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Debate captivates nation

Students respond to candidates' comments on education, healthcare



President Barack Obama faced off with Gov. Mitt Romney in the first of three presidential debates Wednesday night at the University of Denver. The candidates addressed the economy, the federal deficit and taxes.

By JOHN CAMERON News Editor

The final stretch of the presidential race kicked off last night as President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney faced off on employment, the economy and healthcare in the first of three 2012 presidential debates.

Students tuning into the debates had mixed feelings about how convincing the candidates' plans were on the controversial topics.

Senior Betty Graham said the issue of education hit home for her as a college student.

"Romney was quoted as saying college students should ask our parents for a loan, but that's not an option for a lot of students, even

from high-income families," she said. "For me that was a big deal. ... Romney didn't really respond to it in a great way."

Graham found merit in both candidates' philosophies toward education for younger students.

"I think a lot of the responsibility lies at the state and local level, but I think in terms of what Obama talked about, with education being the future of America — they can't just leave that up to towns and states," she said. "Mississippi needs help, they can't get it done on their own.,"

she said.

Senior Tom Swanson was not affected by either candidate's statements on education.

"No candidate is ever going to say he's against education," Swanson said. "They both end up saying the same politically-correct platitudes. I would call it a draw."

As much of the debate focused on the role of small businesses, Graham said she felt the distinction between "small" and "large" businesses was unclear.

"I wish one of them would have taken the time to say what in their eyes is a big or small business," she said. "When Obama brought up the fact that under some definitions Donald Trump is a small business, it gets tricky. ... I thought small business was the 'mom and pop' hardware store."

Senior Patty Walsh was not wholly convinced by Romney's claim he would not reduce taxes on large corporations as president.

"He's definitely easy to criticize as flip-flopping on issues," she said. "The temptation is to say he won't stick behind that, and that he'll be tempted by his background to be lenient toward big business. But I don't think, given the economy we're in, he has the room to let his preferences decide."

As Obama frequently alluded to Romney's alleged plan to cut taxes by \$5 trillion, Graham was unconvinced by Romney's explanation the cuts would be made up for by eliminating exemptions and loopholes.

"When Obama said the math doesn't add up ... I'm cautious about that," she said. "I know neither of the candidates want to say they're not going to not cut taxes we all want to hear they'll cut them

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Game weekend features lectures

ByMELFLANAGAN News Writer

As a lead-up to this weekend's Shamrock Series football game against the Miami Hurricanes in Chicago, the University will host four academic events in the Windy City that focus on various key issues in today's world.

The events, which are free and open to the public, will be held at Chicago's J.W. Marriott at 151 W. Adams Street.

Sophomore Emily Strickland, student advocacy assistant for the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity, said the scheduled academic talks emphasize the values important to the University.

"I think it's highlighting that Notre Dame is an academic institution first rather than a sports powerhouse," Strickland said.

As part of the series, the Ford Program, along with the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Initiative for Global Development, is sponsoring a debate titled "International Development and U.S. Foreign Policy," which will be held today at 5 p.m. in Grand Ballroom B and C.

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Professor critiques war apathy

By DAN BROMBACH News Writer

Choose one of two options in the war on terror: Either assent to continued war as necessary for the preservation of freedom and commit fully to its material and human costs, or abandon the struggle and settle for a constricted definition of liberty.

These were the two options

Boston University professor Andrew Bacevich presented to Americans on Wednesday afternoon in his lecture titled, "Cheap Grace and the American Way of War."

Bacevich said the way in which the United States has waged war since the September 11 terrorist attacks can be defined by the

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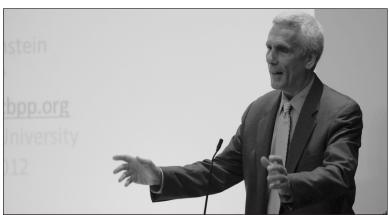
Advisor addresses economy

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN

Right before President Barack Obama Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney debated for the first time on live television Wednesday night, economist Jared Bernstein spoke on the government's role in the economy.

Bernstein, former

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Jared Bernstein, former economic advisor to Vice President Joe Biden, discussed the government's role in the economy Wednesday night.



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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

Have a question you want answered? Email obsphoto@gmail.com

If you could get rid of one thing in the world, what would it be?



Andy Hatfieod law student Fisher Graduate Residence "Way too early Christmas stuff."



Kathleen Hull senior Ryan Hall "Fifty Shades of Grey."

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"Colds."



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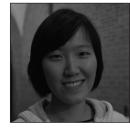
senior

Ryan Hall

"Hagfish."



Siyu Yao freshman Ryan Hall "Death."



Summer Engineering In London 2010 Notre Dam

The College of Engineering hosted an information session Tuesday in DeBartolo Hall for its summer programs in London, England, and Alcoy, Spain. Bob Alworth, director of Inegrated Engineering and Business Practices, delivered useful information to students who are interested in the foreign study programs.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Want your event included here? Email obsnews.nd@gmail.com

Thursday

Talk Science Seminar

Jordan Hall 7 p.m.-8 p.m. Current research by students and faculty.

2012 Red Smith Lecture: "Journalism in the Age of Twitteracy"

Eck Visitors Center 7:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.

Friday

Nano Research **Contest Finalists**

Stinson-Remick Hall 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Poster session.

Nanovic Film: **Habemus Papam**

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center 6:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Tickets \$4/\$7

Saturday

Men's Soccer

Alumni Stadium 2 p.m.-4 p.m. ND vs. Georgetown

"Much Ado About Nothing"

Washington Hall 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Student-run theater production.

Sunday

Women's Soccer Alumni Stadium 1 p.m.-3 p.m. ND vs. Rutgers

"Human Evolution" Symposium McKenna Hall All Day Discourses by

international experts.

Monday

Work Off Your Weekend

Rolfs Sports Recreation Center All day

"New Media: From the Middles Ages to the Digital Age" 107 O'Shaughnessy 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Rountable discussion.

Feast day honors St. Francis

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

The Notre Dame community will celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi today with a special mass, a movie showing, a blessing in the chapel of Breen-Phillips Hall and treats in the dining halls.

Duncan Hall rector Terry Fitzgibbons helped plan the days event to honor St. Francis, who is the patron saint of animals and the environment.

Fitzgibbons said Heather Rakoczy Russell, associate vice-president for residential life, knew of his interest in the environment and social justice, and asked him to be the representative for the Office of Student Affairs on the University's Energy and Environmental Issues committee.

"The environment's something that's always been important to me, and at the same time my faith has been important to me," he said. "I don't view them as separate, the two go hand in hand. ... This is God's earth, andwe're supposed to take care of it."

The daily 5:15 p.m. Mass in the Basilica will honor the feast day. Fr. Paul Coleman, director of the Center of Social Concerns, will preside at the Mass. Following the mass, the movie "Sun Come Up" will screen in the Jordan Hall of Science, Fitzgibbons said.

"It's a story about ... climate refugees," Fitzgibbons said. "[The people in the film] basically have no place to live anymore, due to rising sea levels, and this [film] follows their story."

Fitzgibbons then said moviegoers can attend a forum after the film to talk about the Catholic standpoint on the environment.

"We're going to have a discussion, prayer [and] reflection afterwards," Fitzgibbons said. "With sustainability, ecology, environment, climatestuff... sometimes it can tend to be statisticoriented, number-oriented. The idea is to spiritualize the environment and ecology because stewardship of the earth is part of our Catholic teaching.



Photo courtesy of Kate Lang

This marble plaque of St. Francis of Assisi will be blessed at a prayer service commemorating his feast day in the Breen-Phillips Hall Chapel.

It's not just a hobby we tree-huggers are into, but a part of our Catholic faith."

Fitzgibbonssaidhehopes the Mass, film and discussion lead to a deeper sense of awareness on environmental issues and how they can be integrated into faith.

"Once you make it part of our faith, it's something we have to take seriously. ... We hope students, faculty and staffwill join us for this and also be part of the conversation," he said. "We want to not just end with the film, but moving forward, what are ways we can make the issues of ecology, environment, sustainability [and] climate ... more personal, more spiritual?"

Other meaningful questions can be addressed in the context of these events, Fitzgibbons said.

"What can we do practically for people, like the people in the film who are affected by climate change?" he said. "But also, what can we do on campus, what can we do in our faith lives, to make this more meaningful?"

The feast of St. Francis is the perfect time to bring these concerns to light, Fitzgibbons said.

"I think the feast of St. Francis is the natural way to tie [faith and the environment] in, with Mass, with the discussion of the film, to tie it in and make itverypersonal and spiritual," he said. Breen-Phillips Hall will also hold a prayer service Thursday in the dorm's St. Francis of Assisi Chapel to celebrate

the feast day of its namesake.

Breen-Phillips Hall's liturgical commissioner Kate Lang said the prayer service will also focus on faith and the environment.

"One of the Masters of Divinity students [Collen Mayer] is going to give a small reflection on St. Francis and the environment," Lang said. "One of the students who graduated in 2009 made a marble plaque of St. Francis, and during the prayer service we are going to blessit."

The plaque will then be hung in Breen-Phillips Hall's chapel.

The prayer service will continue the theme of St. Francis of Assisi, she said, with the opening song "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace," which is based on the Prayer of St. Francis. "The Canticle of the Sun," written by St. Francis, will also be read, Langsaid.

In addition to the religious events commemorating the feast of St. Francis on campus, the dining halls will serve special nature-themed desserts at dinner.

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Students enjoy bonfire despite rain

By SARAH SWIDERSKI News Writer

Saint Mary's students braved the rain Wednesday evening to attend the annual Student Diversity Board (SDB) bonfire, featuring local performers, three blazing fires and food.

Board member Jean Osberger said the bonfire was the start of great year of SDB events to come.

"Tonight is a kickoff for the year and to get everyone excited for other SDB events," Osberger said.

Saint Mary's singing group Bellacappella performed renditions of popular songs such as "Some Nights," complete with background beat boxing.

Local poet Pam Blair recited two poems she had written titled "The Carousel of Life" and "I Want to Dream."

"I would like to thank everyone for coming out in the rain to support our amazing performers."

Maggie Galvin SBD president

Notre Dame student rapper D. Montayne performed a set, including a rap to the tune of the Notre Dame fight song. He also performed his song "Broken Mirrors," for which a music video will soon be filmed. Students danced and put their hands up as the rapper performed, in preparation for his upcoming show at Club Fever this Saturday.

The TroopND hip-hop dance team and the ND/SMC Irish dance team followed these performances.

Raffles took place throughout the night for three buckets of candy, an SDB t-shirt and a rubber bracelet. Students also enjoyed s'mores, caramel apples and cider.

Later this year, SDB will host the Diverse Students Leadership Conference on diversities in various settings, the challenges in incorporating diversity and the benefits of diversity, which will be held March 19 to 20. The theme for this school year's conference is "From Awareness to Action."

SDB bonfire chair Abby Burgan said she was pleased with the number of students who attended.

"Despite the rain and all the obstacles we still had a great turnout," Burgan said.

SDB president Maggie Galvin said she also thought the event was successful despite the inclement weather.

"I would like to thank everyone for coming out in the rain to support our amazing performers," Galvin said.

"A little rain didn't ruin our fun."

Board member Rachel Chaddah said the event has grown in popularity.

"It's a testament to the tradition of (the bonfire) that so many people came out," she said. "I've been on the board since freshman year, [and] it's gotten bigger and bigger each year."

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Lecture explores U.S. role

By MICHAEL FERNANDES News Writer

What would happen if America ceased to be — if it failed to provide the leadership in the international arena for which it is best known?

Professor Paul Collier, director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies at the University of Oxford, raised these questions and more in his lecture Wednesday "International Human Development: Has the U.S. a Leadership Role?"

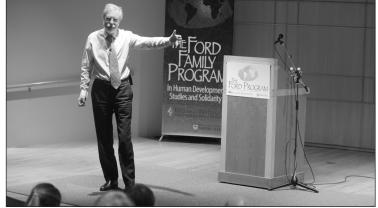
Collier, whose research includes the political economy of democracy and poverty, emphasized the distinct way in which the United States must exert its influence in the world so it may more effectively foster human development.

He said the United States must lead by employing soft power, the power of influence and example, as opposed to the traditional notion of hard, physical power.

With its "power of example, of imitation, [soft power] is much, much stronger than people appreciate," Collier said.

The U.S. should also use soft power to communicate particular values that have empowered America but are lacking in Africa, he said.

Motivation is an important aspect of any healthy, vibrant society, including the United States, Collier said. Prosperous nations and successful organizations empower individuals to make a leap of identity, internalize objectives and be-



Professor Paul Collier spoke Wednesay about America's ability to promote moral values and foster human development throughout the world.

suffers from a chronic "failure of motivation."

"If you look at the public sector across Africa—schools, health clinics — the fundamental problem is the astonishingly low productivity of the labor force because the labor force is not motivated," he said.

Collier defined another pivotal value, neutral regard, as twopronged: it empowers individuals to achieve a cooperative solution to problems and allows for redistribution from the better-off to the worseoff in society. Here too, he said, the developing world struggles and must look to the developed world as an example.

"Quite systematically, there are big variances, big differences, between the ability of different societies to reach [a] cooperative outcome," he said. "It is much more difficult for poorer societies than wealthy societies."

Collier emphasized the power

shadows of dictatorships and crumbling democratic governments.

"The poorest countries have enormous problems with high levels of corruption, low levels of integrity in their government," he said.

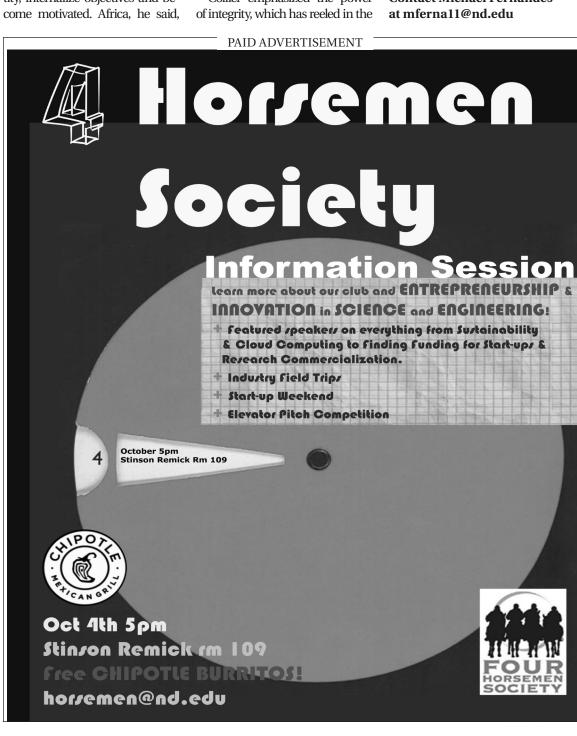
But Collier said the virtue of stewardship—one that even Americans have not fully embraced—is one of the most pressing.

"Stewardship is the central task of the present generation of African decision makers," he said, "in the next decade there is going to be a resource boom."

Collier praised American society as an exemplar, but stressed the urgency of communicating its values to a world greatly in need.

"[The developing world] needs role models of high integrity," he said, "which is something that America has been able to deliver dramatically over the years."

Contact Michael Fernandes



Group discusses overcrowding

By MADDIE DALY

News Writer

Student body president Brett Rocheleau reviewed meetings this week between student government, community leaders and administrators during Wednesday's gathering of the Student Senate. He also looked ahead to his administration's goals for its upcoming meeting with the Board of Trustees.

Last Thursday, Rocheleau met with Director of Academic Affairs Max Brown to talk about issues within academics.

"We met with the provost and talked over issues and looked ahead at what's to come in the future," Rocheleau said.

Friday morning, Rocheleau and chief of staff Katie Baker attended the South Bend Community Summit.

"The main topic this time was the perceptions held by Notre Dame students about South Bend residents and vice versa," Baker said. "The idea is for students to get more involved in the community because a lot of the time the residents just see Friday night shenanigans going on. We are trying to show them a more positive image."

Rocheleau said the summit was successful.

"Basically the summit was for community leaders, police force, and students," Rocheleau said "We met and talked through different events and collaboration ideas. I thought it went very wel."

Also on Friday, Rocheleau met with the Office of Student affairs about the current proposals for a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA).

"It went really well," Rocheleau said. "They're definitely going through a lengthy process. They've done a lot of research for benchmark activities. They are planning to make an announcement at the end of the semester so that's something to look forward

After completing this overview of their weekend meetings, Senate looked ahead to a student government presentation before the Board of Trustees. Student body vice president Katie Rose went through an outline ofnwhat this will entail.

"We will start by showing what the student body looks like statistics-wise and infrastructure," Rose said. "So we have 29 dorms — two new buildings opened to relieve overcrowding, but we are back to being overcrowded."

Rose said the presentation will include an analysis of the residence hall system versus off-campus living.

"We'll talk about why people love living on campus and why our residence life system is so remarkable and unique," she said. "We also have to address why students are moving off campus, which

we discussed last week. We will conclude with recommendations for the future, some being more student facilities or possibly new dorm buildings."

Rocheleau said overcrowding is a result of admitting more students.

"We have about 8,400 students when our goal is usually 8,000," Rocheleau said. "We've been admitting more and more per class, so more beds are being taken up in dorms. Even if we build new dorms, the same thing will happen again. We just opened two new dorms and overcrowding still happened..

McGlinn Hall senator Ali Wellman asked if reducing admissions would fix the problem.

"Notre Dame admits a certain amount of students anticipating that some students will decline their offer," Baker said. "More and more people have been accepting the offer lately which is why the class sizes have been over the normal amount."

Carroll Hall senator Matthew O'Brien brought up a good suggestion that would open up more

"Would they change the rule that athletes have to live on campus? I know a lot of athletes who have rooms in dorms but don't actually live there," O'Brien said. "That's a good 100 beds that aren't being used."

After concluding their discussion of overcrowding in residence halls, the senators addressed a resolutionoabout a new campus ministry council, introduced by campus ministry representative and senior Ellen Carroll

"There is a new campus ministry leader this year, so we're changing the model to make it really driven by the students," Carroll said. "We want student-generated ideas to share with the administration so they can work with each other."

To bring those ideas before the administration, Carroll said a new body called the Campus Ministry Advisory Council will include 12 to 15 students.

"They will meet with campus ministry administrators and talk about topics brought up from both sides," she said.

Carroll said she hopes for a wide range of students to participate in this council, not just "campus ministry regulars..

"We want to be able to better meet the needs of the entire student body," Carroll said. "The resolution says we have this new position to facilitate communication between student government and campus ministry. The campus ministry representative will be someone from the advisory council, once it is created." Senate voted unanimously in favor of this resolution.

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Republicans claim victory in debate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Challenger Mitt Romney used Wednesday's debate to put President Barack Obama on the defensive on health care, jobs and other issues. The president's reluctance to fire back harshly gave new hope to Republican partisans.

Romney managed to highlight his top campaign themes — calling for lower tax rates, less regulation, the repeal of "Obamacare" — while largely fending off Obama's demands for details on how to pay for his proposals or safeguard Americans' health and well-being.

Neither Obama nor the debate's moderator, meanwhile, pressed Romney on some of his most vulnerable points. They included Romney's claim that 47 percent of Americans are docile dependents on the government, a topic heavily featured in TV ads and public conversations the past two weeks.

The 90-minute debate in Denver may have been too wonky to captivate millions of American viewers and change the campaign's overall arc. Polls show Obama leading in key battleground states.

But it delighted Republicans who felt Romney was the aggressor without going overboard, and who were surprised by Obama's cautious, at times listless demeanor.

Even some Democratic partisans grudgingly acknowledged that Romney had a good debate.

"I think he won, unfortunately," said Karl Amelchenko, 36, a lawyer from Raleigh, N.C., who supports Obama. "Romney was aggressive. He attacked."

The nominees have two more

debates this month, and a government jobs report on Friday could reshape the contest. Obama has aired more TV ads than Romney in several key states, and it's unclear whether Romney can follow his solid debate performance with the type of incisive message that has eluded him so far.

Obama and moderator Jim Lehrer repeatedly failed to force Romney to detail how he would cut tax rates at every income level without expanding the deficit or forcing middle-income people to pay a higher total tax bill.

"If you believe that we can cut taxes by \$5 trillion and add \$2 trillion in additional spending that the military is not asking for," Obama said, "and you think that by closing loopholes and deductions for the well-to-do, somehowyou will not end up picking

up the tab, then Gov. Romney's plan may work for you."

"Virtually everything he just said about my tax plan is inaccurate," Romney retorted. "I'm not looking for a \$5 trillion tax cut."

As Romney all but accused Obama of lying about his tax plan, the president alternated between looking directly at his Republican rival and bowing his head to take notes. "Now he's saying his big bold idea is 'never mind," Obama said.

Romney held his ground. He said he would reduce income tax rates without adding to the deficit and without reducing "the share paid by high-income individuals."

Economists say Romney has yet to explain how he can manage that feat.

Obama seemed frustrated but almost resigned. He said Romney's running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, "put forward a budget that reflects many of the principles that Gov. Romney's talked about. And it wasn't very detailed. This seems to be a trend."

But rather than press Romney any harder for details, the president moved on.

Obama seemed eager not to appear prickly or angry. He flashed his familiar smile often, and it's possible that many viewers saw him as relaxed and unshaken.

But the president also failed to follow through on some openings, such as when he noted that Romney once said he would reject a deficit-reduction plan even if it called for only \$1 in new tax revenues for every \$10 in spending cuts.

Obama said he wants "a balanced approach" that would include \$2.50 in spending cuts for every \$1 in new revenue.

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The debate will feature two panelists: Paul Collier, development economist and the director for the Center for the Study of African Economies at the University of Oxford, and Sean Callahan, executive vice president of Overseas Operations at Catholic Relief Services.

Collier gave a lecture at the University on Wednesday night, titled "International Human Development: Has the U.S. a Leadership Role?"

In the Chicago debate, Collier

and Callahan will discuss what the U.S. role in international development should be, Strickland said. The Kellogg Institute will stream a live feed of the event on its website.

"They're going to talk about what factors are relevant in policy making, and how they should be implemented," Strickland said.

This topic will play a significant role in November's presidential election, Strickland said, and today's event will give students a chance to learn more about the different approaches to global development.

"It's preparing students to see how they should vote, what they feel and to develop their own opinions about foreign aid," she said.

At 2 p.m. today, the University will host another panel, titled "Notre Dame Faculty in the Media."

The event, which will also be held in Grand Ballroom B and C, will feature Notre Dame faculty panelists who been heavily involved in print, broadcast or online news media, a Notre Dame press release stated.

Kate Sullivan, Notre Dame class of 1998 and CBS Chicago news anchor, will moderate the panel.

Friday's academic events, which will both be held in the Lincoln

Room of the J.W. Marriott, will focus on economy and politics in today's world.

"The Economy Now: A Roundtable of Notre Dame Economists" will take place at 10 a.m. and will feature a discussion by Notre Dame faculty and a question-and-answer period.

The final academic event of the Shamrock Series is hosted by University Communications at 2 p.m. Friday. David Shribman, executive editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, will moderate "Religion in the Public Square," and its panelists include University professors and members of the news media.

The week's events offer Notre Dame alumni and fans a chance to stay involved with the University through avenues besides sports, Strickland said.

"Notre Dame is a University, it's not going to be all about sports," she said. "I think it's showing that athletics are important, but academics always comes with it at the University."

For a complete listing of this weekend's events in Chicago, visit gameday.nd.edu.

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Debate

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or not raise them."

Swanson said third-party research exists to support both sides of Romney's claim.

"I've read findings that would vindicate both sides," he said. "I think [Obama's refutation] will resonate with people's common sense, true or not. I think voters are going to have to do their homework and educate themselves going into the other debates."

As the survival of the Affordable Care Act hinges on the outcome of the election, the candidates debated whether a \$716 billion cut in payments to healthcare providers serving Medicare recipients was a result of streamlining inefficiencies or reducing quality of care.

"I agree with Romney on this one," Graham said. "I think it's going to hurt the patients in the long run. [Quality of care] does affect me. Sure, I can stay on my parents' insurance until I'm 26, but what does that do if the care is mediocre?"

Graham found little comfort in Obama's reassurance he can maintain Medicare successfully.

"Cutting off the elderly is a big deal," she said. "Romney backed Obama up in a corner there. Obama did not do a good job of explaining how it won't collapse."

Following Romney's pledge to replace Dodd-Frank, a package of regulations on financial institutions, Walsh said it was unclear as to what the presidential hopeful would replace it with, or whether it should have been focused on at all.

"First of all, the fact they were talking about it in such a specific way was frustrating," she said. "Even as an educated student in the business college, I can't speak to that issue. He gave no information [on his proposed replacement regulation]."

Swanson said the limited time available was not constructive for a detailed explanation of Romney's proposed regulations.

"I don't think he was too vague," he said. "I don't think he could do much more on that score ... and I don't think Obama defended Dodd-Frank well."

Walsh said the debate did not affect her voting decision, although it may have highlighted some of her favored candidate's weaknesses.

"I think across the board, a lot of people are already locked into their beliefs," she said. "You go in rooting for your candidate and based on their performance, my support might be affected. I think it's more of a call-to-arms situation."

For Graham, the debate inspired her to seek more information.

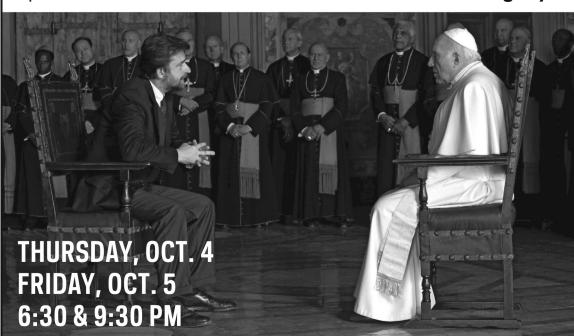
"After watching this, it definitely shook my thinking a bit," she said. "I've got to do some research. People who are less firm in their decision could be swung in a different direction."

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War

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term "cheap grace," meaning the American public enjoys a life of freedom and privilege without participating in the armed conflicts that ensure these liberties.

By disengaging from the war effort, attempting to live unaffected lives by placing the burden on politicians, volunteer military forces and future generations, the American public has indulged in a "cheap grace" of unearned gifts, Bacevich said.

"[American soldiers] fought while we watched, uninvolved and seemingly unaffected," Bacevich said. "When it came to fighting and dying, we not only got a free pass, but we got to feel good about it. Courtesy of the Bush administration, this free pass also extended to the financial cost, with the obligation to pay for this global war on terror falling on future generations of taxpayers."

Bacevich contrasted the "cheap grace" of the war on terror with the shared sacrifice and commitment to the military cause displayed by the American public during World War II.

He said World War II is an example of "costly grace," or grace earned through struggle and unified devotion to the cause of freedom. For example, Bacevich said this idea of costly grace is visible through the equality of American public participation created by the draft system.

"When it came to raising an army, equitability became a defining precept," Bacevich said. "Rather than relying on volunteers, the United States implemented a system of conscription. The draft took black and white, rich and poor, the famous and the obscure, and Ivy Leaguers and high school dropouts.

"In other words, the United States waged World War II with a citizen army that reflected the reigning precepts

of American democracy."

Bacevich said such notions of collective responsibility in warfare have been replaced by a system in which citizens outsource their duty to defend American freedoms to a distant "warrior class," alleviating their guilt for doing so through displays of veneration for the troops. He compared this unbalanced relationship between the public and armed forces to that between the lower class and the financial elite of the one percent.

"If the one percent who are very rich are engaged in ruthlessly exploiting those who are not rich, their actions are analogous to that of American society as a whole in its treatment of soldiers," Bacevich said. "The 99 percent who do not serve in uniform just as ruthlessly exploit those who do serve."

The costly grace of complete public sacrifice during World War II launched the United States to dizzying heights

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Jared Bernstein lectured on the unearned benefits the American public enjoys and the disconnect between the citzenry and its defenders.

of prosperity, whereas more its continued war efforts than a decade of public disenfranchisement and cheap grace in the fight against global terrorism has dragged the country into its current pit of recession and moral uncertainty, Bacevich said.

The United States must either involve the public in or accept limitations to its freedoms.

"Cheap grace has turned out not to be that cheap after all," Bacevich said. "It ends up exacting its own costs."

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McBride

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economics advisor to Vice President Joe Biden, addressed students and faculty at the annual McBride lecture.

"I don't know that I've ever seen an election that starkly presented a choice about the role of government in our economy and in our economic lives," Bernstein said. The two parties have different views on the government's role in the economy, Bernstein said.

"The question is: What's the proper function of the government in advanced economies like ours?" he said.

Both candidates believe markets and market forces should dominate, Bernstein said.

"It's not a matter of one side believing the government should do everything and the other side believing the government shouldn't do everything," he said. "It's a matter of where you draw the line. I'm talking to younger people now. I want you to think yourself of where you would draw that line."

In an interview before the lecture, Bernstein said the jobs market is up for debate because the unemployment rate is still too high. "The budget deficit aspect is a trickier discussion in

the sense that the budget deficit itself is a function of the great recession, and as the economy recovers from that, the pressure from the budget deficit will naturally come down," Bernstein said. "But it will certainly be a part of the discussion."

Bernstein said neither candidate has offered sufficiently concrete plans to improve the job market.

"It's a little tricky for the president in the sense that he proposed a plan a year ago called the American Jobs Act in Sept. 2011 and Congress wouldn't even look at it," he said. "He has an extra barrier to face; even if he comes up with good ideas he has a Republican House [of Representatives]

that is stonewalling him." Pressure to overcome the barriers between the government and economic solutions will need to come from the public, Bernstein said. denizen "I'm a Washington and its extremely frustrating to see just how dysfunctional Congress is right now, at a time when we have real economic challenges to face," he said. "If the economy were humming along at five percent unemployment rate, I might feel less frustrated with this gridlock, but we have big problems to solve, and Congress just threatens to make them worse." The pressure will need come from both of the political

aisle, Bernstein said. "The refusal to compromise is antithetical to getting anything done in politics," he said.

Bernstein's was part of the Higgins Program, which established the McBride Lecture with the United Steelworkers in 1977 "to better understand the principles of unionism and our economy." Bernstein is a senior fellow at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. The lecture preceded a live streaming of the presidential debate Wednesday night in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Fall ball

Laura Coletti

Sports Writer

I often flip-flop on my favorite season, but fall is a front-runner.

Fall is a season rife with transitions. However, one constant that remains, fall in and fall out, is playoff baseball.

Although I never played a game of organized softball in my life, at the ripe young age of 15, I fell in love with a baseball team. I picked a good year to do so, too, because said team has not come close to sniffing playoff baseball since 2006. But during those 162 games, I absorbed everything I could.

Throughout the spring and summer, I would buy packs of baseball cards whenever my mom had to go to Wal-Mart (a hobby, as my dad never failed to remind me, more suited for 9-year-old boys). I learned player names, stats and factoids, not just for my team, but for other teams too. It became a treat to go to games, and I would beg my parents to stay for all nine innings. By the time October rolled around, I was hooked.

Then those darn New York Mets broke my heart.

But for the last six years of my life, I've continued to love playoff baseball in spite of the Mets' lack of presence. I discovered it didn't matter who was playing. Sit me in front of an exciting game and I'll be happy for hours.

Although the presence of baseball in our lives eight months a year is pretty constant, the storylines are constantly changing, keeping the game fresh and exciting. Take this year. Even just within my own team, a non-contender, the Mets were able to celebrate the franchise's first-ever no-hitter this season. Along with that, improbable comeback kid R.A. Dickey became the Mets first 20-win pitcher since 1990 and is a strong candidate for the Cy Young award. So they didn't make the playoffs. At least there's still something to smile about.

In the grander scheme, the two teams from the D.C.-Metro area have made names for themselves. Both the Baltimore Orioles and the Washington Nationals went from being bottom feeders to both clinching playoff berths. The Nationals had the best record in the National League. There's just nothing not to love about underdog stories.

Individually, players are causing a buzz too. By the time you read this, Detroit's Miguel Cabrera could be the newest Triple Crown winner and the first since Notre Dame grad Carl Yastrzemski was crowned in 1967.

Playoff baseball is here again, just like it is every October. And, just like every October, there is always something different about it. It is one of the best things about fall. Even if you're not the biggest sports enthusiast, stop to take in some human interest angles of the game. Who knows, maybe you'll be hooked too.

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The perks of being a superfan

Carolyn Green

The Holy Half

The other day, I was running around the lakes, the sun glinting off the water, the first fallen leaves of autumn crunching beneath my feet and "Gangnam Style" pounding in my ears, when I approached a man running towards me from the opposite direction.

He appeared to be in his early seventies, with a weathered countenance, a shock of white hair and a tan to rival that of Indiana Jones. His shorts, perhaps a little too short, looked as if they were from his high school cross-country days, but any egregious attire was made up for by the fact that he ran with a huge smile on his face.

Clearly, this man was so happy to be alive that day and so happy to be running.

As we passed each other, he gave me a thumbs-up and said, "Hey, keep it up!"

This stranger's enthusiasm for what was obviously a lifetime passion reminded me of one of the best parts of the sport of running — the support we runners receive from other runners and non-runners, alike.

In last year's Holy Half, hundreds of dedicated supporters showed up to cheer on their friends and family.

I remember in particular a couple of local folk from South Bend, who

set up a table near the Rock with free donuts for the runners. I do not know if anyone actually took up their offer to satisfy a mid-race Krispy Kreme craving, but it is the encouragement of fans like these that truly makes the difference in the experience of people running the race.

Especially with the Chicago Marathon coming up next weekend, I urge everyone to watch a big race at some point in his or her life.

Every year, thousands of spectators flock to Boston on Patriot's Day (coincidentally, a state holiday in Massachussetts), to watch the historic Boston Marathon take place. Half a million fans line the course to cheer runners through the toughest spots, including the notorious Heartbreak Hill. Boston College students have the day off from school, and their marching band often plays along the course. Watching the Boston Marathon has become an annual celebration, just as memorable for the fans as it is for the runners.

Many marathon spectators take pride in the signs they hold up for runners, which if anything help to break up the monotony of the course for race participants.

Be creative with the content of your signs. May I suggest writing things like, "Your feet hurt because you are kicking so much butt!," "Worst parade ever," "Chuck Norris never ran a marathon" or "Where are you all going?"

We adopted this tongue-in-cheek mentality with our mile markers for the Holy Half Marathon 2012.

Recall, if you will, the picture of Yoda with the slogan "May the course be with you," and the word "Run" above a picture of a forest with another word "Run" written beneath. As a personal friend of Jason Segal (okay, my sister shook his hand one time), I know the cast of "How I Met Your Mother" would have approved of our signpost for mile four that said, "This race will be legen —wait for it" and our signpost for mile five that said, "Dary."

We already know that running makes you happy (those pesky endorphins at it again), but cheering on runners can offer just as much satisfaction.

Even if you don't make it to the Windy City or Beantown to cheer on runners in a large-scale marathon, flash a smile or offer a thumbs-up to the next person you pass on an upcoming run.

Even a simple "Good job!" can make a runner feel that much better about himself or herself.

It's not just famous people who have fans, after all.

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Love and the Holy Trinity

Fr. Louis DelFra

Faithpoint

How many times a week do we make the Sign of the Cross, with its somewhat absurd claim that our one God is three persons? Perhaps we have made it in the dining hall before a meal, or in bed during prayer before falling asleep. What's the significance? Does it really matter, right there in the dining hall, in your dorm room or apartment, that we affirm God as three persons, as a Trinity, rather than as, well, just "God?"

The theologian Karl Rahner thought it made a difference. He observed that in modern culture, with its huge emphasis on the individual, and the alleged "power of one," that we are in huge danger of becoming "mere monotheists." Rahner implies that it would be a major diminution if we worshipped God merely as one. So ... what would we lose?

Meister Eckhart, a Christian mystic of the 13th and 14th centuries, explained the Trinity this way: Imagine a baby looking up at his mother, and the baby, when he recognizes her face, laughs at his mother, which causes the mother to laugh back at her baby. Eckhart said, "The laughter produces pleasure, and the pleasure produces joy and the joy produces love, which is the Holy Spirit." The parent, the baby and the laughter between them is the Trinity, the nature

of our God.

To put it another way: God is three, because God is love. If God is love, then God simply can't be one person, because one person can't love. You have to love another. So you have Father and Son, lover and beloved. The love between the Father and the Son is so perfect that it is itself a third person, the Holy Spirit.

Beautiful! Still, a major question hangs before us: So what? Does it really make any difference, there in the dining hall, in your dorm room or apartment, that God is a mother, a baby and the laughter between them, that we make the threefold sign of the Cross?

What we're really asking: Does it make any practical difference in our lives that God is love? The answer, of course, is yes, it makes all the difference in the world.

It makes all the difference, for one simple reason, given to us in the Book of Genesis: "And God made human beings, male and female God created them, in God's own image God made them." That is, God is love, and we are made in the image and likeness of Love.

To underscore why this is so important, rewind in Genesis, where we are told of God's first impression after having created Adam, a solitary human being. God's first words about our earliest ancestor are somewhat uninspiring, especially given God's obvious delight with the rest of Creation. When God

looks down on Adam, standing there all by himself, God's first words are: "It is not good for this one to be alone."

Might it be fair to conclude that the same is true for us? That God (unlike some employers, admissions committees and other evaluators of our résumés) is not primarily interested in what each one of us can accomplish on our own, how far we can get in life just on our own talents?

God is dissatisfied with the creation of one, solitary human being. So, God puts the human being into a deep sleep, and takes out a rib, and God creates two of them. Then, and only then, are we told: "In God's own image, God created them." Only when there is more than one of us are we made in the image and likeness of God.

That's a great mystery, and it means at least this much: We were created by Love, in the image of Love and so for the purpose of love. And this, finally, has one hugely practical effect, right there in the dining hall or in your room: We cannot, any more than God can, live alone, by ourselves or solely for ourselves.

This doesn't mean we have to be romantically in love, and if we're not, we've somehow failed. Romantic love is a great form of love, but it's only one form. Rather, the point is none of us can live for our own sake, and expect to be happy. We have to live for the sake of other people. It's how we were created.

This is the message of our Scriptures, literally from beginning to end. Genesis gives us this message from the first moment of our creation, that only when there was someone else to love, were we said to be made "in the image and likeness of God."

In a well-known scene from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us what the last moment of our life will be. The Good Shepherd will stand with us at the threshold to eternal life, and ask one question. Given what we learned in Genesis, and all the times we will have made the sign of the Cross by that moment, perhaps we shouldn't be surprised at what Jesus will ask: "Did you feed your brothers and sisters in need? Did you clothe them? Did you visit them when they were lonely? Did you love them?"

Did you love? Did you love? Did you

Because whenever you loved one of these least of mine, you became what I am, Love. So come, he will say to his disciples on that day, enter the dwelling place where we live, the three of us, where all there is ... is love.

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UWIRE

Low voter turnout could be beneficial

Storm Dowd-Lukesh

The Oaklahoma Daily

Whichever candidate takes office in January will have plenty of people to thank, most notably the Americans who voted him into office. But more than a third of us won't have participated. Less than 60 percent of registered voters have shown up to cast ballots in recent presidential elections, and attendance at midterm and local elections ranges from five to 40 percent, certainly not encouraging figures for those who value democratic participation.

Low voter turnout has been a point of complaint for spirited citizens for decades. Civil-minded types will point to dismal returns from the ballot box as a failure to perform basic civil duties. This is especially true at crucial local and state elections where a single vote carries much more weight than one vote in large national elections.

But registered voters staying home

may be a sign of an improving and established democracy rather than a failing one.

On Nov. 6, millions of Americans will perform their "duties" and walk out of a polling place proudly displaying an "I Voted" sticker, proving to their communities that they care about their country. The "Get Out the Vote" and voter registration drives sprout up across the country in election years to preach that regardless who you cast a ballot for, showing up to the polls is positive.

It's not negative to feel good about participating in government or influencing others to do so, but isn't strange that a major motivation for influencing elections is personal pride?

More importantly, we should question whether pushing citizens to the polls at all costs is truly beneficial to our democracy.

Every vote casted should be made by an educated and informed citizen who has a stake in the effect of their selection. The most inconsistent voters, those who show up to one election but not another, are also the most likely to be less educated voters.

There are two reasons why low voter turnout can actually benefit government and even representation.

First, those who aren't motivated to show up to the polls are unlikely to be educated on or have an opinion about the issues and candidates on the ballot. Sure, apathy is never a good thing, but is ignorantly casting votes any better? Just the opposite: It's worse.

Second, voting on any and every issue as a matter of civic duty means that voters will inevitably select between options on policy or platforms that don't affect their lives, diluting the weight of every vote cast by an affected citizen

In some cases, this is okay. An educated voter can choose an option likely to benefit the whole of society. However, in most instances, an unaffected voter will find it hard to understand the reach of their vote and how

they are changing other citizen's lives.

Voting is a citizen's right, not a duty. Those who choose to vote, however, ought to understand the civic duty of being an informed voter. There are no points for bubbling in ballot choices without researching their meaning.

Being involved can, and should, be absolutely positive. Show up prepared and for the right reasons and you will be part of the most important part of our democratic system.

But, afterward, understand that the "I Voted" sticker on your chest doesn't tell the whole story. Maybe that sticker should include a modifier in the form of an asterisk:

"I voted*

*responsibly."

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SCENE



By MAC HENDRICKSON

Scene Writer

During a 1997 record signing at Tower Records Manhattan, upset that several critics were bashing their punk cred, Green Day started a riot, or perhaps more accurately, threw a temper tantrum. Lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong sprayed-painted some nasty words on the storefront window and mooned the audience, while drummer Tre Cool hurled his bass drum into the crowd. All three punk rockers were placed in time-out for several hours.

These acts of childish rebellion have peppered Green Day's career despite their impressive and noteworthy catalogue. Many of the high-profile disturbances coincided with poor album releases, because nothing sells albums like some solid vandalism. So it didn't bode well for the artistic integrity of "Uno!" when Armstrong, a few days before the album's release, caused a scene at iHeart Radio Music Festival in Las Vegas when their set was cut short to accommodate Usher.

Two days later, Armstrong headed to rehab for substance abuse. Thus, there may be more to the story than a childish attempt at attention. However, somewhere in the recesses of his stoned-out cortex, Armstrong must have had an inkling that smashing his guitar on stage couldn't hurt sales for his terrifically mediocre album.

There are two types of Green Day fans. The first is always romanticizing about the old Green Day, as if 1994 was 1967. The second joined the bandwagon 10 years later in 2004 with the band's release of the pop landmark "American Idiot."

Neither type of fan will enjoy this album very much, which is a shame. If Green Day even had a target audience, they certainly were not catering to it while recording the album. "Uno!" is the first in an album trilogy. The next two, "Dos!" and "Tre!" will be released in two and four months time,

The album is full of contradictions. It's jam packed with radio-friendly pop blasts that no one will be hearing on the radio. The thematic material of youthful revolt is heavily contradicted by Armstrong's obnoxious use of profanity. In fact, a great amount of the album sounds like a pathetic attempt to come off as punk despite the fact Armstrong may or may not be reading from Bethany Cosentino's journal. It's all perfectly parallel to their antics in the '90s.

The thematic material of all the songs is nauseatingly both homogenous and obvious. The lyrical content is as uninteresting and uncomplicated as '50s radio. Almost every song has the same basic idea, which not coincidentally is the same idea as "Burnout" on "Dookie," a far better song than anything on "Uno!" The whole "we're running out of time so let's make love, live our lives as fast as we can and let go" mentality gets juiced to a mush.

This isn't to say the album is devoid of good tracks. Armstrong, though at his thematic worst, is at his melodic best. Everything is catchy. Any song would be a solid candidate to oust Ms. Swift from the radio spotlight — if people still cared about punk, that is. Beyond the general "acceptability," two songs are noteworthy, and two are fantastic. "Carpe Diem" and "Rusty James" best represent the lovable pop sound that permeates the album in uninteresting grandiosity. And the bookend tracks, "Nuclear Family" and "Oh Love," are power-punk blasts that might last longer in your memory than, say, a Reese's. I wish I could say the same about the rest of the material on the album.

Here's the problem. Green Day is not Blink 182. It's not enough to just write catchy songs. Not in my book. These are the guys that shook the pop world not once, but twice. These are the guys who spearheaded one of the most profitable sub-genres of the 90s and aughts, and engineered one the definitive pop albums of the Bush era.

It's okay, guys. We won't desert you. We're not mad. Just disappointed. And no one has high expectations for the next two albums, in case you were wondering.

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"Uno!"

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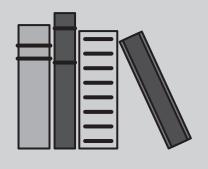
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KNOW SHELF LITERATURE IS NOT DEAD

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN

Scene Writer

If I could swap lives with anyone in the world, I'd switch with Anthony Bourdain.

This guy has it all. He earned his culinary cred in the oyster shacks of Provincetown and worked his way up from Hell's Kitchen the executive chef spot at Brasserie Les Halles, where he gathered a vocabulary worse than a sailor and a palate comparable to Eric Ripert's. He started his own restaurant and succeeded, which is a statistical miracle. He did this for 20odd years, and decided to attempt another near-impossible feat: Write a successful book. True to his style, he has written 10.

Bourdain is best known for his unstoppable drinking problem, questionable choices as a youth and flagrant disrespect for "celebrity chefs" such as Bobby Flay and Paula Dean. His dry cynicism makes him an impeccably critical chef, but it also makes him a great writer, as seen in his many books, my favorite so far being "Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly" (2000).

In this underground exploration of the

restaurant world, Bourdain unleashes his withering sarcasm on the restaurant business that made me laugh and cringe at the same time. (One of the most important things I learned: Never order the fish on Monday.) There is something charming about the way Bourdain can break down his own lifestyle and industry. Despite his best efforts to self-deprecate and thereby disillusion any aspiring chefs, Bourdain wisecracks himself to a god-like status. He writes, he cooks, he eats, and he has an ear piercing, wears leather jackets and smokes like a Frenchman. And after his wildly successful first book, he went on to write more books, innumerable essays for the New York Times, The New Yorker, and Gourmet. What more could he ask for?

Answer: a phenomenal, international television series based solely on his culinary whims and biting wit. "No Reservations" on the Travel Channel is a delicious double entendre that perfectly portrays Bourdain's contradictory social irreverence and devotion to good food. The episodes set in exotic cities, such as Tokyo, Dublin, Berlin or Chicago, distill the best from the chaff and the traditional from the sensational.

Many of his episodes are plagued with a sort of old man's nostalgia for "the good old days," before chain restaurants had invaded Times Square or any of the boroughs. But Bourdain perseveres and hits the streets, his cameraman a few steps behind, and eats whatever his hosts puts in front of him. This includes Moroccan moonshine, Thai squid and Chinese grasshoppers. The food isn't always mouthwatering, but the conversations Bourdain has with cooks, bakers, farmers, brewers, fishermen and baristas are riveting. Thanks to Bourdain, we can see how the rest of the world lives through one of the essentials of life: local, traditional, lifeblood food. Bourdain has circumnavigated the globe, searching for the best food served by some of the strangest people you will ever see outside of the Discovery Channel.

Perhaps the reason why I idolize Bourdain so much (I spent an entire day last summer in New York searching for his favorite Gray's Papaya hot dog stand) is because he has found something that captivates, challenges, explains and fulfills him in more ways that just a career. Bourdain doesn't just cook — he breathes

the culinary culture, seeks the essence of each culture every time he tries a new cuisine, delves into the successes and failures of his favorite chefs and analyzes the virtues and vices of the business. Now, Bourdain plans to start a travel show on CNN, write a graphic novel for DC Comics/Vertigo and publish his own line of books with Ecco Press at HarperCollins.

Food is Bourdain's religion, and not only does he make his living off it, he's really good at it. He chose a part of life that allows him to peel the layers of the human experience as far back as possible. Food is not only the man's fuel, but also the glue that holds together his history, his family, his culture and his memories. And the fact that Bourdain has cooked and written about food says to me that he truly understands it, and understands it intimately enough to explain it well to his audiences, through books on the stands and conversations on his show.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Introducing Mount Basemore



Sam Stryker Assistant Managing Editor

On this day in 1927, Danish-American sculptor Gutzon Borglum began work on Mount Rushmore, the most famous, well, anything in South Dakota. For those of you who didn't pay attention in history class, the monument features four 60-foottall heads of the most important presidents in our nation's history — George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Why Borglum left off the distinguished Rutherford B. Hayes, America may never know.

Nothing says "America" quite like carving a giant face into the side of a mountain. And of course, baseball is America's pastime. With the 2012 regular season ending last night, I propose we scrap all the postseason awards — MVP, Cy Young, Rookie of the Year and so on and for practicality's sake, just build a second Mount Rushmore for this year's four best players. Let's call it Mount Basemore. It will be the greatest thing to hit baseball since the All-Star Game determined World Series home-

when it comes to the Cy Young, things start to heat up a bit. The case could be made for many a hurler — Nationals ace Gio Gonzalez and Braves closer Craig Kimbrel come to mind but Mount Basemore needs its equivalent of Abraham Lincoln. That's where Mets knuckleballer R.A. Dickey comes in. Finishing with 20 wins and one of the top ERA's in the National League, Dickey was an ace for the otherwise woeful Mets, one of the few bright spots in their season. Just as Lincoln was born in a log cabin, Dickey comes from humble origins. Before 2012, he could boast of just one other season of double-digit wins in his nine-year major league career. This year, it all came together for the knuckleballer without much support from the so-called Amazin's. For that reason, R.A. Dickey has earned his spot on Mount Basemore.

The final spot to be filled is the Teddy Roosevelt position someone who is a fearless leader and has a fiery passion for what they do. When Roosevelt was campaigning for the presidency in 1912, he was shot before delivering a speech in Milwaukee. Ever the Rough Rider, he re-

Nothing says "America" quite like carving a giant face into the side of a mountain. And of course, baseball is America's pastime.

field advantage (just kidding on that one).

The first two "heads" on Mount Basemore are Triple Crown threat Miguel Cabrera and rookie phenom Mike Trout. You can argue the merits of both — Trout's Wins Above Replacement is more than three wins above the next closest competitor in the American League, while the last time someone won the Triple Crown Sean Connery was James Bond. It's like trying to choose between pizza and a cheeseburger. Each brings something different to the plate (pun intended) and you can't go wrong either way. Both Trout and Cabrera have earned their rightful place on Mount Basemore. Think of them as this season's version of Washington and Jefferson. Just as one values Washington for defeating the British and Jefferson for the Louisiana Purchase, we can appreciate Trout as the best rookie ever and Cabrera as the preeminent all-around threat in baseball.

The race for National League MVP may be a little less scintillating — the favorite, Giants catcher Buster Posey, can "only" boast one of the best second-half stretch runs of all-time — but fused to go to the hospital until he finished his speech. In the same spirit, Orioles manager Buck Showalter has displayed a religious zeal for the game in leading his plucky team to the playoffs for the first time in 15 years — in the treacherous AL East nonetheless. Despite the fact the O's barely scored more runs than they allowed, they beat the odds and got the necessary wins. For his determination and wherewithal, Showalter earns the final spot on Mount

Four faces, etched in imaginary granite. Each of these men has earned their spot in stone-cold eternity over the course of 162 games. Were there other worthy competitors? Absolutely. But just like Borglum couldn't fit James Madison or Andrew Jackson onto his masterpiece, there is no room for Posey, Kershaw and so forth. So there you have it: Trout, Cabrera, Dickey and Showalter — the defining faces of baseball in 2012.

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Oakland sweeps Texas to clinch playoff berth

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Same chaotic, champagne dance-party scene in the clubhouse just two days later. New T-shirt: AL West champions.

The Oakland Athletics won the division title with another improbable rally in a season full of them, coming back from four runs down and a 13-game division deficit to stun the two-time defending league champion Texas Rangers 12-5 on Wednesday.

"We knew this is a beast of a team we would have to beat, and to be able to beat them three games in a row and win the division on top of it, really it's a magical-type thing," manager Bob Melvin said.

Josh Hamilton dropped a fly ball in center field for a two-run error that put the A's (94-68) ahead 7-5 in a six-run fourth inning. The A's only added to Texas' troubles the rest of the way.

While Hamilton's Rangers (93-69) are headed to the new one-game, wild-card playoff, the A's get some time off before opening the division series in their first postseason appearance since 2006.

Both teams had to wait to learn their opponents from a pair of night games: Boston at New York, and Baltimore at Tampa Bay.

"You can have all the experience as you want but when you run into a team that's hot, experience has nothing to do with it," Texas manager Ron Washington said.

The A's would earn the AL's No. 1 seed if the Yankees lose, and open the division series at



Athletics pitcher Grant Balfour, top, and catcher Derek Norris celebrate after their 12-5 win over the Rangers on Wednesday.

the winner of Friday's wild-card playoff featuring the Rangers. If New York wins, Oakland would be the No. 2 seed and begin at Detroit.

The A's needed a sweep and they delivered to win their first division crown in six years and 15th in all. They overcame a five-game deficit in the final nine days and took sole possession of the West's top spot for the first time this year.

"It shows how important Game 162 is," Oakland's Jonny Gomes said. "I don't think it took 162 to games to check the character of this ballclub."

Grant Balfour retired Michael Young on a fly to center for the final out, then raised his arms in the air as the A's streamed out of the dugout and began bouncing up and down in the infield.

"2012 ALWEST CHAMPIONS" flashed on the scoreboard two days after the A's clinched

a playoff spot Monday and held a wild dance party in the clubhouse.

"I'm glad there's not one tomorrow or Friday," owner Lew Wolff said. "I can relax and go home. I'm running out of underwear."

Players high-fived fans while taking a victory lap through the rundown Coliseum, where the outfield still has a light patch of grass from football in the venue shared by the NFL's Raiders.

Soon, the celebratory champagne and beer made its way to the field — and players sprayed it into the stands. The A's returned to the field almost an hour later to greet fans still gathered along the top of the dugout.

Oakland pulled off another remarkable performance in a season defined by thrilling walkoffs, rallies and whipped-cream pie celebrations by a team that was never supposed to be here.

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Took a deep breath in the mirror He didn't like it when I wore high heels

Turn the lock and put my headphones

He always said he didn't get this song But I do, I do

Walked in expecting you'd be late But you got here early and you stand and wave walk to you

You pull my chair out and help me in And you don't know how nice that is

And you throw your head back laughing
Like a little kid
I think it's strange that you think I'm
funny cause
He never did

I've been spending the last 8 months Thinking all love ever does Is break and burn and end But on a Wednesday in a cafe I watched it begin again

You said you never met one girl who Had as many James Taylor records as you But I do We tell stories and you don't know

why
I'm coming off a little shy

NBA set to institute fines for 'flopping'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stop the flop. The NBA will penalize floppers this season, fining players for repeated violations of an act a league official said Wednesday has "no place in our game."

Those exaggerated falls to the floor may fool the referees and fans during the game, but officials at league headquarters plan to take a look for themselves afterward.

Players will get a warning the first time, then be fined \$5,000 for a second violation. The fines increase to \$10,000 for a third offense, \$15,000 for a fourth and \$30,000 the fifth time. Six or more could lead to a suspension.

"Flops have no place in our game —they either fool referees into calling undeserved fouls or fool fans into thinking the referees missed a foul call," vice president of basketball operations Stu Jackson said in a statement. "Accordingly, both the Board of Governors and the competition committee felt strongly that any player who the league determines, following video review, to have committed a flop should — after a warning — be given an automatic penalty."

The players' association plans to file a grievance with the league office and an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board, arguing that it should have been consulted first before the new rules were implemented.

"The NBA is not permitted to unilaterally impose new economic discipline against the players without first bargaining with the union," union executive director Billy Hunter said. "We believe that any monetary penalty for an act of this type is inappropriate and without precedent in our sport or any other sport.



Phoenix center Marcin Gortat falls to the floor to take a charge against Washington center JaVale McGee during a game on Feb. 20. Exaggerated attempts to draw a foul will be penalized during the 2012-2013 season.

We will bring appropriate legal action to challenge what is clearly a vague and arbitrary overreaction and overreach by the commissioner's office."

However, a number of players expressed support for the policy. Lakers star Kobe Bryant said he hopes it has an impact on the game.

"I like the rule," he said. "Shameless flopping, that's a chump move. We're familiar with it. Vlade (Divac) kind of pioneered it in that playoff series against Shaq, and it kind of worked for him."

Players cautioned that it would be difficult to completely eliminate flopping, but welcomed the attempt to try.

"It's good. Guys can't be flopping and get away with it anymore," Oklahoma City guard James Harden said. "It was bound to happen at some point. Obviously, the league got fed up with it and they put it in. I'm happy they did."

The NBA said flopping will be defined as "any physical act that appears to have been intended to cause the referees to call a foul on another player."

"The primary factor in determining whether a player committed a flop is whether his physical reaction to contact with another player is inconsistent with what would reasonably be expected

given the force or direction of the contact," the league said.

Commissioner David Stern has long sought to end flopping, believing it tricks the referees. But the league determined it would be too difficult for refs to make the call on the floor, preferring instead to leave it to league office reviews.

Jackson's department already reviews flagrant foul penalties to determine if they should be upgraded or downgraded.

"I'm all on board for it," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "I think it needs to be addressed. I think the steps they're taking right now, I think will benefit the game. I do. It remains to be seen if it truly has

an impact. But I think it's a step in the right direction.

"It's not good for the game; nobody likes the flop. A majority of coaches don't like the flop, particularly if you're trying to build a solid defense."

Rasheed Wallace raged against it for years, picking up quite of a few of his 308 technical fouls for arguing that he was called for a foul because a player flopped. After ending a two-year retirement to join the New York Knicks, he said certain unnamed players were going to be in trouble and agreed penalties needed to be enforced.

"Hey, you all thought I was crazy for saying it over the last soand-so years. I ain't even gonna get into it, but yes," he said. "They needed to bend on that."

The blame for the rise in flopping is often aimed at the international players, such as Divac, who came to the NBA after growing up watching soccer, where falling down in hopes of drawing a foul is part of the game. Denver's Danilo Gallinari, an Italian, believes that's unfair.

"I don't know why everybody just talks about European flopping," he said. "I don't know where this thing comes from. We flop as much as other players all around the world flop. I don't know why everybody keeps saying that Europeans are soft or Europeans flops. I don't know."

Cleveland's Anderson Varejao is a renowned flopper, once one of the targets of Wallace's wrath. But he said he's a changed man now.

"I'm not flopping anymore," he said Monday with a smile. "I used to flop a little bit."

The league said it will announce a separate set of flopping penalties for the playoffs at a later date.





MLB

Headley leads Padres to win over Brewers



San Diego's Chase Headley beats the tag of Milwaukee catcher Jonathan Lucroy in the Padres' 7-6 win over the Brewers Wednesday.

MILWAUKEE — Chase Headley drove in two runs, finishing the season with an NL-leading 115 RBIs, and the San Diego Padres beat the Milwaukee Brewers 7-6 on

Wednesday night.

Headley doubled home a run in the fifth inning, moments after his drive down the right-field line was called foul and confirmed when the

umpires looked at a video replay.

Headley hit an RBI triple in the seventh and scored the go-ahead run on a sacrifice fly by Yonder Alonso.

Headley also drew two walks and finished with a .286 batting average. His previous RBIs high was 64 in 2009.

San Diego improved by five wins this year and wound up with a 76-86 record. The Padres won only five of their last 15 games.

Travis Ishikawa drove in four runs for Milwaukee, including three with a double in the third that made it 6-0. The Brewers went 83-79, a drop of 13 wins after reaching the NL championship series last

Since Aug. 20, Milwaukee's 29-13 record was tops in the majors. The Brewers got within 1½ games of St. Louis in the chase for the second wild-card berth, but that was

late September.

Cameron Maybin hit a tworun homer for San Diego, and five relievers held Milwaukee hitless in the final six innings.

Tommy Layne (2-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings for the victory and Luke Gregerson earned his ninth save. Jim Henderson

dashed with a 3-6 stretch in (1-3) gave up two runs in the seventh.

> Brewers star Ryan Braun went 1 for 4. He led the NL with 41 homers and 108 runs, and also ranked first extrabase hits, slugging percentage and total bases. Braun was second in RBIs with 112 and third in batting at .319.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles travel to Gibson

By BRIAN HARTNETT Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will get a little taste of competition on the national level when it travels to Terre Haute, Ind., on Saturday to run in the Gibson Family Pre-National Meet.

The Belles last competed Sept. 21, when they finished sixth in a field of nine teams at the MIAA Jamboree on their home course. Junior Jessica Biek continued her strong string of performances, as she led the way for the Belles with a 19th place finish in a time of 23:19 on the 6-kilometer (6K) course.

Seniors Angela Nebesny Elizabeth Majewski rounded out the top three for Saint Mary's in the last Jamboree, with Nebesny finishing 51st and Majewski finishing 53rd in a personal-best time of 24:47.

Majewski said her strong performance resulted from the hard work she has put in face a field of top Division at practice thus far.

"I have come to practice mentally prepared and ready to work my hardest," Majewski said. "I try to take this attitude to the course each race day. My team has also been a great factor in my success. Without them, my success would not be to run fast races and hopepossible."

Majewski said Saint Mary's spent its weekend off from competition undergoing specialized training designed to prepare for its upcoming competitions.

"We really utilized the

week's training to prepare Gibson mentally for race day during our workouts and longer mileage runs," she said.

The Belles will look to take their training into a field of tough competitors at the Gibson Family Pre-National which features Division II, Division III and NAIA teams from all over the country. The meet is intended to act as a preview for the Division III National Cross Championships, which takes place on Nov. 17, also in Terre Haute.

Majewski said she expects to see further improvements in the team's 6-K times when the Belles takes to the course this weekend.

"I believe that we will all run very strong races," Majewski said. "Our training these past two weeks has greatly prepared us for the potential of improved 6-K

Although the Belles will III competitors Saturday, Majewski said the competition would serve to benefit the team's performances and would act as good preparation for important upcoming meets, including the MIAA championships Oct. 27.

"These teams will push us fully shave off the seconds needed to run very competitive races at our final races of the season," Majewski said.

Saint Mary's will compete in the Gibson Family Pre-National Meet on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at the LaVern

Championship Course in Terre Haute, Ind.

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Belles defeat Trine, move to second-place slot

By MIKE MONACO Sports Writer

The Belles downed in-state rival Trine 4-0 on Wednesday as they earned their sixth shutout of the season and moved into a three-way tie for second place in the MIAA.

Off to their best 11-game start since 2004, the Belles (8-2-1, 5-2-0 MIAA) continued their earlyseason success with another conference victory. With the top four teams in the MIAA advancing to the postseason conference tournament, the Belles are hoping to keep riding the recent wave of wins, senior captain and midfielder Maddie Meckes said.

"This is the best year we've had since I've been here and I keep reminding [my teammates] of that so they know what a special season this is for us," Meckes said. "We're just trying to keep it up and work toward that conference bid this season."

Saint Mary's coupled two goals in each half with 90 minutes of dominant defense to quell Trine's squad (1-8-2, 0-6-1).

Sophomore defender Kerry Green scored the first goal of the game and her first goal of the season when she headed home a corner kick from Meckes in the 25th minute.

Saint Mary's extended its lead to 2-0 just over six minutes later, as junior forward Kaitlin Teichman netted her third goal

of the season.

In the second half, senior midfielder Ashley Morfin scored unassisted in the 75th minute, as she shot from inside the penalty area and drilled it up and over Trine freshman goalie Sloan Davis toward the far post and into the back of the net.

With just under three minutes remaining in regulation, Meckes put the finishing touch on the victory when she blasted a shot from outside the 18-yard box for her second goal of the

"We did really well," Meckes said. "It was a game we could definitely win. We did a good job taking care of business."

Saint Mary's sophomore goalie Chanler Rosenbaum picked up the shutout victory by making three saves in the match. The Belles' defense, led by Rosenbaum, Green and sophomore defender Mary Kate Hussey, held the Thunder to just one shot in the second half and four shots total.

With the win, Saint Mary's matched the 5-2 conference records of Hope and Calvin and positioned itself in a tie for second place in the MIAA, behind only Alma.

The Belles will take on the Hope (8-3-0, 5-2) on Saturday. The Flying Dutch defeated Calvin 2-0 on Wednesday in a critical conference matchup.

The Flying Dutch got out to a



Belles sophomore defender Abby Garcia clears the ball during Saint Mary's 1-0 overtime loss to Calvin on Sept. 27. The Belles defeated Trine 4-0 Wednesday.

1-0 lead in the 21st minute off a Calvin own goal, and followed it up in the 34th minute when junior forward Raisa Yewah found the back of the net off a header.

Though Calvin outshot Hope 14-10 in the match, Flying Dutch senior goalie Megan Altieri wasn't needed to make a save, as the defense forced shots from the perimeter that failed to find the frame.

Hope has allowed 12 goals in 11 games, while the Belles enter Saturday's tilt averaging 2.53 goals per game. Meckes said the key to sustaining this strong stretch of soccer is staying focused on the task at hand, something the Belles did against

"[It comes down to] making sure we're staying focused for every game and knowing we're

concentrating on one game at a time," Meckes said. "We were just focused on getting the [win against Trine] and working our way up in the conference."

The Belles and Flying Dutch square off Saturday at noon in South Bend in a pivotal MIAA

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's travels to Trine

By NICK BOYLE Sports Writer

Coming off a string of conference losses, Saint Mary's hopes to right the ship when it takes on the visiting Trine squad Friday.

With a current .500 conference record, a win Friday would mean a big boost for the Belles (8-8, 4-4 MIAA) in the conference standings. Belles coach Toni Kuschel said she thinks her team is ready for the challenge.

"I expect us to play our very best," Kuschel said. "We know we are capable of playing great volleyball and we are looking forward to proving that against Trine on Friday."

Trine (14-7, 5-3) has gotten off to a hot start this season.. A win for Saint Mary's would put them even with Trine in fourth place, which would buy the Belles a spot in the end of the season MIAA conference tournament.

"We know that [Trine is] a very tough team," Kuschel said. "They have some great freshman and a great leadership in seniors [setter] Sarah Radkin and [middle hitter] Betsy Irwin, and junior [defensive specialist] Darcy Crabtree."

To compete against its conference foe, Saint Mary's will need to play

some of the team's best ball of the season, Kuschel said. They have been preparing for this final stretch by playing a competitive slate of matches.

"We have put in a lot of hard work the last two weeks while facing some of the top teams in the country," Kuschel said. "We want all of that hard work to show up on Friday."

Kuschel said she hopes her team can come out playing tough against Trine. With a team filled almost entirely with sophomores and freshmen, the Belles will look to lone senior setter Danie Brink for leadership. Brink currently sits in the top-three Belles setters of all time in numerous statistical categories.

"We need to play tough and not give up on points," Kuschel said. "We will need to serve and pass well. When we are able to do those two things well we will give ourselves the opportunity to win."

Kuschel said she thinks her team will come out excited for the rivalry

"We are confident and excited to be playing a rival at home," Kuschel said. Saint Mary's will welcome in-conference foe Trine at 7 p.m. on Friday.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Andrews to travel to All-American



KIRBY MCKENNA | The Observer

Irish junior Greg Andrews returns a shot during Notre Dame's match against Louisville on April 14.

BV PETER STEINER Sports Writer

With lofty expectations as the No. 24 singles player in the country, junior Greg Andrews will finally get a chance to truly prove himself.

Over the next four days, the top player on the Irish squad will compete against the best 64 singles players in the country at the ITA All-American Championships in Tulsa,

After finishing last year ranked No. 54 with a 26-5 singles record, Andrews has already faced tough competition this fall. The junior most recently played in the OFCC Invitational in Olympia Fields, Ill., and in September he faced off against current ATP tour player Conor Niland in Ireland. Now with those experiences under his belt, Andrews will face some of the top collegiate competition in the country.

"He worked very hard this fall and is showing steady improvement," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "He was the MVP tournament, Bayliss also recof the Illini Invitational that had a number of top teams in it. I have every reason to think he's capable of doing very well in the ITA All-American."

In the first round of the tournament, Andrews will square off with junior Clay Thompson from UCLA. If Andrews is able to hit a strong backhand, control the court and stick to what he's done so far this season, he will find success, Bayliss said.

"In general, if Greg returns well off the backhand and is able to play up in the court enough to cut in on the backhand side, I think he can certainly play with anybody in the country," the coach said. "He's played at a high level all

fall. We don't need to reinvent the wheel, just keep him on the same path."

Because Andrews will match up with the top players in the nation, the ITA All-American Championships has wide-reaching implications. National rankings, NCAA seeding and qualifying for later tournaments are all largely based on players records against the best.

"Obviously when you get to play against the best players in the country in any event, you are going to get opportunities to get wins that will help your ranking and your ability to qualify for the NCAA championships, your seeding in the NCAA tournament and the goal to be ranked high enough to become an All-American," Bayliss said. "If you reach the quarterfinals, the final eight, of this tournament, you are also automatically invited to National Indoors which is in November and is the top-30 players in the country."

Despite the concrete possibilities associated with this ognizes the opportunity for Andrews to improve his game by playing against tough competition.

"I'm more interested that he plays well and competes well and continue to build on what he's done so far," Bayliss said. "Every outstanding player you play against, you're forced to stretch your game to a higher level in order to be competitive."

Andrews will begin his tournament play when he faces off with Thompson at 10:30 a.m. today at the Michael D. Case Tennis Center in Tulsa, Okla.

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SMC GOLF

Belles to enter Jamboree

By PETER STEINER Sports Writer

Halfway through their conference season, the Belles enter Saturday's Jamboree hoping to improve on their current third-place position in the MIAA and climb the conference rankings.

The young Saint Mary's squad will travel to Lenawee Country Club in Adrian, Mich., to compete in the fourth of six conference

sure we host one of the rounds in spring for our NCAA qualifier," Hamilton said. "We are still gunning for the No. 1 team, which is Olivet. We're 40 strokes from the top and we still feel like we've got a chance to catch them. We can't make any mistakes. We've got to play well."

To catch the conference front-runner, the Belles will rely on the play of their underclassmen. With five fall events under their belts, con-

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Mark Hamilton Belles coach

rounds this fall.

After finishing third in their home conference round on Sept. 26, the Belles trail second-ranked Hope College by only seven strokes, but only hold a two stroke lead on fourth-place Calvin.

Belles coach Mark Hamilton said the coming Jamboree presents an opportunity to overtake Hope and chip away at first-place Olivet's lead.

"We're looking to first of all get ahead [of] Hope to make

ference rounds are no longer new for the four freshmen on the Belles' squad.

"I think they know what to expect," Hamilton said. "They know their opponents. Again, it's playing a golf course that nobody's seen so we're still a little behind there. I think they know the overall atmosphere of what a conference event is all about so we should feel a little more comfortable in what we're doing out there." While inexperience has been a focus of the fall, Hamilton said he believes junior Alexi Bown is ready to take the next step. Bown has played as an individual in the fall thus far, but will get a chance in the starting lineup this weekend.

"One of our juniors, Lexi Bown, is starting to play very well," Hamilton said. "She's coming into her own here at the end of the season.

"It's her turn to shine and I think she will. A few other players, the top other four, have struggled in the last couple of weeks, but I think it's going to all come together on Saturday."

In preparation for the upcoming Jamboree, the Belles have focused on keeping their shots down the middle, in addition to converting their chances around the green, Hamilton said.

"We need to hit the golf ball pretty straight," Hamilton said. "It's a tight golf course. We'll need to hit the greens and when we don't hit the greens, get it up and down, basically. Pretty simple."

The Belles will travel to Adrian, Mich., on Saturday to compete in the fourth MIAA conference round of the fall season.

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The third goal came in the 33rd minute from an individual effort by senior forward Ryan Finley. Finley received the ball at the top of the box, spun around one defender, sprinted past the second defender and put it in the

The Irish were in complete control at the end of the first half with a score of 3-0 and dominated the shots category 17-5 in the stanza.

Coming out in the second half the Irish did not let up and finished strong.

"We talked about that at halftime," Clark said. "We hadn't put a team away for a little while; I mean really put a team away. If you don't play honest throughout the whole game, you really disrespect the opposition. I think it is important to play honestly and fully the whole game."

Freshman midfielder Patrick Hodan started the second half and did not waste his time, as he scored in the 51st minute. Hodan received a ball from senior captain midfielder Dylan Powers, beat a defender and put it past the keeper for his second goal of the season.

Not to be shut out, the Panthers caught the Irish defense off guard, played a through ball behind the defense and caught Irish junior goalkeeper Patrick Wall halfway between staying home and coming out. Panthers red-shirt freshman Ryan Myers shot the ball to the inside post for the score in the 59th minute.

"We were disappointed to lose the goal, to be quite honest," Clark said. "We really wanted the shutout as well."

The Irish did not stop there, however. In the 68th minute Finley received the ball outside the 18-yard box and took a shot which was deflected by a Pittsburgh defender and went into the net. His second goal of the game was Finley's team-leading eighth goal of the season.

With a commanding lead some younger players and bench players got the opportunity to come into the game for Notre Dame.

"It was really important tonight to put the younger lads in," Clark said. "All of the other games have been pretty tight and it was nice to get some new faces in."

The Irish take the confidence from this offensive explosion forward as they look to defeat No. 3 Georgetown on Saturday at Alumni Field at 2 p.m.

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Irish forward Leon Brown battles for the ball during Notre Dame's 7-1 victory over Pittsburgh on Wednesday night.

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when the conference named her as the Big East goalkeeper of the week. The honor carries added significance, considering Voigt began the year behind freshman goalkeeper Elyse Hight on the depth chart.

"I think it's a great honor, but yeah, that definitely helps my confidence," Voigt said. "I think it would help anyone's confidence. I know Elyse also won [the award] earlier in the year [on Aug. 27] and I think it's really cool that we have two goalkeepers in the same season who won it. Also, I think it's a testament to the program in general, not only our personal achievements."

Backing up Hight motivated Voigt to improve her game because the sophomore said she disliked playing second fiddle. Voigt said she made it



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Irish goalkeeper Sarah Voigt watches the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Louisville on Sept. 14 at Alumni Stadium.

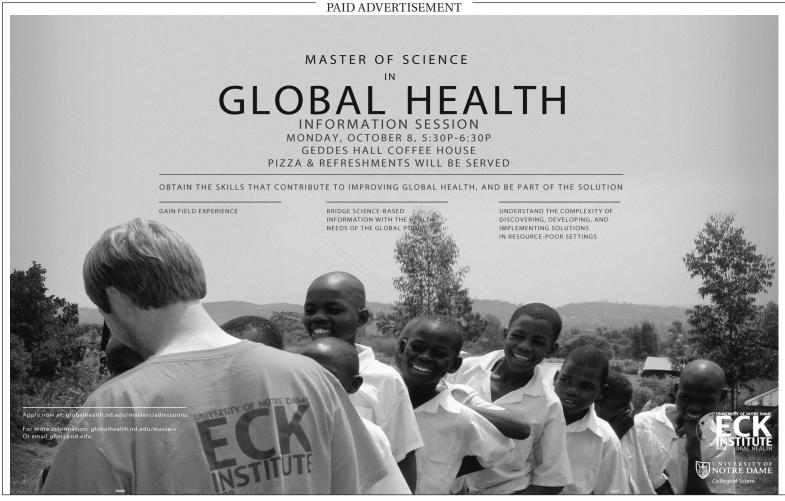
her goal from the beginning of the year to earn the starting role.

"It was really just a lot of focus and a lot of training, obviously," Voigt said. "It was frustrating at the beginning to know that I was not starting and I think that would be the same from anyone's standpoint. No one likes to sit on the bench. I think that beginning in second really kind of helped me push myself and motivate myself to really have a concrete goal of starting."

Having only been the starter for five games, Voigt will not become complacent with her position. She said having a goalkeeper of equal ability behind her on the depth chart keeps her motivated.

"Both Elyse and I train really hard because we know if we're not on our 'A' game then we're going to be on the bench," Voigt said. "I think that level of talent and the depth we have in the goalkeeping position really helps us push ourselves and push each other. We're both pretty competitive goalkeepers. We're both on a similar level. It's kind of up to us who starts and it's up to our level in training and how we show, level-wise, to see who deserves the role."

The Irish return to action Friday when they host conference opponent Seton Hall at 7:30 p.m.



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coach Gerry Faust's last game with the Irish. Miami won that contest 58-7.

In 1988, the Hurricanes strolled into South Bend with a No. 1 ranking and a 36-game regular season winning streak. Miami had won two national titles in the previous five seasons — and they had done it by dominating opponents and celebrating it, too.

"We felt Miami didn't necessarily respect us as athletes and I think they were walking with a swagger and deserved to because they earned it, quite frankly," Terrell said. "You have a lot of players, such as myself, that were recruited by those guys, too. All of a sudden, you're looked upon as this 'you couldn't even play here.' That made games pretty intense.

"We couldn't wait to get out there and snap the ball. It wasn't that we were trying to upset anyone, play beyond our means and hang in there for four quarters with the No. 1 team. We wanted them to snap the ball so we could smack them in the mouth. Period."

Terrell was making just his second career start at free safety after making a move from receiver. The St. Petersburg native said he was nervous but not afraid of the flashy Hurricanes wideouts.

"I wanted to be a starter ever since I stepped foot at Notre Dame," Terrell said. "For me, I had the opportunity not to come off the field. That's what I wanted to be. I wasn't out there like 'Oh my God, look at these guys I have to cover' because I covered all those guys in high school and kicked a lot of ass back then."

While some believed Miami had more talent than Notre Dame, Terrell said the Irish — particularly in the secondary — were more athletic than the Hurricanes.

"We were a faster team than Miami," Terrell said. "People don't even realize that. Our corners, Todd Lyght and Sam Smagala, ran a 4.3 40 [-yard dash]. D'Jaun Francisco ran a 4.3 40. I ran a 4.3 40. There were no wide receivers on Miami's team that ran a 4.3 40.

"Their quarterback, Steve Walsh had all the statistics but Steve Walsh couldn't play basketball, jump straight up, do a 360 and slam it with two hands. That's an athlete. Not one wide receiver they had was better or more physical to cover than [former Irish receivers] Ricky Watters and Rocket [Ismail] in practice."

Even before the game, the teams mixed it up. During a Notre Dame punt return drill, Miami came out of the tunnel and bumped into Ismail. The two teams exchanged pushes, shoves and punches before being separated.

"Maybe in a different situation we would have moved but our guys felt this was our house, they were showing us disrespect by running through the line," Terrell said. "Miami thought they were being disrespected by us by not giving them ground or making sufficient room ... I don't think the cameras picked up how intense it really was.

"I don't think we were necessarily arrogant but we were confident. Sometimes confidence can rub an arrogant team the wrong way."

In the locker room before the game, former Irish coach Lou Holtz was angry at his team for fighting before the game but in a quote immortalized in Notre Dame lore, told them to "leave Jimmy Johnson's ass for me."

"That was so intense because half was laughter and half was if this guy is ready to go at it like that and we're not ready, there's something wrong," Terrell said. "That comment from Lou was timeless. It was perfect."

While Terrell is remembered mostly for the two-point conversion play, he also returned an interception for a touchdown in the win. After defensive lineman Frank Stams tipped a Walsh pass, Terrell ran under the batted ball, caught it in stride before sprinting towards the end zone. Walsh was the only Hurricane that had a shot to stop Terrell.

"To be able to make a play early in the game like that, it's a relief because it puts you in a good zone, your confidence level raises," Terrell said. "I was more worried about [my teammates] laughing at me getting caught by a quarterback, even though he did have a huge angle on me ... I had some hidden motivation factored in there and that was my secondary."

Terrell said he had a bigger thrill at the time running back the interception than he did batting down the two-point conversion.

After a Tony Rice fumble late in the fourth quarter set up the Hurricanes with good field position and chance to tie the game, the defense took the field aiming to stop an offense that totaled more than 500 yards in the contest. Despite allowing more than 500 yards and 30 points, Terrell said the day was a good one for the Irish defense.

"They moved the ball, they absolutely did but they weren't chucking 40- or 50-yard bombs on us or big runs for 20 or 30 yards," Terrell said. "They knew how to move the sticks. We didn't play with a bend-butdon't-break attitude but because of their scheme, because of their talent, they're going to complete passes."

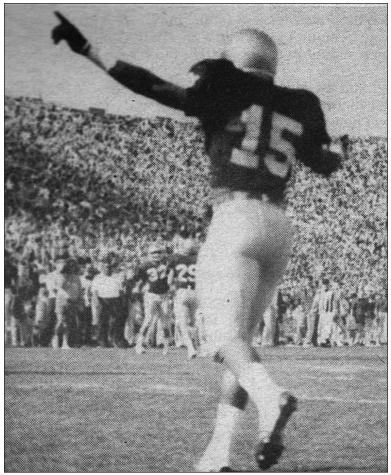
With 45 seconds remaining, Walsh found former Miami receiver Andre Brown in the corner of the end zone for a diving touchdown catch. The score cut the Miami deficit to just one point.

Terrell and the Irish did not immediately know Miami would go for two but were not surprised by the decision, Terrell said. Former Irish defensive coordinator Barry Alvarez prepared Notre Dame to expect a few plays the Hurricanes executed to perfection, Terrell said.

"They did like a pick so we anticipated to look out for that play, maybe a couple other plays that were effective for them," Terrell said. "My challenge was to stay on top to make sure I could clear any picks. Steve Walsh had such a great arm that if you gave anybody any room in the end zone, he was going to zip it in on you and it's over."

Terrell said the pressure applied by George Williams was key and helped force a wobbly pass from Walsh. While the ball was in the air, Terrell said it looked like it was going in slow motion.

"At that point, as a defensive back, you want them to throw to your man," Terrell said. "If you're not thinking that way, you're going to get struck. Teams with that attitude typically don't win championships. Everyone out there wanted to make that play. Fortunately for



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Former Irish safety Pat Terrell celebrates after Notre Dame's 31-30 victory over Miami on Oct. 15, 1988.

me, it came at my guy and I was able to make that play."

The win launched the then-No. 4 Irish to an undefeated season and a national championship. The Irish have not reached the pinnacle since.

Terrell played nine seasons in the NFL with the Los Angeles Rams, New York Jets, Carolina Panthers and Green Bay Packers. After his playing days, Terrell took up a profession just as thrilling as football— flying planes

He earned his pilot's license his rookie year in the NFL and climbed his way up to captain, flying planes as big as Boeing

"It had been a passion of mine for years. Alot of my close friends always knew that," Terrell said. "It was a great thrill of mine. It made me not miss football immediately after retiring from it because I was in a completely different career that, for me, was equally exciting."

Terrell has since hung up his wings and now owns a construction business that builds runways and freeways in Chicago.

"I've been able to utilize all my tools from football and being an airline pilot to put everything together and I'm also doing something now that I'm very passionate about and very thrilled about," Terrell said.

Terrell, 44, is married to his wife Elizabeth. The couple has five children — Seth, 14, Veronica, 12, Lucian, 10, Cecilia, 10, and Eli, 8.

A full transcript of our interview with Pat Terrell will be available Friday morning at ndsmcobserver.com

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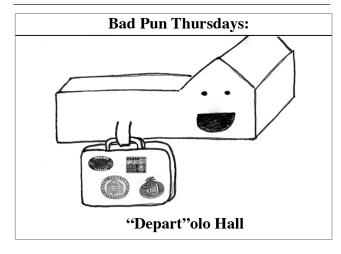
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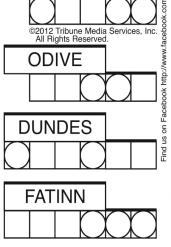
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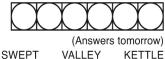
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WAKING THE ECHOES | PAT TERRELL

Terrell recalls 'Catholics vs. Convicts'

By MATTHEW DEFRANKS

Assistant Sports Editor

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

They were one point behind. There were 45 seconds left in the game and they were one point behind.

Miami and coach Jimmy Johnson could have gone for the tie — but instead elected to try a potential game-winning two-point conversion on an October day in 1988 in South Bend, Ind. The Hurricanes lined up on the left hash mark and quarterback Steve Walsh had three receivers lined up to his right. Walsh dropped back and back again before floating a cross-field pass to receiver Leonard Conley.

Former Irish safety Pat Terrell was out on an island. He was all by himself with Conley in the corner of the south end zone. Terrell rose and batted the ball down, destroying Miami's play, its swagger and its season all at once while preserving a 31-30 win for the Irish.



Photo courtesy of Pat Terrell

Former Irish safety Pat Terrell celebrates after defending a two-point conversion pass from Miami quarterback Steve Walsh and preserving a 31-30 Notre Dame victory on Oct. 15, 1988.

"The crowd has never been so loud and intense for any game I remember playing at Notre Dame," Terrell said in a phone interview with The Observer. "The coaches have never been so intense. Each play was big. That's one game I remember, I've played in playoff games,

NFC championship games, for some reason, that game, you remember that second and third [down]. It was like every play was electric."

In the buildup to the game, students produced "Catholics vs. Convicts" T-shirts and other "Hate Miami" shirts that made it tough for the team to escape the buzz around campus.

"You would have thought that every student was going to strap it up and play," Terrell said. "There was an electricity in the hallways, in the dorms. It was electricity in South and North Dining Halls during lunch. It was unlike any other week that I've ever been involved with in my four years at Notre Dame."

Four years earlier in Miami, Notre Dame accused Johnson and the Hurricanes of running up the score in former Irish

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Irish dominate Pitt at home

By ISAAC LORTONSports Writer

Sheets of pouring rain ago. did not stop the No. 10 Irish bus from routing Pittsburgh 7-1 catc and set a Big East record along the wayThe Irish took 36 shots in the match, the most shots taken since the Big East era began in 1995. with 36 shots.

This is the first time Notre Dame (9-2-0, 1-2-0 Big East) has scored seven goals in a match since 1997 against Western Michigan.

With this win against Pittsburgh (6-4-2, 0-3-0), Notre Dame notched its first -conference win and rebounded from its losses to Louisville and Connecticut while on a four-game road trip.

"It's about time," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We needed to win. We really needed that one. It came a little bit easier than

I expected. Pittsburgh had been doing well; they were undefeated only 10 days ago. Maybe it was the long bus trip, but we seemed to catch them cold tonight. We will take the win and move on."

Notre Dame's first goal came in the 15th minute, as senior forward Danny O'Leary passed the ball off to forward Leon Brown who ripped a shot. The ball skipped off the wet ground, bounced off Pittsburgh sophomore goalkeeper Lee Johnston's hands and ricocheted off the post. O'Leary followed through, put the ball in the wide-open net and finished the play he started for his first goal of the season.

Not letting up, O'Leary received a cross on the ground from junior defender Luke Mishu and placed it in the

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Voigt keys Irish defense

By CORY BERNARD Sports Writer

goalkeeper.

The surging Irish recorded their sixth consecutive victory Sunday with a shutout of Connecticut, and that trajectory has included the rising star of the team's young

Prior to this season, sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Voigt had never recorded a solo shutout for the Irish. In Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Oakland on Sept. 23, Voigt registered the first clean sheet of her career and has not surrendered a goal since.

Defense has largely carried Notre Dame during its current streak, with Voigt playing a key role. She made four first-half saves during the team's 4-0 win over the Huskies on Sept. 30. Irish coach Randy Waldrum praised his goal-keeper's play, saying Voigt kept the team in the game until the offense broke through.

Despite the praise, Voigt said a group effort spurred the Irish win over the Huskies.

"I think [the win] definitely



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Irish goalkeeper Sarah Voigt punts the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Louisvile on Sept. 14 at Alumni Stadium.

helped put confidence [in the team]," Voigt said. "It helps the confidence not only of me personally but the confidence of the team because that was definitely a team win. I think being able to come out hard and come away with a win

that's really going to help us go forward with confidence and help us go forward and be winning in the future."

The Big East recognized Voigt's recent efforts Monday

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