

'A fresh look'

University President Fr. John Jenkins discusses non-discrimination clause, other issues for 2012-13 school year

By MEGAN DOYLE
Managing Editor

Editor's Note: This story is the first installment in a two-part series on Jenkins' voice in these ongoing conversations in the Notre Dame community. This story is also the first of three similar series on the Notre Dame presidency to appear in coming weeks.

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For students here, those three words are a mantra, a proud refrain.

For University President Fr. John Jenkins, those three words are his entire life.

"As president of Notre Dame,



I live in three worlds," Jenkins said. "One is the world of higher education, one is the world of Catholicism and religion and the other is the world of our nation, the United States of America."

The upcoming year will be an especially poignant cross of those three worlds for Jenkins, who began his presidency in 2005.

The University, as one of the premier Catholic colleges in the nation, is challenging the contraception mandate in the Affordable Care Act as an overstep of the government's rights against religious organizations.

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SUZANNA PRATT | The Observer

University President Fr. John Jenkins reflected upon the challenges inherent to heading the most prominent Catholic university in the country amidst a turbulent political climate.

Irish band wakes up the echoes in Dublin



Photo provided by Alison Thigpen

Members of the Notre Dame Band perform at Kilkenny Castle in Kilkenny, Ireland, during spring break in March.

By SAM STRYKER
Assistant Managing Editor

DUBLIN — Golden helmets. The Leprechaun. The "Notre Dame Victory March." And of course, the Band of the Fighting Irish.

These are the ingredients to the most classic of University recipes — a Notre Dame football weekend. And even though the season-opener for the Irish will be held in Dublin, expect the ingredients to be the same — including the presence of the band.

On Wednesday, approximately 165 students left campus

on their way to Ireland for this weekend's Emerald Isle Classic. Band director Ken Dye said this number does not represent the entire marching band. Students applied in the spring to travel on the trip, and this group earned their tickets to Ireland based on seniority and service.

"The trip is a special opportunity for our students to experience a Notre Dame football game in a foreign country," Dye said. "Many of our students have Irish heritage and have an appreciation for Ireland and her people."

Band members who made the trip to Ireland have been

preparing for the event for months, Dye said. Participants had to prepare music over the summer so they would arrive on campus in "mid-season form," and they have been practicing daily since Aug. 18 on top of their regular marching band obligations.

"We have treated the Ireland Band as a separate band in addition to our 2012 Marching Band," he said. "The band staff has been working over a year to write Irish Band music and work through all the travel logistics."

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Eddy Street stores diversify

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Eddy Street Commons will enhance its options for students with two new additions this fall. GNC, a nutritional supplement distributor, will open in the complex tomorrow, and popular convenience store 7-Eleven will open mid-October.

Andrew Hasbrook, in-house leasing manager of Kite Realty, said many businesses

vied to fill the open spots in Eddy Street Commons.

"The landlord has worked with thousands of interested parties since the onset of the development and continues to do so, working to provide the best mix for the shopping center, on-site residents and office employees at Eddy Street, the community of South Bend and for the student body," Hasbrook said.

The realty chose GNC and 7-Eleven for their national

recognition and the convenience they will offer nearby students and homeowners, Hasbrook said.

"GNC will offer health and nutrition supplements that are very popular, especially to a younger demographic," he said. "7-Eleven will provide students, residents and office employees a convenience store within walking distance."

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ND grads take final vows

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

On Saturday, three Notre Dame graduates professed final vows of poverty, chastity and obedience during their ordination as deacons in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Alumni Brian Ching, Mark DeMott and Jarrod Waugh

have nearly completed the process of becoming Holy Cross priests and will be ordained priests in April 2013.

After this weekend's ordination, DeMott said the group gains new responsibilities from their profession.

"Becoming a deacon is the

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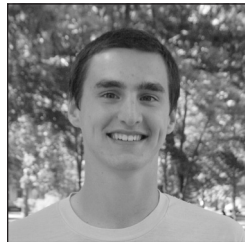
What would you do for a Klondike Bar?



Amy Klopfenstein

junior
Ryan Hall

"Pat my head and rub my tummy at the same time."



Brad Stalcup

sophomore
Fisher Hall

"Eat at North Dining Hall."



Bridget Bruns

freshman
Lewis Hall

"Climb a mountain."



Danielle Valcourt

sophomore
Welsh Family Hall

"Run the Holy Half."



Johanna Blake

freshman
Welsh Family Hall

"I would do five 'I'm a star' [jumps]."



Lexi Klaus

freshman
Farley Hall

"Climb four flights of stairs of Farley."



JOHN NING | The Observer

Students participate in the Career Fair Prep Workshop in the ballroom of the LaFortune Student Center on Wednesday. Career Center advisors reviewed resumes, conducted practice interviews and helped students prepare for upcoming career fairs.

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An article in the Aug. 29 edition of The Observer accurately reported on an initiative to restructure Notre Dame's budget. However, the headline, "Initiative to trim University budget," was inaccurate. As the story explained, the budget was repurposed but not reduced. The Observer regrets this error.

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Architecture Exhibit

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Women's Volleyball

Joyce Center
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
ND vs. Alabama

Women's Soccer

Alumni Stadium
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
ND vs. Santa Clara

Saturday

Vigil Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
5 p.m.-6 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

Joyce Center
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
ND vs. Buffalo

Sunday

Women's Soccer

Alumni Stadium
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
ND vs. North Carolina

Women's Volleyball

Joyce Center
2 p.m.-4 p.m.
ND vs. Eastern Kentucky

Monday

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New Media: From the Middle Ages to the Digital Age

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"Hey Babe, What's Your Sign?"

Senior studies local ecology

By **BRIDGET FEENEY**
Associate St. Mary's Editor

While many students interned with businesses to advance their careers or traveled to sunny beaches for vacation this summer, senior Allison Zandarski completed biological research and presented it at a conference in Alaska.

Zandarski and Amy Gillan, assistant professor of teacher education, collaborated over the summer on research, experiments and investigations as part of their Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) grant. Awarded in the spring, the grant pairs a faculty member and a student to work on a scholarly or creative project together.

Zandarski said the SISTAR grant facilitated a great summer learning experience that will prove valuable beyond her time at Saint Mary's.

"I learned that no matter how crazy or impossible your dream seems you have to be faithful and diligent in order to achieve it," she said. "Dr. Gillan has helped me to understand that no matter the odds, you have to do what makes you happy or else you're almost guaranteed to be the opposite."

A biology major, Zandarski

was awarded the grant to analyze and study the potential restoration of a freshwater lake near Saint Mary's and document the pair's collaborative efforts and findings.

"Allison studied a nearby lake from an ecological stance and I documented her work in order to create video-supported curricula to support a 'flipped classroom' model of science education," said Gillan.

The grant, which stipulates the recipients must spend eight weeks during the summer between the student's junior and senior year researching a scholarly project, also gave Zandarski and Gillan the opportunity to travel in June when the pair flew to Alaska to present their research at the National Marine Educators Conference.

Zandarski and Gillan said the trip to Alaska was the highlight of their SISTAR experience.

"Traveling to Alaska was definitely my favorite part," Zandarski said. "Dr. Gillan and I got to see a lot of the Alaskan countryside and do a lot of fun stuff like hiking, biking and climbing glaciers. It was so great and I got to learn a lot about marine life and how we affect the environment."

Gillan said the trip was a

one-of-a-kind experience that strengthened her bond with Zandarski.

"Our trip to Alaska to present our research at the National Marine Educators Conference in June was the icing on the cake," she said. "We started out with a great working relationship that morphed into a friendship that will last a lifetime."

Despite their strong working relationship and productive trip to Alaska, Gillan and Zandarski both said the summer was not without its problems.

"The physical work at the lake was by far the most challenging aspect," said Gillan. "It was hot and dirty work — shoveling the lake muck, siphoning lake water with a cantankerous gas-powered pump and hauling the 12 horse troughs that we used for the microcosms."

But Zandarski said she refused to allow these setbacks to ruin her summer or negatively impact her work by maintaining a positive attitude.

"My motto for the summer was 'Just keep testing,'" she said. "Truly the way I overcame the many discouragements was just by staying positive and organized."

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Belles explore student clubs



KARLA MORENO | The Observer

Saint Mary's students signed up for new pastimes to fill their hours outside of class and homework Wednesday.

By **CAILIN CROWE**
News Writer

Saint Mary's students took a break from studying to explore their extracurricular options at the College's annual Activities Night on Wednesday.

Assistant director of student involvement Joy Usner said Activities Night allows clubs to recruit new and enthusiastic members.

"Activities Night is a way for our current student organizations to advertise and recruit new members and get involved on campus," Usner said. "It's a really fun night for people to come out and see all of the different clubs they might not know about."

Junior Kat Sullivan, vice president of external affairs for the Student Government Association (SGA), communicated with campus club presidents and local organizations in the South Bend community to organize Activities Night.

"A lot of my job is to make sure everything comes together smoothly," Sullivan said. "We have a great group of people here who work really hard every year to put on this event."

Sullivan collaborated with the Office of Student Involvement and Multicultural Services to contact the participating clubs and organizations, Stephanie Steward-Bridges, director of multicultural services and student programs, said.

"We work with Kat Sullivan to help her put together Activities Night," Bridges said. "She sends out the information to reserve tables, and we assist her with giving [her] the list of recognized organizations on campus." Attending Activities Night and learning about the wealth of extracurricular opportunities available on campus is

something of a rite of passage for students. Senior Danielle Smith said she still remembers her first hectic night at the event.

"Activities Night was a bit overwhelming my first year because it was inside the Student Center and was kind of cramped," Smith said. "I like it much better this year

"Activities Night is a way for our current student organizations to advertise and recruit new members and get involved on campus."

Joy Usner
Assistant director of student involvement

because it's outside with a DJ, and you can dance to the music as you sign up for your clubs."

The large number of clubs both excited and overwhelmed students. Freshman Natalie Hartman said she signed up for so many clubs she could not keep track of them all.

"I know I signed up for Friends with Sisters, Dance Marathon and Environmental Club," she said. "The people here are so friendly that it's easy to ask questions and get involved."

Freshman Kristin Linkowskieshe said she plans to join several athletic and outdoor clubs.

"I signed up for intermural volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, camping, fishing, disc golf, outing, water ski team and about ten other clubs," Linkowski said.

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Summit urges student caution

By MADDIE DALY
News Writer

Students at Wednesday's Student Safety Summit talked with local and campus police officers about how to be safe both on and off campus.

All seven officers at the summit, representatives from Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) and the South Bend Police Department (SPBD), stressed the importance of sticking with friends from the beginning of the night to the end.

NDSP Deputy Chief Dave Chapman said walking alone is a recipe for crime, especially at night. South Bend is not a bad place to live, he said, but every city has dangerous citizens against whom residents need to protect themselves.

"It's just the perfect target for some people in South Bend whose lifetime goal it is to rob someone," Chapman said.

On campus, Chapman said there has never been forced entry during a robbery in residence halls across campus. Dorm robberies occur when students simply leave their doors open with valuables in sight, Chapman said.

"The only way to prevent crime from happening on campus is for you guys to

help each other," he said.

Students can be vigilant and avoid crime on campus by locking doors, walking in groups and using common sense, Chapman said.

Sgt. Ally Taylor of the Indiana State Excise Police explained while most police officers cover a single town, city or county, her fellow officers have jurisdiction over 12 counties.

"Our goal is to look for criminal activity and minors in possession of alcohol," Taylor said.

Students at the Summit expressed curiosity about the Excise Police, asking specific questions about alcohol laws. For instance, a minor riding in a car with alcohol does not break any laws as long as he or she is not physically touching or in possession of it, Taylor said.

Law enforcers also pay attention to some little-known state laws and encourage students to become familiar with them as well, no matter how unusual they may seem. St. Joseph County Deputy Prosecutor Eric Tamashasky said one "crazy Indiana state law" is one preventing people under age 21 from driving a person older than 21 who has been drinking.

But the No. 1 problem for authorities is when students talk back, claiming to know

more about the law than the officers themselves. Chapman said most arrests carried out by police around campus occur due to rude and irreverent behavior toward the law enforcement officials.

"Believe it or not, police do have discretion," Chapman said.

If respect is upheld on both ends, Taylor said students could maintain a mutually friendly relationship with authorities.

"As long as you are respectful, you will get respect back," she said.

At the end of the discussion, SBPD Capt. Scott Ruskowski said students should be smart when considering personal safety.

"Common sense is going to be the No. 1 lifesaver you have," he said.

After thanking the officers and emphasizing the growing relationship between the police force and Notre Dame's student government, student body vice president Katie Rose concluded the summit with some advice for students.

"We're inviting ourselves into South Bend as guests," she said. "Be good neighbors."

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Notre Dame, ghost breeding ground

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Ghost stories, narratives of university legends roaming campus with unfinished business and student-spun tall tales all add mystique to university campuses across the United States.

Matthew Swayne, author of the new book "America's Haunted Universities: Ghosts that Roam Hallowed Halls," became intrigued by such stories while researching a Halloween-themed newspaper piece. "The actual idea took shape ... trying to find some material for a Halloween issue, I found some stories about a nearby university, Penn State," he said. "I was born on Halloween, so I suppose that has something to do with

"I visited the Notre Dame campus a few years ago and it just had this historic, spiritual aura that I knew was going to make a fertile ground for haunted tales."

Matthew Swayne
Author

[writing the book]." Swayne said he was struck by the number of eerie stories he dug up while researching what would become his book, especially because people usually think of universities as havens of science and reason, not the supernatural.

"Why are there so many ghost stories on campus? It fascinated me so much that I started collecting stories from other universities," he said. "I also read a lot about the folklore and what role that plays into the creation and spread of ghost stories."

The University of Notre Dame and its host of ghost stories caught Swayne's attention.

"I visited the Notre Dame campus a few years ago and it just had that historic, spiritual aura that I knew was going

to make fertile ground for haunted tales," he said.

Swayne said campus is very active in terms of folklore and myth but also in a supernatural sense, according to some students he met during his visits to Notre Dame.

"There are some wild tales, spirits of Native Americans roaming around looking for their burial grounds," he said. "There are ghost horses — a bit unusual for college campuses."

Two of Notre Dame's most famous ghosts, "The Gipper" and University founder Fr. Edward Sorin, play central roles in both fact and legend as well as in the supernatural history of campus, Swayne said.

"If I were taking a ghost tour on campus, I would want to see Washington Hall where George "The Gipper" Gipp has reportedly been seen ... I'd also check out Main Building where Fr. Sorin is said to hang out," he said. "On the creepier side, a few students have reported their interaction with the spirit world ... a couple accounts of anomalous activity, like being pushed by an unseen hand or hearing odd sounds or voices when they were alone."

Swayne said he believes Notre Dame's strong Catholic identity also contributes to the traditions of campus mythology.

"One thing I found is that universities with an extremely rich history and a well-developed sense of culture have a rich supernatural legacy," he said. "I also wonder whether the heightened sense of spirituality at Notre Dame doesn't play a role in the University's ghost lore."

While some students might find haunted tales at their college disconcerting, Swayne said such supernatural legends set schools apart from the rest.

"Overall it adds to what I call the aura of a school," he said. "Only great schools have ghosts."

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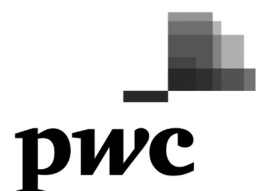


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Greg Hakanen, director of asset management and real estate development for Notre Dame, said the University has no ability to influence the businesses chosen for Eddy Street Commons.

"As the developer of Eddy Street Commons, Kite Realty Group is providing all of the capital, doing all of the work and taking all of the risk," Hakanen said. "As a result, Kite has — must have — full authority to lease and manage the property in a commercially-viable manner."

While the University did not have input in the decision, Hakanen said he is satisfied with the choices Kite Realty has made.

But Kite Realty did take student preferences into

"I think it's really convenient for students that live on campus, as well as off campus, like on Notre Dame Avenue."

Brett Rocheleau
Student body president

account while choosing new tenants for the complex. Student body president Brett Rocheleau said student government had



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Kite Realty added GNC and 7-Eleven to Eddy Street in order to address resident demand for more convenient grocery and nutrition stores.

been in contact with Lori Wick, director of marketing for Kite Realty, about what businesses students would like to add to the Eddy Street development.

"[We said] we would like a convenience store," Rocheleau said. "Something you can just get groceries from or little things students can't get at the Huddle. It would provide that advantage for students that live on campus."

Rocheleau said 7-Eleven and GNC would benefit all students, regardless of where they live.

"I think it's really convenient for students that live on campus, as well as off campus, like on Notre Dame Avenue," Rocheleau

said. "It'll also be good for students that live there at the Foundry and on Eddy Street."

Hasbrook said three empty storefronts remain at Eddy Street Commons — a 2,367-square-foot space between Old National Bank and 7-Eleven, 2,895 square-feet between Urban Outfitters and Brothe's Bar and Grill and a 1,099-square-foot opening east of Brothe's facing Napoleon Street.

"[There is] no news as to who will fill these spots at this point, but Kite is evaluating several options for them currently," Hasbrook said.

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Jenkins

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The beginning of the school year will be followed within months by a presidential election, as well as state and local elections around the nation.

2013 will see the implementation of a new strategic plan for the University, and administrators and students continue to discuss the ways in which the school will — and will not — address sexual orientation in its policies and ideals.

In an interview with The Observer to begin the 2012-13 school year, Jenkins addressed these issues and others in depth. As the leader in many conversations that will define this upcoming year, his words were soft-spoken but sincere.

"Any issue that's controversial in the Catholic world or in the university world becomes more prominent at Notre Dame," Jenkins said. "I believe that if we don't have controversies at a university, [we're] failing. Universities are about vigorous discussion of important issues."

One issue under heated debate among students and administrators in the past year has been the issue of sexual orientation at Notre Dame. Following public requests from students and faculty asking the University to improve inclusion of its lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) community, the school announced last spring it would not add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination clause.

"At Notre Dame, we do not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation," Jenkins said. "That's a fundamental thing, but that's not the only thing. The Spirit of Inclusion, which was approved by the Board of Fellows, higher than me, the highest level of the University, says that not only don't we discriminate, but we want to be a place, an environment, where people feel — of same-sex orientation, anything else — feel respected, supported, fully involved in this community."

The clause primarily addresses discrimination against prospective students and employees in areas such as admissions, employment, scholarships and athletics. The current clause states the University "does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age."

What the University includes in the non-discrimination clause are "all and only" those categories required by federal law, Jenkins said. Other schools that include sexual orientation in a similar policy usually do so because they are required by state or local ordinance.

"If Notre Dame voluntarily took this on, our fear is that it would be seen as a broader and stronger commitment with regard to same-sex orientation that may undermine our ability to live in accordance with the Catholic teaching because we distinguish between orientation and action," Jenkins said.

As a prominent Catholic

university, Notre Dame could also become the target of high-publicity lawsuits related to the clause, Jenkins said.

"I don't believe that step [of including sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause] would achieve the goal of creating an environment of welcome, of support," Jenkins said. "I fear that it would tend to be divisive. So I am absolutely committed to try to create that environment, but I think there are other ways to do that."

Jenkins said the community has made progress in past years by embracing the Spirit of Inclusion, which states Notre Dame welcomes its LGBTQ community and seeks to create an environment in which "none are strangers and all may flourish." The University has also established the Core Council for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students, a group of administrators and students that advises the Vice President for Student Affairs on LGBTQ needs.

"The non-discrimination clause, I know that's an issue that people are quite concerned about," Jenkins said. "But I don't believe that will achieve the end that is most important."

Instead, Jenkins also emphasized the University's discriminatory harassment policy, which is designed to protect current students and employees from discrimination and harassment for any reason.

"In our academic articles for faculty for promotion and tenure, there's a clause in there about the unacceptability of bias that includes same-sex orientation or any other quality where people feel they've received bias," he said. "And just I want to say as president, we don't tolerate discrimination. If people feel they are discriminated against, use the hotline. Go to the appropriate authority. Let us know, and we'll address it."

Developing a welcoming culture on campus needs to go beyond the administrative level, Jenkins said.

"I think so much of this is about climate, and it's not what I'm, what the president, is doing in his office," Jenkins said. "It's about what all of us are doing on campus. I think that's extremely important, and that's something we work on with hall staff, that's something we work on with our Student Affairs personnel. ... We just have to keep working on it."

The Office of Student Affairs and its newly-appointed Vice President Erin Hoffman Harding are currently reviewing a proposal to create an official gay-straight alliance (GSA) at Notre Dame. AllianceND, currently campus's unofficial GSA, applied for official club status in February.

"Are there better structures to achieve our ends?" Jenkins said. "I think it's time for a fresh look."

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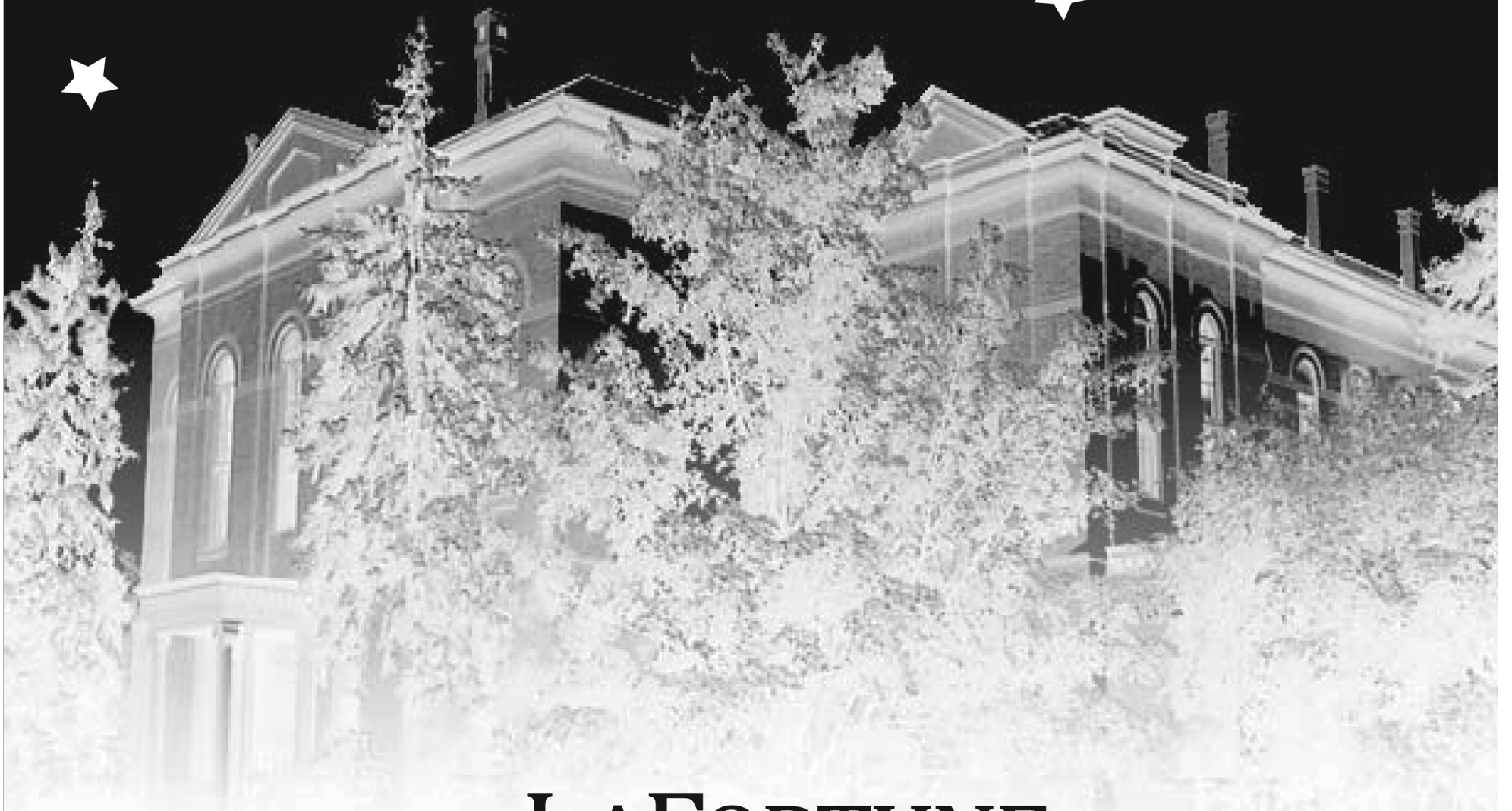
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Band

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Dye said performing in Dublin presented “unique music and planning challenges.” In addition to researching songs that are popular in both Ireland and the United States, he said the band had to tailor their performance to the size of Aviva Stadium, which typically hosts rugby matches.

“Aviva Stadium is wider sideline-to-sideline than most American stadiums and presents staging challenges to reach most of the audience,” he said.

Additionally, travel arrangements and accommodations

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Ken Dye
Band director

tested the planning skills of the band staff, Dye said. The band had to charter an aircraft due to Labor Day scheduling and the influx of American visitors, and instruments were shipped ahead of schedule and stored because of charter weight limits.

Band members will be housed in University College Dublin dormitories and will eat meals at performance and rehearsal sites, Dye said.

Immediately upon arriving

in Ireland, the band will be busy with rehearsals and performances. In addition to the game, the band will perform at Friday evening’s pep rally at the O2 Arena in an event titled “Notre Dame: A Welcome Home,” in what Dye called “one of the performance centerpieces of the weekend.”

“It has been rewarding to collaborate with Irish producers and directors to prepare the big show,” he said.

The band will also perform at a tailgate in the Temple Bar area of Dublin on Saturday, according to the Notre Dame Gameday website.

Building interest for these Ireland events has been months in the making, and a recent trip to the country previewed the band for the Irish people. Over the week of Notre Dame’s spring break in March, Dye said members of the band participated in performances throughout Ireland, including marching in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade and opening the late-night talk show, “The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson,” on national television.

“The publicity from the appearances helped generate local enthusiasm and ticket sales for all the events,” he said.

In addition to Ireland, Dye said the band has visited China, Brazil and other parts of Europe in the past, typically traveling and performing after Commencement weekend.

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Deacons

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final step before becoming a priest,” DeMott said. “This year, I will become comfortable assisting the priest at Mass and preaching homilies. I will also baptize new Christians and preside at weddings and funerals.”

The ceremony, which is available for viewing on YouTube, is similar to the typical Mass format, but those being ordained play a special role after the homily, Ching said.

“Those who are about to profess their final vows all line up at the center aisle of the Basilica and lay prostrate, lay full belly down on the floor,” Ching said. “It’s a beautiful image of our abandonment to God because laying face down on the floor is a sign of utter abandonment, of utter submission to God’s will.”

The congregation then sings the Litany of the Saints, invoking them to pray for those making their profession, Ching said.

“After that follows the actual profession,” he said. “The provisional superior, our boss, holds one end of the Book of the Gospels and we grasp the other end of the Book of the Gospels and publicly profess, making a public promise just like marriage is, to remain true and faithful to our Lord and to the constitution of



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Newly ordained deacons (from left to right) Mark DeMott, Jared Waugh and Brian Ching exit the Basilica after the ceremony.

the Congregation of the Holy Cross through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.”

DeMott said he has been preparing to take his final vows for many years, gaining experience through assignments at Saint Stanislaus Parish and Saint Joseph High School in South Bend, as well as the Holy Cross Lakeview Secondary School in Jinja, Uganda.

“My relationships with Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters in these places helped me to learn what it means to be a Holy Cross religious — to live together according to the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and to serve generously, forming both the mind and the heart,” he said. “Daily prayer and meeting regularly with a spiritual director was important in this process as well.”

In addition to the formal training he has received over the years, Ching said he spent more time in prayer and contemplation during the last few months before his profession of final vows to get ready for the event.

“There’s a short-term preparation as the months grew closer and closer to be a bit more deliberate and spend some more time in prayer giving thanks to God for His gift of my vocation, for His gift of Holy Cross, for my brothers in Holy Cross,” Ching said.

DeMott said professing his final vows in the Basilica was especially meaningful because his Notre Dame education was “transformative” in his decision to discern the priesthood.

“Before college, I had never attended Catholic school and had never studied theology,” he said. “I developed a new appreciation for the Word of God, I learned about the Mass, and I began to understand the connection between theology and service to those in need. Outside the classroom, I had the opportunity to explore ministry and service in the Church.”

DeMott also served as rector of Keough Hall and is currently a residence hall director at the University of Portland.

Ching, who joined Old College his sophomore year at Notre Dame, said the “Notre Dame experience” was conducive to discerning the priesthood.

“Certainly the experience of what we describe as the

“I became a priest because I want to serve Jesus Christ, and that means constantly being in relationship with Him and having His life exude through me to the people of God... That’s a daunting challenge.”

Brian Ching
Deacon

Notre Dame family, living in a community of caring and committed Christians all moving together to what God is calling them to do, being in that environment where our faith is not something we try to hide but something we try to celebrate ... had a deep impact,” Ching said. “It allowed me to feel comfortable to express to my friends, especially my college friends, that this is something that God is calling me to.”

Ching said he is both excited and nervous about being Christ’s representative on Earth.

“I don’t become a priest for my own glory, my own popularity,” he said. “I become a priest because I want to serve Jesus Christ, and that means constantly being in a relationship with Him and having His life exude through me to the people of God. ... That’s a daunting challenge.”

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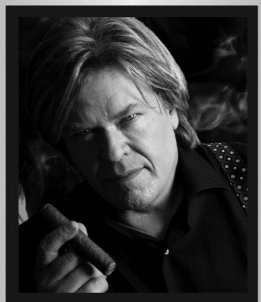
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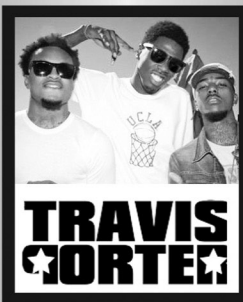
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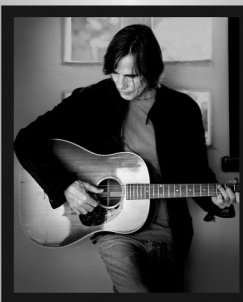
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Big kids don't cry

Laura Coletti
Sports Writer

Just over one week ago, my younger brother moved into Stanford Hall and began his freshman year. He's got his whole Notre Dame experience ahead of him. I couldn't be more jealous of where he is at in life.

Or so I thought.

Reaching the last year of college has been nothing short of surreal. The first week and a half of this school year have been filled with exclamations of, "I can't believe we're seniors!" It is fun and exciting and confusing and daunting. But it is a good time for us.

It's easy to get caught up in nostalgia and memories of the last three years. I have a friend who graduated in May who constantly pointed out things that were the "last first" or the "last last." "Laura, you don't understand," she said. "This is my last first home football game." And I have to wonder if that friend spent too much time focusing on the sadness associated with the end of her Notre Dame career approaching to live truly in the moment. Because, while I am certainly in no hurry to graduate, I am all for embracing this year for what it is instead of dwelling on what our lives soon won't be.

I'm not jealous of my freshman brother anymore because, in a sense, things are all new for us too. We are able to break out of the monotony and routine we may have found ourselves in our sophomore and junior years. We can take classes that actually interest us because our schedules are more flexible. We can strengthen friendships and meet new people because we can legally socialize in the same places and because we are all back from studying abroad. We can do everything at Notre Dame we've always wanted to do but haven't because, well, this is it — our last shot. We have a heightened sense of urgency.

I was one of the few people from our class at the B1 Block Party last weekend, and I thought Boys Like Girls put on a good show. During their finale ("Love Drunk") the lead singer stopped everything during the first chorus and said to the crowd, "I look out, and I see you all with your cameras and phones. You're trying to capture the moment without really living in it. Do yourselves a favor and put the cameras away, and just rock out with us and enjoy the show."

I think the same should be applied to our senior year. Obviously there is a lot to consider in terms of post-graduation plans, and that's important. But the emphasis of this year shouldn't be placed so much on what was, or on what will be, as it should be placed on what is, right now.

Rock out, and enjoy the show.

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Time to do what you love

Kate Barrett
Faithpoint

So Activities Night has come and gone, and you likely have a stack of cards, brochures, flyers, email addresses and cell numbers (and, if you're lucky, a free Campus Ministry t-shirt) sitting on your desk, waiting for you to decide what to do with it all. Well, put on the shirt. Then pull your little recycling bin up next to your desk, grab the pile and ask yourself, "What do I love?" Try to weed out the little loves, like dessert or the next episode of "Breaking Bad." Look at the vast array of choices before you. What do you love enough to give it your time?

As this new academic year begins, as you sit there with your pile of perhaps overwhelming opportunities for travel, for service, for prayer, for a sport, club or activity you never dreamed you could try, spend a little time thinking about your time. How you spend it will go a long way toward determining who you will become, who you will hang around with, what you will choose to do and how generous you will be with your particular and unique talents and gifts. Each choice you make determines by default who you won't hang around with, what you won't choose to do and what

people and places won't receive the gifts of your talents and expertise.

The thing is, when you first get here, you're sort of on your first date with Notre Dame and everything about it. As you get deeper into this new relationship, you'll discover what you'll fall in love with and what you can simply overlook, what you'll just tolerate and even what you need to avoid. If you've been here for a year or two or three, is it time to re-evaluate? To look hard at what you love, at whether you really love who you're becoming?

The further you head down this adulthood road, the more your time will become your most precious commodity. How will you spend it? Or as a professor of mine used to say to us, "Every day, every moment in time is a gift from God. What are you doing with that gift?"

Remember back when you were a freshman in high school and it seemed that your counselors and teachers just about immediately began to talk to you about college? It was almost as if they were trying to get you ready to leave as soon as you got there. Well, you did leave, and here you are. But here too, life after Notre Dame seems to lurk in the back corners of every choice you make, even though many of you have only been here for a week. Amazingly, you will leave here almost before you know it, but if you

use well the gift of time that God has given each of us, you will make your priceless and distinct mark on Notre Dame, even as you leave becoming who God means you to be.

During your time here you'll be asked countless times, certainly by your parents, but by others too, "What will you do with your degree? What are you going to do when you graduate? What kinds of careers are you thinking about?" Hopefully you will hone in on the answers to those questions. But your career will only be part of who you become by the time you're officially an alumnus. The good news is that what you discover here, what you come to find that you love and the ways you decide to spend the gift of your time will all help you discern what to do and who you'll be when you leave.

Over 600 years ago, St. Catherine of Siena said, "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire." Here, now, you can find what you love and what will dare you to discover who you can become.

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How polarized is America?

Brian Kaneb
Guest Columnist

When Richard Mourdock ran against Sen. Dick Lugar in the Republican primary last year, he told CNN he thought bipartisanship should consist of "Democrats coming to the Republican point of view." The blunt comment reflects an attitude that will clearly not help the gridlock in Washington, but it nonetheless gives us insight into the current political atmosphere. This controversial interview proved to be but a minor speed bump on the way towards the nomination for Mourdock, as he beat Sen. Dick Lugar by 21 percentage points just two months later. This raises an interesting question: Is the current political atmosphere really more polarized than the political atmospheres of previous national elections? I believe not.

It appears as if the Founding Fathers faced more partisan challenges than we do in modern times. John Adams himself admitted to a serious fear of the antigovernment rebellions of the 1790s and thought he may have to "order chests of arms from

the war office" for defense. Partisanship was also at play in the election of 1800, as Adams actually hired a public relations advisor, James Callendar, who actively engaged in partisan banter. It is no wonder Thomas Jefferson declared the political atmosphere of that time to be split "two parties, which mutually accuse each other of perfidy and treason."

All this paled in comparison to the conflicts leading up to the Civil War. You may remember the Kansas-Nebraska Act from your high school history class, which essentially nullified the Missouri Compromise by allowing the citizens of these two new states to vote on slavery. The results were disastrous, as thousands of people flooded into Kansas in particular to manipulate the elections and clashes resulted in dozens of deaths. This violence spilled into Congress as well. After Sen. Charles Sumner called Sen. Preston Brooks a "pimp" for supporting slavery, Brooks burst onto the floor and nearly beat Sumner to death with a cane. The Antebellum Era was undoubtedly a unique period, but it nonetheless furthers the notion that we have faced more divided times.

Even Franklin Roosevelt was no stranger to partisan attacks. Though he enjoyed enormous popular support, his political rivals grew increasingly radical as he pushed the New Deal. For example, Fr. Charles Coughlin, a former supporter, founded a radio program that consistently decried Roosevelt and reached up to an astounding 40 million viewers. He once called Roosevelt a "great betrayer and liar ... who promised to drive the money changers from the temple" but "succeeded [only] in driving the farmers from their homesteads and the citizens from their homes in the cities."

What is my point? We have been through more difficult times. While we think of Congressman Joe Wilson yelling, "You lie!" at President Obama during his 2009 State of the Union Address as an unrivaled feat of partisanship, nothing is further from the truth. All that is left to do is elect politicians who are willing to focus on the real issues.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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Oprah Winfrey
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Pacem in Terris

Nicole Simon

Center for Social Concerns

Everyone reading this article has helped someone in some way — maybe by volunteering at a homeless shelter, or maybe just by helping pick up those papers you saw someone drop. However you helped, you felt good about it. Sure, you might have felt somewhat frustrated, but you definitely weren't thinking, "That was the wrong thing to do." Why? Because it's what we're supposed to be doing.

It's like eating well and exercising. You feel healthier and have more energy because you're doing what's good for your body. In the same way, if you periodically take that little bit of time to do a good deed, your soul will feel better. That's not to say that you should forever do good out of a purely selfish motive, but I strongly believe the more you serve humanity and the more relationships you build, the more you will come to love the people around you and genuinely

long to do whatever you can for them.

As a Catholic social tradition minor, I am learning what Catholicism means in terms of society, social interactions and relationships. I am also learning how to incorporate those lessons into my own life. I am not the perfect Catholic, or even near perfect, but I make an effort to do what I can.

This past summer, I traveled to northern Uganda through the International Summer Service Learning Program (ISSLP). My primary goals were to become an active participant in the global community and to use my engineering skills to serve others. I managed to design a solar panel fixture for the community and help set up some internet access sites, but I gained so much more. I came back molded by the beautiful Acholi culture and immeasurable experiences. I learned helping is never one-way — we all learn from each other. And only by working together can we make any real change in the world. The Catholic Church teaches, "Through the exchange with others,

mutual service and dialogue with his brethren, man develops his potential," ("Catechism of the Catholic Church" 1879). It is an innate human characteristic to build relationships, to serve each other and to learn from each other.

One of the great things about this university is that there are always opportunities to serve. The Center for Social Concerns is dedicated to making those opportunities such as the ISSLP available. This year the theme for the Center of Social Concerns is "Pacem in Terris: Raising Voices." Pacem in Terris is an encyclical written by Pope John XXIII that promotes peace through Catholic Social Tradition, and this year marks the 50th anniversary of the document. It says we are all called to "establish with truth, justice, charity and liberty new methods of relationships in human society" (163).

That doesn't mean everyone needs to be the next Mother Teresa, it means do good with the talents you've been given. Every person has a specific role to play because each

person has been given a unique set of gifts. Find something that feels right to you. Try tutoring, volunteer at Dismas House, vote in the upcoming election, pray for peace, attend Higgins Labor Studies Program events or participate in a Center for Social Concerns seminar. There are lots of opportunities. Respond to your calling. Listen to the words of Pacem in Terris:

"We ... conceive of it as our duty to devote all our thoughts and care and energy to further this common good of all mankind. ... It is an order that is founded on truth, built upon justice, nurtured and animated by charity and brought into effect under the auspices of freedom."

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One Eucharist, many expressions

Fr. Joe Corpora

Guest Columnist

Today I had the privilege of presiding and preaching at three Masses. All three Masses were attended by Notre Dame students. All three Masses had the same Sunday readings. All three Masses were here on campus. But the Masses were very different from one another in style, feel, spirit and song.

The first Mass was the closing Mass for the annual Plunge. The Plunge is an overnight retreat for first year African-American students. The team, led by Judy Madden of Campus Ministry, is composed of many upper-class African-American students. The wonderful and spirited Voices of Faith choir led the singing at the Mass. The piano is central to African-American worship, and that choir can compete with any Gospel choir I have ever heard. The music just gets into your body. Without planning to, you just start clapping.

The "Rejoice Mass" with the Voices of Faith choir is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 8 p.m. in the chapel in Coleman-Morse. It is always faith-filled and heartfelt and deeply spirited.

The second Mass I celebrated was in Spanish. Still the Mass, but a very different flavor from the earlier Mass. The Coro Primavera de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe led the music. The guitar, not the piano, dominated. During the Mass, I kept thinking any Latino person from either parish where I served as pastor — one in Phoenix and one in Portland — could have stopped in during the Mass and would have felt at home. They would have recognized the beat and the rhythm. They would have been tapping their foot, because language is at the core of how we understand and experience ourselves. The Mass in Spanish is celebrated each week in Dillon Hall at 1:30 p.m.

And the third Mass I celebrated was the Sunday night Mass in

Keenan Hall. Again the Mass, but a different flavor and style from the other two. The chapel was packed with Keenan residents and a few students from other halls. The music was done very well, with piano, violin, guitar and flute, and the participation was great.

Liturgy is life. Life has many flavors and tastes and many ways to praise and worship God. It's so important students at Notre Dame are able to praise and worship God in a style and flavor that feels at home to them. That was the best part of the day — praying with Notre Dame students who are at home at the Mass, but in different ways. I wish we could find ways for our students to experience the Mass in its various expressions and styles right here on Our Lady's campus.

As the Church in America continues to undergo a demographic shift, perhaps like never before, every archdiocese and diocese in the country has an office for multi-cultural ministry. The United States

Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has such an office. The Church recognizes and affirms that our praise and worship of God must be inculturated.

I could not help but think of how rich Notre Dame is — in one day, three Masses with very different flavors and styles and music. Yet the same Eucharist. The same readings. The Gospel says, "To whom shall we go, Lord? You have the words of everlasting life." Different cultures, different languages, different music, yet it is the same Lord calling us, drawing us to Himself, embracing us and cherishing us and loving us.

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COMING TO DPAC:



“THE CLASSIC 100”

By MIKO MALABUTE
Scene Writer

Beginning Tuesday night, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and the Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) will screen “The Classic 100,” a series of 100 important films, in chronological order to showcase the silver screen history.

Ted Barron, senior associate director at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and film professor, said the series is a hybrid of previous projects in the department.

“[The Department of Film, Television and Theatre] has offered courses in film history,” Barron said. “We have had this public exhibition program that included ‘The Classic 100’ series. So what we have done is that we have brought the two together with a course that is focused on film history as an avenue to showcase some of the major films on ‘The Classic 100’ list.”

Combining the class with the public series is a new partnership between the department and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Barron said.

“It’s a new thing for us,” Barron said. “We’re excited because it gives us a chance to have much more consistency, [allowing us] dedicated times [for classic films].”

All the films in the lineup of The Classic 100 consist of many international films that have been noted for their historical significance. The series will open its lineup of films with “The Last Laugh (Der Ietzte Mann)” a 1924 silent film directed by German director F.W. Murnau.

The film is about a nameless doorman who is demoted to a washroom attendant and is shamed into

sleeping into his workplace, where only a night watchman shows any sympathy towards him as he is shamefully rejected by his own family and ridiculed by his friends. Film critic Paul Rotha praised the film as able to stylistically establish itself “as an independent medium of expression.” A live score will accompany the film screening with a piano performance by a student in the music department.

Moviegoers will also appreciate other big name films to star in this history-of-films lineup, including as a reissue of commercially successful 1937 French war film “La Grande Illusion,” directed by Jean Renoir. “La Grande Illusion” — titled after the book of the same name written by British economist Norman Angell — is the story of two French prisoners of war who find common ground with other prisoners and even with a German guard. The film is generally regarded as one of the masterpieces of French cinema, and was ranked No. 35 on Empire Magazine’s “Top 100 Best Films of World Cinema” in 2010. “La Grande Illusion” will be an exception to the regular Tuesday night screenings for The Classic 100 film series, as it will be shown as a Sunday matinee Nov. 11.

“When we selected The Classic 100, we consulted with a variety of sources including the American Film Institute, the Toronto Film Festival and the Criterion Collection,” Barron said. “We tried to represent a range of international cinema as well films made during different periods in film history.”

The series will be an effective way to accomplish the course material, Barron said, as well as an avenue to

informally educate the rest of the student body on the history of film.

“Every Tuesday night, you can come out, you can see one of the great films in history,” Barron said. “We’re excited to work with FTT to make this open to the public. If this works out, the hope is we continue this next semester with History of Film II. I hope that we can make the weekly series a regular event so students and other patrons can get a deeper sense of the richness of film history, which I believe leads to a greater immersion in contemporary cinema culture,” he added.

The Classic 100 series will premiere at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Tuesday night at 8 p.m. Admission is free for all Notre Dame students.

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WATCH THIS, NOT THAT



KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Editor

This summer, I came across the famous no-diet weight loss program “Eat This, Not That!” Not inspired enough to take up the whole stupid weight loss thing, of course, that stuff cramps my style (see: super-fly fabulous), but instead to start the Scene’s own version of a column full of self-important advice to try to prove that we know more than we do and make everyone else feel inferior for their lack of knowledge.

And so, without further self-serving ado, the premier of “Watch This, Not That.”

Watch This: “Justified”

This modern-day Western cowboy action-drama stars Timothy Olyphant as a total kick-arse, bad-arse U.S. Marshall stuck in Hicktown, USA, aka Harlan County, Ky. The show finished its third season this April in typical bullets-flying, family drama, “are these guys good guys or bad guys” fashion leaving fans of the show salivating for the fourth season to tie up some of the loose

ends.

The show won’t pick back up until January, giving new fans plenty of time to catch up on the meth-infused, marijuana dealing, redneck-dumping-down-old-mining-shafts drama.

I don’t care how you watch it; just watch it.

Not That: “The Burn with Jeff Ross”

I don’t have much room to talk when it comes to saying someone isn’t funny, especially when that someone is famous and gets paid the big bucks as a professional comedian. But I’m just going to go out on a limb here and state my highly unimportant opinion — Jeff Ross isn’t funny.

The Comedy Central roasts, which seem to have skyrocketed his fame to the always-esteemed level of “Comedy Central Gave That Dude a Show,” aren’t funny with almost no exception, and he’s not funny in them. Yeah, he’s mean, and that’s cool, but mean doesn’t always translate into funny.

Don’t watch it, or risk my passive aggressive disapproval.

Watch This: “Key and Peele”

On the other end of the Comedy Central spectrum is “Key and Peele,” one of the few successful and legitimately funny sketch shows following a long line of trash trotted out to put audiences to sleep since Dave Chappelle walked out on the network.

Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele, both former cast members of Fox’s “MADtv,” anchor the show, which follows a similar format to Chappelle’s, interspersing stand-up between sketches. The show took time to find its rhythm in its first season this past winter, but even in the early, hit-and-miss shows, the two showed their unlimited potential and talent for inducing sidesplitting laughter. The two also show they’re not afraid to touch on uncomfortable issues and turn them inside out for laughs — a trait “Saturday Night Live” might want to look into.

The second season is scheduled to start on Sept. 26, and most of last season can be found floating around the World Wide Web.

I don’t care how you watch it; just watch it.

Not That: Fantasy football specials

“The League” is one of the funniest shows

on television. It may be featured in the “Watch This” section of this article in the foreseeable future. The show satirizes in many ways a group of guys who takes their fantasy football way, way too seriously. In the show, Pete loses his wife over the game, Kevin uses his young daughter to try to score fantasy advice and Ruxin is just generally despicable.

As funny as this show is, it’s a little scary to think clearly there are people who take fantasy football seriously enough for ESPN and other sports networks to run regular fantasy football advice specials.

Let’s just keep it simple — don’t watch these specials. Don’t take fantasy football that seriously. Don’t be that guy. That guy sucks. I’m not trying to tell you how to spend your time, but really I am, and don’t spend it on these things.

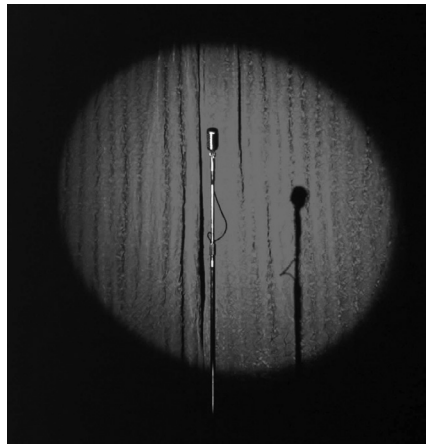
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"NECK OF THE WOODS" ATMOSPHERIC AND HAUNTING

By **LIZZY SCHROFF**
 Scene Writer

There is pretty much no other pump-up song out there that gets me more amped than Silversun Pickups' "Panic Switch" from their album "Swoon." And on the other end of the spectrum, one of my favorite chill songs, "Booksmart Devil," is on their debut EP "Pikul." Their newest album "Neck of the Woods" struck a balance somewhere in between when released this summer.

Originally called A Couple of Couples, Silversun Pickups is an alternative indie rock band from Los Angeles, a sunny, lovely place where Joseph Gordon-Levitt falls in love with girls named after seasons. But I first listened to their album on a gray, cloudy day in South Bend with a rainstorm looming in the distance as I drove my car back to campus. No setting could have been more perfect. Their third full-length studio album captures an eerie, rather haunting note.

The album's first track, "Skin Graph," begins quietly, building up to the distorted guitars and upbeat tempo characteristic of the Pickups' sound. But the song ebbs and flows through the quiet moments and punchy, hard-hitting guitar riffs.

The album continues with "Make Believe," and singer Brian Aubert's distinctive vocals ring against a simple guitar riff that builds until the sinister concluding harmony.

The album's single, "Bloody Mary (Nerve Endings)" is a definite highlight of "Neck of the Woods." Apart from the distinctive ringing guitar line repeated throughout the song, the lyrics are chilling. "If we can stay here long enough/We can play with Bloody Mary/Say her name into the dark/Activate our nerve endings." (Anybody else remember being dared as a kid to go into the bathroom and chant "Bloody Mary, Bloody Mary" towards the mirror, only to run out screaming at the slightest noise?)

"Here We Are (Chaucer)" features a variety of instruments from electronic to acoustic and layers on harmonies to draw you into a melancholic atmosphere, evoking an almost Radiohead-esque style.

But the album jumps right into the heart-pumping "Mean Spirits," featuring the familiar strong bass of Nikki Monninger that is so prevalent in tracks like "Panic Switch." This heavy bass is another highlight of a later track on the album "Dots and Dashes (Enough Already)." The song has a great second half (is it strange to say that?) with a steady pumping bridge and a mystifying, echoing ending.

"Gun-Shy Sunshine" lingers between major and minor notes, heavy bass and electronics. The final track, "Out of Breath," is aptly named. With the quick guitar riff, heart-beat bass line and building drums, I can almost picture myself running from the harrowing scene that produced the haunting mood of the previous

tracks.

Aubert's unmistakable voice and reflective lyrics, as well as the other band members' instrumentations, continue to impress. Keyboardist Joe Lester really set the mood for the album, and I am pleased the Pickups stayed true to their grungy, often hard-hitting and distorted, gloomy style. It took me a few listens to really get into, but all in all, "Neck of the Woods" is a great, atmospheric album that leaves me wondering — what did the Silversun Pickups encounter in this eerie "neck of the woods?"

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"Neck of the Woods" Silversun Pickups

Label: Dangerbird Records

Tracks: "Skin Graph," "Here We Are (Chaucer)," "Out of Breath"

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Baltimore Orioles: A little respect



Matthew Robison
Sports Writer

When I cracked open ESPN The Magazine's MLB preview issue in March, I cringed. I didn't want to see what I was about to read, but I had to do it anyway. I immediately flipped to the AL East section to see how my hometown team, the Baltimore Orioles, was projected to finish.

Of course I saw what I had expected when I read, "Worst Case Scenario: fifth place." In a division with two titans in the Red Sox and the Yankees, and two other solid franchises in the Blue Jays and the Rays, it's understandable.

But slightly more surprising was what I read under "Best Case Scenario." The writers were bleak about the Orioles' chances: "Fifth place. Seriously."

They went on to talk about how the Orioles' lineup was

128 games into the season? Come on. In that same game, Orioles starter Chris Tillman made the White Sox batters look silly, allowing only one hit in seven innings of solid work. The bullpen then came in and shut it down immediately, allowing only one more hit. Was there any mention of how well the Orioles have played this season with a ragtag group of near-stars (see: Adam Jones, Nick Markakis) and aging sluggers (see: Jim Thome)? No, just a sorry explanation claiming Chicago played poorly in Baltimore and the Orioles won the lottery with the Nate McLouth trade and the Lew Ford pickup.

Now, I haven't quite jumped on the ever-growing bandwagon in Baltimore. My previous Sports Authority column in April discussed how my interest in baseball would inevitably wane as the Orioles sunk to their perennial position in the basement of the AL East,

But I think the O's deserve some credit. The amount they have done with so little this year is unreal. As of Wednesday afternoon, Baltimore was 14 games over .500.

a collection of players too young for the Big Leagues and washed-up veterans who never lived up to their expectations.

So the fact that the Orioles are currently in second place in the division and in contention for a wild card spot should be a fantastic story. Rather, ESPN and all the major networks have just swept the Orioles under the rug and decided to spend time covering whether or not Bobby Valentine will be fired after just one season in Boston.

They like to talk about how stellar the Rays' rotation is. It is — it's phenomenal. They like to talk about the behemoth Yankee lineup. Trust me, I hate watching Baltimore's pitchers facing Jeter, Teixeira and A-Rod.

But I think the O's deserve some credit. The amount they have done with so little this year has been unreal. As of Wednesday afternoon, Baltimore was 14 games over .500 and sat three-and-a-half games away from catching the Yankees for the division lead. Their run differential is abysmal, but they find a way to win tight games.

Tuesday night, I listened to a White Sox announcer on Comcast SportsNet talk about how the Orioles' success this year has been due to "luck." Maybe if Baltimore had gotten out to a hot start and was leading the division at the end of April, one could say that. But

which usually happens before Memorial Day. On this date last season, they were 15 games below .500 and way out of the race. So it's simply what I've come to expect.

In that same column, I made some terrible predictions the Red Sox would slow rise back to contention and Albert Pujols would be leading a triple crown category by the end of July. I was sadly mistaken, but I'm not upset about it. As a fan, this season's has actually kept my attention.

So if I sound like I'm ranting about how the Orioles don't get the respect they deserve, I apologize. I'm actually not upset about the situation at all. I love watching underdogs. I like the movie "Rudy." I thought it was cool when the goofy-looking guys got all the girls at the end of "Revenge of the Nerds." I loved watching the Rays make a run to the World Series in 2008. Underdog stories make sports great.

So now I will sit back and keep my mouth shut. I will allow the Orioles to float under the radar even more. And hopefully, I will get to see them make one of the most improbable postseason runs of all time.

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MLB

Utley considers third base

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Ten years later, Chase Utley is considering the hot corner again.

Utley, the Phillies' five-time All-Star second baseman, took grounders at third base several hours before Philadelphia played the New York Mets on Wednesday night.

It's uncertain whether he'll do it in an actual game.

"I figured I'd give it a try just to get back over there, get my feet wet, just get a feel for the position again," Utley said. "It could be an option in the future. It's way too early to have an opinion either way on how it's going to go. I might take some more ground balls in the future. But I think if I'm able to play over there, it could create some more flexibility as far as the organization is concerned. It's just something I wanted to give a try and I may do it again."

While the idea is still in the early stages, it created quite a buzz around a team that's used to preparing for the post-season at this point instead of looking ahead to next year.

Utley last played third base in 2002 at Triple-A. It didn't go well. He made 28 errors in 123 games and moved back to second base the following season.

"He struggled with the throwing part of that, in the first 40 games or something, he had something like 15 or 20 errors," general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. said. "I guess he got much better toward the end. He improved quite a bit as the year went on. Who knows how it's going to play out, or if it's going to play out."



Philadelphia second baseman Chase Utley fields a ground ball during a game on Saturday. Utley is considering moving to third base.

Manager Charlie Manuel said the possibility isn't "real serious" right now.

"He just went out there one day," Manuel said. "We'll see how it goes."

Some in the organization aren't sure the 33-year-old Utley can make a smooth transition.

A team official told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity, that he questions whether Utley has the "arm strength or athleticism" required to play third base and "doubts" he could do it as an everyday player.

If Utley could play third, it would be a major boost for the Phillies. Placido Polanco isn't coming back as a full-time starter next year and the market is thin at third base. Freddy Galvis filled in nicely the first two months this season when Utley was on the disabled list, so he would be

the starting second baseman.

"He's proved — at least for part of the season — he's a guy that, at the very least defensively, is going to be very, very good," Amaro said of Galvis. "What kind of player he's going to be later on, who knows? Frankly, when Chase mentioned it to me, maybe it makes some sense to take some ground balls."

Amaro said he was surprised when Utley approached him with the idea a few days ago.

"But it was very cool," Amaro said.

The transition from second to third might be especially tough for a veteran with bad knees. Utley missed the first 76 games this year because of a chronic problem in both knees and he sat out the first 46 games in 2011.

Mets six-time All-Star David Wright doesn't think it would be less taxing for Utley at third base.

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The Gettysburg Address

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But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate - we can not consecrate - we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it,

far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

- Abraham Lincoln
November 19, 1863

U.S. OPEN

Wild card Burdette advances to third round

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mallory Burdette opened the summer plotting how she would take pre-med courses to pursue her dream of studying psychiatry.

A few unanticipated wins on the tennis court later, the 21-year-old American is rethinking her plans for her senior year at Stanford.

At her first Grand Slam tournament, Burdette is into the third round. Her possible next opponent? Maria Sharapova.

"To end up here at the U.S. Open was a huge surprise," Burdette said after beating Lucie Hradecka 6-2, 6-4 in the second round Wednesday. "I never ex-

pected that at the beginning of the summer."

enough points. But that wasn't why she signed up. The 252nd-ranked Burdette was ambivalent about playing professionally after finishing her last college season, and these tournaments were a way to experience the life of a pro athlete. She wasn't sure how she would cope with the travel; she wasn't sure how her body would hold up.

Turns out, she enjoyed the grind just fine. Oh, and as a bonus: She clinched that wild card into the Open.

"That wasn't even on my radar," she said. "So it's been a crazy ride."

Burdette easily could have faced a top-ranked player in

the third round at a Grand Slam event.

The caliber of Burdette's opponent could now change dramatically. The third-seeded Sharapova, winner of the career Grand Slam, plays Wednesday night. If the two meet in the third round, it would most likely be in Arthur Ashe Stadium. Burdette's matches so far have been on Courts 6 and 11.

She has been in Ashe before — during the National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships at Flushing Meadows, players get a night tour.

"I have only walked out on Ashe with nobody in the stadium," Burdette said.

Burdette remembers watching Sharapova win her first Wimbledon title with coach Nick Saviano and discussing how she could emulate her game. Burdette notices how the Russian star keeps to her routines between points to stay focused, and the young American has also done that well this summer to manage all this newfound pressure.

In 2009, Sharapova played another young player from Georgia in the third round at Ashe — and lost to Melanie Oudin.

"I might talk to Melanie a little bit, ask her a few questions just to get the inside scoop," Burdette said, smiling.

Burdette, whose two older sisters were also All-America

the first round, but she got a favorable draw. She beat 308th-ranked Tímea Babos of Switzerland, who got in on a protected ranking, 6-4, 6-3 in her opener.

Meanwhile, the 69th-ranked Hradecka, a Czech doubles specialist, upset 27th-seeded Anabel Medina Garrigues. Hradecka has never reached



Mallory Burdette serves to Marion Bartoli during the Bank of the West tennis tournament in Stanford, Calif., on July 12.

tennis players for the Cardinal, won her first WTA match at the Stanford tournament last month. She always figured she might play some doubles professionally. Until the last few weeks, she considered med school to be more likely in her immediate future than a pro singles career.

A psychology major, Burdette wants to be a psychiatrist. She was looking into programs to complete her pre-med requirements after she graduates.

Now, those plans almost certainly are on hold.

"I think just maturity over the years," Burdette said of what's changed. "It doesn't scare me

1978 U.S. Open as a player with a win over Virginia Wade.

Burdette was leading teammate Nicole Gibbs in the NCAA final 6-2, 4-1 in the second set but couldn't close out the victory. She was also up 5-2 in the second-set tiebreaker but went on to lose in three sets — seemingly costing her that U.S. Open bid.

Burdette was supposed to play doubles with Gibbs at the Open — the two won the NCAA title together hours after facing off in singles — but Gibbs pulled out because of injury after losing her first-round singles match. They would have taken on the

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Mallory Burdette
Tennis player

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Burdette would earn at least \$65,000 for her third-round run if she wasn't trying to maintain her college eligibility. She joked that since "I have already checked the amateur box," there's no going back. Players have switched status from amateur to pro mid-tournament in the past, but kidding aside, Burdette plans to play her senior season at Stanford. Her coach there, Lele Forood, reached the round of 16 at the

Williams sisters on Wednesday. Burdette will have to settle for facing Sharapova in singles. The psychology major is fascinated by the champion's mental resolve.

"It's hard out there sometimes. You get outside of yourself and you're worrying about things you can't control," Burdette said. "That's one of the things she does a very good job of. You can tell she's in the zone every time she walks up to play a point. That's amazing, and nobody's perfect when it comes to their mental side. I think that's very interesting."

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MLB

Blanton, Ellis lead Dodgers over Rockies, 10-8



Dodgers pitcher Joe Blanton challenges Colorado shortstop Josh Rutledge during the first inning of a 10-8 Los Angeles win at Coors Field on Wednesday.

Associated Press

DENVER — Joe Blanton pitched effectively into the eighth inning for his first win with the Los Angeles Dodgers and A.J. Ellis hit his first career grand slam in a 10-8 win over the Colorado Rockies on

Wednesday.

Hanley Ramirez, another mid-season acquisition by the Dodgers, also homered in his second straight game to help the Dodgers overcome the absence of slugging center fielder Matt Kemp and withstand a late rally that saw Colorado score seven

runs in the eighth inning.

With his status characterized as day to day, Kemp sat out because of a bone bruise on his left knee and sore jaw suffered in a collision with the center field wall the night before while trying to chase down a fly ball.

Blanton (9-12), who was 0-3

with a 7.71 ERA in four previous starts since joining the Dodgers in an Aug. 3 trade with Philadelphia, struck out five and walked one in 7 1-3 innings. It was his first win since July 16 when he beat the Dodgers in one of his last starts for the Phillies.

Drew Pomeranz (1-8) lost his fifth consecutive decision since his lone win of the season July 6 against Washington. He allowed six runs on six hits, walked none and struck out four.

Pomeranz retired the first six batters he faced before running into trouble in the third, when the Dodgers sent nine batters to the plate and scored six runs.

Juan Rivera and Ellis began the Dodgers' big inning with successive singles and advanced on Blanton's sacrifice. After Mark Ellis reached on first baseman Jordan Pacheco's fielding error that also allowed Rivera to score, Shane Victorino followed with an RBI single and Adrian Gonzalez, part of the latest wave of newcomers included in the Dodgers' blockbuster trade last week with the Boston Red Sox, chipped in with a two-run single.

Ramirez capped the burst with his 22nd homer of the season

and eighth homer in 32 games with the Dodgers since coming to Los Angeles from Miami.

After Colorado got an RBI single from Tyler Colvin in the seventh for its first run, the Dodgers stretched their lead to 10-1, loading the bases against reliever Will Harris before A.J. Ellis connected for his 11th home run of the season.

The Rockies sent 11 batters to the plate in their half of the eighth.

Blanton retired the first batter he faced and gave up successive singles to Pacheco and Ramon Hernandez before being relieved by Shawn Tolleson, who gave up three run-scoring singles and a walk before being lifted for Randy Choate.

Choate hit Tyler Colvin with a pitch, forcing in another run and bringing on reliever Ronald Belisario. The Rockies added three more runs in the inning on Josh Rutledge's fielder's choice, Carlos Gonzalez's RBI single and an error by center fielder Victorino.

Belisario got the final five outs for his first save since Sept. 29, 2010, which also was against Colorado.

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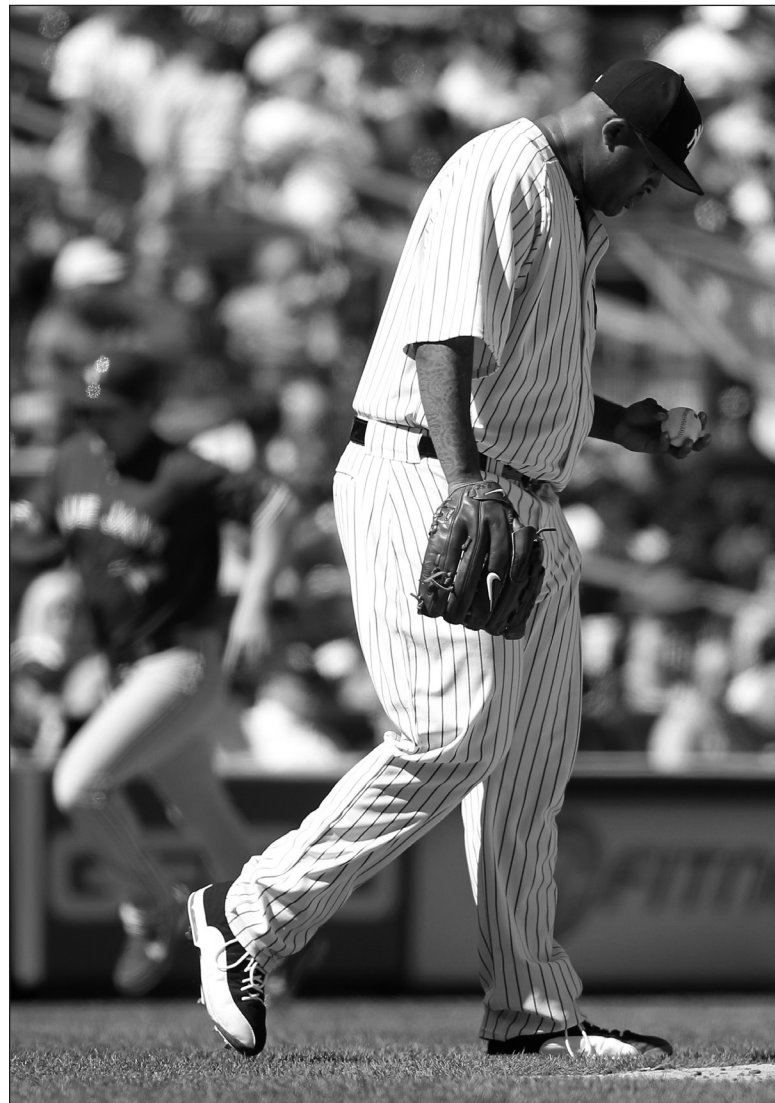
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MLB

Sabathia falters as Yankees lose to Blue Jays, 8-5



AP

Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia returns to the mound after giving up a home run to Toronto first baseman Adam Lind in New York's 8-5 loss Wednesday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK—CC Sabathia took the blame. Manager Joe Girardi spread it around.

No matter whose mistakes cost the Yankees in their sixth loss in nine games, they need to straighten things out: the quickly closing Baltimore Orioles are coming to the Bronx for three games starting Friday.

Sabathia failed to hold two leads, and New York made three errors and went homerless at Yankee Stadium in consecutive games for the first time this season. It all added up to an 8-5

loss to the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday.

“Things like this happen every once in a while. You just have to shake it off.”

Russell Martin
Yankees catcher

loss to the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday.

“We didn’t play well, that’s the bottom line,” Girardi said. “We had chances offensively: didn’t get it done. We had chances defensively: didn’t get it done.”

The Yankees’ inability to win back-to-back games for the first time since beating Texas three in a row Aug. 13-15 has hurt them in the standings. New York’s lead in the AL East would dwindle to 2 1/2 half games if Baltimore wins later Wednesday. June 24 was the last time anyone was that close.

The Yankees went 3 for 17 with runners in scoring position, even

though they had six doubles for the first time since July 30, 2011.

“Things like this happen every once in a while. You just have to shake it off,” Russell Martin said. “We’ve got to bring it against the Orioles this weekend, for sure. It’s a big one.”

Yunel Escobar had the big day for Toronto. The shortstop hit a two-run homer, three doubles and drove in five runs. He had a go-ahead RBI double in the third. His homer against Sabathia in the sixth gave the Blue Jays the lead again and his two-run double off Joba Chamberlain in the ninth helped secure Toronto’s first se-

second win in 10 games.

Four Blue Jays relievers combined to hold New York to a run and four doubles over four innings. Brandon Lyon opened the eighth by giving up consecutive doubles to pinch-hitter Raul Ibanez and Martin, whose grounder bounced high off third base to make it 6-5.

Colby Rasmus, a late-game entrant, made a diving catch on Ichiro Suzuki’s sinking liner and Lyon struck out Eric Chavez and got Jeter, with the crowd chanting his name, to fly out to right.

Casey Janssen pitched a perfect ninth for his 17th save after blowing an opportunity in the ninth inning Monday night.

Sabathia (13-4) was undefeated over his last nine starts against Toronto — 8-0 with a 2.48 ERA — since the beginning of his Cy Young Award season of 2007 with Cleveland.

In his second outing since coming off the disabled list, the big lefty was hurt by third baseman Jayson Nix’s fielding error in the third inning that led to three unearned runs. Escobar’s eighth homer made it 5-4 and came after right fielder Andruw Jones made a diving catch on Adam Lind’s liner but lost the ball as he rolled over his glove. Jones tried to sell the catch by holding up the ball — flashing a sneaky grin — but the umpires weren’t buying it.

“It’s definitely disappointing,” Sabathia said. “It’s all my fault, obviously.”

Toronto added a run on a squeeze play in the eighth with Jeff Mathis batting and Escobar on third after he led off with his second double.

Sabathia gave up at least five runs for the sixth time this year. He struck out eight in seven innings.

“You also have to give them credit for good at-bats,” Sabathia said, “but I need to make better pitches.”

Jones and Curtis Granderson drove in runs after Jeter led off the first with a single and Nick Swisher walked. Granderson added a two-run double in the third to give the Yankees a 4-3 lead after Happ walked two and threw a wild pitch.

In the fourth he got himself in trouble again, starting off the inning by walking Nix and giving up a double to Suzuki. With one out, Happ gave Jeter an intentional free pass with Swisher, batting .367 over his last 21 games, due up.

Happ struck out Swisher and Robinson Cano.

Happ pitched a quick fifth and was done for the day, having allowed four hits and four runs. He struck out six. It was Happ’s second win against the Yankees since coming over in a trade with Houston on July 20.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Gators find inspiration in 2011

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Those painful memories of last season, haunting images of a 7-6 season, are still vivid at Florida.

Coach Will Muschamp wants it that way.

The 23rd-ranked Gators would like nothing more than to purge most of what happened in 2011: four consecutive losses in October, a horrible showing against Furman and a bitter defeat to archrival Florida State. But they can’t. And Muschamp won’t let them.

“You’ll always remember it,” tight end/fullback Trey Burton said. “Even when I’m 40, I’ll still remember my sophomore year at the University of Florida. You’ve always got to keep that in the back of your mind and strive for it to not happen again. ... Last year was pretty embarrassing.”

The Gators ended Muschamp’s first season with

a team from the Football Championship Subdivision. Florida trailed 22-7 in the first quarter and didn’t put the Paladins away until the defense returned two interceptions for touchdowns in the final 13 minutes of the game.

A week later, the Gators allowed the Seminoles to gain just 95 yards but lost 21-7 because of costly turnovers and more inept offense. It capped a mind-boggling slide considering Florida won national titles in 2006 and 2008, and played for the Southeastern Conference championship in 2009.

“That’s definitely not what we came here for, last year, 7-6,” receiver Frankie Hammond said. “We want to get back on top. We came here to win. That’s the bottom line. That’s what we came here to do: win, win championships, get rings. That’s the standard at this university. We definitely have a

“You never put the last season behind you. You’ve got to learn from it, move forward and let it motivate you.”

Will Muschamp
Florida head coach

a victory against Ohio State in the Gator Bowl, providing some solace while avoiding the program’s first losing season since 1979.

Players and coaches talked about the importance of ending on a high note, about needing something positive to build on during the offseason.

Maybe so, but all those losses ended up being the driving force during sweltering practices, lengthy meetings and grueling weightlifting sessions.

“You never put the last season behind you,” Muschamp said. “You’ve got to learn from it, move forward and let it motivate you. That’s what we’ve done as a staff and as a team. I’m really pleased with where the football team is at this time.”

Muschamp will be happier if Florida gets 2012 off to a strong start Saturday against Bowling Green. But the Gators realize that early season success means little. They started 4-0 last season — they didn’t allow a touchdown in the first two games — before things turned.

Following lopsided losses to Alabama and LSU, Florida dropped close games against Auburn and Georgia. They managed a combined 11 points in the second half of all four October games and didn’t score a single point in any of those fourth quarters.

Things reached a low point in November against Furman,

chip on our shoulder. We definitely want to get those wins under our belt.”

Muschamp called his team “soft” after the loss to Florida State, an adjective that still resonates with players nine months later.

“We took that personally as a team,” right tackle Chaz Green said.

The Gators believe they will be considerably better in all phases during Year 2 of the Muschamp era.

Muschamp revamped the team’s weightlifting program by moving to an Olympic-style program designed to increase muscle strength, explosiveness and cardiovascular fitness. He hired former Boise State offensive coordinator Brent Pease to replace Charlie Weis, and Pease installed a scheme that includes motions and shifts, and maybe a few more trick plays.

The results won’t truly be known for several weeks, maybe even longer.

How the players remember the season might be an even better indicator.

“I think the year we had, there wasn’t much that needed to be said,” Green said. “We came in, everybody was hungry, everybody knew what we had to do. It wasn’t about talking, about pointing fingers. Everybody knew we didn’t have a good year. We need to work to get back to where we can be, where we should be.”

MLB

O'Malleys pledge to carry on legacy with Padres



AP

Investor Ron Fowler heads to a news conference approving the sale of the Padres to a group headed by Fowler in Denver on Aug. 16.

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The third generation of the O'Malley family took over the sad-sack San Diego Padres on Wednesday, promising to run the club in the same first-class manner that Walter and Peter O'Malley once ran the Dodgers.

The new ownership group includes Peter O'Malley's sons, Kevin and Brian, and nephews Peter and Tom Seidler. It also includes San Diego businessman Ron Fowler, the executive chairman who has been designated as the team's control person.

"This is a special moment for us," Kevin O'Malley said at a news conference to announce the closing of the \$800 million deal and introduce the new ownership group. "Our grandfather, Walter O'Malley, our father, Peter O'Malley, for close to 50 years ran a first-class baseball organization. We feel a great responsibility being here today to carry on that legacy. We have high expectations for a first-class product on and off the field and we look forward to working with the team here to make it happen."

Phil Mickelson has said he'll be involved in the group. Peter Seidler said that due to conflicting schedules and the closing of the deal, he hasn't had a chance to sit down with the golfer to finalize his involvement, but hopes to do so in the next few weeks. Seidler said there's one spot left in the ownership group and it's being held for Mickelson.

Mickelson is "very interested in this and hopes to get the deal done," the golfer's spokesman, T.R. Reinman, said Wednesday.

The O'Malley-Seidler-Fowler group takes over a Padres team that has largely struggled since being swept by the New York Yankees in the 1998 World Series. Many fans felt a sense of disconnect with John Moores, who had owned the team since December

1994 and had to put it up for sale due to a difficult divorce. Jeff Moorad's attempt to buy the team on a layaway plan fell apart earlier this year, forcing Moores to put the team back on the market.

Additionally, the Padres can't be seen in 42 percent of the homes in San Diego County due to a squabble between Fox Sports San Diego, which is in the first year of a \$1.2 billion, 20-year deal to broadcast the club, and Time Warner and AT&T U-verse.

The late Walter O'Malley bought the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1950 and moved them to Los Angeles before the 1958 season.

Peter O'Malley eventually took over for his father and all told under the family's ownership, the Dodgers won six World Series and 13 NL championships before being sold in 1998.

By comparison, the Padres

have played in two World Series and lost both, in 1984 and 1998. Now in their 44th season, the Padres have had only 13 winning seasons. They've had 15 seasons of 90-plus losses, including five seasons of 100 or more losses.

They've been better-known for their garish brown-and-yellow uniforms in the 1970s and '80s, Roseanne Barr screeching through the national anthem before a home game in 1990 and the fire sale of 1993, when they dumped every star except Tony Gwynn.

Among the other lowlights was the 1974 home opener, when new owner Ray Kroc, the McDonald's co-founder, grabbed the PA microphone and told the fans, "I have never seen such stupid ballplaying in my life." On Fan Appreciation Night in 1988, club president Chub Feeney flipped off two fans carrying a "Scrub Chub" banner. Feeney resigned the next day.

So here come the O'Malleys and Seidlers with their strong baseball pedigree. Additionally, Fowler's involvement brings a local connection that runs much deeper than most previous ownership groups.

Fowler is a wealthy beer and liquor distributor and civic leader who has lived in San Diego since 1974.

"I think we're very fortunate to have the O'Malley-Seidler family as the primary owners of the Padres," Fowler said. "The reputation of the O'Malley family in Los Angeles has been fantastic over many years. The energy that I think the sons and nephews of the O'Malley family is going to bring here is going to be very special for this community."

Kevin O'Malley and Tom Seidler have moved to San Diego. Tom Seidler runs the Visalia

Rawhide, a Single-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks. He said that team will remain in the family.

"I've been really fortunate to go to work at a ballpark most of my life and have enjoyed and loved every minute of it," Tom Seidler said. "To continue it here at Petco Park, one of the best ballparks in the country, is really special. Like Kevin said, we've had a great sense of responsibility to do the right things as owners to support the management team and the staff."

Peter Seidler said Peter O'Malley will serve as a "sounding board and patriarch."

Kevin O'Malley said his father had minor surgery last week and was at home recovering.

Fowler said the new ownership group plans to "underpromise and overdeliver." He refused to divulge what the player payroll will be next season, but said it would increase.

He said the priorities are winning, fan experience and community involvement.

Fowler got emotional when he said that, as a 68-year-old, "I can't believe how damn lucky I am."

While Moores became a penny-pincher and Moorad was unable to convince people he had enough money to buy the club, Fowler said there's still money left over to try to improve the Padres, who began the day in fourth place in the NL West, 13 games behind the San Francisco Giants.

"Is there sufficient money left over to improve the product? Yes," he said. "This is an all-cash deal. We are not taking out any debt to do this. It's all equity. We are not going to be undercapitalized."

Fowler said there are two reasons why this ownership group is different.

"I've got probably a longer history in San Diego than the other people," Fowler said. "I think I understand what San Diego means to people. And I think the history of the O'Malley family is far different than anybody else. You look at these guys. These are young guys. They range in age from 51 down to mid-30s. They have been successful in their own right. From a business standpoint they've made their own money. It's their own money in it. It's not family money. I think they have baseball in their blood. It's in their DNA. Once you do that, you have a sense of what needs to be done. I'm going to give it a hard run for a number of years. I think I understand this community and I think we can make a difference here. That's why we're all in."

Fowler declined to divulge specific percentages other than to say that seven owners will control more than 80 percent of the team and be on an advisory board. The O'Malley-Seidler-Fowler group will control more than half of that group.

Hall of Famer Don Sutton, who pitched for the Dodgers from 1966-80 and again in 1988, said he's pleased there are O'Malleys back in baseball.

"The family's always been passionate about the game of baseball," said Sutton, a broadcaster for the Atlanta Braves, who finished a three-game series at San Diego on Wednesday. "They have treated the history of baseball with respect. The kids that you have here grew up in the game. They grew up working. I think they've done everything at the ballpark except rotator cuff surgery. You're getting hard-working, class people who will give it their all. I think the San Diego Padres just won the lottery."

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MLB

2014 All-Star Game goes to Minnesota

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The competition among cities for baseball's All-Star game has grown stiffer over the years, leading to some tough calls for Commissioner Bud Selig.

Awarding the 2014 game to the Minnesota Twins and Target Field, it turns out, was one of the easier decisions Selig has made.

"This is the right thing to do and this is the right place to do it," Selig said Wednesday in making the official announcement.

Selig has long been close with the Pohlad family, which has owned the Twins for decades, especially the late Carl Pohlad. The commissioner stood by his side while he fought for a new ballpark in the late 1990s, a bitter dispute that threatened the franchise's future in the Twin Cities.

Once the Twins finally won approval to build Target Field, it was only a matter of time before Selig was going to bring the mid-summer classic back to Minnesota. It will be the third time the Twins have hosted the game, following 1965 at Metropolitan Stadium and 1985 at the Metrodome.

"Target Field is just spectacular," Selig said. "Every time I'm here, I just can't tell you how impressive this is. So this will be a great show-place for the 2014 All-Star game."

The play on the field has been anything but spectacular over the last two seasons. The Twins entered the game against Seattle on Wednesday night with an AL-worst record of 52-77, one year after losing

99 games. The lack of success following a period of six division titles in nine seasons has caused attendance to at the shiny, three-year-old ballpark to drop and a traditionally loyal fan base to start grumbling.

"They've been as passionate and as loyal as any fans in baseball," Twins President Dave St. Peter said. "For what they've put up with on the field the last two years, they deserve an All-Star game and a lot more."

Selig said he hoped the news of the game coming to Minnesota will be a brief respite for fans who have endured the last two seasons, and said he had no doubt the franchise would bounce back.

"As commissioner I get a chance to have a view of all 30 clubs, sometimes on a daily basis," he said. "This is one of those clubs that you never worry about. They always do the right thing in the right way."

With a core of Joe Mauer, Justin Morneau and Josh Willingham at or near their prime, the urgency is there to return to the top of the AL Central. They'll need to vastly upgrade their starting rotation to make that happen.

"I suppose we could hope to go for a double in 2014 and have not only the All-Star game but the World Series," Jim Pohlad said. "Actually it would be great if we could just be awarded the World Series, but we'll do our best to win it."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Lacy succeeds backfield stars



Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama tailbacks aren't really expected to top 1,500 yards and get invited to New York for the Heisman Trophy ceremony in their first season as full-time starters.

It just seems that way.

Eddie Lacy enters the season as the second-ranked Crimson Tide's new front-runner in the backfield after performing well as a backup. Just like predecessors Mark Ingram (2009 Heisman Trophy winner, national champion, first-round NFL draft pick) and Trent Richardson (2011 Heisman finalist, national champion and first-round draft pick).

"Of course, he rushes for a lot of yards, but he's a very positive person. He brings a lot of people up in the huddle."

Chance Warmack
Alabama offensive lineman

Lacy insists he and his fellow Alabama tailbacks haven't spent much time discussing trying to live up to those lofty standards going into Saturday night's opener with No. 8 Michigan at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

"We don't talk about it much," he said. "We basically just go out there and push each other to be the best we can be."

Lacy greeted most reporters' questions this week with grins and similarly unrevealing answers. He'll get to show a little more about his abilities as the successor to Ingram and

Richardson in his first start.

So far, so good. He has run for 1,071 yards and 13 touchdowns, while averaging 7.1 yards per carry, the past two seasons. The 6-foot, 220-pound Lacy even drew the nickname "Circle Button" from teammates for his spin move, a nod to video game controls.

"He's a big, tough running back," Michigan linebacker Kenny Demens said. "He's not just powerful, he's elusive. He spins, jumps and jukes. He's going to be a tough guy to get down."

Demens said Lacy is very similar in one respect to Ingram and Richardson.

"He's just like those guys,"

quarterback AJ McCarron said. "I don't think his toe is bothering him at all. If it is, I can't tell. He's cutting fast. He looks light on his feet. He's picking up blitzes really well. We're going to need Eddie to play well on Saturday for us to be successful."

Lacy is coy on his health, except for saying the toe is "very good."

"I never put a percent on it," he said, "but I rehab and progress every day."

Ingram and Richardson averaged 1,573 yards and 19 touchdowns in their first seasons as fulltime starters. Before that, Glen Coffee gained 1,383 yards in 2008. All three were first-team All-SEC picks.

Lacy has plenty of potential help to share the load.

Freshman T.J. Yeldon was MVP of the spring game after enrolling in January. He and redshirt freshman Dee Hart are both former five-star prospects who haven't gotten onto the field for a game yet.

Lacy brings more than runs to the team, though. He also provides comic relief. Teammates describe him as one of the funniest Tide players.

"People don't realize that he brings a lot of energy to the offense, not only in his rushes but more so in his personality," Alabama guard Chance Warmack said. "Of course, he rushes for a lot of yards, but he's a very positive person. He brings a lot of people up in the huddle. First and foremost, very athletic, tremendous running back. But his personality is amazing."

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WTA

Clijsters loses in straight sets to end singles career

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kim Clijsters' singles career ended where she wanted it to, just not the way she hoped.

The four-time Grand Slam champion lost 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5) to 18-year-old Laura Robson of Britain in the second round of the U.S. Open on Wednesday, and will head into retirement after she finishes playing in doubles at Flushing Meadows.

Clijsters walked away from the sport once before, in May 2007, then returned after a 2 1/2-year hiatus. But now 29 and a mother, the Belgian insisted this season that she means it this time, and decided the U.S. Open — and its hard courts that she conquered on the way to three championships — would be her final tournament. “It’s the place that has inspired me so much to do well and to do great things. It’s hard to explain sometimes why,” Clijsters said in an on-court interview, her face flushed and her eyes welling with tears.

“This completely feels like the perfect place to retire,” Clijsters told the spectators at Arthur Ashe Stadium, many of whom rose to shower her with a standing ovation. “I just wish it wasn’t today.”

The loss Wednesday ended Clijsters' 22-match winning streak in New York, encompassing titles in 2005, 2009 and 2010, plus Monday's first-round victory.

She missed the hard-court major in 2004, 2006-08 and last year, thanks to a combination of injuries and the time she took off while starting a family. Her daughter, Jada, was born in February 2008. By August 2009, Clijsters was back on tour; unseeded and unranked, because she only played in two previous tournaments during her comeback, she won that year's U.S. Open.

“Since I retired the first time, it’s been a great adventure for my team and my family,” said Clijsters, who was 28-0 against players ranked outside the top 10 at the U.S. Open before Wednesday. “It’s all been worth it. But I do look forward to the next part of my life coming up.”

Her previous defeat at Flushing Meadows came against Belgian rival Justine Henin on Sept. 6, 2003, in the tournament final. Robson was 9 at the time.

This did have the feel, in some ways, of a changing of the guard.

Clijsters finished with a career singles record of 523-127 (a winning percentage of .805) and 41 titles, including her last major trophy at the 2011 Australian Open. She spent a total of 20 weeks ranked No. 1, as recently as February 2011.

Ranked 89th, and with only one prior victory over a top-25 player, Robson has been viewed — particularly back home in Britain — as an up-and-coming player whose smooth left-handed strokes would carry her far.

But she had never produced the kind of grit and court-covering athleticism that carried her past the 23rd-seeded Clijsters. And until now, Robson never had won more than one match in a Grand Slam tournament; her claim to fame had been teaming for a silver medal in mixed doubles at the London Olympics with Andy Murray, who played his second-round U.S. Open match Wednesday night.

Robson knows, though, how much Clijsters means to the game, not only as a superb player but as someone who by all accounts is universally liked — by fans, tennis officials and even opponents.

“She’s always been someone that I’ve looked up to since I started on the tour. She’s always been incredibly nice to be around,” Robson said. “I think we’re all going to miss her.”

When the contest ended with Clijsters sailing a backhand return long, allowing Robson to convert her third match point, they met at the net. Clijsters began to extend her arm for the customary handshake, and Robson pulled her in for a hug.

“I want to thank Kim,” Robson told the crowd, “for being such a great role model to me for so many years.”

Less than an hour later, Clijsters was hanging out in the players' garden alongside the stadium. She shared a laugh with some friends, hugs from others, and paused to pose for a photograph alongside 14-time major champion Serena Williams, who was headed out after partnering sister Venus for a first-round victory in doubles.

Clijsters was the only seeded woman who lost during the afternoon session of Day 3, when the winners included No. 1 Victoria Azarenka, defending champion Sam Stosur, 2011 Wimbledon

champion Petra Kvitova and 2011 French Open champion Li Na.

Joining Robson with a surprise victory was American wild-card entry Mallory Burdette, the NCAA runner-up who reached the third round in her Grand Slam debut by eliminating 69th-ranked Lucie Hradecka 6-2, 6-4.

Until recently, Burdette planned to take premed courses as a senior at Stanford in pursuit of a career in psychiatry.

“It’s been a crazy ride,” the 252nd-ranked Burdette said.

Could get even wilder: She next faces four-time major champion Maria Sharapova, a 6-0, 6-1 winner Wednesday night over 78th-ranked Lourdes Dominguez Lino of Spain.

Earlier on Ashe, the highest-ranked American man, John Isner, let out a big exhale of relief while waving to the crowd after getting past an argumentative Xavier Malisse 6-3, 7-6 (5), 5-7, 7-6 (9) in the first round.

“I know in the nitty-gritty times of a match, I always have that confidence and all those wins in my back pocket,” said Isner, who is 37-13 in tiebreakers this season.

The 6-foot-9 Isner hit 20 aces and ended things with a service winner on his third match point. That came after Malisse pushed an easy backhand volley into the net, then grabbed the ball and shoved it in his mouth and chomped on it as though it were an apple.

The 57th-ranked Malisse, a 2002 Wimbledon semifinalist, was louder and angrier during a few exchanges with the chair umpire and even members of the crowd, earning a warning for profanity.

“Half of the crowd doesn’t understand what’s going on,” Malisse said. “They yell. We’re in New York. So you’re going to get more yells. That’s fine by me. ...



Kim Clijsters returns a forehand during her second round loss to Laura Robson on Wednesday in the U.S. Open at Flushing Meadows.

(But) I’m going to say something back.”

There were no such shenanigans during Clijsters vs. Robson, simply plenty of terrific play.

With her husband — Brian Lynch, an American who used to play professional basketball in Belgium — fidgeting from his front-row seat in the stands, Clijsters wound up getting the worse of lengthy exchanges. As big a forehand as Clijsters owns, Robson was out-hitting her, compiling a 16-11 edge in winners off that wing.

Clijsters went up a break in the second set, helped by a pair of double-faults by a slightly shaky Robson — nerves that were understandable, given the setting and the significance of this match. But Robson got right back in it, playing gutsy, go-for-the-lines tennis, repeatedly pounding the ball hard as can be, and seeing shots land right where she aimed.

“I really enjoyed myself out there,” said Robson, who found herself singing along to the pop songs that blare over loudspeakers during changeovers.

As you might expect from a

teen, the youngest player ranked in the WTA’s top 100.

Try as she might, Clijsters could not quite gain the upper hand, no matter how many times she yelled “Come on!” and raised a clenched fist after winning points.

On one well-disguised drop shot by Robson, Clijsters raced forward and did her trademark splits through the doubles alley, stretching to get her racket on the ball. But her response landed in the net.

“I just wasn’t good enough at the end of the match,” Clijsters acknowledged.

She won’t get the chance to play another.

“As a little girl, I got Christmas rackets under the tree and outfits of Steffi Graf and Monica Seles, and I would want to wear them to bed, I was so excited,” Clijsters said. “So for me to have been able to have been a part of women’s tennis, and on top of women’s tennis for so many years — you don’t think about it when you’re in it; you’re kind of on automatic pilot. ... Now that I think about it, it’s been a crazy rollercoaster at times, as well.”

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Andrews

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I played a minor pro tournament. I played something called the ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association) in Kalamazoo, Mich., which is a summer circuit for college players, and another minor pro tournament in Illinois."

Andrews found success in a number of these competitions, with his top performances occurring in the Midwest ITA Summer Circuit in mid-July and the Futures Tournament during the week of Aug. 6.

"I won the tournament in Kalamazoo, Michigan, the ITA Summer Circuit event," Andrews said. "And I beat a pretty good player named [sophomore] Chris Diaz from Ohio State so I was pretty happy with my performance there."

"I played in a Futures, which is a minor pro tournament in Edwardsville, Ill. Since I'm not a professional tennis player I have to go through a qualifying draw. And I qualified for the main draw, which is a minor pro tournament, so I was excited to get in there and be able to play with players like that."

In addition to his achievements in competition, Andrews and Irish coach Bobby Bayliss also recognize the results of his summer training program at Notre Dame.

"He's made big strides in his game," Bayliss said. "His second serve is much improved as is his backhand. His willingness to come to the net and finish points at the net is significantly better than it was."



KIRBY MCKENNA | The Observer

Notre Dame junior Greg Andrews returns a backhand during his 8-4 win over Louisville on April 14 at the Courtney Tennis Center.

Andrews echoed his coach's statements, explaining that he especially focused on the weaknesses in his game.

"I worked a lot on becoming a more well-rounded player," Andrews said. "I struggled with my net game last year so I really worked on that this summer and also my backhand, which has always been my weaker side."

While collegiate tennis players compete and train year-round, Andrews said the summertime is especially vital for improving one's skills because of the lighter schedule.

"I think [the summer] is one of the most important times of the year," Andrews said. "There is really no other time when you can really devote yourself to training for tennis like you can in summer. During the year you have school and other commitments that take up a lot of your time."

With the start of the fall semester, Andrews and his fellow teammates must transition to the fall season, which is composed mostly of individual tournaments. The ITA National Indoors is the biggest individual collegiate tennis tournament and although it is not held until February, Andrews has set it as the goal for his fall season.

"My personal goals include the ITA National Indoors," Andrews said. "You need to do really well in the All-American championships in Tulsa, Okla. or do really well in the regional championships, which I believe are at Ohio State. I'd really like to qualify for the National Indoor Championships by doing well in one of those two, hopefully both."

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NFL

Giants beat Patriots, 6-3

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Adewale Ojomo took another step toward making an NFL roster and helped the New York Giants and New England Patriots avoid a coach's worst nightmare in the preseason finale — overtime.

Ojomo's sack and forced fumble set up a 32-yard field goal by Lawrence Tynes with 1:03 to play and the Giants defeated the Patriots 6-3 on Wednesday night in the final warmup for the regular season for the teams that met in the Super Bowl in early February.

This one was hardly as interesting as the title game, but the Giants (2-2) once again scored late to win. Defensive tackle Marcus Thomas rumbled 12 yards with the fumble following Ojomo's strip-sack against Brian Hoyer, giving New York the ball at the Patriots 17.

It set up Tynes' second field goal and it will force the coaching staff to once again think about Ojomo, a rookie free agent out of Miami, who has caught their attention with a team-high four sacks.

"The coaches have got to evaluate the film," Ojomo said. "I think the (strip-sack) will work in my favor, but there's a lot of different phases of the game they have to evaluate."

Ojomo plans to be confident heading into Friday's final cut to the 54-man roster.

"It would be a great honor to be a Giant," Ojomo said. "They're a first-class organization. Aside from the high taxes and high rent, it would be great to be a Giant. I'll be confident Friday, I won't be nervous. They have to make tough decisions, so you have to go out and do what you need to do to make it not so tough for them."

Steve Gostkowski kicked a 20-yard field goal in the second quarter for the Patriots (1-3), who rested almost every starter.

"Everybody who played got an opportunity to show us what they could do," New England coach Bill Belichick said.

The Super Bowl champion Giants will kick off the NFL season next Wednesday at home against Dallas. The Patriots will open on the road at Tennessee on Sept. 9.

The Giants iced the game with 13 seconds to play on an interception by Laron Scott

Eli Manning and the majority of the Giants' starters played just over a quarter, with receiver Hakeem Nicks making his preseason debut. New England rested their starters with only fullback Eric Kettani and defensive tackle Brandon Deaderick being the only starters on the depth-chart to play.

"I wanted to open it up a little

bit and I wanted to get my body back used to it," said Nicks, who had one catch for 6 yards. "That's what I needed."

After collecting only four first downs and 69 total yards in the first half, the Giants took the second-half kickoff and went 64 yards in 13 plays with Tynes tying the game with a 34-yard field goal. Andre Brown rushed nine times for 51 yards in what has to be a late bid to make the club.

"I like how we came out in the second half and figured out how to win a football game," coach Tom Coughlin said. "I didn't like the way we started the game off."

The Patriots held a 3-0 halftime lead after 30 minutes that at best were boring.

Manning and the first-team offense played into the second quarter and never got into New England territory. The closest New York got was its own 49 in the next to last play of the half.

Manning was 4 of 8 for 29 yards in four series against the Patriots' reserves, including three without making a first down.

Gostkowski provided the only points of the half with a 20-yard field goal a little more than 6 minutes into the second quarter. The 12-play, 51-yard drive was kept alive by a third-down facemask penalty against Giants linebacker Spencer Paysinger as he tackled Brandon Bolden well short of a first down at the Giants 36.

If there was anything interesting in the first half it was the work of referee Don King and his crew on a day the NFL announced that it would open the regular season next week with replacement officials.

King took about 5 minutes and three announcements to the crowd at MetLife Stadium to explain that there were two penalties against the Giants on a punt by New York's Steve Weatherford.

At first, King said it was a penalty on each team. He then corrected that to an illegal formation and a personal foul against the Giants, and then the officials had to meet for a couple of minutes to figure out how much yardage to access New York. They settled on five and Belichick came out to question the decision.

The crowd got restless after third announcement.

King also seemed to muffle the Giants calling a running into the kicker penalty in the second quarter, roughly 7 seconds after Zoltan Mesko kicked the ball.

Coughlin also questioned King early in the fourth quarter when the officials picked up a flag seemingly thrown for the Patriots having 12 men in the huddle before a 54-yard field goal by Tynes.

King said New England called time out before the play. The Giants eventually decided to punt.

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Denson

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Denson still does not know.

"When we were practicing at Notre Dame [leading up to the game], I literally did not practice," Denson said in a phone interview. "Every time I was in practice, coach Holtz would kick me out. For the most part,

opponent."

Denson finished his career with 4,448 yards, the most ever by an Irish back.

"Everyone that was on that team, whether you're a walk-on or not, we shared that record," Denson said. "It's not an individual achievement. It really is a team record.

"If somebody breaks it, we're

and they were actually paying me now. That drive got a whole lot better."

After a short career in the Canadian Football League (CFL), Denson began life after football. He went into banking, working for Wachovia before spending six years at Merrill Lynch.

While working at Merrill Lynch, Denson founded POISE, a foundation for young athletes that stands for Perseverance, Opportunity, Intelligence, Sacrifice and Effort. POISE gave young athletes the tools needed to be successful outside of sports, Denson said.

In addition to athletic development, POISE offered academic counseling, SAT and ACT prep work and Bible study. While working with POISE part time, Denson felt his calling changing.

"I felt like God wanted me to do something more," Denson said. "I started seeing what I didn't like. If coaching is done correctly, the relationship the coach and a player has tran-



Observer File Photo

Former Irish running back Autry Denson eludes a Stanford defender in Notre Dame's 35-17 win Oct. 3, 1998 at Notre Dame Stadium.

"I don't do anything to be good at it or even great. I want to be legendary at it, but not for me. It's a platform for me to influence more young men and more people."

Autry Denson

Former Irish running back

I was out there but I was in the doghouse.

"When he kicked me out of practice, he knew I was going to prepare even harder because I knew my opportunity would come, and when it did, I wanted to knock it out the park."

Former Irish running back Randy Kinder earned the start against Navy while Denson was relegated to the sideline for the first series. Denson took it from there. He racked up 123 yards and two touchdowns on just 16 carries in his first trip to Europe.

Much like the current Irish, Denson said the trip overseas had just one objective — win.

"When I'm there, it's all business," Denson said. "My mindset is always on the task at hand. I wasn't going to Ireland, I was going to beat Navy. I wasn't there on vacation. I was there to play a game and dominate my

doing pretty darn good. And I'm ready for us to get back to the dominating phase."

Denson graduated from Notre Dame in 1999. After his collegiate career, Denson played four years in the National Football League (NFL) for three different teams, totaling just 212 yards on 62 attempts. For the Lauderhill, Fla., native, his stint with the

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hometown Miami Dolphins stood out.

"I took the same drive to work that I took years before that [to high school]," Denson said. "The only difference was I was making a right instead of a left,

scends sports ... and I saw kids not have coaches that care for them."

Despite turning down previous opportunities to coach for Urban Meyer at Florida and Charlie Weis at Notre Dame

because of time commitments, Denson accepted the head coaching job at Pope John Paul II High School in South Florida in 2010.

One year later, he became the running backs' coach at Bethune-Cookman University, where he remains today. He said his playing time at Notre Dame and in the NFL helps him coach the position.

"It helps to be able to know that your coach knows what he's talking about," Denson said. "I don't want to say it's easy, but it's natural. This is what I was created to do. I was created to mentor and help young men and spread the word through

sports."

Denson, 35, lives in Daytona, Fla., and is married to his wife Elaine. The couple has four kids — Ashley, Autry III, Elijah and Asia.

As he looks to the future, Denson said he has his eyes set on a college or NFL head-coaching job.

"I don't do anything to just be okay at it," he said. "I don't do anything to be good at it or even great. I want to be legendary at it, but not for me. It's a platform for me to influence more young men and more people."

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SMC SOCCER

Belles look to build off .500 season

Observer Staff Report

Under the leadership of Belles coach Michael Joyce, Saint Mary's finished last season 10-10. This marked the first time the Belles outshined the five-win summit since 2005.

For the Belles, the biggest accomplishment coming into this season was reaching the .500 mark, especially after finishing the previous season at 3-16.

The Belles defense was key in winning many of their games, holding its opposition to a goal or less 12 times and allowing two goals or fewer on 17 different occasions.

The Belles will return almost all of their players from last year. The youth of the team last year was carried by the underclassmen. Returning back for the

Belles will be sophomore goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum, joined last season by Natalie Warner, accounted for all the decisions in goal and three of the team's six shutouts. Rosenbaum had a team-best 63 saves as a freshman.

The Belles will also bring back defensemen sophomore Kerry Green and junior Kerry Puckett, who both saw minutes in every game last season.

In nine of 10 games when the Belles scored multiple goals, more than one person was recognized for scoring the goal. The Belles emerged with a win in each of those 10 games when scoring at least two goals.

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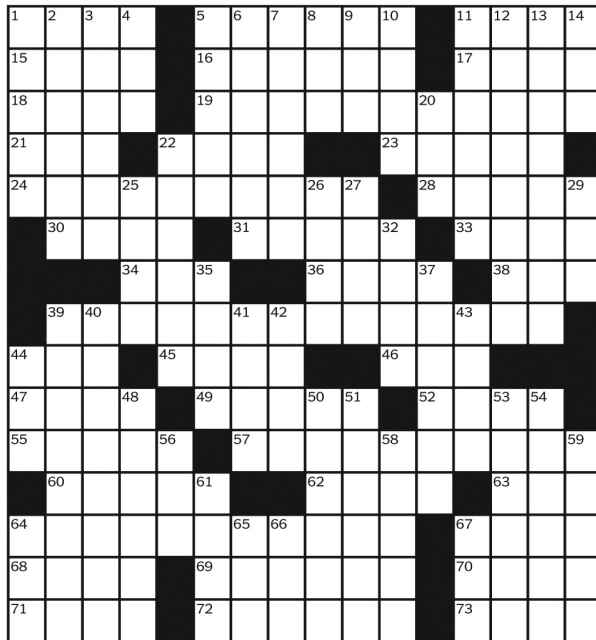
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lauren Collins, 26; Lea Michele, 26; Carla Gugino, 41; Rebecca DeMornay, 53.
Happy Birthday: A chance to get ahead is evident, but you will have to fight through obstacles. Don't rely on anyone to do a job or to speak for you. Representation will be key to how far ahead you get, making it vital to depict exactly what you want to portray to those you must impress. Your numbers are 6, 8, 19, 26, 29, 40, 44.
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Give a little and get a little back. Don't be afraid to stand out or to take a unique approach. Personal changes will grab attention. Don't limit the possibilities, but respect what others want as well. Diversity is the name of the game.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Cut out any emotional manipulation. Talk straight and get business out of the way. Once you feel relatively secure that everything will unfold as planned professionally or financially, you will feel more at ease spending downtime with family.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Reconnect with old friends. Attending a reunion or making the first move to reunite will lead to interesting changes in the way you go about getting what you want. Speak from the heart and you'll get a good response.
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Love is in the stars, and hooking up with someone from your past or establishing a better relationship with someone you are currently with will lead to a better understanding. Set new goals that will bring you closer together.
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WAKING THE ECHOES | AUTRY DENSON

Denson driven by mentoring, coaching

Former Irish running back still strives for excellence



Former Irish running back Autry Denson cuts upfield against Vanderbilt in Notre Dame's 14-7 win Sept. 5, 1996 in Nashville, Tenn. Denson is the all-time Irish rushing leader with 4,448 yards.

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Associate Sports Editor

Editor's note: This is the first of a new Observer feature. The "Waking the Echoes" series intends to inform fans about some former players and will feature weekly stories profiling them and their lives since Notre Dame.

Autry Denson loves competition. He loves it so much he'll challenge you to a spelling contest with your own name — and promise to win.

Denson's competitive drive allowed him to play all four years with the Irish, break the all-time rushing

record at Notre Dame and propel the Irish to a 54-27 win over Navy in Ireland in 1996.

Leading up to that game 16 years ago, former Irish coach Lou Holtz held the player out of practice for reasons

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MEN'S TENNIS

Andrews improves during summer



KIRBY MCKENNA | The Observer

Irish junior Greg Andrews returns a forehand in Notre Dame's 5-2 win against Louisville on April 14 at the Courtney Tennis Center.

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

Junior Greg Andrews was not about to lose any of his momentum.

After a breakout season in his sophomore year, Notre Dame's top tennis player was determined to advance his game even further this summer. As evidenced by his tournament successes and coach's words, he certainly fulfilled his goal.

Andrews finished his spring

season by competing in the NCAA singles championships, receiving his bid as the top-ranked player in the Big East. After falling in the first round, which ended his spring season, the Richland, Mich. native soon began his summer training in South Bend.

"I took class at Notre Dame, which allowed me to train with the coaches everyday, mostly twice a day," Andrews said. "I also played in four different events.

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FOOTBALL

Kelly addresses Montana's criticism

Observer Staff Report

Former Irish quarterback and pro football Hall of Famer Joe Montana recently criticized Irish coach Brian Kelly after he chose sophomore Everett Golson as the team's starting quarterback heading into the season opener against Navy in Dublin.

"Kelly can't figure out what he wants," Montana said in an ESPN.com chat. "Every one of the QBs that he has, he claims is the next star, but he doesn't last long with them. He's probably the least talented thrower they have, so maybe they're looking to run the ball with him."

Montana's son, Nate, played for the Irish two seasons ago and saw limited action. Kelly responded to Montana's criticism during Wednesday's press conference.

"Well, Joe Montana is an icon," Kelly said. "He's entitled to his opinion about our football team. I think that's all I'd say about that."

Pinkett says team needs 'bad citizens'

Following the May suspensions of junior quarterback Tommy Rees and senior linebacker Carlo Calabrese and this week's suspensions of senior running back Cierre Wood and junior defensive end Justin Utupo, former Irish running back Allen Pinkett said the penalized players give the team an edge.

"I've always felt like to have a successful team you've got to have a few bad citizens on the team," Pinkett said in a radio interview with WSCR-AM 670. "I think Notre Dame is growing because maybe they have some guys that are doing something worthy of a suspension which creates edge on the football team."

Pinkett currently does the color commentary for Irish football games on the radio. Later during the day, he stepped back from his

controversial comments.

"It's clear that I chose my words poorly and that an apology is in order for these inappropriate comments. My words do not reflect the strong pride and passion I have for the Notre Dame football program," Pinkett said.

Notre Dame Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick responded to Pinkett's comments through a statement released by the school Wednesday.

"Allen Pinkett's suggestion that Notre Dame needs more 'bad guys' on its football team is nonsense," Swarbrick said in the statement. "Of course, Allen does not speak for the University, but we could not disagree more with this observation."

Pinkett held the record for most career rushing yards before Autry Denson broke it. Pinkett ran for 4,131 yards and 49 touchdowns during his career that spanned from 1982-85.



SARAH O'CONNOR | The Observer

Irish coach Brian Kelly speaks during his Media Day press conference Aug. 16 at Notre Dame Stadium.