

Once a Belle, always a Belle

College students, faculty and staff gather Tuesday to remember life of international student

By **MEGAN DOYLE**
Managing Editor

The crowd that filed quietly into Regina Chapel on Tuesday filled the room with green — they wore bright green shirts and pinned small green ribbon to their tops.

They came to remember Saint Mary's sophomore Ziqi Zhang. Zhang, 19, who died last week from injuries sustained in an accident between her bike and an

SUV outside the entrance to the College on State Route 933.

Ziqi Zhang
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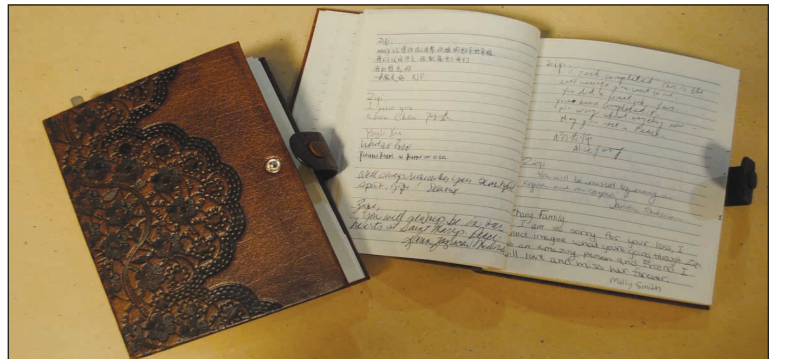


Green was her favorite color. But even as they filled the chapel

with green, they also filled the room with stories. During the service, faculty, staff and students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's stood one after another and shared their memories of an international student who had been their friend.

A resident of Regina Hall, Zhang was a dual-degree student majoring in mathematics at Saint Mary's and taking

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Students, faculty and staff signed journals on Tuesday to offer thoughts and prayers to Zhang's family.

ELECTION 2012

Critical issues debated among candidates, students

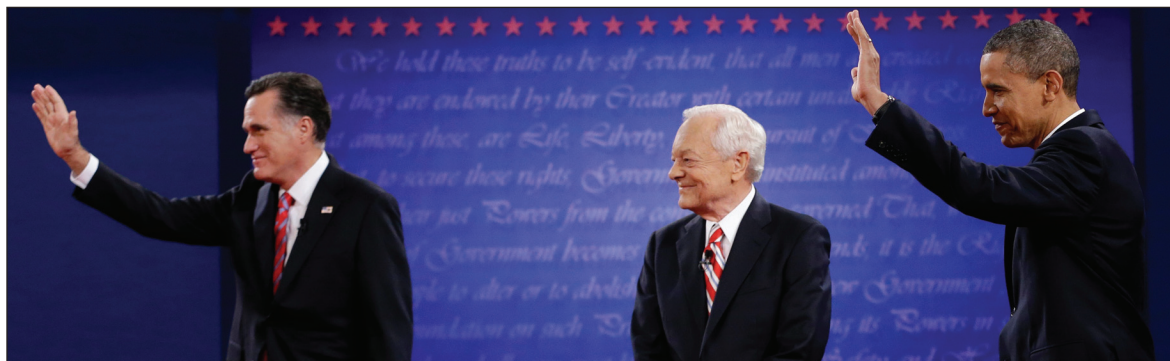
Professors analyze, react to Monday's presidential debate

By **NICOLE MICHELS**
News Writer



In the final debate of the 2012 campaign on Monday, little contrast emerged between the foreign policies of President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, leading to what political science professor Sebastian Rosato called a “thoroughly boring” debate. Rosato said the debate, moderated by CBS News' Bob Schieffer at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla., was far from contentious.

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Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, debate moderator Bob Schieffer and President Barack Obama wave to members of the audience after Monday evening's debate at Lynn University.

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Two students to engage in mock debate tonight

By **MEL FLANAGAN**
News Writer



Only two days after the presidential candidates squared off against each other for the last time before Election Day, two students with opposing political views will face each other in a similar fashion.

At 8 p.m. tonight in McKenna Hall Auditorium, one representative from College Republicans and one from College Democrats will argue their views in a mock

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Donnelly eyes Senate seat in upcoming election

By **JOHN CAMERON**
News Editor



Editor's Note: This story is the first in a series featuring the race for the Indiana seat in the United States Senate.

U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly sees his potential new role as U.S. Senator as an opportunity to help bring the American dream to a greater number of Hoosiers. “[This campaign] is about

people, it's about the challenges families face and trying to make everyone's American dream come true — to help be a small part of that,” Donnelly said.

On Nov. 6, Donnelly will face off with Republican Indiana Treasurer Richard Mourdock to become Indiana's next member of the U.S. Senate and the first Notre Dame graduate to ever sit in the upper house of Congress.

Donnelly said Indiana voters' choice on Election Day

Joe Donnelly
U.S. Representative



will come down to a few

fundamental issues.

“The choice in this election here in Indiana is crystal clear: it's a question of who will fight for you and who will fight for middle class families,” he said. “My opponent, Richard Mourdock, has said that Medicare is unconstitutional, that Social Security is unconstitutional and that he doesn't believe in bipartisanship.”

Donnelly said if Mourdock

were to win the race, it would be a departure from a tradition of moderate leaders representing Indiana.

“He's an extreme Tea Party candidate, and I've been — from the first day I started in Congress, an independent moderate,” he said. “Indiana has a long tradition of moderate, common sense U.S.

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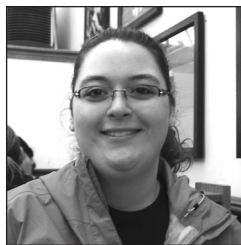
“Buy a pair of shoes.”



Liz Troyer

freshman
Ryan

“On a shopping spree at Target.”



Meryl Pax

junior
Badin

“Shoes.”



Nicholas Troetti

sophomore
Knott

“If you need to spend it on rent, spend it on rent. If you need to spend it on food, spend it on food.”



Tomas Ramirez

graduate student
O'Hara Grace

“Donating it.”



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Members of PEMCo rehearse Tuesday night in preparation for the rock musical “next to normal.” PEMCo's fall production will make its debut Saturday at Washington Hall.

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Carole Masso Reading

Eck Visitors Center
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Contemporary American novelist.

Student Debate

McKenna Hall

8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Arguments for both parties from student representatives.

Thursday

Zen Meditation

102 Coleman-Morse Center
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Open to Notre Dame students of all faiths.

Thriller

Rolfs

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Learn how to dance like Michael Jackson with RecSports.

Friday

Writing Successful Grants

McKenna Hall

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Introductory workshop for grant writing.

NBA Exhibition Game

Purcell Pavilion

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Joakim Noah and the Chicago Bulls face the Indiana Pacers.

Saturday

Rock Musical: “next to normal”

Washington Hall

7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

PEMCo's fall production.

Film: “Take this Waltz”

Eck Visitors Center

9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

\$4 for students.

Sunday

Women's Soccer

Alumni Stadium

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

ND vs. Syracuse in the Big East quarterfinals.

Vision Walk Fundraiser

Irish Green

1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

\$15 registration fee.

Young Democrats Club to host events for election

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary's Editor

With the presidential election swiftly approaching, the Saint Mary's Young Democrats Club is gearing up for the final preparations President Obama and Republican nominee Mitt Romney make as the country heads into November.

Senior London Lamar, president of Young Democrats at the College, said she realizes that a great aspect of this election has been social media and how it has taken the election process to another level.

"I did my senior comprehensive on how President Obama won the 2008 election with social media. You have to look at how, generally, Republican supporters are older, middle-aged to older white Americans," Lamar said. "Those who support Obama tend to be more diverse, young Americans. You have to realize that when it comes to social media and technology, the younger generation is adapting more than the older generation."

By looking at social media as a way of determining who will win the election, Lamar believes that most voters will see that Obama

leads the race on Twitter and Facebook.

"His supporters use technology more because they tend to be younger," she said. "We are a generation that uses technology in our everyday lives, especially Twitter and Facebook. Those were definitely pieces of technology that helped Obama win because that is how young people are communicating."

Lamar noted that Romney supporters tend to continue to read the newspapers and read magazine. For them, she said, their generation is not adapting to social media because they do not use it as much.

"For Romney, he's trying to get the younger electorate with the social media; however, fewer supporters of his are actually using social media," Lamar said. "He is definitely adapting to social media more though. For example, I was on Twitter Monday and I noticed that the Romney campaign had bought a Twitter topic as a way to get Romney to trend on the social media site."

"With Obama, it takes one tweet with a hashtag to get a topic trending on Twitter. His supporters are more Twitter-savvy than Romney's at this point."

While Lamar believes social

phone bank	election panel	election watch party
October 28 7 p.m. call voters in OH and encourage them to vote Regina Hall	October 29 6-7 p.m. conference room A of Student Center	November 6 during coverage of election in Vander Vennet

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media does have a huge impact on the voting process, she does not think it will necessarily determine the final outcome.

"It definitely does help to determine how a candidate will reach out to the younger generation though. Our generation is moving to use more social media now and more newspapers and magazines are becoming heavily web-based," she said. "As our technology is getting older and we are becoming of voting age, we have to adapt to what we like and what we use the most."

The Young Democrats will also be holding some upcoming events for students before the election is underway. The club will be hosting another phone bank Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in Regina Hall.

"At the phone bank we call Ohio

voters to encourage them to make sure they get out an early vote and to encourage them to vote on Nov. 6," Lamar said. "Ohio is a big crucial swing state, so we want to make sure that we are helping the Obama campaign in South Bend contribute to calling Ohio voters."

A representative from the Obama campaign of South Bend brings the club members call logs and scripts for the phone bank. The participants then call the numbers and ask voters questions to help the campaign narrow down and see where Obama stands, Lamar said.

"We are also partnering with Feminists United for an election panel we will be holding next Monday from 6 to 7 p.m. located in Conference Room A of the Student Center," Lamar said. "We have

professor Patrick Pierce coming to talk about the election. Students can come and ask the him questions about what he thinks about the election."

Students can also ask Pierce to help clarify items on the election that they are unsure of still. Pierce is the advisor for Young Democrats at the College.

"It is a bipartisan event, so anyone can come and ask questions; kind of get a deeper perspective of what the election is about and what the stances are of the two candidates," Lamar said. "This is a great event especially for those who are still undecided because the election is only two weeks away."

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Fictional competition to come alive on campus

By HANNAH ECKSTEIN
News Writer

Bringing fictional stories to life through events and competition is not an uncommon trend on college campuses. The game of "Quidditch" from the Harry Potter series has been seen at schools across the country, "zombies" have been seen darting across Notre Dame's campus this past September and this month, 30 lucky Notre

Dame "tributes" will bravely compete in their very own version of "The Hunger Games."

Residence halls will pin students against one another to showcase skill, bravery and survival on Sunday, Oct. 28 from 1 to 5 p.m. during the first annual competition.

As any "Hunger Games" fan knows, the ultimate goal of the tournament is to kill off opponents and to be the last one standing in the arena, a rather

morbid concept.

Luckily for these tributes, event organizer and Howard Hall tribute Clare Robins has found a more humane way of determining the true victor.

"We certainly weren't going to replicate the games," Robins said. "So paintballing seemed the closest way to simulate them."

The arena, located in White Field, will be encased in netting and receive a new smattering of

color, as tributes dodge paintballs and obstacles on their quest for victory.

During the competition, the games will play out as a series of tournaments. The first set of smaller tournaments will consist of six tributes representing three districts, where each district is a combination of a brother and sister residence hall. The victors from each round will then compete in the championship round, which involves

not only tributes, but also any fellow Hunger Games fanatics who would like to participate.

Along with confidence, extra support from previous attendance at the Hunger Games events will pay off in sponsorship. Tributes may receive extra paintballs, or early entry in the arena, based on previous points scored.

As the games draw nearer, tributes have started showing their excitement for the competition.

"I plan to dominate," Kevin Katalinic, a tribute from St. Edward's, said, when asked about the upcoming games.

Katalinic said he has no plans to strategize, but will go into the games riding on the confidence of his raw talent.

Carroll tribute, William Murra, said he was "Nervous" but "confident in [his] archery skills."

Rivalries have already worked their way into these games.

When asked if any tributes looked particularly threatening, Sorin tribute, Johnny Whichard said Walsh, Zahm and Fisher pose as threat, and will be the first ones to be "taken out."

However, not all tributes are as impressed by their competition

"I looked in a mirror and decided that the only competition was myself," tribute Paul Barron said.

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Class travels to civil rights memorials over break



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A student visits the Jailed Children Sculpture in Kelly Ingram Park at the Birmingham Civil Rights District in Birmingham, Ala.

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

Fall Break is usually a time for students to return to normalcy: mom's specialty dishes, catching up with neighborhood friends and copious amounts of sleeping. For English professor Stuart Greene's freshman university seminar class, the week was filled with visitations to the Southern Poverty Law Center, the 16th Street Baptist Church and other historical sites in Alabama to engage in experiential learning for their course: "Memory, Memorials and Memorialization of the American Civil Rights Movement."

"I have never done this before, even though I have been teaching classes on the civil rights movement for nearly 10 years," Greene said. "A colleague at Indiana University-South Bend inspired me who taught a class on the civil rights movement and spent two weeks traveling to Montgomery, Selma, Birmingham, Memphis, Nashville and other sites. He called the experience 'Freedom Summer.'"

Greene conducted a tremendous amount of research by looking at various guides and discussing with historians about which places to visit and which people the class should meet.

"Everyone was incredibly generous with their time and willingness to spend time with my students and I," Greene said.

The class received funding from the College of Arts and Letters' "Teaching Beyond the Classroom" program and from the First Year of Studies. Greene and the students covered approximately 20 percent of the cost for travel, lodging, food and admission fees to museums, institutes and churches.

"It would have been great going home, but this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience going with your peers and a professor who is an expert on the subject," said Bryce Parker, a student in the class. "I'm in college once and can go home another time."

"If we missed out on this experience, we would have asked why did I give this up just to go home? I don't think any of us

regret it."

Aliska Berry signed up for the course because of the mandatory Alabama trip.

"It gave me a firsthand account to experience the Civil Rights Movement," Berry said. "The trip made me learn about my ancestors, what they went through and why I'm here today. It was a humbling experience."

Austin Bosemer, whose favorite experience of the trip was walking through the streets of Selma, said the course has taken a social activism spin on its historical foundations.

"I have gotten involved with Take 10, a volunteer program to mentor students in South Bend area schools," Bosemer said. "Through this, I'm affecting social change in our community."

The students said their most memorable experience was meeting JoAnne Bland, a tour guide who guided the group through two churches in Selma.

As a nine-year-old, Bland was a peaceful protestor scheduled to march from Selma to the state capital in Montgomery. However, armed officers carrying tear gas attacked the demonstrators at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, forbidding them from reaching Montgomery. The infamous day is commonly known as "Bloody Sunday."

"The march turned the national spotlight on Selma and the plight of minorities," David

Katter, another student in the class, said. "She has a lot of built-up rage over that event, which turned into a really moving trip as we walked through Selma with her."

"She asked us, 'I got you this far, what are you going to do?' It was a really cool call to action."

The semester-long project of the class is to write a 15-page essay concerning the trip, how it affected the students, the importance of a chosen memorial and the importance of it.

Some students, like Jas Smith, have created individual projects to complement their experiences.

"I decided to make a website

to educate children in the Selma area about the Pettus Bridge because a lot of them don't know about it," Smith said. "My project is to reform the teaching of history and show why these aspects of civil rights are important."

Beyond engaging in an experience hard to fully understand from reading history books, Greene said the students enjoyed themselves and came together a class.

"The effect on us was great and it was a bonding experience for us all," he said.

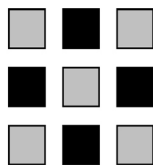
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Students visit the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Ala. They made the trip as part of their freshman university seminar class.

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Election

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“In terms of performance, I think Obama by all accounts won the debate — that’s what the polls are showing,” Rosato said. “But I think this was just because he seemed more assured, it certainly wasn’t because he won any particular points.”

Political science professor Michael Desch said Romney’s performance paled in comparison because he did not look the part of commander in chief as much as Obama did.

“The one thing Governor Romney needed to do was to look presidential on the foreign policy stage,” Desch said. “Especially after his missteps on his great European adventure this summer, it was even more imperative for him to establish his bona fides, and I don’t think he achieved that last night.”

This lack of fire can be attributed to the recent laser-focus on domestic issues, Rosato said.

“I think [voters] are very inattentive to foreign affairs and the debate was reflective of that,” Rosato said. “I think the debate will have no effect and I think the measure of that is that the candidates kept trying to talk about domestic policies ... there was an awareness in the debate that foreign policy was not going to swing American voters.”

Though the motivation for guarding the United States’ position as the world’s economic leader is obvious, the candidates used this reasoning as an excuse to revisit domestic politics, Rosato said.

“This debate was about foreign policy, and about a quarter of the air time was taken up with domestic policies and saying points again like Romney’s \$5 million tax cut and Obama’s inability to create jobs,” Rosato said. “The question is why did this happen? If you think about it cynically, they didn’t find anything to disagree with on foreign policy, so they started talking about the domestic economy because at least there they can separate themselves.”

Few people are voting based on foreign policy, but if that were to be made the deciding factor the choice would be unclear, Rosato said.

“Because [Barack Obama’s] hawkish, it’s very difficult for Mitt Romney to differentiate himself from Obama – I mean, what’s he going to say: ‘I would have already attacked Iran?’ [or] ‘I would have stayed in Iraq longer?’” Rosato said. “There’s nothing he could say — you can’t be more hawkish than Obama without sounding as if you want to wander all over the world getting into wars, and no candidate wants to say that.”

The discussion of the most

recent conflicts in Syria and the tumult in Egyptian government made this awareness of the complex role of the U.S. very clear, Desch said.

“The argument that it is a lack of American leadership that was responsible for the Muslim Brotherhood government in Egypt or the lack of a resolved civil war in Syria is not one that you’d want to make seriously: they’re much more complicated issues,” Desch said. “In particular, the issue of what you do about the [former Egyptian president Hosni] Mubarak government highlights the complexity of the issue facing the United States, and it was telling that Romney was not very critical of President Obama [on this issue].”

After examining the statements by each of the candidates, Rosato said he found minor points of difference between the candidates.

“When they were talking about Iran, Obama said that an Iran with a nuclear weapon is unacceptable to the United States, while Romney said Iran with a nuclear capability is unacceptable to the United States,” Rosato said. “That is a subtle difference that might have bigger implications.”

Political science professor Robert Johansen said he believed the most important issue pertaining to U.S. national security



AP

Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama shake hands on Oct. 3 after the first presidential debate.

is determining how to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

“The two candidates did not significantly disagree last night on how to proceed, although Romney had previously sounded more belligerent toward Iran and ready to threaten war against Iran,” Johansen said. “Romney clearly was moderating his stance to appear more peaceful than indicated in previous statements.”

Desch said Romney’s overall performance did not overcome the strength of Obama’s foreign policy record in the debate.

“I think Romney faced two problems: one is that the incumbent tends to have decided advantages: the President’s been Commander-in-Chief for four years, the President has a [foreign policy] record and experience that he can point to,” Desch said. “The truth of the matter is that there’s not much a challenger can really do that’s different from an incumbent, a lot of foreign policy is determined by factors that would push presidents from any policy in the same direction.”

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Memorial

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engineering classes at Notre Dame. She was a resident of Jiangsu Province in China.

International student Ariane Umotoni met Zhang shortly after the two arrived at Saint Mary’s. She remembered Zhang as fearless while they discovered America together.

“I remember going to the beach with her in Michigan,”

Umotoni said. “There were big stones. ... She was like, ‘I want a picture there.’ I said, ‘That’s dangerous,’ and she said, ‘Let’s take a chance.’ I was so scared, but she wasn’t.

“That was Ziqi.”

Umotoni asked the Saint Mary’s community to come together as a family during a time of need and grief.

“We need you,” she said. “Some of us are far from home. You cannot imagine how my family is feeling to know that

they have not seen me in so long and such a thing can happen. We need each and every one here.

“We’ll hold hands, mourn together, cry together, share memories and just be a family,” she said.

The stories from Zhang’s friends prompted both tears and laughter during the service.

Paige Edmonds was Zhang’s resident assistant during her freshman year. She joked about a resident she said was both curious and warm.

“She was one of those freshman that the questions you think you’re never gonna get asked as an RA, she asked them,” Edmonds said. “She was the type of resident who when you had a section event, would come knock on my door the next day and ask where everyone was. But she definitely challenged me to grow as a person. ... Remember her smile.”

Saint Mary’s graduate Chen Chen recalled a story she heard about Zhang before the two had even met. A mutual friend brought Zhang to pick up the keys to her dorm room on her first day at Saint Mary’s, but when they went to open the door, they had some trouble with the lock.

“Ziqi just whipped out a toolkit ... and started seriously working on trying to break into her room,” Chen said. “So I got really excited, and the first thing that came to my mind, I got to tell this story to Dr. Barstis, who is the engineering advisor, to let him know that we have a student who has the right engineering spirit.

... That’s basically how she got to the engineering program.”

Other professors and friends recalled Zhang as constantly smiling and always willing to push her limits for new experiences. They talked about an excellent student newly fascinated by philosophy and dedicated to her studies. They remembered a girl excited to return home to China over winter break for the first time since she had left for college.

Notre Dame sophomore Christine Nie said she came from the same city as Zhang in China, but only met her after they came to South Bend. She remembered feeling at home hearing Zhang speak their first language with the same distinct accent as her family members and friends in China.

“I thought even though she couldn’t stay in this beautiful world, as a girl of the same age and of the same city and of similar background, I can live this life for her,” she said through tears.

Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), read an email from Zhang’s parents to Dr. Alice Yang, director for global education. Another Chinese-speaking professor had translated the letter.

“We lost our precious daughter,” they wrote. “She was our pride and joy. She longed for this wonder country of America, and we wish that she could have completed her studies, learned the sciences and humanities

so that she could have played a worthy role in the betterment of the entire human race.”

College President Carol Ann Mooney also wore bright green as she addressed the crowd gathered in the chapel.

“Each of us has lost a sister,” Mooney said. “It is terribly difficult to lose a young person with so much talent and so much promise. Ziqi’s death leaves a hole in the Saint Mary’s community.”

Zhang’s family is working to obtain passports and visas to come to the United States, Mooney said. Donations to help the family with funeral and travel expenses may send donations to Karen Johnson, vice president of Student Affairs, in 175 Le Mans Hall. Checks should be payable to Saint Mary’s College and indicate in the memo line that the donation is for the Ziqi Zhang family.

“For her family, this is an unspeakable grief. ... Our hearts break for her parents, her sister and her good friends and family in China,” Mooney said.

Student Affairs is also collecting notes for Zhang’s family at the same address. The notes will be translated and delivered to her family when they arrive in the United States.

“When they arrive on our campus, we will make every effort to let them know how valued Ziqi was, what a positive contribution to Saint Mary’s she was and that she had a home here.”

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Candidates for Indiana's U.S. Senate seat, Libertarian Andrew Horning, left, Democrat Joe Donnelly, center, and Republican Richard Mourdock shake hands after a debate in New Albany, Ind., on Oct. 23.

Donnelly

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moderate, common sense U.S. senators like Richard Lugar and Evan Bayh, and that's the tradition that I have served in the House and I intend to serve in the United States Senate."

Having worked in the private sector and other public roles in Indiana before his 2006 election to the House of Representatives representing the district including South Bend, Donnelly said a continued focus on his Indiana roots best prepares him to represent the state in Washington.

"I think the most important thing is working back home in Indiana for 27 years in just a regular job, helping to run a printing business, practicing law and everyday raising my family back home," he said. Donnelly said the campaign for Senate has differed from his experience campaigning

for and serving in the House of Representatives because of the broader constituency he's gotten in touch with.

"It's a chance to meet even more people from our state and see the incredible amount of diversity we have – in people, in geography – but at the end of the day, we're so similar in that we want a job, to see our family have a wonderful life, and to see our country grow stronger," he said. "In that way, all Hoosiers are the same."

As the media continues to maintain a major role in elections, Donnelly said the coverage has been more of an asset than a challenge.

"I just look at it as a chance to talk to people from our state," he said. "When I'm talking to [the media], I'm talking to the people of our state. So I look at them as a positive, a chance to continue the conversation, and a chance to hear what people think." A 1987 graduate of the University of Notre

Dame Law School, Donnelly said the University has played a crucial role in his personal development.

"Notre Dame has helped shape who I am as a person. I've known so many wonderful

priests at Notre Dame, have been able to go to school with so many extraordinary people and have been taught by so many wonderful professors," he said. "It's helped shape who I am. I met my wife at Notre Dame. My children went to Notre Dame."

Donnelly said he has been thankful for the level of political engagement by Notre Dame students and alumni.

"In the past I've had interns working in our congressional office almost every semester, a number of Notre Dame grads serve on my staff — both on the campaign staff and on the congressional staff. What we've seen is the talent level and ability of graduates from the University is off the charts," he said. "I feel very lucky ... we have a lot of Fighting Irish doing a lot of extraordinary work."

Donnelly said Notre Dame students with political ambition should pursue those aspirations, but said those who

don't see themselves as leadership material should keep an ear open for the call to lead.

"I just practiced law here, worked at a small business, and hadn't ever thought of running for congress. One day, I was blessed to have friends who talked to me about it, and it developed," he said. "Don't feel any pressure to have to do it one day or the next day ... being a part of Notre Dame, you have the confidence, the ability and the talent to make anything come true."

Donnelly's last bit of leadership advice comes from University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh.

"I've always tried to keep Fr. Hesburgh in my heart. He always said whenever you have a decision to make, do the right thing," Donnelly said. "That's the Notre Dame way, and that's what I try to do."

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Candidates for Indiana's U.S. Senate, Democrat Joe Donnelly, left, and Republican Richard Mourdock answer questions during a debate in Indianapolis on Oct. 15.

Debate

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debate, each in an attempt to convince the audience why their respective candidates would be the best choice for college students.

Scholastic Editor-in-Chief Clara Ritger, who will moderate the debate, said the event hopes to generate excitement for the election and increase awareness of current important issues.

"I think students do really at heart want to be able to participate in this election," she said. "This is, for everyone, the first presidential election they can vote in, and this will just help them become more informed."

The 90-minute debate will spend 15 minutes on each of six key topics that include jobs, debt, healthcare, religion, foreign policy and why a college student should vote for a certain candidate.

"What we're trying to do with the last question is for the two students ... to really persuade the audience about why they feel strongly about each of their respective

candidates," Ritger said. "We're really trying to focus on the issues as they relate to college students and why one candidate or the other better represents college students' interests."

Each participant will be given two minutes at the beginning of each segment for

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Editor-in-Chief
Scholastic

an opening statement, and the remaining 11 minutes will allow for debate.

Senior Adam Newman, a member of the College Democrats, will argue on

behalf of President Obama at tonight's event.

"I'm a huge politics guy, and I'm really engaged in this election," he said. "I know President Obama's vision is the vision I support in this election. Anything I can do to help make sure the Notre Dame student body is involved is something important to me."

Although Newman did not expect to be the sole Democratic debater when he volunteered to participate, he said he is looking forward to taking the stage. In preparation, he has memorized both opening and closing statements, as well as several talking points for "everything they could throw at" him.

"It is important to stay on the message," Newman said. "One of the hardest things about these debates is being able to disseminate so much information and put it in a clear form students can understand."

Senior Mickey Gardella, president of the College Republicans, said he has spent copious amounts of time researching in

preparation for the debate.

"My primary goal is to articulate Mitt Romney's previous experience and vision for America's future, and how these make him the best choice to be our president on January 20," he said.

Gardella, who has been involved in political debates before, said he is eagerly anticipating this evening's event as well.

Leading up to the debate, students can vote in a mock presidential election, which is sponsored every four years by "Scholastic" and NDTV. Voting will take place between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center, and from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in McKenna Hall.

The ballot will include a candidate from College Libertarians, which chose not to present a debater.

The vote aims to teach students about the process of voting in an election, Ritger said. For example, although voting is anonymous, students are required to show a student ID, much like how several states are now requiring voter identification.

"The mock election is really

well-received," Ritger said. "It's really easy, it's low-cost, it's very fast to go and do. Students are pretty enthusiastic about it because they want to see how their fellow students vote."

Ritger hopes the debate and vote will encourage students to participate in the actual presidential election on Nov. 6.

"This president is going to be the president that we go into the workforce with," she said. "We will all graduate in the next four years and it's their policies that will really determine what percentage of our class is going to get jobs."

After college students greatly influenced the 2008 election, Ritger said she would love to see next month's election mimic that.

"I would love to see us have a real hand in the 2012 election," she said. "We have the potential to be a voting body that they didn't expect to come out on voting day. It's going to be a close race, it's all about who comes out."

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Body of missing girl found in recycling bin

Associated Press

CLAYTON, N.J. — A teenage boy lured a 12-year-old girl into his house under the guise of getting parts for her treasured bicycle and then, with his older brother, killed her, police said Tuesday. The girl's disappearance had sparked a frantic search by residents of her small town until a tip from the boys' mother led police to her body, stuffed into a home recycling bin.

The boys, ages 15 and 17, were charged with murdering Autumn Pasquale, who disappeared while riding her BMX bike Saturday, a little more than a week before what would have been her 13th birthday. She appeared to have been strangled, Gloucester County prosecutor Sean Dalton said at a late-day news conference.

The boys' mother had come forward with information about a posting on a son's Facebook account, Dalton said. He wouldn't say what was on the website or

discuss a possible motive for the killing, but said there was no sign of sexual assault.

Autumn was lured to the house, where they apparently lived with their mother and stepfather, for the purpose of getting parts for her treasured BMX bike, which she rode frequently and talked about on her Facebook pages.

Both brothers were charged with counts including first-degree murder, body disposal and tampering with evidence. The 15-year-old was also charged with luring.

The boys' names were not released because they are juveniles, but Dalton said his office is considering trying to have the case transferred to adult court. The boys turned themselves in with their attorneys, public defenders, but it could not be immediately determined who they are.

The girl's body was found around 10 p.m. Monday in a recycling bin on a vacant property

next to the home where the boys live, police said. The suspects had attended a community vigil for her shortly before the discovery, several residents said.

Autumn's BMX bike and other belongings were recovered from the boys' home, the prosecutor said. He did not detail all the items, but a backpack matching a description of the girl's was also seen being taken out.

One of the three teenage brothers who friends said live at the house traded BMX bike parts, according to a young man, Corey Hewes, 19, who said he was among those who traded with him.

Neighbors also said the house was a place where teens frequently hung out and had parties.

The home is just blocks from Autumn's house and from the town hall, where thousands of people gathered for the tearful candlelight vigil to pray for her safe return in this town of 8,000 about 25 miles south of Philadelphia.

"The search for Autumn is over," Dalton said Tuesday morning in the first of two news conferences, at which he was asked to assure residents they were safe with apparent an apparent child-killer on the loose.

The girl's great-uncle, Paul Spadofora, thanked the community for its help in the search.

"There's evil everywhere, even in the small town of Clayton," Spadofora said.

Tuesday was trash collection day, and many residents had dragged their trash cans and recycling bins to the curb the night before. The covered recycling bins are collected by an automated truck that picks them up and dumps the contents into the back.



AP

Police remove a bicycle from a home near where 12-year-old Autumn Pasquale's body was found on Tuesday.

Police barricaded the block Tuesday morning, and friends and neighbors came by. Some mothers said they were keeping their kids out of school for the day. Even before the body was found, students reported that Spirit Week had been canceled because of the sorrow.

One young man rode a bike up, sat on a porch of a home and cried, then biked away.

Clayton Mayor Thomas Bianco walked to the scene, cried, hugged a police officer and gave a brief statement to the gathered reporters.

"You hear about it in other places but never think it would happen in our little town," he said.

Autumn was last seen around 12:30 p.m. Saturday pedaling her bike away from the home where she lives with her father, her two siblings, her father's girlfriend and the girlfriend's children, authorities said.

Relatives said they believed she was heading to see a friend, and they became worried only

after she did not return by her 8 p.m. curfew.

Sunday morning, her disappearance became not only a crisis but a town-wide cause in Clayton. Volunteers by the hundred joined the search, scouring malls, nearby towns and passing out fliers.

By Monday evening, officials were thanking the volunteers for their help but asking them to call it a night.

Hundreds of people returned anyway for the vigil. Spadofora, the great-uncle, said he hoped the town could gather again a week later, with Autumn back, with candles to mark her birthday.

Instead, the community awoke Tuesday to news that her body had been recovered.

"I know a lot of you are angry over what has happened, and deservedly you have a right to be angry," Dalton said at day's end. "I hope today there is some measure of closure, and we can all mourn in the loss of this beautiful child."



AP

Neighbors light candles at the shrine for Autumn Pasquale on Tuesday near the recycling bin her body was found in.

U.S. may become world's top oil producer

Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. oil output is surging so fast that the United States could soon overtake Saudi Arabia as the world's biggest producer.

Driven by high prices and new drilling methods, U.S. production of crude and other liquid hydrocarbons is on track to rise 7 percent this year to an average of 10.9 million barrels per day. This will be the fourth straight year of crude increases and the biggest single-year gain since 1951.

The boom has surprised even the experts.

"Five years ago, if I or anyone had predicted today's production growth, people would have thought we were crazy," says Jim Burkhard, head of oil markets research at IHS CERA, an energy consulting firm.

The Energy Department forecasts that U.S. production of

crude and other liquid hydrocarbons, which includes biofuels, will average 11.4 million barrels per day next year. That would be a record for the U.S. and just below Saudi Arabia's output of 11.6 million barrels. Citibank forecasts U.S. production could reach 13 million to 15 million barrels per day by 2020, helping to make North America "the new Middle East."

The last year the U.S. was the world's largest producer was 2002, after the Saudis drastically cut production because of low oil prices in the aftermath of 9/11. Since then, the Saudis and the Russians have been the world leaders.

The United States will still need to import lots of oil in the years ahead. Americans use 18.7 million barrels per day. But thanks to the growth in domestic production and the improving fuel efficiency of the nation's cars and trucks,

imports could fall by half by the end of the decade.

The increase in production hasn't translated to cheaper gasoline at the pump, and prices are expected to stay relatively high for the next few years because of growing demand for oil in developing nations and political instability in the Middle East and North Africa.

Still, producing more oil domestically, and importing less, gives the economy a significant boost.

The companies profiting range from independent drillers to large international oil companies such as Royal Dutch Shell, which increasingly see the U.S. as one of the most promising places to drill. ExxonMobil agreed last month to spend \$1.6 billion to increase its U.S. oil holdings.

Increased drilling is driving economic growth in states such as North Dakota, Oklahoma,

Wyoming, Montana and Texas, all of which have unemployment rates far below the national average of 7.8 percent. North Dakota is at 3 percent; Oklahoma, 5.2.

Businesses that serve the oil industry, such as steel companies that supply drilling pipe and railroads that transport oil, aren't the only ones benefiting. Homebuilders, auto dealers and retailers in energy-producing states are also getting a lift.

IHS says the oil and gas drilling boom, which already supports 1.7 million jobs, will lead to the creation of 1.3 million jobs across the U.S. economy by the end of the decade.

"It's the most important change to the economy since the advent of personal computers pushed up productivity in the 1990s," says economist Philip Verleger, a visiting fellow at the Peterson Institute of

International Economics.

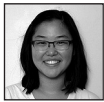
The major factor driving domestic production higher is a newfound ability to squeeze oil out of rock once thought too difficult and expensive to tap. Drillers have learned to drill horizontally into long, thin seams of shale and other rock that holds oil, instead of searching for rare underground pools of hydrocarbons that have accumulated over millions of years.

To free the oil and gas from the rock, drillers crack it open by pumping water, sand and chemicals into the ground at high pressure, a process is known as hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking."

While expanded use of the method has unlocked enormous reserves of oil and gas, it has also raised concerns that contaminated water produced in the process could leak into drinking water.

INSIDE COLUMN

Hating Halloween



Sara Shoemake
Graphic Designer

I hate to be negative, but it's the worst time of the year. Sure, our football team is ranked No. 5 in the nation and there's an important election coming up, but it's also time for Halloween.

I'll just go ahead and say it: Halloween is the worst holiday. I dislike it more than a single girl hates Valentine's Day, and, trust me, I've been there too. It's not for the "It's the one night a year when a girl can dress like a total slut, and no other girls can say anything about it" reason like you might think.

Picture a chubbier, four-year-old version of the headshot at the top of this column. It's Halloween night. I had no neighborhood friends (I don't want to talk about it), and my brother, seven years my senior, devoted most of his free time to pretending I didn't exist. So my dad agreed to watch me from the end of each driveway while I begged neighbors for candy at their doors. Admittedly, I was a shy little kid and the thought of approaching adults without a parent by my side paralyzed me with fear. It also went against everything I had ever been taught: Never talk to strangers, especially those with candy.

And so, as I approached the first house, I threw up on a tree. Ever since, Halloween has left me with a bad taste in my mouth.

It seems like everyone else I know thinks Halloween is the best holiday, citing free candy, costumes and haunted houses. Trick-or-treating obviously hasn't gone so well for me in the past, I generally associate wigs and masks with a musty and unpleasant smell, and I am the biggest wimp when it comes to scary things. "The Ring" haunts me to this day, and I watched "Paranormal Activity" while reading the Wikipedia plot summary on my phone so I knew what bad things were coming before they happened on screen. Halloween just seems to embody everything I dislike. If the greeting card industry or whoever is in charge of holidays could somehow incorporate McDonald's chicken nuggets, One Direction or other things I enjoy, I would probably appreciate the holiday a little bit more. I acknowledge that is a rather selfish notion and I don't see any of that happening anytime soon, so I'll go along on that trip to Goodwill for a costume, and I won't protest when my roommates hang up Halloween decorations in our room.

I would just like everyone to know, while most people count down the days until October 31, I've got a countdown going for October 29. That would be the day One Direction's new single is released because, yes, I'm that girl.

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You have the right to remain silent

Blake J. Graham
Erudite Techno-Lust

There's nothing like a good election season to bring out the best in pseudo-intellectual political commentary published in the form of tweets and Facebook status updates — I mean this in the least condescending way. It really is a good thing. People with access to tools like Facebook and Twitter have assumed the role of micro-reporters, mini-commentators and nano-journalists (in that order.)

Everyone has a vehicle of distribution and some form of audience, whether it's 50 friends or 50,000 followers. The trajectory is common: Someone sees or reads or listens to something that strikes them with high impact, be it positive or negative, and then they interpret it and post it to their audiences via social media. It doesn't really need to be factual or relevant or well thought-out to have their audiences respond to or engage with it. It just has to be out there. And most people, i.e. Americans, who do this, consider it their right to express whatever they like online. They're simply evoking their freedom of speech and expression.

Online, it seems, people are more inclined to extend their understanding of freedom of expression beyond what it actually protects, a practice which has hurt many, ruined careers and even cost lives.

In the last couple weeks, a major controversy has erupted around social linking site Reddit.com. For the uninitiated, Reddit is a website where users can submit

links to different categories called sub-reddits. Users can up- or down-vote links pushing them to wider audiences on the site. There are currently 10,000 active sub-reddits with their own audiences, and the site drove 3.4 billion pageviews in August alone. Further adding to the site's legitimacy, President Barack Obama held a Q&A-type discussion on the site to reach voters in August. While most of the site is dedicated to amicable pursuits with sub-reddits in topics of inquiry in academic fields, random cat pictures, local politics or the mildly off-color pooping sub-reddit, there also exists a seedy and dark underground to the site driving a huge portion of traffic in and out of the site.

As Reddit gains popularity, its dark side — which includes the recently shuttered "creepshots" sub-reddit where covertly shot pictures of women are uploaded to the site for its users to ogle — is expected to be eradicated from the site.

But creepshots isn't the first unseemly sub-reddit to gain notoriety and it certainly won't be the last. Many of the site's users hide behind its anonymity and cry out about the obstruction of free speech whenever particular sub-reddits are threatened.

The concept of being able to speak freely online is very important to its denizens.

And, unfortunately, companies like Reddit are only as useful as their active users are present, which is why it is their policy that the creator of any sub-reddit acts as its moderator and, by definition, more-or-less its dictator. The creator of a

sub-reddit called creepshots isn't likely to ban much of the unseemly content that gets put there.

In most realms things like libel, slander, obscenity and sedition limit the freedom of expression. But online people operate under a veil of anonymity and the boundaries constantly are pushed. Currently there hasn't been a cause to transplant moral standards onto online communities which has created toxic environments within larger systems, like Reddit as a whole. Reddit has constantly refused to issue blanket bans on types of content that include compromising photos of women and hate speech. They base this decision on fundamental premise of supporting free speech, but the nature of that claim is nebulous at best.

Currently no legal action has been taken against Reddit, or other sites like Tumblr, Twitter and Facebook which all have similar content spread on them. But if Reddit can't ultimately get its act together, there will be cause for the government to come in and intervene on behalf of the people who are threatened by the images and language posted online — much of which is incredibly damaging. The problem is any regulation is bound to also stop the growth of all the good coming out of these sites as well.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great."

Mark Twain
U.S. humorist & author

WEEKLY POLL

What would you ask the presidential candidates if you moderated the debate?

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Cracking the Career Center

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What am I going to do after college?
Is there really life after college?

Am I really supposed to know what I want to do for the rest of my life?

These are just a few of the questions that many college students ask themselves throughout their college careers, and while there is not always a definitive answer to every question, we at the Career Center are here to help guide you through some of those tough questions and help you to understand your skills, personality, values, strengths and how they can translate to success upon graduation from Notre Dame.

So before we try to delve into what are you going to do with the rest of your life and if life after college really exist (yes, it does), let's just focus on the basics.

What is the Career Center and why should I go there? How can you help me?

There is a common misconception that the Career Center is geared towards a specific major or college or year. But whether you know exactly what you want to do after graduation or have no idea what direction to pursue,

the Career Center has valuable resources available to help you. It really is about you and what you need when you come visit us at the Career Center. We want students to feel comfortable coming to us with any of their career concerns. In fact, there are no questions that are too silly or unimportant or irrelevant to ask. Sometimes the questions are as easy as "Will you look at my resume?" At other times the questions aren't quite so black and white and require longer, more in-depth appointments. Sometimes the questions just need to be asked and heard. More times than not, we simply provide some basic guidelines and encouragement. It truly doesn't matter what you major in or if you are a senior and have never been to the Career Center — if you need help, we hope to be there for you.

Where is the Career Center?

That's an easy one — we are located on the first and second floor of Flanner Hall — although you will find us all over campus at different times of the year. For example this week we are hosting our annual Arts and Letters Career Opportunities Week in collaboration with the College of Arts and Letters. Tonight we will be in the Monogram Room at the Joyce Center hosting over 16 employers who are

interested in talking to Arts and Letters students about opportunities within their organizations.

Tomorrow night we are back in 114 Flanner Hall with an Investment Management Night in which six firms will discuss the roles of an analyst and trends in investment management.

How can you get involved with the Career Center?

First, you can make an appointment to meet with a counselor. Just call (574) 631-5200, and student workers trained to ask all of the right questions will place you with the right counselor.

Second, if you're more of the impulsive type or need a simple resume review, just walk right into the center on the second floor of Flanner the next afternoon you're on the northeast side of campus. We hold walk-in appointments every Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Third, create an account on Go IRISH. Not only does it provide you access to hundreds of on-campus interviews but it also posts several job, internship, volunteer and fellowship opportunities.

Fourth, read those weekly emails! They contain information about upcoming career workshops, information sessions with employers coming to

campus and approaching job and internship deadlines.

Finally, find the Career Center on social media. This is another way to stay in the loop with upcoming events and even find some little-known job-seeking tips in your Facebook newsfeed or Twitter feed.

Final notes on the "tough" questions.

This time in your life is about exploring. Some might know what they want between the ages of 18 and 22, but most don't. Even that first job or service experience or walk into your first class at graduate school is just the beginning of many career decisions you will be making in your life. Rarely is this ever final, and you always learn from each and every experience — both the positive and not-so-positive experiences.

Yet, you have to take that first step, that first proverbial leap. And it will be okay!

Please come in and meet with us to discuss those beginning questions.

Welcome to the @NDCareerCenter Column. Please let us know if you have any questions you would like covered in the column. Email us ndcps@nd.edu.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Meatless madness

Dear dining halls and all involved,
I readily applaud your effort to go "meatless" as a protest against the abuses of factory production of the meat we eat. However, I think you're making this more complicated than you have to. You see, there are still some of us who observe a certain day of the week as "meatless." That day for us is Friday because this has been the traditional day to abstain from meat in the Catholic Church. This tradition continues in the annual meatless Fridays that the dining halls have during Lent. If we really want to go meatless on one day of the week, why don't we just do the same day year round and make it Friday? Not only would this give the system simplicity but it would also tie into longstanding traditions. Notre Dame is known for its traditions. Let's not drop the ball on this one.

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The myth of the death of print

Jesse Rifkin

The Daily Campus

Newsweek magazine has published its print edition every week since 1933. Last Thursday, it announced its last print edition will publish in December. Is this a reflection of print media in the modern era? Yes and no. But mostly no.

Yes in the sense that, obviously, the Internet was not a factor 20 years ago and before. And yes in the sense that print media will never again be the biggest thing around like it was in a bygone era — much as radio will never again be the biggest thing around.

But no in the sense that this predominantly reflects on Newsweek itself as opposed to the state of print media. Newsweek completely lost its way over the last few years, taking a sharp turn from respectable news to showcase of sensationalism and controversial covers. Would a trustworthy news source publish a magazine cover on "The 101 best places to eat in the world" featuring a woman opening her mouth to eat a long piece of food in an obvious insinuation of oral sex? Or their cover of the Commander-in-Chief with a rainbow colored halo over his head alongside the headline "The first gay President?"

Contrast this with Time magazine, which has long played the role of Newsweek's "older brother," if you will. Time is also in some aspects a shadow of its former self: for example, adding a regular humor column by Joel Stein to a magazine that formerly never would have considered such an item. But consider Kurt Andersen's article "The Protestor" from last December as Time's annual selection for Person of the Year. He spent two months traveling around the world nonstop working on this one story, with the result being perhaps the best journalistic article of last year. For all its faults, Time's quality never sunk as low as Newsweek. And the results showed: while virtually no print publication actually gained circulation over the past decade, Newsweek dropped 52.2 percent since 2000, while since 1997 Time only dropped 19.5 percent.

As a parallel, look at a similar situation from decades ago and closer to home: the Hartford Times ceased publication in 1976. Seemingly, if anything, the opposite should have happened. This was right after Watergate, when newspaper subscriptions

increased. And this was during that great middle era, when television was already established and proven not to have killed the newspaper industry as once feared, but the Internet was still a ways off. So why did the Hartford Times fail? The answer is complex, but the biggest reason is simple: the newspaper lost its way. The Hartford Courant, which already did investigative reporting, doubled down on it during the immediate post-Watergate period. And, as occurred when capitalism works its magic, the Courant survived and the Times did not.

As I see it, a comparable situation is what happened with Newsweek today. Is it partially the modern iPad, Internet, and smartphone environment? No doubt. I am a print media aficionado, but facts are facts. However, there is also the critical factor that the quality of Newsweek, like the Hartford Times, started to drastically decline.

In fact, historically speaking, this is a relatively decent time for print newspapers and magazines. Many other periods were far worse. Television in the 1950s likely came closer to killing the print industry than the Internet has thus far. If people could see the news occurring visually for free, so the reasoning went, then why would they only read about the news at a monetary cost? Yet the industry survived. And throughout the 1970s and 1980s, many major cities went from having two or three major newspapers to just one.

In a free market, some businesses succeed and some businesses fail. That is simply the nature of things. Newsweek had a 79-year run and eventually it failed. In a perfect world, no company or product would ever go out of business and everyone would be happy. But are print newspapers and print magazines failing left and right? Since around 2000 or so, naysayers have said, "Just you see, this will be the year all print publications die!" And a few indeed have, Newsweek among them.

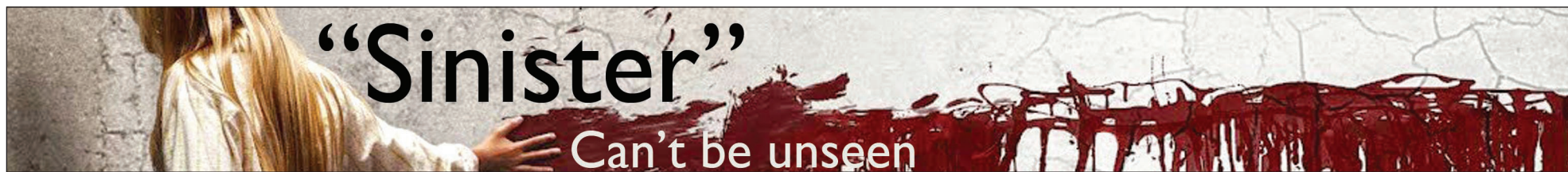
But the death of print journalism is a myth. Some critics are quick to jump on the discontinuation of Newsweek as a sign of the death of print journalism. In fact, it is nothing more than the death of Newsweek.

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By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**
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If you want to be on the edge of your seat from beginning to end, “Sinister” is the movie for you this Halloween.

That’s not to say it doesn’t have most of the horror movie clichés — a house haunted by dead children, a dark attic that goes bump in the night, electronics that inexplicably turn themselves on, a protagonist who walks around with the lights off at night and so forth. But that doesn’t mean you won’t be scared when bad things happen or won’t be horrified and tense by the things that make the movie different and truly disturbing.

“Sinister” follows a true crime writer and his family as they move yet again to a small town so he can write about unsolved crimes. The town, especially the police department, is tense and unwelcoming at his arrival, not wanting to reopen the wounds of the murders he is writing about. He makes the brilliant choice of actually moving his family into the house of the murder victims, where an entire family was

hanged by a tree in the backyard.

Everything starts to go wrong when he finds a box of Super 8 films and a projector in the attic. The films begin as harmless home videos, followed by entire families being murdered in their own homes. The grainy, amateur videos put a creeping terror into the audience that is hard to shake, even after the movie is over. Although these murders are not very bloody or violent, they are too realistic and domestic for comfort; there is something truly disturbing about seeing a mother, father and child being drowned in their own swimming pool or set on fire in the family car.

The horror of these videos doesn’t stop with just images either. While it is a staple of horror films for the audio to be the source of the scares, the score of “Sinister” goes a step further. The strange, unusual and undeniably creepy accompanying soundtrack burns the videos both into your mind’s eye and ear. “Sinister” may use forgettable horror movie clichés, but the videos are something you’ll never be able to forget once you see

them. If you don’t think you can stomach the home videos, don’t go — they’re shown frequently throughout and are a huge part of the plot of the film.

Don’t come if you can’t handle constant tension either. Unlike most horror movies that begin with an ordinary introduction of characters and locations or has safe moments in the daylight, “Sinister” never gives the audience a break. The tone is set from the first second of the film with the home video of a family being hanged. Even when chatting at the dinner table with the kids, the shadowy lighting all throughout the film gives the audience an impending sense of danger. Movies like “Paranormal Activity” tease you by leading you to expect something when nothing actually happens; “Sinister” makes you feel like something is always wrong.

In a way, something is always wrong: those videos can never been unseen by the protagonist, but you’ve seen them now too. The power of the supernatural comes from the viewing of the films, much like “The Ring,” and the audience is part of the

viewing too.

“Sinister” is a well-made horror movie for using cinematography together with content to keep the audience constantly uneasy. Amateur murder videos, a reappearing demonic figure and a haunted house would satisfy horror movie demands. But “Sinister” makes every scene an ominous one by lighting only what is necessary in a scene, leaving all the rest to shadows. Even a cheerful family dinner is creepy when only the table is lit, everything else hidden in darkness. The daytime isn’t much better when the house only seems to be lit by dim natural lighting, still casting shadows everywhere.

The creepy score plays on even when the videos end. Rarely does the music allow you to feel safe, like you’ve escaped the possibility of something terrible happening or that something isn’t about to startle you out of your wits at any second.

The plot may be predictable enough for the genre, but together with the dilemmas of the characters, it will keep you entertained as you try to solve

the mystery alongside the protagonist. You might guess how it ends, but it won’t stop you from being shocked when you see it. With many of its producers from “Paranormal Activity,” it blends the home video element together with the creepy, mystery-solving element of “The Ring,” to give the film a relevant plot that instills an uncomfortable sense of terror.

If you’re a brave soul, see it at night. You might be able to sleep, but that doesn’t mean you’ll be able to control what you see when you close your eyes.

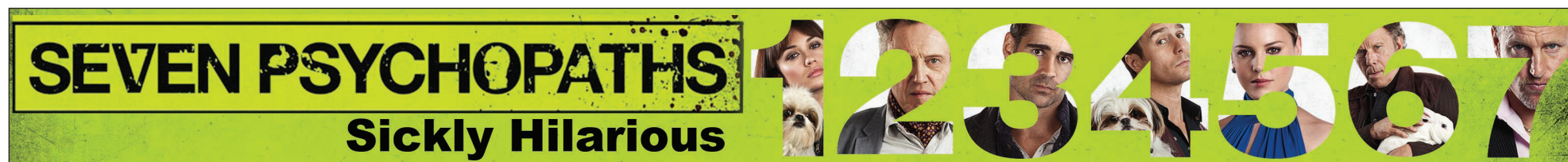
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“Sinister”

Director: Scott Derrickson

Studio: Alliance Films

Starring: Ethan Hawke, Juliet Rylance and James Ransone



By **KEVIN NOONAN**
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It’s violent, messy, vulgar, gruesome and side-splittingly hilarious.

“Seven Psychopaths,” a dark, dark, dark (seriously, it’s dark) British comedy from the mind of Irish playwright Martin McDonagh released October 12, is without a doubt the funniest, if strangest, film of 2012 so far.

Colin Farrell stars as Marty Faranan, an alcoholic Irish screenwriter living in California and dealing with a bad case of writer’s block.

His oddball friend Billy Bickle, brought to life (not just played) by Sam Rockwell, is devoted to inspiring Marty to finish his current project, an anti-action thriller titled “Seven Psychopaths.”

Billy is an unemployed actor whose main source of income is kidnapping the dogs of the wealthy and returning them for a reward. His partner in crime is Hans, played by Christopher Walken.

The three run into trouble when Billy accidentally kidnaps the Shih Tzu belonging to Charlie Costello, played by

Woody Harrelson, a gangster who kills just about anyone and everyone who gets in the way of getting his dog back.

The movie devolves into a sort of metaphysical tongue-in-cheek critique of the action movie genre, and then reverts to a shoot ‘em up for the climax, the results of which are in line with the dark undercurrents of the script.

This is McDonagh’s second outing as screenwriter and director of a feature film, following 2008’s “In Bruges,” also starring Colin Farrell. He’s no amateur, though, as he’s spent most of his career as a fulltime playwright, and is considered one of Ireland’s most important living writers.

His trademark sharp, witty, introspective and, of course, dark style shines through in “Psychopaths,” especially in his characters, which are wonderfully and colorfully developed.

It may be just a little sloppier than “In Bruges,” and the ending may leave just a little to be desired, but McDonagh is a master of the art and it shows.

The film succeeds mainly on the strength of the performances of Farrell, Walken and above all Rockwell. Thankfully Farrell



Photo courtesy of CBS Films

plays an Irish national, so audiences aren’t subjected to his infamously terrible American accent. He plays against type in this film, a subdued and observant writer instead of the more flamboyant character he’s used to. Walken also plays out of his normal comfort zone as well. In “Seven Psychopaths,” Walken is reflective and sentimental, straying away from what he’s done since the turn of the century.

The result is a fully-fledged enigma of a character, a religious man who mourns his dying wife and hides a violent and

dangerous past.

The other characters are also well-portrayed, especially Tom Waits as an aging serial killer who just wants to find his former serial killer girlfriend, but all are peanuts compared to Rockwell’s Billy Bickle.

The dog kidnapper is Patrick Bateman minus the pretentiousness and suits, plus a wickedly on-point yet entirely unintentional sense of humor.

The first three-quarters of the film set an extremely high bar that the climax fails to hit, but closes out well enough to make it

one of the best films of the year.

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“Seven Psychopaths”

Director: Martin McDonagh

Studio: CBS Films

Starring: Collin Farrell, Sam Rockwell, Christopher Walken



Indie Music Map: Philadelphia

Lizzy Schroff
Scene Writer

Welcome to Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love and the next stop on our Indie Music Map. As a Phillie Phanatic, I have a special place in my heart for Philadelphia. The city is full of rich history, having once been our nation's temporary capital and the site of many an important meeting on the road to independence and events soon after. It is also home to other wonderful things like the Liberty Bell, cheesesteaks and "Rocky." But let's hone in on the thriving indie music scene in this bustling city.

I have a soft spot for the ethereal and dreamy; I love getting wrapped up in lingering, echo-y vocals and synth beats and just forgetting about the 5 billion things that are going on around me. That's where Sun Airway comes in. Comprised of vocalist/guitarist/keyboardist Tom Barthmus (formerly of another Philly band, the A-Sides) and drummer Patrick Marsciell (also of the A-Sides), the band delivers a healthy dose of electronic pop for avid effects lovers. They released their sophomore album "Soft Palms" just this year, adding to their budding repertoire.

If you're looking for a more eclectic style, than Dr. Dog is the right band for you. Toby Leaman (bass guitar), Scott McMicken (lead guitar), Frank McElroy (rhythm guitar), Zach Miller (keyboard) and Eric Slick (drums) compose the band, with Leaman and McMicken alternating on lead vocals. Dr. Dog's style is highly influenced by 1960s pop, weaving in elements such as lo-fi and sounds reminiscent of 1990s era indie-pop. The band has two EPs and seven full-length albums under its belt, having released its most recent album, "Be the Void," in February of this year. Their prominence in the indie music world was kick-started when they toured as the opening band for My Morning Jacket in 2004. Dr. Dog provides listeners with a great mix of the retro, the psychedelic and the quirky with a well-rounded catalog of catchy and groovy tunes.

One of my personal Philadelphia favorites is Matt Pond PA. I first heard the band when they came to Legends here at Notre Dame in 2010 (I remember being super jealous of how effortlessly cool the female guitarist was). Since then, I can't get enough of their music. Matt Pond (lead vocals/guitar) has really been the consistent member throughout the many transitions the band has gone through, though Chris Hansen (guitar/vocals/keyboards) is also regarded as another core member. Matt Pond PA has released eight studio length albums and eight EPs. It seems of late, singers enjoy locking themselves up in remote cabins in the wilderness for musical inspiration (a la Bon Iver in his beloved Wisconsin woods). Matt Pond did the same for his 2010 release "The Dark Leaves." This idea must really be working, because the album is fantastic. It personifies Matt Pond PA's expansive sound that has featured everything from cellos to keyboard effects, with the right touch of backwoods flair that you would expect from an album conceived in the solitude of a country cabin. (I'm just waiting for Kanye's wilderness experience with a new release: "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Forest Oak Tree.")

Everyone loves a comeback story, and Wanderlust has the potential to be one of those comeback stories. The band originally formed and recorded in the mid-1990s but was dropped from its record label in the midst of recording its sophomore album. However, they reformed in 2011 and released their

album, Record Time this year. The power pop/alt rock group is comprised of lead vocalist and guitarist Scot Sax, guitarist Rob Bonfiglio, bassist Mark Levin and drummer Jim Cavanaugh. Wanderlust had achieved an avid following during their time in the 1990s, but will they do so again?

The War on Drugs is Sonic Youth meets Bob Dylan. Vocalist Adam Granduciel and former guitarist Kurt Vile (who now plays his own solo act) happened to meet at a party where they bonded over their love of Dylan's music. The band currently consists of Granduciel (vocals/guitar), David Hartley (bass/guitar), Robbie Bennett (keyboards/guitar) and Steven Urgo (drums/percussion), and has released two albums and two EPs to date. Their sound combines elements of shoegaze, alt rock, and touches of Americana, particularly in their earlier EPs. Dylan influences are evident in Granduciel's vocals and contemplative lyrics.

And for those who like candid, uncomplicated alternative rock, there's Blood Feathers. Formed in 2005, the group is comprised of founders Ben Dickey (vocals/guitar/piano) and Drew Mills (vocals/guitar), as well as Clay Simmons (bass), Patrick Marsciell (drums and also of above band Sun Airway), Sam Murphy (guitar) and Tracy Stanton (saxophone/percussion/keyboard). They have released two albums thus far, showcasing their rock-and-roll sound featuring bluesy guitar and touches of twangy folk.

On the playlist I have also included a few "bonus tracks": Dead Milkmen's "Punk Rock Girl" and "Gonna Fly Now" from "Rocky". "Punk Rock Girl" is a MTV hit that is just a great, upbeat, satiric post-punk song to jam out to and sing off-key. As far as "Gonna Fly Now" goes, if this song doesn't make you want to find a staircase to run up and make you feel like you could take on Apollo Creed, Mr. T and Ivan Drago at the same time, there is something seriously wrong ("Rocky" fans, you catch my drift).

And so we reach the end of our music tour of the City of Brotherly Love. If you ever happen to find yourself in Philadelphia, delve into the city's rich history, cheer on a Philly sports team and grab a soft pretzel while you explore a fantastic city. On to the next stop on our Music Map ...

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PHILADELPHIA PLAYLIST

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

The NFC is superior to AFC



Joseph Monardo
Sports Writer

The NFL is often praised for its parity. On any given Sunday every team is in jeopardy of losing, no matter who it lines up against.

But in this season, one disparity is undeniably present: the NFC stands head and shoulders above the AFC.

After seven weeks of football this fact is all but universally recognized, but the extent to which the National Football Conference's production thus far exceeds that of its American counterpart is stunning. In head-to-head matchups, the NFC is 19-9. Even more relevant, the division leaders in the NFC are undefeated out-of-conference at 9-0. The leaders in the AFC are 1-5 in such games. Expanding the sample size a bit, the records of the top two teams in each division show the disparity just as powerfully: Those in the NFC are 16-4 against the opposite conference while those in AFC are 5-9.

If the head-to-head records are not convincing enough, the popularized "eye test" can offer further evidence. How many legitimate Super Bowl contenders are there in the AFC? Among the consensus favorites from the AFC — New England, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Houston and Denver — only Houston looks like a convincing threat to take home the hardware. Of course, plenty of football remains to be played and any of these teams (and a few others) could put it together and make a run through the playoffs. But at this point in the season their deficiencies stand out just as prominently as their potential.

The Patriots (4-3), who have reigned on the top level of the NFL for most of the last decade, look anything but invincible. Having feasted on the likes of Tennessee and Buffalo and earning a single quality win over Denver at home, New England squeaked out a 29-26 victory in overtime against the Jets on Sunday. Their offensive statistics place them among the league's best in most categories, but the Patriot defense hasn't had much success stopping anybody. New England has allowed 163 points, more than all but two NFC teams but good enough for eighth in the AFC.

Baltimore's traditionally dominant defense has barely done better, having allowed 161 points through seven games. The Ravens (5-2) don't have an offense as potent as New England's to mask the lack of stopping power on the defensive side. Injuries — most notably to Ray Lewis and Lardarius

Webb — have hurt the birds, but they have a lot of work to do to become the league's best team.

Pittsburgh's offensive line woes represent the most significant concern for the Steelers (3-3) and the Broncos (3-3) struggle to run the ball consistently. Denver's average of 93.8 yards per game ranks 23rd in the NFL.

Houston (6-1) really does look to be a legitimate contender — and probably the favorite — for the Super Bowl. Arian Foster and Matt Schaub have struck a balance on offense, but the Texans' defense has been most impressive. J.J. Watt leads a group that has allowed only 128 points in seven games, second-best in the AFC.

With the Texans carrying the torch for all of the AFC, the NFC's top teams easily outshine the single bright spot. At this point in the season, the 49ers, Falcons, Packers, Bears and Giants have all made their case to be feared.

San Francisco's balanced attack and strong defense has the 49ers (5-2) leading Arizona and Seattle in a competitive NFC West. The Falcons (6-0) are have risen up and remain football's only undefeated team. The Dirty Birds have used Matt Ryan's veteran leadership — and ability to find superstars Julio Jones and Roddy White — to pull out close game after close game. Aaron Rodgers is back to tearing apart defenses at the helm of the Packers (4-3) in the NFC North. In the same division the Bears' defense has allowed only 78 points — by far the fewest in the league — and Chicago (5-1) has found ways to win despite inconsistency from Jay Cutler at quarterback (seven interceptions to eight touchdowns and a completion percentage of 56.7). The Giants (5-2) are in top form. But even if they weren't, nobody should doubt that New York is a Super Bowl contender after its repeated improbable title runs in recent years.

Maybe the Texans are better than all these teams. Or maybe one of the underwhelming AFC leaders will kick it into gear and ultimately capture the Lombardi Trophy. Maybe (probably?) some other team will steal the spotlight. Nobody can predict the future, especially in the NFL. But seven weeks of football have made it clear — the NFC teams are cut from a different cloth.

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NFL

Patriots prepare for London

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Before he plays at Wembley Stadium on Sunday, Patriots running back Shane Vereen wants to make a stop at Buckingham Palace.

"I just want to see the soldiers outside of the Palace that can't smile," a smiling Vereen said Tuesday. "I just want to take a picture."

And then he'll play for the usually dour coach Bill Belichick in New England's second trip in four years to London where they'll face the St. Louis Rams.

"The time change, the travel — that's certainly different than most normal games," Belichick said, "but it's not anything we haven't dealt with before. We've traveled to the West Coast. We're just going the other direction. Hopefully, we'll be able to deal with it."

The Patriots went to London in 2009, beating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 35-7, but most players on that New England team won't be with this one when it travels across the Atlantic Ocean on a red-eye Thursday night.

For Vereen, in his second NFL season, it will be his first trip to Europe.

"I'm excited to go, see what it's all about and be able to play somewhere else, but at the same time we do have to go get a 'W,'" Vereen said, adding, "I think it's fun" more than the inconvenience of making a long trip in the middle of the season.

"I think it will be a good thing for us. I think it will be a good thing for St. Louis as well," he said. "Middle of the season, you kind of start getting into the lull, the every-day routine. So



Patriots running back Shane Vereen celebrates his touchdown in a 31-21 win over the Broncos on Oct. 7 in Foxborough, Mass.

to break the routine a little bit and get to go out of the country, I think will be something fun."

Injured safety Steve Gregory, who missed the last two games with a hip injury, visited London with the San Diego Chargers in 2008 and is looking forward to another trip.

"It was a great experience," he said. "Obviously, I had never been there before so to see London, the overall experience, was just amazing."

As far as his off-field plans, Gregory joked that he would see Queen Elizabeth, "if she'll let me."

Running back Stevan Ridley, asked about visiting the queen, said, "Hey man, if she calls, yeah."

Placekicker Stephen Gostkowski, who made the 2009 trip, said, "It was a lot of fun and we got a win and hopefully it will be the same experience. It's

a long trip but it's not too much farther than like when we went to Seattle (Oct. 14). So, it will be a good experience if we play well and can come home with a win."

As far as what he might like to do this time, Gostkowski said, "I doubt we'll really have time to really enjoy . go sightseeing, maybe take a tour bus, I don't know. They haven't told us the schedule yet. It will be fun if we win and we'll have a good time."

The Wembley Stadium field hasn't gotten great reviews.

"Every field is different, you get used to it," Belichick said. "It's a grass field. It's not the fastest field but we've played on plenty comparable to that. It's a little different environment out there. They do the soccer cheers and the rugby cheers and all that.

"It's a little less football-oriented."

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Belles split weekend matches

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's split a pair of contests Saturday, dropping a 3-1 decision to Olivet before bouncing back to beat Finlandia 3-1.

Despite starting well against the Comets, the Belles eventually lost the closely contested match to their conference foe.

"We came out really strong [against] Olivet on Saturday," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "The first set was a great team per-

and play well together. It was also good to get the win."

The Belles now face another quick turnaround, traveling to Alma tonight for an MIAA match. The contest is one of three conference matches left on their schedule.

"We will need to hit well versus Alma," Kuschel said. "We will need to serve tough and eliminate our errors to get the win."

A Belles victory will move them into a tie for fourth place

"We are extremely proud of our team accomplishments so far."

Toni Kuschel
Belles coach

formance. In the third and fourth set we had a hard time adjusting to what we saw happening. We also did not hit well as a team."

Although Saint Mary's did not win, Kuschel praised one of the team's leaders.

"[Sophomore middle hitter] Melanie Kuczek had a great performance on Saturday with 12 kills and 6 blocks," she said. "We will be looking for more of the same from her going into this week versus Alma."

The Belles had a quick turnaround after the loss to Olivet, taking on Finlandia immediately afterward. The non-conference match provided everyone an opportunity to play, and helped Saint Mary's bounce back from the previous loss.

"Everyone got a chance to play on Saturday [against] Finlandia," Kuschel said. "It was great to see our freshmen go into the match

in the conference, good for a spot in the MIAA tournament.

"We want to go into this match [against] Alma and get back to playing the level of volleyball that we are capable of," Kuschel said. "Our ball control was just not there this past week and we are working very hard to make some improvements going into this very tough week of volleyball."

A place in the tournament would be a first for the Belles under Kuschel.

"We are extremely proud of our team accomplishments so far and it would be great to finish out our season playing the way we know we are more than capable of," Kuschel said.

The Belles take on Alma tonight at 7 p.m. in Alma, Mich.

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MLB

Catcher Posey leads Giants

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — On a team known for stellar pitching, bushy beards and quirky personalities, the unquestioned leader of the San Francisco Giants is their understated catcher, Buster Posey.

From his prowess behind the plate, shepherding the staff through its ups and downs, to the bat that won the National League batting title, Posey is the biggest reason the Giants are back in the World Series for the second time in his three big league seasons.

"I'd hate to think where we would be without him," manager Bruce Bochy said. "The numbers, they speak for themselves. But also his leadership on this club. We saw what life was without him last year. ... I don't know a player that's made a bigger impact on a club than what he has on our club. He's just a tremendous talent. We're lucky to have him."

Posey has returned from a horrific, season-ending injury in 2011 to the top of the sport this year: starting All-Star catcher, batting champion, likely NL Most Valuable Player and World Series trip.

It's a remarkable story that Posey even made it back on the field this year, much less performed the way he did. It was his devastating injury that derailed the Giants' repeat hopes a year ago and led many to question whether Posey should ever catch again.

In May 2011, Posey broke a bone in his left leg and tore three ankle ligaments when bowled over at the plate by the Florida Marlins' Scott Cousins.

"I was excited just to be back on the field at the start of the season," Posey said Tuesday. "I definitely appreciate this year just as much if not more. When I was here in 2010 it seemed like everything happened really, really fast. This year I had the chance to understand the difficulty of a long season and the ups and downs you have over the course of the year. It's something you want to enjoy while you're doing it and soak up every minute of it."

Sam Francisco never really recovered from that blow and was unable to make it back to the postseason last year without its star catcher.

But his presence at the start of spring training this year set the tone for the entire season in San Francisco. He batted .336 to become the first catcher to win the NL batting title since the Boston Braves' Ernie Lombardi in 1942.

"For what he has been doing behind the plate for us has been tremendous all year," ace Matt Cain said. "He has done such a great job from coming back from last year's injury to doing what he's doing this year. I don't think you can really put it into words



Giants second baseman Marco Scutaro reacts as catcher Buster Posey scores during San Francisco's Game 7 win Monday against the Cardinals.

what he's done. Not a lot of guys could do what he's done. That's a special talent."

Posey added 24 homers, 39 doubles and 103 RBIs while managing the pitching staff and dealing with the wear and tear of crouching each night behind the plate and absorbing the foul tips and balls in the dirt that making catching such an arduous chore.

Bochy spelled Posey a bit by giving him 29 starts at first base, but both the Giants and Posey are adamant his future is behind the plate.

"We really treated him with kid gloves there early, and as we got deeper into the spring training I got more and more comfortable with how much he could catch," Bochy said. "This game is not that easy, especially when you miss as much time as he did last year and yet it didn't take him long to get into the flow of the game, get his timing at the plate and get back to handling the pitching staff."

Posey has been far from his best this postseason as teams have often tried to pitch around him in key spots to face his less dangerous teammates. He batted .178 the first two rounds with two homers and six RBIs, but it was his grand slam that broke open the clinching Game 5 of the division series.

And now he's back in the World Series.

With his boyish looks and supreme talent, Posey is almost a Bay Area version of New York Yankees great Derek Jeter, both heralded first-round picks who helped restore tradition-rich franchises to greatness.

They both won Rookies of the Year and World Series titles in their first seasons, quickly earning the respect of their veteran teammates. Both made it back to the Fall Classic in year three.

Each manage to avoid controversy while being his team spokesman.

"Buster is so professional about how he goes about his business," Bochy said. "There is a calmness about him, about the way he plays, very well prepared. He has the ability to slow down the game, and I think he leads by example on how he prepares and how he plays, and how he handles himself. So he's definitely a leader in this ballclub and guys feed off him."


Posey is the face of the franchise and far different from the last position player to hold that title in San Francisco. He is quintessential anti-Barry Bonds, quickly turning any praise toward him to his teammates even if they may be less deserving. He was even one of the most outspoken Giants criticizing teammate Melky Cabrera this summer when the outfielder got suspended for testing positive for testosterone.

"The more you've played it's a little bit easier to be a leader," Posey said. "I try to help guys any way I can. I want to contribute whether it's pointing something out you might see that somebody is doing or whatever."

When he was called up as a rookie, there were questions about how he called a game compared to veteran Bengie Molina. But he quickly earned the trust of most of the staff, although Tim Lincecum and Barry Zito threw primarily to backup Hector Sanchez this season.

"We work really well together," starter Ryan Vogelsong said. "He's real easy to work with. He's got a good idea of what he wants to do back there, and he's got a pretty good idea what I want to do on my end. He's great. He's one of the best I've ever thrown to."

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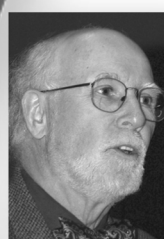
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Belles fall to Scots in MIAA matchup



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Belles sophomore defender/forward Abby Garcia dribbles forward during Saint Mary's 1-0 overtime loss to Calvin on Sept. 27.

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Writer

The Belles gave up two quick goals in the first four minutes of action Tuesday against Alma and ended up losing to the Scots (11-5-2, 8-4-2 MIAA) 2-0 in a pivotal conference clash.

"This definitely was a tough loss," Saint Mary's sophomore goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum said. "We are all upset and bitter because we know we could have won that game. This game might have pushed us up a bit in the standings, but it won't change our mindset for the rest of the games. We are going to carry these feelings into these next games to help us get the wins we need."

Alma sophomore forward Mackenzie Smith found the back of the net just 54 seconds into the game with an unassisted goal. Smith, who leads the Scots with 11 goals this season, doubled her money at the 3:21 mark when she headed home a cross inside the penalty area from junior midfielder/forward Taryn Handyside. Rosenbaum said the Belles (11-4-2, 8-4-1) were shell-shocked by the early strikes from Smith, but they put them in the rearview mirror and moved forward.

"We all were stunned after the first goals, but we put them in the past and just tried to play our game," Rosenbaum said. "Once we started connecting our passes and settled down a bit, we were able to put more pressure on their defense and take more shots."

Saint Mary's responded by outshooting the Scots 15-13, including 6-5 on goal. But Alma withstood the Belles' second-half surge, as sophomore goalkeeper Morgan Waier recorded six saves en route to her third clean sheet of the season.

"The first half was a rough half, but by the time the second half rolled around we were connecting more passes and working the ball down the field," Rosenbaum said. "After the goals, our offense knew that the only way to score was to shoot the ball and that's just what they did. We outshot Alma in the second half, but

unfortunately none fell in the net."

Despite the loss, the Belles still find themselves positioned in the thick of the conference postseason race. The top four teams in the MIAA advance to the conference tournament to determine which team advances to the NCAA tournament. Saint Mary's sits in fourth place with 25 points after the loss. Hope and Alma sit one point higher in a tie for second place. Rosenbaum said the Belles are still confident in their ability to qualify for the MIAA Tournament.

"This was definitely a tough loss, but we still have three more games to prove that we belong in the conference tournament," Rosenbaum said. "I have high hopes for us and know that we can [win] those [games]."

Saint Mary's gets another chance to shake things up at the top of the MIAA standings when it battles Hope (11-4-2, 8-3-2) on Thursday. The Belles defeated the Flying Dutch 1-0 Oct. 6. Rosenbaum said Saint Mary's will be looking for a similar result Thursday.

"I have very high expectations for us against Hope on Thursday," Rosenbaum said. "Hope might be ranked higher than us, but I know we are good enough to beat them. Standings, records, statistics, and everything else go out the window when that whistle blows."

Before the game, Saint Mary's celebrated Senior Day and honored midfielder Maddie Meckes, defender Meaghan Daly and midfielder Ashley Morfin.

"It was great to honor and recognize our seniors for everything they have done for Saint Mary's and us," Rosenbaum said. "They put in so much time and effort over the past four years and it's paying off [this season]. We will miss all three of them, but wish them the best of luck with life after graduation."

The Belles square off with the Flying Dutch Thursday at 7 p.m. in Holland, Mich.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY | BROOKS INVITATIONAL

Saint Mary's places 28th

By **LAURA COLETTI**
Sports Writer

The Belles scored 751 team points and placed 28th at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Brooks Invitational on Oct. 13. No. 6 Calvin won the event with a team score of 91.

Junior Jessica Biek paced the Belles with a time of 23:31.50, good for a 74th-place individual finish in a field of 500 runners.

The team faced adversity at the beginning of the meet in the form of bad weather. Race officials were initially unsure if the runners could safely compete.

"The Brooks Invite was a very interesting race this year," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. "The start was pushed back due to bad storms. Crazy enough, the women ended up starting their race two minutes after the start of the men's race, as the race directors felt like there was a window of time to safely get the race in. As a result, we were all a little off schedule, first waiting to start and then being told we were going

earlier. It worked out and the race was great, but it definitely made it more of an adventure."

Saint Mary's was able to work through the kinks, and as a whole, ran a race that pleased Bauters.

"Overall, I was pretty pleased with the team's performance, even though it seems like the times have not improved," Bauters said. "While I was hoping for some faster times, they are very similar to the other team's performances."

Bauters said when comparing results from the MIAA Jamboree on Sept. 21 to the Brooks Invitational,

think it did impact some of the overall time performance," Bauters said.

Sophomore Samee Chittenden finished behind Biek with a time of 24:52:30 and set a new collegiate 6-kilometer personal record to go along with her 222nd-place individual finish.

The squad will now turn their attention toward the MIAA championships this weekend.

"In preparation for championships, I'm feeling very confident in our team's ability to put out their best performances of the season," Bauters said. "We had

"Overall, I was pretty pleased with the team's performance."

Jackie Bauters
Belles coach

times from other conference members also did not improve. She attributed the lack of improvement to the adverse weather conditions at the Brooks Invitational.

"The course was so wet and full of puddles that I

a productive fall break and put in quality miles."

The Belles will race in the MIAA championships on Saturday in Albion, Mich.

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SMC SWIMMING | MIAA RELAYS

Young team opens season

By **ISAAC LORTON**
Sports Writer

The Belles launched their 2012-13 season Friday night at the non-scoring MIAA Relays at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Belles coach Mark Benishek said he was pleased with how well the team competed.

"We had some great swims at the conference relay meet," Benishek said. "There were strong swims across the board. We are on track and ahead of schedule compared to last year."

Seniors Liz Palmer, Ellie Watson and freshman Paige Handy put forth strong performance. The trio placed fourth in the 1500 freestyle relay with a time of 17:20.17.

"I'm excited about what I see out of [Palmer, Watson and Handy]," Benishek said. "They swam very well in their relay."

The Belles also made a splash in the diving portion of Friday's events. Freshman Andrea Canacci became the first-ever diver to compete for Saint Mary's. Assistant coach Ping Tong instructs Canacci.

"We have a diver this year, so we get points no matter what in that category," Benishek said. "We have never before had a diver. [Andrea] is

making great strides. [Tong] said she is continuously improving and getting better."

Four Belles relay teams took sixth place on Friday. Palmer, Watson and seniors Liz Litke and Kristyn Gerbeth finished in 2:27.31 in the 200-meter breaststroke relay. Litke, sophomore Sarah Thompson and freshmen Carolyn Neville and Emily Brown recorded a time

Benishek said he liked the performances of his first-year swimmers.

"With about half of our team being freshmen, it was good to see them swimming well in their first meet," Benishek said.

Benishek said the Belles will continue to work on the basics.

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Mark Benishek
Belles coach

of 5:02.04 in the 500-meter freestyle relay. Gerbeth, Litke, Watson and senior Genevieve Spittler finished in 2:01.23 in the 200-meter butterfly relay. Brown, Gerbeth, Litke and freshman Megan Knobloch recorded a time of 1:08.54 in the 100-meter breaststroke relay.

Saint Mary's 15-person roster contains seven freshmen.

some more strength and work on [cardiovascular conditioning]," he said. "These are things every team works on and it's what we build upon."

The Belles will compete in their first scoring meet against Albion in Albion, Mich., on Friday.

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MEN'S GOLF | GEORGETOWN INTERCOLLEGIATE

Irish finish two shots behind champion Toledo



ASHLEY DACY | The Observer

Irish junior Andrew Carreon watches his shot during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic at the Warren Golf Course on Oct. 9. Notre Dame finished tied for eighth and Carreon tied for 15th in the individual standings.

By **CORY BERNARD**
Sports Writer

The Irish came up just short in their final tournament of the fall season in Beallsville, Md., on Tuesday. Notre Dame finished in second place at the Georgetown Intercollegiate, two shots behind tournament champion Toledo.

The Irish began the final round trailing the Rockets by one stroke. Notre Dame fired a five-over-par team score of 289 in the third round, but Toledo edged the Irish with a four-over-par 288. Overall, Notre Dame finished with a 13-over-par

team score of 865. Penn State fired a 19-over-par 871 to finish in third place.

Irish coach Jim Kubinski said he like the way his team finished the first half of the season.

"The main thing — and I really praised the guys when they finished up today — they got better every tournament," he said. "Not necessarily — I think the scores were actually probably better, too — but just in the things that coaches want to see at this point in the year: their comfort level, the decisions they're making, their confidence, being able to bounce back, all those things that you

want to see as we head into the spring. I think we gained some really good momentum and, again, we got better every tournament and that was important to me this fall."

Although the Irish didn't win the tournament, they did prove themselves capable of beating good competition. They bested Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic champion Michigan State on Tuesday.

"You know, it was kind of neat, Michigan State won our home tournament a couple of weeks ago ... but we ended up gearing up with them today face-to-face and we just

took them down pretty good," Kubinski said. "You know, I think we are going to be a good team."

In order to become a good team, each Irish golfer will have to work on specific elements of his game during the offseason. Kubinski said the coaching staff will develop specific plans for each golfer to work on during the winter.

"We will put together some individual plans," Kubinski said. "Everybody has a little something different. For instance, I think [junior] Niall [Platt] — who we went into the fall thinking would be our

No. 1 player — he's probably about third in scoring average or so; so, you know, putting, he wants to get his putting confidence back. Everyone will have a little different plan. We'll sit down in the next week and put that together, and we've got, essentially, four months before we start competing again in early March."

Notre Dame will take a break from competition before returning to action at the Fighting Irish Match Play in Hilton Head, S.C., on March 11.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS | MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIP

Sanders loses in singles final

By **KATIE HEIT**
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After entering the USTA/ITA Midwest Regional Championships as an underdog, junior Britney Sanders fell in the singles final to No. 12 Kate Turvy of Northwestern 6-4, 0-6, 6-4.

Sanders, who entered the tournament as the No. 98-ranked singles player, was not expected to be as successful as she was. Nevertheless, Sanders battled her way into the finals. She managed to stay in the match with Turvy, claiming every game in the second set and falling by only two games in the other sets.

"I am happy with my performance this week," Sanders said. "Every match I feel like I got better and better. I still have a lot to improve on, but I think this was a good tournament for me."

This match marked Sanders' first singles loss of the fall season. Sanders said she still has a few things to work on going into the remainder of the fall season.

"I have an aggressive game

style," Sanders said. "I like to hit a lot of winners but sometimes I go for too much and end up missing. I need to learn to stay patient and attack when the time is right."

Sanders said she believes her success this week will allow her to be a better leader to the less experienced girls throughout the season.

"I hope my success this tournament gives my teammates more confidence," Sanders said. "I was an underdog and I made it to the finals. I hope it shows them that it doesn't matter who their opponent is, as long as they work hard and fight for every match they can win."

Due to her success in this tournament, Sanders will be eligible for a bid in the USTA/ITA Indoor Championships on Nov. 8th.

The Irish will be in action as once more Nov. 9th as the team divides, sending some to the Lakewood Ranch Invitational and the Western Michigan Invitational.

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SMC GOLF | MIAA END OF SEASON JAMBOREE

Belles finish on high note

By **PETER STEINER**
Sports Writer

Following a disappointing first half of the fall season, the Belles finished their conference schedule on a high note. Saint Mary's placed second at the MIAA End of Season Weekend Jamboree on Oct. 11 and 12 at the Bedford Valley Country Club in Battle Creek, Mich.

The second-place finish in the End of the Season Jamboree combined with its first-place finish at the Adrian Jamboree on Oct. 6 moved Saint Mary's past Calvin into second place in the final MIAA standings.

"I think we've started to scratch our potential," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "Everyone is getting used to playing college golf and we were actually in a little bit of a slump and so we've just started to scratch the surface ... It was a good note to end on."

After the first day of play, the Belles were tied for second with Calvin as both teams shot a score of 340. But Saint Mary's pulled away on the second day, carding another 340 while Hope turned in a team score of 356. The Belles' second round was especially impressive because they admirably dealt with

terrible conditions, Hamilton said.

"The main test was the second day where the conditions were about as bad as you can imagine," Hamilton said. "I honestly don't I've played or coached in worse conditions than what we had. It was about 39 degrees, windy and rainy. I was very proud of the way our team hung in there."

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"Inch by inch we work on getting better throughout the fall."

Mark Hamilton
Belles coach

day. So I was very proud of how they performed and hung in there because there were a lot of players and teams that were going the other direction, having a hard time competing."

Junior Paige Pollak led the way for the Belles, placing third overall in the tournament with a two-day score of 163. Sophomore Janice Heffernan also cracked the top ten, finishing seventh with a score of 169. Freshmen Amanda Graham and

Claire Boyle and junior Justine Bresnahan rounded out the top five for Saint Mary's.

"Paige struggled a little bit earlier in the season and she started to find some form the last couple of rounds of the year, which I knew she would do," Hamilton said. "She was one of the players that was slumping a little bit ... Shooting 80 on the last day was quite a special round."

After finishing among the top 12 MIAA golfers, Bresnahan, Heffernan, Graham and Boyle were all named to the All-MIAA Second Team.

Saint Mary's now looks ahead to their spring schedule, during which they will compete in three 18-hole rounds to decide which teams will compete in the 2013 Division III championships. Hamilton knows all the hard work his team put in this fall season will pay off come May.

"Inch by inch we work on getting better throughout the fall," he said. "We know that we are never quite where we want to be until we get to May. We have some younger players going through the adjustments and starting to see some of the fruits of their labor."

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Clark

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is starting particularly, but I think he really cares about every single person on the team and he kept me motivated to get back even though I wasn't having a chance of playing that year."

Dike rebounded in a big way during his first season back with the team in 2008 by registering a team-leading 29 points off 12 goals and five assists and starting all of Notre Dame's 21 contests. He raised his game once again for his senior campaign in 2009, earning recognition as the Big East Offensive Player of the Year after scoring 11 goals and adding four assists in 13 starts.

Dike said the support Clark provided him during and after his redshirt season represented the program as a whole.

"I think beyond [being] soccer players they are just good people on and off the field," he said. "There are so many guys that I think will be friends [of mine] for the rest of my life. I really felt that the chemistry of the group — I think that speaks of the coaching staff and Bobby Clark and the people he recruited. You know, he recruited good people just like himself and I think we all were playing for each other. And I think in a professional environment and a competitive environment, it's really hard to find that chemistry [we had]."

During his career in an Irish uniform Dike took the pitch 86 times and made 38 starts, but his performance in Alumni Stadium's first-ever soccer game on Sept. 1, 2009 stands out most prominently to the Oklahoma native.

"It was probably the first game we played at Notre Dame on the new pitch. We played Michigan for the season opener and I had a hat-trick in that game all in the second half," Dike said. "So that was a really memorable game for us, for me."

After going 12th in the 2010 MLS SuperDraft to the Columbus Crew, Dike has played with the Timbers in the MLS since 2011. He returned from his torn Achilles

just four months after suffering the injury, which normally carries a recovery period of six to nine months. This year Dike has four goals in 11 appearances and has made eight starts, all coming in the last 10 games. In a span of eight games stretching from Aug. 19 to Sept. 29 Dike registered all four of his season's goals and barely missed adding three more.

"I think I have hit the post three times so I am just inches away from having seven [goals]," Dike said. "You talk about the difference between four [goals] in eight [games] and seven in eight. You see how close you are, and it is just inches of focus to make you a better player and that is definitely driving me forward to make me a better player."

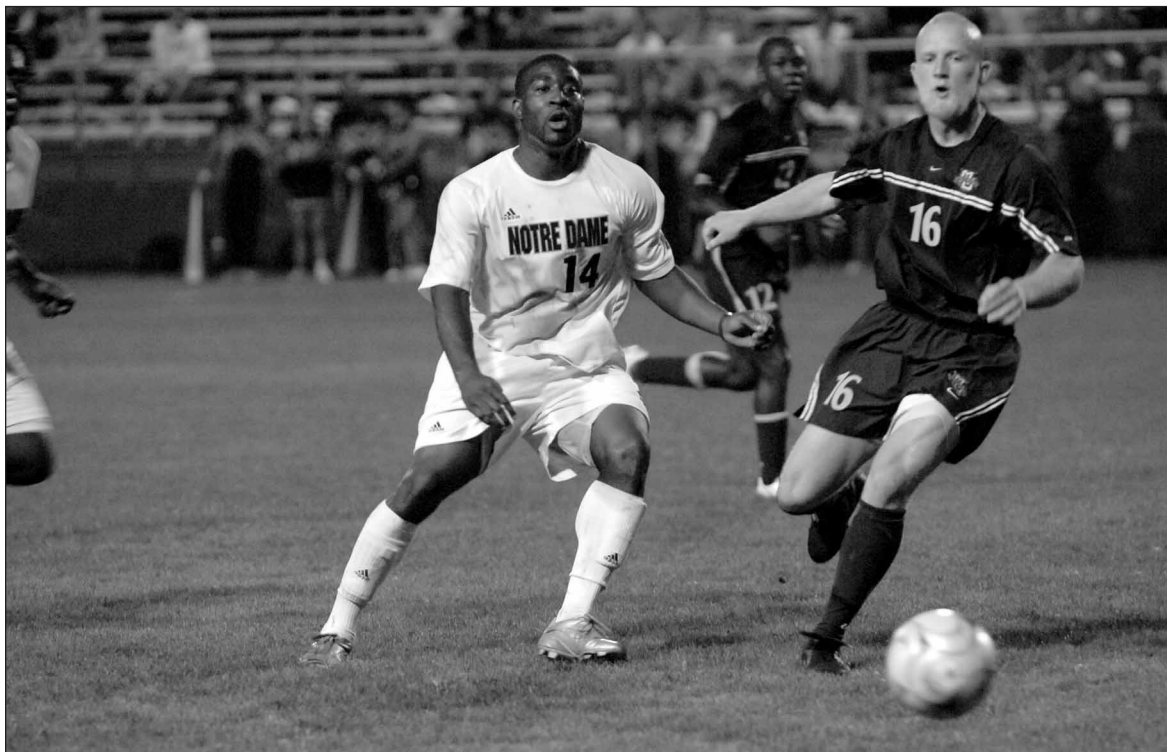
Dike is one of the catalysts on a Timbers team that captured the 2012 Cascadia Cup, which is awarded to the team among the Timbers, the Vancouver Whitecaps and the Seattle Sounders with the best record in head-to-head

"I am thankful for Notre Dame for a lot of things. For me it created so many wonderful moments and memories ... there are so many great experiences from Notre Dame that I will cherish for my whole life."

Bright Dike
Timbers forward

matchups. Although Portland (8-16-9) failed to qualify for the playoffs, the team went 3-1-2 against its regional rivals. The Timbers concluded their competition for the Cup on Sunday with a 1-0 win over Vancouver — a game in which Dike started and played 85 minutes.

Dike said he enjoys playing in front of the Timbers' home crowd in Portland, especially the supporters group "Timbers Army," which executes the "cutting of the log" after every Timbers goal.



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Former Irish forward Bright Dike battles a defender for the ball during a game against Marquette on Sept. 11, 2008. Dike now plays for the Portland Timbers of the MLS.

Seven of the squad's eight wins have come at home this season, with the only away victory being the most recent one against the Whitecaps.

"I think we definitely have one of the most exciting, if not the most exciting atmosphere, in the MLS," the forward said. "I think there is a good history here. I mean, soccer has been around this city for a long time. The fans are wonderful, I think they really appreciate soccer in this state. And we have a good tradition with the cutting of the log so it is just a great atmosphere. We sell out pretty much every game that we have. It's just really a great fan base to play for."

Now performing admirably in the MLS, Dike said he still carries with him much of the advice received from Clark as a student-athlete at Notre Dame.

"I think he is responsible for a lot of how I play now and a lot of the ideas I have in my head," Dike said. "I think he is just a really good soccer brain and a really good teacher ... A lot of things he has taught me are stuck in my head and I still think about it all every day. I still talk to him every couple of weeks and hear some of his thoughts on things, hear about his life and hear about how things are going up there. I think he is just a good soccer teacher ... he knows how to communicate with his players and motivate his players. He creates belief in yourself, you know? And that belief in yourself only gets stronger learning from him. So I think a lot of credit for my success is due to him, too."

This year's Irish squad has impressed Dike, who has enjoyed following Notre Dame since his departure. Notre Dame (12-3, 4-2 Big East) is currently tied for third in the conference's Blue Division.

"From what I hear, they are just playing as a team," Dike said. "It's just what I said — that's the one thing that is really hard to find in a competitive environment: to find

a team that the chemistry is as good as it can be. I think

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Bright Dike
Timbers Forward

they have out there a true team playing for each other and playing together, and I don't think that's really as easy as people think. I think that's probably the biggest reason for their success."

His continued interest in the team is indicative of Dike's fond memories from his time at Notre Dame. From a five-year span filled with notable events and achievements, one of the most notable memories

came at the very end of Dike's time as a student when he briefly met President Barack Obama.

"That was when we graduated, my year of graduation, 2009," Dike said. "I was in the front row so I got to meet the president, shake his hand as he was walking by and have a small quick chat with him. But that's just an amazing experience and I think Notre Dame is just a really good school. I am thankful for Notre Dame for a lot of things. For me it created so many wonderful moments and memories in my life. [Meeting the president], freshman year we got to go to Brazil with the soccer team and play over there — there are so many great experiences from Notre Dame that I will cherish for my whole life."

Dike and the Portland Timbers will conclude their season Saturday when they host the San Jose Earthquakes.

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Portland's Bright Dike, right, celebrates with teammates after a goal against Vancouver on Oct. 21.

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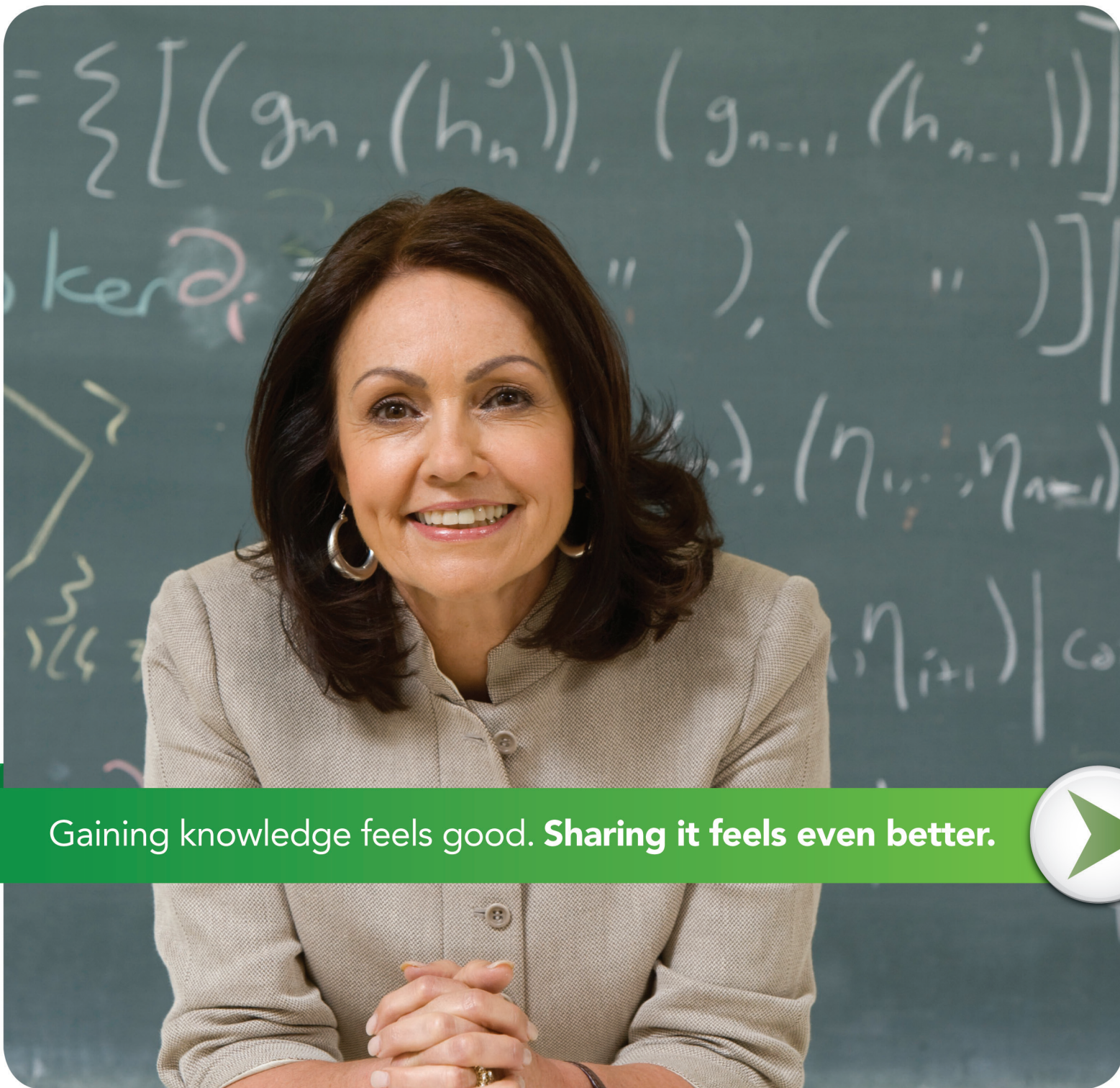
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performance and then we'll catapult it on to the next game," he said.

Marquette will be the sixth ranked opponent the Irish have played this season. Clark said the tough schedule Notre Dame has faced up to this point should help his squad against the Golden Eagles.

"It is a huge game for the team, but it's also a huge game for Marquette," Clark said. "But the nice thing is, for us, we've played in a lot of big games this year. The schedule that we've played ... we've played a lot of big games. So it's a big game, but I think this team has played a lot of big games this year, and that's one of the reasons that we play a very difficult schedule."

Senior forward Andy Huftalin leads Marquette in goals with nine, five more than the next highest players on the roster. Huftalin

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Bobby Clark
Irish coach

— much like Irish senior forward Ryan Finley, who leads Notre Dame with 14 goals — usually comes off the bench in Golden Eagle matches.

However, Clark said he doesn't see many similarities between Huftalin and Finley. He also said Marquette's results up to this point of the season cannot be attributed to just one player.

"I think [Huftalin is] a different type of player, but having said that, he's scored a lot of goals," he said. "They've got quite a few threats on set pieces. They're a good team. You don't create the record like they have on one player. They've got multiple scoring options. I think we've scored the most goals in the league, but they're right behind us, and they haven't given up goals. They're a well-balanced team, I don't think there's any question about that."

Notre Dame faces Marquette in the first of two matches this week at 7 p.m. tonight in Alumni Stadium.

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Kelly

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Jones, who will be making his 44th career start, has passed for 1,644 yards and 12 touchdowns with three interceptions. He has not been held to fewer than 222 passing yards in a game this season.

"He's gotten into a good rhythm," Kelly said. "He hasn't been disrupted very much. And I think, like most good quarterbacks, if you can get into a good rhythm and you're not disrupted, you're going to be pretty effective. You can see that's been the case."

Miami was the only team to pass for more than 200 yards against the Irish when they tossed for 201 yards Oct. 6.

The Sooners have been able to stretch the field against their opponents, racking up eight pass plays of 30 or more yards.

"We're quite aware of their ability to get vertical," Kelly said.

"And we take great pride in our ability to minimize those big plays. We're going to have to do that again on Saturday if we expect to win. If they can throw the ball over our head, it puts us in a very difficult situation defensively."

Saturday's game marks the first time since the Irish played USC in 2006 that top-10 Notre Dame will face a fellow top-10 opponent.

"This is why you coach at Notre Dame," Kelly said. "This is why you coach at those programs that get the opportunity to play in marquee games. There's an excitement but there's also a realization that that excitement only gets you so far. You've got to prepare well. You've got to be detailed and organized. And so in times like these, we get that. That's why we want to be here at Notre Dame."

Oklahoma has been dominant at home since Sooners coach Bob Stoops took over in



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Senior running back Theo Riddick runs away from defenders during Notre Dame's 17-14 victory over BYU on Oct. 20.

1999. The Sooners are 79-4 at home during that span, including 14-1 in Norman against ranked opponents.

"That's where we want to be," Kelly said. "I mean, we want that consistency. Year in and year out you know Oklahoma is going to be part of the conversation. And

that's where we want to get our football program. We're nowhere near that yet. We think we're moving in the right direction. We're trending the right way."

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Golson geared to go

Irish coach Brian Kelly names sophomore Everett Golson starting quarterback

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
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For the fourth consecutive week, the No. 5 Irish will have a different starting quarterback than the week before when sophomore Everett Golson takes the field for Notre Dame's showdown at No. 8 Oklahoma.

Golson passed a cardio test Monday and Irish coach Brian Kelly named him the starter for the game against the Sooners (5-1).

"We wanted to do that more because he hadn't had really the opportunity to get out there and run, and we didn't want to wait until Saturday where he's out there and we have some setbacks," Kelly said. "He's good and 100 percent, and he'll start for us against Oklahoma on Saturday."

The sophomore signal caller missed Notre Dame's 17-14 win over BYU with a concussion sustained during the Stanford game a week earlier. He was cleared to practice last Wednesday but Kelly elected to start junior Tommy Rees against BYU instead. Golson did not play.

Golson has thrown for 968 passing yards and four touchdowns and rushed for 81 yards and two scores.

The Sooners also employ a

two-quarterback system, but in a much different way than the Irish (7-0) do.

Senior Landry Jones is Oklahoma's clear-cut starter while sophomore Blake Bell adds a running dimension to the position. The Sooners have installed special "Belldozer" goal-line packages for Bell, who has eight rushing touchdowns on the season.

"If it's first and goal from the five, we're going to have a hard time keeping them out of the end zone," Kelly said. "If he's on the field, we're going to have to do something really extraordinary, because he's a tough guy to stop."

Oklahoma's offense has started to click following a 24-19 loss to then-No. 15 Kansas State, averaging 52 points in its last three games, including a 63-point outburst in a win over Texas.

"I think there's a confidence level," Kelly said. "You can see it in the receivers, the quarterback, and Landry has been very effective and efficient with the football. [They] made big plays. They're balancing their running game in there. Certainly their offense has evolved since the first week against UTEP to where they are today."

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Irish sophomore quarterback Everett Golson winds up to throw the ball during Notre Dame's 20-13 win over Stanford on Oct. 13. Golson will start against Oklahoma this Saturday.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish finish with tough test



JULIE HERDER | The Observer

Senior forward Kyle Richard kicks the ball during Notre Dame's 7-1 victory over Pittsburgh on Oct. 3.

By **SAM GANS**
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With only two games remaining until the start of the Big East championship, the No. 7 Irish close out the regular season with a crucial pair of games against No. 3 Marquette this week.

Notre Dame (12-3-0, 4-2-0 Big East) faces the Golden Eagles (14-1-0, 5-1-0) at

Alumni Stadium tonight and in Milwaukee, Wis., on Saturday.

The Irish currently sit tied for third in the Big East Blue Division, three points behind first-place Marquette. Only the top three teams in each division get byes in the Big East tournament, and the results from tonight and Saturday night will likely determine Notre Dame's

conference tournament positioning.

"It's quite incredible just how strong the Blue Division has been this year," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "I was just looking at the RPIs yesterday and there are actually five Big East teams in the top 11 in the country ... and actually four of these teams are in the Blue Division, which shows the tremendous strength of Big East soccer at the moment."

The games against Marquette will mark the only time in the regular season the Irish will play an opponent twice. Despite two games in such a short time frame against the same opponent, Clark said the Irish are only concerned with Wednesday's match.

"I think you've just got to focus early on Wednesday's game and then we'll hopefully put in a really good

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WAKING THE ECHOES | BRIGHT DIKE

MLS star thankful for his time at ND

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On a Friday night in Ventura, Calif., former Irish forward Bright Dike heard something snap in his right leg. The Portland Timbers signee went down in the preseason game being played on that night in February 2011 — one of the preparation games for the Timbers' first season in the MLS. After scoring 10 goals in Division II in 2010, Dike would head to the bench with a torn Achilles tendon as his team headed onto the biggest stage.

"It was really tough because here you are finally playing in the MLS where you wanted to, pretty much that's been one of my main goals the whole time I was at Notre Dame, you know, to get to the MLS level and be playing at that level," Dike

said in a phone interview with The Observer on Oct. 5. "To finally get there and to and then get an Achilles injury, that was really kind of devastating."

Dike suffered a notable setback in his Notre Dame career, as well. After moderate production in limited minutes during his first two years with the team, Dike redshirted his junior year due to personal reasons. Although Dike did not take the field during the 2007 season, he said he credits Irish coach Bobby Clark with making the experience a positive one.

"I just know that it was an unfortunate circumstance," he said. "But, at the same time [Clark] still made me feel like part of the team ... some coaches would have just only cared about who

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