

Phelps leads initiative against violence

Former Irish men's basketball coach uses game as hook to inspire youths in South Bend

By **ANDREW OWENS**
Assistant Managing Editor

This summer, Larry Whitmore was playing basketball with a group of friends when Richard "Digger" Phelps approached him. The former Notre Dame men's basketball coach had a simple message for him.

"Let's find a way to get you back to school," he said.

With Phelps' prodding, Whitmore hopes to play junior college basketball, inspired by the example of Dallas Mavericks center Bernard James. James, 27, entered the Air Force after experiencing difficulty in high school.

After he returned to the United States, James played basketball at a junior college before transferring to Florida

Digger Phelps
college basketball analyst
ESPN



State and reaching the NBA.

"Last year, [James] was on that team that beat Duke twice, [North] Carolina twice and they get an NCAA tournament bid," Phelps

said. "The idea is to give these kids hope using basketball as a hook."

During his coaching days, Phelps was a game-changer. These days, he's a life-changer.

Phelps, who works as an ESPN college basketball analyst, returned from the Final Four in April to find a disturbing headline in the South Bend Tribune.

"It said, 'Youth violence on the rise,' " he said. "I knew it was go-time."

At a 200-person meeting the following week, Phelps pledged to lead an initiative to empower South Bend youth to pick up the books and drop the weapons.

6 reported homicides in 2010.

9 reported homicides in 2011.

13 reported homicides in 2012
including 6 teenagers between
16 and 19 years old.

SARA SHOEMAKE | The Observer

"I said, 'I'll coach it,' " he said. "From that time on, from 8 [a.m.] to 5 [p.m.], sometimes later, I just tried to identify as many community assets as I could."

A month later, 700 people attended a town hall meeting at the Kroc Center

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Chicago teachers end strike

By **MEGAN DOYLE**
Managing Editor

Notre Dame graduate Molly Sammon stood in front of her high school students at Chicago Vocational Career Academy in the south side of Chicago on Sept. 4 for the first day of the school year. It was her first day as a teacher.

Six days later, Sammon stood across the street from her empty classroom, hoisting a sign in the air on behalf of the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU). Sammon, a Teach for America corps member, joined forces with teachers from her school and public schools across the city in the eight-day strike that kept kids from



AP

Chicago teachers ended their six-day strike on Thursday. The city has the country's third largest public school system.

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Holladay announces housing project

By **ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI**
News Writer

At the dedication of Holladay Properties' Darby Row project Thursday, representatives released plans for another brand new housing development on Notre Dame Avenue to open for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Thursday afternoon ceremony formally dedicated the building and announced its opening, though tenants have lived there since June. Drew Mitchell, project manager for Darby Row, said the other purpose was to announce the new

project called The Belfry.

"The Belfry is going to be similar to Darby Row, with 36 student bedrooms on the same block of Notre Dame Avenue, within walking distance to campus," Mitchell said. "Because of the leasing success we had at Darby Row, we decided to replicate the living situations for our new project."

Darby Row, which has 35 student bedrooms, is already 90 percent leased out for the 2013-2014 year, with a waiting list for the townhouses Mitchell said is

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Smartphone apps enhance game day experience

TextPride offers access to licensed images

By **TORI ROECK**
News Writer

Two Notre Dame graduates have created a way for college students to show school spirit through text messages. The TextPride app, available for limited release this weekend,

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TEXT PRIDE

Allows users to use licensed school images in text messages

Developed by 2012 ND alumni Evan Wray and Sean O'Brien

Limited release this weekend with 32 schools included, 10 more in development

GAMEDAY PARKING

Allows iPhone users to access information on available parking

Developed in 2011 by Celeste and John Ross (ND Law, 2003)

Available for ND, Michigan State, Purdue and University of Michigan

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Game Day Parking helps fans find open lots

By **SARAH MCCARTHY**
News Writer

South Bend residents Celeste and John Ross are working to make football gameday a more enjoyable experience for both football fans and local traffic.

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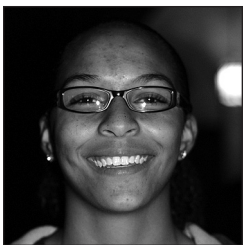
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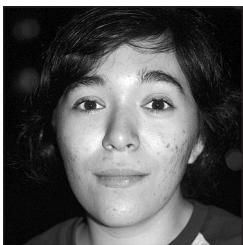
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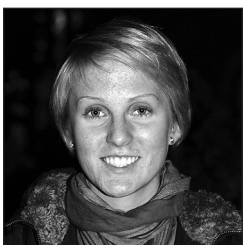
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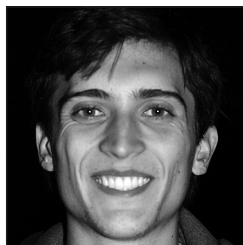
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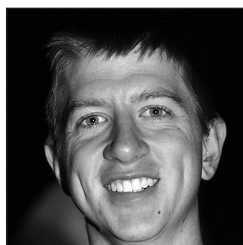
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Robert Roetzel

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“Chocolate chip pancakes.”



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“Crepes.”



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Freshman Jacob Bur from Stanford Hall prepares to toss a bean bag in a cornhole tournament to promote Legends' weekend events. Legends, Notre Dame's on-campus night club, will host Speed Dating on Thursday, Football Friday events and a Stoplight Party on Saturday this weekend.

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ND vs. Pittsburgh

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Vigil Mass

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Stepan Center

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

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Bond Hall

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kickoff.

Sunday

Women's Soccer

Alumni Stadium

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ND vs. Oakland

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Arts Center

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Tickets \$7/\$5/\$4

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Series

155 DeBartolo Hall

8 p.m.-9 p.m.

Series on “The Lord of
the Rings” continues.

College adds scholarship

By CAROLINE RECH
News Writer

Saint Mary's students will have the opportunity to add to their financial aid package with a new scholarship funded by the Hearst Foundation.

The Hearst Foundation, founded by William Randolph Hearst, has donated \$60,000 to Saint Mary's College to benefit students who are academically talented, but also economically disadvantaged. Students who are members of an underrepresented minority will have priority, according to the press release.

"We anticipate the average award per student to be \$2,500 each year, which will be added on top of their current financial

aid package," director of financial aid Kathleen Brown said.

The Class of 2014 is the first class of students to receive the Hearst scholarship for the 2012-13 academic year.

"We anticipate that 12 students overall will receive this award," Brown said.

Scholarships will be given the student's junior year and renewed for senior year. Students must be US citizens, eligible for the Federal Pell Grant Program and ideally majoring in science, math or engineering, according to Brown said. The process of determining this year's Hearst Scholars is currently being finalized, she said.

"The hope is that this scholarship will help students to graduate with less debt," Brown said.

Brown said this scholarship is part of an ongoing goal of providing more aid to eligible students.

"Part of [President Carol Ann Mooney's] last strategic plan was that we provide aid to 100 percent of Pell-eligible students," Brown said.

Emphasis for Hearst Scholar candidates is also put on students of an underrepresented minority, the press release stated. Minorities represented 13.5 percent of total students at Saint Mary's during the 2011-12 school year, according to Saint Mary's Institutional Research. Underrepresented minorities currently present at Saint Mary's include African American, American Indian, Asian, Hispanic and Native Hawaiian.

The Hearst Foundation has a strong tie to students with culturally diverse backgrounds. Their mission is to identify and fund outstanding non-profits to ensure that people of all backgrounds in the United States have the opportunity to build healthy, productive and inspiring lives, according to the Hearst Foundation.

Making a Saint Mary's education affordable to girls with different educational and ethnic backgrounds has also long been a mission of Saint Mary's, according to the College website.

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Professor talks on women's rights



JEAN-PIERRE VERTIL | The Observer

Eileen Hunt Botting, associate political science professor, discusses the issue of women's human rights in politics.

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
News Writer

Eileen Hunt Botting presented a section of her current book, "Wollstonecraft, Mill and Women's Human Rights," on Thursday at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Botting, a Kroc Institute Fellow and associate political science professor at Notre Dame, delved into the philosophies of John Stuart Mill and Mary Wollstonecraft and their concepts of universal human rights.

Botting said Wollstonecraft thought human creatures were equally subject to a universal and rational moral law regardless of sex.

"Such abstract arguments are a critical tool for alleging how [women's human rights] ought to be specified and realized in law and policy," she said. "Non-western cultures animated by religions, such as Islam and Hinduism, seek to incorporate the language of women's human rights into their systems of religious and political beliefs."

Botting said Mill's approach is the most influential, both negatively and positively, in politics today.

"[Mill's approach] has produced a global idiom for arguing women's rights in universalistic terms that do not necessarily privilege any particular religion," she said. "[But it doesn't] necessarily address the cultural preference of many humans for their religious beliefs to resonate with their principled, political conception of the equal dignity of

human beings."

In her book, Botting asked whether Mill's or Wollstonecraft's approach would fare better in alleging women's human rights for current issues, such as polygamy.

"The issue of polygamy is a serious test of the practical application of these approaches, since it has been controversial in a variety of cultures since Wollstonecraft's time," she said.

Wollstonecraft supported a concept of marriage that treated women as ends, not as means, Botting said.

"[Wollstonecraft saw marriage as] primarily a relationship between equal moral beings," Botting said. "She argued marriage is a perfectionist friendship. Polygamy might be permissible if marriage was supposed to be a business or corporate contract. [A perfectionist friendship] involves a mirroring and a mutual inspiration of the higher virtues in one another."

On the other hand, Botting said, Mill's approach could be perceived as culturally indifferent.

"If violations of female self-sovereignty are tracked and verified, then the monitoring Millian reformer faces a predicament," she said. "Alleging women's human rights on value-laden, naturalistic grounds, that may seem culturally insensitive. Ideally, this instigation would stir a local community to discussion of their own practice of polygamy."

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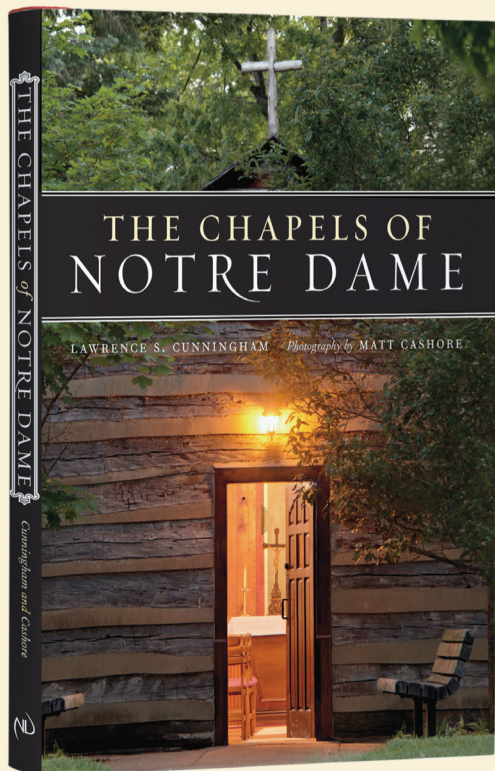
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Week-long game returns to campus

By **CHARMAGNE SOLOMON**
News Writer

Nerf gun? Check. Balled-up socks? Check. Orange armband? Check. The moderated tag game “Humans vs. Zombies” (HvZ) is back for its fifth annual session at Notre Dame.

Senior Alex Muench, the game’s primary moderator, has helped run the event hosted by WVFI radio station since Notre Dame’s first game in the spring of 2011.

“I’d say it’s a week long game of team-based tag. With Nerf and zombies,” Muench said.

The game involves campus-wide strategy and is played at colleges throughout the United States.

According to the rules listed on the game’s website, everyone who signs up to play is automatically registered as “human” and is distinguished by an orange armband tied around his or her arm. When the “Original Zombie” tags the first “human,” he or she becomes “infected” and must play on the “zombie” side, the website stated. To protect themselves, some humans buy large Nerf guns or carry socks. If they “kill” one of the zombies, they earn a 15-minute time out. Zombies hit with a projectile must move their bands down

to their neck to show they’re inactive and cannot “feed” on other humans, the website stated. There are also missions every night when the humans come out to complete tasks that can create more safe zones for humans to hide from zombies or earn longer time-out times to prevent zombies from attacking. It all comes down to a huge showdown on Sunday night: If any humans are left standing at the end of the mission, humans win, the website stated.

Despite the formulaic procedure, Muench said every game is unique.

“What really makes a difference is the players,” Muench said. “A small sub-group of friends can gain notoriety and change the course of the game this semester. And that’s what always makes things interesting.”

Into its third year at Notre Dame, HvZ is closing in on just over 150 players. This year’s game runs from Sept. 25 to Sept. 29. The game is open to all students at Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross. Sign-ups are accepted until Sept. 21 and can be accessed at www.hvzsource.com/nd.

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College obtains science grant

By **BRIDGET FEENEY**
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Over a dozen science, engineering and math students from Saint Mary’s will receive additional financial and academic support as the result of a grant recently awarded to the College.

Chemistry professor Toni Barstis and math professor Joanne Snow served as co-principal investigators of the grant, awarded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Biology professor Ryan Dombkowski is the faculty principal investigator of the grant and also served as co-author.

The grant will begin distribution to eligible students starting in the 2013-14 school year. The grant awards \$600,000 to Saint Mary’s to sponsor the advancement of women in engineering, math and science. The grant is through the NSF PRISM Women Scholars Program and provides scholarships for up to 20 students. The grant will provide roughly \$26,500 of support to each student. Distribution of funds is spread throughout their sophomore, junior and senior years.

“[The scholarships] are wonderful opportunities for Saint Mary’s to provide financial and developmental support to women interested in ‘STEM’ [Science, Technology,

Engineering and Math] field,” Dombkowski said.

The school will award the scholarships to students based on their high school and first semester grades, along with recommendations from first-year professors and advisors. In addition to academia and references, Dombkowski said scholarship recipients must demonstrate an “exceptional motivation and enthusiasm for STEM disciplines.”

“In the end, we want to see our students go off into successful and exciting careers in STEM fields and this scholarship program should provide us with support to do that at a higher level,” Dombkowski said.

Once a student is given a scholarship, she will have to complete a list of requirements as part of her award, Dombkowski said. The student will have to participate in some community outreach, such as math or science tutoring at local schools, partake in some on-campus educational events and various field trips to pharmaceutical companies, research labs and other STEM places, he said. The scholarship recipient will also have to apply for summer research opportunities and as seniors, will attend a national conference where they will present their research from the summer or their senior comps, Dombkowski

said.

Dombkowski said being awarded the grant is an accomplishment itself because of the number of applications the NSF receives every year.

“I want to say that the NSF is only funding about 6 to 8 percent of their current grant applications, which means Saint Mary’s has been awarded this opportunity amongst a lot of competition,” he said. “We are certainly honored to be recognized by the NSF and excited to get started.”

Dombkowski said the College science and math departments have high hopes for the grant and are eager to see the impact of it on students, school and community.

“I think that I can speak for my other [co-principle investigators] when I say that we hope the grant will help us to advertise the wonderful work Saint Mary’s women all already doing in STEM fields; to promote STEM careers and research for Saint Mary’s students; to attract, interest and retain the best and brightest students towards the STEM disciplines and to financially support exceptionally motivated STEM students throughout their studies,” he said.

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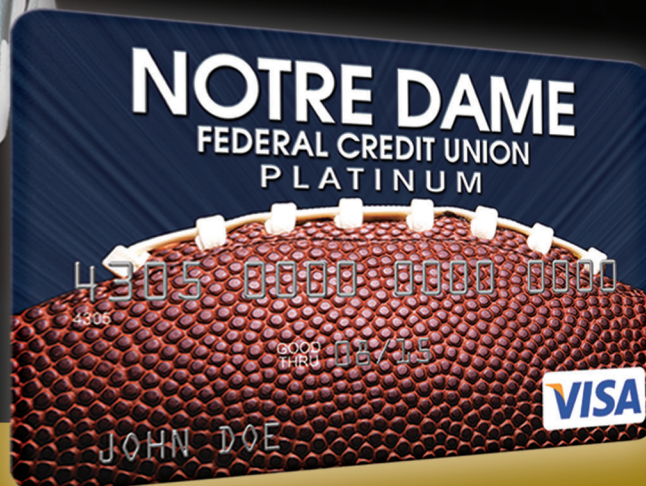
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Chemists earn ACS honor

By **MADELINE MILES**
News Writer

The American Chemical Society (ACS) recently named Philip Bays, professor emeritus of chemistry at Saint Mary's, and Anthony Serianni, professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Notre Dame as ACS Fellows. Bays said he is impressed with those previously distinguished as ACS Fellows and is humbled to be among that group.

"I viewed most of the nominees to have served in ACS governance for many years, or have been researchers who have made important discoveries, or have had significant impact on the public with their outreach work on behalf of chemistry," Bays said. "I did not see myself in any of those categories."

Bays said the national ACS Committee on Project SEED nominated him for the award. According to the ACS website, the Project SEED summer research program opens new doors for economically disadvantaged students to experience what it's like to be a chemist.

For the past three summers, Bays has worked with Dr. Mary Prorok at Notre Dame to place economically disadvantaged students into summer research positions, he said.

"I saw the honor as a

breakthrough in terms of recognizing people from small colleges who work so hard to teach and to mentor students and are so often overlooked when compared to people from

"I hope to be able to sustain the level of work that the ACS has chosen to acknowledge and expects will continue."

Anthony Serianni
professor
Chemistry and Biochemistry

larger organizations," Bays said. "I also am excited that the honor places a spotlight on the accomplishments of the Project SEED program and the students who are mentored though it."

Serianni said he was also honored to join an accomplished and distinguished group of ACS Fellows.

"I hope to be able to sustain the level of work that the ACS has chosen to acknowledge and expects will continue," Serianni said.

He hopes the recognition will have a positive impact on science education at Notre Dame, he said.

"We are continuously striving to raise the quality and

impact of our undergraduate and graduate science programs at Notre Dame," Serianni said. "One metric of quality derives from the awards, distinctions and honors that faculty receive, especially from outside the University. I like to think that receiving this award contributes to this effort in a small but meaningful way."

Serianni said he has many hopes for the future after achieving such an honor.

"I hope to share my experience as an academic researcher and entrepreneur with persons and groups outside the University more regularly, and perhaps transition into a community leader down the line where my scientific expertise can be put to more practical use," Serianni said.

Serianni thanked his wife and family, students and collaborators, professors at Albright College and Michigan State, and coworkers at Omicron Biochemicals who all supported his research without any reservations.

"The truth about awards and honors is that you rarely see the externalities. Personal achievement, however defined, is misleading," Serianni said. "It comes at costs paid by people who care about, support and encourage the honoree."

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Strike

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their classrooms and brought teachers to the picket lines.

"It became apparent that there was a lot of community and parent support," Sammon said. "Parents know what the school is like. They know we're missing a lot of really basic needs. ... We're missing adequate textbooks, we're missing air conditioning, athletic equipment and computers. So they know our struggle."

City officials and union delegates reached an agreement and suspended the strike Wednesday, and the union members will vote to ratify the new contract in coming weeks. Chicago Public Schools (CPS) teachers returned to their classrooms Thursday after lengthy debates on teacher evaluations, school resources and other education issues.

The Chicago Vocational Career Academy where Sammon teaches is in a low-income neighborhood on the south side of Chicago. With the strike, Sammon said she worried about her students on the streets instead of inside the classroom.

"A lot of students here get breakfast, lunch and dinner supplied for them by the state. ... I think daycare becomes a problem when you are working paycheck to paycheck, and you depend on the school for daycare," she said. "I spent all of the strike thinking about, 'What are they doing right now, are they safe, are they fed? I know they aren't thinking about math, but are they getting their basic needs met?'"

But on Thursday, Sammon finally returned to her classroom.

"Today really felt like the first day of school," she said Thursday. "Kids were excited and hugging their friends in the hallway. I took today to go over all the rules. A few of my students said that they were ready to start learning math again, so naturally that got me excited to continue the rest of the year strike-free and with a solid working contract."

As the storm brewed during Sammon's first days at school, she said she warned her students about the possibility of the strike before they left class Friday, not knowing if they would be back in their desks Monday.

Sammon, a former sports writer for The Observer, said she turned the strike into a lesson about how her students could engage their community by following the local media.

"This was so fun for me to tell my students, 'Watch the news. Go home and watch the news on Sunday night,'" she said. "For the first time, these kids were involved ... and their lives were directly involved in politics."

A voice that matters

The strike did make headlines around the country as the nation's third largest public school system fought through negotiations over the past two weeks.

Dr. Maria McKenna, primary advisor for students in the Program for Education, Schooling and Society (ESS), said the national attention to the strike could bring more education issues to the table for discussion.

"I think that this strike and the

complexity of the issues that both sides were dealing with require people from all sorts of different disciplines to come together and really think in new ways about education, about children and learning and about teaching," she said.

McKenna participated in a forum discussion hosted by the EduClub on Wednesday evening about the strike, along with labor historian and history professor Dr. Dan Graff.

During the forum, Graff said both the city and the CTU made sacrifices in the negotiations. The school board promised the teachers to hire 600 new teachers in art, music and other non-core classes, as well as more school counselors. In a city where many schools began class without any textbooks, the board also guaranteed textbooks would arrive before the first day of class.

However, Graff said the teachers union conceded on the issue of teacher evaluation, which will continue to utilize standardized testing results at least in part.

"My sense as an outsider and an observer is that at least internally, the union came away stronger by this fight, by the activity itself of banding together and striking, showing strength in the face of some real strong attempts to take away some of the CTU's bargaining power," Graff said.

The strike was the first major strike in an American metropolitan area in more than two dozen years, Graff said.

"We're not used to seeing big public strikes," he said. "The goal is not quitting. It's withdrawing our labor as leverage to get you to negotiate. ... This is what a strike is supposed to do. You get to a settlement and then you move on."

'You know who lost?'

Sophomore Shaaya Ellis disagreed with Graff, however. For him, teachers belong in the classroom, not on picket lines.

"I've been following it every step of the way," he said. "What I got for it was greedy union thugs wanting to be paid more money for incompetence."

Ellis, who attended public schools in the Bronx and Harlem in New York, said he has followed the strike closely in the media throughout the past few weeks.

The rhetoric on the strike has focused on who won and lost between the city and the teachers, Ellis said, but that debate has taken away from students' education.

"We can go back and forth and decide who won, who won," he said. "You know who lost? The children. They lost seven days of instruction, and to them, that's an extended summer break. ... The students, they won't see the disaster that the union has wrought on them."

Senior and EduClub president Rebecca Kibler said Notre Dame students have a responsibility to promote educational opportunities for younger students.

"In general, Notre Dame students are where we are because we received a stellar K-12 education or have had a lot of opportunities and are continuing to get that education," she said. "Many of the [CPS students] don't have arts teachers,

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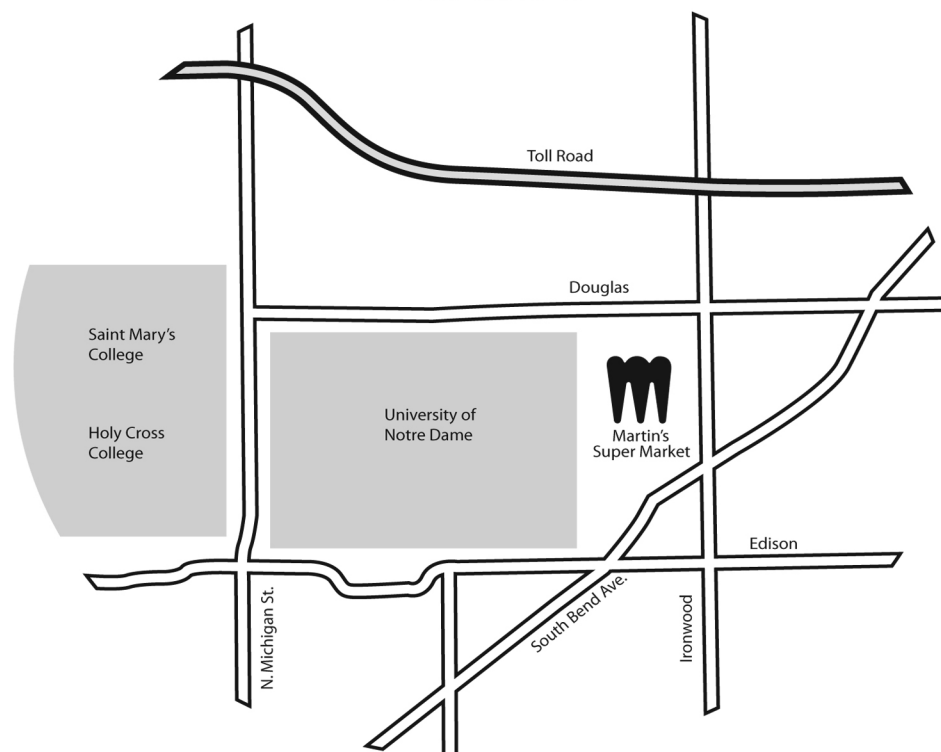
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Housing

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“wildly popular.”

“Darby Row truly set a new standard for student housing in the area, in terms of amenities and living situation,” Mitchell said. “The tenant mix is very interesting, with undergraduate students, graduate students, and some graduate student families. We deliberately kept the size down to less than 40 tenants to keep the tight community feel.”

Mitchell said The Belfry’s name connects to the historical traditions surrounding campus — the building will be located at the corner of Notre Dame Avenue and Campeau Street after Campeau is extended as part of a local construction project. Campeau Street was named for Gregory Campeau, who built the first bell tower at the University of Notre Dame.

“Belfry is the dictionary term for a bell tower, and so to incorporate this bell concept, we acquired two 350-pound church bells that have been in New Orleans for the past 180 years which we’ll use on either side of the building’s façade,” Mitchell said. “The Belfry will be located at approximately 740 Notre

Dame Avenue, on the location of the old Club 23 building.”

Mitchell said Holladay Properties plans to deliver a project quite similar to Darby Row, with 18 two-bedroom units in a variety of configurations.

“Each unit will average 500 square feet or more per bedroom and is fully furnished, with bedroom and living room sets as well as 50-inch flat screen TVs and private bathrooms in each bedroom,” Mitchell said. “There will be granite countertops throughout each unit, and everything will be wireless internet ready.”

Mitchell said the convenience factor makes The Belfry and Darby Row projects very attractive to students, with units within walking distance to campus and also located on the Transpo bus route. Rent Like A Champion Today handles Darby Row’s marketing and will also handle The Belfry’s.

Mitchell said the students previously on the waitlist for Darby Row townhouses have been shifted to The Belfry, and the company will begin signing leases for the new development today. Construction on the project will begin next month, and The Belfry will open June 1, 2013. Mitchell directed



Photo provided by Holladay Properties

The Belfry, the latest student housing project on Notre Dame Avenue, will open in 2013. The design of the project will feature two 180-year-old bells from churches in New Orleans.

students interested in learning more about the Notre Dame Avenue housing projects to the Rent Like A Champion Today website.

“We hired Rent Like A Champion Today to assist with the marketing efforts for Darby Row and the Belfry, especially reaching students,” Mitchell said.

Mike Doyle, chief executive officer of Rent Like A Champion Today and a 2012 Notre Dame graduate, said a group of Notre Dame alumni founded his

company to develop the neighborhoods around campus.

“We are proud to partner with Holladay Properties to help with the marketing of both Darby Row and The Belfry to the students of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, and Holy Cross,” Doyle said. “There is truly nothing else like these projects in terms of quality, and we are happy to be able to provide these housing options to students.”

Mitchell said he agreed with Doyle’s sentiment, praising the

quality and pricing of the units.

“As a double-Domer myself, I’m just trying to deliver the type of product that I wish had been here when I was at school,” Mitchell said. “This project is doing great things for the neighborhood — it’s got the Notre Dame Avenue marquis address, and there is no one else in the market delivering products as nice as this at rates as competitive as ours.”

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Parking

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Ross and her husband, a 2003 graduate of the Notre Dame Law School, created the Game Day Parking App in

2011. The app allows iPhone users to directly access information on available parking spots during gamedays.

The couple thought of the app at the beginning of the football season last year

when they went to Michigan State for a game, Celeste Ross said. As they drove around the parking lots in search of an empty spot, they noticed the parking seemed very restrictive.

“My husband ... said, ‘It would be really nice as a guest if I knew where to go and

“Once you decide where you want to go, [the app] will give you turn-by-turn directions from wherever you are to that parking space.”

Celeste Ross
developer
Game Day Parking App

pull up all the non-reserved parking in that area.”

The app also allows users to factor in price and distance to the stadium when looking for a parking spot. It provides specific information on certain parking areas, such as how many parking spaces are available, how many restrooms there are and if tailgating is allowed.

“Once you decide where you want to go, [the app] will give you turn-by-turn directions from wherever you are to that parking space,” Celeste Ross said.

The couple hopes to expand their app to other smartphones, such as Droids, in the future, she said.

Although she and her husband themselves do not attend every Notre Dame football game throughout the season, the app is still useful when they have guests, Celeste Ross said.

“We have a lot of friends coming into to town who have always ... asked, ‘Where do we park?’ she said. “We were always drawing maps or trying to explain ... but now we can direct them to this app and they have a choice of parking.”

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where to park,’ ” Celeste Ross said. “That happened a couple of other times in a couple of other places and the result of that was thinking, ‘I wonder if there’s an app out there that ... tells me where I could go for football parking.’ After some research, they discovered there was no such app and decided to create their own, Celeste Ross said. The app is currently only available for iPhone users and can be accessed at Notre Dame, the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue.

“With the goal of making the football gameday experience better for fans, you, through the app, can choose where you want to park around the stadium,” Celeste Ross said. “So if you are on the east side [of the stadium], the app will

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TextPride

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allows users to put licensed school images in text messages to liven up anything from gameday updates to smack talk.

2012 graduate Evan Wray said users can choose from a variety of pictures to use in their text messages, and every purchase of the app supports your school.

"For Notre Dame, for example, we have two different packages with 25 images in each," Wray said. "These are all licensed Notre Dame images. They're the images you'll see in the programs, on T-shirts, the identical leprechaun and everything. They're a really cool way for Notre Dame students, fans and alumni to show their spirit in an extra way."

Wray said he and business partner Sean O'Brien developed the idea for TextPride during their senior year after looking into emoticons.

"The more we started thinking about it, we asked 'What does everyone at Notre Dame love?' And they love Notre Dame football and sports teams, and that's the same with many other Division I schools," Wray said. "So we thought why not try to

incorporate University-specific emoticons into text messages?"

While the initial version only works for text messages, the next version of the app will work for email and social media as well, Wray said.

Wray said originally they wanted to pursue the app as a side project but recognized its potential as a start-up.

"I was a walk-on on the football team so I know how crazy fans are ... but that's where we thought there would be a market, at least at Notre Dame," he said. "When Sean and I sat down and talked about it, we realized this could be bigger than Notre Dame and even bigger than the college universe."

O'Brien said 32 schools have signed on to allow TextPride to use their images, and 10 more are in the works.

Much of the app's initial success can be credited to funding and advice from the Notre Dame network, Wray said.

"It's unbelievable how helpful people have been," Wray said. "We have an entire team of mentors, investors and people giving us guidance who have been through this process before, and they're all connected to the Notre Dame network ... Just because we're

all connected to Notre Dame, everyone is so willing to help."

O'Brien said the first investment came from Patrick Salvi, a Notre Dame alumnus and professor at the Notre Dame Law School.

Because of the influence Notre Dame has had on their business, O'Brien said it is only fitting to launch the app for limited release at the football game against the University of Michigan on Saturday. Promotion events to familiarize people with the app include giveaways at the Eddy Street concert Friday night and a tailgate before the game Saturday, he said. The full release of the app will take place in a few weeks.

"We have a special promotion on Friday at the Eddy Street concert with giveaways for anyone who comes by. ... We'll explain how to use [the app] and how to get it," O'Brien said. "Saturday you'll be able to see our team members walking around with TextPride gear on, and we'll be happy to answer any questions."

The TextPride app is available to download from the Apple App Store as well as from www.textpride.com.

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Phelps

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to implement the plan: Focus on reaching children from kindergarten through fourth grade, as well as middle school and high school programs, and place them in school and after-school programs.

"When you get a kid at age 6, it's a 10-year investment, so by the time he or she is 16, they see there are other options," Phelps said. "We're always going to have some sort of violence. ... But we can get kids focused to pull it down to where it's not [as bad], and say, 'Enough's enough,' and show these young people there are other options."

Community leaders George Azar of the Rise Up Academy and The Crossing's Rob Staley have worked with Phelps to assist students struggling in school and to get high school drop-outs to transition to education or work. John McCaskill, regional supervisor of Kraft Foods, told Phelps the company will find jobs for targeted youth, even those with a blemish on their records.

"That was the model for the drop-outs, and from that standpoint, now let's go to work," Phelps said.

Naturally, Phelps wanted to integrate basketball into the community initiative to reach as many youth as possible. He and three South Bend leaders recruited over 40 kids to join a Friday night basketball league at the Kroc Center this summer.

"We used basketball as a hook.

Starting in November, we're going to have an eight-team league out there," said Phelps, who volunteered to fund the league at \$250 per team.

Phelps, who has also funded programs in Memphis and New Orleans, credits University President Emeritus Fr. Ted Hesburgh as his own inspiration.

"He's got me from coaching basketball to coaching the streets," Phelps said. "I've done it ever since I left here [in 1991]. I saw Hesburgh at a function [in 1997] and told him I started a mentoring program to have people give up one lunch and go in with a high-risk kid, and I told him I'm working at ESPN. He said, 'That's it?'"

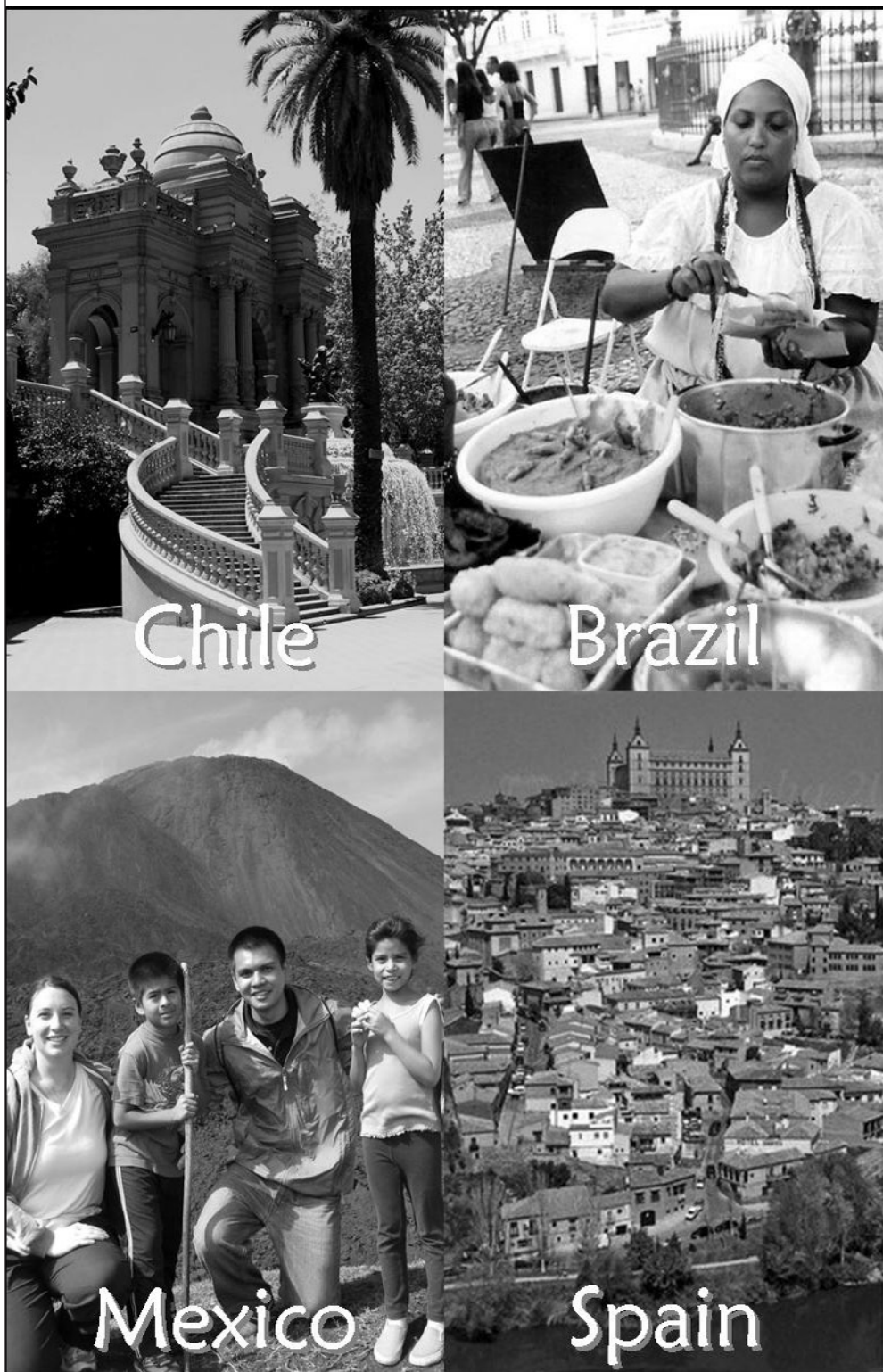
Phelps said Notre Dame students can help make a difference in South Bend, which reported its 13th homicide of 2012 this week, nearly as many as those incurred in 2010 and 2011 combined.

"We're Notre Dame," he said. "It's up to the [students] to carry on the mystique and tradition of what this place is all about. Look at the [Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE)]. The ACE program, led by Fr. [Tim] Scully, typifies the mission of the CSC. If you're distracted from [outreach], you've failed Notre Dame. Notre Dame hasn't failed you."

And each day, Phelps works to make sure the South Bend community doesn't fail its youth.

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Strike

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they don't have music teachers, they don't have basic things like that that are part of a well-rounded education, like Notre Dame students kind of take for granted."

Future teachers should especially

pay attention to the issues debated in light of this strike, Kibler said.

"I think this is a really great opportunity for students to really look at both sides of an issue and sort of evaluate personally where they're going to fall on it, so if they going into the teaching profession they'll have a well-reasoned opinion on these

things that teachers should have an opinion about," she said.

Back to school

For Sammon, the strike was perhaps more draining than a day teaching math at the front of her classroom.

"It was quite exhausting," she said.

"We had to be at school earlier than normal even. Plus it's not exactly a fun time just standing with a sign up and waiting for cars to honk."

Sammon, like all other CPS teachers, is a member of the union. While she worried about her students, as they weren't in school, she said she felt it was important to show

solidarity for her coworkers.

"I knew I needed to be there to show my support for my coworkers who were very interested in the strike," she said. "To me, it was more important to establish a good relationship with them."

Even as the strike ends, McMannon said a return to the classrooms will not end some of the critical questions for her school district.

"To be honest, I am worried about what is going to happen system-wide going forward," she said. "Schools are going to be shut down, which means schools that are already overcrowded will become more crowded. There already aren't enough resources, and given that Illinois' economy is one of the worst in the nation, I just don't see where those are going to come from."

McMannon said she also worries teachers will leave the area to find jobs elsewhere.

"These are tough issues that are likely impossible to solve, but they are not impossible to improve," she said. "I am not hoping that suddenly all the problems are gone and CPS is the top public school district in the country. That is completely unrealistic. I am hopeful, however, that this process will allow the teachers, the board and the city to come together to word toward improvement, because it really is needed."

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Just friends

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Second semester of my senior year in high school, I decided I would write down some of the things I most strongly believe in. I felt that my beliefs would be challenged in college and I needed intellectual responses of why I believed what I did.

One of the things I firmly believe in is that boys and girls can be friends — just friends. I do not think that during the friendship they cannot fall for one another, care very deeply for each other or realize that they should be together. I'm not denying that there is most often an addition of feelings than "just friends." Nonetheless, I think through self control and being circumspect, everyone is perfectly able to have a healthy friendship with a person of the opposite gender. Dave Matthews' band sang: "A guy and a girl can be just friends, but at one point or another, they will fall for each other. Maybe temporarily, maybe at the wrong, maybe too late, or maybe forever". Aristotle says in his Nicomachean Ethics, "It is, therefore, in the friendship of good men that feelings of affection and friendship exist in their highest and best form." All that needs to exist is trust, affection, and good will in order for friendship to thrive — regardless of gender.

At Saint Mary's, there seems to be a problem with my theory; there are no men to befriend. However, there are quite a few just across the road. There is a sting stereotype that the Saint Mary's girls are here for the Notre Dame boys to date and nothing else. Why would they waste their time befriending women so far away if it wasn't going to go any further than being friends? They could walk 100 feet and befriend 100 girls in their sister dorm instead.

Despite the speck of truth that exists in the aforementioned stereotype, you may be asking, "Is that what the ND boys think?" Good question. Here is the answer from an ND boy himself:

"Dear parents, teachers, and guardians of the girls from across the lake: You have done an incredible job. Let me explain. My name is Jack, and I'm a current freshman at Notre Dame studying aerospace engineering. In the process of surviving Frosh-O, I had the pleasure of meeting some of the beautiful and talented girls from Saint Mary's. Whether we see them on the quads, in the dining halls or even at some of our dorm Masses, they always bring a smile to our faces. They are the epitome of what it means to be a Catholic college student and they influence everyone around them in a positive way. So while we're sure you miss your daughters, we can't thank you enough for letting them become Saint Mary's girls. Peace, love, Notre Dame."

There you go — we (women) can be friends with the men down the drive. Smile, ladies.

Another thing I fully believe in is "Birthday Week." I believe that people should have a whole week to celebrate their birthday. If you get to your birthday and you cannot find something to celebrate about your life and being one year older for seven days, you need to re-evaluate your life and realize how blessed you really are because, well, you made it one more year. So here's to you Jack. Happy Birthday! Enjoy the whole week.

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The Notre Dame family

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

It's a phrase tossed around like a pigskin on campus: "The Notre Dame family." We've heard it before we were students from our admissions office tour guides. We heard it all during freshmen orientation. You probably hear it banded about on a regular basis. And for those whose parents attended the University, they've been hearing it their entire life.

But the Notre Dame family isn't just a phrase to pad tour guides' itineraries or sell the University to prospective students. It is the backbone of the University. We see it in the actions of students, professors and staff every single day. Our family is a part of who we are as the University of Notre Dame, just like football or exceptional academics.

If you ever doubted the power of the Notre Dame family beyond just being a phrase, look no further than last weekend's football game against Michigan State — and then look forward to this Saturday night's matchup versus Michigan. Days before the team was set to square off against the Spartans, senior linebacker Manti Te'o's grandmother and girlfriend both passed away. Manti suited up for the game and played with the heart of a champion, registering 12 tackles in the Irish victory. After the game, Te'o was asked if the game could have gone any better.

"Yeah, I could call my girlfriend right now and talk about the game," he said. "But I've just got to get on my knees, say a prayer and I can talk to her that way." Te'o's teammates and coaches were there for him, naturally. But the Notre Dame fans who made the trip to East Lansing, Mich., also were there to support Manti, cheering his

name throughout the game. The 12 tackles were nice, as was the win. But right then and there, Irish fans weren't cheering onward to victory. They were there as family, supporting one of their own.

Saturday, we'll see this in action again. Thousands of students, alumni and fans alike are planning to sport leis to the long-awaited matchup against archrival Michigan. This game is special more than just because it's against Michigan or because it's a night game. This game will be a display of the power of Notre Dame. These leis go beyond showing support for Manti in what is an unimaginably difficult series of days. They are a show of solidarity and gratitude, for putting so much into the University in a time of such sadness. They are a display of family, because that's what family does — stand behind the brave, support the suffering and thank the selfless.

This game means a lot on the field for the Irish. But it means even more off of it. We must also take something away from the game Saturday — a reminder of how important family is to Notre Dame. Without it, we're a university. With it, we're the University. Manti Te'o isn't the only one on campus going through struggles. Just because he puts it all on the line on the field, does not mean he is more a part of the Notre Dame family than anyone else. Remember that suffering knows no names. Whether they are fellow members of our residence halls, clubs or classmates, professors or staff members, rectors or roommates, everyone who is a part of Notre Dame is family to us. In times of need, that means supporting them unconditionally.

Surprisingly, for some Notre Dame fans, football is secondary. When we came to the University, we may not have been able to tell a touchdown from a touchback. But family is natural for us. Family is universal here. Without family, we wouldn't be the University of Notre Dame.

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Green Day's new release goes back to their roots

Priscella Vega

Daily Forty-Niner

Since the rise of dubstep and house music, the mainstream music scene has been missing traditional rock and roll. However, the rock band Green Day is bound to change that status with their latest album release, "¡Uno!"

The album is like a kaleidoscope of influences from their previous albums, such as "Kerplunk!," "Warning" and "Dookie," but still manages to sound like something new.

Green Day's album kicks off with "Nuclear Family," a song that sounds like a throwback to their 1997 record "Nimrod." The track is a head-banging electric guitar track with catchy solos and riffs, almost similar to something the Ramones' would have created.

Their track "Carpe Diem" has a simple but enthralling melody, and it moves the album along nicely. Despite the music sounding upbeat and positive, the song's lyrics criticize the cliché ways that the

Latin phrase "carpe diem" is used in our culture.

Before the band released their full album for streaming, three singles had been released: "Oh Love," "Kill The DJ" and "Let Yourself Go." These songs gave the world a glimpse at the throwback sound that Green Day will deliver us with this album.

"Let Yourself Go" is a signature Green Day track with a raw and in-your-face attitude that would have felt at home on their classic 1994 release "Dookie." The anthem has a simple chorus that's easy enough for anyone to sing along to but creates a surprising passion and anger at just over three minutes. The track will certainly be a real treat to experience live.

"Kill The DJ" is one of the most diverse tracks on the album. Instead of a typical bass line blended in the background of a snazzy guitar solo, the track relies heavily on a funky bass lick. The slow and whimsical sound is paired with lyrics that are ironic due to the fact that Green Day has been played heavily on the radio in the

past decade.

By the last few songs, the album starts to waver in energy. The songs aren't necessarily disappointing, but it feels like the album came to a halt too soon.

"¡Uno!" is much like a mix of Green Day's discography. Influences from past records are easily intertwined within their new songs. Green Day managed to craft a new album that steers clear of creating another political concept album and instead creates a collection of songs with just enough spark to bring back old fans and gain a generation of new ones.

"¡Uno!" will be released on Sept. 25 and is the first of a trilogy of albums, with the next two albums, "¡Dos!" and "¡Tré!," being released Nov. 13 and Jan. 15, 2013 respectively.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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Michigan's Frankenstein

Gary Caruso
Capitol Comments

"Frankenstein," Mary Shelly's iconic Gothic horror tale, has been embellished throughout the literary and artistic worlds since its first publication in the early 1800s. Behind the novel's plot lies Victor Frankenstein, who from an early age attempts to instill life into lifeless bodies. Eventually, when his creature is finally born, the replicated beauty he anticipates is in fact a stomach-turning hideous monster. What began with the noblest of intentions becomes an abject fiend.

In Michigan, a similarly monstrous statewide referendum simmers atop their November ballot. Voters will decide whether to overturn Public Act 4, the state's so-called Emergency Manager Law. Under this act, the state government — like Frankenstein himself — attempts to breathe new life into fiscally lifeless communities through a brutal control process. The ill-conceived law thrusts conflict into local communities by bestowing broad, unbridled, unilateral power upon a solitary state appointee who wrestles authority away from the locally elected officials in a city or school district.

A released poll this week from the Lansing-based firm, Marketing Resource Group, found Republicans (62 percent) overwhelming favor appointing emergency czars as compared to supportive Democrats (29 percent). The GOP views the law as a way to improve depressed regions in

Michigan. Conversely, Democrats believe emergency managers spuriously overreach into the sovereign jurisdiction of local communities. Ironically, both sides cite the current widespread deployment of this Michigan monster to support themselves.

Today, state appointees are in place controlling the operations of the cities of Benton Harbor, Ecorse, Flint and Pontiac while Detroit, Inkster and River Rouge operate under consent agreements. The public school districts in Detroit, Highland Park and Muskegon Heights are also under the total control of these state-appointed "emergency" managers who unnecessarily swoop in with almost absolute powers. Unfortunately, these managers routinely seize all daily operational responsibility from duly elected officials or impose operational guidelines through strict consent agreements. Like Frankenstein's grotesque monster, these managers extract the local soul from traditional community self-rule procedures.

This Michigan approach of granting unfettered authority to an outsider is fundamentally undemocratic. The act as it currently stands is wrong on two fronts. First, it is absolutely un-American to enshrine a sole czar who can goosestep into a community and usurp the will of the electorate by hijacking the duties of duly elected public representatives. Our nation's history is littered with wars in which our forefathers sacrificed their lives to stand against such principles.

Secondly, the emergency manager's authority should not allow for any one individual to personally

establish initiatives within a community to solve a fiscal crisis. The manager's role should be modeled on the process established in the Voting Rights Act whereby the courts and U.S. Justice Department have oversight through an approval or veto authority. It is essential for the locally elected representatives to decide which methods best reduce costs in reaching a benchmark, not for the emergency manager to dictate policy. A city council member, school board member and mayor — always accountable to the voting citizenry — must decide which difficult path to walk while balancing choices like closing down a library as opposed to reducing the police force ranks.

Such measured and balanced approaches avoid potentially hostile conflicts like when a Detroit-based czar tries to dictate policy cuts to an Upper Peninsula community, or vice versa. One needs to look no farther than at two states' recent but differing attempts to close budget deficits. The labor-friendly Maryland governor invited labor to the negotiating table while the Wisconsin governor attacked the entire public sector union structure through a contentious fight followed by a chaotic recall process. Both states ultimately reduced their deficits, albeit with quite opposite public goodwill.

Authoritarian conflict need not be the fabric upon which Public Act 4 currently creates a combative atmosphere. Local communities must decide how to meet financial goals within established timelines rather than allow outside czars to force a

political or personal or foreign philosophy upon their community ideals. Moreover, to perfect Public Act 4, a new mandate must exist that requires elected officials to fulfill their duties in good faith under predetermined statewide guidelines or face their own recall and removal. Emergency managers — or for larger municipalities, control boards — must partner with localities to reach budgetary goals through an approval or veto process. Never should one person individually or unilaterally dictate specific policy to an elected body on how to achieve bottom-line benchmarks.

Voiding the Emergency Manager Law allows for a much-needed rewrite or "Young Frankenstein" revision — guiding localities through a fiscal crisis while engaging local officials to make hard decisions. Elected officials must choose methods that are never the antithesis of their local community values or traditions. That sensible solution always stimulates the type of happy singing that ended the "Young Frankenstein" movie as it faded to a closed.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Celebrate life!

Dear Ms. Sullivan,

Thank you for voicing your concerns about our club and the use of Dr. Seuss' quote. Our intent in using the Dr. Seuss quote was to promote the idea that everyone has value and that value is not dependent on size, capabilities, age or talent. We support and celebrate life from conception until natural death. To that end, our club participates in volunteering at Hannah and Friends, Hannah's House, The Women's Care Center, and Portage Manor. Upholding the sanctity of all human life is the mission of our club and for that reason our club T-shirts this year feature Matthew Kelly's quote, "The best way to defend life, is to celebrate life."

We would like to invite you and the entire Notre Dame family to learn more about our club. Our next meeting will be announced on our website, nd.edu/~prolife. We would love to discuss more fully our club and our mission. Please join us in celebrating the value and joy of life in all its stages.

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Let's Talk About: 'Fifty Shades of Grey'

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Summer is a time dedicated to spending days outside, and what better way to enjoy the pool or the beach than with a page-turner in hand? One of the pop-culture phenomena of the summer was the erotic novel "Fifty Shades of Grey." The book has topped best-seller charts and become pop-culture sensation, but not without criticism. The book has been condemned for its steamy subject matter and the behavior of its central characters, Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele. Hoping to break away from the taboo, hush-hush nature on campus surrounding this particular work of literature, The Observer brought in Assistant Managing Editor Sam Stryker and Scene Writer Suzanna Pratt to have what might be the first open, public and civil conversation about "Fifty Shades" in Notre Dame history. Now, let's chat.

Sam Stryker: It has sold 40 million copies worldwide. It has topped several best-seller charts around the world, including the United States and the United Kingdom. It is the fastest-selling paperback of all time, surpassing even the "Harry Potter" series. And it has been stirring up some major controversy.

No, I'm not talking about "The Hunger Games" or "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," but good guess. The pop-culture juggernaut I speak of is E.L. James' work of erotic fiction, "Fifty Shades of Grey," which is causing a firestorm not just in the literary world, but also across America. The novel has been the subject of numerous stories in The New York Times, the "Today Show," and James was even named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time Magazine. And with a film adaptation on the way, it doesn't seem like the attention will be going away any time soon.

Why all the attention? One word — sex, and not vanilla sex at that.

There, I said the dirty word. Americans are just not comfortable with sex. What "Harry Potter" is to magic, "Fifty Shades" is to sex. So instead of witches and wizards, readers enter into a dark world of bondage and submission with "Fifty Shades." Part of the reason the novel (and its two sequels in the "Fifty Shades" trilogy)

is causing such a hubbub is because it deals with BDSM — bondage/dominance, sadism/masochism.

For the uninitiated, "Fifty Shades" tells the tale of Anastasia Steele, a recent college graduate. The chaste Anastasia is swept off her feet and then some by the enigmatic Christian Grey, a mysterious Seattle billionaire who is one part Hugh Hefner, one part Howard Hughes and one part Robert Pattinson. The couple's romantic passion is threatened by Christian's fondness for rough sex. You won't find this in the children's section of the library.

I'd argue it isn't the coarseness of the subject matter that is getting so many readers' pulses racing. Rather, it's the fact that for the first time, a chart-topping literary phenomenon is about the birds and the bees. We're used to reading about unicorns and vampires and Quidditch. Heck, we saw with "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" that readers will digest material dealing with adult themes like abuse and murder. Yet as soon as we get to spend some uncensored bedroom time for the majority of a best-seller, boom goes the dynamite.

Because it deals with some admittedly major-league lovemaking, "Fifty Shades" has come under attack for being an insult to literature. A lot of this criticism has come from people who have not even read the book. They may claim the subject material is too coarse for them. These critics are missing the point — if they can't handle the subject material, then clearly they were not the target audience for the series in the first place.

The book has been knocked for being "mommy porn," but really, "Fifty Shades" is an escapist novel. Just like "Harry Potter" allowed children and adults alike to escape into a magical world of witchcraft and wizardry, "Fifty Shades" allows adults (and hopefully not children) to escape into a world of sexual passion. If that target audience happens to be an army of mothers who need something more than just a glass of Pinot after a long day of hauling their kids to and from soccer practice, so be it, right, Suzanna?

Suzanna Pratt: As if "Twilight" wasn't already giving my home state a bad rep, its wildly popular, sexed-up copycat series "Fifty Shades" is putting Seattle on everyone's mental map. The book was allegedly originally written as a fan fiction to compensate for the squeaky-clean "PG" pages of Stephenie Meyers' series.

As a Seattle native, I'm generally thrilled by all associations to my state that don't involve comparisons to South Bend's winter weather. You know Starbucks? Microsoft? Amazon? "Grey's Anatomy"? Kurt Cobain? Seattle. Twilight? Yeah, that's sort of set near Seattle too. But now, Anastasia Steele and Christian Grey are giving Seattle a new reputation, and not one I'm sure most Seattleites would appreciate.

I know there's a significant portion of the female Notre Dame population that has read "Fifty Shades" in whole or in part. Mentally remove the sex scenes. Use bleach if you have to. Are we left with a plot? Sorta. Kinda. It goes like

this: girl meets boy and is instantly infatuated, girl thinks “Oh no no, I shouldn’t” — but then does anyway — girl pursues relationship with boy that makes her feel horrible about herself (physically and emotionally), briefly girl realizes this and boy and girl break up, after a weekend of wallowing in self-pity, girl realizes she can’t live without boy (whom she has known for approximately a month), so girl and boy get back together.

Isn’t it, like, so original and cute? If we’re talking literary merit and originality here, “Fifty Shades” is like that story you wrote for your fifth-grade language arts class about

the girl who learned she was a long-lost princess and moved to her magical kingdom and married the prince and lived happily ever after.

Despite the riveting plot (or lack thereof), something about “Fifty Shades” has it flying off the virtual bookshelves on the Kindle store. People want to read this book for its subject matter: every chapter features at least one explicit sex scene. And while the content is by no means “vanilla,” its softcore erotica is not so extremely kinky that it’s offensive. Maybe our society has

gotten so used to seeing sex in the media that something a little more explicit fulfills a need we didn’t realize we had.

What does the success and fanaticism of “Fifty Shades” tell us about our expectations for relationships? Is “Fifty Shades” popular because we’re becoming less restrained and more receptive of more hardcore sex? Or is it popular because it allows readers to fulfill their sexual fantasies by reading about them?

“Fifty Shades” has received an intense amount of criticism, despite its vast fan base. Again, it’s just “Twilight” for adults. Same plot, same characters, same fan following. They’re even making a movie, and probably a new movie rating to go with it. Otherwise, that’ll be one short screenplay. But despite the criticism, “Fifty Shades” is at the top of the best-sellers list for a reason. People like it. And people are embarrassed to admit to liking it. Sex may not be such a strict taboo, but the type of sex in “Fifty Shades” certainly is.

Reading the novels shouldn’t be a point of shame, just read with a grain of salt and acknowledge it’s making English teachers across America weep, and it’s not the healthiest love story or sexual relationship. “Fifty Shades” isn’t a book of particular literary merit, but the cultural impact is astonishing. The effects of such a popular book about such an under-discussed subject could create monumental change in our

society and our attitude toward sex.

SS: Suzanna, I’d like to think “Fifty Shades” would improve America’s thoughts about sex, but unfortunately, that doesn’t seem to be the case. In particular, I’ve noticed a lot of Notre Dame students lambasting the book, as if they are above it or something. The funny thing is, several of my friends who have read it will at least admit to enjoying it. Yes, it is a guilty pleasure. But Notre Dame students, don’t judge this book by its cover — if it even still has it.

My favorite is when people tear off the cover and expect no one to notice what they are reading. Luckily, we can thank Steve Jobs and the technology gods for coming to the rescue for embarrassed desperate housewives everywhere.

This is where the success of “Fifty Shades” gets interesting: without iPads, Kindles and other e-readers, I would argue the bedroom adventures of Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele would not be the literary smash they are today. People like to be discreet when they read this book — when I see someone on their e-reader, they could be flipping through the pages of “Anne of Green Gables” for all I know. Leave it to the fairer sex to turn to a book for some sexual release. At least girls get creative — guys just turn to porn.

I have to say, your criticism of the book’s literary level is a bit unmerited. Sure, I never will expect a Williamsburg hipster to debate the merits of Tolstoy versus E.L. James over a latte, or analysis of Christian Grey versus Jay Gatsby to be the subject of a freshman seminar here at the University, but give James some credit — this is no Harlequin romance novel. If you take out all the magic in “Harry Potter” or all the violence in “The Hunger Games” you aren’t left with much either — the theme of a book is integral to its plot. Just because sex is a central component of “Fifty Shades” does not mean it is “bad” literature. And for those who criticize its low level of language, guess what — you don’t have to be a linguistic genius to enjoy “Good Night, Moon” or “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie,” yet those books are not criticized for their reading level.

You also can’t discount the central message of “Fifty Shades.” There is a reason so many women read this book. Ironic, isn’t it, that this college graduate holds so much power over the domineering billionaire? You can argue back and forth whether the series empowers women or not — the important thing is the discussion of sex and relationships is on the table.

More importantly, this is a discussion we Notre Dame students should be having. Parietals and SYR Dances have done their damage to gender relations here — wouldn’t it be nice to have a healthy conversation about sex and relationships on campus? I’m not sure “Fifty Shades” would have been Fr. Sorin’s first choice to catalyze this discussion, but at least it could happen.

We live in a time where female characters are becoming increasingly more and more powerful. We praise Katniss for using her bow and arrow and Hermione for using her brain, so why should we lambaste Anastasia Steele for biting her lip and driving Christian Grey’s hormones insane? It’s her weapon of choice.

SP: I’ll have to disagree with you that Anastasia uses her feminine wiles as a weapon. First of all, the character guilty of weaponizing sex in this book is certainly Christian Grey, both literally and figuratively. Anastasia, against her fleeting better judgment, bends to his desires and winds up suffering physically and emotionally. Further, the idea of a female protagonist using her femininity and/or body as a weapon should not be compared to using a brain or a bow.

Female empowerment ought not to encourage the use of the body as a manipulative instrument. All Anastasia has going for her is that she can make Christian squirm; she doesn’t display the intelligence or bravery that make heroines like Hermione and Katniss the excellent role models that they are.

Is “Fifty Shades” demeaning to women?

I think so. Anastasia, as you so helpfully pointed out, is a recent college graduate who displays none of the qualities I hope I have when I get my degree. She’s the helpless, clueless heroine who is swept off her feet by a very, very good-looking tortured soul of a man who feeds, clothes, and houses her. He’s a control

freak and she lets him reshape her life.

They are Edward and Bella half a decade older, but clearly still lacking in the character development department. Anastasia has just enough personality to appear on the page before ravenous readers project themselves onto her skeletal character and live vicariously through her romance with Christian.

Obviously, this demonstrates that all women in this day and age are to fall in love immediately after college, lose their virginity to someone they barely know, be tied up in the bedroom and have someone with more money than the national debt begging to take care of them. No, thanks. I don’t see Anastasia as strong-willed or independent. She strikes me as irresponsible, naive, and — dare I say it — submissive.

I realize the book is a work of fiction and not reflective of reality, but the character of Anastasia simultaneously disappoints me for the reinforcement of negative gender stereotypes and makes me jealous I don’t have a trillionaire to seduce me when I’m unemployed after I graduate.

The availability of the raunchy romance novel on one’s Kindle, iPad, or phone means that it could be anywhere. The girl two seats over in your marketing class might not actually be frantically checking her email for the recruiter to tell her she’ll be employed after graduation. She might, in fact, discreetly be reading “Fifty Shades” right in the middle of class.

Yes, the book is about nothing but sex. So what? Should it be labeled pornography and treated with the same hush-hush attitude as say, breaking parietals? Or can we just get over it and stop being embarrassed by our reading material? Clearly neither of us is ashamed to admit that we have read the book. Despite my criticism it is not good literature, I enjoyed reading it.

The book evokes contradictory ideas: the notion of the rich, attractive bachelor swooping in to rescue the helpless damsel in distress and live happily ever after, and the idea that rough sex should be discussed more freely. It’s no wonder “Fifty Shades” is pornography for soccer moms and bored housewives. Just a hunch, but I’m pretty sure the next book in the series will not be “Fifty Shades learns to change a diaper, do laundry, and drive the kids to school and piano lessons and baseball practice every day.” No one wants to read about real life; they want to escape, which is why Anastasia’s flat character and her Energizer Bunny libido make the book so appealing.

At a place like Notre Dame, we can only wonder what the role of such a book might be. As students, we all know there is no candid talk about sex on this campus. Ever. It’s not something spoken of openly, and certainly not on a “Fifty Shades” level. And yet, you and I are not the only students to have read the book. I definitely agree with you that although “Fifty Shades” may not be the ideal way to start a discussion about healthy relationships, sexual or not, we do need to get the ball rolling and address the implications of the popularity of the book on society as a whole, but also on the scale of our own campus.

SS: Suzanna, you’re right. “Fifty Shades” is escapism, but that is what makes it so thrilling. Just like I’m not expecting to play a game of Quidditch tomorrow or be named tribute to play in the next Hunger Games, I’m also not expecting to participate in hardcore bondage between History of Rome in the morning and my Film Theory in the afternoon. And with our hectic schedules, running from classes to tests and then to the Career Fair, a little escapism is in order for every Notre Dame student.

I get it. “Fifty Shades” isn’t going to win the Pulitzer any time soon. E.L. James isn’t the second coming of Ernest Hemingway, and I’m going to go out on a limb and say Oprah won’t select this as her next book club novel — though I’m sure she’s read it. “Fifty Shades” wasn’t written for acclaim, it was written as an outlet for readers to escape from their everyday, mundane lives. “Fifty Shades” seems to be doing the trick for millions of moms everywhere, like literary Viagra. More important, it might prompt some interesting discourse on campus. Notre Dame students should at least give it a chance.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Kanye West and the MLB



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Many of today's young sports writers are heavily influenced by the culture-meshing Grantland and the godfather, himself, Bill Simmons.

Today, this column is.

September and October — and just fall in general — represent the best season of the year for two reasons: baseball's playoff race and major music releases. And with the release of Kanye West's G.O.O.D. Music album, "Cruel Summer," we get the most anticipated release of the year at a time when baseball and its new playoff format are telling other sports to Watch the Throne.

Although it's not the good ol' days with N.W.A. and A Tribe

.322 on the season including his current 13-game hitting streak. And in his Empire State of Mind, the shortstop tied Lou Gehrig on Wednesday with his eighth season in pinstripes with 200 hits. If Jeter helps the Yankees fight off those pesky O's, nobody will be messing with his "Clique" come playoff time.

Mike Trout is baseball's Big Sean, the up-and-coming youngster filled with an insane amount of talent who is finally famous. Trout is a shoe-in for AL Rookie of the Year and a Gold Glove, while some have him slotted for MVP. And understandably so, as the 21-year old center fielder is second in the league in batting average (.327), first in runs (118) and first in stolen bases (46) despite spending the first few weeks of the season in the minor leagues.

And, naturally, when we all think of Kanye West, baseball immediately comes to mind. Well, maybe just for me, but if the MLB were the G.O.O.D Music crew, this is what it would look like.

Called Quest, rap groups are making a comeback — see Rick Ross' Maybach Music or Lil Wayne's Young Money. G.O.O.D. Music stands far above both with Kanye at the helm, and the group reminds us of Wu-Tang Clan's top-notch stable of already-popular rap superstars all coming together for our audio pleasure.

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Miguel Cabrera is baseball's Kanye West. As the undisputed center of attention, Migs can do whatever he wants and is doing just that, except take a microphone from a Hall of Famer in Cooperstown. Cabrera leads the American League in batting average (.334), RBIs (130) and slugging percentage (.615). One more home run and Cabrera would have the AL Triple Crown, something that hasn't been done since former Domer Carl Yastrzemski did it in 1967.

The third baseman single-handedly has the Detroit Tigers on the edge of a playoff berth, sitting two games behind the White Sox in the AL Central. In the past week alone, Cabrera is batting .483 with five home runs, 10 RBIs and 11 runs. Prince Fielder is simply lucky Migs hasn't had Tigers coach Jim Leyland drop him from the team. And if his performance results in some bling, Cabrera could be a superstar all from a World Series.

Derek Jeter is baseball's Jay-Z/Common, the battle-tested, smooth and steady veteran with a legendary rep. Jeter is 38 and still hasn't slowed down, batting

It's pretty safe to say Trout has been working long nights on the baseball diamond to get a payday. Swerve.

Kris Medlen is baseball's Pusha T, the highly intimidating and just plain mean sidekick making moves under the radar (definitely someone you don't want to run into at any time). The Braves are 21-0 in games Medlen starts dating back to last season, and Atlanta fans surely must love the spirit of this young righty like 2Pac at Coachella. Medlen simply has no Mercy on opposing teams, going 7-0 in his last eight starts and putting up 125 innings and a 1.51 ERA just a year-and-a-half removed from Tommy John surgery. And Medlen's variety of pitches represent stuff opposing hitters Don't Like.

And to round out the crew, the Baltimore Orioles are baseball's 2Chainz, an entity with hardly any talent that has suddenly blown up — but we all love them both anyways. The Orioles are at the top of the AL Wild Card, yet they have one hitter above .300 and their top starting pitcher has an ERA of 3.98. Their money — and payroll — is the farthest thing from being tall like Jordan, yet it doesn't affect the team's impressive 85 wins. If all goes well, these lovable O's could be drinking champagne on an airplane while on their way back to Baltimore with some hardware.

It has, indeed, been a Cruel Summer, but it's fall now and it's all about that G.O.O.D. Music.

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Shamrocks

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McGlinn vs. Ryan

By MARY GREEN
Sports Writer

After surviving a difficult two-game week, McGlinn will look to keep its undefeated record intact against a tough Ryan squad.

Led by a formidable defense, the Shamrocks (2-0) shut out the Pyros 8-0 in their opening matchup and followed with a nail-biting 7-6 victory against Lewis. Both wins left senior captain and quarterback Emily Golden impressed and optimistic for this week, although the team will face another challenging set of games this week.

"We improved throughout the two games so we're heading in a good direction," Golden said. "All the freshmen are stepping up and making big plays in pressure moments, so we have a lot of promise."

McGlinn will look for another strong game from its defense, especially from senior Ally Scalo, whose final-minute interception against Lewis sealed the Shamrocks' second victory. Golden said her team will look to use its talent and durability to carry it through this tough portion of the schedule.

"Our game plan right now is just to bring it and see what happens," she said.

That strategy will find a tough test against the Wildcats (1-0), who drubbed the Finest 27-7 in its season opener.

Relying on a dynamic offense featuring week-one standouts in senior Amy Jurvis and junior Maddie Swan, Ryan hopes to keep its momentum in full swing against McGlinn.

"We have been building on our undefeated season last year, but we lost some key players, so it's all about getting the new players involved and comfortable with the plays," senior captain and quarterback Maya



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McGlinn sophomore running back Emma Collis carries the ball during last year's title game. McGlinn is currently 2-0 this season.

Pillai said.

Pillai said the Wildcats would work on perfecting their plays and improving their offensive efficiency in preparation for Monday's game.

"McGlinn is a strong team, especially as defending champs, so we just have to be very solid in all aspects to get the win," Pillai said.

The Wildcats and Shamrocks will meet Monday at 10 p.m. at the Riehle Fields at Stepan..

Lyons vs. Badin

By SAMANTHA ZUBA
Sports Writer

Both Badin and Lyons will be striving for a complete team effort when they take the field Sunday.

The Bullfrogs (0-1) turned in a strong defensive effort last week, but the offense failed to score in a 14-0 loss to Pasquerilla West. Senior captain Tommasina Domel said she expects the offense to step up this week.

"On offense, we need some streamlining, and we're putting in more plays," Domel said. "We're trying to mix it up more in general. ... We want to be able to play off how the defense is defending us."

Domel leads the Bullfrogs' offense at quarterback, but she also offered some insights on Badin's defense.

"We have a couple new [defensive] additions — freshmen and girls that didn't play last year," Domel said. "They've been doing a great job. They're just working on their chemistry now and getting used to playing with the girls that are already there."

Lyons (0-1) also suffered an opening-game loss, as it fell to Howard 20-0, and will look to bounce back with a stronger team identity. Senior captain Christina Bramanti said the Lyonites have started to bond as a team but still have some work to do.

"The team definitely has some good relationships," Bramanti said. "We're working on getting that family relationship we want in the next couple weeks."

Lyons' goals include more than intangibles, however. Bramanti said the Lyonites refocused on fundamental skills at practice this week.

"The defense has been where it needs to be, but it can't get flags [to make tackles]," Bramanti said. "The offense needs to study plays and understand better what it needs to do out there and be able to adjust."

The Bullfrogs and the Lyonites square off Sunday at 6 p.m. at Labar Fields.

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Howard

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stingy and didn't allow any big gains," Howard coach and graduate student Dan Scheper, said. "Our offense was also really encouraging. ... The passing game was really sharp."

Although the Ducks offense is led by a first-year starting quarterback in junior Clare Robinson, Scheper said he wants to expand the offensive game plan against the Chaos.

"We really focused on the passing game against Lyons, but ... we are going to add in some more running plays to keep [the Chaos] on their

toes," Scheper said.

The Chaos will hope to attack the Ducks with a balanced offense led by senior quarterback and captain Rosemary Kelly and sophomore running back Olivia Dietzel. While it is not a major concern for the Chaos, Cavanaugh's offense has shown some flaws thus far.

"Our offense has taken a little time to develop because we have a new quarterback this year, but I think we worked our jitters out [against Walsh]," Brakora said. "We really improved [against Lyons] ... and we're going to continue to build on that."

The Chaos and the Ducks face off Sunday at 6 p.m. at

LaBar Fields.

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Pangborn vs. Welsh Family

By RICH HIDY
Sports Writer

After earning victories to open their seasons, Pangborn and Welsh Family will meet in a week-two showdown Sunday.

Welsh Family (1-0) began its season with a 12-0 win over Lewis Hall last Sunday, but Whirlwind senior captain Victoria Moreno said she is keeping her team's victory in perspective.

"We want to improve on what we did against Lewis," Moreno said. "We need to convert better on extra points and continue to shut out opponents defensively."

Some standouts for Welsh Family have been senior line-backer Lynn Tasker and sophomore wide receiver Natalie Branch. Tasker has been proficient at getting after the quarterback, as she has recorded many pressures and sacks. Branch has been a game-changer on offense with her quick feet and great hands. With its widespread talent, Welsh Family has high hopes for this season.

"Our goal is to go to the championship, but we are taking it one game at a time," Moreno said. "We have four back-to-back



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Welsh Family receivers run routes during a 2011 outing. The Whirlwind will take on the Phoxes on Sunday, with both teams undefeated.

games to start off the season each week, so we need to get the proper amount of rest and execute well on the field. We have great coaches this year and we gel well as a team."

Pangborn (1-0) won its first game Sunday, defeating Farley 20-0. Despite the win, the Phoxes have continued to practice diligently in anticipation for this weekend's showdown.

"I expect total domination against Welsh Family," Pangborn senior captain Colleen Bailey said. "I have great expectations since we've seen a lot of spirit and intensity from this team. They will carry this

over from practice to the field."

Pangborn will look for special performances from its young players since this year's Phoxes consist mostly of underclassmen. Sophomore quarterback Caitlin Gargan looked promising in the season opener, as she found senior receiver Meredith Angell on two touchdown passes.

Pangborn and Welsh Family will clash Monday at 10 p.m. at the Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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their freshmen cornerbacks to step up and make plays.

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Pangborn vs. McGlinn

By DONG-HYUN KIM
Sports Writer

The undefeated squads of McGlinn and Pangborn will battle in a tough game Sunday.

McGlinn (2-0) will enter the game with great momentum, but the defending champions feel they have not yet played up to their potential. The addition of many young players has changed the Shamrocks' team chemistry, which looked to spell trouble for them at the start of the season. With two wins under their belt, the Shamrocks feel confident they can reach the caliber of last year's team.

"We have a lot of freshmen, making it a completely different team," McGlinn senior quarterback Emily Golden said. "We just need more practice and repetition."

Although Pangborn (1-0) is only one game into the season, the Phoxes feel confident they can tackle the Shamrocks.

Pangborn posted a shutout against Farley last Sunday, defeating the Finest 20-0.

Sophomore quarterback Caitlin Gargan has excelled at her position and demonstrated leadership for the team. Gargan's play represents a positive change for the Phoxes, who previously rotated different quarterbacks and had problems with restructuring their offense. Senior wide receiver Meredith Angell, who scored a critical touchdown against Farley, is the Phoxes' strongest receiver and will look to feed off Gargan's strong arm.

"Caitlin plays with great athletic instincts," Pangborn senior captain and center Colleen Bailey said. "You wouldn't know she's a sophomore."

Both teams will look stay undefeated when they meet Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

Pasquerilla East vs. Lewis

Pasquerilla East will play Lewis on Sunday in a battle of two teams fighting for a much-needed win.

Both teams suffered shutout losses in their openers. Pasquerilla East (0-1) lost to McGlinn 8-0, and Lewis (0-2) fell to Welsh Family 12-0 on Sunday before dropping a 7-6 heartbreaker to McGlinn the following day.

Lewis and Pasquerilla East will look to end their losing

streaks in Sunday's matchup. For Lewis, Sunday's matchup will provide a good look at the team's development. Despite their initial loss to Welsh Family, the strong showing in a tough game against defending champions McGlinn encouraged the Lewis squad.

A key player from Lewis' first games was senior linebacker Mara Catlaw, who helped contain McGlinn to seven points. Lewis senior quarterback Connaught Blood said Lewis recently met with its offensive coordinator to adjust the offense for the game against the Pyros.

"[Our team consists of] a bunch of freshman and seniors, so we are pretty young," Blood said. "But Lewis football is all about smart adjustments."

On the other side, Pasquerilla East will look to improve its offense and defense by game day. Junior running back Kiah Schaeffbauer will be key to the Pyros offense and freshman lineman Colleen Pinkelman will help anchor the defensive line, Pyros senior captain and safety Anna Perino.

"What's most important is building our own game," Perino said. "I think Sunday will be a good challenge."

The Pyros and Chicks will play Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Cavanaugh's quarterback releases a pass during last year's title-game loss to McGlinn. Cavanaugh will look to beat Howard on Sunday.

Cavanaugh vs. Howard

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

Cavanaugh and Howard will put their undefeated records on the line when they face off Sunday.

Cavanaugh (2-0) has not allowed a point in its first two games thanks to a stout defensive line led by senior captain Tegan Chapman. With Chapman and senior cornerback Michelle Young anchoring the defense, teams have struggled to move the ball on

the ground or through the air against the Chaos.

"Our defense has definitely been our strength — it's a rock solid defense," Cavanaugh senior captain and center Kelly Brakora said.

Howard's defense also shone brightly in its opening game, as it notched a shutout win over Lyons. The Ducks (1-0) made several goal line stands to help preserve the win.

"The defense was really

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WOMENS INTERHALL

Pasquerilla West meets Walsh in week two

Badin looks to continue hot start against Howard, Ryan and Welsh Family enter matchup undefeated

By KIT LOUGHRAN
Sports Writer

With week one in the books, the Purple Weasels and Wild Women face off Tuesday in what looks to be a tough defensive battle.

The Pasquerilla West (1-0) is looking to build off their opening-weekend 14-0 victory over Bullfrogs, and Walsh (0-1) is hoping to move forward after their 7-0 loss against Cavanaugh.

Both teams place particular focus on the defensive side of the ball for this matchup, as each team debuted a strong defensive unit Sunday.

"Badin only got five first-downs [against us]," Pasquerilla West senior captain and defensive lineman Meghan Schmitt said. "We were able to hold them on downs consistently."

Heading into their next game, the Purple Weasels plan to give another strong effort against the Walsh offense.

"Our biggest strategy is for our defense to be adaptable and be that defense [the opposition] can't get past," Schmitt said.

Pasquerilla West will also look to feature its offensive passing game under the guidance of sophomore quarterback Lauren Vidal, Schmitt said.

Coming off a tough loss, Walsh is thirsting for victory. Even

though the Wild Women lost, their defensive game was strong Sunday, Walsh senior co-captain and quarterback Kat Leach said.

"[The] defense had an amazing game," Leach said. "Our defense came in fired up and had some great stops."

With their defensive unit set and ready to go, the Wild Women will look to improve their offense, which suffered a shutout against Cavanaugh.

"We are working to clean up our offense and put some serious points on the board," Leach said.

With the help of sophomore receivers Maddie Loper and Kathleen Hough, Walsh looks to keep the ball moving forward, Leach said.

Before squaring off with the Purple Weasels, the Wild Women challenge Breen-Phillips on Sunday.

Pasquerilla West and Walsh will face off at 7 p.m. at the LaBar Practice Fields on Tuesday.

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Badin vs. Howard

By KYLE FOLEY
Sports Writer

Badin and Howard square off Tuesday in a game that could either prove Howard's legitimacy as a title

contender or turn around Badin's shaky start to the season.

Hot off a 20-0 victory over the Lyonites on Sunday, the Ducks (1-0) look to keep the momentum going against the defensively-oriented Bullfrogs (0-1).

Against Lyons, Howard graduate student coach Dan Scheper said he was pleased with his offense, although he did see room for improvement.

"We need to improve the overall precision of our passing attack, meaning better route running and better timing," Scheper said. "I've made some additions to the play-book, geared towards creating more big plays on offense."

Despite the changes made to the offense, establishing a sound defense early in the season is still Howard's chief priority, Scheper said.

After a solid performance in week one, Scheper said the Ducks are eyeing the championship.

"We want to get back to the Stadium and play for the championship," Scheper said.

The Bullfrogs are still in search of their first win after a season-opening loss to Pasquerilla West.

After being shut out in the opener, the Bullfrogs hope to kick start a struggling offense against Howard.

"In terms of improving on our last game, our offense needed a little more streamlining and for us to put in some new plays, which we are



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The Bullfrogs move the ball during a 2011 meeting between Badin and Pasquerilla East. Badin will seek its first win Tuesday against Howard.

currently working on," senior captain and quarterback Tommasina Domel said. "We are definitely very excited for our matchup against Howard and ready to show them what we can do offensively."

A revamped Bullfrog offense will take on a Duck defense that has yet to allow points on this year in a battle for the pond. Kickoff is Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Ryan vs. Welsh Family

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

Two unbeaten rivals will match up Sunday when Ryan takes on Welsh Family with both defenses at the focus of the contest.

Ryan (1-0) cruised to a 27-7 victory over Farley in its opener last week. Senior quarterback and captain Maya Pillai credited the defense for setting the tone early in the victory, citing an interception by junior cornerback Sara McGuirk as a highlight. However, Pillai said she knows the Whirlwinds (1-0) will pose a significant challenge.

"We do have a lot to work on from last game," Pillai said.

Still, Pillai said she remains confident in her team's chances due to its wealth of experience, as over half the team is upperclassmen.

The Whirlwinds also boast an impressive defense, and the unit held the Chicks scoreless in their first game. Senior quarterback and captain Victoria Moreno said she would like the defense to keep up the stifling pressure it displayed in its first game, but admitted that improvements could be made.

"There were some kinks from the first game," Moreno said.

In order for the defense to be well rested, Moreno said Welsh Family needs to see progress from the offense, which has many underclassmen. To do this, Moreno will look to senior receiver Kirsten Groody to keep the passing game strong while the ground game builds up.

Both captains said they think the game has all the potential to be a great rivalry, due to the close proximity of the dorms.

"That's something we'd like to see down the line," Pillai said of the possible rivalry.

For Moreno, it isn't just about how close the two dorms are.

"The beat us pretty handily last year, so we're looking for some redemption," Moreno said.

Welsh Family and Ryan will play Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

Breen-Phillips vs. Walsh

Although the season is young, both the Wild Women and the Babes already face adversity as they head into their matchup Sunday.

Walsh (0-1) suffered a 7-0 defeat over the weekend to Cavanaugh, while Breen-Phillips (0-0) saw their game against Pasquerilla West postponed for poor field conditions. For both squads, these events have added extra significance to their upcoming game.

For Walsh, the sting of defeat is still fresh, but senior captain Lindy Navarre was quick to point out that her team would not be haunted by the loss.

"Overall, our team spirit is strong. ... We're looking forward to bouncing back and showing everyone our new team," Navarre said.

Navarre emphasized there were many positives to take away from the opening game. She cited the strong play of the defensive line, anchored by seniors Alex Meyer, Jen Rawding and Alyssa Casill. These three linemen will try to lead the charge in keeping pressure on the Babes' quarterback.

Breen-Phillips, on the other hand, is eager to finally start its season. Junior linebacker Molly Toner said she is encouraged by both the large contingent of freshmen and their excitement for the first game.

"We're trying to build a strong foundation for the future," Toner said.

To generate offense, the Babes will look to a young offensive line to step up and produce in not only blocking but also in catching and running the ball. Defensively, the Babes have a bit more experience than on offense, but they will still look to

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SMC SOCCER

Unbeaten Belles travel to Scotland Yard

By **MIKE MONACO**

Sports Writer

In years past, there was such thing as a good loss. There was such thing as being satisfied with a tie. This season, however, the Belles are only interested in winning games, something they look to continue to do when they square off with Alma on Saturday.

In 2011, the Belles (4-0-1, 2-0-0 MIAA) had their first 10-win season since 2005 and had more wins than in their least three seasons combined. The program had shown marked improvement, something that has continued into this season, highlighted by Saturday's 2-1 win over defending MIAA champion Adrian.

Belles coach Michael Joyce said the newfound success is leading to a new mentality in conference clashes.

"When you are working your way up the conference, you can become satisfied with simply competing well against the top teams even if you don't win," Joyce said. "After last Saturday, I think we've turned a corner where we won't be satisfied just to play with top teams, but will be hungry for a result."

Alma (5-1-1, 2-0-1) enters Saturday's match undefeated in the conference after a 2-1 win over Calvin, a 3-1 win over Olivet and a 0-0 tie against Adrian. Though the Belles were excited with their defeat of Adrian, Joyce said his squad would have no problem focusing on the task at hand against Alma.

"I don't think focus will be a problem for us," Joyce said. "We liked the feeling of winning a big game and I think we'd like to do that as often as possible."

The Belles will have another chance to get a big win Saturday against the Scots on the road, something Saint Mary's has not been able to do in its last two matches at Scotland Yard. The Belles fell 4-0 to Alma in 2010 and lost 2-1 last season on the road. In order to buck that trend, Joyce said his players need to start the game aggressively.

"We'll have to come out strong against Alma," Joyce said. "I think we were a little flat the last two times we traveled up there, so being sharp and energetic will be important from the start."

Saint Mary's will also have to worry about a strong Alma offensive attack that is averaging two goals per game, led by sophomore forward Mackenzie Smith's six goals and 14 points. Joyce said he believes his own sophomores are up to the task of stopping the potent Scot offense.

"Their attack is talented across the board, so we'll work to defend well as a team," Joyce said. "We've got a couple of great center backs, [sophomores] Mary Kate Hussey and Kerry Green, who are rock solid in the back for us. I think a year under their

belt, the experience they gained, their chemistry working together has been great this year."

Such chemistry on the back line has contributed to this season's impressive defensive results. The Belles have allowed just two goals, and sophomore goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum has a sparkling 0.24 goals against average. Despite the early-season success, Joyce said his team is trying not to get ahead of itself.

"It is a long season," Joyce said. "Everything is going well so far, but there can be so many twists and turns. We'll just try to keep heading in the right direction."

The Belles head north Saturday to take on the Scots in Alma, Mich., at noon.

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Junior midfielder Mollie Valencia, right, wards off a defender during Saint Mary's 3-0 home win over Olivet on Sept. 14, 2011. The Belles opened this conference season with a 4-1 victory over the Comets on Sept. 13.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish begin Big East play



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Junior outside hitter Andrea McHugh, left, follows through after returning the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 home win over Kansas on Sunday.

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

After snapping Kansas' nine-game winning streak Sunday, the Irish look to carry that momentum into this weekend when they face two conference foes.

The Irish will kickoff conference play Friday with a game at Cincinnati before traveling west to No. 10 Louisville for a match Sunday afternoon.

Because the Irish have had a lot of back-to-back matchups already this year, Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown does not predict the quick turnaround to be a problem for her team.

"We're used to playing back-to-back, as we've done it the first four weekends of the season," Brown said. "We will actually have a day off in between the two matches this weekend, which will help us to be fresher for our match versus Louisville and allow us to do a thorough film session and walk-through on Saturday."

The Irish will have their

hands full as they open up the conference season. Louisville is a top-10 team and was the preseason favorite to win the Big East. The Cardinals also boast last year's Big East Player of the Year in senior outside hitter Lola Arslanbekova, who is currently leading the conference in kills with 205.

Despite the fact that Cincinnati has only won two matches this season, the Bearcats have played one of the toughest schedules in the country. The Bearcats have also had the Irish's number of late. Notre Dame has lost their last four decisions to Cincinnati, including last year's 3-0 defeat in the Big East Championship.

"We play Cincinnati first on Friday and they are a very strong team," Brown said. "Their record is very deceiving, as they also played an incredibly strong schedule. We need to start off strong against Cincinnati and continue our strong play versus Louisville on Sunday."

The Irish have faced

a difficult non-conference schedule thus far and are looking forward to fighting for a Big East Championship. The team feels confident heading into conference play and Brown said she thinks the win against Kansas last weekend is a harbinger of things to come.

"The win against Kansas was really important for us and it will definitely help us as we enter the Big East," Brown said. "We played great competition in the non-conference section of our schedule and it has been great preparation for us. The team feels good about our win against Kansas and I like that we were composed and confident at the end of each set."

Notre Dame will begin the first of its weekend duo at 7 p.m. against Cincinnati at Fifth Third Arena and they will finish the weekend play at Louisville's KFC Yum! Center at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles host MIAA Jamboree

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will have the rare opportunity to compete on its home soil this weekend when it hosts the MIAA Jamboree on Friday afternoon.

The Belles travelled across Route 933 last Friday to compete in the National Catholic Championships at Notre Dame Golf Course, where they earned a 15th place finish in the race's DII standings and a 28th place finish overall. Junior Jessica Biek had the top performance for the Belles, as she finished 29th overall in the DII division. Senior Elizabeth Majewski finished second for Saint Mary's, as she scored 71st overall in the division.

Saint Mary's coach Jackie Bauters said the Friday race required the team to make new preparations in its schedule.

"I think one of the things the team took away from running at the National Catholic Invite last Friday was how it needs to prepare for a Friday race," Bauters said. "They are so used to running on Saturdays that the routine is very different."

Bauters also said she was impressed with Majewski, who broke her personal record in the 5K for the second time in as many weeks.

"Having Elizabeth step us has been huge for the team," Bauters said. "Elizabeth is looking the healthiest and strongest I have seen her as a Belle. All her work is paying off, and I think she will still make some significant improvements before the end of the season."

The Belles will hope to see last week's preparations carry over to this week, as they will run on a Friday for the second consecutive week. This week, Saint Mary's will remain home and play host to all nine MIAA teams at the Jamboree, which officially kicks off the conference season. The meet also carries conference title implications, as the Jamboree makes up one-third of the team scores that ultimately decide the conference champion.

The Jamboree will present a unique privilege for the Belles, as the team rarely has the chance to compete on its home course. Saint Mary's last competed at home when it hosted the Jamboree in 2008. Bauters said she believes the chance

to run at home will energize her runners, who have never competed on their home course.

"Hosting the Jamboree is really special for the team," Bauters said. "Most teams have the opportunity to compete at home several times a season, but the last time we hosted at Saint Mary's was four years ago. While our families are fabulous and travel all the time to watch us compete, it will be great to have a home crowd, and I think it will fire the team up."

Despite its home-course advantage, Saint Mary's will still have to compete against a tough field of conference opponents. The MIAA has three teams ranked in the top-10 of the Great Lakes region in the latest U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country

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Belles coach

Coaches Association poll, with Calvin earning the No. 1 spot, Hope placing No. 3 and Alma ranking No. 7.

Bauters said her team would need to make a move this weekend if it wants to accomplish its goal of finishing in the top-5 of the conference.

"We are hoping to finish in the top-5, which will be tough but is possible," Bauters said. "We need our pack to move it up and work as a unit."

Saint Mary's will compete in the MIAA Jamboree on Friday at 6 p.m. on its home course.

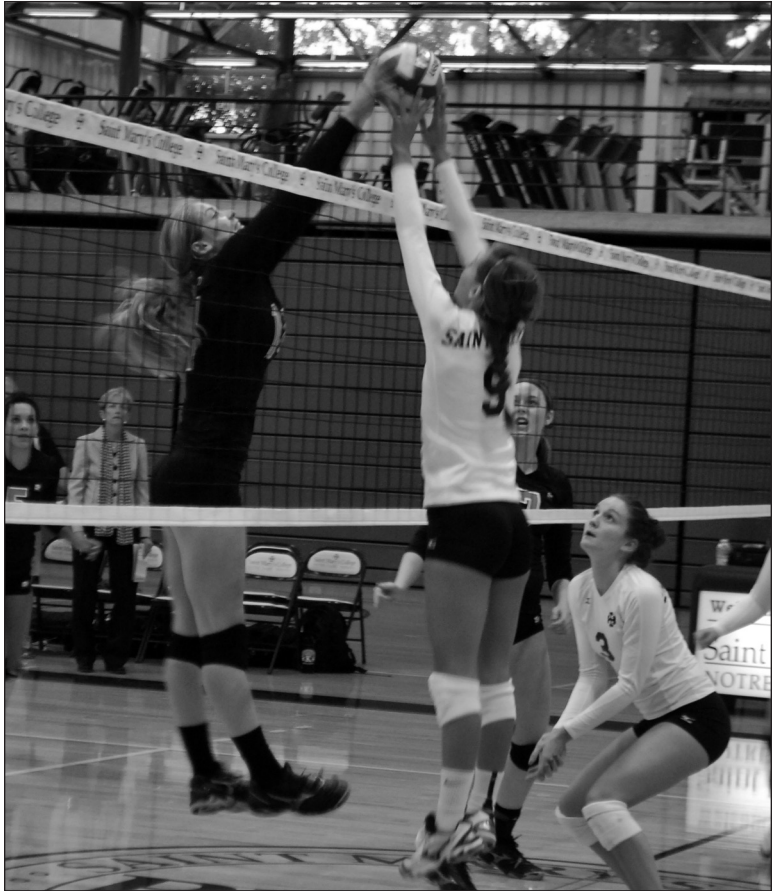
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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles prepare to host Olivet, Alma



The Belles guard the net during Saint Mary's 3-2 home win over Kalamazoo on Tuesday. The Belles will host two matches this weekend.

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

Following a close five-set win Tuesday, Saint Mary's moved closer to a tough weekend in MIAA volleyball. On Friday, the Belles will host conference rival Olivet. Following the conclusion of that match, the team will have less than 24 hours of rest before hosting Alma on Saturday in another MIAA matchup.

"They are both tough conference teams," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "Both games are going to be tough conference matchups. We're just trying to take it one match at a time."

For the Belles (7-5, 3-1 MIAA), there are a few key areas for the team to focus on going into the two MIAA matches, Kuschel said.

"We want to really focus on disciplined defense and transitioning to the best of our ability at all times," Kuschel said.

Against Olivet (1-11, 0-4) the team will look to do just that. Olivet has started slow this season, as the Comets have dropped their first four MIAA matches. In their 12 matches so far this season, Olivet has won only six sets, losing eight matches by the margin of 3-0. Regardless, Kuschel said the Belles will not take their opponent lightly.

"Olivet is going to be a tough match," Kuschel said. "We definitely need to keep playing well."

Alma (7-5, 2-2) has had a stronger start to their season. Saint Mary's Saturday opponent has a comparable record to the Belles. Still, the Scots have struggled a bit as of late,

having dropped their last four matches. Alma will face MIAA foe Trine on Friday prior to taking on the Belles.

To win these two upcoming matches, the team needs to bring strong passing and solid transitions, Kuschel said. For the team, wins start with good team play, which has been a huge part of Saint Mary's success so far, Kuschel said.

"We want another strong team performance," the fourth-year coach said. "We need to use our passes. We've been passing extremely well, but we want to get in a better rhythm with our middles."

On Tuesday, the Belles jumped out to a two-set lead but failed to close out the match in either the third or the fourth set. As a result, the match turned into a five-set affair, with the Belles finally hanging tough for the win. For the team to win in three sets, they need strong play from the middle, specifically sophomore middle hitters Melanie Kuczek and Taylor Etzell, Kuschel said.

"We need our middles to perform well to be able to win in three," Kuschel said. "I really want to see [Kuczek] and [Etzell] up at the net. We're looking for them to come up with big numbers this weekend."

Kuczek and Etzell will look to do just that, as they and their teammates will try to come out of the weekend with two wins.

On Friday, the Belles host Olivet at 7 p.m. Eighteen hours later, Saint Mary's welcomes Alma to its home gym for a 1 p.m. MIAA battle Saturday.

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SMC GOLF

Comets lead Saint Mary's by 14

By BRENDAN BELL
Sports Writer

The No. 15 Belles ended the opening day of conference play tied for third place in the MIAA with an overall score of 338, 14 shots behind the leader Olivet.

Saint Mary's coach Mark Hamilton said errors caused the Belles to position themselves in third rather than higher up the leader board.

"It was a little disappointing today as we made some mistakes and had to take some penalty shots," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said the course at the Medalist Golf Course at Olivet posed a challenge because of both its unfamiliarity and its unfavorable conditions.

"It was a tough course to play for the first time, and we talked about that afterwards and will gradually improve," Hamilton said. "It was quite gusty today and the greens were challenging."

Despite the tough opening day of conference play, the Belles will look to get back on track at Alma's home course for another MIAA Jamboree on Saturday before returning

home Wednesday to host the third round of the conference play.

"After Alma this weekend, next week we get the opportunity to play at home and we are excited about that," Hamilton said.

Leading the way for Saint Mary's was junior Alexi Brown, who shot a low score of 82. This personal record for Brown allowed the Belles to stay close to their main competitors. Ahead of Saint Mary's in first place is Olivet with a score of 324, and Hope College took second with a score of 336. Tied with Saint Mary's in third place is Calvin College. The lowest score on the day was from Olivet junior Theresa Damico with a round of 72.

"She is a great player and today's performances were even more impressive considering the conditions," Hamilton said.

For the Belles, a few of the regular top performers including freshman Amanda Graham and junior Justine Breshnahan were troubled by mistakes early in the round that caused them to shoot scores of 88 and 87, respectively. Hamilton said he expects Graham and

Breshnahan will get back on track this Saturday.

"I know they will definitely improve from today's performances, as they shot well and hit a lot of greens, but the few sev-

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Mark Hamilton
Belles coach

ens and eights early in the round did us in even as we continued to make some birdies later in the round," Hamilton said. "They are great players."

The Belles will continue their conference play at Alma's Pine River golf course this Saturday starting at 1 p.m.

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forward Ryan Finley headed home his team-leading fifth goal of the season in sudden-death overtime to defeat Michigan 1-0 on the road. The victory continued Notre Dame's best start in Clark's 12 seasons at the helm and its best start overall since 1987. The Irish have registered four shutouts in their seven games and the defense has not allowed a goal in its last 230 minutes of play. Clark said the key to keeping up the non-conference success as the schedule shifts to league action is embracing a game-by-game mentality.

"We have to take it one game at a time," Clark said. "Every road game is always a challenge. If we're going to look at ourselves as serious championship contenders, we have to go in against other teams that are good and be able to play."

The Cardinals (4-3) will hit the pitch on a recent run of their own. With three wins in its last four games, Louisville has begun moving back up toward a ranking in the national polls. The Cardinals began the year ranked seventh in the NSCAA Coaches rankings but dropped out entirely after losing two of their first three games, including the season opener to No. 1 Maryland, 3-0. Clark said

the Cardinals are arguably Notre Dame's best opponent thus far.

"They are a very good team," Clark said. "They lost a couple of real tough games in tough places. ... This will be possibly be our hardest challenge to date, or at least among the top two."

Notre Dame's defense will be tasked with handling a Louisville offense that has scored 10 goals in its last four games. Senior defender Greg Cochran leads the team in scoring with three goals and seven points, but the Cardinals feature a balanced attack out of their 4-2-3-1 formation.

Irish junior defender Luke Mishu, along with the rest of the Notre Dame back line, allowed just four total shots on goal against Michigan and Michigan State en route to a pair of shutouts. Mishu was named the Big East Defensive Player of the Week on Tuesday for his performances. Earlier in the season, both junior defender Andrew O'Malley and sophomore defender Max Lachowecki garnered the same honor. Clark said while the back four have been stout, defense is a total team effort.

"We don't just defend in our half of the field," Clark said. "It requires all 11 people and that's the modern game. Nobody can take the luxury of not thinking about defending. ... This is an entire 11-man effort to defend and that's what it's going to take if we do something at Louisville."

The Irish open their conference campaign Saturday when they take on the Cardinals. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m at Cardinal Park.

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Roccaro

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netted goals against Cincinnati. Waldrum admitted, however, their biggest impact on the team could not simply be recorded in statistics.

"Having [Laddish] at midfield has made us better in holding on to the ball at that position," Waldrum said. "[Roccaro] looked so strong and comfortable with the ball and helped us in many subtle ways most people wouldn't recognize. She really allowed the other players to get the runs they needed to make."

On the other side of the field, Notre Dame saw three different goalies guard the net in last weekend's contests. Freshman Elyse Hight played the first half against Louisville before sophomore Sarah Voigt came in for the second half. Voigt started and played the majority of the game against Cincinnati before freshman Naomi Willett made her college debut toward the end of the game.

Waldrum said he plans to pencil Voigt in for this weekend's matchups.

"Sarah will start for us this weekend, since Elyse has been sick and missed training," Waldrum said. "I think it's definitely time for Sarah to start, and we hope to get Naomi some more time as well."

Notre Dame will look for top performances on both ends of the pitch as it gears up to play an improved Pittsburgh squad Friday night. Although the Panthers (5-5-1, 0-1-1) struggled to a dismal 2-13-4 record last season, they have more than doubled their win total already behind the leadership of new coach Greg Miller.

The two teams have not met



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Junior midfielder/forward Rebecca Twining, left, fights for control of the ball during Notre Dame's 7-0 home win over Cincinnati on Sunday.

since 2009, but Waldrum said he expects a tough game from Pittsburgh.

"They have a new coach and a new staff, which always re-energizes a team," Waldrum said. "They're a completely different team from what we've seen in the past, and I don't know much about them, but they've turned around from last year."

The Irish will face another challenge when they battle non-conference opponent Oakland (3-2-3) on Sunday. The Grizzlies won the Summit League championship last season and earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament, where they fell to No. 1-seeded Wake Forest in the first round. This year's Grizzlies team features junior midfielder Abigail Haelewyn, who leads the NCAA in assists with eight, and sophomore forward Kyla Kellermann, who has totaled six goals and fourteen points on the season.

Although Oakland may not carry the cache of most of Notre Dame's opponents, Waldrum

said he fears his team could fall into a trap game against the Grizzlies.

"I would rather play top teams because I know we'll be ready for that," Waldrum said. "These are the games that you worry about because you know the players could have the mentality of taking them lightly and playing down to their level."

Despite the concerns, Waldrum asserted this weekend would be about helping the Irish make a run at the conference crown in one of their last seasons in the Big East.

"It's one game at a time for us, and we're really focused on our conference games," Waldrum said. "We haven't won the Big East in years and need to reestablish dominance there."

Notre Dame will host Pittsburgh on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and will face Oakland on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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SMC TENNIS

Squad tunes up for spring

Observer Staff Report

With only three returning players, the young Saint Mary's team is ready to test its mettle in the only tournament of the fall season. The Belles will compete at the MIAA flighted tournament in Kalamazoo, Mich., on Friday.

The Belles, who finished 2011 with a record of 11-9, are looking to repeat the early success of last season. Saint Mary's won six of its first eight matches, sweeping three, before hitting a rough patch through conference play.

In this tournament, the Belles will compete against conference opponents and play will be based on individual individual matches rather than team scores. Three winners will be crowned in the singles bracket, one for each flight,

and two winners in the doubles brackets.

Saint Mary's has little experience to rely on entering this tournament. Returning sophomores Margaret Boden, Mary Catherine Faller and Sarah Monte all competed in the 2011 season and currently serve as tri-captains for the Belles.

There is a range of experience between the returning three players. Boden finished at the top of the returning players with a 10-9 freshman season overall, the second-best record for the Belles last year. She also played most of the season as part of the No. 1 doubles team for the Belles. Meanwhile, Monte only played in one conference match, though she appeared in several exhibition matches before the season began.

Faller, who finished 9-10 on

the season, earned First Team All-MIAA honors at the end of the season with a 5-3 record at No. 1 doubles. Faller also spent much of the season at No. 3 singles. She also served as a co-captain in the 2011 season.

The freshmen come in with successful high-school careers. Shannon Elliot, from Plymouth, Ind., received honorable mention in All-State twice. Almost all of the new players were captains on their high school teams and earned honors in academics.

The Belles season won't officially begin until Feb. 9 with matches against Case Western and Ohio Northern.

Saint Mary's will take to the court to compete for the only time this fall today at 8 a.m. and all day tomorrow in the MIAA-flighted tournament in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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Dillon

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we've been doing," Fink said. "We know that if we execute we'll be fine. In terms of changing our game plan, we're not going to do that at this point."

Stanford (0-1) suffered its own loss last week to Keough, but senior captain Paul Babiak said the Griffins were not discouraged and have refocused.

"We need to work on the offensive line and on our pass coverage a little bit, but other than that we should be fine," Babiak said. "The last game just came down to an 80-yard run and a pick-six for Keough."

Babiak said Stanford will be ready for Dillon on Sunday.

"Typically, Dillon is very strong up front on both the defensive and offensive line," Babiak said. "Fortunately, we are much stronger this year than in the past so we're looking to manhandle them at the line of scrimmage."

The Griffins and the Big Red will play at 3:30 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan on Sunday.

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Duncan vs. Morrissey

By LESLEY STEVENSON
Sports Writer

Duncan continues the hunt for its first win of the season against an untested Morrissey squad in a Sunday matchup both teams predict will be a defensive showdown.

The Highlanders (0-1) fell to Alumni last weekend in a defensive struggle ultimately decided by a field goal, but junior captain Gerrit Hobson said he was pleased with the effort on both offense and defense.

"[It was] not a poor performance either way," Hobson said. "The defense definitely has to look to improve on the pass coverage."

Hobson cited a drive that began with a 35-yard pass and ended with a field goal for the Dawgs.

In spite of the defensive misstep, Hobson was also quick to praise the unit.

"We play well as a team," Hobson said. "I think our defense is really strong. That's one of our best attributes — is the fact that we work together so well."

Squaring up to face the Highlanders are the Manor, who will be playing its season opener. Waiting through a bye week, Morrissey chose to test its strengths against O'Neill in a scrimmage last Sunday.

"[We played] not so much for score but just to get comfortable with running plays and to get some live action for some of the younger guys on the team," senior captain Taylor Stein said.

While Stein touted the size and intensity of Morrissey's offensive line, he also made a point of mentioning the Manor's defensive line.

"Defense has always been a point of pride for Morrissey," Stein said. "It'll probably be a low-scoring game."

The Highlanders and the Manor both seek to prove defensive dominance Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Keenan vs. O'Neill

By ALEX WILCOX
Sports Writer

In Sunday's game between Keenan and O'Neill, the age-old question of rest versus momentum will once again be tested.

Keenan (1-0) is coming off an impressive 23-7 win over defending champion Dillon, but the Knights also lost senior running back and middle linebacker Adam Holzmeister to a sprained ankle.

Meanwhile, O'Neill (0-0) had



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Carroll junior Bobby Dorman kicks a field goal during a 2011 interhall game. The Vermin are 1-0 going into Sunday's game against Zahm.

a bye in week one, which leaves the team rested and rehearsed, but with no game experience.

The Mob are coming off a season in which they won just one game and failed to make the playoffs. Nevertheless, a new season means a renewed sense of confidence for the O'Neill squad, junior captain Eric Reed said.

"I'm pretty excited about our team," Reed said. "Last year, our offensive scheme wasn't the best, but this year it's much improved."

With a two-pronged attack in the backfield consisting of Reed and junior running back and co-captain Jon Savakus, O'Neill's offensive strategy is to revolve much more around the running game, a fact Keenan senior captain Andrew McDonough recognizes.

"Last year they ran the ball pretty effectively against us," McDonough said. "So for us it all starts up front. Stop the run and make them pass. Games are won in the trenches, so our offensive and defensive lines will be key for us."

Stopping the run could be more challenging this time around for Keenan, with Holzmeister sidelined, but McDonough refuses to let an injury derail his team.

"For us, it's next man up, everyone has got to be ready to play," McDonough said. "We've got a couple of guys who are banged up, but the important thing is to keep doing what we did last week. Our motto this season is 'finish the job,' and we plan to do that."

Keenan will face O'Neill on Sunday at 3:30 pm at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

Alumni vs. Siegfried

Siegfried, second-place finisher in last year's O'Leary Cup race, seeks to overcome 2012 O'Leary Cup champion Alumni

on Sunday in a matchup of seasoned defenses and focused offenses.

The Cup, formerly known as the Interhall All-Sports Trophy, is awarded to the men's residence hall that best exhibits interhall participation, sportsmanship, and competition.

The Dawgs (1-0) started off on the road to reclaiming their past success with a 3-0 win over the Highlanders.

"We're all happy with the way our defense came out and played," Dawgs junior captain Tom O'Sullivan said. "We definitely want to come out and be very physical in all the games and [the defense] definitely showed that that's what Alumni is all about, is being physical."

O'Sullivan said Alumni hopes to tighten up their offensive strategy, but he affirmed the matchup against Siegfried (0-1) could turn into a standoff between powerful defensive lines.

"Especially versus Siegfried, I would expect a defensive battle," O'Sullivan said. "It could very well come down to one turnover or one play that swings field position."

For their part, the Ramblers are ready to roar on defense. Sophomore running back Jose Linardi confirmed that his team hopes to improve its offense as well.

"Our defense is fine, we've just got to get our offense clicking," Linardi said.

Coming off a close loss to Knott, Siegfried looks for its first win of the season and a chance at tournament success later this year.

"We hope for a championship, to be honest," Linardi said. "So we've got to make it to the end."

Alumni and Siegfried square off at 2:15 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Fisher vs. St. Edward's

By ALEX STEMBAUGH
Sports Writer

Expect a strong defensive showdown as Fisher and St. Edward's square off Sunday with both teams in search of their first win.

Fisher had a first-week bye, but the Green Wave are looking to come out tough and ready to play while relying on tenacious defense.

"We're definitely looking forward to a tough game," senior captain Matt Hart said. "We want to stay focused and execute. We want to keep everything in front of us on defense, and we're looking for our entire defense to shut down the opposing offense."

Hart said one player to watch is junior quarterback Joe Paggi, a threat both through the air and on the ground.

St. Edward's (0-1) is looking to come back rejuvenated and refocused after a 21-0 loss to Carroll last week.

"We don't take 'no' for an answer," junior captain Paul Rodriguez said. "We just need to reinforce what we want to do. We don't like to lose, so we hope to bounce back and forget about the first week."

Rodriguez said the Gentlemen put forth a solid defensive performance in their loss to the Vermin, but they are hoping for more production on offense in week two.

"[Last week] we got good penetration on defense, but our offense just wasn't there," Rodriguez said. "We want to move the ball more on offense."

The Green Wave and Gentlemen will kick off Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Siegfried runs the ball during a 2011 game against Dillon. The Ramblers will try to rebound against Alumni after losing to rival Knott on Sunday.

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Happy Birthday: Emotions will mount if you are too intense. Lighten up and keep things in perspective. Reflect on past experience and learn. Eliminate situations that are bringing you down and holding you back. Focus on finishing whatever you start. Step into the limelight if it will help you reach your goals. Your numbers are 5, 13, 28, 32, 35, 44.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Creative accounting will help you solve a financial problem. Don't count on someone to do the work for you. Be responsible for your position and lot in life, and do whatever it takes to make changes that will send you in a positive direction. ★★★

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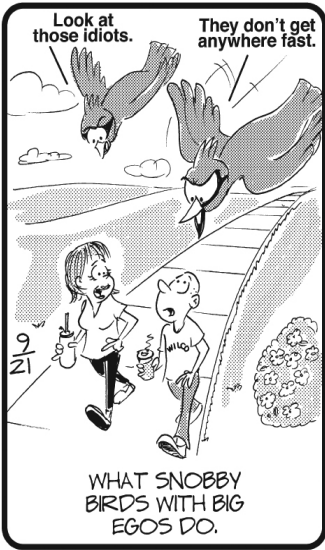
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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish kick off conference play

Undefeated streak on the line as Louisville plays host

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Writer

National rankings. Undefeated record. Golden goals. For everything the No. 3 Irish have done so far this season, the squad has yet to embark on one gauntlet: conference play.

Notre Dame (7-0) enters that phase of its schedule Saturday when it squares off with Louisville in the Big East opener in Louisville, Ky.

Irish coach Bobby Clark said conference play represents a real test given the strength of the Big East, which has four teams in addition to Notre Dame in the Blue Division with undefeated records.

"The Big East has opened non-conference play very strongly so there's no question it's one of the strongest, if not the strongest, conference right now," Clark said. "So we know that every game will be meaningful. The big thing with the Big East is there are no given games. You can't tick it off that that's going to be a win for us. No team can do that."

The Irish enter their conference opener clicking on all cylinders. On Sunday,

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Senior midfielder Dillon Powers dribbles the ball during Notre Dame's 2-0 home win over Michigan St. on Sept. 14.

MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Vermin aim to outrun Zahmbies

By **SARAH CONNORS**
Sports Writer

Carroll and Zahm are set to square off in their second games of the season with each team looking for a victory.

Zahm (0-1) was unsuccessful in its first game against Sorin but is looking for a big win this week.

Zahm senior captain Alex Bowman said the Zahmbies are focusing on shifting their game plan toward the rushing attack.

"Without specifically knowing how Carroll plays, we plan to run the ball up the gut," Bowman said.

One of Zahm's leaders on the other side of the ball is freshman defensive back Ryan Tang. Tang and the rest of the Zahm defense will be tasked with shutting down a Carroll offense that put up 21 points in its season-opening win against St. Edward's.

The Carroll defense is also at the top of its game in the early part of the season. The Vermin (1-0) were in sync last week on the defensive side of the ball as they shut out the Gentlemen. Senior quarterback Thomas Spoonmore said the team is still fine tuning the offense, specifically the ground game.

"We really need to work on our offensive running," Spoonmore said.

Spoonmore said he believes his team will be able to defeat Zahm if it can run the ball, but

Carroll will need a complete effort to stay perfect.

"We have a good quarterback and many receivers," Spoonmore said. "In this game, we are really going to focus on having an all-around team effort."

Carroll and Zahm will face off Sunday at 2:15 at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Dillon vs. Stanford

By **SAMANTHA ZUBA**
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When Dillon and Stanford square off Sunday, both teams will be looking to overcome disappointing first-week losses.

Dillon (0-1) fell to Keenan 23-7 in its opening outing. Dillon junior captain Kevin Fink gave Keenan credit for playing a great game, but said his offense needs to avoid giving opponents good field position off turnovers.

"Keenan just outplayed us on both sides of the ball," Fink said. "They were more physical and had more energy. We made mistakes on offense that put our defense in a bad position, and we can't do that."

However, Fink said Dillon would not change its offensive mindset.

"We're going to stick to what

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team welcomes Pitt, Oakland over weekend

By **BRIAN HARTNETT**
Sports Writer

After sweeping its opening slate of Big East games, Notre Dame will look to keep its perfect conference record intact when it faces Pittsburgh at Alumni Stadium on Friday. The Irish will then take a break from conference play to host Oakland (Mich.) on Sunday.

Last weekend, Notre Dame (5-3-1, 2-0-0 Big East) earned a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Louisville and saw seven different players score in a 7-0 romp over Cincinnati. Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he was particularly impressed by the team's ability to put together back-to-back wins.

"Until last weekend, we hadn't

really put together a good weekend with this young team," Waldrum said. "I think it's taken some time because we are so young, and we started with a tough schedule early on. The challenge for us now is taking these wins and putting together a good run."

Waldrum noted a major factor in the offense's seamless efficiency last weekend was the return of junior midfielder Mandy Laddish and freshman midfielder Cari Roccaro, who missed the first few weeks of the season to play for the U.S. in the FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup. Laddish and Roccaro made an immediate impact in their first weekend of play, as both

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Freshman midfielder Cari Roccaro strikes the ball during Notre Dame's 7-0 home win over Cincinnati on Sunday. The Irish will play Pittsburgh and Oakland at Alumni Stadium this weekend.