

Student group participates in diabetes walk

Friends of Notre Dame Diabetes support Walk to End Diabetes in Mishawaka

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Friends of Notre Dame Diabetes, a campus support group for diabetics, participated in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF) Walk to End Diabetes on Sunday afternoon.

Junior Nancy Joyce, who organized Notre Dame's participation for the walk, said the annual event attracts diabetics and those who support them from the South Bend area.

"Each year, Type 1 diabetics and their families and friends create teams, and they raise money for Type 1 diabetes (T1) research through JDRF," she said. "After being in touch with the local South Bend [and] Mishawaka JDRF when our group first started

out last year, we decided to participate in the Walk as "Team Notre Dame."

The walk is a very popular event in the area, Joyce said.

"The walk is a pretty well-established event in the South Bend community and based on our experience last year, it was very well-attended," she said. "There were lots of local sponsors who came out in support of the event."

To raise money for the event, Friends of Notre Dame Diabetes sold baked goods in LaFortune Student Center and encouraged walkers to fundraise on their own. The team hopes to attract community sponsors to partner with for next year's walk, Joyce



Photo courtesy of Nancy Joyce

Participants pose for a photo after the Walk to End Diabetes at Buetter Park in Mishawaka. The event raised money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund.

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Literary society honors professor

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

English professor Laura Walls's fascination with the life and teachings of Ralph Waldo Emerson began at age 12, when she stumbled across an antique

Laura Walls
English professor



volume of the transcendentalist leader's "Essays: First and Second Series."

"[Reading the book] gave me a kind of permission to really think for myself and listen closely to what other people were saying,"

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group reviews inconsistent dorm policies

By CAROLYN HUTYRA
News Writer

Members of Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed inconsistencies in dorm policy, particularly between male and female residence halls, at their meeting Friday.

The conversation focused on differences between the men and women's residence halls regarding weekend activities. Some students expressed they felt there is a lack of consistency in the rules enforced by rectors.

Both students and faculty supported an effort to push toward a consistent alcohol policy and in-house punishments.

"The baseline is Indiana state law. As far as policy, it's in DuLac. We are not exempt from the civil law, no one is exempt," Morrissey Manor rector Fr. Ron Vierling said.

Vierling said responses from rectors sometimes appear inconsistent because other students are not aware of the full details of a specific situation.



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Student body president emeritus Pat McCormick and current student body president Brett Rocheleau run a CLC meeting in Dec. 2011.

"When we talk about a pastoral approach (to these situations), we talk about the primacy of the individual," Vierling said. "My response to an individual situation may seem inconsistent because not everyone in the dorm knows the entire story."

Members of the council also voiced complaints that men frequently receive lighter punishments than women for underage drinking. Alcohol policy in DuLac is written with the same guidelines regardless of gender, Vierling said.

Vierling said the first alcohol

offense can be treated in-house, but others are required to be sent to the Office of Residence Life. Annie Selak, rector of Walsh Hall, said this is the case "provided it is not severe intoxication."

Other members of the council expressed discontent with dorm rules for using side doors after parietals.

In women's dorms, usually only the front door is open after parietals, but in some men's residence halls such as Morrissey, residents can enter through

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Belles intern with charity

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary's Editor

Over the summer, some students from Saint Mary's furthered their interest in helping the community and interned at Hannah and Friends, a non-profit organization for children and adults with special needs.

Senior Maureen Parsons served as an AmeriCorps member at the organization.

"I helped out with summer camp and the community service summer club," Parsons said. "We had summer camp Monday through Thursday, where our participants were able to do crafts, sing, dance and play outside."

The community service club planned projects throughout the summer for organizations in the community, Parsons said.

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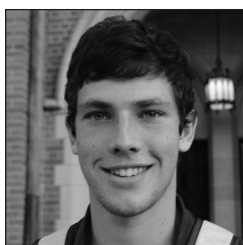
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What is one food that you would eliminate from the dining hall?



Adam Soisson

freshman
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"The no-sugar-added
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Meghan Cassidy

freshman
Farley Hall

"That weird chicken from
North."



Nina Jones

freshman
McGlinn Hall

"Veal parmesan."



Rachel Chisausky

senior
McGlinn Hall

"Dead animals."



Pedro Perrez

junior
Morrissey Manor

"Nothing, I like the dining hall."



Vanessa Silva

junior
Breen-Phillips Hall

"Ginger chicken."



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Notre Dame fans celebrated the team's 20-3 win Saturday night against the No. 10-ranked Michigan State Spartans. The game marked the third-consecutive win of the season for the undefeated Irish football team.

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Hesburgh Library
7 p.m.
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Tuesday

Free Flu Shots

Stepan Center
1 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Bring ID cards and wear short sleeves.

Film: The Passion of Joan of Arc

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.- 9:22 p.m.
Tickets \$7/\$5/\$4

Wednesday

Workshop: Science and Values in Policymaking

Geddes Coffeeshouse
4 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion: "Crisis of the Euro"

Hesburgh Center
4:30 p.m.- 6 p.m.
Discussion with University professors.

Thursday

Zen Meditation

Coleman-Morse
5:15 p.m.- 6:15 p.m.
Weekly practice session.

Concert: Mountain Heart

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Blues-rock band.

Friday

"The Chapels of Notre Dame"

Eck Visitors Center
3:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.
Book launch/signing.

ND vs. Michigan football pep rally

Hesburgh Library
6 p.m.- 7 p.m.
Cheer on the Irish football team.

Bag lunch event promotes depression awareness, resources

By **MEAGHAN DALY**
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Government Associate (SGA) closed the week of Support a Belle, Love a Belle with an informational panel on Friday afternoon in the SGA office.

"We wanted to do a professional panel, especially for [first years] and other students to figure out resources and where you can go for help," student body president Maureen Parsons said.

The panel featured four staff members who are available to students as free, confidential resources.

The goal for Support a Belle, Love a Belle was to raise awareness about depression and anxiety and to show support for students afflicted with these issues. This is the second year SGA has hosted the week-long event.

"Overall, the week went well and was well received by the student body," SGA vice president of external affairs and junior Kathleen Sullivan said. "Support a Belle, Love a Belle touches on sensitive topics, but it was an important and necessary week. We

encouraged students to be open about their struggles and to be advocates for past, present and future Belles."

The panel emphasized the resources and staff available to the Saint Mary's community and discussed ways students can help their friends who are suffering from depression or anxiety.

"A very basic way [to help] is to give someone eye contact," Gina Christiana, a counselor in the Women's Health Office, said. "It is a common courtesy. It is a matter of caring and treating people as individuals that matter."

The panel advised students to notice common signs of depression in their friends, such as avoiding eye contact, irritability and difficulty sleeping.

If a student sees some of these symptoms in a friend, Christiana said she should encourage her to seek help and offer to accompany her to a campus resource.

"You cannot force something on somebody, but you can encourage them," she said.

Catherine Pittman, associate professor of psychology, said persuading friends to seek help could keep the problem from

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574.284.5369

Belles Against Violence Office
574.284.4081

BRANDON KEELEAN | The Observer

affecting others around them as well.

"We all go through hard times," she said. "Show them you think it is normal to feel anxious because all college students do."

Depression can affect one's ability to learn, concentrate and memory, Pittman said. If counseling is too overwhelming, she said to suggest taking a walk.

"Exercise and brisk walking makes part of your brain think you got away," she said. "It calms you down."

Regina Wilson, assistant director of Campus Ministry, said it often helps to formulate a spiritual practice. Weekly mass attendance can make a difference, as it allows one to entrust their prayers in God, she said.

On-campus resources for students suffering from depression include the Women's Health Office, Campus Ministry and the Belles Against Violence Office.

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CLC

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either of two doors after parietals.

"Keenan [Hall] has all three doors available to access at all hours," Keenan senator John Vernon said. "But after midnight in some girls dorms, you can only go through the main door."

Consistency in policy was also addressed regarding instituting modular furniture in dorms.

"All of the contraptions you see in the different dorms are not up to code," student body president Brett Rocheleau said. "It's mainly dealing with fire safety and the safety of our students."

Rocheleau said all dorms will likely switch over to modular furniture within the next five years.

The council lastly discussed hall taxes and how they vary from dorm to dorm.

"The hall receives no money from the University, so the only operating budget of residence halls are hall tax and concession stand," Selak said.

Students often wonder where this money goes, Vierling said.

"Our hall tax is set by the Manor, by the council," he said. "We publish a financial statement to the dorm every month. It's your money. You should know how it's spent."

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From left, senior Gina O'Riordan, junior Carrie Turek, junior Nancy Joyce and junior Amanda Frick walked as part of Team Notre Dame.

said.

Overall, Joyce said the response on campus has been positive.

"We've had a really positive response to the event on campus," she said. "Our group is a small group, so publicizing the event was our biggest challenge, but when people did find out about it, they were very supportive."

JDRF helps raise awareness of T1 diabetes and fundraise for research, Joyce said.

"JDRF also supports advocacy for T1 diabetics through programs such as the Children's Congress, a leadership program that brings T1 diabetics to Washington, D.C., to speak with congressional officials about key federal funding opportunities for T1 [diabetes]," she said.

Friends of Notre Dame Diabetes was founded last year by seniors Joe Williams and Gina O'Riordan, who both have T1 diabetes, Joyce said.

Initially, the club was started

to help diabetics transition from high school to college.

"As the group has grown, we've added more of a service element," she said. "Several of our group members have been trained at Memorial Hospital [of South Bend], and anytime a child is diagnosed with diabetes at Memorial, the hospital calls us and we send several [Notre Dame] diabetics to talk with the child and help ease their fears about their disease."

Joyce said the students working with the program at Memorial are called "diabetes sidekicks."

"Our hope with this program is to show both newly diagnosed diabetics and their parents that though diabetes can be challenging, frustrating and scary sometimes, it is possible to live a very normal life as a T1 diabetic," she said.

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Award

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Walls said. "I was getting a lot of messages at the time about conforming and doing what everybody else does. I began taking seriously the fact that here was a voice that said, 'Dig below and you can think for yourself.'"

Today, the decorated scholar is widely considered an Emerson expert, as evidenced by her recent acceptance of the Ralph Waldo Emerson Society's 2012 Distinguished Achievement Award. She said she continues her mission of "helping Emerson teach students today" through her work at Notre Dame.

But Walls said she still learns from Emerson's writings because he is "somebody you just can't leave alone."

When faced with a complex problem, she looks to the thinker for guidance.

"He's a brilliant writer who's never satisfied with the second or third answer," she said. "Every time you've got it all down pat and you've got all the answers, you come back to Emerson and it makes you think of something you've never thought of before, and you're unsettled again."

Although Emerson and his writings always fascinated Walls, she said she began her freshman year of undergraduate studies at the University of Washington as an intended biology major.

"However, I had this realization towards the end of my

freshman year that what I was doing in the lab wasn't what I wanted to do with my life," Walls said. "This upsetting, Emerson-type moment made me ask about science itself, about what it was and what it did."

Just as she did in her youth, Walls said she returned to Emerson's work once again, this time consulting his most famous essay, "Nature."

"After rereading this work, I switched my major to English and decided to pursue the Emersonian project of thinking through the nature of things," Walls said.

In 1987, Walls began teaching and working toward her Ph.D. in English at Indiana University, where she was able to reconcile her differing academic interests.

"I got interested in history and philosophy of science at Indiana," Walls said. "I discovered there how I could put my two lifelong interests of science and literature together."

A former faculty member at the University of South Carolina, Walls said she came to Notre Dame last year because of the high prevalence of "moral and intellectual seriousness" at the University.

"Emerson was originally a minister, and religion was always important to him even though he left the ministry when he was younger," Walls said. "He wanted to redefine religion for the modern world, so I was really intrigued at the thought of teaching Emerson and the American transcendentalism

movement at Notre Dame."

The idealism present among Notre Dame students reminds Walls of her own beliefs, she said.

"I get a sense that students really do want to change the world and make it a better place," Walls said. "Idealism has always been a part of me, and Notre Dame is one place where my own intellectual and teaching ambitions are a good fit."

Since her Emerson Society recognition, Walls has continued working on a biography of Emerson's contemporary, Henry David Thoreau.

"We know a lot more about his life in the last 15 to 20 years through research, and surprisingly, there hasn't been an extensive biography of him for decades," Walls said. "I thought it would be a really good time, given I have spent a great deal of time on him, to write down what we now understand of his life story."

But the voice that sparked Walls's 12-year-old imagination continues to inspire her, and she said she hopes her students experience the same powerful inspiration in their own academic pursuits.

"I think young people today need to make this world their own, and once you really think a meaningful thought through and own it yourself, then it really is yours," Walls said. "That's the foundation for action and intellectual work."

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Hannah

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"Hannah and Friends is an opportunity for people with special needs to come and hang out with friends without being judged," she said.

Parsons has now spent the last two summers working at the non-profit and will continue her work during the academic year.

"I really enjoy volunteering there throughout the year. During the school year, I help out at the dances and karaoke nights once a month," she said. "This year, I am also helping plan their girls' night program. The girls' night program is a chance for our female participants to come and just have fun together."

Throughout the semester, participants in the girls' night program will discuss health and fitness, attend an etiquette dinner and a fashion show and create a scrapbook, Parsons said.

Senior Kari McClowry also interned with Hannah and Friends this summer.

"I had such a wonderful experience with the organization," McClowry said. "I helped plan the activities for summer camp and made sure it ran smoothly. A big priority was to make sure the kids were

having fun. I also co-organized a fundraiser called Family Fest."

While interning at Hannah and Friends, Parsons and McClowry learned the organization was nominated for a grant from the Chase Community Giving program.

"Charities are nominated by Chase employees, and Hannah and Friends was lucky enough to be nominated this year," Parsons said. "The money from the grant would allow Hannah and Friends to further their mission of raising compassion and awareness for people with special needs."

The program donates \$5 million to charities nationwide each year, Parsons said. Charities compete for the \$10,000 to \$250,000 grants through a Facebook vote, which ends this Wednesday. Voters can find the link on the Chase Community Giving or Hannah and Friends' Facebook pages.

Parsons said the organization would greatly benefit from the grant and is deserving of such an award. "The programs at Hannah and Friends allow participants an opportunity to feel accepted and loved," she said. "It is a chance for them to come hang out with their friends and have fun."

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Israeli leader calls for a strong U.S. stance on Iran

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WASHINGTON — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took his case on Iran directly to U.S. voters Sunday, telling the American public in televised interviews that the White House must be willing to draw a “red line” on Tehran’s nuclear program, comparing Tehran’s nuclear program to Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and reminding Americans of the devastating repercussions of failed intelligence.

His remarks were an impassioned election-season plea from a world leader who insists he doesn’t want to insert himself into U.S. politics and hasn’t endorsed either candidate. But visibly frustrated by U.S. policy under President Barack Obama, the hawkish Israeli leader took advantage of the week’s focus on unrest across the Muslim world and America’s time-honored tradition of the Sunday television talk shows to appeal to Americans headed to the polls in less than two months.

Tehran claims its nuclear program is peaceful. Netanyahu said the U.S. would be foolish to believe that, using football metaphors and citing example of past terrorist attacks on U.S. soil to appeal to his American audience.

“It’s like Timothy McVeigh walking into a shop in Oklahoma City and saying, ‘I’d like to tend my garden. I’d like to buy some fertilizer.’ ... Come on. We know that they’re working on a weapon,” Netanyahu said.

The past week, Netanyahu has called on Obama and other world leaders to state clearly at what point Iran would face a military attack. But Obama and his top aides, who repeatedly say all options remain on the table, have pointed to shared U.S.-Israeli intelligence that suggests Iran hasn’t decided yet whether to build a bomb despite pursuing the technology and that there would be time for action beyond toughened sanctions already in place.

Netanyahu disagrees, estimating that Iran is about six months away from having most of the enriched uranium it needs and warning that letting them reach the “goal line” would have disastrous



Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister of Israel, speaks at a press conference in Israel on Sept. 11. He opposes Iran’s nuclear program.

consequences.

Obama’s Republican opponent, Mitt Romney, has said he is willing to take a tougher stance than Obama against Iran, although his campaign has declined to provide specifics. He has also aligned himself personally with Netanyahu, casting the Israeli leader as a longtime friend.

Meanwhile, Obama is reported to have a strained relationship with Netanyahu, chastising Israel for continuing to build housing settlements in areas disputed with the Palestinians.

America’s ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, responded Sunday by saying there is “no daylight” between the U.S. and Israel and saying Obama “will do what it takes” to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon. But, she said, “we are not at that stage yet.”

“Our bottom line — if you want to call it a red line — the president’s bottom line has been that Iran will not acquire a nuclear weapon, and we will take no option off the table to ensure that it does not acquire a nuclear weapon, including military,” Rice later said.

But Netanyahu has said that’s not enough and employed historical examples known to most Americans to make his case: President John F. Kennedy’s demand that the Soviets remove its missile sites in Cuba “maybe purchased decades of peace,” Netanyahu said. And absent a similar “red line,” then-Iraqi President Saddam Hussein faced a U.S. attack in 1991 after invading Kuwait.

“Maybe that war could have been avoided,” Netanyahu said.

Netanyahu also pointed to America’s inability to prevent the 9/11 hijackings as proof that intelligence can fail.

He insisted that his motivations were not political but reflected a key sense of urgency. Israeli officials point to Iranian enrichment of uranium, a key ingredient in building a bomb, the movement of Iranian nuclear research facilities to fortified underground bunkers impervious to attack and Iran’s refusal to open its facilities to U.N. inspectors.

“I think that there’s a common interest of all Americans, of all political persuasions, to stop Iran,” he said. “This is a regime that is giving vent to the worst impulses that you see right now in the Middle East.”

Rice said the window to act “is not infinite” but that the sanctions “reached their high point in July.” Rice says that for the first time the Iranian economy is shrinking at a rate of negative 1 percent, Iranian oil production has dropped 40 percent over the last several months and their currency has plummeted 40 percent in that time as well.

“This pressure, even to use the Iranians own words, is crippling,” Rice said, adding, “What is clear is that Iran does not have a nuclear weapon.”

Netanyahu and Rice spoke on CNN’s “State of the Union” and NBC’s “Meet the Press.” Rice also spoke on “Fox News Sunday” and appeared on CBS’ “Face the Nation.”

President charges China with illegal trade practices



President Obama speaks in Norfolk, Va., on Sept. 4. The President has filed charges against China with the World Trade Organization.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will launch a new trade enforcement case against China Monday, using the power of incumbency to counter Republican Mitt Romney’s criticism that he is ceding American jobs to the Asian power.

Senior administration officials said the president will announce the new case, targeting Chinese subsidies for exports of automobiles and automobile parts, Monday during a campaign trip to Ohio. The swing state has a large manufacturing base where many blame China for depressing its industry.

Obama and Romney have both pushed China — and through it, the economy — to the forefront of the White House race as they seek to refocus after a week dominated by foreign policy and the turbulent events at U.S. embassies throughout the Middle East.

Romney has accused Obama of being weak on China to the detriment of U.S. workers. The president countered with claims that Romney has investments in Chinese companies and outsourced jobs to China while running the private equity firm Bain Capital.

On Monday, with both candidates returning to the campaign trail after a weekend out of the spotlight, Obama will try to gain the upper hand in the debate.

Officials said the administration will launch enforcement action at the World Trade Organization because it says China is illegally subsidizing exports in their autos and auto parts sectors. The U.S. says the practice puts American parts manufacturers at a competitive disadvantage and encourages the outsourcing of production to China.

The officials requested anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the trade action publicly ahead of the president.

The administration is taking the issue to the WTO because its

attempts to get China to address the subsidies on its own have been unsuccessful, the officials said.

Jobs in the U.S. auto parts sector dropped by roughly half between 2001 and 2010, while U.S. imports of auto parts from China have increased seven-fold, according to the Obama administration.

The administration is also escalating another case it brought against China at the WTO in July that accuses China of imposing unfair duties on more than \$3 billion in exports of U.S. autos. The duties cover more than 80 percent of American auto exports to China, said the officials, who requested anonymity in order to discuss the trade action ahead of the president.

The cases stem from the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center Obama set up earlier this year to target unfair practices around the world, particularly in China.

Obama and Romney started trading barbs on China late last week.

Romney released a television advertisement Thursday accusing Obama of “failing American workers” and ignoring unfair trade practices by China. And in his weekly podcast Saturday, Romney said: “In 2008, candidate Obama promised to take China ‘to the mat.’ But since then, he’s let China run all over us.”

Obama countered with a TV spot focused on its claims that Romney outsourced jobs to China while working in the private sector. Obama’s campaign also released a new web video Saturday in which deputy campaign manager Stephanie Cutter said Romney holds investments in Chinese companies.

The maneuvering came as a new national survey by The New York Times and CBS News found that Romney has lost his longstanding edge on the question of who voters view as most likely to restore the economy and create jobs. Despite that, the poll found the race narrowly divided.

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Fox announces new 'American Idol' judges



The upcoming season of the reality show "American Idol" will feature judges, from left, Mariah Carey, Keith Urban, Nicki Minaj and Randy Jackson. Ryan Seacrest, center, will return as the host.

Associated Press

NEWYORK—The "American Idol" judges' panel is now complete with the naming of singer-rapper Nicki Minaj and country crooner Keith Urban.

The Fox network officially tapped the pair with an announcement Sunday, confirming rumors surrounding them both just hours before the first round of auditions for next season was due to begin in New York.

Minaj is getting \$12 million for a one-year deal on the hit Fox singing series, a person in the music industry with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on Sunday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the deal.

A representative for Urban wouldn't disclose the singer's compensation for "Idol."

The announcement also settled the status of Randy Jackson. He will stay put as the sole remaining original "Idol" judge, scotching rumors he might assume a different role on the popular talent competition.

This trio will join pop star Mariah Carey at a judges' panel now expanded to four members from its previous three. The AP reported in July that Carey is receiving just shy of \$18 million for a one-year contract with a renewal option.

Arriving at Jazz at Lincoln Center, where the auditions would take place, Urban hailed "Idol" for its "great history of producing real stars."

As an "Idol" judge, he said he plans to be "authentic" but not cruel.

"I did similar shows when I was very young in Australia," he recalled, "and I was sort of crucified by one judge. So I don't know that I'll ever be THAT guy."

Minaj said during the auditions she'll be looking for

"a superstar," which, she explained, is "something that can't be defined in words."

Jackson called this pair of hires a "fresh, fresh, fresh 'Idol' one-two!"

Minaj, he said, "brings a whole other cool vibe we've never had on the show, and Keith Urban? My God, he's unbelievably talented!"

When Carey was asked whether she had eagerly awaited news of who would join her as judges, she cracked that, no, she hadn't, "because all I really care about is me," but quickly added, "Only kidding."

Turning serious, she said she didn't know what kind of judge she would be.

"Am I the mean one? Am I the nice one? ... It's not about me, me, me, it's about them (the contestants) and what I can bring to them to help guide them in the right direction," said Carey.

Ryan Seacrest will remain as host when the show returns for its 12th season in January.

"Last night," he said, "we had a chance to really get together for the first time as a group. Everybody made a toast and talked about how special it was that they were here, and why they were here. So we're off to a good start."

Seacrest took note of "the serious and obvious diversity on this panel," adding, "You can see just by the panel the kind of power the show has."

The makeup of the panel has been in flux since Steven Tyler and Jennifer Lopez announced their exits in July. Carey signed on later that month.

"I am thrilled about this year's judges panel," said Mike Darnell, Fox president of Alternative Entertainment. "With an unparalleled star like Mariah, fan-favorite Randy, chart-toppers like Nicki and Keith and our incomparable host Ryan, we've put together one of the most exciting judging panels around."

"Idol" is looking for its famous new faces to supercharge a show that remains a ratings leader but has seen its viewership and pop-culture clout erode in recent seasons in an increasingly crowded talent show field. Besides Fox sibling "The X Factor," which recently added Britney Spears and Demi Lovato as judges, there's NBC's "The Voice," which boasts Christina Aguilera among its big names.

Minaj, 29, is known for her colorful hairstyles, wardrobe and antics. A native of Trinidad who grew up in New York, she has scored with hits like "Starships," "Turn Me On," and "Super Bass," her seventh single, which has sold more than 4 million copies.

She is the first female solo artist to have seven singles simultaneously on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. She released her second studio album, "Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded," in April, and since then it has sold 1 million copies worldwide.

The 44-year-old Urban has four Grammy Awards and 14 No. 1 hits, and was named Male Vocal Artist of the Year three times, as well as Entertainer of the Year, by the Country Music Association. His latest CD, "Get Closer," has produced three consecutive No. 1 singles.

The New Zealand native is married to Australia-born film star Nicole Kidman.

"American Idol" ended the 2011-12 season as the leading entertainment show and No. 2 overall, just behind NBC's top-rated "Sunday Night Football."

But the show aired its least-watched finale ever and the advertiser-favored young adult audience has been steadily shrinking. The show's cachet hasn't been helped by a run of champions who have failed to achieve the career sizzle of past competitors Jennifer Hudson, Carrie Underwood or Kelly Clarkson.

FBI thwarts domestic terrorist

Associated Press

HILLSIDE, Ill. — The investigation started months ago, when the FBI noticed an email message: A man in the Chicago suburbs was using an account to distribute chatter about violent jihad and the killing of Americans.

Two undercover agents reached out and began to talk to him online. In May, they introduced him to another agent who claimed to be a terrorist living in New York.

The operation ended Friday night, an affidavit describing it says, when the man was arrested and accused of trying to detonate what he believed was a car bomb outside of a Chicago bar. Prosecutors said an undercover agent gave Adel Daoud, a U.S. citizen from the Chicago suburb of Hillside, a phony car bomb and watched him press the trigger.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago, which announced the arrest Saturday, said the device was harmless and the public was never at risk. Daoud, 18, is due to make an appearance in federal court Monday afternoon on charges of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and attempting to damage and destroy a building with an explosive.

"We don't even know anything. We don't know that much. We know as little as you do," a woman who answered the phone at his home and identified herself as his sister, Hiba, said Saturday. "They're just accusations. ... We'd like to be left alone."

Daoud's father, Ahmed Daoud, declined to comment on Sunday.

"We don't know anything about it," he said when reached by phone.

The FBI often uses similar tactics in counterterrorism investigations, deploying undercover agents to engage suspects in talk of terror plots and then provide fake explosive devices.

In 2010, a Lebanese immigrant took what he thought was a bomb and dropped it into a trash bin near Chicago's Wrigley Field. In a 2009 case, agents provided a Jordanian man with a fake truck bomb that he used to try to blow up a 60-story office tower in Dallas.

This operation unfolded much like the others. After Daoud began talking to the undercover agents, an affidavit says, the third agent and Daoud met six times in the suburb of Villa Park over the summer and exchanged messages. Daoud then set about identifying 29 potential targets, including military recruiting centers, bars, malls and tourist attractions in Chicago, the document said.

After he settled on a downtown bar, he conducted surveillance

on it by using Google Street View and visiting the area in person to take photographs, the affidavit said. The document does not identify the bar, but says he told the agent it was also a concert venue by a liquor store.

"It's a bar, it's a liquor store, it's a concert. All in one bundle," the document quotes him as saying. It said he noted the bar would be filled with the "evilest people ... kuffars." Kuffar is the Arabic term for non-believer.

Shortly after 7 p.m. Friday, the affidavit said, Daoud met with the undercover agent in Villa Park and they drove to downtown Chicago, where the restaurants and bars were packed. They entered a parking lot where a Jeep Cherokee containing the phony bomb was parked, the document says.

Daoud drove the vehicle and parked it in front of the bar, then walked a block away and attempted to detonate the device by pressing a triggering mechanism, the affidavit says. He was then arrested.

A neighbor, Harry Pappas, said that a dozen unmarked cars drove up to the family's house on Friday night and several agents went inside. On Saturday, no one answered the door of the family's two-story home, which had a well-kept garden in the yard and a basketball hoop in the driveway. The house faces a Lutheran church; a Greek Orthodox church also is nearby.

Pappas said he was shocked by the arrest, calling Daoud's parents "wonderful" people.

Prosecutors said Daoud was offered several chances to change his mind and walk away from the plot.

The affidavit said Daoud was active in jihadist Internet forums and was accessing articles written by Anwar al-Awlaki, the U.S.-born radical cleric who became a key figure in the Yemen-based al-Qaida offshoot known as al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.

Al-Awlaki was killed in a U.S. drone strike in Yemen last year.

The FBI says he also was searching online for information on making bombs and reading "Inspire," the English-language online magazine published by Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.

In his conversations with the undercover agent, Daoud explained his reasons for wanting to launch an attack, saying the United States was at war "with Islam and Muslims," the affidavit said.

According to the document, he said he was trying to recruit others and that he was confronted by leaders of his mosque who warned he should stop talking about jihad. The affidavit said Daoud's father also had been informed that Daoud was debating jihad and told Daoud to stop talking about it.

INSIDE COLUMN

Finally at Fenway



Anna Boarini
News Writer

On Wednesday night, my friend Fran and I left school and drove to Boston for the Red Sox-Yankees game at Fenway Park. That's right, we drove approximately 16 hours for a baseball game.

Reading that sentence, you probably think we're crazy. I'm not going to lie, there were moments when I thought we were crazy too. During our trip, we barely slept more than three hours at a stretch. We stopped at basically every Dunkin' Donuts we passed to get yet another coffee to stay awake. After driving through Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, we finally reached Massachusetts.

The closer we got to Boston, the more excited I got. I was finally going to get to watch a game in one of baseball's cathedrals. Even better, I was going to (hopefully) watch my Sox beat the Yankees. What made this trip even crazier is Fran is a Yankees fan and I'm a Red Sox fan. This rivalry isn't always so nice, but we generally stick to a rule where we don't talk about baseball. Ever.

For Fran, this was a game she was pretty sure her team would win (and they did). But this was a game where she tried to not be an obnoxious Yankees fan. She actually wore a Saint Mary's shirt (that was blue and white) so if the Sox won, she wouldn't get heckled too much. But even though she hates the Red Sox, it's not every day you get to watch sport's greatest rivalry in one of the sport's greatest stadiums.

For me, the game was even more special. I'm a huge Red Sox fan and this was my first trip to Fenway Park to actually watch a game. This was the first time I got to watch my team in their natural environment. The first time I got to hear "Sweet Caroline" over the loudspeakers. The first time I got to watch the sun drop behind the Green Monster.

I'm not going to lie, walking into Fenway and seeing the field, the bullpens and the dugouts was almost too much. I could barely speak and when I first saw the park, tears came to my eyes.

We lost the game, but I wasn't as sad as I thought I would be. Even though we didn't rack up the "W," it was still one of the best nights of my life. I got to watch a game at Fenway. I got to talk baseball and basketball with a guy with an awesome Boston accent. I cheered for Saltalamacchia when he went up to bat and I booed A-Rod like everyone else in the stadium. It was the first time in my life I truly felt like I was part of the community of Red Sox fans. In the words of The Standells, "Love that Dirty Water, Boston you're my home."

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Exciting new projects for SIBC

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This past week, the SIBC kicked off the year with its all-council meeting. We had a record turnout for the fall semester with more than 350 people in attendance. We are all extremely excited about this upcoming semester and would like to highlight a few of our newest and most exciting projects.

Accounting: In recent years, the Accounting Division has featured multiple case projects with professional services firms, including the "Big Four" public accounting firms, as well as some middle-market companies. This semester, the division is planning to enroll in an international case competition in addition to the existing case studies. The 35-year-old global program, known as the Inter-Collegiate Business Competition (ICBC), is put on by Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. In short, a team of SIBC students will have one month to prepare a memo for a case provided by a notable company sponsor or the business faculty at Queen's University. If the SIBC team's memo advances past the preliminary round of evaluation, they will be invited to the final round in Ontario to compete against other top business students from around the world. The SIBC wishes the participants the best of luck in hopes that Notre Dame will be a new presence at the ICBC this winter break.

Consulting: The newest addition to the Consulting Division this semester is the Bain & Company project. Bain has extensive consulting experience across all industries and helps companies achieve excellence with

fresh, cross-industry perspectives. Bain's consulting services focus on the clients' most critical issues and opportunities, ranging from operations to mergers and acquisitions across all industries all over the world. This semester, the project will focus on a deep dive analysis of a specific company and how they can become more profitable, whether that be through an acquisition, entering new markets, developing new products or targeting new segments. With the addition of the Bain & Company project, the Consulting Division now has projects with each of the big three consulting firms, including McKinsey and the Boston Consulting Group.

Finance: This year we are launching a new Portfolio Management Project (PMP). This project gives our members the opportunity to emulate a multi-strategy hedge fund. The team invests in small, mid-cap names, trades in special situations such as M&A and makes opportunistic bets on the macro-economy. Project members will analyze historical global economic trends and dive into individual stock names by articulating theses and defending them. They will then track their investments by benchmarking their performance against the S&P 500 index. The team and its leader, Derek Kim, will travel to San Diego to present its findings and analysis to SIBC benefactor Frank Potenziani in early 2013.

Global Development: This semester, the Global Development division is excited to launch a partnership with Milaap, a microfinance organization based out of Bangalore, India. Milaap organizes loans for India's working poor through many "microloans" from lenders in multiple countries and has

recently expanded into the United States. Milaap's philanthropy focuses on skill development, employability programs and market-linked livelihood activities. The project examines the American charitable marketplace, identifies target markets for micro-finance in America and designs a marketing plan for Milaap — all while educating students in microfinance.

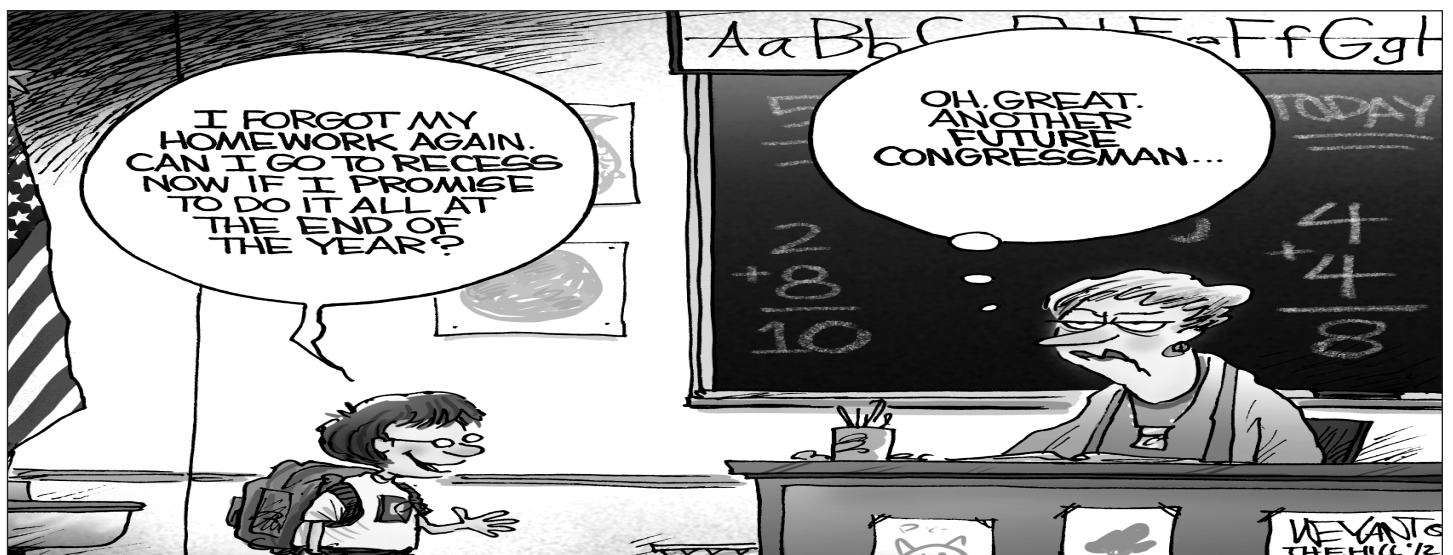
Marketing: The Marketing Division is excited to add a new project with Adidas. Though Notre Dame has had a long-standing partnership with the Adidas, this is the first semester the SIBC has partnered with them. The division is looking forward to adding a new project in the sports and apparel marketing category, though the specifics of the project are still being determined. In addition to our new partnership with Adidas, we are continuing to work with NBC Sports, Target, Li-Ning and Coca-Cola.

Overall, the SIBC is extremely excited about the diverse suite of project offerings that will be available to students this year. If you have any interest in the opportunities listed above, please visit our website (sibc.nd.edu) for meeting times. It's never too late to join, and we hope to see everyone at our weekly meetings!

The SIBC is the largest student-run organization on campus with more than 400 active members. We seek to promote "Peace through Commerce" by partnering with leading companies across all areas of business and providing international internships for our members. We can be reached at sibc@nd.edu or at sibc.nd.edu

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point."

C. S. Lewis
English essayist & juvenile novelist

WEEKLY POLL

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Mitt Romney, private equity, Bain Capital and the 2012 election

Adam Newman
Scientia Potentia Est

One of the attacks that the Obama campaign has used against Mitt Romney are the dealings of the private-equity firm Bain Capital, of which Romney was CEO. This is perhaps the first time that such an intense examination of private equity has occurred at a national level. Amidst the plentiful talking points and sound bites in any presidential campaign, both private equity's supporters and its critics have misled the public.

In 1983, Romney was chosen to start a new private-equity firm named Bain Capital. To put it simply, a private-equity firm manages funds provided by investors to purchase underperforming or undervalued companies, improve them and eventually sell the companies for a profit. Many of the changes that firms like Bain took were selling unproductive segments of businesses while expanding productive ones and slashing jobs and wages for workers, while creating performance incentives for managers. This led to major turnover at companies that exemplified the complacent business environment and paternalistic bond that management shared with employees after World War II. Many question how private-equity

firms could justify such seemingly immoral actions, but ultimately private-equity firms are loyal to their investor's interests, even if that means slashing jobs and wages for middle class workers.

Mitt Romney, however, understands that he cannot say this on the campaign trail, and has made the claim that he created 100,000 jobs while CEO of Bain. There is evidence that this is roughly the amount of jobs created, but since Bain will not publish statistics for all their ventures, it is impossible to know how many jobs were simultaneously destroyed. The authoritative study conducted by Steven Davis of the University of Chicago suggests that on average, private-equity firms are marginal net job destroyers (roughly one percent of employment).

Supporters of private equity often equate the vilification of private equity as an attack on free-market capitalism. What these supporters fail to realize (or admit) is that private equity immensely benefits from government subsidies through the U.S tax code. The tax code makes debt tax deductible with no cap, giving private-equity firms an incentive to load up acquisitions with unusually high amounts of debt. Many times these firms use the debt to take cash out of the business in the form of dividends for the private-equity firm, creating an

indirect transfer of cash from the government to the private-equity firms. As James Surowiecki recently wrote in the New Yorker, "If private-equity firms are as good at remaking companies as they claim, they don't need tax loopholes to make money."

Many believe these leveraged buyouts cause companies to go bankrupt. A Wall Street Journal analysis of Bain investments from 1984 to 1999 found that 22 percent of Bain's investments filed for bankruptcy or went bust within eight years of Bain's acquisition. However, it is hard to tell how many of these bankruptcies would not have happened if Bain did not invest in them. Bain was more likely to invest in risky, underperforming firms, so many of these firms would have failed anyway.

Even with private equity's flaws, Romney's career was successful. During Romney's tenure, the fund increased from \$37 million in 1984 to \$500 million by 1994 and posted the highest returns of any other competitor. Romney also gained a reputation as a very hard worker and an extremely talented CEO. While it is impossible to examine every deal over his 15-year career at Bain Capital, overall, Romney was an extremely ethical businessman.

With this being said, the Obama campaign's attacks against private equity serve little value in the 2012 presidential

campaign. Romney's career ended 13 years ago, and the decisions that he made as an executive to create value for investors are not at all similar to the decisions he would make as the president to help the American people. Instead, Obama should focus on what Romney would do as president. He should spend time explaining the Paul Ryan budget endorsed by Romney, while labeling him as another President Bush — a man with few political convictions, who is out of touch with everyday Americans and whose policies would largely benefit the rich and hurt the middle class.

Obama won in 2008 because he promised to stay above the petty politics we have come to expect as the norm. But now he is engaging in petty politics as his campaign focuses on Bain Capital's dealings and ignores the major issues. When people place their hope in a candidate for high office, they expect that the candidate can change our country's political culture, but too often it is the other way around. Perhaps Barack Obama is another causality.

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LETTERS

Love my Belles

Dear Belles,

I am so happy with how well Support a Belle, Love a Belle went. This has been a learning process for all involved. I have been so unbelievably inspired and humbled by the amount of girls who are not only affected by depression and anxiety, but care deeply enough about the issue to reach out to our fellow sisters who also struggle.

Each event has inspired me in a different way and I am so grateful for every person who has worked to make this week that much better. As a community deeply rooted in sisterhood, this week was a wonderful way for us to come together. Thanks again and remember that your Saint Mary's sisters are always here for you.

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Censorship on Facebook

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Daily Free Press

Photo moderators for Facebook and other popular websites are contracted out, some of those negotiations even crossing international boundaries, according to article in The Daily Beast.

The Daily Beast launched an investigation on Facebook censorship after the popular social media website banned The New Yorker's page for containing a cartoon of a naked man and woman where the woman's breasts were represented as two black dots.

Eventually, Facebook lifted the ban, calling it "a mistake."

On first thought, the words "Facebook moderators" sound appealing. The site is so popular, some form of regulation needs to be in place. That being said, things are going to get tricky when Facebook employs a staff of moderators who hail from several different countries.

Those moderators are going to have varying codes of ethics, which will only lead to a confusing array of guidelines about what's permissible to post and what's not. In fact,

moderators from the same country could even have different definitions of what's appropriate.

Finally, it's understandable that The New Yorker faux pas occurred. The moderators have to sit there, sifting through photo after photo after photo, most of them probably tasteful. Then something slightly questionable such as The New Yorker cartoon pops up, and the moderators see reason to label it inappropriate. Also, the moderators probably didn't even realize the image was from The New Yorker. After clicking through so many photos, they're probably not paying much attention to where those photos are coming from.

Looking forward, it will be interesting to see if Facebook comes up with any new tools to identify what content is and isn't appropriate. However, it seems unlikely that the company will ever be able to eradicate every inappropriate post on its site.

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Why 'The Cabin in the Woods' is redefining horror

By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**
Scene Writer

If you haven't heard any buzz about "The Cabin in the Woods," it very much looks like every other horror movie you've ever seen. A handful of college-age friends go on a trip out in the middle of nowhere, and bad things happen. There's the witty stoner, the lusty couple you know will die first and the smart friend who is the love interest of the innocent and kind-hearted girl, who will likely make it to the end.

Even the logline convinces you this is another run-of-the-mill scary movie: "Five friends go for a break at a remote cabin in the woods, where they get more than they bargained for. Together, they must discover the truth behind the cabin in the woods."

If that's all you're expecting, you're in for a big surprise, and a good one. You as the audience are watching the truth unfold about the cabin in the woods too, and it's not what you think. If you still want to be surprised, stop reading now. For those of you wondering why people have claimed the movie redefines the

horror genre, read on.

Why is "The Cabin in the Woods" better than a typical horror movie? Because it's only half of the horror movie you're expecting — the other half makes twisted fun of what happens in horror movies, and ends up being the truly horrifying half.

The classic-horror setup half is the five friends going to a secluded cabin and horrible supernatural things coming after them. The black comedy half of the film is discovering the cabin is filled with cameras, and the friends are being surveyed and manipulated by a corporation who unleashed the supernatural.

Don't be mistaken — this is not a parody movie. While parodies like "Scary Movie" make fun of the horror movie genre, this film's real plot makes a black comedy out of horrors unfolding, but is not a commentary on horror films.

Even the typical horror-film half of this movie, while predictable, is still better than the average horror flick, which is notorious for being filled with gratuitous sex and violence. The audience follows how and why this corporation is orchestrating their deaths, rather than

following the suspense of the doomed friends. There is something truly disturbing about watching employees in white jackets drink cocktails and mingling while someone is being tortured on a surveillance screen in the background.

Another unexpected element is the dark sense of humor. You don't laugh because it's so bad, it's good, but at the intentionally black sense of humor. You'll laugh when the protagonists fall into the regular, stupid traps that people in horror movies fall for. You'll laugh because the corporation's employees monitoring it are making bets and jokes on what kind of horror will befall the young people this time around. You'll feel uncomfortable when you realize you're just as awful as the employees for laughing at someone's gruesome demise.

The horror elements are still there too — what is happening to those unfortunate five friends is real. Even though you fully know it's coming and know it's being all planned out by the corporation, you'll still jump when the monsters pop up, cover your ears in anticipation when it's been too quiet for too long and wince when someone loses a limb. Even

though you know they are pawns for the corporation, the supernatural monsters will give you the absolute creeps, and if blood painting the walls will make you queasy, brace yourself.

"The Cabin in the Woods" is a refreshing twist on the horror movie that will leave you wondering what it means to watch something horrible and who or what is truly horrifying.

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"The Cabin in the Woods"

Directed By: Drew Goddard

Studio: Mutant Enemy Productions

Starring: Kristen Connolly, Chris Hemsworth and Anna Hutchinson



DPAC highlights Japanese filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki

By **KEVIN NOONAN**
Scene Editor

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) features the works of famed Japanese filmmaker and animator Hayao Miyazaki in their latest film series, "In Spirit: The Films of Hayao Miyazaki."

The series, which began Sunday with the 1997 fantasy film "Princess Mononoke," highlights the distinctive visual style and storytelling fashion of the 71-year-old Academy Award winning Miyazaki, who also co-founded the successful Japanese film production company, Studio Ghibli.

Often compared to Walt Disney (Disney Studios), Nick Park (Claymation style, "Wallace & Gromit") and Robert Zemeckis (performance capture animation, "The Polar

Express") in terms of influence, innovation and prowess in the world of animation, Miyazaki knew in high school that he wanted to be a "manga artist," the Japanese term for animators and comic book illustrators.

Miyazaki took his first job in animation at 22 years old, and began gaining praise for his film work shortly thereafter, successfully pitching a rewrite to the conclusion of 1965's "Gulliver's Travels Beyond the Moon," a film released when he was only 24.

He directed his first feature anime film, "The Castle of Cagliostro," in 1979, but it was his second film, "Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind," that established many of the lasting themes of his work. In many of his films, Miyazaki focuses on the human impact on the environment, pacifism, feminism, morally ambiguous antagonists and a

fixation with flight and aircraft.

The series, which will screen one or two of Miyazaki's films, dubbed in English by often-famous American authors, each weekend through October 14, continues this weekend with arguably his most acclaimed film in American culture, 2001's "Spirited Away," Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at DPAC.

"Spirited Away" follows Chihiro Ogino, a moody ten-year-old girl, who enters a fantasy world while moving with her family into a new neighborhood. Her parents transform into pigs, and Chihiro falls under the spells of the witch who runs the bathhouse where she has taken a job. Chihiro soon forgets her own name and becomes trapped in the spirit world.

The film was the most successful film in Japanese history (before being topped by "Titanic"), earning more

than \$274 million worldwide at the box office. The American release was supervised by John Lasseter, CEO of Pixar and Walt Disney Animation Studios, and grossed more than \$10 million in the United States.

Critics almost universally praised the movie, and it is considered one of the greatest animated films of all time. It won Best Film and Best Song at the 2002 Japan Academy Awards, and became the first anime film to win an Oscar when it won the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature in 2003.

"Spirited Away" plays at DPAC this Sunday at 3 p.m. Student tickets are \$3. Show times and dates for the rest of the series can be found on DPAC's website, performingarts.nd.edu.

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TOXIC TOP TEN



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Like a phoenix from the flame, Britney Spears has risen again. This time, it isn't with a dynamic new album but with a seat on the revamped second season of "The X Factor," Simon Cowell's latest attempt at dominating US television.

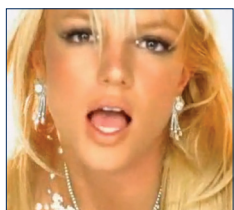
In many ways, Britney's life path has mirrored our generation's maturation. She launched onto the scene in the late '90s when we were still in elementary school (I vividly remember having an argument in my third grade class whether she or Bruce Springsteen was the best musical artist ever. Suffice

to say, I was the only boy on Brit-Brit's side.)

In our awkward middle school years, she was shaving her head, marrying twice (once for a whirlwind 55-hours, another time to her backup dancer) and generally going all-out bonkers.

Just as we entered high school, Britney was getting her act back together thanks to a conservatorship.

And now, as many of us are about to enter into the real world with our first jobs, Britney is earning a steady, \$15-million paycheck. In honor of her new job, here's a retrospective look at Brit-Brit's top-10 songs ever. And in the words of Britney herself, don't hold it against me if I left off one of your personal favorites.



"Toxic"

Michelangelo had the Sistine Chapel, F. Scott Fitzgerald had "The Great Gatsby" and

Britney has "Toxic." This track is the magnum opus of Spears' career, and cemented her status as the reigning Queen of Pop. This song is so crazy creative — it features breathy vocals over Bollywood strings and surf guitar synths — that I get the sense Britney and producers Bloodshy & Avant got in the studio, threw the rulebook out the window and just went insane. Guess what? It worked. The maraschino cherry on top of the metaphoric sundae is the accompanying music video, arguably one of the most iconic of all time. Featuring three wig changes — blonde, crimson-red and dark brunette — Britney plays a secret agent traveling the world to complete her mission. It was so racy it was banned from normal TV hours by MTV, so you know Britney is at the top of her game.

sultry voice, there is a weird "Titanic" interlude in the song, despite the music video being set on Mars. Speaking about the music video, Spears' performance is iconic, wearing a skin-tight red bodysuit. And if you needed any warning that Britney was a sex-symbol in the making, this video confirmed it. As Spears herself confessed on the song, "I'm not that innocent." Britney, I couldn't have said it better myself.



"Womanizer"

You know that moment in an all-nighter when it all comes together and you know every-

thing is going to be okay? That is what "Womanizer" is to Britney's career. After a period when she seemed to be going off the deep end (more on that later), this smash hit was a reminder of how important Britney is not only in the music industry, but pop culture as a whole. The song and accompanying music video follow the tried-and-true recipe for a successful Britney track — breathy vocals, heavy synths and a plot featuring multiple costume changes and a femme fatale role for Spears. Let's just say many a Britney fan breathed a sigh of relief upon the release of this song.



"Me Against the Music"

Perhaps Britney's edgiest track (and that is saying something), "Me

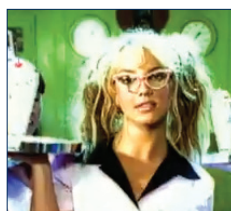
Against the Music" features Britney's musical mother, Madonna. Sometimes, collaborations between superstars don't work out — too many cooks in the proverbial kitchen, if you will. Luckily, this song achieves the proper balance between two of the most iconic women in pop. The song is more than just music though, as it represents a passing of the torch between two musical titans. Best of all, the music video set up one of the defining moments in recent pop culture, Britney and Madonna's infamous kiss at the VMAs.



"Till the World Ends"

The top song off her most recent album, "Till the World Ends"

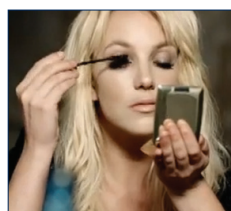
is a perfectly-timed release, as everyone and their mother knows the Mayans planned for the world to end this December. Naturally, Britney devoted a track to the impending apocalypse and it's a smash. The accompanying music video features an underground dance party as fire and brimstone rain on the earth. This December, as Armageddon descends upon the planet, I hope I get invited to burrow beneath the earth and busting some serious moves with Brit-Brit and company. It's almost enough to make up for the fact I won't be graduating from the University because of the scheduled apocalypse. Take that, Mayans.



"(You Drive Me) Crazy"

This is a sleeper entry on this list. Along with "Oops...I Did It Again" and "...

Baby One More Time," this track is the third and final entry in what I like to call the "Holy Trinity" of classic Britney. What is interesting is this song is often left out of the conversation when it comes to Brit-Brit's classics. "(You Drive Me) Crazy" is the red-headed stepchild of Britney songs. But there was no way this smash hit could be left off this list. Featuring Melissa Joan Hart in the music video (throwback!), this song absolutely screams "I love the '90s," and any discussion of Britney's best has to include this track. Produced by frequent Britney-collaborator Max Martin, "Crazy" is definitive Britney at its finest — simple, beat-driven and super cheesy. It brings back the absolute best elementary school memories possible and harkens back to a simpler time in our lives when our diets consisted of Lunchables and Dunkaroos.

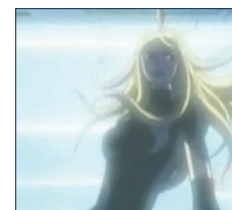


"3"

Spears' ode to the ménage-a-trois, this song is catchy, carefree and signature Britney. The

subject of the song is pretty tongue-in-cheek. By this point in her career, Britney has let go of any hope of maintaining her innocent image and embraced her status as a blonde bombshell. This song fits right in with that persona. It's flirty, light and fun, just like Britney herself. This musical confection doesn't stand out in any particular

way, it's just a steady hit. I'd say it is the Britney equivalent to cheese pizza — a safe, but solid choice.



"Break the Ice"

Footnote: Britney went through a pretty rough patch circa 2004 to 2008.

She married her high school friend Jason Alexander (no, not the guy from "Seinfeld") in a shotgun Vegas wedding, then married backup dancer Kevin Federline and popped out two kids, shaved her head, checked into rehab, started out hanging with Paris Hilton (never a good thing) and lost custody of said kids. In other words, she hit rock bottom. In the meantime, she released "Blackout", which has been acclaimed as one of her best albums ever. Unfortunately, her whirlwind lifestyle prevented her from properly promoting the album (aside from a disastrous performance at the 2007 VMAs) and it never really set the pop world on fire. Interestingly enough, the strongest track from "Blackout" featured an animated music video — weak sauce, Britney — but was a standout. You really get a sense of the struggles Britney was going through on "Break the Ice," as her voice comes across as urgent and desperate. Luckily, Brit-Brit was able to emerge from this dark period in her life.



"Stronger"

A little bit different than most Britney tracks on this list, "Stronger" is the

standout in the vein of a series of empowering songs Spears has released throughout her career. We get it Brit, you've had it rough — Justin Timberlake broke your heart, the paparazzi won't leave you alone and "Crossroads" will forever serve as a blight on your resume — and this song sums up those sentiments perfectly. Like most Britney classics, it features a slam-dunk final third act where Britney and the beat absolutely consume the listener. Even when she breaks out of her normal synth-pop mold, Britney can do no wrong.

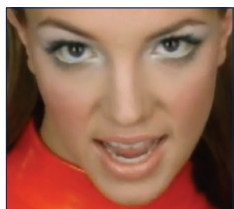
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"...Baby One More Time"

Some things never go out of style — a good pair of jeans, Ray-Bans and

cheddar cheese, for instance — and Britney's debut single remains a classic to this day. The epitome of '90s bubblegum pop, the four-note piano intro serves as a warning to everyone on the dance floor that I am about to bust some serious moves. The song set the tone for the beginning of Britney's career, where she tries and fails to desperately maintain her girl-next-door image. In the music video, Britney dances throughout her high school in a Catholic schoolgirl outfit that would send any nun into a hissy fit. The fact this song has stood the test of time is testament to Britney's status as a super-nova pop icon.



"Oops...I Did It Again"

Further proof that sometimes the classics are the best. The

debut single off Britney's sophomore album, Britney's signature breathy vocals are on full display on this track. Aside from her

SPORTS AUTHORITY

Valentine's talk not good for Sox



Vicky Jacobsen
Sports Writer

Bobby Valentine, the man who is somehow still manager of the Boston Red Sox, has made a career out of saying ridiculous things — and I'm not just talking about his stint as an ESPN analyst.

I'm half-convinced that baseball writers across the country promoted him as "the smartest man in baseball" (a notion that may or may not have originated with Bobby V himself) in the hopes that some foolhardy franchise would hire him and unleash torrents of bizarre comments and needless drama for the knights of the press box to feed upon. And the Red Sox owners fell for the ruse.

I say this not because I doubt Valentine's mastery of the in-

tricacies of infield defense, but because I find it hard to believe that knowledge outweighs the problems that arise when your manager appears to have learned his people skills from a middle-school mean girl.

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If you enjoy uncalled-for comments eventually followed by lukewarm apologies, than I really hope you've been following the Red Sox this summer. Valentine began the season by telling the press that World Series winner and fan-favorite Kevin Youkilis wasn't "as physically or emotionally into the game" as he used to be. Perhaps he simply had his players confused — then-Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett was the one who went for a round of golf when he was supposedly too hurt to play, while Youkilis (who was traded to the White Sox in June) is the one who throws around his helmet after he makes an out as if he's just lost the World Series.

Either way, this criticism is pretty rich given that a manager's main job is deciding who is going to play what position when, and still Bobby V has turned in multiple lineup cards with blatant mistakes. Even if we overlook the time he named his batting order under the impression that Twins pitcher Liam Hendriks is left-handed (he's not), on Sept. 2 the press had to alert him to the fact he had outfielder Scott Podsednik hitting third, and he was both surprised and unconcerned by this information. Does this sound like a manager who is "physical and emotionally into the game"? (But don't bring up this point to

Bobby V himself. The last time a journalist questioned his commitment, Valentine said he'd like to punch him in the face.) But make no mistake: Valentine's failure in his other role — keeping the clubhouse in some state of harmony — has been even more spectacular. Players are bound to get annoyed with their manager, and feuding between the skipper and general manager is practically unavoidable. But Valentine set a new standard for dysfunction by avoiding communication with his pitching coach, Bob McClure, who has since been fired. For those of you who are wondering if perhaps McClure was the problem, I'd just like to point out that Valentine also clashed with others while managing the Rangers and Mets. And for all the talk of his legendary status in Japan, he's been fired

by the Chiba Lotte Marines on two separate occasions for disagreements with management.

There are some people (including Red Sox ownership, apparently), who seem to think that firing Bobby Valentine would be a reward to the players who didn't give him enough respect in this past year. Those people forget that respect is a two-way street: Why should you respect a man who has never won a World Series as a player or a manager, who can't get along with anyone and who can't resist insulting players when there's a microphone in front of his face? This man's greatest claim to fame is that he owns the restaurant claiming to have invented "the wrap."

This Friday, he called his team the "weakest roster" in September of all time — clearly a joke, seeing as "the smartest man in baseball" has to know the Houston Astros are still playing. But is that a joke you make about players you respect? Is that what you say about a group you want to respect you? Nope, that's what you say when you want to make sure you're not managing that roster next season.

Maybe Valentine is the smartest man in baseball. But for the Red Sox sake, I hope a dumber man is managing them next year.

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MLB

Rizzo lifts Chicago over Pittsburgh

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Anthony Rizzo had another series of firsts. The toughest for him to conquer was the curtain call.

Rizzo hit two home runs and drove in six to lift the Chicago Cubs to a 13-9 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates in the third game of a four-game set.

Rizzo hit a two-run shot in a four-run fifth inning, then capped a five-run sixth with his first career grand slam to seize the lead for Chicago. The six RBIs are a career high. It was also the 23-year-old's first multihomer game.

He reappeared from the dug-out briefly after his grand slam to acknowledge the crowd of 33,559.

"I didn't know what (my teammates) were saying and then I realized that's what you do," Rizzo said. "It was pretty cool."

Rizzo became the first Cubs player since Aramis Ramirez in July of 2010 to drive in six runs.

"Everything he's done up here is obviously what we've expected," Cubs manager Dale Sveum said. "We don't expect any more or any less. ... He's been spectacular since he's been here."

Pedro Alvarez hit two homers and drove in five for the Pirates, who lost for the 12th time in 15 games. Pittsburgh came into play Sunday two games behind the Los Angeles Dodgers and St. Louis Cardinals for the second wild card.

Rod Barajas went deep for Pittsburgh, and Joe Mather hit a solo shot for the Cubs.

Staked to a 6-1 lead, the Pirates were unable to hold off the feisty



Cubs closer Carlos Marmol, left, celebrates with first baseman Anthony Rizzo after defeating Pittsburgh 13-9 on Sunday.

Cubs, who have taken five of the last six against Pittsburgh.

Rizzo's two-run, opposite field blast highlighted a four-run fifth, then he launched a 3-1 pitch into the left-center field bleachers off Jared Hughes (2-2) an inning later to put the Cubs up 10-9 and send the home crowd into a frenzy.

Rizzo recalled a game-winning homer he hit in July against St. Louis — the grand slam didn't quite compare.

"I don't think it tops the walk-off, but it was a great game," Rizzo said. "We kept fighting the last couple of days and showing some resilience."

David DeJesus had a pinch-hit, two-run single in a three-run ninth for Chicago.

Alvarez carried the Pirates early, but they could not tack on late. The big lefty followed Gaby Sanchez's leadoff single in the fifth with an opposite-field shot onto Waveland Avenue to

extend the lead to four.

After the Cubs rallied to get within one, Alvarez hit another opposite field shot in the sixth with two men on to pad the lead again. It was Alvarez's sixth multihomer game of the season. He passed Andrew McCutchen for the team lead with 29.

The Pirates had a chance to tie it with a Starling Marte leadoff triple in the seventh, but Marte was caught in a rundown on a fake to third, throw to first by Cubs reliever Jay Chapman after Neil Walker and McCutchen failed to get the run in.

"Actually that's a forced balk, break late try to get the run to second and try to steal a run at home is what it was," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle explained. "I do believe if Starling could've shown a little more patience that play would have worked for us, but in the heat of the moment he left a little bit early."

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Way down in the valley tonight

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And a blade shining oh so bright

There's evil in the air and there's thunder in the sky

And a killer's on the bloodshot streets
Oh and down in the tunnel where the deadly are rising

Oh I swear I saw a young boy
Down in the gutter
He was starting to foam in the heat

Oh Baby, you're the only thing in this whole world
That's pure and good and right

And wherever you are and wherever you go
There's always gonna be some light

But I gotta get out
I gotta break it out now

Before the final crack of dawn
So we gotta make the most of our one night together

When it's over you know
We'll both be so alone

Like a bat out of hell
I'll be gone when the morning comes

When the night is over
Like a bat out of hell I'll be gone gone gone

Like a bat out of hell I'll be gone when the morning comes

But when the day is done
And the sun goes down
And moonlight's shining through

Then like a sinner before the gates of heaven
I'll come crawling on back to you

I'm gonna hit the highway like a battering ram
On a silver black phantom bike

When the metal is hot and the engine is hungry
And we're all about to see the light

MLB

Cards retain wildcard spot

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jon Jay hit a go-ahead RBI double during a three-run 12th inning and the St. Louis Cardinals split of a four-game series against the Los Angeles Dodgers, beating them 5-2 on Sunday and regaining undisputed possession of the second NL wild card spot.

John Ely (0-2) issued a leadoff walk to Matt Carpenter and Jay drove him on from second base with a line drive into the right field corner on an 0-2 pitch. Jay scored on an infield hit up the middle by Allen Craig and Yadier Molina walked with the bases loaded.

Rookie Shelby Miller (1-0) pitched one inning for his first major league victory.

Jason Motte got three outs for his 35th save in 42 chances after giving up the tying and winning runs in Saturday night's 4-3 loss.

Both teams have 15 games remaining to settle the wild card situation. The Dodgers embark on a nine-game road trip against East-leading Washington, Central-leading Cincinnati and San Diego before ending the regular season with a six-game homestand against Colorado and West-leading San Francisco. The Cardinals' next nine games are against the Houston Astros and

Chicago Cubs, who are a combined 81 games under .500 and 69 1-2 games out of first place.

The Dodgers won six of the 11 meetings with St. Louis, and have beaten the Cardinals in back-to-back season series for the first time since 1995-96. In case of a tie for the wild card, the Dodgers would get home-field advantage in a one-game playoff.

Los Angeles wasted a leadoff double in the sixth by Matt Kemp, and last season's MVP runner-up flied out to center field against Fernando Salas with the bases loaded to end the 10th after the right-hander intentionally walked Andre Ethier.

Ethier tied the score 2-all in the third with his 19th homer, getting the barrel of the bat on a 2-0 pitch that was low and inside and driving it into the pavilion seats in right-center with two out after a leadoff walk to Matt Treanor.

Right-hander Stephen Fife, making his fourth big league start and first since Aug. 1 in place of injured Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw, recorded his first six outs on strikeouts. But in-between the first and second ones, the Cardinals took a 2-0 lead as Craig hit an RBI double and Matt Holliday scored on a wild pitch to Molina.

NFL

Eagles overcome turnovers



Philadelphia quarterback Michael Vick, left, throws an interception as Baltimore linebacker Courtney Upshaw pursues during the first half of the Eagles' 24-23 victory over the Ravens on Sunday.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — With the game on the line, Michael Vick made all the right decisions — again.

Vick scored on a 1-yard TD run with 1:55 left, helping the Philadelphia Eagles overcome a slew of turnovers to beat the Baltimore Ravens 24-23 on Sunday for their second straight comeback win.

The Eagles are 2-0 for the first time since Donovan McNabb and Terrell Owens led them to the Super Bowl in 2004.

"In the moment, you have to be at your best," Vick said. "It's got to be an any-means-necessary mentality."

Rookie kicker Justin Tucker made field goals of 56, 51 and 48 yards for the Ravens, but Joe Flacco couldn't get Baltimore (1-1) in his range in the final minute.

Flacco overthrew Ray Rice on fourth-and-1 from the Ravens 46, and the Eagles ran out the clock.

Vick threw four interceptions at Cleveland last week, but rallied the Eagles to a 17-16 win.

He did it again, though the replacement officials almost made a costly mistake.

Down 23-17, the Eagles started at their 20 with 4:43 left. Vick threw passes of 24 and 13 yards to Brent Celek. A 19-yard pass to Clay Harbor coupled with a roughing-the-passer penalty put the ball at the 3.

Vick then threw incomplete as he was being hit by Haloti Ngata, but the play was ruled a fumble and it was recovered by the Ravens. A replay overturned the call and Vick scored on the next play.

"There's some serious calls the refs missed," Baltimore's Ray Lewis said. "It's just the way it is, man, all around the league. We have to correct that. These games are critical. Guys are giving everything they've got all across the league. But these are calls, with the regular refs, if they were here, we know the

way the calls would be made."

The Eagles committed three turnovers in the red zone in the first half and lost two starting offensive linemen in the second. They have nine turnovers in two games, a major reason why they only have 41 points despite totaling 942 yards of offense.

"We have to get better at it," coach Andy Reid said. "You have to take care of the football. You have to throw the football to the right person. This isn't something we planned on having."

Vick finished 23 of 32 for 371 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. Celek had eight catches for 157 yards and DeSean Jackson had seven receptions for 114 yards.

This was a homecoming of sorts for Flacco and Ravens coach John Harbaugh. Flacco grew up in nearby Haddon Township, N.J. Harbaugh spent 10 seasons as an assistant under Reid before going to Baltimore in 2008.

Tucker almost made them winners.

An undrafted rookie out of Texas, Tucker beat out veteran kicker Billy Cundiff in the pre-season and has made all six of his field goals in the first two games.

Tucker's 56-yarder at the end of the first half sent the Ravens into the locker room up 17-7. His 51-yarder early in the fourth made it 20-17.

Cundiff was 1-for-6 from beyond 50 yards last year, and missed a potential game-tying, 32-yarder against New England in the waning seconds of the AFC championship game.

"I think we'll be just fine coming out of this going forward," Harbaugh said.

Two plays after center Jason Kelce sprained his right knee and was carted back to the locker room, the Eagles got within 17-14 on Vick's 23-yard TD pass to Jeremy Maclin. Vick scrambled to his left and threw on the run to Maclin, who slipped behind coverage and went to his

knees to make a nifty catch.

Philadelphia lost two more starters on its next drive. First, King Dunlap left with a hamstring injury. Maclin was then carted off with a hip pointer after making a block on Celek's 24-yard catch. Celek hurdled Ed Reed to gain a few extra yards on the play. Still, the Eagles reached the 5 before settling for Alex Henery's tying 23-yard field goal.

The starting quarterbacks were coming off opposite performances in Week 1. While Vick struggled against the Browns, Flacco was near-flawless in a dominant 44-13 win against Cincinnati last Monday night.

Flacco was 22 of 42 for 232 yards, one TD and one interception against Philadelphia.

Despite the makeshift line blocking for him, Vick didn't take as many hard hits and was sacked only twice. He scrambled eight times for 36 yards before kneeling twice at the end.

Using the no-huddle from the start, the Eagles moved the ball effectively to the Ravens 12. But Vick made another errant throw and was intercepted in the end zone by Bernard Pollard. Vick scrambled out of the pocket and had space, but he fired opposite his momentum.

"You can't always hit a home run," Vick said. "Sometimes you have to settle for singles and doubles. That's what I have to learn. I can't force the ball."

Trent Cole stripped Flacco on Baltimore's second play and Cullen Jenkins recovered at the Ravens 15.

McCoy ran in from the 1 for a 7-0 lead.

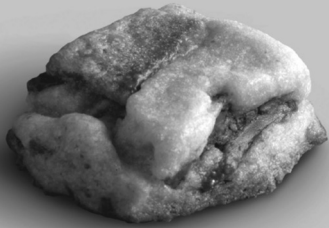
Vonta Leach scored on a 5-yard TD run to tie it at 7.

After the Ravens failed to convert on a fake punt — Sean Considine ran 3 yards on fourth-and-4 — the Eagles took over at Baltimore's 45. The drive ended in another turnover. Rookie Bryce Brown fumbled a handoff on third-and-1 at the 20, and Albert McClellan recovered at the 30.

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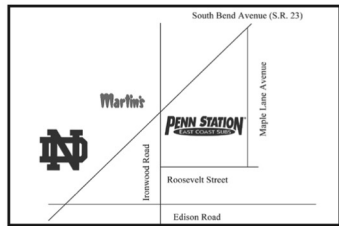
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Young squad hangs with best

By **PETER STEINER**
Sports Writer

With the first day of the O'Brien National Invitational at the Warren Golf Course in the books, the No. 15 Belles stand in the middle of the pack that includes the 10 of the best Division III programs in the country.

The young Saint Mary's squad turned in a team score of 332, good for sixth place after the first

The 15-time defending national champions No. 1 Methodist University leads the tournament with a score of 318, closely followed by No. 5 Washington University at 321. The O'Brien National Invitational consists annually of the best teams in the nation. The strong field can only help the inexperienced Belles squad improve, Hamilton said.

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"We have to putt a little bit better and stay away from the larger scores of double bogey and more."

Mark Hamilton
Belles coach

day of the two-day tournament.

"We struggled a little bit in some spots with our pretty consistent players," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "We had some putting issues today. I felt like we played with the No. 1 team in the country [Methodist University], and we held our own for quite a few holes. We leaked a little oil on the last four or five holes, but overall, we had a pretty good day."

Despite being under-the-weather, Belles junior Justine Bresnahan carded the top score for Saint Mary's with an 80. Junior Paige Pollak and freshman Amanda Graham shot 82 and 83, respectively, to round out the Belles' top-three.

"[Bresnahan] wasn't feeling too well and had been suffering from a pretty bad cold," Hamilton said. "She really gutted it out and played a good round today. I was proud of her."

squad, I think it's a great learning experience to see the best team in the country," Hamilton said. "It gives you a real measuring stick on what you do well and what you need to do better. It's been a great experience for them."

Heading into the final day of the tournament, the Belles trail the leaders by only 14 strokes. According to Hamilton, the Belles need to improve their short game and capitalize on scoring chances.

"We have to putt a little bit better and stay away from the larger scores of double bogey and more," he said. "We are looking for a score under 320 tomorrow."

The Belles will tee off at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow for the final round of the O'Brien National Invitational.

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Belles remain undefeated



Observer File Photo

Former Belles midfielder Taylor Paton, left, controls the ball during Saint Mary's 3-0 defeat of Olivet on Sept. 14, 2011. The Belles earned a 2-1 win this weekend against conference opponent Adrian.

By **KATIE HEIT**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's continued to prove its strength with a 2-1 victory over previously-undefeated Adrian on Saturday.

With an early goal in the first half, the Belles (4-0-1, 2-0-0 MIAA) had the offensive pressure they needed to keep the regionally-ranked Bulldogs (3-1-1, 0-1-1) at bay. In the sixth minute of the game, Belles freshman midfielder Maggie McLaughlin headed a pass from junior captain and midfielder Mollie Valencia past the Bulldog goalkeeper to take the lead.

"The early goal was very encouraging," Belles coach Michael Joyce said. "Adrian is defending conference

champion and was picked to win the conference again this year."

Saint Mary's held the lead well into the second half before the Bulldogs responded with a long shot and tied the game 1-1 in the 74th minute. The Belles were not down for long, as senior midfielder Ashley Morfin responded with another goal less than four minutes after Adrian tied the game.

"It is certainly a letdown holding a lead for so long, then giving it up late in the game," Joyce said. "While the game is still tied, you've lost the momentum."

Despite the late goal by the Bulldogs, Joyce said he thought his team responded well.

"I think we kept our head

[and] appreciated that the game was still out there to be won," Joyce said. "We just had to keep working hard."

Joyce said he thought all of his players have performed well above expectations, but he thinks the team still has a long way to go.

"We've had 10 different people score our 13 goals this year," Joyce said. "Everyone is finding a way to contribute. We can't just be satisfied with a nice start. We'll have to keep working hard, playing well and improving. There's lots of tough competition in the conference."

The Belles next travel to Alma to play the Scots on Saturday at 12 p.m.

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Saint Mary's races in Catholic Championship

By **BRIAN HARTNETT**
Sports Writer

Competing in a stacked field of 34 teams, Saint Mary's earned a 28th place finish in its short trip to Notre Dame for Friday's National Catholic Championship at the Notre Dame Golf Course.

The Belles finished in 15th place in the race's Division II (DII) standings, which consisted of 21 teams ranging from Division II to the NAIA level. Saint Mary's finished above Division II programs Newman and Notre Dame College, as well as two of its Division III counterparts and two NAIA programs.

Saint Mary's senior Elizabeth Majewski said she was impressed with her team's performance.

"It was our last [five-kilometer]

of the season, and I think we all ran a very competitive race," Majewski said. "Being close to home, we had a great support group to cheer us on as well."

Junior Jessica Biek continued her strong season, finishing 29th in the DII division and recording the top time for the Belles with a mark of 19:22.8. Majewski followed her, breaking her personal record in the five-kilometer for the second time in as many weeks with a mark of 20:25.6.

Majewski said her success this season can be attributed to her team's workout routine.

"The workouts and team runs at practice in addition to my summer training has greatly benefited my races," Majewski said. "I am excited to finish my senior year as strongly as possible."

Seniors Emma Baker, Julia Kenney and Sarah Copi rounded out Saint Mary's top five times, as the trio all finished in the top-100 of the DII division. Baker finished in 79th with a time of 20:39.3, Kenney recorded a 93rd place finish in a time of 21:01.0 and Copi wrapped up the team's score with a time of 21:09.1.

In addition, six team members competed in the meet's "junior varsity" race. Junior Colette Curtis turned in the team's best time with a mark of 21:21.0 to finish 38th in the field. Senior Dani Haydell finished in the team's second spot with a time of 22:44.2, finishing 63rd overall.

Majewski said she was impressed with the team's performance in both races but was eagerly looking forward for the team to reunite and run

together.

"Both groups had great races," Majewski said. "For most of the season, however, we have the privilege of running as a team in

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Elizabeth Majewski
senior

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Saint Mary's will have the

opportunity to run together again Friday, when the Belles host the MIAA Jamboree. The Jamboree, which the Belles last hosted in 2008, will feature all nine MIAA conference members. Majewski said she believes the team will be a major competitor at its home course.

"Jamboree promises to be one of the highlights of our season, and we are all very excited for Friday," Majewski said. "We have a strong team this season and close packs during races, and I hope the race will show the hard work we have put in this season so far."

Saint Mary's will take to its home course this Friday at the MIAA Jamboree at 6 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF | MARY FOSSUM INVITATIONAL

Notre Dame takes third at Mary Fossum

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

The Irish took on tough competition this weekend in East Lansing, Mich., at the Mary Fossum Invitational and clinched third place with a 23-over-par 887.

The tournament boasted three squads ranked in the top 50 according to Golfweek: No. 22 Michigan State, No. 27 Purdue and the No. 49 Irish.

Purdue bested the field and finished with a score of 875 with

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Susan Holt
Irish coach

Michigan State finishing second at 882.

Although the competition was challenging, Irish coach Susan Holt said her squad did not see third place as a good thing.

“We were disappointed overall with our performance,” Holt said. “I feel like we can compete with Michigan State and Purdue but we weren't able to get there. We did not do what we are capable of doing.”

Notre Dame's newcomers made a solid first impression. Freshmen Lindsey Weaver and Talia Campbell each debuted with three-over 75s in the first round. Weaver continued this success, posting a 70 in the second round and led the Irish with a total score of four-over-par 220. Campbell anchored the team in the third and final round with a 71. Weaver finished tied for sixth, while Campbell finished tied for 12th with a 224.

“The freshmen did great for their first tournament,” Holt said. “They definitely contributed.”

The Irish posted three scores under par and one score at even par this weekend. For the second round, sophomore Kelli Oride also posted a two-under-par 70 and sophomore Ashley Armstrong broke even. Oride finished tied for ninth and Armstrong ended tied with Campbell for 12th.

“We had great individual efforts,” Holt said. “There were three rounds under par by three different people. That's a good sign. But that doesn't help when more than one 78 is shot at the same time. We only have to take



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Irish sophomore Ashley Armstrong watches a shot during the Mary Fossum Invitational on Sept. 15. The Irish captured third place in the season-opening event, which took place in East Lansing, Mich.

the top four scores, so we want to balance the four scores. We are capable of all shooting rounds like that, but this time around we didn't.”

Notre Dame started and finished sluggishly as it scored 298 and 299 in the first and third rounds, respectively. The Irish posted a score of 290 in the second round. Coach Holt said rounds like the second posted

Saturday should happen more consistently, but the Irish still have work to do to get there.

“We need to work on our short game as a team,” Holt said. “Purdue's short game is pretty impressive and that's what great teams do. If we are going to keep up with great teams, we need to get the ball in the hole faster. And the best way to do that is through our short game.

Individually, they all have certain things they need to work on, so we will just keep working at it and strive to get better. We will look at stat sheets and keep on working on what we need to do.”

The Irish next compete at the Windy City Collegiate Classic Oct. 1-2 in Glenview, Ill.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL | CARTHAGE TOURNAMENT

Belles endure four losses in tough weekend

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's lost all four matches it played this weekend at the Carthage Tournament in Kenosha, Wisc.

Despite the results on the scoreboard, Belles coach Toni

a 3-0 match to Carthage (6-3).

“We needed to be stronger at the net, in transition and remain consistent in our level of focus and intensity,” Kuschel said. “When it's there we play great volleyball.”

On Saturday, Saint Mary's lost 3-0 to Illinois Wesleyan (7-7) by

“We needed to be stronger at the net, in transition and remain consistent in our level of focus and intensity ... When it's there we play great volleyball.”

Toni Kuschel
Belles coach

Kuschel said she was pleased with her team's performance.

“I thought the team did a fantastic job this weekend. We were able to play really well versus nationally ranked teams,” Kuschel said. “Taking a set from Chicago was a big accomplishment. It showed a lot of heart winning that close set.”

The Belles (6-5) dropped 3-0 decisions Friday against Dominican and No. 16 Carthage. The Belles were on the wrong side of a 3-0 contest against Dominican (12-2) and dropped

a 3-0 score and won its first set of the weekend before falling 3-1 to No. 13 Chicago (10-2).

“Our team went in knowing it was going to be a tough weekend,” Kuschel said. “We wanted this weekend to get us mentally and physically prepared for the next two weeks of conference play and I believe we were able to do that.”

Although the team did not fare well on the scoreboard, sophomore defensive specialist Samantha Grady believes her team can take many positives from the experience.



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Saint Mary's sophomore Emily Getz sets a ball during the Belles 3-0 win over Albion on Sept. 28, 2011. The Belles dropped all four of their weekend matches but return home for a slate of conference matches this week.

“The tournament exposed us to some very talented teams. We were forced to rise to the occasion and compete,” Grady said. “We stayed positive and left the tournament a better team than when we arrived.”

With its next conference game Tuesday, Kuschel hopes her team

can step up and learn from the weekend.

“Our hitters know that we did not hit as well as we should have this weekend,” Kuschel said. “We will need all of them to step up and make big plays when they are needed if we are going to win on Tuesday. If we're going to win,

we need to play our game, focus on the controllables and play together.”

Saint Mary's hosts conference foe Kalamazoo on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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MEN'S GOLF | TAR HEEL INTERCOLLEGIATE

Irish struggle in opener at North Carolina

By **CORY BERNARD**
Sports Writer

Beginning the season with three new starters, the Irish showed their inexperience over the weekend at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate at the UNC Finley Golf Course. Notre

Actually, on Sunday morning when I really thought he would struggle he played alright. He did the best he could, given the circumstances. Basically he was just sick. I'm not worried about him at all."

Though he led the Irish with a five-over-par 221, including an

"We have three new starters ... I think they did a good job. Obviously we are disappointed with our overall results. But we've said that the first few tournaments we have to gain some experience and I think we did that."

Jim Kubinski
Irish coach



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Irish senior captain Paul McNamara follows through on a swing during The Battle of the Warren on April 22, 2012. McNamara and the Irish travelled to the Tar Heel Invitational this weekend in the season opener.

Dame fired a 23-over-par 887 to finish ninth.

Future ACC rivals Duke and North Carolina took first and second place, respectively. The Blue Devils shot an eight-under-par 856 and the Tar Heels shot a two-under-par 862.

Junior Andrew Lane and sophomore Tyler Wingo had only four starts between them heading into the weekend. Sophomore David Lowe, a transfer from Arizona State, appeared in nine tournaments as a freshman for the Sun Devils but had never started for Notre Dame. Irish coach Jim Kubinski said his team did not play as well as they would have liked, but did gain experience.

"We have three new starters," Kubinski said. "I think they did a good job. Obviously we are a little disappointed with our overall results. But we've said that the first few tournaments we will have to gain some experience and I think we did that."

Wingo and Lowe both began the tournament poorly, firing a seven-over-par 79 and four-over-par 76, respectively. However, the sophomores each shot an even par 72 during the second round Saturday afternoon. Lane finished second on the team overall with a three-round, six-over-par score of 222.

Kubinski said his new starters will continue to develop as the season progresses.

"I was ... talking to Tyler and Andrew Lane on the way to the bus and they pointed out several things they learned from this weekend," he said. "The season is a long road through to the spring. Those guys played really good stretches of golf. Tyler and David bounced back [Saturday] afternoon after struggling in the morning, and I thought Andrew played pretty consistent throughout."

The effort of junior veteran Niall Platt would appear to be of more concern to Irish fans. The junior with 23 tournaments under his belt and a career stroke average of 73.61 averaged an 18-hole score of 75.33 at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate. However, Kubinski said Platt was battling illness and will bounce back.

"Niall was really, really sick," Kubinski said. "He was battling a flu [and] cold. I didn't know if he was going to play [Saturday]."

opening round two-under-par 70, senior Paul McNamara also struggled at times.

"Paul started off really strong but

in the last two rounds he couldn't get a putt to drop," Kubinski said. "Hopefully he can make a few more putts for us moving forward."

The Irish will look to improve upon their ninth-place finish when they head to New Haven, Conn., for the Macdonald Cup held at Yale on

Sept. 29 and 30.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY | NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Men and women take first

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

For the first time this fall, the Irish put some of their best runners on the line at the 33rd edition of the annual National Catholic Championship, hosted at the Notre Dame Golf Course. As a result, the men's and the women's teams raced to both individual and team titles. For the men, Irish senior Jeremy Rae claimed the win with a time of 24:16.0 in the five-mile race. For the women, senior Rebecca Tracy crossed the line first at a blistering 17:11.8 in the five-kilometer race.

"It was a great start, it really was," Irish men's cross country coach Joe Piane said. "We had a lot of guys run solid, so I'm pleased with the outcome."

Irish women's cross country coach Tim Connelly echoed this sentiment.

"I thought we did a lot of things really well," he said. "Overall, I thought it was a pretty good start."

As a team, the Irish men finished strong, claiming seven of the top-12 finishes. Following Rae was senior Johnathan Shawel and junior Walter Schafer. Shawel finished fifth with a time of

24:34.6, while Schafer cruised to a seventh-place finish with a time of 24:46.0. The Irish had runners grab the eighth and tenth spots as well, rounding out five runners in the top 10. Sophomore Jake Kildoo finished eighth with a time of 24.52.1, and senior Jeff MacMillan finished 10th with a time of 24:54.4.

"I don't think anybody ran great. I don't think our team ran great," Piane said. "Still, it's still a good start. For most of those guys, it was their first race of the year."

For the women, the Irish claimed four of the top five spots. Junior Kelly Curran finished third with a time of 17:22.2, freshman Molly Seidel claimed fourth with a time of 17:22.9 and sophomore Gabby Gonzales took fifth with a time of 17:26.1. The only non-Irish runner in the top five was Duquesne sophomore Amber Valimont, who finished second. Valimont crossed the line just behind Tracy with a time of 17.12.7.

"[The Irish women] did a really good job of getting out well, finding each other early in the race and running together for a long stretch of the race," Connelly said.

Historically, the Irish have done very well, with the

men capturing 23 victories and the women winning 19. Since 2003, the women have claimed both the individual and the team title every year. This was the fourth-consecutive victory for the men.

Much of this is a result of the strong training regimen the Irish have instituted, which can provide a better start to the season, Piane said.

"The team has been training exceptionally well," he said. "Still, it's not the hardest meet we're going to run. For the majority of the guys, this was the easiest race they will run in."

The Irish responded positively in their first big race this year, Connelly said.

"Whenever you come off a really hard training phase, it's hard to know exactly how people will respond to racing," Connelly said. "Overall, it was pretty close to what I had hoped for and what I had expected."

For the Irish, the training continues this week and next. The teams next compete on Sept. 28, when the Irish host the Notre Dame Invitational. The meet will take place on the Notre Dame Golf Course and will begin at 2 p.m.

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MEN'S TENNIS | OFCC AND VREDEVELT INVITATIONALS

Co-captains lead Irish victories



KIRBY MCKENNA | The Observer

Senior Spencer Talmadge prepares to hit a backhand during his doubles match victory against Louisville on April 14.

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

This weekend the Irish split up for their first round of tournaments on American soil. Nearly every member of the team contributed an individual win.

Eight members of the squad traveled to Olympia Fields, Ill., for the OFCC Invitational hosted by the University of Illinois, where co-captains senior Blas Moros and junior Greg Andrews set the tempo. The other seven Notre Dame players competed in the Vredevelt Invitational, hosted by Western Michigan in Kalamazoo, Mich., where freshmen established themselves as contributors.

The Irish made up for a difficult time on the doubles courts by stepping up their game in singles competition, earning two spots on the All-Tournament team in each tournament.

"Our freshmen performed very well," Moros said.

The luxury of a stunning location at the OFCC Invitational came with the cost of a clay court, a new surface for the Irish team that led to a rocky start in the first round of play. Despite this, the Irish turned things around. Both co-captains were named to the All-Tournament team and Andrews earned the Most Outstanding Player award. By the second day of competition, Notre Dame players had moved past their first round of three singles victories and picked up another eight. Moros led the squad with victories across the board in the first three rounds of singles play, taking down Chris Camillone of Texas, Brian Page of Illinois and Mousheg Hovhannisyan of Pepperdine, respectively. Freshman Quentin Monaghan also added to the tally on day one, winning his first collegiate match 6-1, 6-0 against Julian Childers of Illinois. Junior Billy Pecor took the third victory of the first day, topping David Sofaer of Pepperdine 6-3, 6-4.

The second day of play brought six other Irish victories to accompany Moros' two, including one from Monaghan, who beat Sofaer once again 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. Freshman

Alex Lawson also collected his first collegiate win against Pepperdine's Damian Gryzelko. No. 24 Andrews bounced took two wins on the day, defeating Farris Gosea of Illinois and David Holiner of Texas. Senior Spencer Talmadge and sophomore Wyatt McCoy each added a win in the third round of singles play, with an easy 6-2, 6-3 over Childers for Talmadge and a three-set 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 comeback against Page for McCoy.

By the third day of play, the Irish had mastered their game plan. They captured three of four wins in doubles play and seven of eight wins in singles play.

"We had a very good weekend, but still have a lot of work to do in doubles," Moros said.

In Kalamazoo, freshman Kenny Sabacinski led the squad, taking a win in singles play in each of the first three rounds to knock out players from Illinois State, Cleveland State and Green Bay. Sophomore Michael Fredericka added a singles victory on the first day of competition and freshman Nicolas Montoya contributed a pair of singles victories in the first two days. The only Irish win in a doubles match came from Fredericka and Montoya, who took down Patrick Bandy and Adam Krull of Xavier, 8-3. While a seemingly small win for the Irish, this was the only loss for the Xavier team in singles and doubles throughout the day.

During the final day of singles play, junior Ryan Bandy chalked up his first win of the tournament, defeating Mesa Mei of Xavier 6-3, 6-3, and Montoya added another win against Xavier's Brandon MacDonald. On the doubles side, Notre Dame found its groove. Ryan Bandy and Sabacinski took down a Western Michigan pair, while sophomore Doug Barnard and Montoya took down the Broncos other team.

The Irish take a break this week in preparation for the IRA All-America Championships, which began Oct. 4 in Tulsa, Okla.

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Sophomore opposite sit hitter Jeni Houser sets the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Kansas on Sunday.

Kansas

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(11-2) in four sets and snapping the Jayhawks' nine-match winning streak. After dropping a close first set, Notre Dame took the next three all by the narrowest of margins — winning each by two points — thanks largely to sophomore outside hitter Toni Alugbue, whose 20 kills, 10 digs and four blocks paced the Irish.

"The resilience of our team really showed today," Brown said. "We were so disappointed after

not playing well against LMU, but we were completely focused and executed well. They had to show a lot of poise in tough situations."

The Irish now begin Big East play Friday at Cincinnati, followed by Louisville on the road Sunday.

"We've prepared with the right competition," Brown said. "We'll be ready to go."

The Irish and Bearcats square off Friday at 7 p.m. in Cincinnati.

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Ryan

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year as a transfer from Duke]. To me, I thought he really brought other players into the play. I was really happy for Ryan."

After distributing the ball Friday, Finley delivered in the weekend finale with his fifth goal of the season to give Notre Dame the victory in the 104th minute. Finley tracked down a cross off a set piece from Irish senior captain and midfielder Dillon Powers and netted the decisive goal.

"It was a free kick out on our right flank and Dillon played a really good ball into the space, Ryan made a great run and he got a good flick," Clark said.

Notre Dame escaped with the win, but showed fatigue in the early portion of the contest, Clark said. Still, in the late stages of the game it was Notre Dame who was able to deliver the winning performance.

"I thought that the first half looked like the second game in a two-day weekend. I thought we were very slow. But I thought we were excellent in the second half," Clark said. "I thought we did well, I was very happy with the way we played in the second half and the overtimes. We

were the team that was trying to win it. I thought [the Wolverines] were hoping, I think, to try and sneak out with a tie."

Still riding the wave that brought them from unranked at the start of the season to No. 3 in the Soccer America poll after only seven games, the Irish have plenty of challenges looming on the horizon. Notre Dame is set to begin conference play on the road against Louisville on Saturday before travelling to No. 16 Indiana and No. 4 Connecticut. The Irish should have no problem focusing on the task at hand against that slate of competition, Clark said.

"The next games will look after themselves pretty clearly," he said. "We go to Louisville, we go to Indiana and then you go to Connecticut. You are playing three of the best teams in the country, so I was mostly more worried about [us losing focus in] that game [against Michigan]. The next three games will completely look after themselves. We will have to be ready. We will be ready."

The Irish take on the Cardinals at 7 p.m. on Saturday in Louisville.

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Midfield

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"I think just having Roccaro and Mandy back and getting a second game under their belt with the team helps kind of settle some things down for us, both offensively up front and in midfield," Waldrum said.

Roccaro was a highly-touted prep player coming out of East Islip, N.Y. She adds a level of talent to the midfield the young Irish lacked in the first several games. She can set up and handle the offense, and other players can work off her, Waldrum said.

"She's so good at holding the ball for us," Waldrum said. "She's almost like a post-up player in basketball. You need that player that, when you play into them, they can hold it so you can get your runs and your movement off that player. Up until she's come back, we've really struggled."

Laddish has been a big contributor for the Irish over the last two years. As one of the tri-captains and most experienced midfielders, she will be a catalyst for the Irish.

"She's just so skillful with the ball and so composed with it, just that ability to help us keep it," Waldrum said. "We really struggled, I thought, in a lot of our games this year to really keep the ball and get into our passing game. To add another player who knows how to do that is key for the way we play."

The 2-0 start to the conference slate is exactly how the Irish were looking to begin the



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Junior midfielder Mandy Laddish evades the Louisville defense during Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over the Cardinals on Friday.

season. As two of the power teams in the conference, the matchup between Louisville and Notre Dame always has added significance. This year, Notre Dame is also placing more emphasis on the conference lineup.

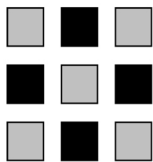
"What we talked about after we got out of the nonconference schedule is that it's time now to really make that [conference] run," Waldrum said. "We want to get back and we

want to win the Big East. That's a goal of ours. In years past we've not put as much emphasis on the Big East. We've always put it on the NCAA and the Final Four."

Notre Dame's Big East schedule continues this weekend with another Friday home game against Pittsburgh in Alumni Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

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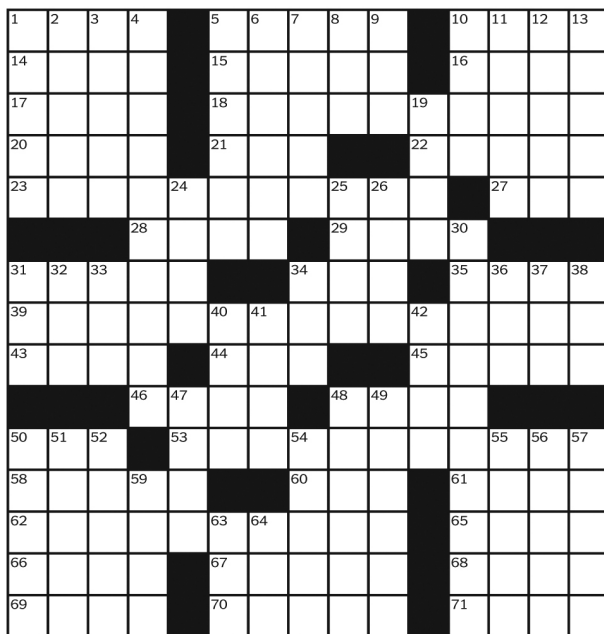
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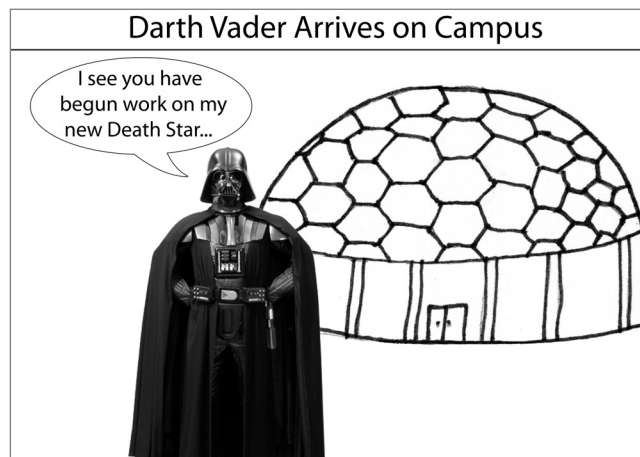
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Notre Dame remains perfect



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Irish senior forward Ryan Finley, right, presses the ball upfield during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Akron on September 9.

By JOSEPH MONARDO
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After jumping out to their best start in 25 years, the No. 3 Irish welcomed Michigan State on Friday before traveling to Ann Arbor, Mich., to face Michigan on Sunday. It wasn't always easy for Notre Dame, but the team added two more victories to its already impressive resume.

The Irish (7-0-0) captured a 2-0 victory over the Spartans (2-5-1) in Alumni Stadium and used a late goal by senior forward Ryan Finley to beat the Wolverines (2-4-0) 1-0 in double overtime.

In the weekend opener the Irish found themselves in a highly-competitive match against a Spartan team that had played six one-goal games in as many outings before Friday. The two teams traded fouls and possession time throughout the first half, but Notre Dame exploded onto the scoreboard with a blast from the top of the box off the foot of junior forward Harry Shipp in the 28th minute. The Irish added another goal at the 53-minute mark in a similar fashion. Freshman

midfielder Patrick Hodan notched his first career goal by gathering the ball after a corner kick and sending it past Michigan State red-shirt junior goalkeeper Bryce Dobbins from 20 yards out.

"When we got the ball into their half we are so good, we are such a fun team," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "But [the Spartans] were pretty dangerous getting balls up to us. It wasn't an easy game ... They are a fairly direct team. And we caused ourselves some of the problems in the back with sloppy passes, and a couple of times we set them up with just silly passes. That encourages them, but at the end of the day, it was a very good result."

Clark said Hodan played "like a veteran," but reserved the highest praise for Finley.

"When he came on, he and Harry came on today, [they] were again magnificent," he said. "Harry got the goal which was really nice, but I thought Ryan, even though he didn't score, it may be his most complete game since coming to Notre Dame [last

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER | ND 2, LOUISVILLE 1; ND 7, CINCINNATI 0

Offense sparks victory

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Notre Dame kicked off its Big East schedule with a pair of victories this weekend at Alumni Stadium, winning 2-1 over Louisville on Friday and 7-0 over Cincinnati on Sunday.

Friday's game was a statement by the Irish (5-3-1, 2-0-0 Big East). Last year, Louisville (6-2-0, 1-1-0) beat Notre Dame in both the regular season and the postseason, knocking the Irish out of the Big East tournament. The Irish won 2-1 on Friday off goals by freshman forward Crystal Thomas and sophomore forward Lauren Bohaboy, followed by a late goal by the Cardinals.

Sunday's game was a different story, as the Irish

dominated the Bearcats (3-5-1, 0-2-0) from start to finish. Early on, Notre Dame found an offensive flow and never let off the accelerator.

"That's a lot more like the way we are used to, having that standard," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "We're used to being able to put those kinds of numbers up and win that way."

Nine different players contributed with at least one goal or one assist in the overwhelming offensive explosion. Freshman defender Katie Naughton, freshman forward Cari Roccaro and junior midfielder Nicole Rodriguez all scored their first career goals Sunday. Junior captain and midfielder Mandy Laddish scored her first goal of the season. Junior captain and

midfielder Elizabeth Tucker and junior midfielder Rebecca Twining also scored. Bohaboy added two assists.

"I don't know what I would say that really triggered it for us," Waldrum said. "But I think we started out with our possession and our passing. We got into our rhythm right away, which we struggled with in some of our games lately."

Roccaro and Laddish played their first games of the season for Notre Dame on Friday. The two recently returned from Japan with a gold medal after playing for the U.S. in the U-20 Women's World Cup. The addition of the two talented midfielders tied up some loose ends for the Irish in the midfield.

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ND VOLLEYBALL | GOLDEN DOME INVITATIONAL

Irish take two of three



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Junior middle blocker Andie Olsen, left, and sophomore right side hitter Toni Alugbue defend the net during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Kansas on Sunday.

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In their final tune-up tournament before the start of Big East play, the Irish took two victories in three matches at the Golden Dome Invitational, but the loss to Loyola Marymount on Saturday afternoon will stick with the team going forward.

While the failure to get three wins at home was disappointing for Irish coach Debbie Brown, she said she was impressed with how her team bounced back and she feels good going into the Big East season.

"We're disappointed because we felt like we could have had three victories, but to take two out of three from those teams isn't bad," Brown said. "It puts us in a good spot going

forward."

Notre Dame (7-5) began its Golden Dome slate taking on Xavier on Friday and eked out a five-set victory, putting away the pesky Musketeers 3-2 (25-19, 18-25, 25-18, 28-30, 15-6). The Irish took the first, third and fifth sets, but the match was highlighted by the marathon fourth in which Xavier (7-7) clawed back from a late deficit to force continued play. The teams traded points until the Musketeers finally took two in row to win the set. Notre Dame's frustration was short-lived, however, as the Irish took care of business easily in the fifth and decisive set.

"That fifth set was about the only thing pretty about that whole match," Brown said. "I liked how the girls stepped up and took care of business."

Junior setter Maggie Brindock tallied 47 assists in the victory.

On Saturday, the Irish took on Loyola Marymount (8-4) but struggled mightily hitting the ball on their way to being outslugged in hitting percentage by a mark of .333 to .157. The Lions defeated the Irish four sets, finishing with 17 blocks. Notre Dame also committed 27 attack errors.

"We really didn't play well at all, and that's credit to Loyola because they really did," Brown said. "They hit .500 for the first two sets, and we just weren't effective on either side of the net."

Despite losing the previous day, the Irish came out strong Sunday, defeating Kansas

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