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Roll Call honors fallen heroes

Notre Dame holds Veteran's Day memorial to remember lost servicemen and women

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Notre Dame joined more than 170 colleges and universities nationwide on Friday to simultaneously take part in the National Roll Call, honoring servicemen and women who died in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001.

Capt. Clarence Earl Carter, professor of naval sciences, said he was honored to take part in the memorial.

"The flag that we have and the country we have exist because of the service of those who were in uniform before us dating back to the American Revolution," Carter said. "God willing, we will continue to have young men and women make the commitment to stand watch on our great country. I'm grateful to have my own chance to stand the watch."

Notre Dame's Veteran's Day

memorial started at 4 p.m. Thursday when Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) cadets and midshipmen began standing watch over the Clarke Memorial Fountain, better known as "Stonehenge," for 24 hours, honoring those who served before them.

Members of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities gathered around the fountain at 8:30 a.m. Friday to honor those who lost their lives in the armed forces.

The names of about 6,300 American servicemen and women killed were read by 62 members of the Notre Dame community, 31 of whom were members of the University's Navy, Army and Air Force ROTC units. The list would take nearly eight hours to read.

At 2 p.m. Friday, a nationwide

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

ROTC students listen to the Roll Call, which honored those who died in U.S. wars since Sept. 11, 2001, on Friday.

NDSP investigates purse theft

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a purse snatching that occurred Thursday night in the D6 parking lot.

NDSP emailed students Friday to alert them of the incident.

The suspect approached the victim from behind and grabbed her purse, ran to a waiting vehicle and fled the area. The incident occurred around 10:15 p.m., according to the email.

NDSP asked anyone with information about the incident to call NDSP at 574-631-5555. To report a crime in progress, sus-

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Students cheer Irish on to victory at FedEx Field

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

While the Irish "home" game in Maryland this weekend was not technically at home, many fans said it still felt that way.

Junior Sam Mitchell said the high number of Irish fans present at Notre Dame's 45-21 win against the University of Maryland on Saturday made the atmosphere at FedEx Field electric.

"You're taking a metro and stuff there, and it was all Notre Dame people," he said. "There was a huge contingency of people around the stadium, a lot of

energy, a lot of alumni there, too. You almost felt like it was a home game. Obviously, it was [technically] a home game, and it showed."

Junior Joe Beglane said there were many more Irish fans at the game than Terrapins fans and he said the jumbotron in the stadium showed highlights from Notre Dame games earlier this season.

"It was surprisingly pro-Notre Dame over there," Beglane said.

Junior Matt Gilbert said he enjoyed that there was so much

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MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

Notre Dame students do pushups at FedEx Field on Saturday during the Notre Dame game against the University of Maryland. The Irish won 45-21 at the neutral territory stadium.

Tournament, rally promote peace in South Sudan



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

A Playing for Peace team poses at the tournament on Saturday. The organization emphasizes the need for aid in South Sudan.

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Playing for Peace continued its efforts to promote peace in South Sudan at the second annual basketball tournament and Peace & Pep Rally held before the men's basketball season opener against Mississippi Valley State on Saturday.

The rally, which emphasized the continued need for assistance in Sudan, took place following two basketball tournaments — a three-on-three student tournament and a youth tournament for South Bend community members.

Last year's rally and tournament were the opening events of the Playing for Peace initiative.

Social concerns chair, junior Ellen Carroll, said this year's rally shows Notre Dame's continued support of the people of Sudan.

"Last year our Playing for Peace tournament and our Stand with Sudan rally was the largest advocacy event for a peaceful referendum in Sudan of any school in America," she said. "This year we gather together again to show we're staying with the people of Sudan."

The rally occurred at a critical time for the country of Su-

dan, Carroll said. United States senators will debate cutting the international aid budget Monday and Tuesday, a move that could greatly affect South Sudan.

Many students signed a petition to President Obama, asking him to continue to support the Sudanese people as they rebuild their nation.

Although they could not be present due to the game that followed the rally, men's basketball players Tim Abromaitis and Joey Brooks opened the rally with a prayer.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the article, "Farley Hall hosts Taste of ND event," in the Nov. 10 edition of The Observer misidentified the winner of the best dorm pizza. The judge's pick for best pizza was Keenan Hall's Zaland Pizza, not Zahm Hall's pizza. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ACTOR OF THE OPPOSITE GENDER WOULD BEST PORTRAY YOU?



John Stabile

sophomore
Keenan

"Gretchen
Weiners."



Matt Dooley

sophomore
Keenan

"Cynthia from
Rugrats. She's
a really cool
dancer."



Elizabeth
Linnemanstons

sophomore
Lewis

"Denzel
Washington ...
Mmmmmm."



Alex Westby

freshman
Pasquerilla East

"Michael Cera,
because he is a
goober!"



Daniela Tomas

sophomore
Pasquerilla West

"James Franco."



Drewby Vechell

junior
Stanford

"Mila Kunis."

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



MATT SAAD/ The Observer

The Notre Dame marching band plays in front of the Capitol Building on Saturday. Other game weekend events included a pep rally on the National Mall.

OFFBEAT

Cat perches on Arizona cactus for three days

SAGUARO LAKE, Ariz. — A lot of cats get stuck in trees, but an Arizona kitty was perched atop a giant saguaro cactus for at least three days before finally coming down on its own.

Residents living in a desert area northeast of Phoenix noticed the black cat with white patches at the very top of the 30- to 40-foot cactus.

At times, the feline would stand up and survey the area, possibly trying to figure out how to get down — or how it got up there.

Helicopter video from ABC15.com shows the cat eventually climbing down

the cactus Friday. It started making its way down head-first before turning around and scooting backward. It finally took a big leap and landed on its feet before wandering into the desert.

NY governor's quote made into a ringtone

ALBANY, N.Y. — A recent soundbite from New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo that's become a hit on Twitter is getting extra mileage as a ringtone.

In a radio interview Wednesday, the Democratic governor said, "I am the government."

His comment quickly made the rounds on Twitter, a ringtone was set up,

and Thursday's New York Daily News pictured Cuomo in a wig as France's Louis XIV, who famously said, "I am the state."

Cuomo didn't appear to be boasting, however, in his comment on WGDJ-AM in Albany. He was explaining how his poll numbers reflect New Yorkers' renewed faith and confidence in government.

Cuomo quickly added that he was referring just to the executive branch of state government.

His office didn't immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Fair trade retailer Ten Thousand Villages will host a sale of international handicrafts today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Atrium. The sale will continue from Nov. 14 through Nov. 18. International Student Services and Activities collaborated with Ten Thousand Villages to put on this event. This event is open to the public.

Richard Craster, Professor of Applied Mathematics at the Imperial College London will give a colloquium titled, "Bridging the Scales at High Frequencies: Connecting the Microstructure to the Macroscale," at 4 p.m. today in 137 Hayes-Healy Center.

Robert Peck will give a lecture titled "Architecture and Democratic Values" at 4:30 p.m. today in 104 Bond Hall. Peck is the 2011 Henry Hope Reed Award Laureate and is currently serving as the General Service Administration's Commissioner of Public Buildings.

An information session for 2012 Summer Service and Learning Programs (SSLPs) is today from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Geddes Hall B034. SSLP is an eight-week long service-learning course participated in by around 225 students each year.

Men's basketball plays Detroit today at 9 p.m. in the Joyce Center's Purcell Pavilion. Tickets are priced \$15 - \$40 and can be bought at the ticket office, by calling 574-631-7356 or online.

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

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Students ‘dance in the moonlight’ at club formal

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Stars, confetti and navy blue curtains brought back an old-school style at “Dancing in the Moonlight,” the first co-sponsored formal held by Ballroom Dance Club and Swing Club.

The dance took place Friday night in the Stepan Center.

Junior Allison Kincaid, co-president of Swing Club, said the night was a success for both clubs.

“We not only had over 100 people but everyone was dancing and enjoying the night up until the very end. The food was delicious, the DJ was fun, and everyone looked fabulous dressed up in formal wear,” she said. “I’m definitely glad that we were able to do the confetti drop at 11:11:11. It was definitely a starry night under the moon.”

Kincaid said the night allowed club members and non-members to meet new people.

“What is awesome about these kind of events is that it encourages people to branch out, at least that’s the nature of Swing,” she said. “I definitely met some new and fun people and had a great time dancing with them!”

Junior Joshua Gaston, Swing Club treasurer, said the event also allowed dancers to improve their style, though there was no formal lesson.

“That was one of the purposes of this dance: to expand people’s views of dance and invite them to explore further,” he said. “Plus, people just straight up improved. The best example was when I led a samba line for a whole song without knowing how to Samba.”

Gaston said the groundwork for “Dancing in the Moonlight” was laid last year with the debut of their first swing formal.

“The event last year was such a success that it wasn’t a question that another formal would happen this year,” he said. “Moreover, the Swing and Ballroom clubs at the end of last year decided to make a more conscious effort to co-exist as two clubs which catered to the same audience.”

Gaston said that after Activities Night, the two clubs met with the Student Activities Office, gathered decorations and found a DJ.

“There were calls to SAO, long chats between club officers ... last minute panicking, etc., etc,” he said.

Juniors Emily Palid and Mike

Marszowski, co-presidents of Ballroom Dance Club, said the officers from both clubs made a huge effort to make the night a success.

“Josh Gaston deserves special thanks for coordinating between the two clubs and heading up the event,” Marszowski said. “We’d also love the thank our set up crew, especially Jen Martynowicz, Emily Palid and Paul Minutolo.”

Gaston said the Swing Club also wanted to recognize senior Andy Fotsch for his contributions, as well as the clean up crew.

“Confetti was awesome, but time consuming to clean up,” he said.

Palid, Marszowski and Gaston said they agreed the wide variety of styles in swing, classical ballroom and Latin dance meant there was something for everyone to enjoy.

“The styles of ballroom and swing allow people to do so much more than just sway back and forth,” Gaston said. “Whether it’s a beautiful waltz, a dramatic tango, or a jaw dropping lindy, these allow people to expand their dancing to more music than ever thought possible.”

The club officers said there



Photo courtesy of Allison Kincaid

Dancers celebrate 11/11/11 at 11:11 p.m. on Friday night in Stepan Center at the “Dancing in the Moonlight” formal.

were many opportunities for students interested in learning more about the two styles of dance. Both clubs’ representatives said they hold weekly lessons and sponsor other events as well.

“In the past we’ve had the Swing-a-thon in order to raise money for charity. At Legends there’s also ‘Swing Night’ at least once, sometimes twice, a semester,” Kincaid said. “Furthermore, we offer trips outside the South Bend area. It gives our club members a chance to see what the Swing Scene is like in other

places, learn new styles and meet new and awesome people.”

Kincaid said the two clubs offered students social interaction and the opportunity to learn basic dancing skills.

“Mixing good dance moves, music and people together always creates something unique,” she said. “We provide a casual, fun atmosphere for people to take a break from studies and learn how to move their feet.”

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Notre Dame’s Handbell Choir plays wide range of music



ALEX PARTAK/The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame Handbell Choir performed pop, classical and sacred pieces at Washington Hall on Saturday.

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Thursday evenings on the third floor of the Coleman-Morse Center, members of the Notre Dame Handbell Choir can be found meticulously perfecting their craft in preparation for their nine performances this semester.

The choir plays at various liturgies at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and also performs in concert, Director Karen Schneider Kirner said. The ensemble is part of Campus Ministry and was founded in 1988.

“Primarily, we assist with music at the Basilica, so we want to help raise people’s hearts to God by our music, to help enhance the whole worship experience for people who come to liturgies,” Kirner said.

The Handbell Choir performed

as pop pieces Saturday at Washington Hall.

“It’s kind of a culmination of both the classical and sacred repertoire we’ve worked on since the beginning of the semester, but it [included] some pieces from [our] new CD,” Kirner said.

She said the choir released its fourth CD, “O Holy Night,” earlier this month.

“There are five pieces that include the Celebration Choir, which I also direct,” she said. “It’s music for both Advent and Christmas. So it’s something you can put on and play for your family on Christmas Eve or while eating Christmas dinner.”

Approximately 16 students play five octaves of bells, Kirner said.

“Each ringer is responsible for two diatonic notes, so, for example, a C and a D, and any sharps and flats that correspond to those

notes,” she said. “The music looks very much like piano music. [The ringers] mostly focus on [the lines of music corresponding to their notes] as the music goes on, and you have got to count like crazy.”

Kirner said the teamwork is required for every piece.

“One thing that is kind of amazing is to get so many people together to play one piece and give it coherence,” she said. “It would be like having one piano piece and having 16 people try to play it and make it seem like one piece of music.”

Handbell Choir president, sophomore Michael Vella, agreed the level of teamwork necessary to play bells is unique.

“Everybody works together as a team to make the music ... every single member of the choir needs to master their part to succeed,” he said. “Playing bells is easy in a way. All you really need to be able to do is to read music. But at the same time, it takes years to master how to make the tone of the bell sound exactly how it should.”

Fifth year senior and choir member Chris Collins said the visual aspect of a handbell performance greatly enhances the experience.

“You get to see us ringing and switching bells,” he said. “Not only do you get to hear the song, you get to see it, too. People are always surprised by the different sounds that handbell techniques can create. Seeing and hearing people’s surprise ... is one of the most rewarding parts of our performances.”

Sophomore Angelica Martinez said she was inspired to continue learning how to play the handbells when she came to Notre Dame.

“I started playing handbells my junior year of high school, but it was only for a year because there was not enough interest at my high school, so when I found out that Notre Dame had a handbell choir, I was really excited,” she said. “I remember in middle school watching my sister’s handbell choir perform ... it sounded so magical, words cannot describe.”

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Seniors Claire Ziemba, left, and Emma Mean make cards for veterans in the LaFortune Student Center on Friday. The cards express gratitude for the servicemen and women of the United States.

Veteran

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minute of silence was observed. University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh spoke at a memorial service Friday evening and said he considers the ROTC cadets and midshipmen at Notre Dame the “best of the best.”

“No group here at Notre Dame fills me with greater pride than the group that stands here before me,” Hesburgh said. “There is no way on earth that I can thank you for your dedication to God and Country.”

One of his proudest accomplishments as president of the University, Hesburgh said, was overseeing the building of the War Memorial.

Hesburgh said he is proud of what these cadets and midshipmen are doing for the United States.

“All I can say is you come from a great tradition,” he said. “I am so proud of all of you and what you are doing with your lives

that I have a hard time keeping the tears back.”

John Hargrove, a Notre Dame alumnus and Vietnam War veteran, was visiting the area and came to campus to remember his friends.

“I lost a few friends and classmates in Vietnam and I wanted to come today to pay my respects,” he said.

Former Indiana Governor and 1968 Notre Dame graduate Joe Kernan said he was honored to speak on campus on Veteran’s Day. Kernan is a veteran of the Vietnam War and spent 11 months as a prisoner of war after his plane was shot down over North Vietnam.

“This is a day of remembering and reflecting,” he said. “I think all of us in this time reflect upon members of our family.”

Kernan said his father, grandfather and uncles all served in the armed forces and that is he does not reflect on his own service on Veteran’s Day, but rather the service of family members.

“I don’t think about it as it

pertains to me, I think about how it pertains to my friends and family who served,” he said. “I think about my friends and colleagues who didn’t come home. It’s like Memorial Day, time to think about them.”

Kernan told the story of three different servicemen: John Herringer Jr., Robin Yackley and Mike McCormick, who were all killed in service and missing in action.

Their remains were eventually recovered by the United States Armed Forces, Kernan said. Herringer was killed during World War II and both Yackley and McCormick lost their lives in Vietnam, he said.

“The reason that they came home is because our government cares,” Kernan said. “Our military cares, and not only cares, but is willing to make the commitment to do whatever is necessary to make sure our men and women come back home. To not leave anyone on the field, to not let them be forgotten.”

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

South Bend community members compete in the Playing for Peace tournament on Saturday to promote peace in South Sudan.

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“Join our voices with their voices and our hearts with their hearts in a plea for peace,” Abromaitis and Brooks said in unison.

During the rally, Carroll played a video update from Catholic Relief Services on the situation in Sudan. In the video, Bishop Eduardo Hiiaboro Kusala of the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio in South Sudan described the precarious state of the country.

“We do not want a return to war,” Kusala said. “We are at a fragile first stage. We need your prayers, we need your voice, not only before God but before your government officials.”

Ring Agwick, a University employee who emigrated from South Sudan to South Bend, also spoke to students and thanked them for their continued support.

Agwick said the Sudanese people would be touched to witness a crowd speaking out on their behalf.

“If not for you guys and your country, there wouldn’t be no country called South Sudan today,” he said. “We’re really fortunate for what you have been doing.”

Kevin Dugan, manager of youth and community programs for the athletic department, said the tournament and rally were intended as a follow-up to last year’s Playing for Peace events.

Dugan said the purpose of the

day was to update the students on recent Playing for Peace events, such as Dugan’s summer trip to Sudan, and also to call attention to the current situation in the country.

“South Sudan is now a free and independent country but there’s a tremendous amount of violence taking place along the borders,” he said. “We want to make everyone aware that we need to stay with Sudan.”

The men’s lacrosse team, who helped spearhead the initial Playing for Peace tournament and rally, has continued to be involved with this year’s events. Freshman lacrosse player John Scioscia said the initiative is a great way for the entire campus, as well as the South Bend community, to develop connections.

“I think it raises great awareness through a sport,” he said. “Bringing people together to play a sport raises teamwork. Everyone works together and it supports great ideas that are the exact opposite of war.”

Carroll said Playing for Peace has already begun planning events for the spring, including a lacrosse tournament and a basketball tournament for community members that will take place at the Martin Luther King Center in South Bend.

“The tagline this year is ‘From South Bend to South Sudan’ so that’s the goal, to keep holding events that help both Sudan and our community,” she said.

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NDSP encouraged students to

call SafeWalk when walking on campus after dark. A SafeWalk employee will meet the student and walk with him or her from any point on campus. The service is free and confidential.

Information on crime prevention is available at <http://ndsp.nd.edu/crime-prevention-and-safety/>

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support for Notre Dame.
“There was a big Irish presence, and it was really good to have such a contingent there from Notre Dame,” he said.
Junior Mike Dobrovic said Saturday’s game was comparable to last year’s game against Army at Yankee Stadium because both games were played in neutral territory.
“Both games had great energy, and the team wearing the green jerseys pumps people up a lot,” he said. “It probably wasn’t as special as Yankee Stadium, though, because that was sort of a special event, it being in a baseball stadium.”
Mitchell said he was pleased with the final score.
“We killed them,” he said. “We just dominated the entire time. It was really great to see Notre Dame beating the teams that we should be beating and doing it with some swagger.”

Beglane said said he was also happy with how the Irish played Saturday.
“The football was great,” he said. “I’m always kind of worried with us, but it was definitely a strong showing. It’s kind of nice to have a game where you’re not freaking out the whole time.”
Gilbert agreed.
“It was good to see them come out with such a convincing win, and they definitely had the support of the fans,” he said.
Gilbert said the festivities surrounding the game extended outside of Landover, Md., where FedEx Field is located. There were many tailgates outside of FedEx Field, and the Band of the Fighting Irish performed on the steps of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.
“We were up in Baltimore over the weekend, and there were Irish fans there as well,” Gilbert said.

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Leprechaun Mike George pumps up the crowd at FedEx Field on Saturday. Notre Dame students were part of a large Irish presence at FedEx Field in Landover, Md.

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Saint Mary’s College

2011 International Education and Modern Languages Week

November 14-18, 2011

Monday - November 14
Gender and Politics in Latin American Popular Music
by Daniel Party and Rachel Thiel
12:00-12:50 pm, 114 Moreau Hall

Fulbright Experience in Brazil
By Steven Broad
5:30– 6:30 pm, Warner Conference Room, Student Center

French Dinner
4:30-7:30 pm, Noble Family Dining Hall

Arts Around the World
7:30-9:00 pm, Haggar Parlor





Tuesday - November 15
International Student Panel
12:00-1:00 pm, Warner Conference Room

German Dinner
4:30-7:30 pm, Noble Family Dining Hall

Intercultural Learning Showcase
7:00-9:00 pm, Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans

Wednesday - November 16
Panel: Women and Empowerment in the Muslim World
12:00-1:00 pm,
Vander Vennet Theater, Student Center

Italian Lunch
11:00-2:00 pm, Noble Family Dining Hall

Panel: Global Women’s Worlds Congress: Student Reflections and Experiences
5:00 - 6:00 pm, Warner Conference Room

Thursday - November 17
Chinese Folk Arts and Design
by Jinhua Yu - Visiting Scholar from China
12:30-1:30 pm, Warner Conference Room

Spanish Dinner
4:30-7:30 pm, Noble Family Dining Hall

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International Cultural and Study Abroad Fair
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Student Center Lounge

Arabic Dinner
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U.S. supports plan to form Pacific free trade bloc

Associated Press

KAPOLEI, Hawaii — A U.S.-backed plan to forge a Pacific free trade bloc got a big boost Sunday when leaders of Canada and Mexico joined Japan in expressing support for a deal that has received a cool reception from China, the region’s rising power.

The news was a coup for President Barack Obama, who made progress on the pact one of his top priorities for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit being held in his home state of Hawaii. It comes after Japan, the world’s third-biggest economy, said Friday that it wants to join the nine nations already involved in talks on what has been dubbed the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

The balmy weather for the annual APEC gathering at a resort on the west side of the Hawaiian island of Oahu contrasted with deepening pessimism over the economic outlook as the leaders sat down for a day of talks on how to spur growth and create jobs. With Europe again on the brink of recession, Asia’s vital role as a driver of global growth has gained even greater urgency.

IMF Director Christine Lagarde attended the summit, briefing the APEC leaders on the latest developments in Europe. The International Monetary Fund will play a key role in coming months in overseeing efforts by Italy, and other ailing economies that use the euro common currency, to rein in debt.

Europe’s quandary is among the wide range of issues that the

Asia-Pacific leaders were tackling in their one-day meeting.

“Now it’s time to get down to work, and we have much to do,” Obama said in opening the summit. “Our 21 economies — our nearly 3 billion citizens — are looking to us to bring our economies closer, to increase exports, to expand trade and opportunity that creates jobs and economic growth. That’s why we’re here.”

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said his country must look to the East to ensure markets, especially for its energy exports. “That will be an important priority of this government going forward,” Harper said before meeting with Obama on the sidelines of the 21-member APEC summit.

The U.S. Trade Representative, Ron Kirk, welcomed the overtures from Canada and Mexico about joining the so called TPP, issuing a statement calling them America’s “neighbors and largest export markets.”

But China, which some economists say is on course to overtake the U.S. as the world’s biggest economy this decade, has appeared reluctant to endorse the Pacific trade pact, likely wary of being drawn into what has become a U.S.-led initiative that encroaches on its own sphere of influence in Asia. China also has commitments to rival free trade blocs in East and Southeast Asia.

The TPP group now includes only four smaller, relatively affluent economies — Chile, New Zealand, Brunei and Singapore — but the U.S., Australia, Malaysia, Vietnam and Peru are negotiating to join.



U.S. President Barack Obama speaks at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in Kapolei, Hawaii, on Sunday. The leaders plan to forge a Pacific free trade bloc.

U.S. officials have said all are welcome to come on board, while indicating that the agreement’s high standards would pose a challenge to countries whose economies are not fully open. That would likely include Russia, which is close to gaining long-sought membership of the World Trade Organization,

and China, which has staked out large sections of its economy for protection from foreign competition.

Obama has said he is optimistic that work on the American-backed trade pact could result in a legal framework by next year.

For the U.S., the initiative is

seen as a way to break through bottlenecks and open new business opportunities. Many in APEC see the emerging deal as a building block for a free trade area that eventually encompasses all of Asia and the Pacific — covering half of the world’s commerce and two-fifths of its trade.

Northwest region adapts from Cold War economy

Associated Press

YAKIMA, Washington — In a remote pocket of the inland Pacific Northwest, World War II weapons production and storage built a booming economy that continued through the Cold War. The region flourished even as efforts shifted toward clean-up and disposal of chemical agents and radioactive waste.

Today, the rockets and mustard agent are gone from northeast Oregon’s Umatilla Chemical Depot. Across the Columbia River in southeast Washington state, work to rid the highly contaminated Hanford nuclear reservation of pollutants will continue for decades, but federal stimulus dollars spurred the completion of some projects and more completions are expected in months to come.

The success of those efforts means thousands of job losses in communities that shined through the economic downturn and a major shift for a region long fueled by federal dollars.

Fred Kremmer, 49, of Richland, Washington, worked at Hanford for nearly 10 years. There were layoffs, but new jobs always followed — until he was let go again in September.

“I would hope to go back, but I doubt there will be work for me there again. That’s my gut feeling,” he said.

At the height of World War II, the federal government enlisted 50,000 people for a hush-

hush project to build the atomic bomb, making a remote stretch of land Washington state’s fourth-largest city. The Hanford site went on to produce plutonium for the U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal for decades, employing thousands of people and establishing the area as a science and technology center.

Work shifted to cleaning up the highly contaminated site in the 1990s. The number of employees there has averaged about 10,000 for several years, but 2,000 workers have been laid off in recent months as work was completed with \$1.96 billion from the federal stimulus bill.

Work to empty underground tanks of radioactive waste and to glassify that waste will continue for decades at Hanford, but more layoffs are expected next year and beyond, as other cleanup projects get completed and federal cleanup dollars decline.

Across the river, storage for rockets, ammunition and other military supplies was whittled out of 30 square miles (78 square kilometers) of sagebrush several hours drive east of Portland, Oregon. Eventually, the U.S. Army began storing chemical weapons there in partly-buried earthen bunkers, referred to as “igloos.”

The Umatilla depot once stored 12 percent of the United States’ chemical weapons, including deadly VX nerve agent and blistering mustard agent.

Feds use drones to secure border

Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Two Border Patrol agents walked by a patch of brush on a remote ranch and saw nothing. But 19,000 feet overhead in the night sky, a Predator unmanned aircraft kept its heat-sensing eye on the spot.

In an operations center about 80 miles away, all eyes were on a suspicious dark cluster on a video screen. Moments later, the drone operators triggered the craft’s infrared beam and pointed the agents directly to the undergrowth where two silent figures were hiding.

Last week’s mission was just another night out for a Predator program that is playing a larger role in the nation’s border security as the U.S. Customs and Border Protection adds to its force of unmanned aircraft. The agency received its second Predator B aircraft in Texas last month and will add its sixth overall on the Southwest border when another is based in Arizona by the end of the year.

The aircraft are credited with apprehending more than 7,500 people since they were deployed six years ago. They bring the latest in military technology to one of the oldest cat-and-mouse pursuits in the country. But on the border, even sophisticated devices struggle with the weather and conditions — just as humans do.

“I’m trying to mark. I’m looking for a hole in the clouds,” said an exasperated operator as he lost his video

image of a “hotspot” in a stand of trees. Cloud cover, along with crosswinds and rain, are the drones’ enemies.

The aircraft can remain airborne for 30 hours though missions typically run eight or nine hours with the ground crews rotating in the control trailers. Smugglers of humans, drugs and guns are the chief prey.

The Predators, which were being used in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, were introduced on the border in 2005, the year before Mexican President Felipe Calderon declared war on his country’s drug gangs and violence along the border exploded. Since then, the aircraft have logged more than 10,000 flight hours and aided in intercepting 46,600 pounds of illegal drugs.

“It’s like any other law enforcement platform,” said Lothar Eckardt, director of the Office of Air and Marine’s Predator operation housed at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. “No different than a helicopter.”

A Predator system — the plane, sensors, control consoles and antennas — costs \$18.5 million. The craft’s 66-foot wingspan stretches out from a relatively small body supported by spindly landing gear, making them appear almost insect-like. A single propeller powers them from behind, allowing for relatively quiet flights.

Inside the ground control trailer, a pilot and sensor operator sit side by side at consoles that include four screens

each, a joystick, keyboard, several levers and rudder pedals. The pilot does the flying. The sensor operator works the infrared equipment and other technology under the aircraft’s nose.

Some question whether the remotely-piloted aircrafts’ impact justifies the price.

“The big knock on the UAS (unmanned aircraft systems) program ... is that it’s so expensive,” said T.J. Bonner, former president of the National Border Patrol Council, the agents’ union. He said the money would be better spent on more boots on the ground and manned aircraft.

The Predator’s touchiest missions are those that take it across the border into Mexico. A 2008 U.S. diplomatic cable posted by Wikileaks described a meeting between then Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and several members of Mexico’s national security cabinet in which Mexican officials appeared to enthusiastically endorse the idea of surveillance flights. But publicly Mexican officials have been loath to speak about anything that could be perceived as impinging on the nation’s sovereignty. In March, Mexican officials defended allowing U.S. surveillance flights and said a Mexican official was always present in the control room.

The Predator program now has one continuous patrolling zone from the Texas-Louisiana line, down the Gulf coast and up the border to El Centro, Calif.

INSIDE COLUMN

Thanks and giving

It finally happened ... the first South Bend snow of the season, and with the snow came the Christmas music, holiday signs and layaway banners.

Driving down Grape Road and having lamp post banners wish me “Happy Holidays” and “Season’s Greetings” makes me smile, but also makes me question, “Aren’t we forgetting something?”

Oh right. Thanksgiving — that lesser-known, uniquely American holiday (heck, let’s face it ... even Halloween seemed to be left out in the cold this year).

Yet in my book, Thanksgiving is a holiday that simply cannot be overlooked. It is the ultimate pre-game event to the Christmas season. It offers strength training and teaches endurance.

Just how many slices of pie can we train ourselves to eat before we get sick? Is it possible to cover an entire piece of pie with whipped cream so the pie virtually disappears on the plate (yes). Or, how much turkey can we eat before the Tryptophan gets to us and we pass out for the annual Thanksgiving nap? (I’m right at four slices.)

The only trouble is, Thanksgiving has so long been branded the “food holiday” in my mind, that sometimes I lose sight of what it’s all about.

Yes, this is one of those columns — encouraging you to do good this holiday season and to think more about Thanksgiving than just it being the precursor to Black Friday or Cyber Monday.

Let’s analyze the word, shall we? Thanks-giving. Now, most might view this as the season of giving thanks. Makes sense, right? I, on the other hand, view it as a time for thanks and a time for giving.

Thanksgiving is a time for me to take a break from the hectic life that is school (shout-out to all those finishing up senior comprehensives this semester ... really it’s the can of Reddi Wip in my fridge that’s keeping me going), and spend quality, much-needed time with my family. It allows me to reflect on my many blessings, and to realize that this is also a time for giving back to the community.

That’s the intimidating part — giving back to the community. We as college students have to save the world because we are the future, right? Wrong. We’ll never be able to save the entire world this one holiday season, but we can sure take little steps toward that goal.

Before you excuse yourself from this mission because you don’t have the time or the energy to participate, think about how easy it is to donate a few cans to a food drive, or to volunteer a couple of your weekend hours to the Center for the Homeless. There are easy ways to get involved that make a world of difference in the community.

So, finish reading the rest of this newspaper, then go buy the comfort foods you need for the calm before the storm that some may call the last three weeks of classes and pick up a few cans to donate in the process. Happy thanks and happy giving!

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Caitlin Housley

Saint Mary's
Editor

Have a little faith

It seems now-a-days, everywhere we turn we see or hear of suffering and evil. I am filled with disgust and anger as I read the grand jury’s report of the Penn State scandal. I am confused and hurt when my friends and family face hardships that seem unfair.

Dee Tian

Confessions
of a Christian
Party Girl

How could an all-loving God allow these things to happen?

I don’t pretend to have an answer for Mackie’s Problem of Evil, nor do I know how to reconcile humans beings’ free will and God’s omniscience (after all, philosophers and theologians much smarter than I have debated these for decades, to no avail).

However, in the risk of sounding cliché, I am a firm believer that everything happens for a reason. Our God is not one of randomness and indifference; he has a plan for each of us, and the purpose we serve is one greater than we can wrap our minds around.

As a high school senior, I had a 3.9 GPA, was VP of many important extracurricular clubs and volunteered in community service regularly. As an entirely too prideful person who rarely failed at anything, I applied to only Ivy League colleges and “reach schools” (my academic counselor was not pleased).

Imagine my surprise when I received one wait-list letter after another. UPenn was my dream school,

with the No. 1 undergraduate business program in the nation, and they flat out turned me down. I was humiliated, confounded and angry. “Why God,” I asked, “what did I do to deserve this? Hadn’t I worked hard? Didn’t I deserve this?”

We all know people who have suffered, in our opinions, unjustly. Why was that caring aunt diagnosed with cancer at the youthful age of 30? How could that faithful friend end up a victim of sexual abuse? We don’t know these answers and we are often filled with bitterness and anger.

From personal experience, I can say that even the toughest times of my life have yielded some sort of positive result. When I endured a horrible break up (one that I thought I could literally never get over), I was able to better understand the pain of friends who later went through similar situations and was able to better help and comfort them.

In suffering, we are better able to carry each other’s crosses — to be there for one another. If I had never suffered through a situation, how could I truly comprehend what others in similar shoes felt?

In suffering, we are also better able to see our own vulnerability and weaknesses, and our need for God. A wise person once told me we feel closest to God in times of extremes — either extreme joy or extreme sorrow. One of my favorite songs, Laura Story’s “Blessings,” says the following: “What if Your blessings come through raindrops, what if Your healing

comes through tears? / And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You’re near? / What if my greatest disappointments or the aching of this life / Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can’t satisfy? / And what if trials of this life, the rain, the storms, the hardest nights / Are Your mercies in disguise?”

Even as the smartest animals on this planet, we still do not have the answers. Skepticism will argue that reason has led brilliant thinkers, beginning at the same premises, to completely different answers. We are limited in our understanding.

As for my college application fiasco, I applied to Notre Dame on a whim.

I never would I have guessed that this school would become my second home, the place where I would meet my dearest friends and soul mates, not to mention strip Wharton of the No. 1 Business School title (ha!). Looking back, it all makes sense now. I am ever grateful that I was rejected from Wharton and co., only to be accepted by the only place that really matters. Everything happens for a reason.

So I challenge you (although much easier said than done) in times of suffering and pain ... have a little faith.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fanny Demarcation Line

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

Thank you very much for your Letter to the Editor on Nov. 9 in response to the sickening disregard of fashion that was in Notre Dame Style Spotter on Nov. 8. As one of Fashion Magazine’s “Top 10 Most Stylish Campuses” (1992), it is the responsibility of our entire campus community to fight the good fight and reassure the nation that such disgraces as Mr. Denué’s attire are not representative of our student body as a whole.

Mr. Denué, your fashion sense is an abhorrence to the rest of us reasonable, snake-skin wearing students who do our best to make Our Lady proud. Your lack of color schematics and your insistence on wearing socks with your boat shoes (thank heavens, at least they were Sperry) is truly embarrassing.

Take a bigger picture approach to this: think about the male psyche. Now think about the female psyche. Think about thinking about the male and females psyches. What would Ryan Seacrest think about the way in which your brightly hued waist-pouch, regardless of its incredible convenience and practicality, threatens to undo the very fabric of our University?

Can you stop for a moment and just think about what a campus-wide fanny pack epidemic would look like? Mr. Fitzgerald, I wholeheartedly agree with you. Though short shorts may be making reappearances, and though people wear socks with their Adidas and Nike sandals all of the time, we must not allow this FDL (Fanny Demarcation Line) to be crossed.

But, let’s end on a positive note.

At least his mustache was in tip-top shape. It would be a shame if he dressed in such a fashion without a good lip blanket.

Partners in Fashion,

Thom Kenealy
senior
off campus
Nov. 10

Nick Walsh
senior
off campus
Nov. 10

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“To be a book-collector
is to combine the worst
characteristics of a dope
fiend with those of a miser.”

Robertson Davies
Canadian novelist and critic

Submit a
Letter to
the Editor

Email obsviewpoint@gmail.com

WEEKLY POLL

Would you wear a
Fanny pack?

Of course.

Of course not.

Only if it’s the latest trend.
This shouldn’t be a question.

Vote by 5 p.m. Thursday at
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VIEWPOINT

What are you worth?

What are you worth?
First and foremost, are you relatively symmetrical?
If you don't have looks, then at least tell me you have wit.
What about an education from a reputable institution?
What about money?
If you couldn't check anything off, I'm afraid you're not worth much to society.
Congratulations, however, to those who are still on the radar. Having one or more of these qualities will certainly help you in your life-long quest for social mobility. Let us further assess your market price.
If you looked good today, you probably held your head high and walked with purpose. If you looked like you just rolled out of bed, then you might have looked down while you walked, or were less willing to put yourself in the spotlight. If you donned something expensive, you might have felt more self-confident.
Did you say something astute in class today that warranted an approving nod from several students or the professor? What about in passing conversation? Did you uphold your end on small talk

Hien Luu
Asiatic Gaze

and display your wit?
Hopefully you did, because otherwise you would appear stupid, uninteresting or, worst of all, awkward in public.
If you are experiencing inner turmoil because you are struggling to choose between what you really want to major in and what society will take seriously, then you are not alone. It's only natural to want the rest of the world to take your degree seriously — especially high-paying employers. You will be poor and illegitimate if you do not meet these expectations.
Quite obviously, meeting the status quo of appearance, knowledge, profession and wealth is critical if you want to amount to anything in this world.
These are the factors that sum up our self-worth and make up our value system. Within a society that reveres the beautiful, the rich, the professional and the powerful, those who do not fit the protocol required for respect are stripped of not only credibility, but also dignity.
It is this value system that, in part, serves to explain why so many — including undergraduate students — don't see the workers that complete all the tasks that they would never do. This is why these janitors feel less worthy than "professionals." This is why certain

groups experience explicit or subliminal discrimination. This is why those who cannot afford to dress expensively feel less confident than those who can, and why those who do not follow the same eroded path toward the standard definition of success are considered social failures.
Evidently, we don't define how we perceive ourselves — everyone else does. It is the rest of the world's perception of us that holds weight. Who we are in other people's eyes determines our self-worth. We define our place, then, according to an external hierarchy or social ladder.
The higher up the hierarchy one is in terms of appearance, wealth, profession, or any other factor society uses as a tool for discrimination, the greater the amount of "dignity," "honor" and "value" granted to the individual holding that position. The higher up one is, the more one can look down on the inferior below. Conversely, the lower down one is, the less one feels deserving of the dignity and respect accorded to those above. We jump through hoops built by others in a nonsensical frenzy to meet protocol, in hopes of earning respect from the rest of the world.
What can we take away from this? If we ever catch ourselves trying to prove that we are better than someone else,

justifying why someone is better than us, or judging if someone is worth our attention, we need to take a step back and reassess.
By looking at ourselves through the eyes of others or judging others based on this value system, we undermine dignity, value and diversity. This complete ignores the inherent dignity in every person and his or her contribution to the world.
This devalues what is truly essential to being a good person and living a fulfilling life. This perpetuates a system in which "diversity" is only skin-deep and acts simply as a marketing tactic. Real diversity is individuality.
The phrase "you are your own worst critic" is not always true since everyone else is the worse critic whom we perpetually seek to please. In the end, personal attributes, dreams and hopes are worth more than fulfilling others' expectations. By actively defining ourselves and our worth, we can begin to embrace differences both within ourselves and within others.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In defense of Fanny packs

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,
While it is by no means a timeless accessory in a well-dressed man's wardrobe, the Fanny pack does not merit the criticism voiced in your Nov. 9 Letter to the Editor. Despite your assertion to the contrary, the Fanny pack is an incredibly functional accoutrement.
It's the perfect size for stowing a cell phone, wallet, water bottle and keys on the way to the gym. And ask any lady of sophistication if she'd rather date a man whose ill-fitting cargo shorts are stuffed with everyday necessities or a man who throws those same essentials into a Fanny pack (worn casually over one shoulder) and opts for a pair of tailored trousers or, dare I say, short shorts (7-in. inseam being my personal preference, 5-in. if you are particularly daring).
She will obviously prefer the man with the fanny pack. Further, if Notre Dame is ever ranked as the least stylish college campus, Fanny packs won't be the culprit. Rather, it will be the abundance of baggy sweatpants, Ugg boots, oversized parkas and euphemistically dubbed "athletic" apparel that earn Notre Dame such a status.
Most importantly, I refute your claim that Mr. Denué deserves a scolding for wearing a Fanny pack in public. Consider Thom Browne, 1988 graduate of Notre Dame and designer of the eponymous label.
Much like Mr. Denué's Fanny pack, Browne's signature slim lapels and truncated trousers initially met with hostility, but his vision dramatically shifted the paradigm of modern menswear, and the Council of Fashion Designers of America ultimately dubbed Browne the Menswear Designer of the Year in 2006.
Mr. Denué should be similarly applauded for his own interpretation of fashion, which serves as a breath of fresh air in a rather stylistically homogeneous community.
Fanny pack swag,

Kelly James
senior
Stanford Hall
Nov. 11

A cautionary tale

Tonight my most meaningful class, a discernment seminar, ended, so I feel I should write something about my chosen path so far. This is not simply a self-indulgent piece about the beautiful journey (or marathon/box of chocolates/insert cliché here) of life. This is a cautionary tale.
Students are flocking to Mendoza in record numbers, avoiding less "practical" majors because the economy has gone to hell and even educated, skilled people can't put food on the table, let alone fulfill their ambitions. However, if business is not your passion, you are hurting yourself and the world by ignoring your vocation in favor of the "safe" option.
(Also, news flash: there is no safe option; you never know what might happen in life.)
This is not a "let's bash the business school" letter. Going into business is not the only way to ignore what actually moves you (and if business is what moves you, go for it!).
My greatest Notre Dame regret is not being a Peace Studies major. I would likely have had to drop a major, and I felt it wasn't worth "wasting" the credits and starting fresh.
I was also running scared from a less "practical" major. I don't lose sleep over this, but I will always wonder if I made that decision for the right reasons.
The decisions each of us make and the passions to which we decide to devote our lives affect other people in significant, albeit subtle ways. Had I chosen peace studies, I might be more able to work for social justice, as I hope to do in some way for the rest of my life.
As an English and Spanish major, I have plenty of opportunities to do meaningful service, and many careers could be fulfilling for me, so I am not saying only one path is right. I am simply asking you to search within yourself, with your Higher Power's help, if you have one, before making the major decision of choosing your major.
Bad puns aside, I hope you will consider taking the road less traveled or whichever road you feel best suits you.

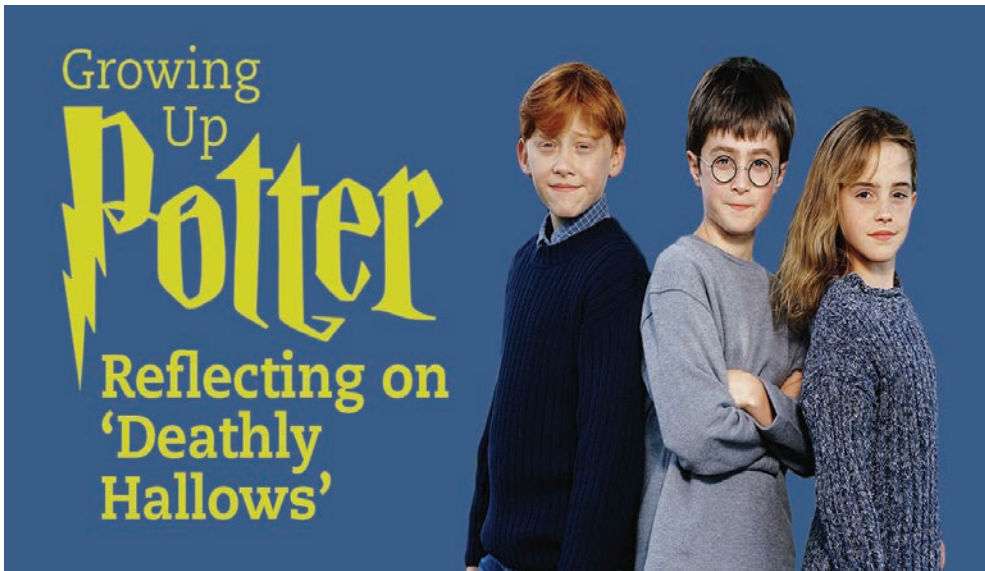
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Nov. 10

Christie isn't helping

I noticed an ad in The Observer on Nov. 11 for Gov. Chris Christie's keynote on "Educational Innovation and the Law." The ad states that the governor of New Jersey is "advancing an ambitious campaign to ensure that every child in the state has a chance to succeed." Nothing could be further from the truth. As a New Jerseyan who went through the (excellent) public school system and who has a mother who teaches in it, I have watched incredulously as Chris Christie has chipped away at the education system.
Mr. Christie (who's own children attend private school) began his tenure with a vicious attack on schoolteachers. The governor has made clear his belief that teachers, traditionally thought of as underpaid, well-educated professionals, are overcompensated. He has, in his combative style of speaking, insulted the profession repeatedly as he pushed forward laws restricting their collective bargaining rights.
The Governor has also slashed funding for schools. This is understandable to some degree, given the budget crisis state has faced. (He has, of course, refused to raise

taxes, but that is another issue.) However, he has cut aid unevenly, slashing court-mandated aid to poor urban districts, while allowing smaller cuts to wealthy suburban enclaves. Lashing out at the state's Superior Court, the governor has ousted certain members of the court, which could lessen its willingness to challenge him.
The administration bungled its Race to the Top application, foregoing a chance for \$400 million. Typically, Christie passed the buck to his Education Commissioner, angrily asserting that he did nothing wrong.
I look forward to hearing Mr. Christie explain how all of these things further our education system.

Jackson Bangs
senior
Stanford Hall
Nov. 11



LAUREN CHVAL
Scene Writer

Fate, and constantly pestering my parents, would have it that I was in the middle of a European tour when the seventh and final “Harry Potter” book was released. It gave me quite a bit of pause when I realized those two dates coincided. Not enough to, say, cancel my trip to Europe, but enough to develop an uncomfortable feeling in the pit of my stomach.

It wasn’t just the last time a Harry Potter book would come out. It was the last time I would go to get the book with my brothers, the last time I would be reading new material for the first time, the last time my middle brother would try to ruin things for me by telling me to open to a certain page number because he read faster than me, the last time I would sit down with that brother once we finished and discuss every detail and revelation. It was the end of all of those things, and I wouldn’t be there to experience them.

I traveled to seven countries in the three weeks I was abroad, but I was in Budapest. Hungary when “Deathly Hallows” hit bookshelves. I was there with a group from my high school, including two of my best friends and my favorite English teacher. I begged him to take me into the city at midnight and let me get the book, but, unsurprisingly, he wasn’t having it.

“I am not taking you into a foreign city in the middle of the night to get a book,” he said exasperatedly after I’d asked for the 10th time. “That’s just not happening.”

I sulked for a while. When midnight rolled around, even though I was several hours ahead of them, I pictured my mom standing in line at Barnes and Noble with my brothers. I sniffed a little and went to bed.

The next day was a different story. My poor friends just wanted to explore Budapest, but it wasn’t in the cards for them. I insisted, probably very obnoxiously, that we find a bookstore so I could get “Hallows.” They agreed, quite possibly on the singular observation that I was reaching desperation.

We found a bookstore and then had to go find an ATM because I had underestimated how much more expensive the books were in Europe. I walked blocks in search of that ATM, and with every step that Budapest kept me away from Harry, the city lost a little bit of its luster for me. I finally returned to the bookstore, my aggravated friends in tow, and I bought the book.

“Wait until you’re in your room tonight,” my English teacher told me as I cracked it open when we got to the bus. “You don’t want to miss out on the sights because you’re reading.”

In my first blatant act of defiance of a teacher, I ignored him. And I read. And read. And read. The extra 12 hours I had to wait had made me even hungrier for the story than I had imagined. I read the whole day — through our tour of the city, market shopping and riverboat ride.

I wondered vaguely if in a few years I would look back on that day that I read Harry Potter instead of taking in Europe and remember it as a waste and be disappointed. At the time, I didn’t think much of it as I finished the book in less than seven hours.

Four years later, I don’t regret it. If there was something I regretted about that summer it was missing the last book release with my brothers, although I did like Europe very much. Some might say that’s crazy, but it’s hard to weigh the experiences against one another — they were both important for vastly different reasons.

I do remember the feeling I had as I closed the book because I felt it again quite recently. I reread the entire series this summer in fast succession. I hadn’t really read any of them since my second read-through of the seventh book, not even when their movie counterparts were released. I didn’t realize until I started reading again that I had been trying to flush my deeper love of Harry from my mind.

Why, you might ask? It’s become clear from this series that my love of “Harry Potter” is maybe a touch too strong. A lack of stability and friends in my childhood had made the world of “Harry Potter” just a little too important to me. But when I closed the final book, I didn’t know what to do with myself exactly. There had always been another book to look forward to, another day to anticipate and count down to.

I stopped reading because I hated the realization that this was the end of my unconventional childhood. I didn’t like that sinking feeling when I started to look toward the next adventure and realized it wasn’t coming. Without deciding to, I shelved Harry and focused on the real friends I had created by 16.

When I started reading this summer, it was more of a homage to my childhood as the movies wrapped up than a real desire to revisit the powerful feelings I had struggled through in my original readings of the books. Regardless of my intentions, I discovered many of the same truths again, including what it felt like to turn the final page. The ending was just as hard for me this time around. I had the same strong wish for an eighth book (I don’t know about this Pottermore thing coming out).

There was something different this time around though. Maybe it was maturity that made me see I had closed the door on Harry in the wrong way. I had thought if I didn’t revisit Harry, I wouldn’t miss him.

The thing is, I took real truths from the books when I needed them as a kid, and this summer, I found that I had forgotten some of those very lessons. The books, while not new, were there to be rediscovered by me. The escape still exists. A reread can always take me to the place I once needed and send me away with reminders of the things I learned for myself there — and those truths will always be my eighth book.

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MAIJA GUSTIN
Scene Editor

The end has finally come. Be it the end of your childhood or the end of those incessantly annoying fanatics who talk about horcruxes and Muggles, the end of “Harry Potter” on screen has arrived.

With Friday’s release of “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2” on DVD, the saga comes to a close and your video collection of the boy wizard’s adventures can come to a close as well. Or can it?

Warner Bros. isn’t going to make buying your copy of the movie easy on you. Yes, you can drive over to your local Target or head to Amazon.com and pick it up. But which one do you get? Warner Bros. has released countless versions of the video, each with different features and each carried by different retailers.

The special features range widely in quality and some features are only available on certain versions of the movie.

Every edition comes with a glorified advertisement video for the new Warner Bros. “Harry Potter” studio tour. Starting next year, Leavesden Studios, the home of “Harry Potter,” will be opened to the public for tours of the sets and glimpses of costumes, props and all the other magic you saw on screen. The video is pretty nice, with cast interviews and some footage of the sets, but it’s nothing you can’t get online.

Each version of the DVD also comes with a set of deleted scenes. Unlike many films, where the deleted scenes are never edited and therefore look distinctly different from the movie they’re attached to, the “Deathly Hallows” scenes are thankfully fully edited and fit in well with the movie. However, the eight scenes included are short and fairly unexciting. There are some charming moments between Luna and Harry, Tonks and Lupin, Hermione and Ron and Harry and Ginny, but nothing to get too excited about.

The real excitement for fans comes from a series of “Behind the Story” videos. There is a nearly hour-long interview with J.K. Rowling and Daniel Radcliffe on the creation of the eponymous character that should not be missed. There is also a featurette on the creation of Gringotts’ goblins and a video about the women of the “Harry Potter” universe. These videos are the meat of the special features.

Finally, for a few savvy shoppers (read on to learn how to be one yourself), there is an additional feature included. The documentary “When Harry Left Hogwarts” was shot during the filming of the final two movies and includes an unprecedented look into the world of “Harry Potter.” This might be the juiciest extra of them all.

But buying any edition of the movie won’t get you all of this.

The first question is DVD or Blu-Ray. In no real surprise, the image and quality of the Blu-Ray version of the film is much better — that is the point of the new technology. But, ultimately, as is the case with many Blu-Rays, the value of the Blu-Ray over the DVD is as much dependent on the quality and size of your television than it is with the disc itself. You probably know which version is for you.

Here comes the tricky part, though — Warner Bros. is pushing you to get Blu-Ray. In fact, for “Harry Potter” fanatics and cinephiles alike, Blu-Ray is almost the only way to go. If you choose the buy the basic DVD, you’ll get the movie, the studio tour ad and the deleted scenes. There’s really not that much there for hardcore fans.

There is one beacon of hope for non Blu-Ray owners who want the special features. Head to Wal-Mart (and only Wal-Mart) and you can buy a special two-disc DVD that will include all of the special features except for “When Harry Left Hogwarts.”

If you love the special features, though, spring for the Blu-Ray. You can go basic and buy a standard Blu-Ray set with just the deleted scenes or you can step up for the three-disc combo pack with the Blu-Ray, a DVD copy, a downloadable version and all of the special features except for the documentary. This version is available almost everywhere.

If you’re dying for “When Harry Left Hogwarts” though, Target is your sole saving grace. The documentary is exclusive to their four-disc set, which includes everything from the Blu-Ray three-disc combo pack plus the doc.

For 3D fanatics, Best Buy has an exclusive 3D version of the film.

The bottom line? If you want all the nuts and bolts, splurge on the Target special. If not, then you have plenty of alternative options.

But don’t be so quick to ask for the eight-movie Blu-Ray collection for Christmas this year. You may have heard the shocking news that Warner Bros. is “vaulting” us —taking a page from Disney and stopping the shipment of “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2” to stores after the New Year. But don’t freak out just yet.

Yes, this is true. But Warner Bros. has commented in interviews that they are aware they have never released any special editions of any of the films with all of the bonus material they’ve certainly been compiling over the last decade. They’ve hinted enough at the release of an ultimate collector’s edition of all of the films to make it an inevitability sometime in 2012. There are no extra features on this year’s eight-movie set, so be a smart shopper and wait until the complete, ultimate edition sometime next year.

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FTT presents new play at DPAC

BRENNA WILLIAMS

Scene Writer

In everything it does, Notre Dame loves being a campus of “firsts.” This week the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre (FTT) will present the first workshop production of Anne García-Romero’s newest play “Provenance,” giving the Notre Dame community a chance to be its first audience.

“Provenance” is about two sisters who receive a stolen painting that was made by their Mexican great-grandfather and the challenge they face in deciding whether or not to keep it.

The script was inspired by the life and art of Mexican artist Martín Ramírez. García-Romero came across an exhibition of his work in New York several years ago. From there, she began research that took her as far as the painter’s hometown of Jalisco, Mexico. The thorough research for the script carries over to director Kevin Dreyer’s specific vision for the show, which works with the script to create a very realistic feel.

García-Romero is a visiting professor in the FTT department as well as a Moreau Fellow. The Moreau Fellowship is

designed to bring scholars to campus from groups that are underrepresented to encourage dialogue about diversity.

“Provenance” accomplishes that goal through its focus on a

also been unique, with script changes occurring until the beginning of this month.

“There has definitely been a lot more research involved in this show than any other one I’ve done before,” Nunez said.

The actors have clearly enjoyed engaging with a new work and developing it with the guidance of its writer.

“I love [García-Romero’s] ability to temper genuine human experience with just the right amount of magical realism,” Finn

In addition to this week’s performances of “Provenance,” the Department is presenting a free conference Thursday. The “Latina Theater Today: New Voices Conference” will feature two panels of leading scholars, performers and writers discussing contemporary development of



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Mexican-American family.

“It really explores questions of roots and background, and shows the wide range of connections people can have to their heritage,” sophomore Gabriela Nunez, who plays Grace Martinez, said.

Race and culture are topics that often do not receive much exposure at Notre Dame. Carina Finn, who plays Cindy Jacobs, said she has enjoyed being involved in the play. “‘Provenance’ is an especially intimate piece and deals with race and culture in ways I haven’t seen done before in my time here,” she said.

Each cast and crew member brings personal experiences to this performance, enriching the show’s first workshop with their own touches. “Provenance” has brought together faculty, undergraduates, international students and graduate members of the Notre Dame community — a mix that you would be hard-pressed to find in another show on campus.

The production process for this show has

completely engaging and fantastic space.”

Charlie O’Leary, the production’s dramaturg, said his favorite part of the process has been the novelty of the play.

“I think it’s really exciting that we are the first group of people to see this brand new piece of theatre,” he said. “The process of working on a new play is especially interesting because the script is a semi-malleable document that everyone involved has a hand in shaping.”

Nunez said all of the hard work has been rewarding.

“Knowing that I am the first person to play this character is also really exciting and has really made me think about who I want this character to be,” she said. “[Working with García-Romero] makes me feel confident that the play is being produced the way that the playwright intended, which is something I’ve never had the chance to know.”

Sophomore Natalie Cuevas, who plays Ramon Martinez said the characters are very relatable.

“There are so many different things that the characters go through that I think everyone can relate to in some way,” she said. “It’s very personal and because of that, one of the most touching and intimate shows I’ve ever done.”



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Anne García-Romero and directed by Kevin Dreyer, runs Nov. 16-20 in the Philbin Studio Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are \$5 and general admission is \$10. Tickets can be purchased at performingarts.nd.edu or at the DPAC box office. The “Latina Theater Today: New Voices Conference”



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Latina theater and 21st century Latina playwrights. Students who attend the conference will receive a complementary ticket to Thursday night’s performance.

“Provenance,” written by

will be held on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in McKenna Hall, Room 210. More information can be found at ftt.nd.edu

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On campus

What: “Provenance”

Where: The Philbin Studio Theatre, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

When: Tuesday, Nov. 16 through Sunday, Nov. 20

How Much: \$5 for students, \$10 general

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Playoff still needed

It's the perfect weekend for opponents of any sort of playoff system in college football. No. 4 Stanford lost to No. 7 Oregon, ending the Cardinal's hopes of an undefeated season, and with them, any realistic chance at a national title.



Allan Joseph
Sports Editor

No. 5 Boise State fell to TCU, and the Broncos will be waiting another year for the long-hoped call to the title game. As the season goes on, teams keep dropping games, and hopes for lifting that crystal football keep fading

It's the "regular-season playoff" so many traditionalists vouch for. Though the season began with a wide-open field racing toward the ultimate goal, just three teams have realistic shots at championship-game berths: No. 1 LSU, No. 2

Oklahoma State and No. 3 Alabama. So this proves we don't need any sort of playoff system, right?

Let me answer that question with another question.

Are you kidding me? Of course we need a playoff. In fact, we need a playoff this year more than ever — and not just any playoff. We need the craziest, biggest playoff we can get: the 16-team playoff proposed by Yahoo!

Wetzel essentially says there should be an automatic entry from each and every Football Bowl Sub-division conference (nine when he counted, but who knows how many that actually is given conference realignment), and then filling out the field with at-large bids. He argues this system would give the regular season value: the No. 1 team at the end of the year would get to play a weak Sun Belt champion, while the No.

6-ranked team would have to play a much stronger opponent. He suggests that every game save the title matchup be played at the home stadium of the higher-seeded opponent, giving added value to the regular season.

All of that is fine, and it's a pretty nifty design for a playoff system. But the best part of Wetzel's proposal is pretty simple.

It's a whole lot of fun. You can't tell me you wouldn't tune in to watch Oklahoma and LSU duke it out for a spot in the national championship game. You can't tell me you wouldn't watch Oklahoma State-Nevada in hopes of a Cinderella-style upset. You can't tell me you wouldn't watch Alabama and Stanford battle to just get out of the first round. Even better, all of the Boise State, TCU and Utah fans out there would get to ride their bandwagon all the way to the championship game — if their teams earn it.

Yeah, a playoff would be fun. Even better, it would help us really determine the best team every year. It's

pretty obvious that Alabama, LSU, Oklahoma State, Oklahoma, Oregon and Stanford are the best six teams in the country — most would agree that a matchup between any two of those teams would probably

be pretty close, especially if those teams have already played this season.

But only two of them can play in the title game.

So why not open up to a playoff system? Let the best team earn that shiny Waterford crystal. But once it's a plus-one system or a four-team system, you're just cheating the fans — you might as well make it 16.

But for this year, at least, we won't get the answer to the question of who the best team in the country is. We'll just be left with one resounding question: What if?

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

NFL

Buccaneers streak by Texans, 37-9

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The streaking Houston Texans are gaining confidence by the victory.

The AFC South leaders pummeled the reeling Tampa Bay Buccaneers 37-9 on Sunday with Matt Schaub throwing for two long touchdowns, Arian Foster, Ben Tate and Derrick Ward each running for scores, and the NFL's No. 1-ranked defense delivering another strong performance.

"We're playing well as a team," Schaub said after the Texans (7-3) won their fourth straight with star receiver Andre Johnson sidelined by hamstring injury, matching a franchise mark set in 2009 to head into their bye week with their best-ever record through 10 games.

"We have some playmakers on this offense," the quarterback added. "Defensively, we're playing really well. They're holding teams, making them turn the ball over. They're just playing exceptional football."

Jacoby Jones filled in for Johnson with an 80-yard TD reception on the first play from scrimmage and Foster turned a short pass into his second 78-yard scoring reception of the season for Houston.

A defense that's made a dramatic turnaround under coordinator Wade Phillips had four sacks, three interceptions and recovered a fumble.

The Texans lead their division by 1 1-2 games over second-place Tennessee and may get Johnson, who's been sidelined six weeks, back when they travel to Jacksonville in two weeks. After losing two straight without Schaub's favorite target, Houston has put together an impressive winning streak by getting contributions from a lot of different players.

The bye figures to give others a chance to get healthy, too.

"It was important today that we got to this point," coach Gary Kubiak said. "We've been working really hard. ... We had five or six players that missed a whole week of practice, and they lined up and played. 'We've got a good team thing going on right now.'"

The Bucs (4-5), on the other hand, have lost three straight and four of five following a 3-1 start.

Josh Freeman threw three interceptions and was sacked four times, and Tampa Bay's offense didn't get into the end zone until the fourth quarter for the second game in a row. Defensively, the Bucs tackled poorly and yielded 268 yards in the opening half and 420 over-



AP

Buccaneers quarterback Josh Freeman, right, scrambles away from the Texans' J.J. Watt during the second quarter Sunday.

all. "Terrible game. Completely, put the blame on me for this one. ... We started the game just like we finished it," Tampa Bay coach Raheem Morris said. "Poor job by myself. I'll take complete responsibility for that. I refuse to believe that our guys are that bad, so it has to be my fault."

Houston, which is ranked No. 1 in total defense for the first time, has limited opponents to just over 10 points per game during its winning streak. After limiting the Titans, Jaguars and Browns to fewer than 175 yards the previous three weeks, the Texans held Tampa Bay to 231.

Foster and Tate each ran for over 100 yards to key last week's 30-12 victory over Cleveland. They weren't as successful running this time, however the Texans did finish with 185 yards on the ground. Foster gained 84 on 17 carries and Tate wound up with 63 on 13 carries, including an 11-yard TD burst to make it 37-9 with under six minutes remaining.

"With winning comes a winning mind-set, and believing in each other keeps that positive energy flowing," Texans defensive end Antonio Smith said. "I think everybody is in on it from top to bottom."

Tampa Bay scored on Connor Barth's 55-yard field goal on the final play of the first half and didn't get into the end zone until Freeman threw a 9-yard TD pass to Preston Parker early in the fourth quarter. Defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth made his debut for the Bucs, blocking an extra point after

Houston's first touchdown and finishing with five tackles.

The two-time Pro Bowl selection was released by New England on Tuesday, claimed off waivers Wednesday and practiced with his new team for the first time on Thursday. Gerald McCoy's season-ending injury left the Bucs thin on the offensive line, and with backup Frank Okam still sidelined by a sore calf, the 350-pound Haynesworth moved into the starting lineup.

A week after rushing for a club-record 261 yards during a 30-12 victory over Cleveland, the Texans came out throwing on a Bucs defense that has struggled to stop the run and had to honor Schaub's play-action fakes. A wide-open Jacoby Jones caught an underthrown ball at the Tampa Bay 45 on the first play, cut back to his left between safeties Tanard Jackson and Sean Jones and sprinted to the end zone to finish Houston's longest scoring play of the season.

Foster's long TD reception nearly covered as much ground and also involved some nifty running after the catch. The third-year running back took a short throw from Schaub, broke a tackle and headed up the left sideline before cutting inside near midfield to avoid Sean Jones and easily outrun the remaining pursuit.

Houston's first three scoring drives covered 80, 80 and 90 yards. Foster had four receptions for 102 yards, and missed going over 100 yards rushing when he had a 39-yard gain wiped out by a penalty in the fourth quarter.

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Sports Briefs:

Tyler Seguin scored two goals and had an assist as the Boston Bruins increased their winning streak to five with a 6-2 win over the Buffalo Sabres on Saturday night.

Seguin has already matched his rookie total with 11 goals, which leads the surging Stanley Cup champions.

The Bates College football team held the Bowdoin offense scoreless in a 24-2 win on Saturday at Garcelon Field. The win moves both teams to 3-4 this season and gives the Bobcats three wins in a season for the first time since 2002.

Bowdoin scored its lone two points on a defensive PAT runback by Beau Breton, after the Polar Bears blocked Bates' extra-point kick attempt in the first quarter.

The Lawrence High School football team, dominant in regular-season play during the last two years but frustrated in the playoffs, used a touchdown in the final minute of the first half Friday night to ignite a run of 26 answered points that propelled the undefeated Bulldogs past Bangor 40-14 for their first Pine Tree Conference Class A championship since 2007. Lawrence will play for the Maine state championship on Nov. 19 at Fitzpatrick Stadium in Portland.

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to keep shooting. With Tim being out, I felt like I had to step up and score a little more than I would usually.”

The Irish started off hot, putting together a 10-2 run in the first four minutes of the game. At the 16-minute mark, Atkins severely crossed over his defender before splitting two defenders and finished with a nifty finger roll at the basketball, drawing a large outburst from the crowd.

“This group is still trying to find itself and I thought we had a bunch of different guys who stepped up for us,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “I thought Eric was a man and he sensed what he needed to do. Overall, I thought we were searching for that offensive rhythm at times and he found that he had to do some things sometimes and he did. Just his overall demeanor was key for us and maybe that is the benefit of having [Abromaitis] out is that he has to do that even more so this week to speed up the leadership, [process]

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Mike Brey
Irish coach

for him.” Despite a quick comeback from the Delta Devils that gave them a 16-15 advantage, the Irish took the lead for good with just under 10 minutes left in the first half.

Sophomore guard Jerian Grant sparked the Irish late in the first half, scoring eight of his 11 total points while fifth-year forward Scott Martin struggled from the field despite scoring a quiet 15 points. Junior guard Joey Brooks also provided

ed an unexpected offensive boost for the Irish with eight points in the second half.

“From the first exhibition, it’s amazing the improvement [Grant made] and that is what excites me about our team,” Brey said.

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Sophomore guard Eric Atkins takes a shot over a Mississippi Valley State opponent Saturday in Notre Dame’s 80-67 victory. Atkins had a career high performance with 27 points and six assists.

Notre Dame sealed the game with a 22-7 run late in the second half after the Delta Devils came within two points with 10:36 left in the game. Sparks flew with 6:12 left in the game when Mississippi Valley State coach Sean Woods

was ejected after arguing a blocking call and throwing his jacket into the second

row behind the Delta Devils’ bench. Atkins proceeded to sink four-straight free throws, contributing to the 24 free throws made by the Irish throughout the course of the game.

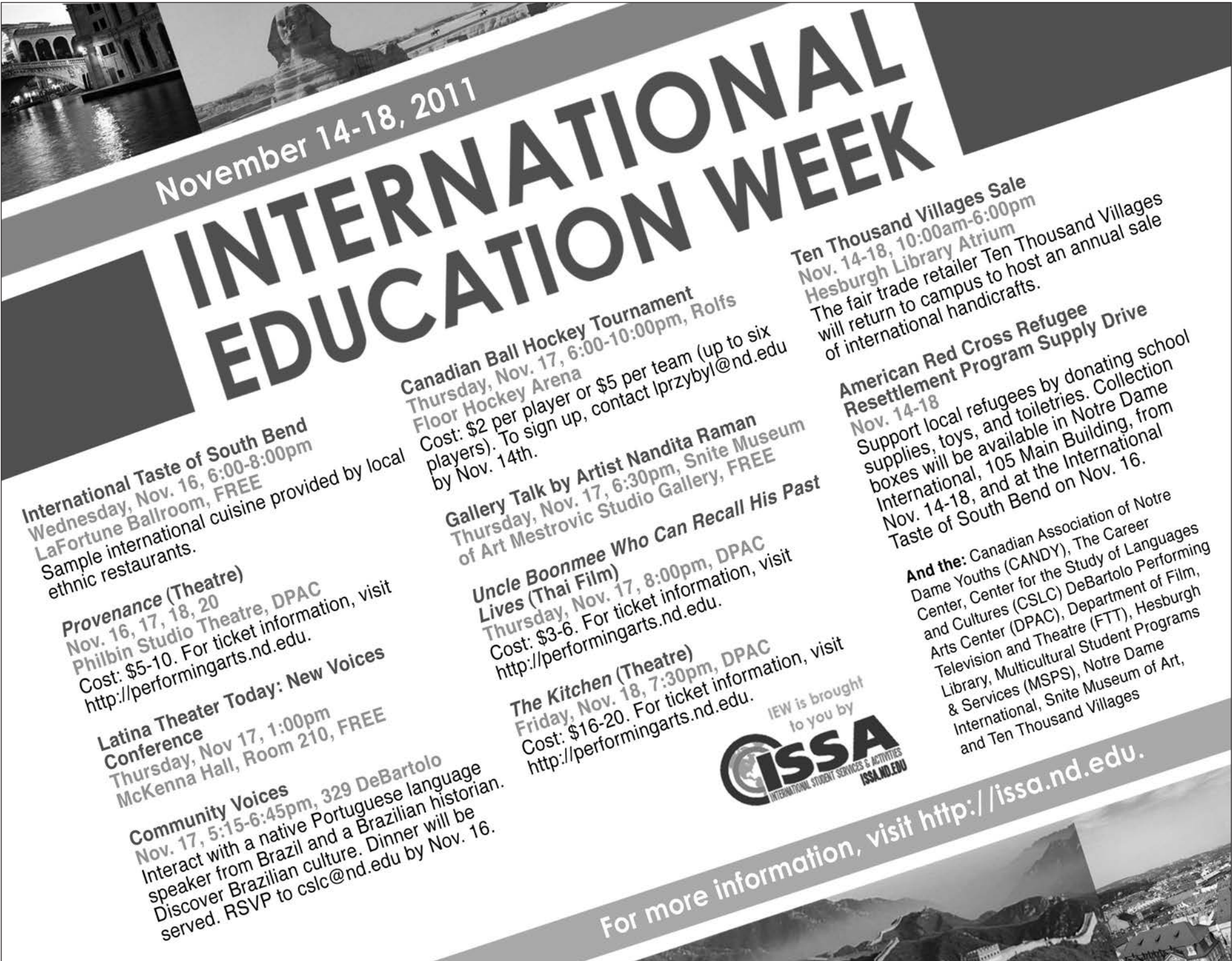
The Irish, meanwhile, will have a quick turnaround with three games in five days, starting with a veteran Detroit team Monday night led by upstart sophomore guard Ray McCallum Jr.

“This is a Big East game [on Monday], I tell our guys,” Brey said. “I thought [on Saturday] our fans were great and our students were great. But I really hope on Monday

night, as much as we delivered, it looks more like the last time we played here on a Monday night against Villanova. We really need the place to be electric and we need the help of our sixth man to beat Detroit. They are old, they have played together and they are physical. This is their year to get the [NCAA] bid.”

Notre Dame will take on the Titans (1-0) at 9 p.m. tonight at the Purcell Pavilion in a game that will be televised on ESPNU.

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International Taste of South Bend
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6:00-8:00pm
LaFortune Ballroom, FREE
Sample international cuisine provided by local ethnic restaurants.

Provenance (Theatre)
Nov. 16, 17, 18, 20
Philbin Studio Theatre, DPAC
Cost: \$5-10. For ticket information, visit <http://performingarts.nd.edu>.

Latina Theater Today: New Voices
Conference
Thursday, Nov 17, 1:00pm
McKenna Hall, Room 210, FREE

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Nov. 17, 5:15-6:45pm, 329 DeBartolo
Interact with a native Portuguese language speaker from Brazil and a Brazilian historian. Discover Brazilian culture. Dinner will be served. RSVP to cslc@nd.edu by Nov. 16.

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Gallery Talk by Artist Nandita Raman
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Friday, Nov. 18, 7:30pm, DPAC
Cost: \$16-20. For ticket information, visit <http://performingarts.nd.edu>.

Ten Thousand Villages Sale
Nov. 14-18, 10:00am-6:00pm
Hesburgh Library Atrium
The fair trade retailer Ten Thousand Villages will return to campus to host an annual sale of international handicrafts.

American Red Cross Refugee Resettlement Program Supply Drive
Nov. 14-18
Support local refugees by donating school supplies, toys, and toiletries. Collection boxes will be available in Notre Dame International, 105 Main Building, from Nov. 14-18, and at the International Taste of South Bend on Nov. 16.

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Pressure

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national championship game. Notre Dame struggled in the game's opening minutes, as sloppy play and missed shots resulted in the Irish falling behind early 9-8.

"I think we were a little overzealous at times and were rushing," senior guard Skylar Diggins said. "We were so wound up, excited, and knew this was our first game after losing our last game. I think we were trying to win a championship in the first few minutes, but then we had to settle down."

The Irish recovered quickly and embarked on a 21-4 run with 11 points from Diggins, who overall notched eight assists on the night and poured in 21 points. Even while the Irish offense struggled at times, the defense did not. Notre Dame recorded 29 steals, the second most in team history, and forced the Zips (0-1)

into 46 turnovers. The defensive charge was led by senior guard Fraderica Miller, who snagged a career-high seven steals.

"You can try to simulate Notre Dame's pressure and their height and their length in practice, but you can't even come close to doing that," Zips coach Jodi Kest said.

However, the Irish turned the ball over 27 times themselves, making it hard to convert steals into points, Irish coach Muffett McGraw said.

"I was really concerned," McGraw said about her team's first half performance that included 14 turnovers. "That's what we talked about at halftime. We're forcing the turnovers, but we aren't capitalizing on their mistakes. I thought we could have done a much better job ... We just seemed out of sync."

McGraw was also concerned with her team's inability to gather rebounds. Akron out-rebounded Notre Dame 44-38.

"I don't think we boxed out," she said. "I thought that was the biggest problem. We didn't get a body on anybody. We didn't box out inside or outside. That was something that we need to really work on."

Sunday's game began less than 48 hours after Friday's win, but Notre Dame showed no signs of fatigue in a convincing defeat of the Sycamores (1-1). The Irish controlled the game throughout, jumping out to an 18-0 lead before securing a 43-point advantage by halftime.

"I was very happy with the game in all phases today," McGraw said. "I thought we played hard, I thought we played great defensively. Offensively, I thought we did some pretty good things ... I thought we were in a much better rhythm, executed much, much better, took care of the ball and I'm really pleased with the game."

Six Irish players scored in double figures for the game, with sophomore guard Kayla McBride leading all scorers with 16. Freshman forward Markisha Wright netted 14 points and added 11 rebounds to earn her first career double-double in just her second collegiate game.

"She is doing just a fantastic job on the boards," McGraw said of Wright. "That's proba-



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Irish senior guard Natalie Novosel dribbles past an Akron defender during Notre Dame's 81-61 victory Saturday.

bly the thing I'm most pleased with because that's what we really need. That and the scoring on the block — two pieces that we lost last year [with the graduation of forward Becca Bruzsewski] and now we've got them back."

The Irish nearly replicated their defensive performance from Friday night, recording 25 steals and converting 51 points off of 36 Indiana State turnovers. Additionally, the Irish were able to out-rebound their opponent 34-23 and shot

8-14 from beyond the arc after going only 2-12 Friday.

A career achievement punctuated the action during the second half Sunday, when senior guard Natalie Novosel sunk a free throw to become the 29th player in school history to reach 1,000 points.

The Irish will return to action Thursday when they face Hartford in the tournament semifinals.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Runners earn All-Region honors, look to NCAA championships

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

Five Irish runners collected All-Region honors at Saturday's NCAA Great Lakes Regional race in Toledo, Ohio. The men's squad placed fourth and garnered three of those accolades, while the women's team finished fifth and had two runners earn the honor.

Despite finishing well enough to earn an at-large bid to the NCAA championships, the women's team was unhappy with its performance. The fifth-place finish fell short of what the team were hoping to achieve, senior captain Rachel Valarde said. "We did not perform as we were hoping to on Saturday," she said. "Our goal was a win or at least a top-two finish. Placing fifth does not reflect the hard work and ability that our team has put in this season."

While the run might not have been what Valarde had hoped for, she said there are small things that can be fixed before they take the course at the NCAA championships.

"We need to work on getting out better at the beginning of the race and staying engaged in the race," Valarde said.

Notre Dame received strong performances from its All-Region honorees. Junior Jessica Rydberg placed 10th overall and freshman Gabby Gonzales finished 13th for the Irish.

"I was pleased with how Jessica and Gabby ran today," Irish coach Tim Connelly said. "Both ran a strong race. Gabby has improved greatly over the last

month and has really made a good contribution to the team."

Velarde is quick to shake off Saturday's lackluster performance and looks forward to running in the national championship meet.

"Our goal this year was not just make nationals, but to really show that we belong there and that we can place well," she said. "I knew from the beginning of the season that we were capable of making nationals and placing well. There is so much talent and hard work on this team that

nationals was only part of the goal. Now that we have made it to nationals, we still have one more goal to complete."

By finishing fourth, the men's squad also earned an at-large bid to the NCAA championships. They finished just 15 points shy of beating Michigan for third place while running a 10-kilometer race for the first time this season. Senior Jordan Carlson (15th place), junior Jeremy Rae (17th) and sophomore Martin Grady (20th) all garnered All-Region honors with their top-25 finishes.

Carlson, a captain, said that his team was pleased with their performance.

"We performed very well this past meet," he said. "We have consistently gotten better with each race this season and this race was no different. If we continue to improve like we have been, then we should do very well at nationals."

The captain knows his team's work is not done though, and said his squad will do their best to

perform well at nationals.

"We haven't quite met all of our goals yet," Carlson said. "We've made it to nationals but that was just the first step. We expect to do

very well at nationals so we are looking forward to finally getting a chance to prove ourselves against the country's best."

Both Irish squads will run in

the NCAA championships on Nov. 21.

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ND Women's Tennis

Underclassmen gain experience in final fall matches

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Irish concluded their fall season with a partial squad at the 2011 Dick Vitale Intercollegiate Clay Court Classic in Lakewood Ranch, Fla.

"I think it was a great way to finish up the season because it was a fun, relaxed tournament, but still had a competitive edge," sophomore JoHanna Manningham said.

Sophomore Britney Sanders, the No. 4-seed, had the best showing of the weekend for the Irish. After a first-round bye, she defeated Yana Mavrina, a sophomore from Temple, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3). In the quarterfinals she fell, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4, to Memphis senior Mariya Slupska, who went on to defeat her own teammate, junior Courtney Collins, for the singles title.

Freshman Katherine White also had a first-round bye,

but despite winning the first set she lost the match, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, to Sarah Toti, a freshman from Tennessee. She dropped her consolation match to Mississippi State freshman Petra Ferancova, 6-2, 3-6, 10-6.

Manningham beat Temple senior Paola Calderon by a score of 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 in the first round, but was defeated by freshman Meghan Blevins of Oklahoma State 6-3, 6-2 in her next round.

"The competition was very fun and it was a great experience to have an outdoors tournament," Manningham said. "NCAAs in the spring is outdoors, but unfortunately we spend most of our season indoors, so it was good to get some more experience."

Sophomore Julie Sabacinski faced Memphis sophomore Stefanie Mikesz in the first round, losing 6-2, 6-1. She won the first set of her consolation match 6-3 and

moved on to the next round when her opponent, Mississippi State sophomore Rose-line Dion, retired. Sabacinski forced a third set but lost her next match to Marvinina, 7-6, 3-6, 10-4.

"It was a good tournament," Sabacinski said. "I would have liked to have had a better tournament [performance-wise,] I think all of us would, but it was a nice tournament to end the fall with and it was fun and nice weather."

The four also teamed up for the doubles draw. Sabacinski and Manningham lost, 8-4, to the Tennessee duo of freshmen Joanna Henderson and Caitlyn Williams. Sanders and White had a first round bye and swept their first opponents, Oklahoma State's juniors Malika Rose and C.C. Sardinha, 8-0. They ran into trouble in the semifinal round, losing 8-5 to Tennessee's sophomore Brynn Boren and Toti, the eventual winners.

The Irish also had to adjust to playing on clay after competing on hard courts all fall.

"It's just slower. The points are longer; you have to be ready to play longer points," Sabacinski, who grew up playing on clay courts in Florida, said. "It was defi-

"I think it was a great way to finish up the season because it was a fun, relaxed tournament, but still had a competitive edge."

JoHanna Manningham
sophomore



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Sophomore Britney Sanders returns the ball in the Eck Tennis Classic on Nov. 5. The Irish will not take the court again until Jan. 21.

ninitely hard to make a transition onto clay when we've been playing indoors, but I think once we started playing we were fine."

The Irish have completed the fall half of their schedule, which is used mostly to tune up for the more team-oriented spring season.

"We got to play a lot of

matches which is really what we all needed in the end," Sabacinski said. "I think it was best for all of us."

The Irish won't head into competition again until next semester, when they face Cincinnati at home Jan. 21.

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SMC Swimming and Diving

Saint Mary's earns first dual meet win



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Sophomore swimmer Alex Kane competes in a dual meet against Defiance on Nov. 12. The Belles won the meet 152-50.

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Belles won their first dual meet in more than two years Saturday when they defeated Defiance, 152-50.

Saint Mary's athletes finished first in 12 of the 14 events contested against Defiance (1-4), a brand new program competing in its first-ever away meet. The Belles (1-3) last won a head-to-head matchup in January 2009, when they beat Albion, 167-124.

Saint Mary's showed no signs of fatigue despite competing in two meets the previous weekend and enduring several strenuous practices. "It's been a pretty hard week for us training wise," Belles coach Mark Benishek said. "It was a tough week on the girls if you would ask them."

Belles senior captains appeared to thrive under the strenuous training conditions as they accounted for eight of the 12 first-place finishes and swam in both of

the winning relays. Megan Price swept the distance freestyle events, winning the 1,000-yard free in 11:33.98 and the 500-yard free in 5:37.20. Katie Smith took several sprint events, finishing first in the 100- and 200-yard free in 58.76 and 2:05.94, respectively. Audrey Dalrymple dominated the breaststroke, winning the 100- and 200-yard events in 1:11.31 and 2:32.06, respectively. She also took first in the 100-yard butterfly, finishing in 1:04.36.

Freshman Anna Nolan and junior Genevieve Spittler accounted for the other two individual wins. Nolan finished first in the 50-yard free in 26.74 and Spittler won the 200-yard butterfly in 2:28.41.

The Belles also dominated the relays. Nolan and Dalrymple teamed up with junior Kristyn Gerbeth and sophomore Sarah Thompson to win the 200-yard medley relay in 1:59.60, while Price, Gerbeth, Nolan and senior Katie Donovan won the 200-yard free relay in 2:05.94.

The Belles are already looking forward to future invites. "We're still kind of building up for the two large invites we have coming up here at the beginning of Thanksgiving Break," Benishek said.

The Belles will return to the pool for the Wabash Invitational in Crawfordsville, Ind. at 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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SMC Cross Country

Belles place 22nd in regional championships

Observer Staff Report

After concluding its conference season two weeks ago, Saint Mary's ended the year at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional on Saturday.

The Belles beat out three conference schools on its way to a 22nd-place finish overall despite finishing just seventh out of nine MIAA teams in the final conference standings. MIAA foes Kalamazoo, Trine and Olivet finished behind Saint Mary's at the event.

Senior captain Joanne Almond finished her stellar season with another personal best. She finished 53rd overall and cracked

the 23-minute mark for the first time in her career on a six-kilometer course. Almond finished in 22:58.91 to earn 52 points for the Belles.

Juniors Julia Kenney and Emma Baker crossed the line within seconds of each other as the top Saint Mary's finishers. Kenney clocked in at 23:40.40, while Baker finished in 23:43.61, good enough for 89th.

Junior Angela Nebesny and junior captain Sarah Copi rounded out the top five for the Belles. Nebesny's time of 24:31.33 marked a new personal record. Copi finished seconds behind her own personal best, clocking in at 25:12.56.

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against the Orange, the Irish rallied to extend the match further with a 26-24 win before falling in the fourth by a count of 25-16. The result virtually assures a rematch between the two teams in the first round of the Big East tournament.

Senior captain Kristen Dealy spearheaded the Irish effort, posting 14 kills and 11 digs on the afternoon, while sophomore Andrea McHugh contributed 12 kills and four aces.

The top three teams in the Big East have separated them-

selves from the rest, as Louisville, Cincinnati and Marquette all finished at least four games ahead of fourth-seeded Syracuse.

The Golden Eagles lived up to the reputation their conference record suggests, dispatching Notre Dame in straight sets despite earning 10 kills from Irish freshman Jeni Houser. Marquette slugged at a .633 rate in the first set and never looked back, finishing at .385 on the day.

The Irish, who have won nine Big East Championship titles, now look toward the Big East tournament, which begins this weekend in Milwaukee, where they will seek revenge against the Orangemen.



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Irish sophomore outside hitter Andrea McHugh spikes the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Seton Hall on Nov. 5. The Irish next compete in the Big East tournament in Milwaukee.

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish struggle against powerhouse Louisville, fall on the road

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

The inexperienced Irish struggled on the road against Louisville and fell to the defending Big East champions 191-109 Saturday. Notre Dame's loss to the Cardinals at Ralph Wright Natatorium marks its worst loss of the season and third loss overall.

Irish swimmer and co-captain Marshall Sherman said he could sense a lack of energy

among his teammates early on in the meet.

"Obviously, we have a lot of work to do. We had a few people step up throughout the meet, but we need everybody to step up and swim to the best of their abilities whenever they can," he said. "I don't want to say people started off sluggish, but they didn't start off very well and took the energy out of us. It's something to consider for the future, to not really let it determine the out-

come of the whole meet."

Louisville sophomore Kameron Chastain finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke and won gold in the 200-yard breaststroke. Chastain was also a member of the 200-yard medley relay team, which finished first at 1:29.29.

Notre Dame (4-3), which has been impressive early this season, struggled to keep up with Louisville.

"They have a lot of all-stars. That used to be where we would top them — in depth. They've become deeper than in the past. They have a lot of talent that we need to overcome in the future," Sherman said. "Their breaststroke is probably their top [event] because last year in the Big East they had two or three guys ahead of [junior co-captain] Chris Johnson. Hopefully

[freshman] Cameron Miller and Chris Johnson, can try and out them toward the end of the season — that'd be a huge boost for us."

Prior to Saturday's meet, Irish coach Tim Welsh said he was not looking for career-bests against the defending Big East champions, but he wanted to see progress from each swimmer.

Despite the loss, Sherman said he saw an improved Irish squad against Louisville.

"I would say there was definitely progress," Sherman said. "There were season-best times but not career-bests. We had a few great swims out of people. Some people who won events for us were great. Some people were just swimming for themselves and the team, which is great to see heading into our Iowa meet."

Irish sophomore freestyle swimmer Frank Dyer picked up gold medals in the 50 and 500-yard freestyle races, and freshman diver Michael Kreft added two first-place finishes in the one and three-meter dive events.

The 400-yard Notre Dame freestyle relay team of Dyer, freshman Zach Stephens, and juniors Kevin Overholt and John McGinley finished second, just over two seconds behind

the Cardinals (3-1).

However, a less than satisfying overall showing against the team's biggest out-of-state rival left the Irish with a bitter taste in their mouths.

"There is no question that Louisville is a power house, and with the talent they have and continue to bring in each year, they will be for a long time," Dyer said. "That being said, there is no reason that we can't give them a run for their money when February rolls around if we continue to focus throughout the rest of the season and train to win."

Notre Dame will have another opportunity to face the Cardinals, when the two schools meet at the Big East Championships in February in Pittsburgh.

"We are very optimistic," Dyer said. "A lot of guys have not reached their in-season potential yet and are possibly waiting for that breakout swim to get them going, but I think everyone is still very focused. We will be able to rebound from this loss and have a chip on our shoulder the next time we race Louisville."

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kneeing given at the 12:11 mark of the third period. Though the Nanooks did not score on that power play, Johns was happy to produce the game-winning goal after putting his team in a difficult situation.

“Taking a five-minute major is obviously something I don’t want to do,” Johns said. “But that’s what this team’s about. One guy makes a mistake and 26 guys have my back.”

Though the goal from Johns was the only one in the third period, the first period marked a different story, as turnovers and odd-man rushes consumed the first 20 minutes. Alaska and Notre Dame combined for seven goals in the first period — including a hat trick by Alaska sophomore center Cody Kunyk — with the Nanooks leading 4-3 at the first intermission, which frustrated Irish coach Jeff Jackson.

“I don’t know if I’ve seen our team start like that in six years,” Jackson said. “It was probably entertaining for the fans [but] it wasn’t too entertaining for me.” Sophomore goaltender Steven Summerhays replaced junior starting goaltender Mike Johnson at the intermission because of a rough outing for Johnson and the need for a defensive spark, Jackson said. Summerhays responded strongly, finishing the game with 16 saves.

“When you make a switch, that’s what you hope happens,” Jackson said. “You hope that there’s a response and I thought Steven did a good job of responding and that’s good, because he hasn’t played in two or three weeks. It’s really important to have two goaltenders.”

The Irish tied the game early in the second period, partially due to the unique design of the Compton Family Ice Arena’s rink. With the penalty boxes next to the Irish bench instead of across the ice, Maday hopped straight on the ice after Johns was released from a penalty and skated into the offensive zone. Maday received a pass from sophomore right wing Mike Voran and buried the tying goal. Johns’ goal in the third period then won the game.

The Irish also won a nail biter Saturday with a 3-2 overtime victory when Maday scored with 41 seconds left in the extra period.

Maday executed a give-and-go with sophomore center T.J. Tynan and scored with a quick shot through the five-hole of Alaska junior goaltender Steve Thompson, resulting in Maday’s fourth goal of the season and Tynan’s 16th assist. The play was a result of a quick change in lines from Jackson.

“[Jackson] made a late adjustment, throwing me out there with Tynan and [sophomore forward] Anders Lee,” Maday said. “I just wanted to get the puck to the net and try to create some opportu-



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Sophomore defenseman Stephen Johns looks for the puck during the Irish’s 5-2 over RPI on Oct. 21. Johns scored the game-winning goal against Alaska on Saturday.

nities for the other linemates and luckily, it went in.”

The Irish got off to a more composed start Saturday, as Alaska only managed five shots in the first period on Summerhays, who started his third game of the season.

“[Summerhays] finished the game [Friday night,]” Jackson said of his decision to start Summerhays. “I wanted to give Mike a break in the next few weeks anyway, because

we have so many games in a two-week period.”

Notre Dame opened the scoring with 3:33 left in the second period when Lee deflected a pass from freshman right wing Austin Wuthrich over Thompson’s shoulder. Though Alaska scored two goals in less than a minute early in the third to take a 2-1 lead, the Irish responded when Tynan scored his third goal of the season with 4:19 left in reg-

ulation. Johns shot the puck from the point, which was deflected to Lee. Lee then attempted an off-balance shot toward the goal, which appeared to be heading wide of the net before Tynan got a stick on it to send the game to overtime.

Though both games resulted in wins this weekend, Jackson said he was much more pleased with the Irish’s play Saturday.

“I thought we played a much better game,” Jackson said. “We really did a great job with the puck.”

The Irish are next in action at the Compton Family Ice Arena on Tuesday at 7:05 p.m. when they take on No. 5 Western Michigan.

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ROWING

Irish end fall season with scrimmage

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

After having their scrimmage against Indiana cancelled last weekend, the Irish finally got back on the water Sunday for their final competition of the fall season.

Notre Dame raced in a scrimmage against Big Ten schools Ohio State, Michigan State and Indiana on the Griggs Reservoir in Columbus, Ohio.

Because of the informal setting, no official results were published. However, the Buckeyes, who finished last season No. 8 in the country, took first in all five of the varsity eight-person races. Having competed against last season’s national champion in the Head of the Charles Regatta earlier in the fall, the Irish have raced against the nation’s best this season.

Irish coach Martin Stone said Ohio State belongs in that category.

“They will be up there at the end of the season,” Stone said of the Buckeyes. “They’re very fast, a very good group. Also, Indiana’s got some speed, Mich-

igan State’s got some speed and we’ve got some speed.”

Stone said the opportunity to race against some talented squads showed his team areas that need improving. Additionally, he said the format of the scrimmage helped in preparation for the spring season.

“There’s a lot of stuff to work on to continue to get faster,” Stone said. “The scrimmage consisted of five four-minute pieces, which is kind of a different race plan. We did well from a learning experience — it gives us an indication of where we are at and what we need to work on. It also gave our kids a lot of experience side-by-side, which is more typical of what’s to come in the spring.”

Though wind rendered some areas of the water too dangerous, the teams found enough shelter for calm racing. The same could not be said for Notre Dame’s scrimmage against Indiana, scheduled for last weekend in Indianapolis. Because teams have limited opportunities for events in the fall, Stone said the cancellation was disappointing, albeit necessary.

“It’s disappointing we couldn’t get it done, obviously you always look forward to competing against other competition,” he said. “Weather is just something that happens, and so a decision had to be made. That’s rowing, and we know it.”


Despite being robbed of one of its opportunities to race, Notre Dame will enter the offseason with knowledge on how to improve, Stone said. He said each individual must work on specific aspects of her fitness in order to continue improving into the second half of the season.

“Each student-athlete needs something different,” Stone said. “Some need to be more aerobically fit, some need more power and raw strength. Each will have their own plan between now and when we get back to the water. We’ll be conducting some assessments this week to see how much everybody has improved since we began in August. Everyone will get guidance on what each person should do to improve.”

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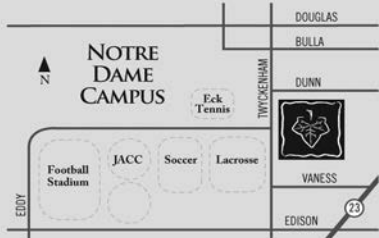
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Missed opportunities



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Sophomore forward Adriana Leon looks to handle the ball during Notre Dame's 1-0 loss to Illinois on Sunday. The loss marks the end of Notre Dame's attempt for a second consecutive national championship.

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. – The 45 mile per hour gusts of wind that blew from goal-to-goal proved to be the winds of change, as No. 16 Illinois made better use of its time playing downwind and ended Notre Dame's campaign for a second straight national championship with a 1-0 victory over the Irish.

Things looked to be going Notre Dame's (10-8-3, 6-3-2 Big East) way from as ear-

ly as the coin toss, as they came out for the first half with a wind that created a wildly unbalanced field at their backs. The team was able to keep the ball almost exclusively in Illinois' (17-4-2, 8-2-1 Big Ten) half of the field, and nearly jumped out to an early lead on a couple of occasions.

In the 30th minute, sophomore midfielder Mandy Ladish blasted a shot from 30 yards out that looked destined for the top right corner, but was deflected up into the

crossbar by a lunging effort from Illini junior goalkeeper Steph Panozzo. Just five minutes later, senior midfielder Jessica Schuveiller curled in a free kick from distance that just missed the far post on the left side. And while the team may have just missed on a couple of opportunities, Irish coach Randy Waldrum wished his squad had gotten a few more chances with the wind on their side.

"When we had the wind at

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Atkins leads team to win in season opener

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Sophomore guard Eric Atkins' staggering cross-over was the perfect representation of his career-high performance in Saturday's season opener at the Purcell Pavilion: too much to handle.

Atkins led the Irish (1-0) with 27 points and six assists in Notre Dame's 80-67 win over Mississippi Valley State (0-1). The sophomore had a new career high in the first half alone, con-

necting on each of his four shots for 16 points amid the absence of suspended fifth-year forward Tim Abromaitis due to an NCAA eligibility violation.

"I think my teammates just found me today," Atkins said. "And coach told me to be aggressive. I think I started early being aggressive and it kind of just went from there. When the first jumper went down, I didn't think I would miss again and I just told myself

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Conference opponents defeat Irish handily

Observer Staff Report

The Irish spent the weekend on the road to finish the regular season, traveling to Marquette before heading to Syracuse for a match against the Orangemen. Despite strong efforts, the Irish fell in both conference matches, losing to the Golden Eagles 3-0 (25-15, 25-21, 25-17) and to Syracuse 3-1 (25-23, 26-24, 24-26, 25-16).

The Irish (15-11, 8-5 Big East) clinched the fifth seed in the conference. Syracuse entered the match against Notre Dame needing a victory to improve its playoff

chances.

With six teams within one game of each other and contending for five spots, the Orangemen were able to clinch the fourth seed in the tournament with their victory over the Irish.

Pittsburgh claimed the last spot with an even conference record at 7-7. South Florida was left on the outside looking in as the ninth place team. Seton Hall and Villanova round off the tournament bracket.

On the verge of being swept down two sets in the third

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HOCKEY

Summerhays leads ND in sweep of Nanooks

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

The two games the Irish played against Alaska this weekend at the Compton Family Ice Arena could not have started more differently. Friday night's first period was wide open and free-flowing, while the play in Saturday's first 20 minutes was much more settled. Yet the end result in each game was the same, as No. 7 Notre Dame overcame a deficit in both contests to edge out a pair of one-goal victories in the final moments.

Irish sophomore defenseman Stephen Johns found the back of the net on the power play with just 47 seconds remaining in regulation as the

Irish (7-2-2, 5-1-2-0 CCHA) defeated the Nanooks (3-7-2, 0-6-2-0) on Friday 5-4. Johns received a cross-ice pass from senior co-captain and right wing Billy Maday near the blue line and unleashed a slap shot that eluded Alaska senior goaltender Scott Greenham.

"I had shots all night and the past couple of weeks I kept on shooting from the point," Johns said. "One really never seemed to go in and tonight I just shot around the screen and got lucky, I guess."

The goal was a bit of redemption for Johns, who had just finished serving a five-minute major penalty for

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame to compete in semis

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

"BIG ... MAC," the crowd chanted with nearly seven minutes left in Sunday's game, willing the Irish to reach 88 points and secure a free sandwich for every fan in attendance. The fans went home happy, and the offensive outpouring helped the Irish secure a 99-34 victory over Indiana State in the second round of the Preseason WNIT after recording a 81-61 win over Akron in their season opener Friday.

Friday's contest marked the 17th consecutive victory in a season opener for the No. 2 Irish (2-0), who took the court for the first time since March 5, when they fell to Texas A&M in the

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Junior Skylar Diggins protects the ball during Notre Dame's 81-61 win over Akron in the opening round of the Preseason WNIT on Sunday.