure out who we are going to be defensively with some of these new guys," Brey said. "Can we extend a little bit more when Atkins and Grant are on the court because that is some speed that we really haven't had [before]?"

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Mike Brey
Irish Coach

because that is some speed that we really haven't had [before]? Do we need to play more zone to keep Martin and Abromaitis on the floor for a very long time and make sure they don't get into foul trouble? That is probably how I am going to evaluate us this first week more than anything."

Meanwhile St. Xavier — a school of just under 3,000 undergraduate students in Chicago — returns all five of their starters from last season and is currently ranked No. 24 in the latest National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division I poll after last year's 19-13 finish.

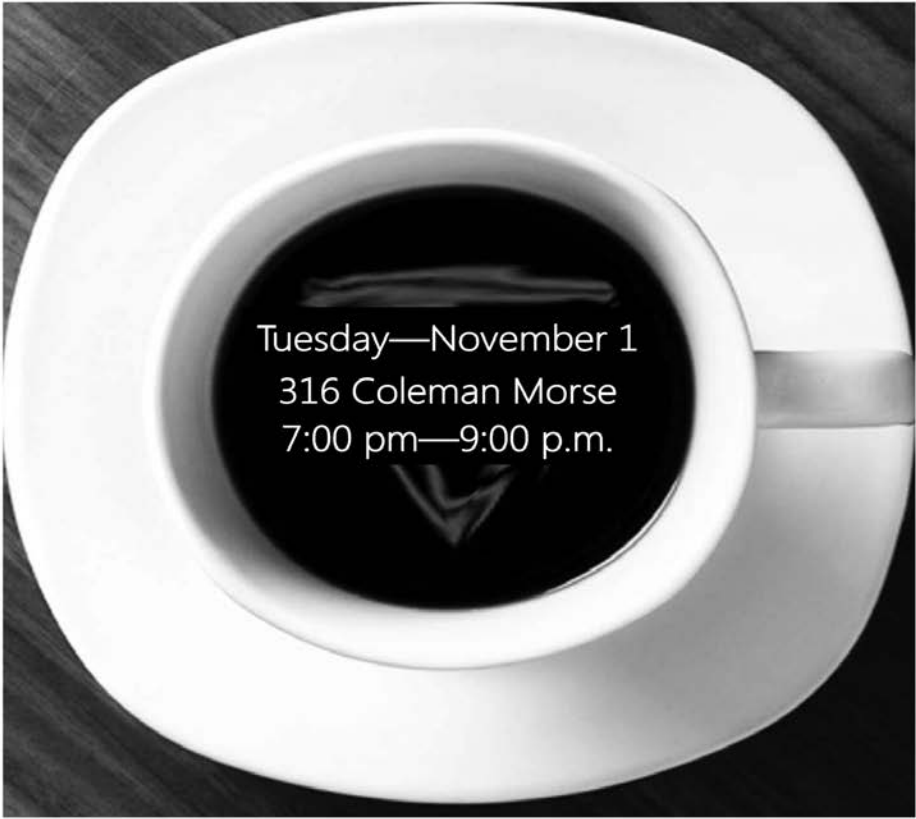
Sophomore guard Brad Karp leads the Cougars, who lost to perennial NAIA power Robert Morris in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) semifinals last March. Karp recorded 27 points and 12 rebounds in the loss and was named the 2010-2011 CCAC Rookie of the Year.

Notre Dame and St. Xavier will kick off the basketball season Tuesday in an exhibition at 7:30 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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- Across**

1 Medicine holder

5 Walk ungracefully

11 Nick, say

14 Rights advocacy grp.

15 This point forward

16 Bon ____

17 *Area in front of a coop

19 Grand Canyon part

20 Cornfield call

21 Sea eagle

22 Some Saturns

23 *Modern school memento

28 Beatle lover

29 More clever

30 Wee, informally

31 Baseball's Blue Moon

33 O.R. figures
- 34 One working with checks and balances, for short

35 *Braided floor covering

37 *More than enough

41 "____ the season"

42 Play about Capote

43 Bosnian, e.g.

44 Larklike bird

47 Ore-Ida parent company

49 Language suffix

50 *Elemental parts of human nature

53 Posh

54 Letter from Homer?

55 ____ v. Wade

56 Former White House press secretary

Fleischer

57 *Discover to be fibbing
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3 Noted 1964 convert to Islam

4 Susan of soaps

5 Character in a Beatles song

6 Wine: Prefix

7 They may be hard to find at a tearjerker

8 More loved

9 "____ Doone"

10 Knock off

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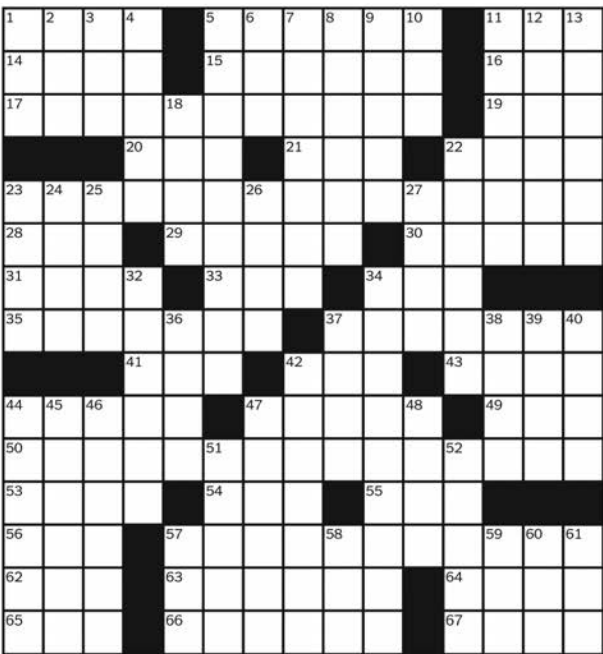
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40 The "Y" in Y.S.L.

42 Like a small farm, perhaps
- 44 France's Élysée, for one

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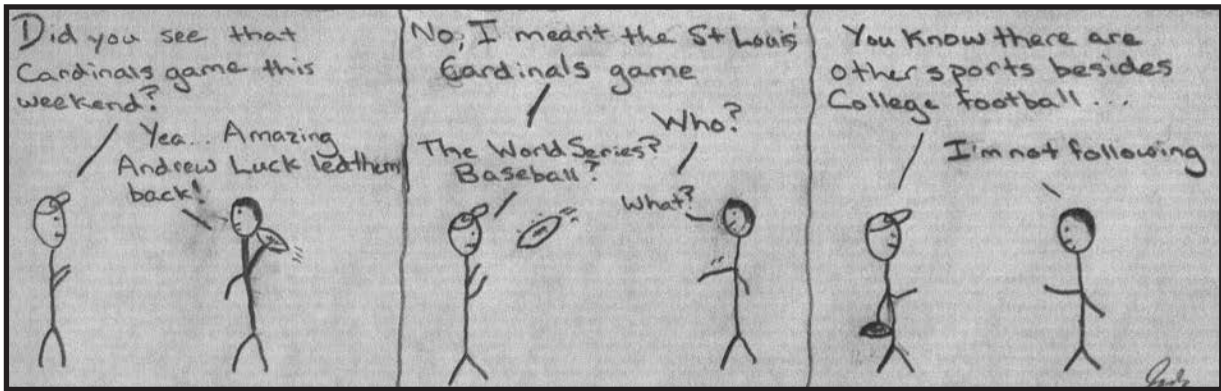
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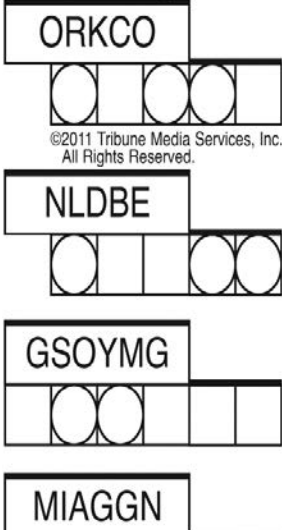
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Filling the gaps

New-look Irish tip off 2011-2012 season

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

The age of Hansbrough is over, as Irish fans everywhere get their first look at head coach Mike Brey's newest project in Notre Dame's exhibition against St. Xavier tonight at the Purcell Pavilion.

Following the departure of do-it-all guard Ben Hansbrough and experienced forwards Tyrone Nash and Carleton Scott, who all now play professionally in Europe, the Irish will patiently approach replacing three of their top five scorers, Brey said.

"Patience is the key word for me," Brey said at Notre Dame's media day. "Last year's product was a finished product on the first day of practice. They wanted to play right away and they were ready."

"This group is going to have to scratch and claw for us to be able to do this. Our non-league schedule is very demanding. We have a lot of new faces that we are going to be figuring out. We are going to have to be patient and work through it."

Brey said he expects sophomore guards Jerian Grant and Alex Dragicevich to rise to the occasion and fill in behind the



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Senior forward Scott Martin drives the ball into the paint during Notre Dame's 89-79 overtime victory over Louisville on Feb. 9.

fifth-year leadership and experience of forwards Tim Abromaitis and Scott Martin.

Abromaitis, who will be unavailable for the first four regular season games due to an

NCAA violation, and Martin are the team's leading returning scorers from last season after averaging 15.4 and 9.7 points

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Sophomore garners conference distinction

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

Sophomore Martin Grady was a nine-time letter-winner in high school. He ran cross country and track and field, while also competing in a more unconventional sport — bass fishing.

"It was a great time," Grady said. "We actually had a pretty good fishing team, but I could not make it to the state meet for fishing. I wasn't the biggest fan of competitive fishing, but just sitting there and tossing a worm out was enjoyable."

While Grady calls fishing a mere hobby now, the Burr Ridge, Ill. native has excelled in cross country and has finished as one of Notre Dame's top two finishers in each race he ran this season.

He earned All-Big East honors last week during the Big East Championship. He placed 10th in the field, finishing the eight-kilometer race in just 23:52.2. The No. 29 Irish finished sixth in the conference.

"It's nice to have it done, but ultimately, it's for the team," Grady said. "Whether I'm ninth or 11th didn't matter too much. [I] probably would have rather had our team move up a little bit more."

Grady said many of his Irish teammates set high goals for the conference meet, hoping

to place in the top 10.

"A lot of guys on the team have the potential to be up there too," Grady said. "I've always had a little bit of high expectations for myself. A bit of confidence can come from [finishing as the top sophomore in the Big East]."

Last season, Grady ran a 4:27.71 mile at the Notre Dame Invitational, finishing in 17th place. He also finished 11th during the 3,000-meter race at the Indiana University Relays, posting a time of 8:45.94. During the Big East Indoor Championships, Grady placed 21st in the 5,000-meter race as a freshman.

"The transition of being a freshman is pretty big," Grady said. "People need to adjust to the workload, the number of miles. Being done with that is definitely a good thing. To have the system down is a big help."

Grady, a business major, said learning under the experienced upperclassmen helped him develop and adjust to college athletics better.

"[They've] been huge," Grady said of the upperclassmen. "I've been lucky at the time I came in. Last year we had [former Notre Dame runner] Dan Jackson. He was just perfect. He would tell us his

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish stumble in first two rounds

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

In their final event of the fall season, the Irish completed the first day of play in the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate, a two-day tournament in Dallas, Texas, on Monday. The Irish struggled to find consistency and rhythm through the first 36 holes of the event en route to an eleventh place finish for the day.

Texas A&M leads the tournament with a -11 score through

two rounds, 25 strokes ahead of the Irish.

"There were several teams that played well today," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "They outplayed our team pretty handily."

The Irish struggles on the putting green contributed to a number of high scores, a problem that has held back the team the whole season. On a day in which the Notre Dame golfers recorded over 30 birdies, they notched a similar number of bogeys.

Sophomore Niall Platt carded the low score through 36 holes for the Irish as he followed a pedestrian +1 in the first round with a -3 in the second. Platt came out of the gate strong in the second round, recording four birdies on the front nine. His final score puts him into a five-way tie for 10th place in the individual rankings.

Max Scodro led the Irish in the first round with a -3 score but faltered on the second 18

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MEN'S SOCCER

Team prepares to host regular season finale



NICOLE TOCZAUER/The Observer

Senior defender Greg Klazura maintains possession for the Irish during their scoreless tie with then-No. 1 UConn on Oct. 8.

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

After rescheduling the game twice due to weather, the No. 14 Irish will give their last regular season game against Seton Hall a third try at noon today at

Alumni Stadium.

The match, originally scheduled for Oct. 19, was postponed because of inclement weather and rescheduled for Monday. After Seton Hall's game against Connecticut on Saturday was

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SMC SOCCER

Belles look to close season with win

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will take on Hope College at home today in an attempt to avenge an earlier season loss and end its season with a win.

"They are a tough team for sure," Belles coach Michael Joyce said. "Last time we played [Hope] away, and they have a turf field, which changes some things. We're excited to face them again on our home field."

The Belles (5-10, 9-10) have

had a rough streak of games leading up to the end of their season. Seated fifth in the MIAA, they have fallen to conference opponents in six of their last eight games.

Hope (10-5, 12-6) won seven of its last ten games and will compete against the Belles to improve its record and determine its spot in the MIAA playoff. The Flying Dutch are currently tied for third in the MIAA conference with Calvin.

"They are fighting for a playoff spot," Joyce said. "They will

come ready to play."

Joyce said that despite the rough end to their season, he has seen marked improvement in his team since they last lost in a 2-0 decision to Hope in Holland, Mich. on Oct. 6.

"I think we've gotten better at not giving up good shots," Joyce said. "Hopefully we can keep them from scoring and find the right combination offensively."

The Belles record is already

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