

Speaking up

Jenkins adds University voice to debate on religious freedom, election



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University President Fr. John Jenkins addresses ROTC cadets at their "Pass in Review" ceremony in April. Jenkins said his administration worked hard all summer to prepare for the school year.

By MEGAN DOYLE
Managing Editor



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

The dorms were deserted. The

sun shone on an empty quad. But this summer, University President Fr. John Jenkins and his administration still showed up for work. They restructured the University budget and worked toward the school's next 10-year strategic plan, which will be proposed in 2013. They planned events for this year's Forum, dedicated in the midst of an election year to an open discussion

of American democracy and political life. They filed a lawsuit against the federal government.

For Notre Dame's president, this work is about more than the day-to-day operations of a top university. It's about being part of a conversation.

"I think my deepest conviction is that we have to find a way to talk to one another in ways that

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Convention draws national spotlight

By JOHN CAMERON
News Editor

American eyes are trained on Tampa, Fla., today as the Republican National Convention comes to a close. The convention, traditionally held several months before presidential elections, marks the official nomination of presidential candidate Mitt Romney and vice presidential candidate Rep. Paul Ryan for the party's ticket this fall.

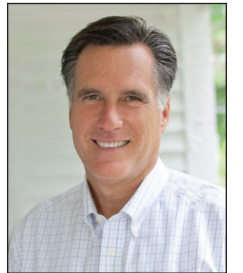
Sophomore Matthew Metzinger, secretary for Notre Dame's College Republicans, said the convention was not only about finalizing the Romney-Ryan nomination, but also uniting party support.

"National conventions are a great way to unite the party in the final two months leading up to Election Day," Metzinger said. "Conventions allow the party to show the American people why their candidate should be president ... in a manner that covers the important issues."

The most important issue in this election should be the economy, Metzinger said. While much of the recent media coverage of the race has focused on social programs and issues such as Medicare, he said the convention was an

opportunity to refocus. "Without a doubt, the economy should be the main focus of this

Mitt Romney
Republican presidential
nominee



presidential election," he said. "President [Barack] Obama has failed to bring the country out

Paul Ryan
Republican vice-presidential
nominee



of the economic pit in which we have become entrapped as he promised."

College Democrats president and senior Camille Suarez said the party's focus on economic issues was intended to incite anger rather than to facilitate positive dialogue.

"The [Gov. Chris Christie] and

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Dublin, South Bend buzz with pregame spirit

Fans decked out in blue and gold flood Irish streets

By SAM STRYKER
Assistant Managing Editor

DUBLIN — While Fighting Irish fans may be looking forward to the kickoff of the Notre Dame's football season Saturday in the Irish capital, the Emerald Isle Classic is more than just a game — it is a display of the University on an international stage.

John Heisler, senior associate athletic director, said Saturday's game — and the events surrounding it — is a

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Notre Dame flags adorn a souvenir shop in Dublin, Ireland. Thousands of fans traveled to the city for Saturday's Emerald Isle Classic, while students look forward to watching the game from South Bend.

Local business, students plan to celebrate game

By KRISTEN DURBIN
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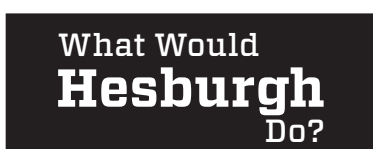
Stateside football fans may not have traveled across the pond to see the football team take on the Midshipmen this weekend, but they still plan to celebrate the Emerald Isle Classic with Irish gusto.

While many students may elect to hold conventional game watches in their dorm rooms, common areas, apartments or houses, some will begin celebrating the night before the 9

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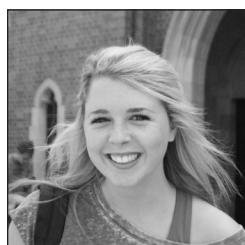
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junior
Off campus

"Six."



Caroline Thomas

junior
Howard Hall

"Three."



Ben Rosengren

freshman
Fisher Hall

"Three."



Allison Smith

junior
Lyons Hall

"Good question ... two or three."



Brendan Bacht

junior
Dillon Hall

"Uh ... two."



Eduardo Oronia

sophomore
Stanford Hall

"Three ... boy-girl twins and then a girl."



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Navy and Notre Dame flags fly on Grafton Street, a popular shopping district in Dublin, Ireland. Paraphernalia for both teams is on display throughout the city in preparation for Saturday's Emerald Isle Classic at Dublin's Aviva Stadium.

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Students devote summer to service



Photo courtesy of Kristen Durbin

Sophomore Matt Caponigro demonstrates proper handwashing methods to mothers and children during his ISSLP in El Salvador.

By **CHRIS BARNES**
News Writer

A number of Notre Dame students spent their summers not sitting by the pool but serving around the country in the Summer Service Learning Program (SSLP) through the Center for Social Concerns (CSC).

The SSLP program assigns students to "multiple agencies across the United States, reaching out in multiple ways to people in need," according to the CSC website.

Sophomore Will Raaf said he worked with the homeless during his SSLP experience at the Hesed House in Aurora, Ill.

"During the day, [the other volunteers and I] moved the entire homeless shelter across the street to accommodate shelter renovations that were in progress," Raaf said. "At night, we spoke with the guests, served them food and prepared them for bed."

As he volunteered close to his hometown, Raaf said the SSLP experience was transformative for him.

"I grew restless as a result of my SSLP experience," he said. "After experiencing poverty in an area only 20 minutes from my home, my eyes were opened to the immediacy of poverty."

Part of Raaf's work was to assist with programs for resident development at the Hesed House, a resource center and shelter dedicated to ending homelessness, sponsored programs for resident development.

"I participated in a morning running club three times a week [with the residents of the Hesed House]," Raaf said. "The opportunity to do so was a pleasant surprise that extended the SSLP experience in an impactful way."

Sophomore Holly O'Hara said she assisted women and children in a variety of ways throughout her two-month stint at the Shalom House in Harrisburg, Pa.

"I worked as a summer intern, so I worked on whatever the daily manager needed done on a specific day," O'Hara said. "On one occasion, I painted a fence around the house, and on another day I escorted the children

who were living in the house to the park to play."

O'Hara said shared meals allowed her to cultivate relationships with the women she lived with at the Shalom House.

"Every night [at the Shalom House,] a different woman takes a turn in making dinner for everyone living within the household," she said. "Dinners were a great opportunity to get to know everyone."

O'Hara said her time with the women and children at the Shalom House shaped her future plans.

"This school year I will apply for the spring mission trip to Appalachia and also try to volunteer at the Center for the Homeless once a week," she said. "I am also planning on applying for an [International Summer Service Learning Program (ISSLP)] for next summer in Nepal."

Sophomore Peter Hall said interaction with volunteers and residents within the service location was a large part of his SSLP experience at De La Salle Middle School in St. Louis, Mo.

"I lived in an on-site house called the Claver House, which housed a group of people who lived together and whose goal is to grow in their faith while they do work in the community," he said. "After sharing a house with seven people, I developed close friendships with everyone in the household."

Hall said his volunteer experience broadened his worldview.

"I have much more awareness of the social problems within the United States after my work with middle school students in St. Louis," he said. "It forced me out of my bubble."

Hall said he would highly encourage any Notre Dame student to apply for an SSLP or ISSLP for next summer.

"My SSLP was a fantastic experience, and I believe that anyone else at Notre Dame who is considering applying for the program definitely should," he said. "It was one of the best experiences of my life."

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College hosts senior picnic

By **REBECCA O'NEIL**
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Saint Mary's seniors gathered on the west lawn of Opus Hall on Thursday to celebrate the start of their last school year with a picnic that featured free food, games of cornhole and volleyball matches.

Senior Sydnie Corso said the event, sponsored by the Senior Class Board, is a final laidback activity before the pressures of the school year set in.

"[It's] just a great way to kick off a year of hardcore studying," Corso said. "It has been a smooth transition from summer and it's good to be back. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else right now."

Senior Nicole DeRoche said she is glad she set aside this time to rest before the school year becomes more stressful.

"It feels good to just take it easy and relax in the sunshine with my friends," DeRoche said.

Silvia Cuevas, senior class president, said this event is just one of the many ways she intends to nurture the tight-knit bond among her class through student government-sponsored activities.

"We want to encourage class participation at school functions," Cuevas said. "So many connections are made during

Senior Week, the week before commencement. I don't want to wait that long this time."

Cuevas said she has already started work on the annual Dance Marathon and began collaborating with the Student Diversity board to prepare more events for the year.

"[The] school year's definitely starting with a bang," she said. "Two weeks in and I am fully immersed."

Students were also able to sign up for Senior Dads Week, a

"I love being a senior, but I don't want to leave SMC."

Bridgett Fey
senior

week when seniors invite their fathers to spend time with them on campus.

Corso said she wants to make the most of her last year at the College, especially through extracurricular events.

"My biggest worry is that I will not live my last year here to its fullest," she said. "I'm literally joining every club."

Senior Bridgett Fey said she has mixed feelings about the beginning of the school year.

"I love being a senior, but I don't want to leave SMC," Fey

said.

In the meantime, Fey said she is enjoying the "good food, good people, good times."

Senior Sarah Huser said she also does not want to rush her senior year.

"I speak for everybody when I say that every moment we have at Saint Mary's right now is bittersweet because we know it's the last," Huser said. "So we're trying to take advantage of every moment we have. Events like the Senior Picnic and activities night and the amazing things that make Saint Mary's, Saint Mary's are so much more special now because we know that they are not going to happen again."

Senior Caila Poythress said the senior picnic marks the beginning of the end of seniors' careers at Saint Mary's.

"This afternoon was sort of a reflection of the Saint Mary's community," Poythress said. "As we arrived we were all greeted by name by everyone we saw. We all know each other or are friends with friends. We are all always going to be looking out for each other. These are the friends we'll have for the rest of our lives but it just won't be the same."

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Campus

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a.m. kickoff.

Senior Emily Hefferon said she and her friends plan to have a sleepover at her off-campus house and start the morning off with coffee and breakfast.

"That way, no one has to wake up at 8:30 and drive," she said. "We'll all just be here."

Hefferon said the football season opener's overseas location has both pros and cons.

"I'm sad that [the game] is not here, but it's so cool that we have a game in Dublin," she said. "I'm just really excited about that. It would be much more disappointing if the first game were in Oklahoma or something."

Senior Dave Lawson said the game's location holds a special significance for him.

"I studied in Dublin last summer as part of the first summer program to go there from Notre Dame, so I'm going to have some of my Dublin friends over to watch the game," he said.

While he reminisces about his semester in Ireland, Lawson said he decided to use the special circumstances of the game to promote Southern Tide, an apparel company for which he serves as campus ambassador.

On gameday, Lawson said he plans to hold a private Southern Tide event at his off-campus home as well as visit

some residence halls on campus throughout the day.

"As a college ambassador, you want to maintain the integrity of Southern Tide as a brand name by sharing it and sharing ideas with other students who are unfamiliar with the brand name," he said. "That said, tailgating and pregames for football games would be a great way to promote brand awareness for Southern Tide."

Notre Dame's storied football tradition also creates a good environment for spreading the word about Southern Tide through product giveaways and raffles, Lawson said.

"With a huge football program comes a lot of spectators, and the Navy-Notre Dame rivalry is a classic one," he said. "It's the first game of the season, so I thought it would be an ideal opportunity to explain to people what Southern Tide is."

Students and members of the South Bend community will also be able to celebrate in local pubs and restaurants like O'Rourke's Public House.

O'Rourke's manager Andrew Pankowski said his pub has been planning its Saturday morning "Kegs and Eggs" event for the past three months.

"We knew this was going to be a big deal for a long time now, especially with everything going on with the game in Ireland and with the rivalry with Navy," he said.

The pub will open before kickoff at 8 a.m. with an

all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet featuring deep-fried pigs in a blanket, assorted breakfast food items and drink specials, Pankowski said.

Pankowski said business at O'Rourke's fluctuates based on the relative success of the Irish football team.

"Our entire year pretty much rotates around football season," he said. "It's our bread and butter and it's what really pays the bills. Last year was really on and off during away games, so it really depends on what kind of season we're having. If [the team is] doing really well, we have more people, especially towards the beginning of the year."

O'Rourke's also recently began a partnership with the Notre Dame Athletic Department, so it now serves as an official gamewatch location for all Notre Dame away games, Pankowski said.

But win or lose, O'Rourke's always provides a lively environment for a gamewatch for Irish fans, Pankowski said.

"We did some remodeling over the summer ... that makes it family friendly for all ages, so you can be in here even if you're not 21," he said. "We'll be celebrating all day just like any other football weekend. It's usually a party here no matter how many people turn up for it."

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Fans

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celebration of Notre Dame for a new set of viewers.

"Overall, it's a great opportunity to showcase the entire University to a new audience," he said. "[If you] see the list of events we released ... you can see there's much more involved than just a football game."

Indeed, with a pep rally at the O2 Arena, tailgate in the Temple Bar District, Mass at Dublin Castle and numerous other affiliated events, Dublin is seemingly an extension of the University, if only for this weekend.

University Spokesman Dennis Brown said in a statement to The Observer the football team has always been an

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Dennis Brown
University Spokesman

important part of celebrating Notre Dame's mission.

"Our football program provides numerous positives to the University, including the overall high quality athletic entertainment, an esprit de corps on campus, and millions of dollars in revenue that support our academic mission, and in particular financial aid," he stated. "One other positive is the ability to use football as a way to introduce people to other aspects of Notre Dame."

Brown stated Notre Dame's recent pattern of "home-away-from-home" games is not merely about hosting athletic events around the country, but a series of opportunities to expose important components of the University nationwide.

While this Saturday's game may technically be a Navy home game, Brown stated the Emerald Isle Classic is part of that trend — only now, the exposure is international.

"We are sponsoring educational, intellectual, faith and cultural events throughout the city as a means to share these important aspects of Notre Dame," Brown stated. "It's especially significant that this is in an international setting."

"Expanding Notre Dame's presence globally is one of [University president] Fr. Jenkins' highest priorities, and this week's activities are one very important component of that ongoing effort."

This custom of travel and exposure is an inherent characteristic of the football team, Brown stated.

"Taking our team across the

country, and now even around the world, is a long tradition at Notre Dame," he stated. "In fact, before we were the Fighting Irish, one of our nicknames was the Ramblers, because we traveled anywhere and everywhere. That's one reason why Notre Dame became so well known."

Playing Navy is also a program tradition. Saturday's game marks the 86th installment of the Notre Dame-Navy series, the longest continuous intersectional rivalry in college football. While squaring off in Ireland won't be new to the teams — the two programs played a game in Dublin in 1996 — this game further displays the respect between the Midshipmen and the Fighting Irish.

Navy agreed to play one of its "home" games in a ten-game series with the Irish in Dublin, Heisler said. This also allowed the Naval Academy the opportunity to spread its message in Ireland like Notre Dame is, Navy associate athletic director Scott Strasemeier said.

"It was a request from Notre Dame and one we honored due to our longtime relationship," he said. "It also made sense as the Navy brand is international in scope and gives us a chance to tell our story on an international stage."

The event was no small feat for Navy to organize — it took three to four years to plan, and 1,000 midshipmen made

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the trip across the Atlantic for Saturday's game.

Heisler said the football program at Notre Dame has also been preparing for the logistics of Saturday's event for several years. One of the biggest concerns for the team, he said, is "the seven-hour flight and five-hour time difference and the potential for those to affect our players this weekend and potentially in the weeks to come."

This marks the third international game for the Irish — there was a 1979 game against the University of Miami in Japan and the previous game in Ireland. According to Heisler, fans may be traveling back to Asia soon to cheer on the Irish, as there have been discussions to play the Stanford in Beijing.

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are respectful and reasoned. ... If I care about anything, if I have a voice for anything, it's to find a way to give the past disrespectful, dishonest, acrimonious discussion [direction] toward constructive debate that is absolutely essential in a democracy," Jenkins said.

As the nation debates election issues and healthcare requirements, Jenkins has spoken up on behalf of Notre Dame.

"We have a distinctive and a unique role in American life, and not only Catholic life but American life," Jenkins said.

After a summer of planning, Jenkins announced the topic for this year's Forum — "A More Perfect Union," a discussion of American democracy and the political system.

The Forum discussions can be a tool to avoid cynicism during an election season, Jenkins said.

He encouraged students to avoid "temptations to check out" and instead add their voices to reasoned debate.

"I think Notre Dame students tend to be a thoughtful group and people of conviction, maybe not firebrands on one or another issue, but I think they can provide a thoughtful voice," Jenkins said.

The first Forum event of the year will be held Tuesday. Prominent leaders in the Christian and Jewish faiths will discuss the role of faith in political life in a panel discussion titled, "Conviction and Compromise: Being a Person of Faith in a Liberal Democracy."

Jenkins, a member of the Commission on Presidential Debate, said he hopes to see "reasoned and respectful" debate develop both at Notre Dame and nationwide.

"It's been a wonderful experience because it's a committee composed of members, people from different political views," he

said. "It's been tremendously inspiring to see them deliberate and to try to put on a reasoned debate, a fruitful debate, in this country.

"Students, get involved. Get involved in a way that makes our political dialogue in this country more constructive, reasoned, [one that] better serves the common good of the nation."

This summer, Jenkins also added Notre Dame's voice to the ongoing conversation about the Affordable Care Act when the University filed a lawsuit against the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The lawsuit, filed in May, challenged the constitutionality of the mandate that requires religious organizations to provide contraceptives as part of their minimum health insurance policies.

"The fundamental issue for us is not the provision of contraceptives coverage," Jenkins said. "The fundamental issue is the limit of the power of government against religious organizations in this country."

Jenkins said the University sent a public comment to the HHS in June to describe two or three alternatives to the current mandate.

"Because there are alternatives, I don't think the government has a compelling interest to force religious organizations," Jenkins said. "That's why we're doing this lawsuit, to retain this fundamental commitment to take all reasonable steps to allow all religious organizations, religious institutions, the freedom to practice their religion in ways they see fit."

The federal government has moved to dismiss the lawsuit, but Jenkins said he feels the

University's case will be successful as it moves slowly through the legal system.

"I saw a few headlines after we filed, 'Catholic bishops, Notre Dame and 62 other institutions file lawsuit,'" Jenkins said. "That Notre Dame is picked out, and I don't say this with arrogance, but it just shows I think people look to us for leadership on these issues. If I didn't feel it was a fundamental issue, an issue of the limits of government as against religious organizations, I wouldn't have done this."

As the administration worked this summer, a new face joined the members of the Main Building. Matt Storin, former editor of The Boston Globe and former associ-

surprise. ... People just don't know how good we are, and that's our failure to tell the story of Notre Dame."

Jenkins said Storin will be responsible for helping the University's communications reach a wider audience to attract new faculty to the school and promote Notre Dame research.

"So how do we get that message out, how do we engage with the media, how do we tell our story?" Jenkins said. "Matt's job is to kind of coordinate this and give us a compound strategy so we can be effective."

Storin will also help guide the communications office during controversial moments for Notre Dame in the media, Jenkins said.

"I'm not trying to make us controversy-free," Jenkins said. "But we do want to communicate effectively in the midst of controversies what we're doing and why we're doing it, so that is a very important part of Matt Storin's job and our job here at Notre Dame."

In the year ahead, Jenkins' office will continue to be busy. In 2013, the president will propose a new strategic plan for all colleges and departments at the University. The plan is rewritten every 10 years.

Jenkins said the University is stronger "in just about every measure" than when the last strategic plan took effect 10 years ago.

"I believe Notre Dame is poised at this time in its history to make some major advances in important areas. ... We can't be complacent, but we're in a solid position."

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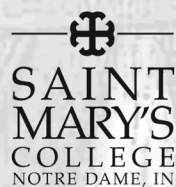
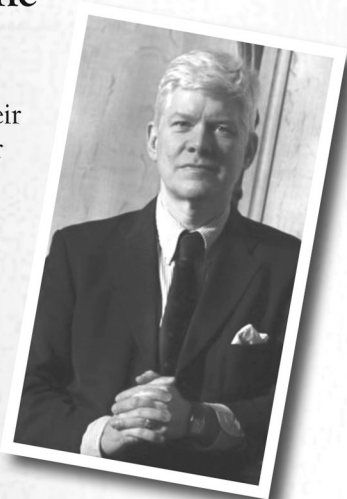
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Ryan speeches definitely reoriented the focus back to the economy," Suarez said. "From the speeches I've heard, it appears that the main goal of the convention is to make the public upset with the state of the economy and vote for the Romney-Ryan ticket in November."

Metzinger said both presidential nominee Mitt Romney and Ryan successfully framed the dialogue on economic issues at the convention.

"Ryan's speech illustrated, with certainty, that he and Mitt Romney have the business experience and financial knowledge to bring the United States out of this economic mess," Metzinger said. "Ryan's speech focused on the necessity of job creation, especially for college students, who he said are 'ready to use their gifts and get moving in life.'"

Suarez said Ryan's speech was somewhat of a success, but she claimed his statements were not all factual.

"I think Ryan's speech served as a successful introduction speech. ... We all have a better idea of who Paul Ryan is," she said.

Ryan wasn't the only convention speaker who made an impact. Party members such as Christie, Sen. Marco Rubio of Fla., Gov. Nikki Haley of S.C. and Mayor Mia Love of Sarasota Springs, Utah, all appealed to a broader constituency,

Metzinger said.

"The selection of speakers for this year's convention illustrates the GOP's desire to reach out to a younger, more diverse demographic," he said. "Many of the speakers are up-and-coming members of the Republican Party. By choosing these speakers, along with party veterans ... the Republican Party is proving itself as a united political party that can, and will, work for all people."

Metzinger said a Notre Dame grad's speech offered a credible testament to Romney's viability as a candidate.

"I also thought former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, an ND alumna, delivered a powerful speech in which she showed that Mitt Romney will be a more-than-capable commander in chief in terms of national security and world relations, issues that are not receiving the coverage they probably deserve," he said.

Metzinger said the convention leaves the GOP well positioned for November.

"I definitely think this convention will have a positive impact on the Republicans' chances of winning the White House this November, and many other congressional elections, too," he said. "This great party has a wealth of innovative thinkers and strong leaders, many of whom have spoken at this convention."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Somebody hire me



Kevin Noonan
Scene Editor

Somebody hire me. No joke. Open request. Hit me up.

This career fair thing next week has me a little worked up. I don't get worked up very often about pretty much anything. But right now, color me worked up.

I look around at my friends in finance or accounting or engineering. They've got ideas. They've got résumés full of career-specific experience and talents. They've got drive and motivation to talk to this guy from this company or firm about this internship program. And if that guy doesn't seem fired up about it, they've got 50 more places to go.

I talk to my Arts and Letters friends, and even though it's a much more wordy conversation full of lofty language and big words, they seem pretty all right with grad school, law school or, with the ambitious ones, a real job.

Well, I've got a suit. I've got a résumé that screams, "This kid has no clue what he's doing with his life." My résumé includes how many box tops I collected in my dorm last year. So when I don't get hired, at least the guy crushing my application into little balls and throwing them into his basketball hoop-themed trash can in the corner of his slightly above average office knows I'm a better person than he is.

What I don't have is any clue under the heavens of almighty God what I should be shaping my future towards.

Yeah, I'm a marketing major. But do I want to do marketing? I have no idea. Maybe. Maybe I want to be an astronaut or a cowboy or a fireman.

I work for The Observer, and I'll probably get a journalism minor here. It would be cool to work for a newspaper, I guess. You know what else would be cool? Operating a telegraph. Being a chimney sweep. Working as a deck hand on the Titanic. Do you get what I'm saying here?

Everybody says I'm fine. It's a process. Nobody knew when they were your age. You'll figure it out. With a degree from Notre Dame, you can probably do anything you want. Don't worry about it. It'll be fine.

Well that sounds all good and well, but gee whiz guys, there's a career fair next week. Who am I going to talk to? What tables am I going to stop at? Can these people see just by looking at me that I'm not qualified to do anything except ramble on in newspaper columns that nobody reads? And I'm not even qualified to do that, I just do it and nobody here has the heart to tell me to stop.

I'm worked up, guys. Real worked up. And I know I'm not the only one. Holla if you feel like you've been down the same road.

All I know is that I would feel a lot better about all of this if somebody would just hire me.

So seriously. Somebody hire me.

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What Would Hesburgh Do?

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

When the men of Zahm House took on "The Hesburgh Challenge" in honor of the dorm's 75th anniversary on Sunday, they did not mean the infamous library drinking game. Instead, they smoked cigars with Fr. Hesburgh by the Reflecting Pool to celebrate their agreement to continue his legacy of tolerance, inclusiveness and service.

Zahm House is a hall of many traditions: Ignats the Moose, the Spring Carnival and a rivalry with the neighboring Keenan Hall Knights, to name a few. But as part of their pledge, the residents promised to eliminate one tradition in particular: the dorm's self-mocking chant, "Ole, ole, ole, Zahm's gay, Zahm's gay," in solidarity with and out of respect for all sexual orientations. Each resident also promised to participate in at least one House- or University-sponsored service event.

In an iconic photograph that hangs just inside the front doors of the LaFortune Student Center, Hesburgh clasps arms with Martin Luther King Jr. at a rally for civil rights. He opened the University's admissions pool to women during his presidency, expanded the University's service opportunities and was one of the visionaries behind the Peace Corps. Hesburgh's presence on our campus has long been a reminder of his beliefs in inclusivity and his support of a united community both at Notre Dame and in the world.

When Zahm inducted Hesburgh as an honorary fellow and member of the dorm, he commended the residents for their bravery in standing up for what they think. The members of Zahm House, including one member of this Editorial Board, took the Hesburgh Challenge, and they now ask the rest of campus to follow their lead in maintaining an attitude of acceptance.

For freshmen, this may call into question the slew of dorm rivalries that defined much of Orientation Week: Zahm vs. Keenan, Alumni vs. Dillon, Pasquerilla East vs. Pasquerilla West. Although competition can be healthy, sometimes rivalry gets out of hand. As seen at Dillon Hall pep rallies in the past, "school spirit" cheers can quickly turn into derogatory slurs against rival dorms. In addition, the continued use of stereotypes like "BP pig," "the outcasts of Carroll" and "Hotel Ryan" in casual conversation makes it difficult for Notre Dame students to attest to their "inclusivity."

This year, Frosh-O activities focused less on serenades and the

pesky "ring by spring," but many upperclassmen protested the change, saying the awkward experience of Domerfest is a part of the Notre Dame tradition.

But what makes a true Notre Dame tradition? Nothing about yodeling Taylor Swift tunes to a terrified fellow freshman can be found inscribed on the Main Building. Nowhere on the football field are there instructions on how to tear down your rival dorm. Traditions are what we make them to be. The legacy we leave behind is entirely up to us.

As intramural sports ramp up and the quest for "Hall of the Year" begins, Notre Dame's 29 residence halls have an opportunity. Every year the dorms compete for "Hall of the Year" through excellence in six categories: academic, liturgical, athletic, multicultural, social and environmental. Each of us exhibits skill in at least one, if not all, of these fields, and can undoubtedly find some way to bring home pride to our dorms and store up memories of struggle, success and failure.

Hesburgh wants to leave a legacy of tolerance and unity, but he also emphasized dorm identity. He described Zahm House as "outstanding," with a character of "zeitgeist" and "a kind of daring." Just as Zahm donates all proceeds from its pizza parlor and hosts the Spring Carnival for local Michiana children, various charitable signature events across campus give each dorm a distinct — and usually fun — way to serve.

Keenan Hall has Muddy Sunday. Cavanaugh has the Dance-a-thon. Fisher has its eponymous Regatta. Pasquerilla East has Silent Night, Silent Auction. Each event draws hall residents under a common banner and invites the entire Notre Dame community to join in inclusion and service.

For freshmen, this attitude is particularly important, especially as they test the waters outside their dorm identities and start investing themselves as individuals in the clubs and organizations they signed up for at Activities Night. The Notre Dame community shouldn't have to neutralize all dorm traditions to excel, to make memories, to develop real relationships. Residence halls can retain their quirks and rituals, and even their rivalries, while still maintaining a spirit of inclusion.

So ask yourself: What Would Hesburgh Do? Follow the Zahmbies' lead, and take the real Hesburgh Challenge. Just as Zahm adopted Hesburgh himself into its hall community, so should the rest of the dorms incorporate his mantra of inclusion into their daily lives.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cultural vs. universal worship

Fr. Corpora, your recent column "One Eucharist, many expressions" (Aug. 30) was an insightful look at just three of the liturgical traditions we have here at Notre Dame. This variety is beneficial in that, among all these traditions, there will surely be one or another that will fit the individual spirituality of most. Even still, I struggle with the drawbacks of this variety, which your article subtly hit upon: we have African Masses, Spanish Masses and ever-amorphous dorm Masses.

One of the best developments of the 20th century was the growing idea of a universal human family, free from distinctions of race. Is not encouraging Masses of certain groups of people reversing that? While it is a fairy tale notion to suggest we radically strip down cultural-linguistic barriers in our liturgies and have Masses only in Latin again, there admittedly was something neat in the idea that everyone could worship "una voce," side by side, in a family in which there is "neither Greek nor Jew." (3 Galatians 28)

Regression to Latin being distasteful to most, it would seem that we will have to reflect on more contemporary ways to stress our undivided brotherhood in Christ.

Respectfully,

Dale Parker
senior
Morrissey Manor
Aug. 30

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances."

Martha Washington
Wife of George Washington

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A message from 'Gangnam Style'

Austin Lagomarsino
The Toolbox

It is probably a reasonable assumption that each of you reading this has seen the newest South Korean pop hit "Gangnam Style" by PSY. If you have not, immediately put your tray away, leave the dining hall, head back to your dorm and look it up on YouTube. For those still reading without proper context, the song was released in America in late July. Since then, it has racked up an astounding 75 million hits on YouTube. With a catchy beat and fantastic accompanying dance moves, the song is being hailed as the first South Korean hit to make it in America.

For those unfamiliar with the song (and accompanying video), it follows PSY around Seoul as he searches for a girlfriend who has class but isn't afraid to let her hair down when the time is right. The style he is looking for reflects the lifestyle of people in the Gangnam Province of Seoul, the ritzy, upscale section of the capital, hence the title. For reference, seven percent of all the wealth in South Korea is located in this 15-square-mile area. Throughout the video, PSY dances

around a number of locations in Seoul, becoming involved in several dance battles before finding the kind of girl he is looking for. But within the video, masked by high energy dancing and comic relief, lies a deeper commentary no one would expect out of such a silly song and dance number.

The Atlantic was the first publication to note the socio-economic commentary played out in the music video in its article "Gangnam Style, Dissected: The Subversive Message Within South Korea's Music Video Sensation." Throughout the video, PSY constantly sings about the actions of the men and women from the Gangnam province: how they drink expensive coffee, live lavish lifestyles and go to only the classiest of places. However, in his video, he is in the sauna not with businessmen, but with gangsters. His party bus is actually full of old tourists and disco balls. He even meets the girl of his dreams, not in a dance club or ballroom, but on the subway. When he is shown on the beach with girls, it turns out that he is simply at a children's playground in a beach chair.

This mockery of the Gangnam lifestyle serves to show that it is overrated; while many South Koreans dream of living a

life of excess, PSY points out wealth isn't all that will make you happy. After all, he does get the girl in the end. This is contrasted with American music videos, where the singer is often at parties and in expensive clothes, surrounded by beautiful women as cash falls down from the ceiling.

The culture surrounding music itself was also parodied. The Atlantic noted PSY also makes subtle jokes about the music industry. One scene involves him parading down a hallway with two models as trash blows in their faces, clearly a parody of the classic red carpet and confetti scene of the rich and famous. These events always occur while PSY is dressed to the nines, wearing a fashionable outfit, a suit or even a tuxedo.

While K-Pop (Korean Pop Music) is apparently not big on social commentary, PSY likely drew from his exposure to American culture during his schooling in the United States. For years, music has been used to express what the artist cannot put into words and has long provided social, political and economic commentary. In recent times, however, artists that produce songs wrought with commentary never take themselves too seriously. PSY

certainly doesn't. Look at Macklemore, for example. Macklemore writes songs with powerful messages like the growing effect of consumerism ("Wings"), drug use, ("Otherside"), crime ("Soldiers") and even politics ("The Bush Song"), and then comes out with songs like "And We Danced" and "Thrift Shop." These songs are wildly entertaining and also expose a different audience to his deeper songs. These artists continue to create moving messages and call attention to many issues not seen in the mainstream news by the general public.

Perhaps this is exactly what the public needs, powerful messages delivered in such a way that they stick. While a poster or article will influence you for as long as you read it, a song you play a dozen times a week will be more likely to stay with you. And, as long as PSY keeps dancing his way to a better tomorrow, he's going to have quite a few supporters along the way.

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Race should not be ignored in politics

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U.S. politics are raceophobic.

As talk show host Chris Matthews chastised former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney for his racially undertoned birther jokes and Ariz. Gov. Jan Brewer said President Barack Obama has played the "race card" by touting the fact that he is the first black president, according to Politico, the debate that has quietly crept into the Republican National Convention (RNC) begs the question: Is there a place for race in politics?

In a postmodern world where all are on a level playing field, there is no need for race to

be involved in politics.

But the fact remains that we are not in a postmodern world. We are in a world where wounds of racial intolerance and bigotry are still displayed daily, and not all are on a level playing field — instead, systemic socioeconomic inequality prevails and remains an issue across the U.S.

As recently as Wednesday, the news of boorish RNC attendees thrown out for throwing peanuts at a black CNN journalist and saying, "this is how we feed animals," broke.

According to a report from the State of Black America, black Americans are still twice as likely to be unemployed, three times more likely to live in poverty and six times more likely to be arrested than white

Americans.

Clearly, ignoring race does not erase the deep roots of racism that remain woven into a society that prides itself on diversity and acceptance.

If race cannot be ignored in society, then perhaps it should stop being swept under political carpets.

But that does not mean that parties must parade their minority members to prove acceptance.

Nor should leaders whose roots stem from minority communities, like Barack Obama, born to a white mother and Kenyan father, or Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, whose grandfather immigrated to the U.S. almost 100 years ago, bear the sole

responsibility for drawing attention to issues of racial inequity.

Rather, while the race of political candidates may bear little significance to their political standpoints or qualifications, the fear of discussing race in politics needs to quickly dissolve for progress to be made in society.

Politicians should be spearheading the dialogue that will bring the U.S. to a society where race can be ignored.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON





36 HOURS IN IRELAND

By **ALLAN JOSEPH** and **SAM STRYKER**
Editor-in-Chief and Assistant Managing Editor

DUBLIN — Greetings from Dublin, or as the locals call it, Baile Átha Cliath. Saturday marks the Emerald Isle Classic, the kickoff of the Fighting Irish football season. But before Notre Dame squares off against Navy, you have a city to explore. Take advantage of the fact this game is in a European metropolis. You don't need the luck of the Irish to plan out your escapades through the capital of Ireland — we've done all the research on how to do Dublin right, and mapped out your journey from top to bottom. We know where to grab the perfect pint, capture a great view of the city, chow down on some scrumptious nosh, soak in some medieval history, stroll and shop to your heart's content, experience the supreme drinking culture of the city and socialize with the friendly people of Ireland. So check out our perfectly planned itinerary to experience Dublin as a true Irishman would.



Christ Church Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral

You're a Notre Dame student, so OF COURSE you have to make it to the two most venerable churches in all of Dublin. What the Yankees and the Red Sox are to baseball, these two medieval structures are to Irish churches — bitter rivals. A two-cathedral city is unprecedented, and the dispute between these two structures goes back centuries. St. Patrick's Cathedral (the largest church in Ireland) is the National Cathedral of Ireland, while Christ Church Cathedral is the cathedral of the Diocese of Dublin. While Christ Church may be beat on size, it has St. Patrick's on age — the latter "only" was erected in 1191, and the former was completed in 1030 — making it nearly a millennium-old structure. Let's just call this one a draw, and enjoy the soaring medieval architecture of each.



Queen of Tarts

Dublin is a city known for its drinking, not eating — that's what happen when you produce Guinness, whiskey and cider for libations and black pudding (don't ask) for nosh. But if you search for the hidden gems, Dublin delivers. Queen of Tarts is one of these diamonds in the rough. From jolting coffee to scrumptious sandwiches to knock-your-socks-off desserts, the Queen serves up some of the finest goodies in town to line your stomach before you sample the city's hallmark potent potables. Try one of the sandwiches on fresh-baked bread for lunch, and it should be against the law to skip dessert here. From rustic apple tart to chocolate fudge cake, the Queen will satisfy even the most discerning sweet tooth. Naturally, this is Ireland, so some of the desserts are boozy — we loved the Bailey's cheesecake.



Trinity College and the Book of Kells

Want to be "so college" in Dublin? Then head to Trinity College, the pre-eminent institution of higher learning in Dublin. Established in 1592 as a Protestant university, Trinity College boasts Jonathan Swift, Bram Stoker, Oscar Wilde and three presidents of Ireland as its alumni. And while its bookstore certainly cannot match Notre Dame's, the pristine grounds of the College will surely wow you. For all you medieval history buffs, be sure to check out the Book of Kells, housed at the College. One of the preeminent works of medieval art, this manuscript dates to around 800 A.D. Bonus movie trivia: Trinity College's Old Library was used as the Jedi Archives in the second "Star Wars" prequel.





Grafton Street and St. Stephen's Green

Shop 'til you drop on Dublin's trendiest (and most touristy) stretch of real estate. Of course, you are going to want to bring some souvenirs home, thus a trip to Grafton Street is in order — and the street is named after an illegitimate son of King Charles II of England, so you know it has to be fun. Be sure to check out the buskers, or street performers, who display their talents along the street. At the south end of Grafton is St. Stephen's Green, one of Dublin's many public parks. A stroll through the Green is the perfect way to slow things down and savor your trip to the Emerald Isle.



Old Jameson Distillery

It might not be quite as popular as the Guinness Storehouse, but the Old Jameson Distillery is still worth some of your time and taste buds. You'll get a guided tour through the history and process of distilling the world-famous Irish whiskey. As every good tour does, this one ends in a complimentary drink — and if you're lucky, a mini-course in comparative whiskey tasting. The distillery also holds a restaurant and a gift shop, so it's a great place to grab a meal and buy souvenirs for your friends back in the States.



Guinness Storehouse

The Guinness Storehouse at St. James' Gate is the most popular tourist attraction in Ireland, and for good reason. It's a massive facility dedicated to the craft of brewing Ireland's most famous export, and it's incredibly informative. The Storehouse is quite an impressive structure and an enjoyable visit (with a surprisingly affordable gift shop), but the crown jewel is the Gravity Bar at the top of the facility: a glass-encased bar where you can grab a complimentary pint — but the 360-degree view of Dublin is even better than that. It's a totally breathtaking experience. Plus, how could you go travel all that way and not visit?



Walk along the River Liffey, with a stop at O'Brien's Ferryman Inn

The River Liffey runs through the heart of Dublin and is a great walk with some beautiful sights. That starts almost exactly in the center of the city with the Customs House, a majestic domed building right on the north bank of the river. The south bank provides a great vantage point for photography (perhaps even a selfie or two), and a walk east takes you through some stunning architecture, including the harp-inspired Samuel Beckett Bridge and the modern Dublin Convention Center. Rest your feet at the O'Briens Ferryman Inn for a great atmosphere and view of the river — and a pint, or two.



Temple Bar

Every visitor to Dublin should make it a point to spend some time in the Temple Bar District. The site of Notre Dame's massive tailgate party before Saturday's game, the area is perhaps the best-known district of the Irish capital. It's completely walkable, and the locals are friendly as always. You'll find plenty of shops, but nothing will capture your attention like the many welcoming pubs in the area. Every establishment looks like it's been around forever, and they'll all be happy to welcome you in, serve you a pint and get you some food.



Aviva Stadium

Two-year-old Aviva Stadium is the center of the whole experience, as it's the location of the sold-out clash between Notre Dame and Navy. Nearly 52,000 spectators (the vast majority of them Americans) will watch the teams play in a beautiful facility covered in glass panels that make the stadium a gem of modern architecture. Built to replace the old Lansdowne Road rugby stadium, Aviva is smaller than the much-older Croke Park (capacity: 82,000), but is undeniably Dublin's prime venue. How do you know? Lady Gaga is playing a show there in two weeks.



SPORTS AUTHORITY

It's time for Bryce Harper to grow up



Matthew DeFranks
Associate Sports Editor

What did you do before your 20th birthday? Were you on the cover of Sports Illustrated? Were you the top overall pick in the Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft? Were you deemed the next big thing in baseball?

No? Good. Whew, I thought I was the only one that hadn't accomplished those because all I did before my 20th birthday was, well, a whole lot of nothing.

But 19-year-old outfielder Bryce Harper has graced a magazine cover, has selected for that first spot and has been anointed as the next chosen one. For such a young age, Harper has received an unreal amount of criticism not for his play but for his reactions.

In early May, shortly after his MLB debut, Harper flashed his seemingly limitless potential. After Phillies pitcher Cole Hamels plunked Harper square in the back, Harper did not lose his cool. Instead, he advanced to third base on a single and then stole home for his first big league stolen base.

Harper could have unraveled into a swirling vortex of immaturity and stupidity that night but responded with his play instead. He let Hamels take the brunt of the criticism that night. He played it smartly simply by playing hard.

But where has that Harper gone?

That Harper must still be wherever Bryce left his batting average. Harper has a respectable 14 home runs in his rookie season, but has hit only .250 while striking out nearly a quarter of the time. Once a lock for the National League Rookie of the Year, Harper has slipped into mediocrity.

Granted, he is still a teenager in his first season and playing on the best team in baseball, but his numbers have been lackluster. His potential has not shined through yet like Angels outfielder Mike Trout's has, but Harper's limit is still yet to be found.

Now, he just can't let his attitude overshadow his clearly apparent talent.

In May, Harper threw a bat

at a wall in frustration. He broke the bat, it cut his head and he needed 10 stitches to cover up the wound. Later in the season, Marlins manager Ozzie Guillen questioned the amount of pine tar on Harper's bat. In his next at bat, Harper pointed the bat at the outspoken Miami coach in a motion that basically said, "Hey look, I'm right, and you're wrong."

Even earlier this month, he slammed his bat on the ground at home plate, breaking it into pieces. And now he can add his first ejection to his now impressive tantrum resume.

On Wednesday night, it was the best of times, and it was the worst of times for Harper. He swatted two home runs out of cavernous Marlins Park (one of them traveled an estimated 425 feet) but also was ejected for the first time in his career.

After that, all that anyone wanted to talk about was his ejection. Forget his two mammoth dingers, let's talk about his outburst where he spiked his helmet on the ground after grounding into a double play. First base umpire C.B. Bucknor, known as a notoriously bad umpire by players, took offense to the helmet slam and tossed Harper from the game.

Whether Harper deserved to get thrown out could be debated, but the fact that he allowed the debate to happen is concerning, especially given his testy history. Did Bucknor toss the teen because of his fiery reputation? Would an older, respected veteran been treated the same way? Probably not, but that is only Harper's fault.

Being young and immature is one thing. Being young, talented, stupid, immature and underperforming is an entirely different thing.

Once angry outbursts become the norm for Harper, his reputation will be tarnished at the very least.

So what has Bryce Harper done before his 20th birthday? That's a clown question, bro.

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US OPEN

Roddick to retire after Open



Andy Roddick laughs during a press conference held to announce his impending retirement Thursday. He says this U.S. Open will be his last tournament.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — This U.S. Open finally got its first shockers.

After three days of the top players not only winning but winning decisively, the biggest news Thursday came off the court, with Andy Roddick announcing his impending retirement.

On the court, fifth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga was upset by Martin Klizan of Slovakia in the second round. The 52nd-ranked Klizan won 6-4, 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Before Tsonga's loss, top-five seeds on the men's and women's sides had played 14 matches — and won all 14 in straight sets.

Roddick called a news conference Thursday evening to say that he'll call it a career after his last match at this tournament, which he won in 2003.

"I don't know that I'm healthy enough or committed enough to go another year," he said on his 30th birthday, a day before facing Bernard Tomic in the second round. "I've always wanted to, in a perfect world, finish at

this event."

Tsonga was the runner-up at the 2008 Australian Open and a semi-finalist at Wimbledon this year. He had reached at least the third round in 18 straight Grand Slam trips.

"Today I was not in a good shape," he said. "I didn't play good tennis. It seemed like I couldn't hit the ball enough hard to put my opponent out of position. I don't really know why it was like this today, but sometimes it's happen with me."

The 23-year-old Klizan had failed to make it past the second round in three previous Grand Slam appearances. He had never defeated an opponent ranked better than No. 49.

"I had no pressure," Klizan said. "If I lose, then I lose. I lose with [a] good player. But I won and I'm very happy. It means for me more that I beat finally a guy from top 10."

This year's Open has generated plenty of drama in one area: comebacks from two sets down. American Mardy Fish rallied to beat Nikolay Davydenko 4-6, 6-7

(4), 6-2, 6-1, 6-2, the 10th time in this tournament a man had won after losing the first two sets — already an Open record.

The 30-year-old Fish, seeded 23rd, missed two months this season because of an accelerated heartbeat but showed few signs of fatigue in playing nearly 3 1/2 hours.

And after Tsonga lost, another top-five seed was at least pushed beyond a straight-sets finish. Second-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska was down a set and a break to 39th-ranked Carla Suarez Navarro. Then she won 11 straight games for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-0 victory.

Serena Williams beat old nemesis Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez 6-2, 6-4. Seeded fourth, Williams overcame six double-faults and 24 unforced errors — she had 32 winners to five for Martinez Sanchez.

In the 2009 French Open third round, Williams hit a ball she was sure went off Martinez Sanchez's arm, then said the Spaniard cheated by not acknowledging it.

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Beautiful, loveable
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A guy who goes completely crazy when the right time comes
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That kind of guy

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SMC SOCCER

Coach says Belles primed to exceed past success

By **MATT STEWART**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will begin its season tonight against nearby rival Bethel College. Following their first 10-win season in six years, the Belles have high expectations heading into the 2012 campaign.

Belles coach Mike Joyce stressed the team hopes to raise the bar even higher this year.

"We're hoping to improve upon last year," Joyce said. "We finished sixth in our conference and would like to

team must place in the top four in their conference, and with 18 returning players, Joyce's squad has all the talent to reach their goal.

Seniors midfielder Ashley Morfin, defender Meaghan Daly, and midfielder and team captain Maddie Meckes will lead the Belles on the pitch this season as they try to surpass last season's success.

Joyce noted the team's leadership does not end with the seniors.

"All of the returning players show a lot of leadership

that you aren't relying on one person to guide the other 29, but have a collection of people all on the same page."

With few practices prior to their first game tonight, the team will need that cohesiveness as the season begins. The team only had four days of practice before school started, so it was essential to make every practice count.

As season play begins tonight, those practices will be key to the team's success. Joyce said the practices before school were short but effective.

"We haven't made too many changes with what we do," Joyce said. "We're just trying to get as much done as we can in a small window of time."

The Belles' journey to the playoffs begins at home tonight against Bethel at 5 p.m. Saint Mary's will conclude its opening weekend with a Sunday trip to Illinois Tech, with kickoff at 11 a.m.

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Belles junior Mollie Valencia passes the ball during Saint Mary's 3-0 victory over Olivet on Aug. 14, 2011.

"We're hoping to improve upon last year. We finished sixth in our conference and would like to move higher. All the teams we're chasing are very good."

Mike Joyce
Belles coach

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Joyce emphasized the team's goal of making the MIAA playoffs. To do so, the

in various ways," Joyce said. "They all put a lot of time and effort into the team, have good attitudes and go about things the right way. It is nice

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Hokum Karem poses unique challenges

By **BRIAN HARTNETT**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will look to defend its preseason top-10 regional ranking, the first in program history, when it travels to Crawfordsville, Ind., on Saturday to open its season at the Wabash Hokum Karem.

The Hokum Karem, which is hosted by Wabash College, poses

a unique season-opening challenge for the Belles. The event features a mix of Division II and Division III squads in a relay-style race for teams of two. In the race, each team member completes a one-mile loop before handing off the baton to her teammate, who runs the same loop and returns the baton, a process that continues until the team runs six miles.

Belles head coach Jackie

Bauters said the unique format of the Hokum Karem allows her team to return to competition in a fun, low-stress environment.

"One of the benefits, I feel, of [the Hokum Karem] is the opportunity for the girls to get a racing experience without much pressure," Bauters said. "It is a really fun event that the team looks forward to at this point, and it allows them to get back into the racing

mentality with quality running."

Bauters has not yet determined her team pairings for Saturday's meet, but she said she would try to pair team members recording similar times for the distance.

After recording a third-place finish in the Hokum Karem last year, Saint Mary's will come into this year's meet as one of the favorites. The Belles are ranked 10th in the Great Lakes region in

the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association's preseason poll. Bauters said the unprecedented ranking has energized the team and heightened its expectations as it looks to compete in the MIAA.

"We have a wonderful, talented group of women on the team this year, and I think [the ranking] has just heightened our awareness of what is possible to achieve this season as a group," Bauters said. "I would definitely love to see that ranking hold as long as possible."

In order to defend their ranking, the Belles will rely on a core group of six seniors, led by 2010 All-MIAA honoree Julia Kenney, and seek contributions from a large incoming class of five freshman runners. Bauters said she is looking forward to seeing the team's mix of experience and youth, and she expects to see a variety of different names scoring points for the Belles.

"We have a great mix of new team members and veterans who came back ready to train hard," Bauters said. "I think there is going to be a lot of changes in our scoring members throughout the season, as we possess the depth we were lacking last year. It's going to be a fun season."

Saint Mary's will open its season at the Wabash Hokum Karem in Crawfordsville, Ind., on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

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Piane expresses confidence in Irish experience

By **JOE WIRTH**
Sports Writer

The Irish may not be sending their entire squad to the Crusaders' home turf in Valparaiso today, but the team expects the meet to set a positive tone for the season.

Even though the start of every season is filled with unknowns, men's coach Joe Piane said he is confident his team can begin

"The expectations are always to do well," Piane said. "We are only sending eight guys [to the Crusader Invitational], but this really is a meet we expect to win."

The men's competition is a 6-kilometer event and provides an opportunity to give younger runners, especially freshmen, a taste of collegiate competition.

For the men's team, freshmen John Riely and Josh O'Brien will

for the Irish.

Freshmen Jessica Balko, Sydney Meunier and Abbey Murphy, along with sophomore Karen Lesiewicz, will be making their debuts for the women's team.

"Honestly, the freshmen are probably not ready," Piane said. "They have only been here for a couple of weeks, and I do not expect them to be 100 percent comfortable until midseason. Senior leadership plays a big part in making them more comfortable."

"Our biggest meets of the year, and the meets we really concentrate on, are the Big East [meets] and the NCAA [meets]. So as long as our younger runners are ready by then, we will be in good shape."

The Irish will also be joined at the meet by men's and women's teams from Purdue, Purdue Calumet and Valparaiso.

Expectations are high for the Irish this year as both the men's and women's teams are ranked in the preseason top



TOM YOUNG | The Observer

Irish junior Walter Schafer staves off an opponent during the Notre Dame Invitational on Aug. 30, 2011.

25 for the first time since 2005. Both teams have their sights on a Big East Championship and potentially more. Their journey begins 6 p.m. Friday at 6

p.m. at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind.

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Joe Piane
Irish coach

the year on the right foot. The team will open its season at the Crusader Invitation for the 10th consecutive season.

be making their collegiate debut, while sophomores Kevin Byrne and Johnny Fuller will be competing in their inaugural meet

SMC GOLF

Freshmen Belles shine in advance of first match

By **BRENDAN BELL**
Sports Writer

After a successful spring season, Saint Mary's will look to carry its momentum into the new school year and a new fall golf season.

Belles coach Mark Hamilton said he is optimistic about the team's future, thanks in part to a strong set

said. "She is a special talent, and we expect great scores from her."

Another new Belles golfer is transfer student and junior Justine Bresnahan.

"Justine has played well and is a great addition to our team," Hamilton said. "Amanda Graham and Sammie Averill, freshmen, are also in this weekend's

tournament, but his team is prepared.

"I have a feeling the rain suits will get a workout with Anderson being in the path

of the remnants of the hurricane," Hamilton said.

Regardless of the weather, the Belles will start the season in Anderson on Saturday,

with play concluding on Sunday.

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"In our preseason scrimmage last week versus Bethel and Holy Cross, the entire team performed very well, and I look for that to carry into this week and beyond."

Mark Hamilton
Belles coach

of new golfers for the Belles.

"With four first-year players in our top five, you would think it would be hard to forecast the outcome because of the adjustments we have made in the first couple of weeks," Hamilton said.

"However, in our preseason scrimmage last week versus Bethel and Holy Cross, the entire team performed very well, and I look for that to carry into this week and beyond."

Among the first year golfers is freshman Claire Boyle, whom Hamilton sees as someone that can make an instant impact for Saint Mary's.

"Boyle has led our team in every round we have played this fall," Hamilton

top five. They are very solid players with bright futures."

Saint Mary's has three freshmen in the top five this weekend, which is a strong sign for the future and potential of the team. The Belles are preparing for the Anderson Invitational in Anderson, Ind., this Saturday.

The team has no experience playing on this course, but Hamilton said he believes the Belles will be able to shoot low rounds.

"I have not seen the course so I'm not sure what to expect," Hamilton said. "Traditionally, it tends to yield lower scores."

Hamilton said the prediction for rainy weather may have an implication on the

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MEN'S TENNIS

Exhibition fosters true Irish competition

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

For one sport this weekend, the term Irish will not apply strictly to the Notre Dame side. Joining the football team and fans from across the country, the men's tennis team also will travel to Ireland in preparation for their own season opener.

In today's exhibition matches, Notre Dame will face the men of the Ireland Davis Cup Team, a unique matchup for a college lineup.

"This is essentially a collection of their country's best players," senior Blas Moros said. "Even though it is only

considered an exhibition match, we will have a chance to go up against world-class tennis players that we otherwise might never have had a chance to play against."

Among these elite athletes are Dublin native Barry King, who graduated from Notre Dame in 2007 after winning 90 singles matches throughout his career, and Wicklow native Niall Fitzgerald, Notre Dame's team captain last year. Their teammates include Conor Niland, who played world No. 2 Novak Djokovic at the U.S. Open last year, and ATP players James McGee and Sam Barry. This squad will certainly challenge

the college-aged men of Notre Dame, who graduated their No. 1 singles player Casey Watt. However, the players said facing a more experienced team is not putting a damper on the mindset of the athletes.

"We have all been looking forward to this trip since we heard it might be a possibility last year," Moros said. "We could not be more excited about this unique opportunity."

In addition to the time change adjustment, Notre Dame will also find a change of scenery across the Atlantic. The Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club, often called the Wimbledon of Ireland, uses an artificial lawn surface not present in college tennis. While this alternative ground will definitely impact the ball movement and the pace of the game, the Irish are ready to take this change with a positive attitude too.

"With the match being played on a different surface, people might assume that it doesn't matter much how we do, yet I know this is a great way to kickoff our fall season," junior Billy Pecor said. "We can learn a lot from this trip."

Last year, the Irish went 21-9, finishing third in the Big East and advancing to the



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Irish senior Spencer Talmadge returns the ball during Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over Louisville on April 14.

second round of the NCAA Tournament. This weekend marks the first match for the new team competing together, which includes five freshmen. Junior Greg Andrews will pave the way in the No. 1 singles spot, moving up from No. 2 last year.

"This can potentially be a tremendous confidence booster for all of the guys

and a great opportunity for the returning players to further strengthen ties with the freshmen," Pecor said.

Notre Dame will compete today at 2 p.m. in Dublin. Competition will begin with singles and continue with doubles.

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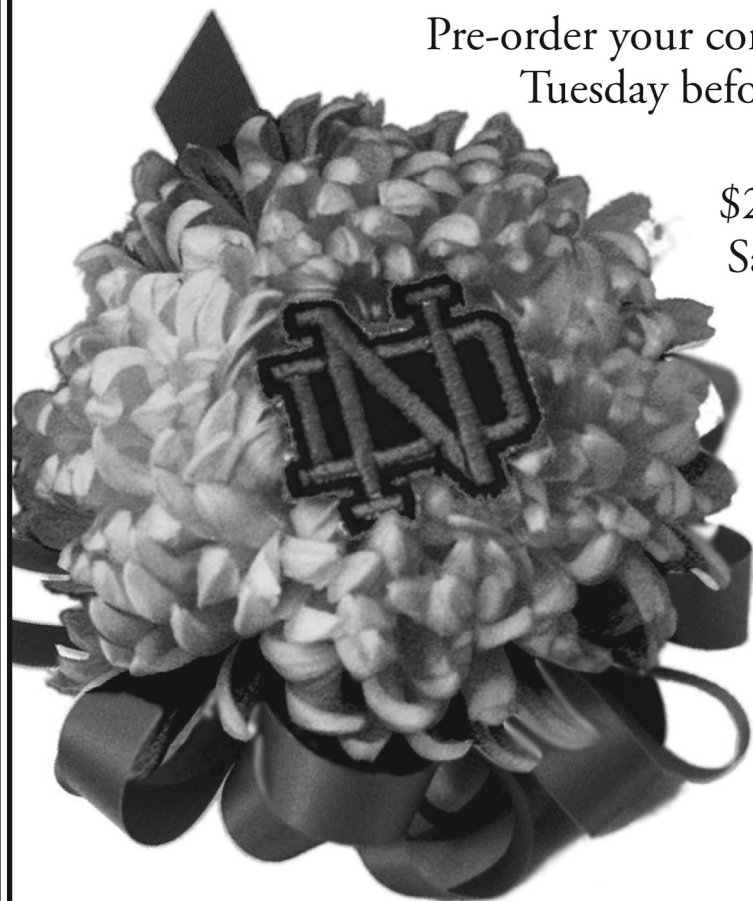
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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles face off in weekend games

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's young team will kick off its 2012 season in Chicago this weekend, when they travel to the North Park Tournament.

The Belles will play four games over the weekend. The tournament will begin with matches against IU-Northwest and Howard Payne on Friday night, then finish against North Park and Kenyon on Saturday.

"I know that we will be facing some solid competitive programs this weekend," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "However, a lot of them have graduated some great players, so we will have to scout out some of the competition when we arrive on Friday."

With a squad featuring a core group of returning players as well as a strong group of incoming freshmen, Kuschel said she hopes her team will use the weekend to prepare for the upcoming conference season.

"I will be looking for our

team to play to the best of our ability," Kuschel said. "We start conference play next Tuesday, and it will be so important to find our starting line up, as well as start the year off well."

Though the tournament will not count towards the Belles' conference standings, Kuschel said she still wants her team to take the games seriously.

"It is important that we go into the tournament focused and ready to improve each time we step out onto the court together," Kuschel said. "We want to play well and figure out what we need to improve on."

With 14 of their 15 players either freshmen or sophomores, the Belles will look to use the weekend to gain experience.

"We are such a young team so all of our matches this season will be great opportunities to improve as a team," Kuschel said. "We need to be focused on what we need to do to improve ourselves."

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Clark

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against Clemson at 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

Notre Dame has only a brief history with both squads. The Irish have played the Aztecs (0-0-0) just once, back in 1987. This will be the third meeting for the Irish against the Tigers (1-0-1), with the last match in 2005.

Despite limited knowledge of both opponents, Clark said he is confident his team's style of play can be a catalyst for success.

"San Diego State's the first one, and we've just got to be ready ourselves and not worry too much where they are," Clark said. "We don't know too much about them, but we didn't know too much about any of our other opponents we've played in preseason. I think the main thing is going to come up to what we do. The nice thing about the way we play, we don't change our system very much depending on opponents. We pretty well try to go to the field and play our own game."

San Diego State and Clemson both had .500 or better records last season. Clark said the opponents — and the Classic in general

"We play teams who are prepared to come in from out of region, spend the money and come in and play these games."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

— represent Notre Dame's commitment to a challenging schedule.

"We play teams who are prepared to come in from out



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Irish junior forward Harry Shipp attacks the ball during Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over Duke on Tuesday.

of region, spend the money and come in and play these

look for the best games. ... I'm a great believer if you've only got 17 regular season games and three scrimmages, how many quality experiences can we get for our players?"

Notre Dame begins play in the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic at 5 p.m. tonight against San Diego State and continues Sunday against Clemson.

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games," Clark said. "They're quality games, and they're tests. They tell you where you are a little bit before your conference begins. We always just

Powerhouse

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position."

North Carolina, meanwhile, is a historical powerhouse, having won 20 of the last 32 NCAA Championships. The Irish have won three in the past 17 years, including a win over Carolina in 1995.

With so much rivalry and history between the Irish and Tar Heels — in addition to high stakes and packed stadiums — Waldrum said matchups between the two teams are always too close to call.

"I don't expect them to change anything that they've done for the last 15 years that we've played

"It's such a storied rivalry. If you look at the history of women's college soccer, the powers over the past 20 years have been North Carolina and Notre Dame. You can pretty much throw everything out the window when we play them."

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Irish coach

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Regardless of how they perform up against the stiff competition, the Irish will

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Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

gain a lot of experience and learn plenty about themselves from their two gut-check games this weekend. And more than any other reason, that's why the team packs so much pressure in the early season.

"These are the kinds of teams were going to face in November come NCAA tournament time," Waldrum said. "So it's going to be a great learning tool for us, because these teams are going to be good enough to really expose us. It's going to give us an opportunity to find out the areas we need to get much better in, quickly."

The Irish will begin the adidas Invitational against Santa Clara at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and will conclude against North Carolina on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Both games will take place at Alumni Stadium.

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Eppink

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is really nice because that's where the matches are actually played," Eppink said. "We've been getting used to the floor and our surroundings."

Notre Dame will return to their home floor against Alabama-Birmingham at 7

"We've been doing routine practices, and we've been practicing in the arena, which is really nice because that's where the matches are actually played."

Hillary Eppink
senior middle blocker

p.m. Friday. The team will continue play against Buffalo at 7 p.m. on Saturday and will conclude the Invitational on Sunday against Eastern Kentucky at 2 p.m.

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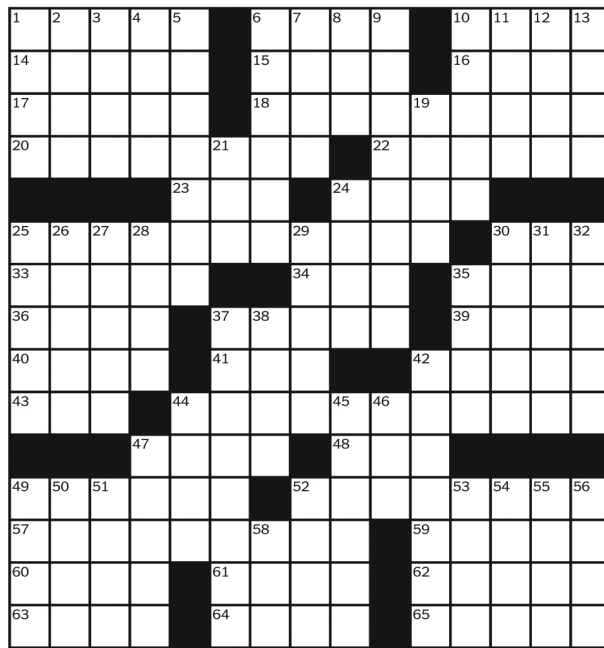
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish look for luck at Shamrock

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

After a challenging opening weekend on the road, the Irish are ready for their Purcell Pavilion home opener this weekend as they host the Shamrock Invitational.

Alabama-Birmingham, Buffalo and Eastern Kentucky will all compete during the weekend as part of the annual three-day round-robin tournament.

Notre Dame (1-2) faced two top-5 opponents last weekend in Nebraska and UCLA. Although the Irish dropped both of these decisions, they managed to sweep Saint Louis, their third opponent of the weekend, 3-0. Senior middle blocker Hilary Eppink said last weekend's experience will hopefully carry over to strong performances this weekend.

"We went 1-2 [last weekend]

and played some really tough teams, but I think it was good for us because we learned things and played some outside competition," Eppink said. "It was a great experience, and we're going to use that moving forward. We had a good week of practices, and that's also going to carry into this weekend. Just knowing that we're a good team, staying together, and communicating, we'll take that moving forward."

Some Irish performances last weekend stood out enough to earn individual accolades. Sophomore opposite side hitter Jeni Houser was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll for her efforts. She tallied 37 kills on .308 hitting for the weekend. Freshman libero Taylor Morey was named Big East Freshman of the Week when she collected 50 digs over the weekend in her first collegiate matches.

Her 29-dig performance against UCLA put her in 15th place in school history for a single match.

"I think it's really great for our team to be recognized in the Big East," Eppink said. "Our goal is to win the Big East Regular Season title as well as the Big East Tournament. [Houser and Moray] are both outstanding players, and being recognized this week gets Notre Dame's name out there and lets other teams know that we mean business."

The Irish are looking to take their second straight Shamrock Invitational. Last season saw Notre Dame sweep Eastern Michigan, Idaho and Butler for a combined score of 9-3 on the weekend.

"We've been doing routine practices, and we've been practicing in the arena which

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Thrown into the fire

Freshmen face top-ranked competition



MACKENZIE SAIN | The Observer

Irish junior midfielder Elizabeth Tucker looks to pass the ball during Notre Dame's 5-0 victory over East Carolina on Sunday.

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

Two big games. Two nationally ranked opponents. Two packed grandstands.

With a pair of high-profile, high pressure games against No. 14/19 North Carolina and No. 25/21 Santa Clara on tap, Irish coach Randy Waldrum can only hope his young team won't be seeing double when they host the adidas Invitational this weekend.

The Tar Heels (1-1-1) and Broncos (2-1-0) are both familiar opponents for the Irish, as the squad let results slip away against both last year. Notre Dame controlled most of the game but settled for a 1-1 draw at Santa Clara, and the team lost a 2-1 heartbreaker in overtime to North Carolina.

One year removed from those near misses, Waldrum said he believes his team has learned to focus and close out tight games.

"I hope we've seen and learned that we have to focus for 90 minutes, because we lost that game against Carolina very late," he said. "We lost a mark, and a player sprung in free, and we lost what could have been at least a tie against a good team. Santa Clara was the same story. "Hopefully we've learned that lesson, and that's why we play these

teams, so we can improve in those areas before conference play."

And while exacting some revenge against their two weekend opponents would be nice, a positive performance over the weekend could provide several more important benefits to this year's squad.

While two victories would add a couple of impressive bullet points to Notre Dame's NCAA résumé, Waldrum said he wants to see his 12 freshmen continue to improve — win, lose or draw.

"We're such a young team, and we want our young players playing in these big games early so that when the playoffs come, they've already been in those types of games," he said.

The Irish will have to play three disciplined hours of soccer to challenge their opponents, as both teams are extremely talented. Santa Clara will present a familiar scheme to the Irish with a gameplan is nearly identical to Notre Dame's.

"Our systems are similar, we have a lot of the same types of players and we recruit against them quite a bit," Waldrum said. "They've got a couple kids that can cause problems for us, and they're going to be really solid at every

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MEN'S SOCCER

Squad looks to tournament despite injury



GRANT TOBIN | The Observer

Irish senior midfielder Dillon Powers completes a corner kick during Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over Duke on Tuesday. During the first half, senior midfielder Adam Mena suffered a torn ACL.

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

The Irish opened their season with a 1-0 win last Saturday over Duke, but it did not come without a price.

Senior midfielder Adam Mena left the game in the first half with what is likely a torn ACL, Irish coach Bobby Clark said. The injury occurred just weeks after senior midfielder and captain Michael Rose tore his ACL during the preseason.

While Clark expressed sadness over the injuries,

he also noted his squad had dealt with similar circumstances in the recent past.

"There are no excuses here," Clark said. "It's been an amazing spell of ACLs — this is our fifth in the last 16 months — which is quite incredible, so we've had to deal with it before. So it's not like this is the first time we're dealing with this."

"You hate to say this, but you've got to move on, as far as the team is concerned and I think that also everybody knows that they're playing for these two guys as well,

because these two guys ... these are two terrific kids I loved to coach, and I'm just so sad for them."

The No. 15 Irish (1-0-0) begin to move on this weekend when the team travels south to Bloomington, Ind., for the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic. Notre Dame will play two matches in three days, beginning with a contest at 5 p.m. this evening against San Diego State. The Irish will conclude the tournament with a match

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