

Candidates debate domestic policy

Professor concludes Romney's confidence outshone Obama in first debate



President Barack Obama faced off with Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney in Wednesday's debate. The debate was the first of three before the November election.

By NICOLE MICHEL
News Writer

President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney debated domestic policy Wednesday evening in the first of three presidential debates during an evening that seemed to focus more on style than substance at the University of Denver.

In a reversal of the usual pattern, Romney's poised, polished performance seemed to outshine Obama's lackluster appearance, political science professor Michael Zuckert said.

"Romney knew exactly how he wanted to put things and he put them pithily, he put them smartly and sharply — he was very smooth," Zuckert said. "Obama was still looking for words and ways to formulate things ... He should have had

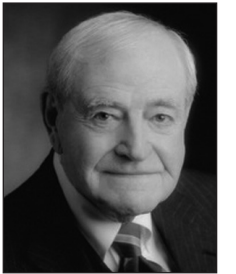
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Gallivan passes away

By JOHN CAMERON
News Editor

Past and present students of journalism at Notre Dame lost one of their greatest supporters

John Gallivan
class of 1937



Tuesday, when John W. Gallivan, namesake of the Gallivan Program for Journalism, Ethics and Democracy (JED), passed away Tuesday at the age of 97.

Gallivan, a 1937 graduate of

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NDSP makes two arrests

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) arrested two area residents for stealing from campus residence halls Tuesday, according to an email NDSP sent to the student body late Thursday night.

NDSP apprehended a 24-year-old male and 26-year-old female for stealing laptop computers and a wallet, the report said. According to the email, hall staff members and a resident in O'Neill Hall reported suspicious activity to NDSP, along with a

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Columnist gives Red Smith lecture



KIRBY MCKENNA | The Observer

Kathleen Parker, columnist from the Washington Post, delivers the 2012 Red Smith lecture on "Journalism in the Age of Twitteracy."

By JOANNA LAGEDROST
News Writer

One tweet says it all: "Journalism today all about speed, buzz, page views, instantaneity, not substance, leads to uninformed citizens, end of democracy, and probably

civilization."

Kathleen Parker, author of the above tweet, Washington Post syndicated columnist and winner of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary, delivered the 29th annual Red

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International students drawn by new programs

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

While campus bustle during the summer months, a group of international high school and college students found a wealth of ways to keep busy during their summer at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame International introduced three new programs for students from foreign countries during the summer of 2012: International Leadership, Enrichment and Development (iLED), International Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (iSURE) and International Summer: America and the World Today (iSAWT).

Dr. Jonathan Noble, assistant provost for internationalization and the director of the Notre Dame Asia Office in Beijing, said the purpose of the three programs was to improve the

image of Notre Dame across the world.

"The programs were initiated with the goal of enhancing Notre Dame's international collaborations and international reputation," he said.

The programs provided different opportunities to different types of students, Noble said.

"iLED aims to introduce outstanding high school students from around the world to academic life at Notre Dame, iSURE provides international engineering undergraduate students with the opportunity to work with research mentors and teams and iSAWT aims to introduce international university students to American life and culture," he said.

Noble said more than 40

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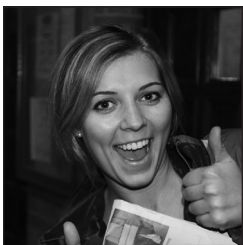
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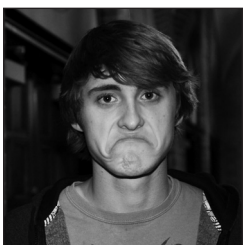
"I heard Magic Mike took him."



Camille Hayes

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Breen Phillips Hall

"Waiting for me."



Eric Hinterman

senior
Zahm House

"I am color blind."



Ethan Bailey

senior
Morrissey Manor

"There's no way of knowing. We don't have the technology."



Kelsey Weber

sophomore
Ryan Hall

"Living the life in Chateau Ryan."



Sarah Staten

sophomore
Ryan Hall

"Lost in North Dining Hall."



STEPHANIE LEUNG | The Observer

Breen Phillips Hall and Howard Hall hosted a trivia night in Reckers on Thursday. Gable Brady, Allison Berhndt and Charitha Isanaka asked the questions and kept score. The theme of their trivia was The Hunger Games to prepare for the campus-wide Hunger Games tournament happening later in October.

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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

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the Middle Ages to
the Digital Age"

107 O'Shaughnessy
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Roundtable
discussion.

Tuesday

Arab-Israel Conflict

Hesburgh Center for
International Studies
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Political science lecture.

SSLP Session

Geddes Hall
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Summer Service
Learning Program
drop-in session.

Belle prepares for marathon

By **BRIDGET FEENEY**
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

While some students are traveling to Chicago this weekend to watch the Fighting Irish take on the Miami at Soldier Field, Saint Mary's senior Alyssa Vinluan is going to the city for her own athletic competition. Vinluan will run 26.2 miles Sunday when she races in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

This will be Vinluan's first marathon, which she has been training for since June 1. Despite months of training, running and planning for Sunday, she has only been running for just over a year.

"I only started running in July of 2011," she said. "That is when I ran my first mile. I started to sign up for 5Ks and 10Ks, and then I did the Holy Half."

Despite making a commitment in only January to run the Chicago Marathon, Vinluan said running a marathon has been a life-long goal.

"I have always wanted to do a marathon, but it was something I never thought I could actually do," she said.

Vinluan's inspiration to run a marathon came almost a year ago. Her older brother Gilbert, who has run five Chicago Marathons and participated in an IronMan competition, was visiting for Christmas and Vinluan said she was discussing with him her "new passion for running."

"He was like, 'Then you should sign up for the Chicago Marathon,' and so in January, I registered for the race and committed to it," she said.

Vinluan said her brother's experiences with running and the Marathon have been a convenient and needed means of support.

"We're not running [the race] together because he's a much faster runner than I am," she said. "But I knew I'd have somebody



Photo provided by Alyssa Vinluan

Saint Mary's senior Alyssa Vinluan (right) poses with Dani Haydell after the two completed the 2012 Holy Half marathon at Notre Dame.

there with me the whole time, and that has been a big help."

Vinluan has been emailing and texting her brother for advice, and the two update each other on their training runs. In addition to the support of her brother, she said her boyfriend and friends have been constant sources of encouragement for her throughout her months of training.

"[Senior] Dani Haydell, who is on the Saint Mary's cross country team has done some of my runs with me," she said. "And my boyfriend, Brier, who did track and field when he went to Notre Dame, also did some runs with me. Also, my family has been really encouraging and helpful."

In addition to the intense training and constant self-discipline needed to prepare for the Chicago Marathon, Vinluan has also raised money for a charity, Opportunity Enterprises. Based out of her hometown of Valparaiso, Ind., Opportunity Enterprises is an organization that supports people with multiple disabilities. The funds from the marathon will support the organization's early intervention program, All About Kids.

"I am proud to be running and raising money for such an

amazing program," she said. "The support of my family and friends in helping me reach my fundraising goal is the best part [of my marathon experience]."

Despite the support from her loved ones and her excellent experiences with Opportunity Enterprises, Vinluan said there have been some obstacles to her training and final goal.

"Training in June, July and August ¾ that was no problem because it was summer," she said. "But once school started and I had to manage training with classes, Dance Marathon, my job at the writing center and my other responsibilities, it was difficult. It took a lot to make me go out and run 10 miles on a Wednesday."

However, Vinluan said she is excited to participate in her first marathon and is eager for the family time that will follow the race.

"My boyfriend flew in from California and will be waiting for me at the finish line," she said. "After the race, my entire family will be going out to a nice dinner in downtown Chicago. It will be great to celebrate the race and have everyone together."

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Police fundraise at doughnut shop

By **CHARITHA ISANAKA**
News Writer

Police officers from a number of St. Joseph County departments will poke fun at the stereotype of cops hanging around doughnut shops today and tomorrow at the second annual event Cops on Top of the Doughnut Shop.

The two-day fundraiser is sponsored by the Special Victims Unit sector of the Family Justice Center (FJC), a St. Joseph County non-profit that offers services for abused individuals.

"During the two-day time period, police officers from various agencies in St. Joseph County, including Notre Dame [Security] Police, will 'live' on the rooftop of Krispie Kreme ... to bring attention to

"We want to raise awareness about our programs and how people can get help if they've been abused."

Sareen Lambright Dale
director
Family Justice Center

the issues as well as to raise funds to help combat these crimes," Sareen Lambright Dale, director of the FJC, said.

The event will take place at Krispy Kreme Doughnuts at 5615 N Main Street in Mishawaka. Officers from the Special Victims Unit are partnering with Notre Dame

Security Police, St. Joseph County Police, the South Bend Police Department, the Mishawaka Police Department and the Lakeville Police Department to staff the roof.

Activities at the event include doughnut-eating contests, cornhole tournaments, Zumba, fingerprinting and pumpkin painting.

"We hope to raise around \$15,000," Dale said. "We also want to raise awareness about our programs and how people can get help if they've been abused."

Proceeds from the event will benefit services for victims of domestic and sexual violence, including child molestation, rape and intimate partner violence, Dale said.

The fundraiser will also donate profits toward the FJC's victim and family support services, education programs and information and referral services, as well as The Protective Order Project, which grants protection orders to about 1,500 local residents per year.

"We hope to gain support from the community. We are hoping for a big turn out to raise awareness for the cause as well as raise money for the organization," Saint Mary's senior Kristina Sorensen, who works at the FJC, said. "[FJC is] planning on moving to a better location during our Winter break. The money would help out greatly with the move and the start in their new location."

The FJC provides services to victims of domestic violence and their families in order to get their lives back on track, according to the center's Website. Their programs include confidential assessments, the distribution of emergency cell phones and a Clothes Closet and Diaper Bank.

Later in Oct., S-O-S, a partner program of the FJC who holds a 24-hour crisis line, will hold a fundraiser called A Cut for a Cause at Haircrafter's in South Bend.

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SMC Straight and Gay Alliance holds panel

Group meets to discuss experiences of allies from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities

By **ANNA BOARINI**
News Writer

Saint Mary's Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) held an ally panel Wednesday night to give students an opportunity to hear the stories of allies from the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities.

Saint Mary's senior Francesca Gifford said being an ally means being open to different people and varying viewpoints.

"An ally is someone who recognizes the differences of people in the world and is open and accepting of those differences," she said. "I realized I was an ally when I came to Saint Mary's, because that was the first time I really experienced the hatred and stress [the] LGBTQ community undergoes just because of who they are."

Catherine Pittman, a professor of psychology at the College, said her role as an ally started when her sister faced discrimination and ultimately lost her job as a teacher because of her sexual orientation.

"I got very upset because I was

unable to do more and I decided to get involved the next time I heard something was going on at Saint Mary's," she said.

Pittman was involved with the movement when Saint Mary's added sexual orientation to its non-discrimination clause in the mid 1990s.

"We started PINS, People In Support, and got the non-discrimination clause added," Pittman said. "And we said why stop there, and decided to get sexual orientation and gender involved in the South Bend human rights [ordinance]."

After eight years of fighting, Pittman said she and others involved in South Bend Equality successfully added sexual orientation to the South Bend human rights ordinance.

Saint Mary's senior Cristina Bueno, the president of SAGA, grew up in a very open family, but became a more active ally after watching friends get bullied, she said.

"When I went to high school and had more friends come out to me

and watching them deal with being bullied, I wanted to stick up for them and other people too," she said.

SAGA vice president Katie Carlisle said she never realized she was an ally because it just seemed second-nature to her.

"I remember a conversation with my dad when gay marriage became big in the political arena," she said. "My dad asked why do these people need to get married and I always wondered, 'Well, why not?'"

Two Notre Dame students, Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) co-presidents Alex Coccia and Lauren Morisseau, also participated in the panel.

Both are actively involved in the 4 to 5 movement, a student organization with the goals of getting allies involved, holding events to promote an open discussion on campus, getting a gay-straight alliance officially recognized and having the administration add sexual orientation added to the non-discrimination clause, Coccia said.

After deciding to go to Notre

Dame, Coccia said he saw a gay rights protest mentioned in Scholastic Magazine.

"I started to look at Notre Dame policy ... that the particular vision I had of Notre Dame and my Notre Dame family contrasted with the realities of students," he said. "I guess I became an ally as a matter of principle, how [the University] would not protect their students."

Morisseau said she became an ally when she unknowingly wandered into the founding meeting of her high school's Straight Gay Alliance. Before coming to Notre Dame, Morisseau said she was shocked to find out Notre Dame did not have a recognized club.

"I didn't understand how much being an ally was apart of my identity until I got to Notre Dame," she said. "I didn't fully adjust until I was part of PSA. I see [being an ally] as acknowledging that we all have a debt to each other as human beings."

Along with discussing why they are allies, the members of the panel talked about how to become an

ally or a better ally.

Pittman said it is important for allies to understand the inherent privileges straight people have.

"I think the kind of things straight people are interested in, seeing those relationships in books, movies, TV, they are out there," she said. "It's a big privilege."

Allies are important for the LGBTQ community, especially when they come out to their families, Pittman said.

"Allies are so important because people's families may reject them and it is especially hard to come out if they already know their families opinion [on homosexuality]," she said.

Carlisle said being a good ally is watching the language you use or the language your friends or family use.

"I think it's all about making sure the environment you place yourself in is open and safe," she said.

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Debate

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better formulations right at hand that he could have relied on and spoken more forcefully, instead of groping around for ways to express things that he could have had on the tip of his tongue."

This impressive showing from Romney won him the debate, at least stylistically, Zuckert said.

"In terms of overall impression, Romney carried a lot of the debate, but in terms of issues, I think Obama carried it," Zuckert said. "I saw the polls afterward and they said that they thought Romney could handle the economy better, that Romney could handle jobs better."

The thermometer measuring audience reaction on the bottom of the CNN broadcast of the debate seemed to indicate that the audience was reacting more to style than substance, Zuckert said.

"It isn't clear to me how much of the content of what they actually said made an impression, but I do think that style counts a lot," Zuckert said. "That's an example of why rhetoric is important — people react more to the impressions things leave on them rather than the substance of what is there ... and the impression in this performance was that Romney is 'presidential.'"

Film, Television and Theatre professor Susan Ohmer said Romney's structured answers helped him retain attention.

"It was striking to me that he numbered his points," Ohmer said. "That's a strategy that you see in formal debate that helps keep listeners organized — a very smart strategy on [former] Governor Romney's part."

Moderator Jim Lehrer, executive editor and former news anchor of PBS news hour, told the candidates

that the debate would be divided into six units of 15 minutes, each structured around different focal points.

The first question asked the candidates to speak to their plans to create jobs, which focused the debate on differences between two disparate plans to stimulate the economy.

Economics professor Eric Sims said this beginning gave Romney a lot of momentum starting the debate.

"I think people vote with their pocketbooks," Sims said. "People want to ask the question 'Are you better off now than you were four years ago?' and I don't think many people can say yes to that question — the president is taking a hit for that."

Rarely has an incumbent candidate been reelected to the presidency after presiding over a downturn in the economy, Sims said.

"Historically speaking it is surprising that a president would be running this well with the economy in this shape," Sims said. "To be fair it is hard to tell how responsible President Obama is or is not for that ... he did walk into a bad situation but it is very unusual that we are in a recession and he is polling so well."

Both candidates have very different visions on how to solve the jobs problem, but Romney's points were more salient because he was able to put Obama on the offensive, Sims said.

The president failed to refocus the discussion of the economic progress and job creation during his term as an analysis on improvement, rather than focusing on its current status, Zuckert said.

"Bill Clinton gave Obama a script that he could have used more effectively on that issue, and though Obama did try, he didn't push it as forcefully as he might have done as

a 'Look where we started from and look where we are type of thing' as opposed to 'Look where we are at the absolute moment,'" Zuckert said. "Obama didn't emphasize the trends, some of the trends are not great but they're better than Romney portrayed them."

Zuckert said the focus on the economy played right into Romney's hands.

"Criticism of Obama on unemployment is still Romney's best technique, but I've been waiting to hear more details about how he would actually change [unemployment]," Zuckert said. "I just haven't heard a policy to me that sounds persuasive enough yet, to me it's just not enough detail."

Romney was able to contrast his experience with business and economic policy with the relative lack of progress made in those areas in the past four years, Sims said.

"That's Obama's weakest point. Barack Obama has a lot of pluses: he's very likeable, at least four years ago he brought this attitude of hope and change to Washington, but the reality is that the economy stinks," Sims said. "I think this was playing to Romney's wheelhouse, domestic and economic policy: That's where he has experience ... In their discussion Romney came across as having a very good grasp of economics, in contrast I thought the President looked a little timid at times."

One of the strongest points Romney made was a criticism of the timing of Obama's health care law, Sims said.

"Romney's point was that he was surprised that Obama was going to move this healthcare reform through [Congress] so fast right in the middle of an economic downturn, and that though we do need that kind of legislation — some kind of healthcare reform in the long term — when the real issue should have been jobs, President Obama



AP

Many pundits said that Romney won the debate stylistically, focusing on the economy and healthcare reform as key issues.

was pushing through healthcare reform that created a lot of uncertainty," Sims said. "Uncertainty is not conducive to a healthy labor market on both ends."

Ohmer said the differences in policy between Romney and Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan were highlighted during the debate and by the work of fact checkers after the debate.

"Ryan has endorsed legislation that will [end] Pell Grants, while Romney has said he wouldn't do that," Ohmer said. "Romney has also said that he won't cut five trillion dollars when fact checkers said he would."

The degree to which each candidate moved toward the middle was striking, Zuckert said.

"Even though people have said the issues were really strongly defined, they moved back towards each other," Zuckert said. "Romney did maybe more than Obama, but both did substantially: Obama did in his litany about small businesses and job creation, and Romney in how he tailored his position from what we have heard before."

The fundamental difference

between the candidates is the role that each envisions for the government within the economy, Sims said.

"They characterize each other as free market capitalism and socialism, but on the broad level it is really that one side wants less government intervention and more power and choice in the hands of the individual, while the other side wants more government involvement — I think at the end of the day that's the main difference here," Sims said.

The debate has changed America's perception of the choice to make in November, Sims said.

"Last night Romney came across as in control of the debate, and looked presidential: He helped himself a lot," Sims said. "I think the Obama camp will have a different strategy next time around ... as they move away from domestic policy to foreign policy it will be interesting to watch — we have a much closer race today than we did 24 hours ago."

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Summer

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students participated in the three programs. Among these students were U.S. citizens who live overseas, as well as citizens of China, Japan, Taiwan, Australia, Canada and Colombia.

Each program benefitted students beyond learning the particulars of the curriculum, he said.

"iLED helps high school students better prepare for university academics, and it aims to help them think more deeply about different academic disciplines," Noble said. "iSURE prepares engineering students for graduate studies and post-graduate research while introducing them to research practice and methodologies in

the United States. iSAWT provides international students with a greater understanding of American life, society, and culture."

Notre Dame also benefits from these programs, he said, since they provide an opportunity for academic departments to show distinguished international students what they have to offer.

"iSURE, for example, aims to enhance graduate student recruitment opportunities," Noble said.

Noble said high school students who participated in iLED were recruited from a group of top international high schools.

Notre Dame selected the college undergraduates in the iSURE and iSAWT programs from two universities with whom Notre Dame has

existing relationships, he said.

"iSURE and iSAWT were created on the basis of growing partnerships with Tsinghua University in Beijing and Keio University in Tokyo, respectively," Noble said.

All of the more than forty students met specific selection criteria and were selected by faculty and administrators involved in the programs, he said.

Noble said the plan going forward is to expand these newly established programs.

"There are plans to diversify student enrollment so that more students from different countries and from different high schools and universities can participate," he said.

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Journalism

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Smith Lecture in Journalism on Thursday, titled "Journalism in the Age of Twitteracy." Despite her success, Parker said she did not originally plan on becoming a journalist. Born in Winter Haven, Fla., she said reading was protection from unpleasant household chores for her. She said she read quite a bit in her youth.

Parker left Florida in her early 20s, ventured north and began writing at the Charleston Evening Post.

"I fell in love with journalism the old-fashioned way," Parker said with a humorous bent. "We met at a party, we had a few drinks and one thing led to another. It really was love at first sight." "We made no money — I was taking home 90 bucks a week — but we were happy because we were doing something important," she said. "There is nothing like going home at the end of the day with something in your hand that shows what you did."

Although she is always proud of her work, Parker said she often becomes frustrated while writing.

"I do procrastinate and I do love-hate writing, because it's so hard," she said. "Writing is extremely difficult. I have to sift through masses of information

to determine what is meaningful, and then find the meaning in that."

Her early experiences in journalism differ greatly from that of young journalists in the current age, Parker said.

"I'm afraid that the spirit that I grew up with seems to be dead. Technology may have liberated us from newsprint," she said.

Technology may enable individuals to accomplish tasks faster and more efficiently, Parker said, but such efficiency is often overrated.

"Twitter is fast, furious, spontaneous and immediate. But haste is the enemy of accuracy," she said. "We know a lot of stuff. But are we really smarter?"

Parker said technology changes human behavior, even if it does not change essential human nature. "The consensus seems to be that we're better off with more people, more non-journalists, more people who are non-media talking," she said. Parker said she disagreed with the consensus.

"All voices are not created equal," she said. She added that writers today feel more entitled, without paying their "journalistic dues."

Parker referenced her tweet when she presented the real problem of today's generation.

"A 2008 study showed that 34

percent of young people age 18-24 get no news from any source on a typical day," Parker said. "If no one is reading the news, how will we manage a democratic government that relies on an informed citizen?"

Parker's experience with journalism will soon become simply a generation of journalism history, she said.

"We have to convince them [young people] of the importance of news to self-governance. I think this will be a real challenge in the Age of Twitteracy," Parker said.

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Gallivan

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the University, was the former chairman of the Kearns Tribune Corp., publisher of the Salt Lake City Tribune, according to a University press release issued at the Gallivan Program's founding in 1999.

Journalism professor Robert Schmuhl said Gallivan dedicated his life to improving the journalistic craft and helping others.

"In everything John W. Gallivan did, he brought moral clarity and civic responsibility. Few people in American journalism can rival his leadership ability and his commitment to professional excellence," Schmuhl said. "Even after he retired from the news business, he never stopped his conscientious involvement in his community and his devotion to helping other people."

JED Professor Jack Colwell said Gallivan stood out amongst his publisher peers for his strong character and altruism.

"Jack Gallivan was one of the old-style publishers, not a newspaper chain bottom-line executive. He cared about his community beyond just selling newspapers," Colwell said. "He sought to promote civic causes and economic development in Salt Lake City and to keep the subscribers informed with accurate and ethical news gathering."

Senior Emily Schrank, a JED minor, said the program has afforded her exceptional opportunities to explore her interest in journalism, both in and outside

of the classroom.

"The Gallivan Program has opened up a whole host of opportunities that I might not have had in studying journalism at another school," she said. "My internship with the South Bend Tribune [through the Gallivan Program] gave me invaluable real-world experience and showed me how important this industry is to our country and our world."

Schrank said the program has attracted top-notch teaching talent and offered some of the most engaging courses she's taken at Notre Dame.

"The journalism classes that I've taken have been some of my favorites during my time at Notre Dame and the professors that taught them are people who know the business inside and out," she said.

Colwell said the Gallivan Program, established by Gallivan's children, is a fitting tribute to the revered publisher.

"Generous support from his family led to the creation of the Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy here at Notre Dame," he said. "It was a way for his family to honor Jack and honor his commitment to the best in journalism as well."

Schmuhl said the program will continue to promote the tenants Gallivan cared about most.

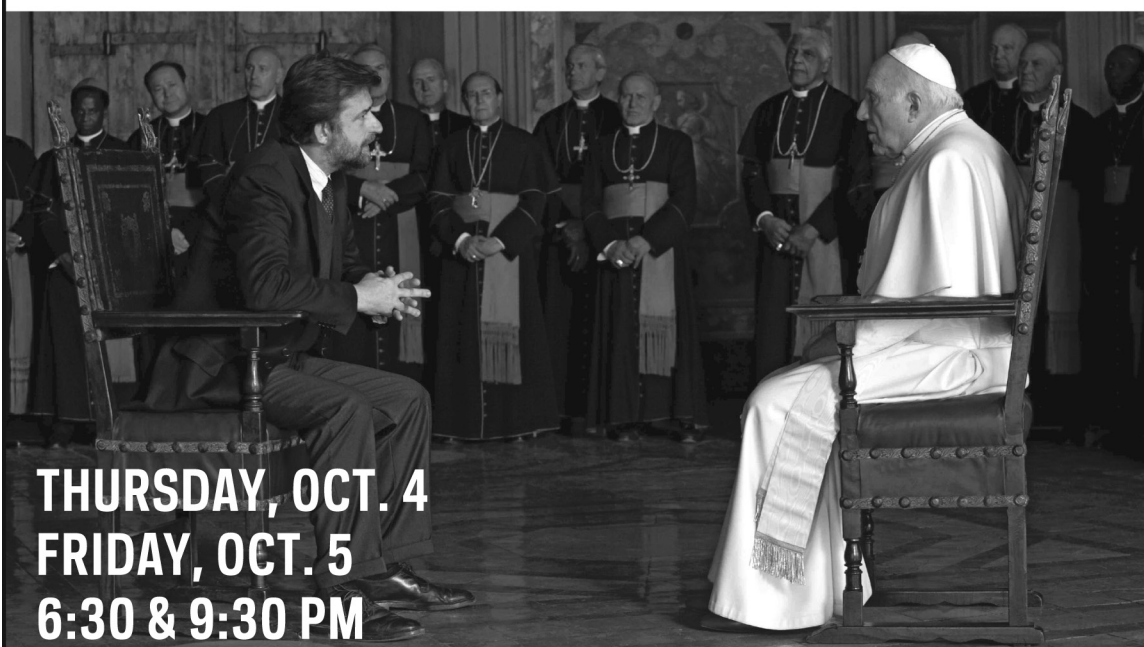
"His life is a tribute to journalism, ethics and democracy," he said. "He really sets an example for Notre Dame students in the program that bears his name."

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Man accused of espionage

Associated Press

HOUSTON — In his suburban Houston neighborhood, at least, Alexander Fishenko kept a low profile, living well but never mingling with others on his block. All the while, U.S. authorities say, the immigrant from Kazakhstan was leading a plot to funnel cutting-edge military technology to Russia.

For the last four years, Fishenko lived with his family in a two-story, four-bedroom home, a stranger to his neighbors, unknown to leaders in Houston's Russian community of more than 100,000 residents.

"I wouldn't have thought he was the ring leader. He was so nondescript, an everyday kind of guy," Charlie Houssiere, who lives across the street from Fishenko, said Thursday. "The whole time I thought he worked at an oil company."

Instead, U.S. authorities say he was running a Houston-based company that obtained highly regulated technology and clandestinely exported it to Russia for use by that country's military and intelligence agencies. The microelectronics could have a wide range of military uses, including radar and surveillance systems, weapons guidance systems and detonation triggers, U.S. authorities say.

Fishenko is accused of scheming to purposely evade strict export controls for cutting-edge microelectronics, of operating inside the U.S. as an unregistered agent of the Russian government, and of money laundering.

Fishenko and six others arrested by authorities this week made their initial appearances Thursday in federal court in Houston. An eighth defendant appeared in court Wednesday.

Hearings to determine whether Fishenko and the other



Federal agents remove boxes from a building in Houston on Wednesday after a Russian man was arrested for espionage.

defendants will be granted bail are scheduled to start Friday. None of the defendants have entered pleas. Their cases are expected to be transferred to New York, where the indictment was filed.

Fishenko's attorney, Eric Reed, said he plans to review the charges against his client with a critical eye.

"I think these are fairly dramatic allegations that we will certainly take a hard look at to determine whether there is any evidence to back that up," Reed said.

The Russian Foreign Ministry in a statement noted the defendants are not charged with espionage.

According to court documents, Fishenko was born in the former Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan and graduated from a technical institute in St. Petersburg before coming to America in 1994. In Houston, he initially worked at a Circuit City store. In his initial asylum application, Fishenko stated he had no prior military experience,

but elsewhere he claimed to have served in a Soviet military intelligence unit in Berlin in the 1980s, according to court records.

Fishenko filed paperwork with the Texas Secretary of State to form a for-profit corporation with his Houston business — Arc Electronics — in 2001. His company proved to be successful, earning him about \$50 million in gross revenue since 2002.

But authorities say those profits came illegally as Fishenko sent hundreds of shipments to Russia containing thousands of electronics, lying to U.S. manufacturers and suppliers about who would be using this technology.

While neighbors said they weren't sure what Fishenko did for a living, they knew he was successful.

Don McGlynn, who lives across the street from Fishenko, said the now jailed businessman seemed to remodel his home every year. Electricians, carpenters and other workers would stream in and out of the house, he said.

U. N. condemns Syrian shelling

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council overcame deep divisions to unanimously approve a statement Thursday condemning Syria's shelling of a Turkish town that killed five women and children "in the strongest terms."

Council members managed to bridge differences between the strong statement demanded by the United States and its Western supporters and backed by their NATO ally Turkey, and a weaker text pushed by Russia, Syria's most important ally, after negotiations that began late Wednesday and continued through Thursday.

In the press statement, which needed approval from all 15 council members, the U.N.'s most powerful body said the incident "highlighted the grave impact the crisis in Syria has on the security of its neighbors and on regional peace and stability."

It also extended condolences to the families of the victims and to the government and people of Turkey.

The council demanded an immediate end to such violations of international law and called on the Syrian government "to fully respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of its neighbors." Russia's agreement that the Syrian shelling violated international law was a key concession by Moscow.

The original Western-backed draft, proposed by Azerbaijan, condemned the shelling "in the strongest terms" and called it a violation of international law. Proposed Russian amendments never mentioned any breaches of international law, so the inclusion in the final text was a concession by Moscow.

Earlier Thursday, Syria's U.N. envoy said his government is not seeking any escalation of violence with Turkey and wants to maintain good neighborly relations.

Ambassador Bashar Ja'afari said the government hasn't apologized for the shelling from Syria because it is waiting for the outcome of an investigation on the source of the firing.

He read reporters a letter he delivered to the Security Council that sent Syria's "deepest condolences" to the families of the victims "and to the friendly and brotherly people of Turkey."

It urged Turkey and its other neighbors to "act wisely, rationally and responsibly" and to prevent cross-border infiltration of "terrorists and insurgents" and the smuggling of arms.

During Thursday's negotiations on the text when the outcome was still in doubt, U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice told reporters "we think it's very important that the council speak clearly and swiftly to condemn this shelling."

"This sort of cross-border military activity is very destabilizing and must be stopped," she said.

The border violence has added a dangerous new dimension to Syria's civil war, dragging Syria's neighbors deeper into a conflict that activists say has already killed 30,000 people since an uprising against President Bashar Assad's regime began in March 2011.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon expressed alarm Thursday at the escalating border tensions and warned that the risks of regional conflict and the threat to international peace is increasing, U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said.

The U.N. chief called on all parties "to abandon the use of violence, exercise maximum restraint and exert all efforts to move toward a political solution," he said.

Nesirky said Lakhdar Brahimi, the U.N.-Arab League envoy, has been in contact with Turkish and Syrian officials "in order to encourage an easing of tensions."

Syria's Ja'afari said the "Syrian government is keenly interested in maintaining good neighborly relations with Turkey."

"The Syrian government is not seeking any escalation with any of its neighbors, including Turkey," he stressed.

But he said Syria wants to explain to the Turkish people that their government's policies supporting the opposition "are wrong and have been wrong since the beginning of the crisis."

Ja'afari said Turkey responded to the incident by launching artillery shells into Syria starting at 7 p.m. local time Wednesday and stopping at midnight. Turkish troops then resumed artillery shelling Thursday morning until 7 a.m., injuring two Syrian army officers, he said.

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Social media reflects attitudes toward debate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Big Bird is endangered. Jim Lehrer lost control. And Mitt Romney crushed President Barack Obama.

Those were the judgments rendered across Twitter and Facebook Wednesday during the first debate of the 2012 presidential contest. While millions turned on their televisions to watch the 90-minute showdown, a smaller but highly engaged subset took to social networks to discuss and score the debate as it unspooled in real time.

Until recently, debate watchers would have waited through the entire broadcast to hear analysis and reaction from a small cadre of television pundits. Social media has democratized the commentary, giving voice to a far wider range of participants who can shape the narrative long before the candidates reach their closing statements.

"People still use old media to watch the debates, but they use social networks and other new media to have influence, voice opinions and be involved," said Scott Talan, an assistant professor of communication at American University who studies social media and politics. "Old media is not dead; it's growing. But now we have more people involved and engaged because of digital means."

The political conversation plays out across a range of social platforms, especially on the industry giant Facebook and on Twitter, the social networking hub where opinions are shared through 140-character comments known as tweets. Reflecting the changing times, many television analysts now monitor Twitter and Facebook feeds and use information gleaned from those platforms to inform their punditry.

Twitter announced shortly after Wednesday's debate that it had been the most tweeted event in U.S. political history, topping this year's Republican and Democratic National Conventions.

With 11.1 million comments, Wednesday's debate was the fourth most-tweeted telecast of any kind, coming in just behind the most recent Grammy awards, MTV's Video Music Awards and the Super Bowl, according to William Powers, director of The Crowdwire, an election project of Bluefin Labs, a social analytics firm. It was far higher than the previous political record holder: the third night of the Democratic National Convention in September, which drew 2.5 million comments.

A significant spike in social



AP

Big Bird from "Sesame Street" is pictured in Los Angeles in 2009. In Wednesday's debate, Mitt Romney proposed defunding PBS.

media commentary came from women, The Crowdwire found. Some 55 percent of comments about the debate were made by women, compared to just 39 percent during the Republican primary debates.

Unlike the wider viewing audience, debate watchers who comment on social media "are politically engaged in the strongest possible way," Powers said. But, he added, "it's a bit of a hothouse population. It does skew younger, and I'm not sure how much middle America is represented."

Twitter scored Romney the debate's clear winner according to Peoplebrowsr, a Web analytics firm. The group found 47,141 tweets mentioning Romney and "win or winner" compared to just 29,677 mentioning Obama and "win or winner."

Romney was also the top tweet in battleground states including Florida, Ohio, Nevada and Colorado, Peoplebrowsr found.

Search engine Google announced the debate's four most searched terms: Simpson-Bowles (the bipartisan fiscal commission Obama appointed); Dodd-Frank (a Democratic-backed financial reform law); Who is Winning the Debate; and Big Bird.

The debate, focused on domestic issues, was a numbers-heavy discussion of the economy, debt and entitlement reform. It produced strong reactions on Twitter from its earliest moments, from the candidates' attire and appearance — "Obama: solid blue tie with dimple. Romney: red tie with stripes, no dimple," tweeted publisher Arianna Huffington — to Jenga, a stacking game Romney and his wife, Ann, were said to have played with their grandchildren before the debate.

From there, the social chatter settled into a few major themes.

• Big Bird. Early in the debate,

Romney said he would defund public broadcasting to help bring down the deficit but added that he liked Big Bird, a popular character on PBS' "Sesame Street." Social networks immediately responded, with participants posting spoof photos of Big Bird and other "Sesame Street" characters on Facebook and setting up parody Big Bird Twitter accounts.

During a lull in the debate, an ABC news executive tweeted, "avian life is outstripping human life in this debate." Another viewer with the Twitter handle A CookieMonster wrote, "Obama killed bin Laden. Romney put a hit on Big Bird."

• Jim Lehrer. The veteran PBS newsman was widely panned as the debate moderator, with viewers complaining he asked weak questions and did a poor job of keeping command of the debate's time and tempo. Lehrer's name became a trending topic on Twitter, and his performance drew jeers from countless participants. "Jim Lehrer is like the grandpa at dinner table who falls asleep and wakes up randomly shouting," tweeted a woman with the Twitter handle of Bookgirl96.

• Romney's big win. Social media participants marveled at Romney's strong outing and pronounced Obama's debate performance flat, non-energetic and meandering — a dud. While Obama has been leading Romney in battleground state polls in recent days, the consensus on social networks was that Romney's debate performance had breathed new life into his campaign.

Obama supporters were some of his toughest critics. Andrew Sullivan, a pro-Obama writer for The Daily Beast whose Twitter feed, Sullydish, has a loyal following, declared: "This was a disaster for the president." Joe Mercurio, a New York media buyer, wrote on Facebook: "It could have been worse."

'Shore' cast readies for final season

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The clock is ticking for "Jersey Shore."

The boozy reality TV series about a group of self-proclaimed "guidos" and "guidettes" cohabiting in a run-down Seaside Heights, N.J., party house is winding down as its sixth — and MTV promises final — season gets under way almost three years after it debuted and became a pop-cultural situation spawning catchphrases, punch lines, hairdos and tabloid fodder.

Don't remind the show's cast. They're not quite ready for their 15 minutes of fame to end.

"That was the longest 15 minutes of my life!" Ronnie Ortiz-Magro boasted during a recent interview with his pals.

"We got, like, a half hour," joked Paul "DJ Pauly D" DelVecchio.

What began as yet another MTV reality show — "The Real World" with fist-pumping Italian-American twentysomethings — became one of the network's biggest hits. Over the past five seasons, the Thursday night show dominated the Nielsen ratings, drawing as many as 8 million viewers and consistently ranking as the No. 1 cable series in the

12-to-34-year-old demographic.

As the popularity of "Jersey Shore" grew, so did disdain for the series documenting the drunken antics of Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino and company. Italian-American anti-defamation groups lashed out at "Jersey Shore" for its stereotypical portrayals. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie once deemed it "negative for New Jersey."

Despite the continued unapologetic success of the series, MTV announced this summer that the sixth edition would be the last call for the "Jersey Shore" cast and crew, who fled winter for Miami Beach in the second season and traveled to Italy for the fourth edition. It's a bittersweet moment for the tanned troupe, who have no interest in fading out of the spotlight.

"Everything has to come to an end," said DelVecchio. "'Sopranos' ended. 'Entourage' ended. 'Jersey Shore' has to end. It's only a chapter of our lives. Now, another chapter of our lives is opening. We're just gonna use that tool. Whoever is smart enough to make the right decisions will make it last forever. That's the name of the game: making it last forever."

Bishop takes seat amid controversy

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Amid heavy security and the splendor of his faith's most sacred rites, the new Roman Catholic archbishop of San Francisco assumed office Thursday without referring to the distress his appointment has aroused in this gay-friendly city, but offering self-deprecating jokes about his recent drunken driving arrest.

Archbishop Salvatore Joseph Cordileone, wearing gold and red robes with a matching miter, told an audience of more than 2,000 invited guests at his installation mass that he was grateful for the messages of support he had received from people of different religious and political viewpoints following the Aug. 25 arrest in his home town of San Diego.

"I know in my life God has always had a way of putting me in my place. I would say, though, that in the latest episode of my life God has outdone himself," Cordileone said with a chuckle as he delivered his first homily as archbishop.

The 56-year-old priest, the second-youngest U.S. archbishop, went on to say he did not know "if it's theologically correct to say God has a way of making himself known in this way," and asked for the indulgence of other high-ranking church leaders in the audience.

The connection, he said, was that the compassion he was shown "in the wake of the regrettable mistake I made to drive after drinking" made him hopeful the Bay Area's Catholic community has the tools it needs to be part of a broader rebuilding of the church.

Cordileone had been scheduled to appear in court on the misdemeanor charge next Tuesday. Court records show he pleaded guilty on Monday to a reduced charge of reckless driving, an option frequently given to first-time DUI offenders, said Gina Coburn, a spokeswoman for the San Diego City Attorney.

U-T San Diego reports the San Diego native was fined and placed on three years' probation.

The standard sentence for reckless driving is three years' probation and a \$1,120 fine, Coburn said.

As Cordileone spoke during Thursday's mass, about three dozen gay rights advocates gathered outside St. Mary's Cathedral to protest his induction opposite a much larger group singing hymns of welcome for the new archbishop.

Cordileone, who served as bishop of neighboring Oakland for the last three-and-a-half years, has a nationwide reputation as a fierce defender of the Catholic Church's positions on homosexuality in general and same-sex marriage in particular.

Shooting suspects arrested

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Federal police have arrested two men who may be connected with the fatal shooting of a U.S. Border Patrol agent just north of the Mexico-Arizona border, a Mexican law enforcement official said Thursday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information, said it was unclear if there was strong evidence linking the men to the shooting of Agent Nicholas Ivie.

Ivie and two other agents were fired upon Tuesday in a rugged hilly area about five miles (eight kilometers) north of the border near Bisbee, Ariz., as they responded to an alarm that was triggered on one of the sensors that the government has installed along the border.

The wounded agent was shot in the ankle and buttocks and released from the hospital after undergoing surgery. The third agent wasn't injured.

Brenda Nath, an FBI spokeswoman in Arizona, and Border Patrol officials in Arizona declined to comment on the detention of the two men in Mexico. The Cochise County sheriff's office, which is also investigating the shooting, didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

Lydia Antonio, a spokeswoman for the Mexican Embassy



Border Patrol Agent Nicholas Ivie, a 30-year-old father of two, was shot and killed in southeastern Arizona early Tuesday morning.

in Washington, confirmed the two detentions, but declined to say what prompted them and what made authorities suspect the two might be involved in the shooting.

At a news conference Thursday in Washington, Attorney General Eric Holder said he is getting updates on the investigation's progress and has spoken with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano about the probe.

Napolitano is traveling to Arizona on Friday to express her condolences to Ivie's family and to meet with law enforcement authorities in southern Arizona about the investigation.

Authorities have declined to provide key details about Tuesday's shooting, including what they believe prompted the shooting, whether the agents were ambushed and whether any guns from the shooting were recovered. Still, they suspect that more than one person fired on the agents.

The head of the Border Patrol agents union has said he believes those who carried out the shooting probably had time to escape in the early morning darkness before authorities could seal off the area and that he doubted that whoever shot the agents would still be hiding in the area.

Disease outbreak stuns New York

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The potential scope of the meningitis outbreak that has killed at least five people widened dramatically Thursday as health officials warned that hundreds, perhaps thousands, of patients who got steroid back injections in 23 states could be at risk.

Clinics and medical centers rushed to contact patients who may have received the apparently fungus-contaminated shots. And the Food and Drug Administration urged doctors not to use any products at all from the Massachusetts pharmacy that supplied the suspect steroid solution.

It is not clear how many patients received tainted injections, or even whether everyone who got one will get sick.

So far, 35 people in six states — Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, Florida, North Carolina and Indiana — have contracted fungal meningitis, and five of them have died, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All had received steroid shots for back pain, a highly common treatment.

In an alarming indication the outbreak could get a lot bigger, Massachusetts health officials said the pharmacy involved, the New England Compounding Center of Framingham, Mass., has recalled three lots consisting of a total of 17,676 single-dose vials of the steroid, preservative-free methylprednisolone acetate.

An unknown number of those vials reached 75 clinics and other facilities in 23 states between July and September, federal health officials said. Several hundred of the vials, maybe more, have been returned unused, one Massachusetts official said.

But many other vials were used. At one clinic in Evansville, Ind., more than 500 patients got shots from the suspect lots, officials said. At two clinics in Tennessee, more than 900 patients — perhaps many more — did.

The investigation began about two weeks ago after a case was diagnosed in Tennessee. The time from infection to onset of symptoms is anywhere from a few days to a month, so the number of people stricken could rise.

Investigators this week found contamination in a sealed vial of the steroid at the New England company, according to FDA officials. Tests are under way to determine if it is the same fungus blamed in the outbreak.

The company has shut down operations and said it is working with regulators to identify the source of the infection.

"Out of an abundance of caution, we advise all health care practitioners not to use any product" from the company, said Ilisa Bernstein, director

of compliance for the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

Tennessee has by far the most cases with 25, including three deaths. Deaths have also been reported in Virginia and Maryland.

Meningitis is an inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms include severe headache, nausea, dizziness and fever.

The type of fungal meningitis involved is not contagious like the more common forms. It is caused by a fungus often found in leaf mold and is treated with high-dose antifungal medications, usually given intravenously in a hospital.

Robert Cherry, 71, a patient who received a steroid shot at a clinic in Berlin, Md., about a month ago, went back Thursday morning after hearing it had received some of the tainted medicine.

"So far, I haven't had any symptoms ... but I just wanted to double check with them," Cherry said. "They told me to check my temperature and if I have any symptoms, I should report straight to the emergency room, and that's what I'll do."

The New England company is what is known as a compounding pharmacy. These pharmacies custom-mix solutions, creams and other medications in doses or in forms that generally aren't commercially available.

Other compounding pharmacies have been blamed in recent years for serious and sometimes deadly outbreaks caused by contaminated medicines.

Two people were blinded in Washington, D.C., in 2005. Three died in Virginia in 2006 and three more in Oregon the following year. Twenty-one polo horses died in Florida in 2009. Earlier this year, 33 people in seven states developed fungal eye infections.

Compounding pharmacies are not regulated as closely as drug manufacturers, and their products are not subject to FDA approval.

A national shortage of many drugs has forced doctors to seek custom-made alternatives from compounding pharmacies. The steroid suspected in the outbreak has been in short supply.

The New England company at the center of the outbreak makes dozens of other medical products, state officials said. But neither the company nor health officials would identify them.

The company said in a statement Thursday that despite the FDA warning, "there is no indication of any potential issues with other products." It called the deaths and illnesses tragic and added: "The thoughts and prayers of everyone employed by NECC are with those who have been affected."

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Boxing out of a rut



Ann Marie Jakubowski
News Writer

None of my friends could keep a straight face when I mentioned in August that I was joining the boxing team. Between the smirks and incredulous laughter, I heard everything from “You’re the least aggressive person ever,” to “I thought you hated working out,” to “I really don’t think you could actually punch someone like that, if you had to.” After hearing “Wait, are you serious?” a dozen times, changing my mind really wasn’t an option anymore — at that point, the only way to avoid a year of jokes and off-hand comments about being a wanna-be boxer was to become an actual boxer.

None of my previous athletic pursuits prepared me for this experience — I was an average member of my high school tennis team and a well below-average swimmer for one season. If I felt particularly motivated, I might take on the occasional fifteen-minute mile and call it quits at the three-quarter mark. I knew this, but at the same time I’d been pretty bored with the current state of the union and I wanted to do something uncharacteristic and unexpected.

Team rules hold that members have to attend four practices a week to fight in the Baraka Bouts in November, and it’s fair to say that the first week or two absolutely destroyed me. The only way to distract myself from the misery of those first runs was to spend the time brainstorming escape routes or excuses to quit the team altogether. I couldn’t bring myself to do much more than get through it and then sleep as hard as I could.

Each practice is challenging, enough to keep me questioning why I got into this to begin with, but that’s exactly what I was hoping for. I didn’t join the team so my friends would think I was tougher and realize they’d underestimated me, and it had nothing to do with some hidden desire to punch people. I don’t aspire to go pro after my Notre Dame career, and while I am proud to say that the money we raise will help the people of Uganda, that wasn’t it either.

I joined because I needed to get out of a rut, to shake up the way my life was going and see what else I had to learn about myself. I needed to know that I could ask that much of myself and then pay upfront, even if the price tags on those first miles were alarmingly high. I like myself much better if I’m a person who boxes after class instead of taking a nap; I needed to learn to fight every now and then, as long as I chose my battles wisely. Each day I feel my body getting stronger around me, and if nothing else, I’m glad I can go to bed each night knowing I’m better off in some way than I was when I woke up that morning.

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Reevaluate the Shamrock Series

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

When Notre Dame and Miami face off in Chicago on Saturday, it will mark the fourth installment in the highly successful Shamrock Series, the University’s annual off-site home football game. The series promotes the Notre Dame brand and has brought the Irish to San Antonio, New York and the Washington, D.C. area prior to this year’s tilt in Chicago.

The University has done an admirable job promoting Notre Dame and consistently finds new heights on which to elevate its imprint.

But, this time, it has found a new low.

Three weeks ago, Notre Dame students received an email telling them only 288 tickets would be made available to the student body for this year’s contest. That’s 288 tickets for an undergraduate population of more than 8,000 students. For a home game. In Chicago.

Soldier Field is 94 miles from the Notre Dame campus. Alumni, as usual, will travel in droves to see the gold (and, this week, blue) helmets shimmering under the lights in what is sure to be a Notre Dame celebration that spans the entire weekend. But only 3.6 percent of the students were invited to the party.

One of the unique aspects of the Shamrock Series is its inclusion of academic and other non-football activities that the University puts on during the annual event. This year’s docket includes a pep rally at Millennium Park, drummers’ circle and several academic lectures.

When the Shamrock Series was in other parts of the country, a lack of student tickets was understandable. But this year is different. Even students without a car on campus could have easily made the trip by bus or train and taken part in a spectacular atmosphere at one of America’s iconic venues.

Saturday was a day Notre Dame students — many of whom are from Chicago — have had circled on their calendar for quite a while. The Notre Dame-Chicago

connection is a special one, and that’s due in large part to the lofty number of students from the area.

This week, Irish players who grew up in the Windy City have described what this weekend means to them as Bears fans, Chicago residents and Notre Dame student-athletes. It’s an experience they will cherish far after their playing careers are finished, but that opportunity has mostly been withheld from students.

Once the University announced the ticket allotment for this game, many Chicago-based students decided to go home for the weekend, even without a ticket after being forced to reevaluate their plans. The University’s decision led many other students to look for tickets through outside sources, such as StubHub, for greater than the \$125 price it offered students, an amount costing about half as much as the home season ticket booklet.

Maybe it’s time to reevaluate what the Shamrock Series is all about.

If Notre Dame is trying to promote its brand and celebrate its academic and athletic brands, how can it properly do so a couple hours from campus with only a 288-student allotment? This is a college football program. We are the college students who can bring our voices and our spirit to support a team of our classmates and peers. Anyone who’s ever been to a Notre Dame home game knows the student section is the pulse of the Stadium. Now, despite a golden opportunity, the Shamrock Series will feel like a home game in name only.

Maybe the decision was made to maximize a profit. Maybe the decision was made to appease as much of the alumni base as possible. Maybe the decision was made to keep as many students in South Bend as possible the weekend before midterms.

The University at least owes the student body an explanation for this disappointment. An integral part of the home football experience is the student body — and most of us will be missing when Notre Dame and Miami revive a once-intense rivalry this weekend, less than 100 miles from campus.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Speak when you are angry — and you will make the best speech you’ll ever regret.”

Laurence J. Peter
American educator

WEEKLY POLL

Where in the world is Carmen Sandiego?

@H4ILEY: “Carmen Sandiego? Oh, She’s in the Angela parking lot at SMC. That’s the name of my salsa red VW Jetta!”

@tommygents: “About 100 yards from Pakistan’s capitol building, though officially they have no idea.”

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My day with JFK

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Fifty years ago next Saturday, on October 13, 1962, President John F. Kennedy campaigned for Democratic candidates throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania. One of his stops, at my county courthouse, was located just a few miles from my home. With such a rare opportunity before us, naturally my father — an elementary school principal, first generation Italian-American, Catholic, World War II veteran educated through the GI Bill — dragged me to see the president. As an 11-year-old sixth grader, I was more interested in football on that sunny Saturday morning. However, little could I imagine at morning's start that I would ultimately be three feet from the president who spoke to me.

Kennedy's election was an important political milestone victory for Catholics, a time that also exposed me to my first experience of religious discrimination. Growing up, I heard my father share his stories of hostile heritage and religious hatred hurled at him in school and against my Italian immigrant grandparents in the workplace. While in fourth grade, during the Kennedy-Nixon campaign, my best friend — from a Protestant family — spewed nasty slurs at me he had heard from his parents about "those Catholics" like Kennedy and me. So I understood why my father dearly admired

Kennedy who broke the political barriers for Catholics similarly to how Barack Obama shattered one for African-Americans in 2008.

Stepping back a half-century ago, our nation faced chaotic and challenging times that tugged the president's attention from one huge event to another at lightening speed. Amidst the pressures of the Oval Office that October weekend, Kennedy focused on the off-term election cycle when an incumbent president's party usually loses seats in Congress. Thus, Kennedy campaigned against congressional Republicans who were obstructing his legislative agenda.

When Kennedy spoke to us, he was wrestling behind the scenes with an international crisis trying to thwart the Soviet Union's installation of nuclear missiles in Cuba. On the home front, the president dealt with civil rights discrimination, specifically James Meredith's attempt to break the all-white discrimination that barred him from enrolling at the University of Mississippi. Kennedy mobilized federal forces by sending 170 marshals to escort Meredith to class. But on that October Saturday, I was concerned more about football.

Mid-morning we staked out a spot on the sidewalk and stood for two hours before the motorcade approached. My mind wondered but dismissed the possibility of snipers hiding under a porch with a latched wooden fence. It seemed like forever

before the motorcade arrived and surprised me. As a boy, automobiles played a huge role in my life. So, I was shocked to see President Kennedy sitting on the trunk of a tan Chevrolet Impala convertible with his feet on the back seat. Where was that big black limousine I had seen on television? Yet within a minute, he passed. He had gone so quickly — in an Impala.

We tried to walk a block closer to where the president spoke on the courthouse steps. However, throngs of people clogged the streets, so we only heard half of his speech through the roaring cheers and blurred sound system. After speaking, Kennedy attended a luncheon at a hotel, so naturally much of the crowd went home. But my father led me to the alley behind the hotel where we again stood for another hour. Finally, the president mounted onto the Impala's trunk near us.

We leaned on a fence an arms-length from the president. Kennedy's rich chestnut auburn-colored hair moved in the wind. He nodded in recognition when my father said, "Hi Jack!" Then the president said to me, "Hello son," as his car began to roll towards the street. He waved at me first, then to the people at the end of the alley. As quickly as he arrived, he was gone.

Looking back on my day with President Kennedy — beyond my sore feet, sniper fantasies and the surprising Impala convertible — I note his message countering the

Republican Party for acting as obstructionists against Kennedy's agenda. Ironically, it is not unlike today's campaign when he said, "As it has shown for 30 years, that every time we try to do something for jobs, and for security, and for education, the Republicans vote 'no,' the Democrats vote 'yes.'"

Kennedy continued, "We lost the medical care for the aged, as we lost the department of urban affairs, as we almost lost minimum wage, as we lost supplemental unemployment compensation, as we lost our agricultural bill, as we lost our higher education bill. Will you tell me what they are for?"

Kennedy concluded, "And I am proud to stand here, although I am not a candidate for office, and in all good faith ask you to give us some people who in 1963 and '64 will build a strong America upon which the world depends."

My day with JFK may sound like today, but it still seems like yesterday.

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Romney's "morals"

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Michigan Daily

Wednesday night, Mitt Romney played the morals card. During the debate, he stated that the budget deficit is "not just an economic issue, I think it's a moral issue." What Romney was referring to was his belief that it's a moral violation to borrow money that will have to be paid back by the generations to follow. I think most Americans would agree. It really isn't okay for the federal government to borrow trillions of dollars, allowing for debt to accrue, and pass the bill onto the next generation. What I found most compelling about this statement, however, was the use of the phrase "moral."

We're not talking about far-right religious morals. This morality is one of simple right and wrong — morals in their most basic sense. I find it interesting that Romney would reference morality when talking about deficit reduction, given his policies and his choice of running mate.

"The Path to Prosperity," better known as the Ryan Budget, calls for massive cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and Pell Grants. This plan essentially amounts to balancing the budget on the backs of the poor. In a recent New York Times article, Larkin Warren, a self-professed "former welfare mom" told her story of getting through four years of college by heavily relying on government assistance. She took out student loans, accepted Pell Grants and used food stamps. Her road was an arduous one, but with perseverance, hard

work and a lot of help, she eventually graduated and found gainful employment.

Romney's injection of morality into the debate will likely go unnoticed, but it shouldn't. The plans he and his running mate have put forward are, at best, of questionable morality. Though Romney and Ryan both preach "self-reliance" in accordance with their religious morals, they're largely dodging the elephant in the room. Cutting welfare, whether it's for students, the elderly, children or just people down on their luck, is horrifically immoral. People need these programs, especially during a period of economic crisis — not just to advance in society, but to get by day-to-day. If Romney wants to talk morals, he needs to justify how he can propose hurting the poor so badly to balance the budget.

Yes, I realize paying off our federal debt would be a moral achievement. The massive debt we carry makes our country extremely vulnerable as well as weak in diplomatic relations. It would be good for us to be debt-free, or at least minimally in debt. But we cannot alleviate this problem on the backs of our poor. The people in this country who have the hardest lives already shouldn't be asked to sacrifice even more when there are other ways to balance the budget.

As President Obama asserted, the very wealthiest in America can afford to pay a little more. I'm not proposing we balance the budget purely through increased taxes on the rich — that isn't moral either. Plus, it would staunch economic growth. The facts, however, are that the richest one percent of the country own more than 40

percent of the nation's wealth and pay historically low tax rates. Everyone needs to pay his or her fair share, especially those who can afford a little extra. By increasing taxes, we can begin to cut down our deficit while still providing essential services to grow the economy.

I commend Romney for bringing morals into the discussion — morals, after all, are the basis of law. Romney's ideas on economic morals, however, are just plain backwards. If I were President Obama, I'd be sure to point that out at the next debate, especially considering the sharp contrast his economic policies present. Romney was the clear winner of Wednesday night's debate, but he shouldn't have been. After taking such extreme positions during the primary, not to mention a slew of gaffes and Obama's campaign ads that have painted a less than flattering picture of the former governor, I was expecting Romney to be left in the dust during the first debate. President Obama, however, faltered, while Romney pounded his best talking points home.

Here's a piece of advice for the president: if he wants to win, he should remind everyone that the guy at the other podium wants to cut help for the poor. Then he should ask the American people if they'd consider someone willing to do that to be "moral."

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Action Hero P



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With the release of “Taken 2” this weekend and Liam Neeson’s transformation into full-fledged action star, the recent release of “Expendables 2” and another Bond movie on the way, the Scene decided to take a look at some of our favorite heroes. And, because we could, we did a fantasy draft. First, Scene Editor Kevin Noonan explains the rules and regulations:

“I don’t make the rules,

ma’am, I just think them up and write them down.” – Eric Cartman

1. The objective of the draft is to create the ultimate team of action heroes, based on the following criteria:

- How would they fare in a street fight?
- How successful have their films been?
- Can they deliver lines that make you shake in your boots?
- How straight up and down cool are they?
- Or anything else, I don’t really care.

2. There will be 5 rounds, with pick order determined randomly (I will determine pick order). The draft will follow a serpentine order, meaning the order of each round will proceed in reverse order of the previous one.

3. Each team will consist of one veteran star or former star, one current star, one future

prospect, one female star and one utility player that can fit any role.

4. Picks must be for real action stars (sorry, Michael Cera), and if it’s on the border (Michael Fassbender) you must be able to defend their legitimacy as action heroes (“Jane Eyre,” Fassbender? Come on now).

5. Leonardo DiCaprio cannot be picked. I do not like him.

With that said here’s the draft order:

- Troy Mathew
- Sam Stryker
- Chris Allen
- Kevin Noonan

KN: Troy, you’re on the clock.

Round 1

Pick 1 (Troy Mathew): Daniel Craig, current star

TM: For the first overall draft pick, I select a current A-list, Daniel Craig. He’s replaced the ridiculous cheesiness of Pierce Brosnan and starred in solid entries to the Bond canon.

KN: I’d call that a little bit of a surprise. Has he done anything outside of Bond?

SS: After “Quantum of Solace” I’d say he needs to focus on making better Bond films, not aiding the Queen to enter the Opening Ceremonies of the Olympics.

TM: “Girl With the Dragon Tattoo,” y’all.

CA: Sean Connery is shaking his head, somewhere.

SS: And his martini.

Pick 2 (Sam Stryker): Angelina Jolie, current star

SS: Girl power! For my first pick, I am selecting Angelina Jolie. She kicks some solid butt and looks stellar doing it. She’s starred in such high-octane action flicks as “Salt,” “Wanted,” “Mr. & Mrs. Smith,” and the outrageous “Tomb Raider” movies. Not to mention the fact she’s matched up with the likes of Gerard Butler, Clive Owen, Brad Pitt — all potential picks — and the aforementioned Daniel Craig in her action flicks. And

hey, those lips...

CA: Somewhere, Jennifer Aniston is shaking her head.

KN: She could beat me up.

TM: She’s so frail! I was laughing during “Salt” as she flipped

say, hasta la vista, baby.

SS: Solid pick, but he does have a blemish on his career — anyone remember his role as “Mr. Freeze” in “Batman & Robin”?

KN: Chris, if you’re building your team purely on muscle, I can’t wait to see who your female pick is.

SS: Probably Brigitte Nielsen.

Pick 4 (Kevin Noonan): Joseph Gordon-Levitt, future prospect

KN: I’m a

Kansas City

Royals fan, all I know is building for the future. I’ve got my eye on an exciting prospect that my team will one day be centered around (or I’ll trade to the Yankees) -- Joseph Gordon-Levitt.

SS: You and Christopher Nolan both. I’m confused, are we supposed to hope he’s the next Batman, or Robin? Or both?

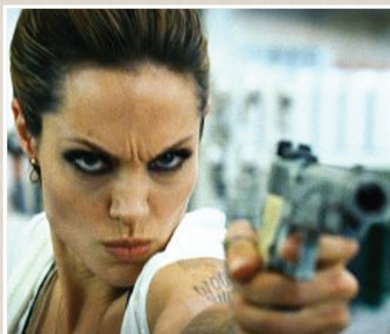
CA: Your No. 1 action star sang a sing-along with cartoon birds just a few years ago. In case you forgot.

SS: You just made all three of the hipsters on campus really happy with your pick, Kevin.

KN: Hate away, haters. He’s a prospect; he’s a little rough around the edges.

TM: “500 Days of Summer” is the antithesis of action movie.

Angelina Jolie



“Current Star”
Notable Films:
Wanted
Mr. and Mrs. Smith
Lara Croft

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200-pound men.

SS: I believe the correct term is “trim,” Troy.

TM: I think her most deadly attack would be slicing people with her protruding bones. FRAIL.

KN: That or home wrecking.

SS: Or she could just adopt you.

Pick 3 (Chris Allen): Arnold Schwarzenegger, veteran

CA: I’m building my team around one basic factor-- muscle. Who better to start my team with than the godfather of girth himself, the master of mass, Arnold Schwarzenegger? Behind Arnold’s bulging physique and gubernatorial credentials, my team will push your teams around. This is over. Or should I

Round 2

Pick 1 (Kevin Noonan): Will Smith, current star

KN: I might have gone out on a little bit of a limb with my first pick, so I’m looking for a little more consistency with my second--Will Smith.

SS: Welcome to Miami, Kevin. Or the Wild, Wild West. I’m lukewarm on this pick. He’s done so much, yet so little with his career. This is like picking vanilla as your favorite flavor of ice cream.

TM: So not jiggy with this pick.

KN: Vanilla is my favorite flavor. Also, “Independence Day,” I rest my case.

CA: I like the pick. Will Smith would get absolutely squashed by my muscle men, though. Speaking of which, it’s my pick.

Pick 2 (Chris Allen): Hugh Jackman, current star

CA: My current star has been all over the place in the past few years, from hosting the Oscars to generally tearing things up as Wolverine. He adds some more bulk to my team of muscular superheroes, and he’s Australian. Hugh Jackman is my second pick.

SS: He also has hosted the Tony’s multiple times, so there is that.

KN: I feel like Hugh Jackman would

beat me up, then nurse me back to health and make me chicken noodle soup and sing me uplifting songs. Whatever though, I like it.

SS: At least he brings some vocal ability to your team, Chris.

TM: Solid pick, literally and figuratively.

Uma Thurman



“Female S
Notable Film
Kill Bill Vol
Kill Bill Vol
Pulp Fiction

Pick 3 (Sam Stryker): Jennifer Lawrence, future prospect

SS: I volunteer as tribute Jennifer Lawrence for my up-and-coming star pick. She bested the field in “The Hunger Games” and starred as the villainess Mystique in “X-Men: Origins.” If you can hang with the District 2 Tributes and Magneto, you’re good enough for my team. And boy, the things she can do with a bow and arrow. She even has an Oscar nomination. Like Jolie, she can match any

Round 3

Pick 1 (Troy Mathew): Sylvester Stallone, veteran

TM: For my old-timer choice, I select Sylvester Stallone. With his lopsided and strangely-botoxed face, he has the look of a Hollywood veteran, and is still relevant today, having recently starred in “The Expendables.”

Having starred in all the “Rocky” films as well as “Rambo,” he’s a solid choice for this point in the draft.

CA: I think it is obvious you just stole a top pick on my muscle depth chart.

Pick 2 (Sam Stryker): Sean Connery, veteran

SS: Troy, I’m going to one-up you with my classic action star pick and I’m going to take the REAL James Bond. Nobody does it better than Sean Connery, the original. From the fast cars to the tuxedos to the gadgets to the gorgeous women, Connery not only set the bar for all subsequent Bonds. He established what it really means to be an action star. It isn’t just about punching guys or shooting a gun. He always put country and

Queen first. His bowtie was always perfectly tied, his martini always shaken, not stirred. Beyond Bond, Connery was deemed to be worthy of being Indiana Jones’ dad. That’s when you know you have made it in the action world. He’s got the veteran skills to lead my team.

Sean Connery



“The Veter
Notable Film
Goldfinger
Dr. No
Indiana Jon

CA: Shocking, positively shocking. Mr. Connery, as tough with his words as he is with his awesome train kicks in “From Russia, With Love.”

Pick 3 (Chris Allen): Liam Neeson, utility player

CA: These have been some nice picks so far. Some notable stars, each with a great resume and respectable action abilities. But my next pick has

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man punch-for-punch, she's well-spoken and she looks fresh off the red carpet. Beauty, brawn and brains: the three b's make Jennifer Lawrence my next pick. May the odds be ever in my favor.

KN: I'm bummed, this was my female pick for sure.

CA: Miss Lawrence is a great pick, having also starred in some decidedly non-action movies like "Winter's Bone." But she's moving onto the A-list quickly. And she's beautiful. Good pick.

Pick 4 (Troy Mathew): Uma Thurman, female star

TM: Since the well is running dry for action stars without a y chromosome, I'm going to snag mine now. Man hands aside, Uma Thurman is my choice, having starred in Tarantino's hugely popular "Kill Bill" franchise. Although she is no longer particularly active in the Hollywood game, "Kill Bill" is a cult favorite and an all-around solid set of films. Uma, drive over to my team.

SS: Exceptional pick. Uma Thurman is six feet of Quentin Tarantino-engineered sword-wielding craziness. She's one part Victoria's Secret model and one part ninja.

KN: She scares the living daylights out of me. Good pick.

TM: Her giant hands are more than capable of that. Next pick coming in a sec.

a very particular set of skills. Skills he has acquired over a very long career. Skills that will make a nightmare for your teams. He trained Batman, voiced Aslan and was in Star Wars. He's going to find you, and he's going to kill you. Liam Neeson is the next action star ... taken.

KN: Great pick, terrible pun.
SS: And that just happened. Anyone who starred in "Love, Actually" is always a winner in my book.

Pick 4 (Kevin Noonan): Clint Eastwood, veteran

KN: I'm frankly shocked he's still on the board to be honest. Dirty Harry, himself-Clint Eastwood. Let's ignore his RNC chair stunt; the guy has been defining what it means to be an action star for five decades. Age hasn't stopped him either. "Gran Torino" is one of the toughest, coolest movies he's been in, and he did it at 78 years old.

CA: Also the best director to be chosen thus far, by a wide, wide, wide margin.

SS: Clint is like a bottle of fine wine. He's only gotten better with age. And I love wine.

TM: He's crotchety personified and I like it. Nice selection.

Round 4

Pick 1 (Kevin Noonan): Jessica Alba, female star

KN: I've been struggling with my female star pick since Sam snagged Jennifer Lawrence so early in the draft, but then I remembered Golden Globe nominated actress Jessica Alba. I feel like she's been off the radar for a few years (other than the violently terrific "Machete") but she showed her action movie skills in "Sin City." Plus she's just so, so, soooooo ... talented.

TM: She was in "Fantastic Four" too. She is certainly nice to look at, but isn't much besides that.

CA: To be honest, she was pretty tough in "Sin City." Love the Alba pick.

SS: Does she kick butt like some of the other available ladies out there? No, and I'm about to prove it with my next pick.

Pick 2 (Chris Allen): Chris Hemsworth, future prospect

CA: So let's see ... I need to fill my up-and-coming young guy role. I need to add some more muscle to my dream team, and I need someone who's shown the ability to wreak some havoc. My next pick is a real-life Norse god in the flesh, Chris Hemsworth. Hemsworth showed an absolute mean streak as the star of "Thor" and backed that up in "The Avengers." And he's so, so much cooler than his brother.

SS: True that. Already he gets bonus

points for not being engaged to Hannah Montana. Excuse me, Miley Cyrus.

KN: I like this pick. As both the god of thunder and Captain Kirk's dad, he's got a strong pedigree of action stardom.

Pick 3 (Sam Stryker): Halle Berry, female star

SS: As if my team needed an additional shot of estrogen my next pick is the bo-

KN: Only because of Anne Hathaway in "The Dark Knight Rises," I'll forgive her.

Pick 4 (Troy Mathew): Jamie Foxx, future prospect

TM: While this up-and-comer pick is not an obvious choice, he's a great addition to my team. He's already proven his acting chops with solid roles in "Ray" and "Collateral." Yes, Jamie Foxx. He's starring in the upcoming Tarantino flick, "Django Unchained." The movie, also known as "Inglorious Basterds" with slave owners instead of Nazis, is sure to be fantastic. Also, he already has a famous catch phrase from the starring role. The 'D' is silent, and his future in action movies is bright.

SS: He's a borderline pick in my book. Good, but not great. He's the type of player who might get away from the Royals, but wouldn't be worthy of the Yankees' checkbook.

KN: I disagree Sam; I like this pick. Obviously it's a prospect pick, but Foxx has proven a decent actor, and "Collateral" was one of his best performances and showed he can do action with the best of them. Plus, if anybody can make somebody an action star, it's Tarantino. I think after "Django" comes out this will look like a great pick.

SS: "Collateral" was a great role, but basically he was dealing with a crazy Tom Cruise for two hours. Katie Holmes did it for six years, and no one has picked her yet.

CA: Foxx gets major bonus points for making incredibly off-color jokes in front of professional athletes at the ESPYS.



Chris Hemsworth



"Future Prospect"

Notable Films:

Thor
The Avengers
Snow White and the Huntsman

dacious Halle Berry. She's done it all: Catwoman, X-Men and Bond girl. Really, what more could you ask of her? She's also an Oscar-winning actress. She wins fights, men's hearts AND Academy Awards. Oh, and she completes secret agent missions in a bikini. Try that one, Hugh Jackman.

KN: I could ask her to go back in time and not do "Catwoman." That movie was almost unforgivable in my book.

SS: Bad things happen to good people. Even to Halle Berry.

Round 5

Pick 1 (Troy Mathew): Christian Bale, utility player

TM: There's been a lot of talk about the Batman franchise, but I'm choosing the source of the indiscernible growl itself. Christian Bale is my next choice, given his career-defining, starring role in Nolan's trilogy. Also, considering his performances in "Terminator Salvation," "3:10 to Yuma," and "American Psycho," he's too good not to take. He does it all — method acting, action flicks and pretentious Oscar-worthy films. He's got a warehouse of deadly gadgets, uncontrollable real-life rage and a spot on my fantasy team.

CA: Christian has fluctuated from 130 pounds to 210 pounds for what seems like half a dozen times. I would absolutely love to see him train to lose 80 pounds for a role.

Pick 2 (Sam Stryker): Tom Cruise, utility player

SS: My final wild card pick goes to Tom Cruise. And boy, is he a wild card. If chairs are Clint Eastwood's kryptonite, then keep Cruise away from couches. But he's starred in the "Mission Impossible" films, "War of the Worlds" and "Top Gun." Yes, he is certifiably insane and he believes in an alien God or something like that (yay, Scientology!) But guess what? Even pushing 50 years of age, this guy is still a bona-fide action star.

KN: My father might disown me for saying this, but I love Tom Cruise. I love his movies, I love his his wild, screaming rant at Jack Nicholson in "A Few Good Men." I don't care if he goes full-tilt Mel Gibson on us later in life, I like the pick.

TM: Anyone who had a role in producing queen of the universe Suri Cruise is good in my book, and his use of "glib" is just another



Nicolas Cage



"Utility Player"

Notable Films:

National Treasure
Con Air
Gone in Sixty Seconds

plus.

CA: Just like a roller coaster, my team has a height requirement, a mark that Cruise would not reach. Not even close.

Pick 3 (Chris Allen): Gina Carano, female star

CA: So I guess I need a girl on my muscle team. This is an easy pick and a bit of a sleeper. MMA star Gina Carano defines the modern butt-kicking female. She'll be starring in the

next "Fast and the Furious" film and also is the lead in a film that is being called the female version of "The Expendables". You might remember her turning ordinary Janes into roadkill on "American Gladiators". Look for her star to blow up in the next couple years.

KN: I'm all about this pick; I was real close to picking Gina. She's got the "talent" of Jessica Alba and the fierceness to grapple with any of these action stars.

Pick 4 (Kevin Noonan): Nicolas Cage, utility player

KN: Last pick in the draft, so who's Mr. Irrelevant? I want to pick Bruce Willis, because "Die Hard" is my favorite Christmas movie of all time, but I can't bestow that title on Officer John McClain. He'd show up at my door in a wife-beater tee and make fun of me before blasting me away. And so, with the last pick in the draft-Nicolas Cage. Because screw it, why not?

SS: Either way, a winning pick. But I love the choice of Nic Cage. Who can forget the "National Treasure" movies? They got me through my awkward middle school years, braces and all.

KN: And I'd like to nominate "Con Air" for greatest movie ever in ever.

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Baseball crowns a new king



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There is a reason why it is called the Triple Crown, because winning it puts you in baseball royalty.

Carl Yastrzemski. Frank Robinson. Mickey Mantle. Ted Williams. Joe Medwick. Lou Gehrig. Jimmie Foxx. Rogers Hornsby. Ty Cobb. Nap Najoie. Tip O'Neill. Hugh Duffy. Paul Hines.

And now Miguel Cabrera.

Baseball royalty, it's a title thousands of Little Leaguers dream of. From the tee to the wooden bat, it is a dream shared by seven-year olds and seven-year veterans alike. At that stage, it is the most beautifully uneven and even playing field at the same time. It is a steeple that this writer and all of us can only wonder about, yet even well-known players such as Torii Hunter and Chase Utley are on the same level as us.

In baseball, history remembers us by what we do. Unfortunately, the chances are your favorite player today will eventually be forgotten tomorrow. It's the cruel way of the sport, the forbidding nature of time as the seasons pile on. To each of us personally, that favorite player holds some sort of intrinsic weight. Maybe it is a memory that we hold dear or an experience that could never be replicated, but it's ours and in that form his legacy lives on. But eventually, that player is forgotten.

For the last 45 years now, we have said that the last person to win the Triple Crown was Carl Yastrzemski. Surely some baseball fans lived their entire lives and never saw such a historic feat. And now, we hit reset and say the last person to win the Triple Crown is Miguel Cabrera. We noticed it. We lived it. We witnessed it. As much as Cabrera is a part of baseball history, what is history without the people who experienced it and loved every second of the journey?

Some of history's greatest hitters sit where we sit, comfortably and yet ever so enviously on the outside looking in. Alex Rodriguez, Willie Mays, Stan Musial and Babe Ruth, just to name a few.

History tells us the Triple Crown requires more than the perfect storm. In a sport where a single stint on the DL could kick you from the race before the season even starts, it requires luck — if there is such a concept. In what seems to be the single greatest achievement for individual performance in baseball, it requires the will and drive of teammates to get on base and eventually score. In a year of 162 games that spans six months and three

different seasons, it requires the highest degree of focus, determination and mental fortitude.

And above all, it requires skill: contact, power, smarts and preparation.

Since Yaz's Triple Crown in 1967, baseball has seen the best of its sons make a run at royalty. Albert Pujols, Barry Bonds, Mike Schmidt and Willie McCovey all came within seeing the jewels sparkle on the Crown, but it just wasn't the right time for a coronation.

Yet Miggy's Triple Crown goes far beyond others in terms of what it does for baseball moving forward.

Cabrera's feat makes him the first Latino player to ever win the Triple Crown. In a sport where 27.3 percent of its players are Latino, a Spanish-speaker is finally and so deservedly crowned as the best hitter in baseball. Cabrera's accomplishment serves as a moment of triumph for an entire community of Latin American, South American and Caribbean past, present and future ballplayers that represent such an important part of the game we love.

Adding Cabrera's name to that royal list will hopefully symbolize a change in baseball's Latino sphere of influence, where thousands of kids spend their entire youths trying to make it to the big leagues to one day help their families. Those same kids who may possess similar talents to a younger Bryce Harper, Mike Trout or Andrew McCutchen are unjustifiably poached by Major League scouts looking to make a quick, cheap deal while American teenagers receive million-dollar signing bonuses right after graduating high school. Just a name on that list can level this prolonged disorder in baseball as an ambassador for international baseball players and a progressive visionary for equal opportunity.

This isn't even about the 2012 MVP race or a spot in Cooperstown. It's about one player's absolute dominance in three categories that mean so much to the sport and its fans. For once, it's about history starting over in an era of baseball dominated by the pitcher. It's about recognizing that the Steroid Era is over, and yet a hitter can still energize the sport.

History is written. History is remembered. In fact, history is in our eyes, the eyes of the beholders.

And on Wednesday, history crowned a new king.

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NHL

NHL cancels first two weeks of games

Associated Press

NEW YORK — What seemed inevitable for the NHL has become reality. The league canceled the first two weeks of the regular season on Thursday, the second time games have been lost because of a lockout in seven years.

The announcement was made in a two-paragraph statement. It isn't clear if those games will be made up, allowing for a complete 82-game regular season, if a deal can be struck soon with the locked-out players.

Unable to work out how to split up \$3 billion in hockey-related revenues with the players' association, the NHL wiped out 82 games from Oct. 11-24 — beginning with four next Thursday, which would have been the league's opening night.

"We were extremely disappointed to have to make today's announcement," NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said in a statement. "The game deserves better, the fans deserve better, and the people who derive income from their connection to the NHL deserve better."

"We remain committed to doing everything in our power to forge an agreement that is fair to the players, fair to the teams, and good for our fans. This is not about 'winning' or 'losing' a negotiation. This is about finding a solution that preserves the long-term health and stability of the league and the game. We are committed to getting this done."

The union countered



AP

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman speaks to reporters after a meeting with team owners in New York on Sept. 13.

Thursday by saying the NHL forced the lockout onto the players instead of letting the season go on as planned.

"The decision to cancel the first two weeks of the NHL season is the unilateral choice of the NHL owners," NHLPA Executive Director Donald Fehr said in a statement. "If the owners truly cared about the game and the fans, they would lift the lockout and allow the season to begin on time while negotiations continue."

"A lockout should be the last resort in bargaining, not the strategy of first resort," he added. "For nearly 20 years, the owners have elected to lock out the players in an effort to secure massive concessions. Nevertheless, the players remain committed to playing hockey while the parties work to reach a deal that is fair for both sides. We hope we will

soon have a willing negotiating partner."

Although there have been negotiations between the league and players in recent days — unlike a three-month break at the start of the 2004-05 lockout that forced the cancellation of the entire season — the two sides haven't gotten any closer to a deal on core economic issues.

"Obviously, (cancellations) might have been expected but it's also disappointing because we set out to negotiate," New York Rangers goalie Martin Biron said in a telephone interview. "We wanted to get a deal and wanted to avoid a work stoppage or any cancellations."

"We're still working hard to find a solution and find a way to get the core economic stuff figured out with the league and getting a deal that is fair for everybody and lasts."

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- "When you come to a fork in the road, take it."
- "The game's isn't over until it's over."
- "It gets late early out there."
- "I always thought that record would stand until it was broken."
- "It's like deja vu all over again."
- "You can observe a lot just by watching."

NFL

McGahee continues success despite injuries

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Willis McGahee wasn't supposed to make it to the NFL, much less pinball his way through defenses for a decade.

So said the naysayers after he tore three ligaments in his left knee in his final college game at Miami and again and again as he piled on the yards and years.

McGahee is still proving the doubters wrong 10 years lat-

er. McGahee sat out his first NFL season in Buffalo before a solid career with the Bills and Baltimore Ravens, where he was Ray Rice's backup, thus saving wear and tear on his body, which paid off in a big way in Denver last season.

He helped the Broncos lead the league in rushing by gaining 1,199 yards and earning his second Pro Bowl appearance, a testament to how well

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Willis McGahee
Broncos running back

er. He just recorded his 32nd 100-yard rushing game, more than any active NFL running back and one for each candle that will soon decorate his birthday cake, plus a spare for good measure.

"My whole career people said I'm slow, I'm old, I can't do this or I can't do that. I use that for fuel," McGahee said. "You tell me I can't do something, my goal is to prove you wrong."

McGahee joked this week that he quit counting at age 29.

Thirty-something tailbacks are rare in a league that spits out ball carriers after just more than two seasons on average, and rarer still are those as productive as McGahee after 30 trips around the sun.

McGahee is only the 29th running back in league history to top 1,000 yards in his

he adapted to quarterback Tim Tebow and coach John Fox dusting off the old read-option at midseason.

This year, it's Peyton Manning stuffing the ball into McGahee's belly or throwing it in between the 2 and the 3 on his chest, and he's even more productive, averaging 81.25 yards rushing a game, up from 79.9 a year ago. He's already scored three touchdowns, one shy of his total from last year, and he also caught a 2-point conversion.

Bill Belichick, whose New England Patriots host the Broncos on Sunday in a pivotal game between 2-2 teams, certainly sees the McGahee of old.

"Real talented player coming out of Miami. Big, strong, fast guy that has good run instincts and is tough. I think you still see those quali-

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Former Buffalo Bills coach

ties," Belichick said. "You see him running over people and breaking tackles. He has good run vision and can find the holes and has good patience, knows how to use his blocking when he gets in the open field or when guys start to tackle him, he does a good job of breaking tackles, getting his pads down, running with power.

"And he's elusive in the secondary. So, he continues to



AP

Denver Broncos running back Willis McGahee battles a Pittsburgh Steelers defender during a game on Sept. 9. McGahee has battled several injuries and doubts throughout his professional career.

perform well. I have a lot of respect for Willis."

So does Broncos running backs coach Eric Stutesville. He was McGahee's position coach in Buffalo from 2004-06 and was instrumental in bringing him to Denver last year.

Stutesville said he sees an even better running back in Denver than he had in Buffalo.

"The core things that he is and had at that time he still has now: a tremendous work ethic, a tremendous passion for the game, incredibly competitive personality," Stutesville said. "And all those things haven't diminished with time. They've stayed the same."

What is different, Stutesville said, is his leadership, as evidenced by his teammates voting him a captain this season.

"He's much more vocal, he's much more out front," Stutesville said. "When I had him in Buffalo, he just kind of came and worked every day. It's difficult for a young player to be a leader, but he's not a young player anymore. He's developed leadership qualities that have been good for us."

That's taken time for McGahee, a gregarious personality, sure, but one who prefers to lead by example.

"I'm one of those guys, if you ask for the help, I'll give it you. But if you don't, I won't," McGahee said. "You

plenty by just watching McGahee go to work: "You get the same result out of him every day. Just watching him go to work every day, you see why he's a 10-year vet."

With an average pro career of about 2½ years, most run-

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know, certain running backs don't want to get help from another running back that's in front of them. They try to do it on their own. That's what I did. So, you can't take it to heart if they don't ask."

Ronnie Hillman, a rookie from San Diego State in the mold of Darren Sproles who is learning that at this level the holes close lickety-split, certainly isn't shy about hitting him up for advice.

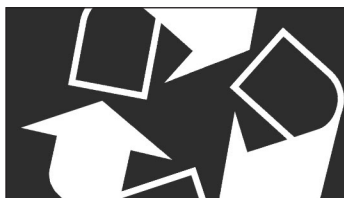
"He'll tell me what I'm doing wrong or how to look at this play the right way," said Hillman, who also learns

ning backs don't stick around the league long enough to become locker room leaders like McGahee has.

"It's a testament to the physical condition that he's in, and I think there's a burning desire to compete that's inside there, too," Stutesville said. "He loves this game."

That passion rubs off.

"He makes coaching fun," Stutesville said. "Because he's what you want. He's what you want as far as a guy that gives it to you physically all the time and mentally, too. I love coaching this guy."



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NFL

Tebow content as backup



Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Tim Tebow has mostly been a sideline spectator this season, helplessly watching the New York Jets' offense struggle.

The energetic do-it-all backup quarterback has been reduced mainly to a bit player. Not exactly what he — or everyone — expected. But if Tebow is frustrated with his limited role so far, Rex Ryan doesn't sense it.

"I know how competitive he is," Ryan said Thursday. "When you look over at the sideline, him and a lot of guys want to change the situation. We want to win, everybody we have feels the same way.

"Specifically him being frustrated about his role or anything? I don't see that."

Tebow has played in just 31 of the Jets' 257 offensive snaps after being acquired from Denver in March to back up starter Mark Sanchez and provide a spark to the offense.

"I mean yeah, you get frustrated, I think everyone in that locker room when you lose games you're a little frustrated, but I think that's natural," Tebow said. "Other than that, try and work hard and get better. We're 2-2, the season's not over yet."

Many fans and media insist Tebow should play more on offense, starting Monday night against undefeated Houston, or else the season could start slipping away. Some have even called for Tebow to supplant Sanchez as the starter.

That could make for an uncomfortable situation in the locker room, but Sanchez insists he's fine.

"I don't feel threatened to lose my job at all," Sanchez said, adding that it was no different when the team had other backups behind him. "It doesn't change. I'm really not worried."

But Tebow has won in the NFL before, leading Denver to the playoffs last season after

a terrific run during which he won seven of eight games in one stretch, including five fourth-quarter victories. So, naturally, the assumption is that Tebow is trying to be patient and just wait for what have so far been only occasional opportunities — a few as a wildcat-style quarterback, a handful as a tight end or full-back and regularly as a punt protector on special teams.

Ryan and his coaching staff huddled for two days to try to find solutions after the Jets were blown out 34-0 by the San Francisco 49ers. While he refused to give details about those discussions, it would make sense for Tebow to be a larger part of the offense. Ryan also was a bit unclear when asked if he's spoken to Tebow about increasing his role.

"I talk to players and things like that," Ryan said. "But nothing specific."

Added Tebow: "No, I haven't talked to anybody or said anything."

Ryan also dismissed the notion that perhaps the Jets have not lived up to what they promised Tebow when they traded for him in March.

"When you trade for a guy, you do talk to the player or whatever," Ryan said. "When that happens, you're trying to get a guy on your football team and things like that. Sometimes, the trade, the player doesn't have anything to do with it. ... Tim likes the competitiveness of this group. He's a competitive guy."

The one thing Ryan made clear for what seemed to be the millionth time since Tebow came to town is that he is standing by Sanchez as his starting quarterback.

"Mark's been fairly successful here, and I've said this since Day 1: 'Give me the quarterback that wins because his job is so important to your team's success,'" Ryan said. "I think Mark is an excellent quarterback."

The numbers haven't

supported that so far this season, as Sanchez's dismal 69.6 quarterback rating ranks 30th in NFL, ahead of just rookies Ryan Tannehill of Miami and Brandon Weeden of Cleveland. He has completed just 49.2 percent of his passes, the lack of accuracy and consistency both big-time knocks on him since his rookie year in 2009.

He has four road playoff wins, though, and played well in leading the Jets to the AFC championship game in consecutive seasons. Ryan believes that is the real Sanchez, not the one struggling to connect with receivers. Sanchez has also been playing without his favorite target, tight end Dustin Keller, who has been dealing with a hamstring injury for weeks. Top receiver Antonio Holmes is also gone for the season after seriously injuring his left foot against the 49ers.

"I just think it's everybody's job — we want to see him do well," Ryan said. "The receivers have to get open and Sanchez, I think, is accurate enough to put the ball where he needs to. And if that means elevating our play, than I think we can do that. I think it's on everybody, though."

But, it's Sanchez who is taking the brunt of the criticism — and a lot of it, justifiably so. The fact that Tebow is waiting in the wings and everyone remembers what he was able to do last season in Denver has just increased the heat on what has become a bubbling quarterback controversy.

"You've got to have that thick skin because not everybody's going to write beautiful things about you," Ryan said. "If you have a poor game, it's going to be right there in front. ... I think it takes a special guy to be a quarterback in this market, and I think Mark has that."

Sanchez agrees, of course, and this kind of scrutiny is nothing new for him.

"It's just another opportunity," he said. "Nobody expects it to work, nobody expects it to go right, nobody expects us to win. That's fine: I've been in situations like that before. I'm confident I can handle it, and there's only one way in my mind to go about it, and that's attack it, get after it, give it 100 percent and never want to look back and say I wish I would've done that."

Ryan believes the Jets have the perfect quarterback situation, not a potentially explosive one in large part because of Tebow's athletic ability.

"He's not a guy that says, 'I'm not going to do this. I only want to do this,'" Ryan said. "If you said, 'I need you to line up and play defensive tackle,' Tim would say, 'No problem. Tell me where to line up. Let's go.'"

MLB

Red Sox fire Bobby Valentine

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox thought Bobby Valentine would restore order to a coddled clubhouse that disintegrated during the 2011 pennant race.

Instead, he only caused more problems.

The brash and supremely confident manager was fired on Thursday, the day after the finale of a season beset with internal sniping and far too many losses. Valentine went 69-93 in his only year in Boston, the ballclub's worst in almost 50 years.

"I understand this decision," Valentine said in a statement released by the team. "This year in Boston has been an incredible experience for me, but I am as disappointed in the results as are ownership and the great fans of Red Sox Nation. ... I'm sure next year will be a turnaround year."

A baseball savant who won the NL pennant with the New York Mets and won it all in Japan, Valentine was brought in after two-time World Series champion Terry Francona lost control of the clubhouse during an unprecedented September collapse.

But the players who took advantage of Francona's hands-off approach to gorge on fried chicken and beer during games bristled at Valentine's abrasive style.

More importantly, they didn't win for him, either.

"We felt it was the right decision for that team at that time," general manager Ben Cherington said on Thursday in an interview at Fenway Park. "It hasn't worked out, because the season has been a great disappointment. That's not on Bobby Valentine; that's on all of us. We felt that in order to move forward and have a fresh start, we need to start anew in the manager's office."

Under Valentine, the Red Sox started 4-10 and didn't break .500 until after Memorial Day.

By August, when the contenders were setting their playoff roster, the Red Sox knew they would not be among them and traded several of their best players — and biggest salaries — to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Without Adrian Gonzalez, Carl Crawford and Josh Beckett, the Red Sox will save \$250 million in future salaries and have a chance to rebuild over the winter.

But that will be too late for Valentine.

"We have gratitude for him, respect for him and affection for him, and we're not going to get into what his inabilities were, what his issues were," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said. "I just don't think it's fair."

Cherington, who replaced Theo Epstein last offseason, will lead the search for a new manager. The team's top target is current Toronto manager and former Red Sox pitching coach John Farrell, who has a year left on his deal with the Blue Jays.

Cherington said he has thought about potential successors but declined to comment on specific individuals. He said he is looking for someone "who can establish a culture in the clubhouse that allows players to perform, and sets a standard."

"And we need to find a person that can bring some stability to that office," Cherington said. "When we hired Bobby, the roster was fairly mature and we felt, mistakenly, in retrospect, that we had a chance to win and the team was ready to win. We're now at a different point. We're trying to build the next good Red Sox team, so it's a little bit different."

A year after a 7-20 September cost the Red Sox a chance at the postseason, the club went 7-22 in September and October to close its worst season since 1965. Boston lost its last eight games, failing even in its role of spoiler as it was swept down the stretch by playoff contenders Tampa Bay, Baltimore and the rival New York Yankees.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Andrews reaches second round before loss

By **MEGAN FINNERAN**
Sports Writer

The weekend opened with a strong start by junior Greg Andrews, who advanced to the second round of play in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's All-American Championships.

Andrews was among 48 automatic qualifiers and was joined by 16 players selected through qualifying rounds earlier in the week. Competition began in Tulsa, Okla., on Thursday morning and will continue into the weekend.

"I'd say Michigan will be one of the tougher teams this weekend."

Ryan Bandy
junior

No. 24 Andrews faced No. 29 Clay Thompson of UCLA in the first round of play. Andrews took the match 6-0, 6-4,

advancing to the next round. In round two, he met No. 9 Raymond Sarmiento of USC. Sarmiento took the victory 6-3, 6-4, knocking Andrews out of the tournament.

Andrews earned the Most Outstanding Player title at the OFCC Invitational three weeks ago in Olympia Fields, Ill.

While Notre Dame's participation in Oklahoma may be over, the rest of the team is set to compete at home in the Tom Fallon Invitational. This tournament honors Notre Dame's coach from 1957-1987 and marks the first home series of the season. Michigan, Alabama, Michigan State and Northern Illinois will join the Irish to compete at the Courtney Tennis Center and the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

"I'd say Michigan will be one of the tougher teams this weekend," junior Ryan Bandy said of the competition.

This also marks the first time the whole squad will compete together in the United States after its opening match in Ireland and split tournaments



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Irish junior Greg Andrews prepares to hit a backhand during Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over Louisville on April 14. Andrews defeated UCLA's Clay Thompson in the ITA All-American Championships on Thursday.

three weeks ago.

"We are looking forward to hosting a tournament and will enjoy the home field advantage, as we practice every day on these courts," Bandy said.

During the last few weeks, the Irish have focused on various areas to enhance their play.

"The past two weeks have

included more practice matches and a strong focus on doubles," Bandy said.

On top of Andrews' Most Outstanding Player award, the Irish also carry three all-tournament team members into the weekend from their last round of play. Senior Blas Moros was named to the all-tournament team at the OFCC

Invitational, while freshmen Nicolas Montoya and Ken Sabacinski led Notre Dame at the Vredevelt Invitational.

The Tom Fallon Invitational will open Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. and continue through Sunday.

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Kangaroos

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defense.

On the other side, Keough sophomore captain Charlie Magiera said he is excited about the Kangaroos' impressive start and wants to atone for last year's loss to O'Neill.

"We've been having a very promising season so far, which makes us look forward to it even more, especially since they beat us last year," Magiera said. "It was a very bitter loss, and we're looking to avenge it."

Freshman center Jason Hofmeister was not around for last year's loss, but the Kangaroos have nonetheless relied on his dominant presence this season.

"Jason is the anchor of the line," Magiera said. "He has the experience necessary to get our line together, so we're hoping for a big game from him."

O'Neill and Keough will clash Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Babes

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this is Kelly's first year as quarterback. The senior said she sees definite progression in her receivers and views this game as another chance to get better.

Kelly also said to look out for junior linebacker Meaghan Ayers.

"[Ayers] is one of the quickest players on our team," Kelly said.

Breen-Phillips and Cavanaugh kick off Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Pasquerilla West vs. Breen-Phillips

By **RICH HIDY**
Sports Writer

In a make-up game that was postponed due to rain during the first week of the season, Pasquerilla West takes on Breen-Phillips on Tuesday.

Coming off a 12-0 win over Cavanaugh on Sunday, the Purple Weasels (3-0) are looking to stay undefeated against the Babes (1-2). Senior captain and defensive lineman Meghan Schmitt said Pasquerilla West will look to improve on offense. "We have a very strong team and hopefully we can get our routes down on offense," Schmitt said.

Schmitt also said the Purple Weasels have been using their youth as an edge over opponents.

"We have a lot of athletic freshmen that can pick up

the game tempo really fast," Schmitt said.

Sophomore quarterback Lauren Vidal figures to be a key player for the Purple Weasels on offense. She will be throwing to talented senior receiver Alice Yerokun.

Pasquerilla West's defense is also strong as a unit, as evidenced by the shutout against Cavanaugh.

Breen-Phillips, meanwhile, is coming off its first win in three years, a 20-18 win over Lyons on Tuesday. The Babes will hope to carry over that momentum against the Purple Weasels, junior captain and quarterback Molly Toner said.

"We have been practicing really hard and I think we have a good shot of winning," Toner said. "[Pasquerilla West is] a great team but we are hoping we can compete."

Pasquerilla West squares off against Breen-Phillips on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Flag Football Fields at Stepan.

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Welsh Family vs. McGlinn

By **D.H. KIM**
Sports Writer

West Quad rivals McGlinn and Welsh Family will look to solidify their playoff chances when they square off Sunday.

McGlinn (3-1) played a complete game against Ryan on Sept. 24, silencing Ryan's offense en route to a 19-7 victory. Shamrock senior captain and quarterback Emily Golden proved to be a dual threat against the Wildcats, as she

rushed for two touchdowns and threw another to sophomore receiver Emma Collis.

The defense, led by senior cornerback Ally Scalo, put together a team effort to shut down Ryan's high-scoring offense.

Golden said it was an all-around effort from the Shamrocks.

"Our offense was better, but we have a huge defense this year," Golden said. "And our receivers are connecting a little bit better so we have greater team effort."

Welsh Family (4-1) defeated Farley 27-7 on Monday and Pasquerilla East 19-6 on Sunday. The Whirlwinds' only loss came against Ryan on Sept. 23. Welsh Family senior captain and quarterback Victoria Moreno threw touchdown passes to sophomore receiver Natalie Branch and senior receiver Kirsten Groody against the Finest.

The defense also showed tenacity as senior linebacker Lynn Tasker had a crucial red zone interception. Moreno said Welsh Family will look to continue its success by sticking to the game plan.

"We are not adjusting our strategy for McGlinn," Moreno said. "We look forward to playing McGlinn. "This is a rivalry for us and we consider McGlinn as one of the primary teams on our schedule."

The Shamrocks and Whirlwinds will clash on Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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By **LESLEY STEVENSON**
Sports Writer

Faced with the possibility of playing without senior quarterback Ted Spinelli, Sorin looks to preserve its winning two-game win streak Sunday when it battles Fisher in a matchup of undefeated teams.

Otters senior captain Ryan Robinson said Spinelli suffered a neck injury in last week's game against Carroll, and concerns over his CAT scan results have made his status for Sunday questionable.

"Everything looks very optimistic, but he's still in the hospital and it's unclear whether or not he'll be able to play this weekend," Robinson said. "So, we'll have to factor that into our game plan."

As the backup quarterback, Robinson may be relied upon to push the Otters (2-0) to adapt to new lineup changes and help the team in its attempt to secure a spot in the playoffs.

"With the injuries, different people are going to step up and play different positions," Robinson said. "We're pretty confident we can make it all work."

Fisher (2-0) boasts an undefeated record after a shutout of St. Edward's in week two and a win by forfeit over Zahm last weekend. The Green Wave's offense struggled in their only outing, but their stout defense ensured the team emerged unscathed.

"The defense did really well," senior Fisher captain Matt Hart said. "We're going to keep that up as we move into the second half of the season."

The Otters and the Green Wave will fight to maintain perfect records when they meet on Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Stanford vs. Keenan

By **CASEY KARNES**
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Stanford and Keenan will meet in this year's installment of the "Battle for the Chapel" on Sunday, as Stanford hopes to steal back the rivalry's bragging rights.

Stanford (1-2) comes in off its first victory of the season, a 14-7 win over O'Neill, and looks to build a winning streak by beating its main rival.

"We stuck to our game plan that we've been doing all year, which was to be really physical, and it finally worked for us," senior captain and linebacker Paul Babiak said of the victory over O'Neill.

Babiak praised an offensive line led by senior Joe Gadiant, referring to Gadiant as one of the team's anchors. Gadiant and the

rest of the offensive line will be called upon Sunday to protect senior quarterback Ed Stivers from a fierce Keenan defense.

The Knights (2-0) have beaten their first two opponents with ruthless efficiency, led by a passing attack orchestrated by senior captain and quarterback Andrew McDonough. McDonough said he believes this year's Keenan team could be a special one.

"If we can do this all year, I see no reason why we shouldn't be in [Notre Dame] Stadium," McDonough said after the Knights' week two win over O'Neill.

Babiak said he knows Stanford's defense will have to be sharp to contain McDonough, a dual-threat under center. Babiak said, however, he does not need to try and play the underdog card to motivate his team, as he believes the Griffins need no extra motivation for Sunday's game.

"This game has a lot of importance for us, and we're going to get pretty pumped up for it," Babiak said. "Our plan is just to go out there and take back the chapel."

This year's Battle of the Chapel will go down at 3:30 p.m. Sunday when Stanford and Keenan meet at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Knott vs. Morrissey

By **ALEX WILCOX**
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After ugly losses by both teams, Morrissey and Knott head into Sunday's matchup with one thing on their minds: the playoffs.

The matchup between The Manor (1-1) and the Juggerknotts (1-1) promises to be one of the biggest of the season, as the winner greatly improves its chances for a playoff run.

"This game is huge," Knott senior captain Joe Beglane said. "It could mean getting in the playoffs or not."

In order for Knott to be successful Sunday, its offense must improve.

Offensively, the Juggerknotts have failed to live up to their name, as they have scored just 13 points this season. Beglane has scored his team's only lone two touchdowns, a statistic he hopes to see changed.

"We need more variety," Beglane said. "We've only had a limited number of successful run plays."

Knott believes the return of senior guard Michael Gardella will help change that.

"[Gardella is] one of our best players," Beglane said. "[Junior guard] James McCaffrey did a great job filling in, but it's good to have him back at guard."

Morrissey (1-1) has also dealt with struggles on offense, as

The Manor have scored just one touchdown all season. Morrissey's real concern, however, is consistency on defense, as it allowed just three points to Duncan in its first game but gave up 20 points to Siegfried a week later. Manor senior captain Taylor Stein said he is confident the defense will be ready to play Sunday.

"We were missing some key guys to injury and that left some holes up the middle," Stein said. "I'm not too concerned about our defense. We think it'll be able to stand up to anything the offense throws at it."

Junior middle linebacker Mike Smoljan will return for The Manor, joining a talented linebacking corps that include freshmen Erik Rayno, sophomore Zac Plantz and junior Nick Conrad.

As for the question of playoffs, Stein said he is confident Morrissey can play deep into November.

"We've got the talent and the team to make a playoff run," Stein said. "We can win playoff games, no question."

Knott and Morrissey will battle Sunday at 2:15 pm at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Zahm vs. St. Edward's

By **KIT LOUGHRAN**
Sports Writer

In a matchup of two winless and scoreless offensively struggling teams, Zahm and St. Edward's face off Sunday, as each team looks to clinch its first victory.

Zahm (0-3) and St. Edward's (0-2) are the only two teams in the league that have not scored an offensive point, this season.

With the struggles of the teams, each team's thirst to finally secure a win has fostered a strong rivalry between the Zahmbies and the Gentlemen as the teams prepare for Sunday.

"It's a huge rivalry game," St. Edward's junior captain and quarterback Paul Rodriguez said. "We're definitely enthusiastic."

Despite a forfeit to Fisher on Sunday, the Zahmbies are still confident and in good spirits, senior captain and quarterback Alex Bowman said.

"Despite our losses and setbacks, the morale on the team is always very high," Bowman said. "It's an inherent quality of our team."

With his team excited to play, Bowman said Zahm will focus on executing its game strategies.

"We're working on team cohesion and team building on both sides of the ball," Bowman said. "We want to move the ball forward and keep St. Edward's from scoring."

With a bye last week, the



EMILY KRUZE | The Observer

Knott Hall sophomore quarterback Dave Taiclet looks for an open player during Knott's game against Alumni last weekend.

Gentlemen have had much time to regroup and prepare for Zahm, Rodriguez said.

"We're hoping to run the option and go with that," Rodriguez said. "Our defense is talented, and we hope to keep that up."

The Zahmbies and Gentlemen will square off Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Siegfried vs. Duncan

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Duncan will put its revamped offense up against a battle-tested Siegfried squad looking toward the championship when the two teams meet Sunday afternoon.

After two losses to open the season, the Highlanders (0-2) used their bye weekend to switch from a run-based offense to a passing attack featuring two sophomore quarterbacks at the helm. Sophomores Matt Garcia and Pete McGinley will split time under center in an effort to hopefully spark the team's playoff push, junior linebacker and captain Gerrit Hobson said.

"We're going to look to the defense to hold strong and run the offense the way they've been practicing with the new quarterbacks and plays," Hobson said. "We hope to find success with the more diverse playbook."

The team anticipates challenging competition in its final two games, but Hobson said he believes the Highlanders are ready for any upcoming tests.

"We're playing Siegfried and Knott, so both games will be tough, but I'm confident in our team and its ability to play well," Hobson said.

On the other sideline, Siegfried (2-1) aims to carry its energy from wins over Alumni and Morrissey into Sunday's matchup.

"We can't afford to lose if we

want to make it to the playoffs," sophomore running back Jose Linardi said. "We're just trying to keep that momentum from the last two wins."

The Ramblers' hopes rely on their explosive offense, highlighted by freshman receiver Spencer Judd. Judd's 50-yard touchdown grab capped off the team's victory against Morrissey last weekend.

"We're just going to be aggressive and attack as much as possible early in the game," Linardi said of Siegfried's game plan.

The proven Ramblers and the new-look Highlanders will compete Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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O'Neill vs. Keough

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In a battle of West Quad rivals, O'Neill will seek its first win Sunday when it faces an undefeated Keough squad.

Junior captain and running back Eric Reed said the Mob (0-2) eagerly anticipate the challenge of facing the Kangaroos (2-0).

"It's one of the games we look forward to each year, and one of the games we definitely want to win," Reed said. "We've seen them play a little bit, and they seem like a good team, so we need to practice well and step up."

Reed admitted that the Mob's 0-2 start is disappointing but said he thinks his team is on the brink of turning things around.

"We didn't start as well as we would like, but we've shown some improvement and are looking forward to our first win," he said.

O'Neill will look for major contributions from Reed and junior running back Jon Savakus in order to challenge Keough's

WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Wild Women battle Lyons for playoff spot

Undefeated Weasels take on rival Ducks; Cavanaugh looks for revenge after first season loss

By **GREG HADLEY**
Sports Writer

Walsh and Lyons still harbor hopes for the playoffs, but time is running out and both teams know the loser of Sunday's matchup could be left on the outside looking in.

Walsh (3-2) is in the better position of the two, coming off a 7-6 victory over Badin. However, senior safety Lauren Dunn cautioned that the Wild Women cannot relax coming down the stretch.

"We can always improve," Dunn said. "We need a balanced attack to keep winning."

Walsh's strength all year has been its defense. Dunn said senior linebacker Molly Byrne has been one of a few players who has been key on defense. Byrne helped force multiple turnovers against Badin.

On offense, junior receiver Mary Kelly had a breakout game against Badin, scoring the game-winning extra point. Dunn said she expects Kelly to have even more success against Lyons.

The Lyonites (1-3), meanwhile, face the daunting task of needing to win all of their remaining games to make the playoffs. Lyons narrowly lost to Breen-Phillips on Tuesday by the score of 20-18, leaving it with a lot of ground to make up against the rest of its division.

"We'll take it one game at a time, but we still know that we do need to win everything now," junior captain and safety Christina Bramanti said.

Against Walsh, the Lyonites hope to toss longer passes on

offense and improve their flag pulling on defense, Bramanti said. In particular, freshman receiver Mary Susan Kaetzer, who caught a long pass against Breen-Phillips, will be called on to get open downfield, Bramanti said.

Walsh and Lyons will square off Sunday at LaBar Fields at 5 p.m.

Howard vs. Pasquerilla West

As the regular season draws to a close and the playoffs approach, Pasquerilla West and Howard are set to renew their fierce rivalry Sunday with each side looking for a definitive win to gain traction heading into the postseason.

Howard (1-3) has struggled to this point, with numerous players, including junior quarterback Clare Robinson, sidelined due to injury.

But Howard coach and graduate student Dan Scheper said this week's game against Pasquerilla West (3-0) means much more than any other, because the Ducks have beaten the Purple Weasels for the championship in two of the past three years.

"They've always been a tough opponent," Scheper said. "We always have a good game with them."

Because of the injuries, Scheper said Howard will look to bolster its running game to take the pressure off Robinson. In addition, Scheper said the Ducks will need production from their freshmen, including cornerback Bridget Doyle and receiver Maria Ianni.

Pasquerilla West enters Sunday's matchup undefeated and determined to erase several years of bad memories against Howard.

"My freshman and sophomore years, we lost to [the Ducks] in [Notre Dame Stadium] for the championship," senior captain and lineman Meghan Schmitt said. "We're not going to worry about the past though."

For the Purple Weasels,

beating Howard is also another step in their drive for the championship. Schmitt said Pasquerilla West is working on some new offensive plays that it will debut against the Ducks and hopefully use in the postseason.

Defensively, the Purple Weasels will look to limit the Ducks to short gains on first down.

Pasquerilla West and Howard continue their rivalry Sunday at LaBar Fields at 6 p.m.

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Pasquerilla East vs. Farley

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Pasquerilla East squares off against Farley on Sunday with both teams desperate to get their first win of the season and keep their playoff hopes alive.

Although the Pyros (0-3-1) dropped their last game to Pangborn, senior captain Anna Perino said she is optimistic about the Pyros' future.

"Our defense is going to keep working to tighten up and our offense has to work on finding a way to get into the end zone," Perino said. "We move well up the field. We just can't score."

Perino said the Pyros have especially appreciated the addition of sophomore receiver and Irish varsity fencer Nicole Ameli.

"[Ameli] transferred into Pasquerilla East this year and she's a fencer," Perino said. "Despite being new to the team and being a [varsity] athlete, she has fit right in. She's been incredible on offense and we definitely love having her."

Much like Pasquerilla East, the Finest (0-4) have begun to step it up in practice and believe this is their week, senior captain Courtney Currier said.

"Farley football has had a bit of a slow start this year, but we've started to pick up the pace," Currier said. "We feel good about this one."

Sunday's matchup will keep the playoff hopes alive for one team and, most likely, eliminate the dream for the other. Given the implications, both teams are focused on their individual performances.

"From Farley, we expect a good game," Perino said. "We don't worry too much about the other teams. We just know what we need to work on."

Pasquerilla East takes on Farley on Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields in a must-win game for both teams.

Ryan vs. Lewis

Sunday's matchup between Ryan and Lewis is one that could put the Wildcats back



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McGlinn sophomore Kathryn Bush races past a Welsh Family defender during their contest Monday.

on track with a win or give the Chicks momentum in their quest to make the playoffs.

Coming off a disappointing 8-7 loss to Pangborn on Sunday, the Wildcats (2-2) are back at .500 for the season. Looking back to last year when the Wildcats went undefeated in the regular season, senior captain and quarterback Maya Pillai sees hope in the future despite the losses.

"We are disappointed with our record so far," Pillai said. "However, our losses have been close, and we are confident going forward that we will not only make the playoffs, but also make a good run in the playoffs."

The Chicks (1-2-1), who got their first victory on Sunday against Farley, are confident they have finally achieved a solid rhythm, senior captain and quarterback Connaught Blood said.

"I feel that we got off to a little bit of a slow start and didn't quite have a feel for the game speed, but in past weeks we've been making some really great strides," Blood said.

Blood also said she expects to face a strong Ryan offense, but she believes the Lewis defense will be up to the task.

"I expect an explosive offense from Ryan, based on what they've done in the past," Blood said. "I don't think it will be anything our defense can't handle though."

As the season dwindles down, both teams are fighting for a spot in the postseason, and Blood said she is aware of that and what it will do to the game atmosphere.

"They are competing for a playoff spot just like us, so I think it will be a very intense game," Blood said.

Ryan and Lewis collide Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields in a game that could mark the end to playoff aspirations for

one of the squads.

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Breen-Phillips vs. Cavanaugh

By **ALEX STEMBAUGH**
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Though they go into the game with different mindsets, Breen-Phillips and Cavanaugh are set to square off Sunday in a showdown between North Quad rivals.

Breen-Phillips (1-2) beat Lyons on Tuesday for its first win in three years.

"We played really consistently," junior captain and quarterback Molly Toner said. "There weren't a lot of big plays, but a lot of small plays in a row that added up."

Defensively, Toner said the Babes are looking to improve the secondary and do a better job defending the pass.

With improvement on defense, the Babes hope to put together a winning streak and have a strong showing with a total team effort against Cavanaugh, Toner said.

"We are just really excited following the win," Toner said. "We have a lot of positive energy and we want to keep it up."

On the other hand, Cavanaugh (3-1) looks to bounce back after its first loss of the season to Pasquerilla West.

"We had really geared up for that game, so the loss was hard to take," senior captain Rosemary Kelly said.

In order to get back on track, Kelly said Cavanaugh needs to improve its offense.

"We want to focus on the strength of our offense, working to move the ball around, and our defense will be solid," Kelly said.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Conference competition comes to campus

By **JOE WIRTH**
Sports Writer

As league play heats up, the Irish will face two important conference home matches this weekend as they take on UConn and St. John's. Both games will present a tremendous challenge for the Irish (10-6, 3-1 Big East), who are coming off of a weekend split of Syracuse and Marquette.

The Huskies (11-7, 3-1) have two of the best outside hitters in the Big East with senior Mattison Quayle and sophomore Devon Maugle. Quayle and Maugle have recorded a

the Irish, but St. John's (16-3, 3-0) is a talented team and a definite contender.

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Irish coach

table is that they have a lot of new players," Brown said. "They have many interna-

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Debbie Brown
Irish coach

large portion of the kills for the Huskies. Quayle has the most kills with 186, but Maugle leads the team in kills per set with 3.39.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said both teams will challenge

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Some of the new players



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Irish sophomore outside hitter Toni Alugbue, left, and junior outside hitter Andrea McHugh prepared a return during Notre Dame's 3-0 victory over Syracuse on Sunday.

coach Brown referenced include Karin Palgutova, who is a freshman and is second on the team with 187 kills, and Milica Krstojevice, a senior in her first year with the Red Storm after stints at Florida State College at Jacksonville and Oregon.

The Red Storm player the Irish will be most concerned about is sophomore Alessandra Wachowicz, who leads the

team with 205 kills and 3.20 kills per set. Brown said it helps to have a home-court advantage anytime you play tough competition.

"Our players love playing at home," Brown said. "We do not have to put up with the hassle of traveling and we get an extra practice day we would not normally get if we were playing on the road. The players get

to sleep in their own beds and there is an extra level of comfort and confidence when we play at home."

The Irish will take on the Huskies on Saturday at the Purcell Pavilion at 2 p.m. and play the Red Storm Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion.

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MEN'S GOLF

Home tournament provides advantages

By **CORY BERNARD**
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After opening their season with tournaments in Chapel Hill, N.C., and New Haven, Conn., the Irish will not have to travel far for their next event.

The annual Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic tees off Sunday at the Warren Golf

"We're excited about this weekend; it's good to be home."

Jim Kubinski
Irish coach

Course on the north edge of Notre Dame's campus. Irish coach Jim Kubinski said his team is looking forward to playing on a familiar course with a friendly crowd.

"We're excited about this weekend; it's good to be home," Kubinski said. "This is the type of course where home-course knowledge helps. We also get support with so many students coming over who are friends of our guys and obviously family members and then people at the golf course they know. I think the knowledge is a big part of it, though."

Last year, the Irish finished fifth in their home tournament, with the Houston claiming a share of the top spot. According to Kubinski, the field, which includes the Cougars again, will challenge his team.

"I would guess that the three Big Ten schools – Michigan, Michigan State and Minnesota – will be good," Kubinski said. "And I know from the last two NCAA tournaments San Francisco and North Carolina-Wilmington are NCAA-type teams. The one obvious challenger is the co-defending champs in the University of Houston. They have a lot of guys back from last year. They were young last year, and I think they're pretty good too."

Because the Irish won't have to travel, they will be able to insert a few members of the team to compete as individuals whose efforts do not count toward the team score. Kubinski said entering additional competitors in the Gridiron Golf Classic, as well as the individuals-only Earl Yestingsmeier Invitational at Ball State on Oct. 15, will allow his inexperienced golfers to continue to improve.

"Playing individuals in this tournament is huge," he

said. "We've been trying to break in three new starters this year, but the guys on the bench haven't played either so this is a great experience for them. Actually we got another one for some individu-

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Irish coach

als at Ball State here in about a week and a half so the next couple weeks will be huge for those guys who haven't been in the starting lineup."

Notre Dame's starting five will be nearly identical to the one Kubinski used at the MacDonald Cup in New Haven, Conn., on Sept. 29 and 30, with one exception. Freshman Cory Sciupider will be making his first start for the Irish, replacing sophomore Peyton Vitter, who will compete as an individual.

Action begins Sunday morning at the Warren Golf Course and concludes Tuesday.

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Irish junior Andrew Lane prepares a drive during the Battle at the Warren on April 22.



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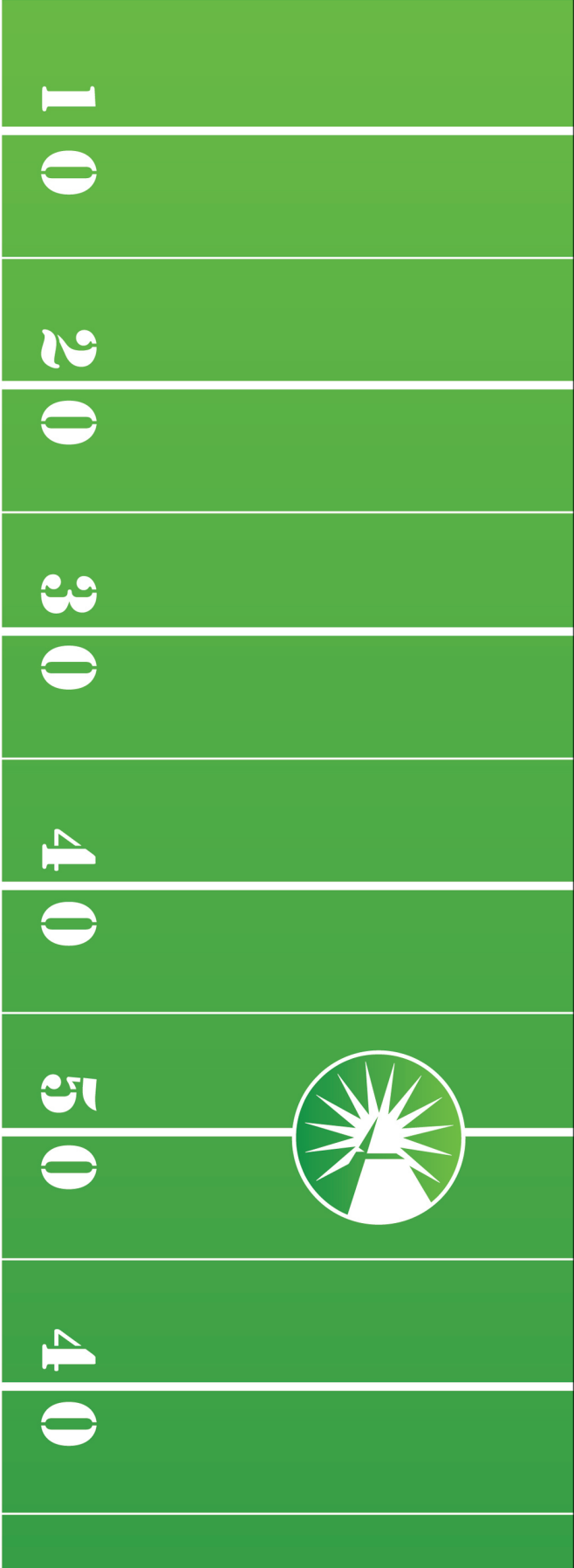
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Clark

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games we can have, the better. But every game is important.”

The Irish have been trudging through a recent gauntlet of such important games. Notre Dame opened the Big East season with a 2-1 loss at Louisville on Sept. 22 before defeating then-No. 10 Indiana 1-0 in Bloomington four days later. On Saturday, the Irish lost to No. 2 Connecticut 2-1 on the road. Clark said the recent string of games is a microcosm of a season that has consisted of one difficult match after another.

“We’ve had [No. 7] Akron and Oregon State, who was on a tear,” Clark said. “We had Clemson and [then-No. 21] Duke. I look for the hardest games. I’m a great believer in playing the best games we can find.

“That’s what we always look for, because it tests your team and at the end of the day I don’t think you get a lot out of beat-

“We take one game at a time and I think [against Pittsburgh] we gave them full respect and attention. Now we’ve got to do exactly the same against Georgetown.”

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

ing weaker teams by big scores. I think you learn much more when you’re playing against good opposition.”

The Hoyas fulfill the criteria of a challenging opponent. Georgetown ripped off an 11-game unbeaten streak, including 10 wins, to begin the season and ascended to third in the nation. Clark even went so far as to say this might be the best Georgetown team ever.

Yet the Hoyas suffered their first blemish of the season Wednesday against Connecticut. The Huskies scored the first two goals of the game and never looked back en route to a 2-1 victory. Despite the loss, Clark said he knows the Hoyas will be prepared come Saturday, given the leadership of Georgetown coach and former Irish associate head coach Brian Wiese.

“This is going to be a hard game,” Clark said. “They’re a

good team. I know that. That’s the one thing. And Brian will have them prepared, and it will be a big game for Brian obviously coming back to Notre Dame where he was a great coach here for five years.”

Wiese served as an assistant to Clark from 1996 to 2005. They spent those first five seasons at Stanford before moving to Notre Dame. Clark also coached Wiese at Dartmouth College, where Wiese was the team MVP in 1993.

Since taking over the Hoya helm in 2006, Wiese has helped turn around a Georgetown program that had missed out on the five previous Big East tournaments. In 2010, Wiese led the Hoyas to the second round of the NCAA tournament and his coaching staff was named the Big East Coaching Staff of the Year.

Clark said he feels like a proud father facing off against Wiese.

“It’s like when I go up against [Washington coach and former

Irish assistant] Jamie [Clark], my own son,” Clark said. “There’s a great feeling of pride that somebody who has come through our system is doing so well.”

Despite the nostalgia surrounding the game, Clark will be looking to knock off his former protégé and build off Wednesday’s win.

“We were in top form [against Pittsburgh] but Saturday is another day, so we’ve got to make sure we come out prepared for that game,” Clark said. “We take one game at a time and I think [against Pittsburgh] we gave them full respect and attention. Now we’ve got to do exactly the same against Georgetown.”

Notre Dame squares off with Georgetown in a Big East battle Saturday at 2 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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Jackson

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“I remember last year, and every time we played a college it was our absolute best game,” DiPauli said. “We went all out against colleges just to prove a point and upset them. I know they’re going to come out flying, especially because they have a few guys committed here. They’re going to be throwing the body and skating hard, so we’ll have to match their intensity. It’s going to be a good game.”

While the final outcome of the exhibition may not matter in Notre Dame’s quest to return to the Frozen Four,

Jackson believes that his team’s performance in these early games will be a crucial indicator of this season’s potential.

“You know right away what the chemistry of your team is,” Jackson said. “You know right within the first two or three days. Within those first three games...we’ll probably have a pretty good indication of guys who are in the right frame of mind to have a great season.”

The Irish will drop the puck on their 2012 campaign at 5:05 p.m. Sunday night in the Compton Family Ice Arena.

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she’s really seized the moment when she’s had opportunities.”

Notre Dame will look for continued success on the defensive side of the pitch when it welcomes a pair of New Jersey teams at a critical juncture in the conference season.

The Irish will first meet a slumping Seton Hall team Friday night. The Pirates (6-8, 1-5) have dropped their last four games, scoring only one goal over that stretch. Although the Irish hold a 14-game winning streak against Seton Hall, Waldrum said he sees the Pirates as a team with enough talent to compete with any conference opponent.

“Although Seton Hall has struggled compared to past years, they are still composed of basically the same players, and they have just enough people in the right positions to cause problems,” he said. “They are fully capable of knocking us off, and we have to be careful.”

Friday night’s contest will also hold some sentimental value for the Irish, as it is the team’s annual Senior Night. Before the game, the Irish will honor their two departing seniors, walk-on midfielder Nicole Borner and tri-captain defender Jazmin Hall. Waldrum said he has been impressed with Hall’s leadership ability and cited it as her main mark over her time at Notre Dame.

“Jazmin is an example of one of those players who came in



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Irish junior midfielder Mandy Laddish passes the ball during Notre Dame’s 2-1 victory over Pittsburgh on Sept. 21.

and didn’t play a whole lot but continued to get better and better,” Waldrum said. “She’s really grown in all the off-the-field stuff, and the team has really gravitated toward her. She’s the perfect story you can tell recruits about, and I think that’s the legacy she’s going to leave.”

Notre Dame will close its weekend with a tough test against Rutgers (8-6, 1-t), a team that has also struggled in conference. The Irish are unbeaten in their last 12 matches against Rutgers, although the two teams played to a scoreless draw last season. Redshirt Junior forward Jonelle Filigno, a member of the Canadian national team who has scored nine of Rutgers’ 16 goals on the season, leads this year’s Scarlet Knights team. Waldrum said he

expects Sunday’s game to be a very close one, as it represents the team’s last test before a date with No. 11 Georgetown on Oct. 12.

“Although we’ve had success against Rutgers, our games with them are always close,” Waldrum said. “It will be one of those games where you don’t want to be the team to make a mistake. If we want to win the conference, we need to win these two games and set up a meaningful game against Georgetown next week.”

Notre Dame will face Seton Hall tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Stadium and battle Rutgers on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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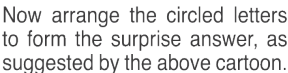
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Opening opportunities

Irish coach Jeff Jackson believes exhibition game will provide positive outlook for season



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Irish junior center Anders Lee battles for the puck during Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Bowling Green on Feb. 4. The Irish begin the 2012 season against the U.S. National Under-18 team next weekend.

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

No. 10 Notre Dame will play an exhibition against the U.S. National Under-18 team on Sunday, which will serve as an early measuring stick and the team's lone chance to compete before it opens the regular season next weekend.

With practice times severely restricted over the summer, the Irish value the exhibition as an important opportunity to work on their game against an unfamiliar opponent. With a schedule that includes five top-15 opponents in the first six weeks, working on systems and working out the kinks early on will be especially important for the team this year.

"This exhibition game is the first time we'll get to work on a lot of game situations, like power play and penalty kill," junior goaltender Steven Summerhays said. "So it's definitely important."

Sunday's game will also be a first chance for freshmen and upperclassmen alike to make cases for starting roles and increased playing time. One of those players will be Summerhays, who will try to

hold off senior Mike Johnson and keep his spot as Notre Dame's top option between the pipes.

Both in goal, on the blue line and among the four forward lines, Irish coach Jeff Jackson said he is excited to see which players jump out to fast starts and assert themselves in starting roles.

"I want to see in the first month who is going to start off on a positive note," Jackson said. "We need to find out how ready these guys are, regardless of the kinds of seasons they had last year."

There may be many unknowns surrounding Sunday's opening game, but one thing is for sure: Notre Dame's opponent will come out firing. The U.S. team is stacked with some of the nation's best young talent, and includes future Irish forwards Dawson Cook and Kevin Labanc. Several current Notre Dame players are alumni of the U-18 team, including freshman center Thomas DiPauli, who played on the team last year and knows that the Irish should expect a battle on Sunday.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Voigt's consistency aids Irish success

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

No. 24 Notre Dame will look to continue its tear through the Big East when the Irish welcome conference opponents Seton Hall on Friday and Rutgers on Sunday.

Notre Dame (9-3-1, 5-0-0 Big East) extended its winning streak to six games after a pair of road victories last weekend. The Irish took advantage of a late Providence own goal to edge the Friars 1-0 on Friday and saw their offense break out for three second-half goals in a 4-0 win over Connecticut on Sunday.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said the team's winning streak has come as a result of consistency in both the team's lineup and in the play of Notre Dame's young core.

"I think the biggest thing is that we've gotten more settled in our lineup due to the return of [freshman midfielder Cari] Roccaro and [junior midfielder

Mandy] Laddish," Waldrum said. "Other players have also gotten to the point where they've really grown and started to show some consistency in their play."

The Irish have also been bolstered by a strong defensive unit, which has posted shutouts in four of the team's last five contests. Sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Voigt has stepped into the role of starter and helped lead the unit, as she has recorded three solo clean sheets. For her role in last week's shutouts, Voigt was named the Big East Goalkeeper of the Week, an honor Waldrum said indicates that the young netkeeper is playing up to her potential.

"For the first time, Sarah has really been close to healthy," Waldrum said. "We expected this type of performance out of her last year, but she never really got healthy and struggled with a loss of her confidence. This year,

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish face Georgetown

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

Top-10 matchup. Conference clash. Big East Blue Division battle. Former coaching comrades.

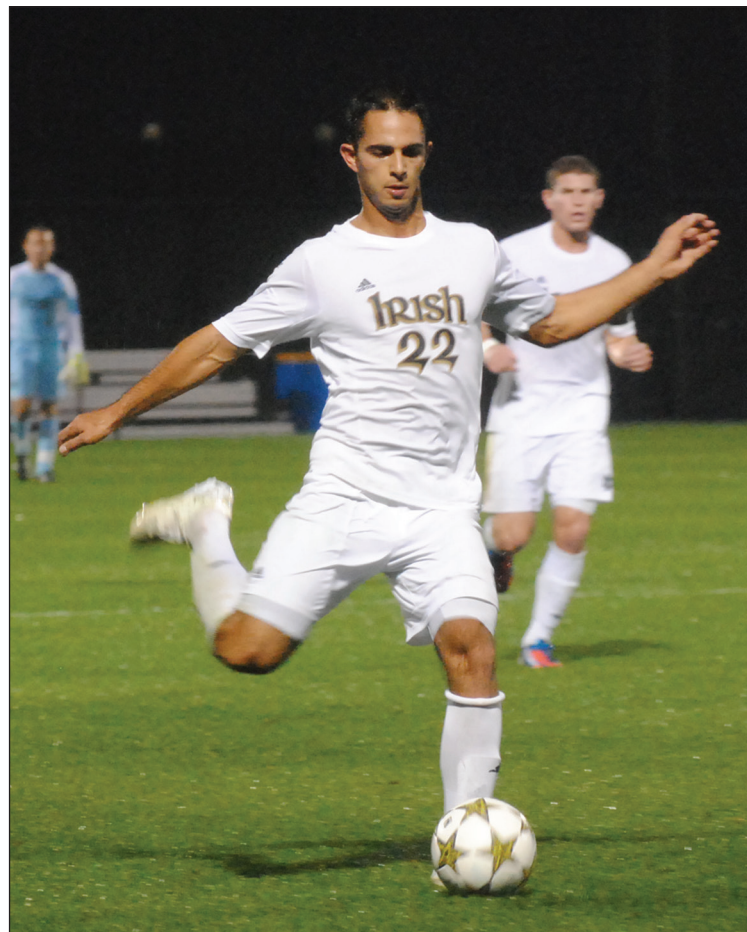
Saturday's tilt between No. 10 Notre Dame and No. 3 Georgetown has it all.

The Irish (9-2, 1-2 Big East) enter their division showdown with the Hoyas (10-1-1, 2-1) coming off their first Big East victory of the season, a 7-1 demolition of Pittsburgh on Wednesday at Alumni Stadium.

Irish coach Bobby Clark said matches against Blue Division foes like Pittsburgh and Georgetown are critical toward postseason positioning.

"[These games] are very important," Clark said. "If we can get ourselves into the one or two spot, then we don't have play-in games and stuff like that, and that's always tough for us. ... The less play-in type

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Irish junior defender Luke Mishu sets up a pass during Notre Dame's 7-1 win over Pittsburgh on Wednesday.