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# **Declan Sullivan Memorial Fund helps youth**

Sullivan family selects Horizons for Youth foundation as beneficiary for memorial fund

#### **By MEGAN DOYLE** Managing Editor

Jocelyn. Emari. Alexander. DeJon. Micah. Sophia.

These children are just six students at the Chicago non-profit Horizons for Youth, which provides need-based scholarships, long-term one-on-one mentoring and enrichment programs to area children. These children are just six students among

Declan's 40, a group of new students admitted to the Horizons for Youth program because of support from the Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial Fund.

Declan Sullivan died October 27, 2010, after a video tower from which he was filming football practice fell. He was double-majoring in marketing and Film, Television and Theatre, and was a student videographer for the

football team. Saturday marked the second anniversary of his death.

Barry Sullivan, Declan's father, said the family wanted to put the outpouring of donations they received after his son's death to good use in their community. The Sullivan family established the Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial Fund and chose Horizons for Youth as its primary beneficiary last year.

"This was a kind of generosity, it caught us off guard," Barry said. "We sat down and we talked about the things that mattered to us as a family and the things that we knew were important to Declan, and we came up with a set of criteria for a memorial fund. It included education, supporting the local community, things that would have an immediate impact in the local community."

Horizons for Youth emerged as a perfect fit for the Sullivan family. The program's founders graduated from Benet Academy, where Barry and his wife Alison attended high school, and its address is right next door to Old St. Patrick's Church, where the couple was married and baptized all three of their children.

Most importantly, the

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Members of the Notre Dame community gathered at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart for Declan Sullivan's memorial Mass in Oct. 2010.



Declan's father Barry Sullivan blessed his son's memorial outside the Guglielmino Athletics Complex at the memorial's dedication ceremony in Oct. 2011.

**ELECTION 2012** 

### **Election ads slam candidates**

**By MADDIE DALY** News Writer

With the election right around the corner, it is impossible to turn on the television without seeing political campaign ads that often slam the opponent and provide little, if any, significant information.



The candidates spent ex-

out," he said. "It's become tious ads, each followed by like a prisoner's dilemma an immediate and aggres- in game theory. Each camsive denial, almost all of it paign has gone progressively more negative, only to be matched by the other.

# NDSP investigates forcible fondling

#### **Observer Staff Report**

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a weekend report of forcible fondling that occurred at a student-sponsored event in the late hours of Friday evening, according to an email alert sent to students Saturday. Forcible fondling is defined in the email as "the touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or, not forcibly or against that person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent

mental incapacity." The definition is legally established by federal law, cited in the email as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics or the

Marketing professor Joe Urbany said this election's ads are especially ineffective and confusing for voters.

"Negative advertising has an impact because it stands out from our natural tendency to view people in a positive light," he said.

ceptional amounts of money on ads that hardly hold real information and potentially lessen the quality of the campaign, Urbany said. They do not add much to a campaign and have not substantially helped either party.

"The irony this year with estimates of [more than] 80 percent of both parties' budgets spent on negative messages about the opponent — is that

The ad campaigns are cancelling each other out."

Voters receive mixed messages from the ads that may even contain false information, Urbany said.

"It is impossible to distinguish fact from conjecture from fiction," Urbany said.

Although it is common for politicians to speak in vague terms, Urbany said

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Clery Act.

The incident, which was reported to NDSP on Saturday, occurred in a building on the north side of campus where a studentsponsored event was taking place, the email stated.

"Forcible fondling ... and other sexual assaults can happen to anyone," the email stated. "Being aware of your own safety and watching out for your friends are important steps you can take to

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### What is one word to describe the ND vs. Oklahoma game?



Morgan Hankamer sophomore Pasquerilla West Hall "Epic."



**Dennis Lee** freshman Keenan Hall

"Divine."

**Anna Ruggirello** senior Lyons Hall "Relevant."



**Jumi Cadmus** iunior McGlinn Hall "Magical."

**Devin Velasco** 

freshman

"Te'o."

Dillon Hall

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**Patrick Meade** sophomore Carroll Hall "Electrifying."



Students and fans packed the Purcell Pavilion on Friday night for an NBA preseason exhibition game between the Chicago Bulls and Indiana Pacers. The Bulls beat the Pacers in a tight 97-90 contest.

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**"The Effective** Leadership" Carole Sandner Hall 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. An Irish perspective from Mary Hanafin.

Monday

#### Film: "Alotrolado, To the Other Side" Geddes Hall 7 p.m. Screening and panel discussion.

**BAVO Speaker** Student Center (SMC) 7 p.m. The Belles Against Violence Office hosts Debbie Riddle.

Art Dept. Fundraiser **Riley Hall** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Chili cookoff. Funds go to breast cancer screenings.

#### **Jewish religious** expression in **Byzantine Palestine** McKenna Hall 2 p.m.-7 p.m. Register online.

Wednesday

#### **"Know Your Rights as** an Author" Geddes Hall 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Lecture by Nick Shockey.

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Thursday

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open to the public.

#### **Readings from** Dante's "Divine Comedy" Campus-wide

Friday

2 p.m.-5 p.m. Public performance.

#### ND Chorale Concert

**DeBartolo Performing** Arts Center 8 p.m.-9 p.m. Renaissance to present-day works.

# **Students intern in fashion**

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

Sometimes work can be more than just tedious - perhaps even fashionable. Senior Miranda Peretti's internship this year serves as a learning experience and a fun activity that allows her to explore her interests in the fashion industry.

Peretti interns with Rent the Runway, an online company that allows customers to rent designer dresses and accessories for a fraction of the price. The company attracted her because of its unique method for girls to switch up their wardrobe frequently, Peretti said.

"With a roster of [more than] 150 top designers and 25,000 of the season's hottest dresses and 4,000 accessories, [Rent the Runway] is designer fashion delivered to your doorstep for a fraction of the price," she said.

According to the company's website, Rent the Runway offers high-quality products and individual customer service to each girl who rents a dress or accessory, because "users benefit from the expertise of professional stylists and the shared wisdom of like-minded fashion-forward members."

Peretti became involved with Rent the Runway after a conversation with Saint Mary's graduate and fellow Rent the Runway intern Brenna Lasky. After applying online, Peretti

was selected and began work in relation to goals for the right away.

"I began as the marketing rep this year, but became co-manager when one of our other comanagers stepped down," she said. "Brenna brought Rent the Runway to SMC last year and started our on-campus team. She also interned at the corporate office in New York this

> *"My favorite part"* about Rent the Runway is it combines two of my favorite topics, business and fashion."

Miranda Peretti senior

summer."

Peretti and her co-manager, senior Katie Thompson, oversee the promotion of Rent the Runway through various events at Saint Mary's. They are responsible for encouraging students to sign up to be members and borrow from Rent the Runway. The pair manages a team of five interns who brainstorm ways to increase business.

"We are the go-to people for team communication and also provide direction and leadership," Peretti said. "We also remonth."

For Peretti, this internship is a great way to gain experience in the professional world, but also to work in the fashion industry.

"My favorite part about Rent the Runway is it combines two of my favorite topics, business and fashion," she said. "I love getting the update emails of upcoming trends and new dresses [and] accessories that are available."

Despite her love of fashion and business, Peretti said there are still some obstacles she, Thompson and their team of interns must overcome in order to ensure the company goals are met.

"Our biggest challenge is advertising," she said. "We have to be creative to grab girl's attention, but we must still comply with Saint Mary's rules."

Regardless of any difficulties, Peretti said she is looking forward to the events she and Thompson have planned for this year.

"We plan on having several events on campus this year, including tabling, trunk shows and a fashion show," she said. "Trunk shows allow girls to try on various dresses while tabling helps to spread the word about the company."

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# **CLC discusses** diversity, inclusion

#### **By CAROLYN HUTYRA** News Writer

Dr. G. David Moss, a senior consultant in the Office of Student Affairs, updated Campus Life Council at its Friday afternoon meeting on progress in the department.

Moss said there is currently confusion on how to report acts of discrimination on campus, and his office is working on a one-place stop to report issues of "harassment, discrimination, sexual violence, sexual assault [and] sexual misconduct."

"We are hoping to have that in place this academic year," he said.

The Office of Student Affairs highlighted diversity for staff this year, and the department required additional diversity training for hall staff and multicultural commissioners. Moss said the First Year of Studies office also used training videos for first-year faculty members.

"Iris [Outlaw. director Student of Multicultural Programs and Services] has created a video that we can use to facilitate discussion." he said. "That will be the cornerstone of our work with residence halls and residence hall staff."

The video, coupled with engaging conversation, is necessary to improve upon the University's acceptance of diversity, Moss said.

"We want to celebrate diversity, [but] we don't want to do it in such a way that it creates wedges between people," Morrissey Manor rector Fr. Ron Vierling said. "I think we need to do a better job of preaching Catholic Social Justice based upon the first principle, which is human dignity."

One way to build up human dignity is through the residence hall staff, Moss said.



In order to accomplish this, Outlaw said the University should consider revamping its resident assistant selection process.

"Some institutions have a class that their [resident assistants] have to go through," she said. "Four to five hundred students apply, but they have to go through a semester-long course or a six-week course."

Such a class would help dissuade students from using the position as a resume builder, Outlaw said. Also, chosen resident assistants would form diversity programs during the class that they could implement in their dorms during the academic year.

Moss said the Student Affairs Office has already taken steps toward this goal, most recently by reviewing the websites of 70 departments and halls to make sure their online presences appear inclusive.

Moss is scheduled to attend an upcoming Undergraduate Studies council to discuss implementing a statement on all course syllabi that demonstrates the University's commitment to diversity. The clause would read similar to the sentence, "This class values inclusivity and diversity."

The office is also looking into the establishment of a new course, "Introduction to Cultural Competency," that may be required for all incoming freshmen in the future, Moss said. The class is currently going through a pilot stage with nineteen freshmen.

Moss said he wants to create more interest on the topic, and his office is looking for any opportunities to help progress the message of diversity.

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# Dining halls join meatless campaign

Office of Sustainability sponsors national program to promote healthy eating, nutritional awareness

#### By CLAIRE BRADY News Writer

Today marks the second week of Notre Dame Food Services' participation in Meatless Mondays, a nationwide campaign to encourage healthy, sustainable and cruelty-free dining.

Lisa Wenzel, assistant director of catering and special events at Food Services, said the movement aims to offer a wider range of meatless options, which she hopes will give students exposure to both new foods and new ideas.

The Monday Campaigns, a campaign that dedicates the first day of each week to health, and the Humane Society of the United States coordinated the movement, which is co-sponsored at Notre Dame by the Office of Sustainability.

"The Humane Society actually approached us first about starting Meatless Mondays" Wenzel said. "They introduced us to the concept, and we really liked its educational benefits and its benefits for nutrition and sustainability."

While the dining halls will continue to serve meat on Mondays, consistent with other universities implementing the program, Wenzel said it is important that students learn about the nutritional and environmental advantages of eating less meat. These include decreased rates of heart disease, obesity and several types of cancer, as well as a reduced carbon footprint and of course the promotion of animal welfare.

"You might not be worried [about the health risks] as students, but later in life, it's good to be aware of," Wenzel said.

In order to keep the new options appealing to students, Wenzel said the dining halls would try to serve meatless versions of familiar dishes, such as fajitas and burgers, along with some unique ethnic options.

"Last week we had vegetarian sliders, like veggie burgers and falafel burgers on a smaller scale, and people seemed to like them," she said. "It's all about having something you like and enjoying it without meat." Some meatless dishes in store at the dining halls today include portabella fajitas, along with goat cheese and asparagus pasta, quinoa rice corn cakes, savory vegetable pancakes and an Indian stew. In regards to the relationship between Meatless Mondays and the Catholic tradition of meatless Fridays, Wenzel said Monday was designated as the dining halls' day to incorporate less meat because of the support from the national program. The Monday Campaigns organization promotes various movements to make Monday a day of increased commitment to health because, at the beginning of the

week, it is a logical day for starting new habits and resolutions.

Meatless Fridays in Lent would continue unchanged alongside Meatless Mondays next semester, Wenzel said.

"Fridays in Lent will not go away. It's a separate thing," she said. "This is more of an educational campaign with national support."

Wenzel hopes students will embrace the opportunity to go meatless for a day, or at least sample some of the new meatless options.

"I would encourage people to give it a try," Wenzel said. "It's an opportunity for new experience and exposure."

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The Notre Dame dining halls are now participating in the national Meatless Mondays campaign to encourage healthy dining. An increased number of meatless options are available each Monday.

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## **ROTC battalion undergoes tactical exercises**

Navy ROTC Marine options join Notre Dame International Security Program Fellows in weekend training

#### **By NICOLE MICHELS** News Writer

Most members of the Notre Dame community woke up Friday morning looking forward to one last day of work before the weekend, but the Notre Dame International Security Program (NDISP) Fellows and the Marine options in the Navy ROTC battalion instead geared up for tactical exercises conducted at the Sherwood Forest paintball arena.

Friday's event marked the second time NDISP and the Navy ROTC Marine options have collaborated on this USMC Small Unit Tactics Seminar, Michael Desch, codirector of NDISP, said.

"The purpose was twofold: familiarize NDISP fellows with what goes on on the ground with a Marine squad, and to give the fellows and the Marine option cadets the opportunity to get to know each other in a non-academic environment," Desch said. "I hope we were able to combine national security education and a bit of fun."

Marine option platoon commander Mike McCormick said the ROTC program asks its cadets to participate in both physical and mental real-world simulations.

"We train to be leaders both with physical training to develop the requisite self-discipline, toughness and endurance, and we train for the moral and mental aspects of leadership through leadership positions within the unit and through exercises like tactical and ethical based decision games," he said.

McCormick said the first game called for the Marine options to assault a guarded fortress to retrieve two officers who were acting as high-value targets (HVTs).

"The Marine options arrived at Sherwood around 10:30 a.m., checked out



Navy ROTC Marine options trained with Notre Dame International Security Program Fellows at the Sherwood Forest paintball arena on Friday. The groups combined to complete a series of tactical exercises.

our own tactical exercises," McCormick said. "When NDISP arrived and got the equipment, we listened to a quick safety brief, and then the [Marine options] demonstrated the orders process and a HVT capture exercise."

McCormick said this was the most memorable part of the seminar.

"It demonstrated the difficulties caused by casualties and the importance of a succession of command and aggressiveness in overcoming casualties," McCormick said.

NDISP Fellow Peter Campbell said he was most impressed by the Marines' obvious training and communication.

"The thing that stands out in my mind was their amazing ability to work as a team, and their extensive training in this kind of operation and advance," Campbell said. "It was impressive to watch them work together, and to watch their communication and improvisation as the exercise unfolded."

Next, the NDISP fellows were organized into three squads and asked to complete the same HVT exercise, Campbell said.

"The first fire team [squad] took heavy casualties and got pinned down very soon equipment, walked over the in our operation, so we had

said. "Myself and the other amazing members of fire team two had to decide enter the building on our own and had to compete the mission with a hasty plan that we developed on the fly." Campbell said his fire team took the two HTV officers by surprise when the squad reached them.

"I think in some ways we surprised them, they didn't know we were coming in the front door, and we went in

> "We train to be *leaders both* with physical training to develop the requisite self-discipline, toughness and endurance and we train for the moral and mental aspects of leadership."

Mike McCormick platoon commander Marine option NROTC

the front door, up the stairs and onto the balcony without them even knowing," he said. "There's such a strong element of chance in the execution of these things."

option working out with the Marine battalion to gain a better sense of military collaboration, said flexibility is essential to any mission.

"If you are not constantly changing the original plan and adapting to new situations, you will undoubtedly fail," Thomas said. "No plan is ever perfect, no matter how much time is spent planning, so being able to adapt and make split second decisions will be the difference between life and death."

The biggest struggle for the NDISP participants completing the mission was maintaining communication and coordinating improvisation between the squads, Campbell said.

"That really drove home the friction, the complexity, the uncertainty and the need to just act," Campbell said. "There is such a temptation to stay where you are to stay safe, but what's really needed is to do the opposite of that: keep moving, that's the safest thing to do even though it's contrary to your human instinct."

After both groups executed the objective, they combined forces to play multiple two-sided paintball games, Thomas said.

"Playing a few rounds of paintball with NDISP after **Contact Nicole Michels at** 

definitely the most fun," Thomas said. "It was nice to continue training in a more relaxed and fun atmosphere."

Campbell said he was awed by the way that the Marines accomplished each objective.

"There was that one superhero moment where the gunnery sergeant picked up the flag and ran by two people, shooting with one hand and carrying the flag in the other — he shot them both in the head and won the game," Campbell said. "I'm just so impressed with the communication and execution of the Marines and especially their officers, their ability to move without being detected and to arrive in places where you didn't expect them and then you get shot in the face."

Thomas said he walked away with an increased understanding of the importance of communication.

"The biggest lesson that I think everyone learned was the importance of communication; without communication you have three fire teams trying to implement their own plan of attack," Thomas said. "Communication allows for the integration of the fire teams so that the objective can be completed using teamwork, which minimizes the amount of casualties experienced."

For Campbell, the seminar put a human face to military operations and tactical decisions.

"For me it really brought home the inherent difficulty of even the most simple military operation," Campbell said. "The take-away, whenever you ask the military to carry out an operation, is that it always carries that sense of uncertainty and difficulty... It is not something to be taken lightly ... hopefully this will give [the NDISP Fellows] a better understanding of the difficulty inherent in those tasks."

course and did a couple of to improvise," Campbell Tyler Thomas, a Navy assaulting the fortress was nmichels@nd.edu



by the level of targeted advertising, ads that are run in particular states or even particular counties," Ohmer said. "Some areas, such as Indiana, get very few, while others, such as Ohio, are bombarded. The differences between states have been true for a while, but not the micro-targeting we are see-

Although a great deal of time and effort are put into these ads that attempt to sway specific audiences, Ohmer said most voters are able to see through the ads

#### that lack substance.

Ohmer also said the negative ads for this year's election have increased in both number and degree of negativity. In spite of this, she agreed the ads have not held much weight in the election.

"It is hard to say if negative ads have been effective at this point, but we can say that this campaign has set a record for spending on ads and on the sheer number of ads," Ohmer said.

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program's mission was one Barry said his son would have appreciated.

"[Declan] had a great interest in film, and I know he was doing a lot of writing. ... He was coming to appreciate the benefits that he had, the kind of education that was allowing him to achieve his dreams," Barry said.

"That's what we really appreciate about Horizons, and Declan would appreciate this. It's giving children who probably would not have the opportunity to have that kind of success, giving them the support they need to achieve those things. ... I think Dec would approve of what we're doing."

The family hosted the first annual "No Ordinary Evening" fundraiser to support Horizons for Youth in April at Navy Pier in Chicago. The proceeds from the fundraiser allowed the program to admit Declan's 40, which according to the website of Horizons for Youth is the largest group to be accepted to the program at one time. The names of these students are listed on the Horizons for Youth website.

Barry and his daughter Wyn were able to sit through some of the interviews involved in the rigorous application process for Horizons for Youth applicants.



The Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial sits outside the Guglielmino Athletics Complex. Sullivan's friends visited the memorial Saturday to celebrate the anniversary of his death.

He said he was impressed with the way the organization tries to admit students with families interested in furthering their children's educations but often are lacking the means to do so.

"One of their criteria is to identify students who really do have the kind of family support that will allow them to succeed, and then they augment that with the kind of mentoring and tutoring with these kids that would ensure their success," he said.

The Sullivan family met many of the students admitted to the program with Declan's 40 at a

picnic to begin the school year. A group of students from the Horizons for Youth program also traveled to the Notre Dame football game against BYU last weekend.

Two years later, Barry said the memory of his son's death still hurts. A member of his family is missing. But seeing the immediate impact of the funds donated in Declan's memory is "a very positive thing," Barry said.

"I do think about that but for our loss, we would not have gotten connected with Horizons, and out of a very saddening and

painful experience for us, something positive can come out of that," he said. "We're working with the children and seeing the impact. There's no pain in that. It actually helps to [alleviate] the pain we feel after that loss."

On Saturday, Barry said his wife and youngest son remembered Declan with Mass at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago. Their daughter Wyn, a junior at Notre Dame, is currently studying abroad in Dublin.

"We spent the evening with some friends who toasted to Declan's memory with us, and

we watched a Notre Dame victory," Barry said. "So we tried to do things that were in keeping, we try to celebrate his memory. ... I'm sure [Wyn] was remembering her brother. She asked us to remember her as we are remembering him, as we were toasting his memory."

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The family has already begun planning the second annual "No Ordinary Evening" fundraiser. The event will take place in April at Navy Pier in Chicago.

"Throughout all of this, we've enjoyed a lot of support from the whole Notre Dame family," Barry said. "The University administration has been very good to us. I guess I would just like to say that we really appreciate all the thoughts and prayers that we have felt from the Notre Dame family."

Alison, Declan's mom, said in an email that she and her husband received texts from friends with photos of Declan's campus memorial near the Guglielmino Athletics Complex with a sign that read "For Dec" on Saturday afternoon and evening.

"At night, the site was lit up brilliantly with candles," she said. "We were very touched that people on campus were remembering Dec on the second anniversary of his death."

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**INSIDE COLUMN** 





Christian Myers

News Writer

What is Halloween?

Is it a pagan festival to celebrate demonic spirits and deceased ancestors? Is it a release before the solemnity of All Saint's Day, in the spirit of Mardi Gras? Is it a manufactured holiday created and maintained by Mars, Inc. and other players in 'Big Candy'?

I think, in the end, we can all agree it's a celebration centered on a giant, sentient pumpkin flying through the air and bringing toys to children.

Yes, I'm talking about the Great Pumpkin, the magnificent orange squash that appears only once a year to a lucky few.

You may not know about the Great Pumpkin, but that's only because he doesn't get the same publicity as a certain jolly Coca-Cola spokesman. Without corporate sponsorship or catchy songs, and with only one profile-raising movie, he has a limited following.

However, the Great Pumpkin's devotees remain undeterred, even in the face of derision from the spectacular vegetable's main cynics: beagles and sisters.

In fact, the Great Pumpkin appears to relish his obscurity. He actively avoids large audiences, choosing to rise only out of the single most sincere pumpkin patch and distributing his gifts only among the well-behaved and sincere.

Join me in the pumpkin patch to wait for the Great Pumpkin to arise. Don't join us if you don't sincerely believe. Also, it might take all night, but he will definitely show ... probably.

Here's an idea of the festivities: 8 to 9 p.m.: Arrive and make sure to

find a comfortable spot.

9 to 11 p.m.: Wait in cheerful anticipation.

11:11 p.m.: Regress to maturity of high school student.

12 a.m.: Separate group by gender.12 to 12:06 a.m.: Complain about

temperature.

12:07 a.m.: "Was that . . . no it was nothing."

12:08 to 2 a.m.: Wait in increasingly irritable anticipation. 2 to 2:05:55 a.m.: Hum Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody to self.

# **Diss-appearance**

#### Bridget Galassini Bitter Bridget

You don't get a second chance to make a first impression. Researchers have found that people make an initial judgment of one another within the first three seconds of meeting. Talk about pressure.

This judging is inevitable because it's done subconsciously. People's appearances send us a message, whether we want them to or not. That's why we dress nicely for business meetings, interviews and dances. That's why we dress appropriately for toga parties, ABC parties and America parties. We want to be wearing the correct clothes for the occasion to feel comfortable. Imagine if someone wore jeans and a hoodie to his job interview. That person would be discounted almost immediately, regardless of his knowledge or expertise in the field.

On one hand, this is understandable. One's appearance shows the amount of effort that person has made to look his or her best for the occasion. Therefore, looking better means the person put in more effort, which means the person wants the position more. Conclusions are inevitably drawn.

On the other hand, this is disadvantageous because it leads to false conclusions. Instead of focusing on the person's words and ideas, the appearance of the person gets great attention.

A perfect example involves the presidential election of 1960 and the

debates between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon. These presidential debates were the first ones that were ever televised. According to history.com, Nixon appeared tired from the previous few days of campaigning. He had a five o'clock shadow and wore a dreary gray suit. Kennedy was well rested and tan. Then, regarding performance, Nixon looked off to the sides at reporters, while JFK looked into the camera.

Therefore, though "most radio listeners called the first debate a draw or pronounced Nixon the victor," the TV viewers declared JFK the winner.

The radio listeners actually heard the ideas of both candidates without any bias from their appearances, consequently choosing Nixon. It's a shame TV listeners had their visions clouded by the appearances of the candidates. Whether the debates altered the result of the election is unknown, but they did have a large impact.

The same idea holds true regarding the current debates. I first listened to the second debate on the radio. When I later watched the debate video online, my perspective changed. I still heard the candidates' points and ideas, but I was also focused on their gestures, facial expressions and interactions with one another. I realized that these are unimportant and distracting.

For the final debate, I again listened on the radio. I focused on the candidates' ideas and arguments, and I sometimes found them weak and repetitive. Perhaps instead of focusing so much time and energy on their appearances, politicians and their supporters could strengthen their arguments and develop better solutions.

They could take a hint from Matt Damon's speech in "The Adjustment Bureau" when he, a politician, finally calls himself and his focus group out on their "bull." He explains that although everyone calls him authentic, his focus group has pretty much made him the opposite.

What matters is what's inside a person's mind, not what's covering his or her body.

Some of the best companies like Apple and Google have a relaxed dress code. They've figured it out. What people wear is pretty insignificant because it's their ideas that matter.

Presidential debates and other events of that nature should be approached in this same manner. Our society would be more idea-oriented and less appearance-oriented.

Imagine if all of the presidential debates were exclusively on the radio. We'd be forced to ignore the ridiculous subliminal messaging. This would never happen because viewers would become too bored. Hearing voices on the radio is not engaging enough for many people. The picture on the television is our entertainment. We need it, unfortunately. But hopefully we can see past it to what people really are.

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#### **EDITORIAL CARTOON**



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2:05:55 to 2:30 a.m.: Wonder if the Great Pumpkin has food and or is edible.

2:30 a.m. to 3 a.m.: Wait in increasingly sleepy anticipation.

3:15 to 3:45 a.m.: Collectively discover and subsequently forget answers to all of life's questions.

Finally, it can get chilly out there, so don't forget to bring your blanket.

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#### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Kindness, I've discovered, is everything in life."

#### Isaac Bashevis Singer American novelist

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VIEWPOINT

# Venturing into the neighborhood

#### Molly Howell Directionally Challenged

Notre Dame's campus is a bubble. For those who live here and do not have the luxury of a car, it would appear the University and campus is self-sustaining. It has the necessities — housing, food, classes and a long list of extracurricular activities. It incredibly easy to forget about the outside world, especially about what it is going on in South Bend, the University's backyard.

For the most part, I would argue that Notre Dame students are blessed financially. Tuition is not cheap and scholarships are few and far between. The majority of students are here not only for their academic and athletic achievements, but because their families are able to financially support them. Yes, there is financial aid, but that does not change the fact that tuition is steep. Due to the fact that the student body has this background and that the campus is such a bubble, there is a concern that Notre Dame students are becoming elitists, that they are not exposed to the real world. It's a worry my parents had for me when sending me here. They knew the student body was not among the most diverse in regards to race, religion or economic class in the nation.

However, though many students are coming from more privileged lifestyles back home, many have a background in community service. And not only do they have this background, but they are encouraged by the University and upperclassmen to further pursue service while on campus. This can be witnessed in the long list of service programs and organizations promoted on the beginning of the year's activities night. There are clubs and programs that cover everything from providing clean water overseas, to building homes throughout the U.S., to tutoring underprivileged kids in the community. I felt called to become involved with a community service program. A friend from home invited me to come to the program he had become involved with. So, I ventured outside the bubble to tutor South Bend kids one Monday afternoon.

The program is called Teamwork for Tomorrow and meets twice a week for a couple of hours in an old church 10 minutes from campus. There, Notre Dame student tutors meet with elementary school kids to help them in reading and other schoolwork. After tutoring, there's always gym time or free time for the tutors and students. A couple of weeks ago while the boys were playing dodgeball in the gym, I was drawing with the girls. A friend and I starting making "cootie catchers" out of the construction paper. One person holds the cootie catcher and asks the questions printed on the sides of the origami, while the other chooses among the answers. Some prediction or fortune is eventually revealed for the person answering the questions. My friend was wearing a Disney World sweatshirt that day, so we made one of the predictions, "You will visit Disney World." One of the young girls happened to get that prediction and immediately asked, "Really?" It was almost heartbreaking as my friend explained to this seven-yearold that she would not actually be going.

I would argue that a large majority

of Notre Dame students have been to Disney World. And if they haven't, I would also argue that many Notre Dame students have been on at least one vacation. However, almost all of the kids at Teamwork for Tomorrow have never been out of the Michiana area. None of them have been to Disney World.

That day I realized the disparity between Notre Dame and South Bend. South Bend is a small town whose economy is heavily reliant on the neighboring University. This fact places an enormous responsibility on the University and its students. Students cannot forget about the outside world during their time here. It's never too early to start giving back; the Notre Dame community owes it to South Bend to venture outside the bubble and step into our backyard.

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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# NTDs

ND Fighting Neglected Tropical Diseases was born four years ago out of a simple reality: NTDs can be treated for just 50 cents per person per year, but no one really knows these diseases exist. The members of ND Fighting NTDs feel this reality needs to change.

NTDs are a group of seven easily treatable but devastating diseases that cause blindness, grotesquely swollen limbs, malnutrition, mental retardation and intestinal cancers. All seven are easily preventable with medicine already developed and donated by major pharmaceutical companies. The main obstacle is the cost associated with distribution, a cost of 50 cents a year for each of the 1.4 billion suffering people.

This week is our third annual NTD Awareness Week. Event highlights include a Slumdog Millionaire movie watch in Keough Hall tonight at 7 p.m., and our Harry Potter Trivia Night on Tuesday. On Thursday we host an "Avenues to Africa" open house in the LaFortune Student Center, and on Friday stop by our Global Health Panel with free lunch at noon in Coleman Morse Center. We have two fundraisers this week: On Wednesday, 10 percent of any purchase you make at Five Guys on Eddy Street will be donated to NTDs if you put your receipt in the marked box next to the cashier. Students will be collecting money from their dormmates. I look forward to seeing you all this week help ND Fighting NTDs work for the dignity of 1.4 billion lives.

#### Elliott Pearce

The Human Interest As many of you know, "Fisher vs. University of Texas," a case that could determine the future of affirmative action in the U.S., is currently before the Supreme Court. This case has brought the debate over affirmative action to the forefront of the public consciousness. I am going to join this debate by arguing that the practice of accepting "underrepresented minority" (URM, in college admissions parlance) applicants with weaker records of academic achievement than non-URMs harms the very people it aims to benefit. First, it curbs URMs' academic achievement by placing them in difficult and discouraging environments where they are less likely to succeed than their counterparts. Second, it perpetuates negative stereotypes about the academic abilities of URMs by populating colleges and universities at all levels of selectivity with URM students that are less qualified than the rest of the student body. All colleges and universities want to build diverse student bodies and to welcome people into the academic community from groups that have traditionally been denied access to higher education. Sadly, the disproportionately high poverty rates of certain races in this country have resulted in fewer members of these races being able to qualify for admission to elite universities than these universities would like to admit.

### URM debate

an average of 140 points, or twelve percentiles (96th vs. 84th), lower on the SAT than non-URM admitted students. The SAT is only one measure of college readiness, but the study by three Duke University economists from which I took that number shows equally large disparities across all other categories that admissions counselors use to evaluate students. Likewise, other studies have shown that similar achievement gaps exist between URM and non-URM students at other universities, and not just the elite ones. Therefore, the URM students who show up on campus are less qualified, and therefore less prepared for college, than their classmates.

Proponents of affirmative action say that these less-prepared URMs universities admit to balance their racial compositions may face a rough start when they first get to college, but will quickly adjust and begin to fit in academically like any other students. The Duke study, however, demonstrates that this does not occur. It found that URMs are more than twice as likely to switch from "harder" majors (determined by average GPA and time spent studying) to "easier" ones. The study found that the majority of students who changed majors were passing their classes when they switched, so they did not leave because they could not handle their original courses of study. Rather, the authors of the study and I agree that the struggling URM students likely changed their majors because they felt that they "did not belong" in classes where they saw the other students consistently outperform.

would not ordinarily qualify to attend shows URM students that for the next four years, they will be a cut below their peers academically and that they cannot pursue the most challenging subjects their school offers without humiliation and frustration. Excellence and mediocrity, therefore, come to characterize different racial communities within the university. This is the opposite of what affirmative action is supposed to achieve.

If universities admitted only those URMs who were fully qualified to attend, there would be fewer URMs on the campuses of America's elite universities, but each would know that he had his university's full confidence that he could study anything with anyone. The other students would see these URMs performing at or above their own level and recognize that traditionally marginalized students can be just as intellectually capable. Furthermore, the less selective universities that educate the vast majority of America's college graduates would not have their own qualified URM applicants stolen from them by the "elite" schools and would also be able to admit only those URMs who qualified. Education is about much more than the name on one's diploma. It's time to start placing under-represented minority students in the educational environments they need to achieve their full human potential instead of stunting their academic achievements for the sake of promoting artificial diversity.

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**Eileen Lynch** senior Ryan Hall Oct. 29 To make up for this difference, universities have been accepting URM students who would not ordinarily qualify for admission. For example, URMs admitted to Duke University scored

Instead of showing them that they are as good as anyone else and that they can achieve anything they want to, being accepted to universities they

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# SCENE



# KEEP AND STYLE

Hairstyle Horror Stories

#### **By JESSIE CHRISTIAN** Scene Writer

It has come to my attention that there is a disease that is spreading through pop culture like wildfire. The disease has plagued many wellknown Hollywood starlets, and is slowly but surely starting to grow out of control. I say, with a heavy heart, that it has even begun to infect the minds of everyday individuals that once had hopes of living a normal life. Those hopes will forever be tainted by the disease, which will leave a permanent mark on their image. Join me, as we acknowledge and pray for those who have fallen gravely ill with a case of "Mane Madness."

#### **MILEY MALFOY**

Symptoms: Scissor-happy | Addiction to bleach Showing resemblance to one or more characters from "Harry Potter" Current Condition: Critical



Let's face it. The moment that Miley Cyrus put on that blonde wig to star in Disney's hit show "Hannah Montana," she was doomed to contract the "Madness." What were once delicately laid, long brown tresses on the innocent adolescent girl, gradually transformed into the Frankensteinian image that we see today. Keep her in your hearts and souls, for we can only hope that the disease will pass and we will have our normal Miley back.

However, there are some fundamental traits that make this bold chop a bad choice for Miley, but could make it a good or bad choice for you. First of all, be conscious of your facial structure and skin complexion. This look is strikingly ghostly because of the similarity between Miley's pale skin and the platinum blonde shade she chose to use. Try to stay away from hair colors that are too similar to your own skin tone, a combo that is generally referred to as the "washed-out" look, and is rarely executed successfully.

In addition to color, take the shape of your face into account when picking out a new cut. Miley's face is round and full - two characteristics that often don't work with short avantgarde cuts like this one. Narrower faces often work best with short cuts, while voluminous hair and bob cuts often frame rounder faces well. Still, every face is different, and so the best thing to do is to go to a professional stylist with an idea and/or picture references in mind for additional help.

Rihanna has had a vast array of different hairstyles, so many in fact, that she has been honored with the title of the "fashion chameleon." Most of the time she lives up to the title, sporting trends from the latest designer collections while being conveniently spotted by photographers wherever she may go. The world has become her runway, and people love to watch the fashion show. What most people don't know, however, is that Riri has had an on-andoff struggle with "Mane Madness." Currently she has subdued the illness, and we pray that this time it has been defeated for good.

If you want to be a style chameleon, the best way to try new styles without spiraling out of control is to focus in on what won't look good on you, and then make sure you factor these things into the decision-making process every time. Rihanna, for example, is known to have a larger forehead and smaller facial features. Because of this, the styles that work best on her are those that conceal this area such as blunt cut or swooping side bangs. Since the days of her first album release, she has moved away from tight off of the forehead ponytails, and hair that has been slicked back. She still has her fair share of styling issues, but this is one that occurs less often. Find your stylistic don'ts and steer clear.

#### **WEEPING WILLOW**

Symptoms: Scissor-happy | Dye-addict | Odd obsession with futuristic space life Current Condition: Critical



Willow Smith is the youngest of our unfortunate bunch to have contracted this trying disease. Since the release off her surprisingly successful single "Whip My Hair" in 2010, the child of superstars Will and Jada Pinkett Smith has dealt with an undying strain of "Mane Madness." Take preventative measures and don't let this happen to the children in your lives. Hide the scissors, hide the dye, hide the mirror because "Mane Madness" is getting everyone out here — even children like Willow. She may not be able to relive her childhood, but we can only wish her the best on her future endeavors. No pun intended.

#### **RASTA RIRI**

Symptoms: Dye-addict | Hit-or-miss hair Current Condition: Stable



Willow has proven that some things just aren't a good idea for anyone. Yellow hair? Not a good idea. Cotton-candy afro? Not a good idea. Skunk-inspired dye jobs? Not a good idea. Cornrowed hearts? Not a good idea. Preteen bowl cuts? Not a good ides. Stay away from these things unless you're channeling your inner Willow, Nikki Minaj, or Dennis Rodman for Halloween, and frankly I would advise against even attempting that. Some may give her a pass because she's young. I, on the other hand, find most of these styles to be a no-no at any age.

These celebs have indeed proven that "Mane Madness" is out and in full effect. Stick with these preventative measures, however, and you'll be spared from enduring the same grueling fate. Keep it classy up top and have fun!

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# The Book was Better: "Cloud Atlas"



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#### **By KEVIN NOONAN** Scene Editor

Whenever a feature film debuts based on a novel or play or some other source material, there without fail is always some pretentious, stuck-up, high-society know-it-all to let you know that the book was better, no matter how fabulous the film is.

Well, with "Cloud Atlas" hitting the theaters this weekend, I may as well start wearing a monocle, using words like "pedantic" and join the sailing team, because I'm here to tell you that the book was better.

The 2004 novel by David Mitchell of the same name is an epic tale of intertwining stories, characters and genres spanning hundreds of years, told in the style of a matryoshka, or Russian nesting doll.

Six different narratives are followed in the book. Each is presented in half chronologically, and then snakes back in opposite chronological order in the second half to reveal the conclusion. The exception is the sixth and final story, which takes place more than a hundred years after the fall of Earth's future corporation-controlled civilization and is told in full as the center of the novel.

The first story follows the journal of a young lawyer named Adam Ewing on board a 19<sup>th</sup>-century ship in the Pacific Ocean taking him back to his home, wife and son in San Francisco. He is acting as a courier for his law firm and carries with him an unspecified amount of wealth, attracting the attention of many on board the ship. He comes into peril as he becomes increasingly ill with a mysterious parasite.

The second is told through the letters of Robert Frobisher, a young musician, to Rufus Sixsmith, a physics student at Cambridge and his male lover, as he flees his home in the early 1930s and heads to Belgium to work with a syphilitic but brilliant English composer. It is from Frobisher that the title originates, as his masterwork composition the "Cloud Atlas Sextet," is the defining work of his life and the source of both his greatness and his fatal flaw.

A mystery novel comprises the third, following a gossip reporter, Louisa Rey, as she stumbles onto a deadly scandal at a nuclear power plant in the 1970s after running into the grown up and now respected physicist Rufus Sixsmith.

The present-day story follows Timothy Cavendish, an aging and failing publisher who comes into success after one of his writers murders a literary critic after receiving a horrible review. Cavendish runs into trouble with some ruffians, and is tricked by his brother into being committed into a nursing home, where he constantly plans his escape.

The fifth takes place in a dystopian

future society controlled by corporation in which society has created a class of clones to perform what is essentially slave labor. One clone, Sonmi 451, has awakened to her own existence, and, doomed to execution, tells her story in a final interview.

The final story is a post-apocalyptic future tale of a new civilization of people that resembles in many ways the "savage" peoples Adam Ewing runs into in his South Pacific journey. Zachry, one of the men of the village, crosses paths with Meronym, a woman whose people has managed to hold onto the technology of the former world but is threatened by disease.

The novel, as may be apparent, is wildly complex and interweaves with impressive and subtle skill. At just over 500 pages, the narrative fully fleshes out the stories of its characters to expand beyond just the time connections, making it a through and through spectacular of epic storytelling.

The film does its best to convey the complexity and philosophy of the novel, and makes an impressive effort at a three-hour run time, but overall falls short of the grand nature of the book.

The film, adapted for the screen and directed by Tom Twyker ("Run Lola Run") and Lana and Andy Wachowski ("The Matrix" trilogy), stars Tom Hanks and Halle Berry and an ensemble cast of familiar faces all playing multiple roles throughout the movie.

It is visually stunning, and the creation of six vastly different and intricately detailed worlds is certainly fantastically undertaken. But the problem of turning such a complex story into a film is that in the book, the author has enough freedom to allow his complexities and connections subtly. In a film setting however, these connections are much more overt and make the story feel flat.

The movie is still impressive because of the sensational source material and story, but in comparison to the novel, the verdict is clear: The book is better.

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#### **SPORTS AUTHORITY**

# Harden moves one season too soon



**Mike Monaco** Sports Writer

Pack up the razors and the shaving cream, because the Beard is going to Houston.

While everyone on campus was watching a certain football game Saturday night, news broke that another Sooner State squad, the Oklahoma City Thunder, had traded reigning Sixth Man of the Year and recent Olympian James Harden to the Houston Rockets. The return for OKC? Guards Kevin Martin and Jeremy Lamb, two firstround picks and a second-rounder.

My initial reaction? The same as Kevin Durant's: "Wow." While Durant was succinct with his tweet just before midnight, let's look a little closer at the deal:

#### **Big Three Breakup**

Think back to June, when the Thunder were three games away from winning an NBA title. It looked as if we could have a dynasty in Oklahoma to challenge the vaunted Big Three in Miami. Harden, Durant and Russell Westbrook were young, talented and still improving. And most importantly, they loved playing together.

But the Thunder needed to decide by Halloween on whether they would give Harden a contract extension before the season. Oklahoma City already had hefty contracts signed with Durant and Westbrook, as well as the amnestyworthy Kendrick Perkins and Serge Ibaka. If it wanted to pay Harden, it was going to have to go over the luxury tax threshold while paying Harden a maximum-level contract, something the smallmarket Thunder clearly did not want to do.

So, the Thunder made the best out of a bad situation, right? In the words of Lee Corso, not so fast. Oklahoma City could have played out the whole season and made another run at a championship and then faced a similar decision in the offseason. They could have signed him then or worked out a sign-and-trade. No matter what the Thunder decided, they would

a lockdown defender. But no one can replace Harden and his facial hair in the short run.

In the long run, the Thunder will have two first-round picks - one that will likely be a lottery pick and one that is top-20 protected - to add more young talent to the nucleus that now includes Lamb, Perry Jones III, Reggie Jackson, Ibaka and what's left of the Big Three.

In the end, it came down to money, and Oklahoma City GM Sam Presti took a hit in the short run to maintain cap flexibility while solidly positioning the franchise for years to come.

#### Houston finds a stud

They tried to get Pau Gasol. They tried to get Dwight Howard. And now GM Daryl Morey finally gets something resembling a superstar in James Harden.

Houston had assets; it just didn't have guys to carry the team in a league where superstars win. Plain and simple. With young talent everywhere and draft picks galore, the Rockets finally compiled its ample arcade tickets and bought the big prize behind the counter.

While Harden might not be a superstar capable of carrying a team solely by himself, he is a player worthy of a max contract. With Harden on the floor last season, Oklahoma City outscored its opponents by more than nine points per 48 minutes. When he was on the bench, the Thunder were just 1.4 points better.

And let's think about what the Rockets now have. The top dogs will be Jeremy Lin and Harden, to go along with an endless crop of young talent such as Terrence Jones, Donatas Motiejunas, Patrick Patterson, Royce White, Chandler Parsons and Omer Asik. Heck, they could parlay some of that potential into another proven commodity.

Oh, and don't forget about their cap flexibility. The Rockets still have max cap room for next summer.

The Rockets (finally) made a blockbuster trade that will certainly help, while the Thunder got an acceptable return for someone that likely was going to be traded at some point.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

## Blind students play tennis

#### **Associated Press**

FREMONT, Calif. Learning how to play tennis is hard enough. Now try it when you can't see.

That's what students are doing at the California School for the Blind. They're learning a form of tennis adapted for the visually impaired - and expanding the boundaries of what the blind can do.

The state-supported campus in Fremont is one of three American schools for the blind that recently began teaching adapted tennis, which was invented in Japan in the 1980s. A nonprofit group called Tennis Serves is working to promote the sport throughout the U.S.

"I didn't know someone with no vision could play tennis until I came to this school," said a 16-year-old student from Modesto named Jonathan. The school declined to provide his last name, citing a state law that protects the privacy of students with disabilities.

Blind tennis features a smaller court, lower net and junior tennis rackets with bigger heads and shorter handles. String is taped to the floor so players can feel the boundaries with their feet. Players use a foam ball filled with metal beads that rattle on impact, allowing them to locate the ball when it hits the ground or racket. Once served, they have to return the ball before it bounces three times.

"The most difficult thing to teach is timing their stroke," said Sejal Vallabh, the 17-yearold founder of Tennis Serves. "Being able to listen to the ball, locate it using their sense of hearing and swing at the



The racket used in blind tennis has a larger head and a shorter handle, while the ball is filled with metal beads that rattle on impact.

precise moment the ball goes by is really difficult to teach."

While experienced players can keep the ball in bounds and stage extended rallies, just hitting the ball over the net can be a challenge for beginners. During a recent visit to the California School for the Blind, students mostly swatted balls into the ground, the net and toward the ceiling and walls. Few balls were returned, but teachers say some are developing that capability.

Blind tennis was created in 1984 by Miyoshi Takei, a blind Japanese high school student who designed the adapted ball and helped the sport gain popularity in Japan and other Asian countries. He dominated blind tennis competitions until he was killed in a train accident last year at age 42.

Vallahb, an avid tennis player who is now a high school senior in Newton, Mass., first encountered blind tennis two years while doing a summer internship in Japan, where her grandmother lives.

"After I saw it there, I knew that I wanted to recreate the sport that I had seen back in the U.S.," she said, so she started Tennis

Serves.

Vallabh first began teaching at Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Mass. with help from her high school tennis teammates. She then helped start similar programs at Lighthouse International in New York City and the California School for the Blind.

Vallabh is working with engineering students at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif. to design a ball that continuously beeps to make it easier for blind players to track it.

At the California School for the Blind, staff members said they were skeptical when Vallabh first approached them about teaching the adapted sport.

"We were thinking, 'How are we going to teach tennis?" said Mary Alice Ross, who teaches adapted physical education. "My colleague said, 'Tennis is like teaching football. It's not something we really do.""

The California School for the Blind, which has about 90 students ages 5 to 22, offers many adapted sports activities and sports, including bowling, boating, swimming, hiking, ice-skating and goal-ball.

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of life/Things seem brighter on the other side/Oh God/But under the weight of life/Things seem

have had (at least) another season with Harden.

And having another season with the playmaking southpaw is certainly better than the new alternative. Kevin Martin can score with the best of the two-guards in the league and Jeremy Lamb is oozing with potential, especially as My only question: Why now?

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Dave Matthews Band

Look at this big eyed fish swimming in the sea/Oh how it dreams he wants to be a bird, swoopin', divin' through the breeze/One day, caught No way, no way, no way out of here

Story of a man decided not to breathe/He turned red, then blue, purple, colorful indeed/No matter how his friends begged and bleeded/The man would not concede/ And now he's dead, you see, the silly man should know you got to breathe

But oh God,/Under the weight of life/ Things seem brighter on the other side/ Oh God/But under the weight of life/ Things seem better on the other side/ No way, no way, no way out of here

See the little monkey, sitting in his monkey tree/One day, decided to climb down and run off to the city/ Look at him now, lost and tired, living in the street/As good as dead, you see, you are a monkey thus stay up the tree

But oh God,/Under the weight of life/Things seem brighter on the other side/Oh God/But under the weight of life/Things seem so much better on the other side/ No way, no way, no way out of here

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### SPORTS

NFL

# **Richardson leads Browns to victory**



Cleveland defensive end Jabaal Sheard tackles San Diego running back Ryan Mathews during the Browns' 7-6 win Sunday.

#### **Associated Press**

CLEVELAND — Trent Richardson broke one tackle, then another and was gone.

The San Diego Chargers couldn't stop the rookie running back who might be the one to make Cleveland relevant once more. On a day when every yard counted, Richardson delivered a dominating performance that even made Hall of Famer Jim Brown swell with pride.

"Great running backs break tackles," Brown said following Cleveland's 7-6 win Sunday. "You do that, you are in control. You keep the ball. The other team is disheartened. That's football."

And that's why the Browns chose Richardson.

Cleveland's rookie running back, still playing with a rib injury, rushed for 122 yards in nasty weather and scored the game's only touchdown on a 26-yard run to lead Browns (2-6) to their second straight win at home. Following the game, Brown, who called Richardson an "ordinary" back on the day Cleveland selected the Alabama star No. 3 overall in April's draft, was waiting at the young star's locker. as the Browns gave new owner Jimmy Haslam his first win since taking over the franchise. Haslam was presented with a game ball by coach Pat Shurmur in Cleveland's jubilant locker room.

"It feels good," linebacker D'Qwell Jackson said of rewarding Haslam, who shelled out \$1.05 billion for the Browns. "You always want to put a smile on his face."

Richardson's TD to cap Cleveland's first drive was like many they used to get from the incomparable Brown, who either outran or carried defenders to the end zone. It was No. 32 who helped make the Browns one of the league's most storied teams, and Cleveland has a new runner who may one day get them back to the top.

Two plays after quarterback Brandon Weeden converted on a fourth-and-1 with a sneak to keep the drive alive, Richardson took a handoff up the middle, broke two tackles and was kept upright by right guard Shawn Lauvao, who wrapped his hands around his teammate, before scampering in for his fifth TD.

# Giants win World Series



San Francisco designated hitter Ryan Theriot celebrates after scoring the go-ahead run in the 10th inning of the Giants' 4-3 win in Game 4 over Detroit. The Giants swept the Tigers to win the World Series.

#### Associated Press

**MLB** 

DETROIT — Finally pressed in the World Series, the San Francisco Giants finished off a most unexpected and stunning sweep.

Marco Scutaro delivered one more key hit this October, hitting a go-ahead single with two outs in the 10th inning that lifted the Giants over the Detroit Tigers 4-3 in Game 4 on Sunday night.

Nearly eliminated over and over earlier in the playoffs, the Giants sealed their second title in three seasons when Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera looked at strike three right down the middle for the final out.

On a night of biting cold, stiff breezes and some rain, the Giants combined the most important elements of championship baseball — great pitching, timely hitting and sharp defense.

Series MVP Pablo Sandoval and the underdog Giants celebrated in the center of the diamond at Comerica Park after winning six elimination games Ryan Theriot led off the 10th with a single against Phil Coke, moved up on Brandon Crawford's sacrifice and scored on Scutaro's shallow single. Center fielder Austin Jackson made a throw home, to no avail.

Sergio Romo struck out the side in the bottom of the 10th for his third save of the Series.

The Giants finished the month with seven straight wins and their seventh Series championship. They handed the Tigers their seventh straight World Series loss dating to 2006.

"Obviously, there was no doubt about it. They swept us," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "So there was certainly no bad breaks, no fluke.

"Simple, they did better than we did."

An NL team won the title for the third straight season, a run that hadn't occurred in 30 years. Some find the streak surprising, considering the AL's recent dominance in interleague play. Yet as every fan knows, the club that pitches best in the postseaa bobbing, whooping, pulsing pack, showering themselves with sunflower seeds. A big league good-luck charm, Little League style.

And once again, San Francisco took an early lead. Pence hit a one-hop drive over the centerfield fence for a double and Brandon Belt tripled on the next pitch for a 1-0 lead in the second.

The next inning, Cabrera gave the Tigers a reason to think this might be their night.

With two outs and a runner on first, Cabrera lofted an oppositefield fly to right — off the bat, it looked like a routine out shy of the warning track. But with winds gusting over 25 mph, the ball kept carrying, Pence kept drifting toward the wall and the crowd kept getting louder.

Just like that, it was gone.

Cabrera's homer gave Detroit its first lead of the Series, ended its 20-inning scoreless streak and reaffirmed a pregame observation by Tigers Hall of Famer Al Kaline.

"The wind usually blows to

Richardson has made even Brown a believer.

"That's my partner," Brown said. "I'm so happy he didn't take anything I said the wrong way. He's a player. He's making sacrifices for his team. He's hurting now more than you think and he's out there making plays."

Richardson, pulled last week at Indianapolis when he was ineffective because of a rib cartilage injury, carried 24 times Richardson said once he was deep in San Diego's secondary there was no stopping him.

"They don't want no problems," he said.

The Chargers (3-4) dropped their third straight. San Diego had a final chance, but quarterback Philip Rivers' pass was batted away by Browns cornerback Buster Skrine with 1:24 left. Rivers finished 18 of 34 for 154 yards but had a potential touchdown pass dropped by Robert Meachem in the third quarter. this postseason.

"Tonight was a battle," said Giants star Buster Posey, who homered. "And I think tonight was a fitting way for us to end it because those guys played hard. They didn't stop, and it's an unbelievable feeling."

Cabrera delivered the first big hit for Detroit, interrupting San Francisco's run of dominant pitching with a two-run homer that blew over the right-field wall in the third.

Posey put the Giants ahead 3-2 with a two-run homer in the sixth and Delmon Young hit a ty-ing home run in the bottom half.

It then became a matchup of bullpens, and the Giants prevailed.

#### son usually prevails.

Until the end, the Tigers thought one big hit could shift the momentum. It was an alltoo-familiar October lament — Texas felt the same way when the Giants throttled them in 2010, and Tigers knew the feeling when St. Louis wiped them out in 2006.

Howling winds made it feel much colder than the 44 degrees at gametime. Two wrappers blew across home plate after leadoff man Angel Pagan struck out, and fly balls played tricks in the breeze.

The Giants started with their pregame ritual. They clustered around Hunter Pence in the dugout, quickly turning into right at this time of year," Kaline said.

In the fourth, Max Scherzer and catcher Gerald Laird teamed on a strike 'em out-throw 'em out double play. Scherzer yelled, first baseman Prince Fielder clenched his fist and the Tigers ran off the field on a chilly, windy, rainy evening. At last, it seemed, all the elements were in their favor.

Trailing for the first time since Game 4 of the NL championship series, Posey and the Giants put a dent in Detroit's optimism. Scutaro, the NLCS MVP, led off the sixth with a single and clapped all the way around the bases when Posey sent a shot that sailed just inside the leftfield foul pole for a 3-2 lead.

# ND grabs top-five finishes

#### **By AARON SANT-MILLER** Sports Writer

In a field of 14 men's teams and 15 women's teams, both squads snagged top-five finishes in the Big East championship on Friday. The men's squad finished third on the day, while the women finished fifth.

"We're satisfied, but we're still kind of hungry, too, because we always want to win," senior Jeremy Rae said. "Our goal was to win all three Big East men's titles in one year: indoor [track], outdoor and cross country. So, we kind of fell short of that. We didn't really think we were going to win and a third place finish is still very good, so we're satisfied with how we did."

For the women, there was more disappointment than satisfaction following the meet, senior Rebecca Tracy said.

"We really wanted to be in the top three. We really do have a team with a lot of potential, we just have yet to put it all together on the same day," Tracy said. "It was a little disappointing to come in fifth. We felt this would have been the year to finish above fifth, which we haven't done in my four years here. We were within 10 points of the third-place team, so if each person could have gotten one more spot, it could have made a huge difference. To come that close, it was kind of disappointing."

Rae, who finished third overall with a time of 24:39, led the men. Following Rae were junior Martin Grady (24:46), senior J. P. Malette (24:58), sophomore Jake Kildoo (25:13) and junior Walter Schafer (25:14), who finished eighth, 14th, 22nd and 23rd, respectively.

Junior Kelly Curran led the Irish women with a time of 21:21 and finished 12th overall. Curran was followed by Tracy (21:25), sophomores Hannah Eckstein (21:33) and Gabby Gonzales (21:36) and freshmen Molly Seidel (21:45) and Danielle Aragon (21:54), who finished 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 25th, respectively.

For the men's team, a large

JOHN NING | The C *Irish freshman runner Timothy Ball competes in the National Catholic Championship on Sept. 14 at Notre Dame.* earned some individual acco- to the NCAA champion lades. Led by Curran and Rae, Doing so is the goal, as ne

earned some individual accolades. Led by Curran and Rae, the Irish had five runners earn all-Big East honors. Curran, Rae, Tracy, Grady and Malette were all recognized as top runners in the Big East.

"It was exciting [to win all-Big East]," Tracy said. "This year, my senior year, one of the things I really wanted to do was finally be all-Big East. So, despite the [overall] finish, I can't be terribly upset."

For Notre Dame, wrapping up the Big East championship meet brings the team one step closer to the NCAA championship meet. On Nov. 9, the team will travel to Madison, Wis. for the NCAA Great Lakes Regionals. If the Irish can finish in the top two at that meet, they will earn an automatic bid to the NCAA championship. Doing so is the goal, as neither squad wants to wait for at-large points, Tracy said.

"Our expectation is to go in and make nationals. We need to go in with that mentality, that we have the type of team that is absolutely capable of being one of the top two teams in the region," Tracy said. "We shouldn't have to wait for atlarge points to compete at the national level."

The Irish will look to bring a well-rested squad to Madison in just under two weeks, as Notre Dame will race for a spot in the NCAA championship in the Great Lakes Regionals on Nov. 9.

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MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING | DUAL MEETS

# Irish take two dual-meet wins

#### By NICK BOYLE Sports Writer

Notre Dame won two dual meets over the weekend, taking down Oakland (Mich.) in Rochester, Mich., on Friday night before winning at Michigan State in East Lansing, Mich., on Saturday.

The Irish claimed first place in 11 of 16 events Friday at Oakland, earning a 191-107 victory over the hosts.

All-American junior Frank Dyer was a double race winner for the Irish, winning the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.23 seconds, before putAfter defeating Oakland on Friday, the Irish took a quick bus ride over to East Lansing where they took down the Spartans on Saturday. Notre Dame posted a convincing 178-120 win over the host school.

"We definitely did what we went to Michigan to do," Johnson said. "We wanted to win and we were able to do that."

Dyer was a double winner for the second contest in a row, winning both the 100yard and 200-yard freestyle. Sophomore swimmer Cameron Miller took home

#### "We definitely did what we went to Michigan to do ... We wanted to win and we were able to do that."

Christopher Johnson senior swimmer

ting in a time of 1:38.73 to take the 200-yard freestyle.

Sophomore divers Nick Nemetz and Michael Kreft swept the diving events for the Irish. Nemetz won the one-meter with a score of 321.90, while Kreft took the three-meter with a score of 291.37.

Senior swimmer Christopher Johnson said having seen Oakland at the Dennis Stark relays earlier in the season helped the Irish topple the hosts.

"Seeing Oakland last weekend was good for us," Johnson said. "I felt like we were able to come out strong, especially knowing how strong they usually are at the start." gold in the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke, his first multi-win meet of the season.

Nemetz swept the diving events in East Lansing, placing first in both the onemeter and the three-meter dives.

"Moving forward, we need to go even faster," Johnson said. "This Friday, Purdue comes in and that's a meet we really want to win. Fan support would be huge on Friday."

The Irish host the Boilermakers on Friday at 5 p.m. in Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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goal for the Big East meet was bouncing back, Rae said. Two weeks ago, the Irish stumbled to a 26th place finish in the Wisconsin adidas Invitational.

"We didn't do well in Wisconsin; we were 26th. It was a competitive race, but we got beat by a lot of teams we should have beaten," Rae said. "We were just really down after that, but we had two weeks of good training over fall break. I think we were a lot more confident going in. Since we finished third, we met our expectations of finishing in the top three. It's a big step up from where we were a few weeks ago."

Along with the top overall team finishes, the Irish also



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#### ND VOLLEYBALL | ND 3, USF 0

# Irish continue streak with wins



Irish junior Andie Olsen, left, and outside hitter Jeni Houser put up a block during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Pittsburgh on Oct. 26.

#### By CONOR KELLY Sports Writer

Notre Dame concluded a dominant and undefeated month of October with victories over Pittsburgh and USF on Friday and Sunday, respectively, and extended its winning streak to eight games in the Big East. The team's last loss came Sept. 29 at home against Marquette.

Since then, the Irish (17-6, 10-1 Big East) have rattled off eight consecutive wins in the heart of their conference schedule, dropping just two sets in the process. Irish coach Debbie Brown said that the team's challenging preseason non-conference schedule has been the most important factor in Notre Dame's transformation from a young, promising group into a dominant Big East team.

While the Irish failed to knock off any of their three top-10 foes during the preseason, the experience has proved invaluable.

"It really all comes back to the preseason and the preparation that we put in," Brown said. "We had as strong a schedule as you could imagine in nonconference. We then followed it up with playing the two strondifferent shots. We really were able to take advantage of their weaknesses."

Despite the effort on Friday, Brown said the team was not totally happy with its defensive play, and resolved to do better against USF on Sunday.

"We had better passing against USF and the team made a concerted effort to play better defense," Brown said of her team's 3-0 victory over the Bulls (13-12, 5-7). "We accomplished those goals."

On Dig Pink day at Purcell Pavilion, the Irish raised money and awareness for the fight against breast cancer and dispatched USF in straight sets. Notre Dame slugged at a .333 clip and held USF to just .119 hitting, while sophomore right side hitter Jeni Houser paced the team with 11 kills. Eppink contributed nine and Brindock notched 35 assists.

"We're passing and receiving very well," Brown said. "We're freeing Maggie to make choices as to her sets. It really allows us to spread the ball around."

With just four regular season matches remaining until the Big East tournament, Brown realizes that her team, tied with Marquette and Louisville atop the conference standings, needs to take its remaining matches to retain hopes of winning the regular season and grabbing the top seed for the conference tournament. "We have pretty lofty goals as far as regular season champions and the Big East championships are concerned," Brown said. "We need to win out, so it's what we practice each day for. Each opponent is another step in the process."

#### ND WOMEN'S GOLF | THE LANDFALL TRADITION

### Sandy shortens tournament

#### By ISAAC LORTON Sports Writer

In a fight against time and the elements, the No. 19 Irish were able to clinch the fifth spot at The Landfall Tradition after 18 holes of golf, after which the tournament was cancelled due to the heavy rainfall of Hurricane Sandy.

Irish coach Susan Holt said she was pleased with how the Irish performed on the first day despite the less-than-optimal conditions. Freshman Lindsey Weaver finished with a two-under par 70, which earned her a tie for third place. Sophomore Kelli Oride shot an even-par 72 and was in a four-way tie for 11th place. The Irish finished ahead of No. 4 Arizona, No. 11 North Carolina State and No. 12 Michigan State who finished 12th, 7th and 6th respectively.

"All in all, I'm pretty happy finishing fifth, considering the circumstances," Holt said. "Our mindset going in was it could conceivably be an 18-hole tournament because of the weather coming from Hurricane Sandy.

"We had two players under par and we beat a few teams who were ranked ahead of us. We put ourselves in a better position for the spring season."

On Saturday, Notre Dame was in third place after 27 holes, but the rest of the day and Sunday were rained out.

"It's hard to speculate how we would have finished," Holt said. "Most of our kids got nine holes in on Saturday, but other teams still had a lot more to go. There were just downpours of rain, greens accumulated water and the girls



Irish junior Kristina Nhim putts during the Mary Fossum Invitational on Sept. 15 in East Lansing, Mich.

couldn't putt and there was too much water on the course to play."

With the fall tournament schedule now over, The Irish will now begin their offseason training, in order to prepare for the spring.

"We go into our offseason schedule," Holt said. "It's eight hours of training a week, no more than two playing golf. We will mainly do strength training and conditioning. Our time for golf is significantly cut back, so we will focus on academics. Most of the players are from warm-weather climates — Hawaii, California, Arizona — so I'm glad they will be getting some rounds in over winter break."

As the Irish look to the spring season, Holt said they want to focus on maintaining their scores.

"There were a handful of times this semester where we put ourselves in a pretty good position to be under par as a team for a round, but we weren't able to obtain it. We want to get there as a team and keep it there. We need to prepare for the championship tournaments in May."

The Irish will pick up competition Feb. 15, when they head to Tallahassee, Fla., for the threeday Mash Up tournament.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING | ND 166, AUBURN 132

## Notre Dame falls to Tigers

#### By KATIE HEIT Sports Writer

The Irish hit a rough spot in their season Saturday with a close 166-132 loss to Auburn.

Notre Dame and Auburn each won eight events, but Auburn managed to earn the upper hand in the No. 2 through No. 5 spots and take the win.

claimed the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard breaststroke. Holden won the 100-yard backstroke and 100yard butterfly, and Bessire won the 200-yard freestyle.

Senior diver Jenny Chiang also claimed the gold in the 3-meter dive. Malandra said Chiang had one of the more impressive wins of the competition, winning the event after spraining her ankle early in the day. "She exemplified the toughness and perseverance of a Notre Dame athlete," Malandra said. Sophomore Allison Casareto won the 1-meter dive after finishing fourth in the 3-meter. The Irish also claimed victory in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Despite all these wins, the Tigers managed to put enough people in second and third place in multiple events to snatch the meet victory.

momentum and drive heading into the bulk of their season.

"I think a lot of people surprised themselves with how fast they swam," Malandra said. "That seemed to build our team confidence as a whole. The swimming season is a process and I think we're off to a great start."

gest teams in our conference [Louisville and Marquette] right out the gate."

Against Pittsburgh (14-12, 5-7), the Irish prevailed 3-1. Junior setter Maggie Brindock paced the Irish offense with 43 assists and a career-high eight kills and seven blocks, hitting .571 while controlling the Notre Dame attack. Sophomore outside hitter Toni Alugbue recorded a teamhigh 14 kills, while senior middle blocker Hilary Eppink notched 13. The Irish proved dominant on both sides of the net, outhitting the Panthers .320 to .110.

"We really allowed Maggie to be able to run an effective offense," Brown said. "We used a lot of different hitters and The Irish travel to Seton Hall on Saturday for a Big East matchup at 2 p.m.

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Senior Jaime Malandra said she was proud of her team's effort despite the loss.

"As a whole, our team really stepped up to the meet," Malandra said. "Auburn is a very talented team. While we knew that this meet was going to be a challenge, our coach reminded us we had to approach it just as we would any other dual meet."

The Irish did rack up a large number of individual event winners. Sophomores Emma Reaney and Suzanne Bessire and senior Kim Holden posted individual wins. Reaney

Malandra said she thinks the loss will give the Irish Malandra said the Irish will have to face tough competition the remainder of the season, but the encouraging nature of her team will help it find success.

"We work well together," Malandra said. "We push each other and most importantly, we enjoy being around each other. It's a special thing to be a part of."

The Irish look to bounce back in a home meet against Purdue on Friday at 5 p.m. in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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# Irish take down defending national champions

#### **By AARON SANT-MILLER** Sports Writer

The Irish opened the Castellan Family Fencing Center with a bang Saturday, as both the men's and the women's squads topped the defending national champions Ohio State in an exhibition match, with wins of 60-37 and 60-51, respectively.

"I think we did incredibly well in the team matches," senior Ewa Nelip said. "Ohio State is a very good opponent and the reigning national champions. Beating them in the first tournament was our major goal, and I think we accomplished it completely."

Though it was an exhibition match, the match against Ohio State gave the team an opportunity to test itself against one of the nation's best, senior James Kaull said.

"We were just trying to see where we are as a team right now. It was an exhibition match, so there was nothing really on the line," Kaull said. "It was our first test of the season to see how we would compete against another good team, and it was pretty even throughout, which is a very good sign of things to come."

On the men's side, senior and Olympian Gerek Meinhardt led Notre Dame, as he advanced a 31-30 Irish lead substantially by winning 14-5 in his first bout in the foil.

For the women, freshman and fellow Olympian Lee Kiefer and sophomore Madison Zeiss earned critical wins, as both won all four bouts in the foil. At the start of the women's foil bouts, Notre Dame was trailing 40-39. The four wins earned by the Irish underclassmen led the Irish to victory.

"I think both Gerek and Lee Kiefer really carried the team, especially late," Kaull said. "I think we set them up to make a dominating performance against some of Ohio State's best fencers.

"They just really came through and beat them down. I mean, we expect it of them, but it's hard for them to step up with all that pressure. They really did an excellent job."

The women weren't the only ones to shine in foil bouts on Saturday,. In the men's foil matches, Meinhardt and junior Ariel DeSmet managed to win their four matches by a combined score of 29-7, including a 5-0 shutout by DeSmet.

"We just played it patient, and then let the Olympians take over," Kaull said. "When you have that capability, it makes sense to just let them do it, and they did."

On the day, the men's squad only lost one bout, as freshman Garrett McGrath won two matches in the men's epee and

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freshman John Hallsten claimed one of the two men's sabre bouts. Kaull battled to two ties in both of his bouts in the epee.

"There was no real reason for me to rush when I have such a good fencer behind me in Garrett," Kaull said. "That was the game plan. They wanted to attack Garrett and Garrett made them pay when they did. That was definitely encouraging to see out of [a] freshman."

For the women, the Irish saw a little more difficulty, as Ohio State claimed four of the 12 bouts. Still, victories from Nelip and sophomore Ashley Severson in epee, as well as a win from senior Lian Osier in sabre, helped to the squad cut the deficit to 40-39 following the sabre and epee bouts. From there on out, Kiefer and Zeiss took over, winning their four combined bouts by a score of 21-11.

The Irish also saw success in the individual competitions. Of the six tournaments, the Irish claimed three. Meinhardt won the men's foil competition, while Kiefer won the women's foil and Nelip won the women's epee. Still, the Irish hoped to claim more than half of the individual tournaments, Nelip said.

"Individually, I think we could have done a little better," Nelip said. "We have a lot of talent and I think that's still an area for us to improve."



tournament.

we get, and we have to be more composed when we get around the goal. I think it's just that we're young up front and we just have to continue to work at it and improve with those players up front."

Luckily for the Irish, that op-

portunity is right around the

corner. On Sunday, the Irish will

compete in the Penn State Open,

which is solely an individual

different schools and we're going

to have an opportunity to com-

pare ourselves to them," Kaull

said. "It's a last individual check

"We're going to fence a lot of

Notre Dame's struggles on the offensive end continued into the second half, as freshman defender Brittany Von Rueden's corner kick knocked off the left crossbar in the 56th minute. After Syracuse senior midfielder Alyscha Mottershead missed an attempt in the 66th minute, the Irish offense pushed the on where you are going into the season, and we're hoping to do pretty well while we're there."

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The Irish will look to continue on an impressive start, while also improving on the individual level, on Sunday in the Penn State Open at University Park, Pa.

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continues to get better each week, and I think Katie can arguably be one of the best center backs we've had in 10 years, which is saying a lot. With [Von Rueden and Naughton], we've got two center backs that are a really difficult tandem to get past."

Waldrum said his team's physical style of play helped it survive a challenge from a tough Syracuse squad.

"As much as we want to keep the ball and be a possession-oriented team, we've got enough balance in that physical play," Waldrum said. "I think it was two teams fighting to get to the next weekend."

With the victory, Notre Dame, the No. 2 seed in the Big East National Division, will play No. 12 Marquette, the top seed in the conference's American Division, in the semifinal round of the Big East Championship. Conference The Golden Eagles (14-2-2), who beat Connecticut 4-1 Sunday, are undefeated in conference play and unbeaten in their last 12 matches. The Irish will take the next step toward their goal of a Big East championship when they play Marquette on Friday at 4 p.m. at Morrone Stadium in Storrs, Conn.



Irish freshman fencer Lee Kiefer battles an Ohio State opponent

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Waldrum said Von Rueden and freshman defender Katie Naughton played major roles in shutting down Syracuse's offense.

"The two freshmen we have playing [on defense] have gotten more and more experience," Waldrum said. "I think Brittany

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### Clark

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came out and they scored their goal," Clark said. "But he had a terrific save there, and another good save later in the game when he put a header over the crossbar."

Walsh recorded a careerhigh eight saves in the game, while Marquette redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Charlie Lyon used five saves to keep Notre Dame off the scoreboard for much of the game.

"Both goalkeepers were outstanding, actually," Clark said. "It was a pretty good [advertisement] for college soccer, there was a lot of neat things happening. As I said, we could have won the game but so could they, in fairness."

Finley finally put the Irish on the board in the game's closing minutes when he sent a loose ball past Lyon and into the Marquette net from the top

of the penalty box. The goal was Finley's 11th in the past seven contests and secured his stance atop the league leaders in the category.

The goal came despite difficult conditions on the field, Clark said.

"[Finley] did well, a lot of the guys did well," he said. "It was a difficult field. You don't like to make excuses, but the thing their coach said to me was he apologized for the field at the start of the game when I met him. The field was very [slippery], a bit bumpy. It wasn't a field that would allow too much good soccer, but I thought we actually did a good job on it."

Finley and Irish junior forward Harrison Shipp both put shots on net early in the overtime periods, but neither team was able to break the tie after 110 minutes of play. Clark said several Irish players performed particularly well in the

match.

"I thought [sophomore midfielder] Nick Besler was superb," he said. "I thought, for me, he was just winning balls ... The player that I thought really did well yesterday — the two boys who did well actually, shared the left side - [were senior midfielders] Kyle Richard and Bob Novak. Bob started the game and really did well, and then Kyle came on and I thought Kyle had a really good game, maybe one of his best games, so hopefully he's coming into form. We really need good production from out in that left midfield position."

The Irish will face Syracuse in the first round of the Big East tournament on Saturday in Syracuse, N.Y. The Orange (12-5-0, 5-3-0) are the No. 2 seed in the conference's Red Division.

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figure out the minutes and the roles in the game for 40 minutes," Brey said. "So I think to play against somebody else that will give us another step in evaluating our team early in the year."

The Irish return 89 percent of their scoring and 93 percent of their rebounding from last year's squad that went 22-12 overall and 13-5 in the Big East. Senior forward Jack Cooley, graduate student forward Scott Martin, sophomore guard/forward Pat Connaughton and junior guards Jerian Grant and Eric Atkins will again start for Notre Dame. Senior center Garrick Sherman, who sat out last season after transferring from Michigan State, will be the sixth man, though Brey said he is essentially a "sixth starter."

Brey will give the majority of the minutes to those six players Monday.

"I want to really get a feel of playing our key guys," Brey said. "You've heard me talk about six starters, those guys have to get a lot of minutes playing together. I want to really evaluate that."

SABAH O'CONNOB | The Observer Irish junior guard Jerian Grant dribbles past a Xavier defender during Notre Dame's 67-63 loss to the Musketeers on March 16.

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Irish junior defenseman Shayne Taker skates during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Minnesota-Duluth on Oct. 19.

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The Irish kept that momentum rolling Saturday, as a breakout performance from freshman center Steven Fogarty propelled Notre Dame to a 3-2 victory. Deadlocked at one in the second period, Fogarty took a pass and fired a wrist shot from the right faceoff dot through the legs of Wildcat junior goaltender Jared Coreau.

Fogarty put the Irish even further ahead nine minutes later, when he chased a rebound on the power play and slung it towards the net, where it deflected off Coreau and in for the score.

The goals were the first two of Fogarty's short collegiate career, something that Jackson said is a big step in his development.

"[Fogarty] is still feeling his way through college hockey," Jackson said. "We know that he has the offensive ability, so I've been sticking with him even though he's adjusting and gaining experience. Saturday was a big step forward offensively for him, and that should give him some confidence going forward."

While it was Fogarty that put the Irish ahead, it was senior goaltender Mike Johnson that kept them there. With the lead cut to 3-2 and Northern Michigan bringing on an extra attacker, Johnson made some huge saves to close out the victory. Johnson, who started most of Notre Dame's games last season, made his first start of the

"We need to keep guys fresh, and having Mike helps with that," Jackson said. "There might be a point where we need him this season. [Summerhays] is our guy, and I don't expect that to change, but Mike did a very good job on Saturday. He's been practicing well, and he deserved an opportunity to get in there this weekend. He's been a big part of our team for the past three years, and having him can only be a good thing for us going forward this year."

The weekend performance in a hostile conference environment is a great start to Notre Dame's conference slate, but a tough stretch of both CCHA and non-conference games await. Notre Dame will host No. 10 Western Michigan next weekend, while a murderer's row of No. 1 Boston College, No. 6 Michigan and No. 4 North Dakota awaits the Irish through the balance of November. With such a demanding stretch coming up, Jackson was able to find several areas that will need to be tightened up, even after an undefeated weekend.

"It's still early in the season, and we have a number of things to continue working on," Jackson said. "We still showed deficiencies on the power play, and face-offs still have to improve. The key is just to keep getting better with every game and every series."

The Irish are next in action Friday when they host Western Michigan at 7:35 p.m. at the Compton Family Ice Arena.

Of those top six players, Brey said he is primarily concerned with getting Sherman, who appeared in 70 games in two seasons with the Spartans, comfortable playing with his teammates.

"My focus is going to be those six guys getting the bulk of minutes and getting the feel in at game situations and playing together again, especially for Garrick Sherman," Brey said. "He's a veteran, but he hasn't played for us yet. I want him comfortable and confident early in the year."

Brey said Notre Dame would use both Sherman and Cooley together at times throughout the season, presenting

"I've been happy with how those guys have kept our spacing good," Brey said. "We haven't got jammed up. They're good together, they like playing together, they like passing to each other and man are we big and physical with those two in there."

Cooley will be looking to build off a breakout season in which he averaged 12.5 points and 8.9 rebounds per game en route to a spot on the all-Big East second team. Cooley was named to the preseason all-Big East first team Oct. 17. Brey said he is thrilled with what he has seen from the 6-foot-9, 246-pounder so far. "Jack Cooley has been just

picked up another level from where he left off. I am so pleased with the maturity and the focus and the player he's become. It's really impressive."

With upperclassmen like Cooley still fully realizing their potential, Brey said his team is not a finished product.

"We understand we have room to improve even though we have veterans back," Brey said.

The Irish battle the Hawks on Monday at 7 p.m. at Purcell Pavilion.

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# SPORTS

#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Team to open with Quincy

**By MIKE MONACO** Sports Writer

Two hundred and twentyseven days later, the road to redemption finally begins.

The No. 22 Irish, who in March were knocked out in the first round of the NCAA tournament, kick off the new season Monday with an exhibition game against Quincy.

Irish coach Mike Brey said his veterans have used last season's early exit from the tournament as extra motivation and are focused and ready.

"A veteran team that's very hungry comes back focused, comes back with a chip on their shoulder because they wanted to play deeper in the NCAA tournament," Brey said. "I have great captains. My leadership is good. They've set the tone and I've really liked our practices. We're focused. We're concentrating."

Brey said he is looking forward to squaring off with the Hawks, who play in Division II in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, after roughly a dozen practices.

"It's just good to play against somebody else," Brey



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Irish senior forward Jack Cooley puts up a shot during Notre Dame's 67-63 loss to Xavier in the NCAA tournament on March 16.

said. "When you have a veteran team banging against each other for two weeks, it gets old really quick."

Brey said he would use the exhibition game to begin to establish roles and determine

playing time.

"I think you need to now sit on the same bench and they all need to see what the pecking order is and I need to

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# Roccaro's goal beats Syracuse

#### **By BRIAN HARTNETT** Sports Writer

For the second straight game, No. 24 Notre Dame struggled to score until the end of the game. But, for the second straight game, the Irish only needed one goal to win, as they defeated Syracuse 1-0 in the quarterfinals of the Big East conference championship on Sunday at Alumni Stadium.

Freshman forward Cari Roccaro provided the lategame heroics for Notre Dame (13-4-2) on Sunday, as she scored the game's lone goal in the 78th minute.

Roccaro took a long pass from junior captain and midfielder Mandy Laddish, beating Syracuse junior goalkeeper Brittany Anghel to the ball at the top of the box. She then fired into an empty net from 15 yards out to put the Irish on the board.

"One of the things we talked about all week is that their goalkeeper plays off her line really high and we felt like, if we pressured her enough, we could turn the ball over which is pretty much what happened," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "[Roccaro] is so composed with the ball that, once she cut it past the first defender, she had a huge gap to run in between and, with the goalkeeper being out of position, she had the open net to hit it in."

Notre Dame struggled to take advantage of several offensive opportunities in a physical first half. Anghel made a diving save to stop Roccaro's header in the game's opening minute, and Irish junior forward Elizabeth Tucker's header smashed off the crossbar in the ninth minute.

Waldrum emphasized the need for the Irish to convert opportunities, especially as the team advances further into postseason play.

"Right now, we don't have that player who can score 20 goals a year for us," Waldrum said. "So, we've got to be efficient with the chances that

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#### MEN'S SOCCER | ND 1, MARQUETTE 1

# ND battles Marquette to tie

#### By JOSEPH MONARDO Sports Writer

One of the primary goals of Notre Dame's season remained just out of reach Saturday, as the No. 7 Irish played to a 1-1 draw with No. game hopefully can prepare us for ... NCAA games. So this certainly was far from a disaster, but it was still a little bit disappointing."

The game was the final installment of a double-header against Marquette (14-2-1, 5-2-1). Notre Dame won the first contest, 3-1, in Alumni Stadium on Wednesday. Following almost the same script as Wednesday's contest, Marquette redshirt freshman defender Axel Sjoberg put the Golden Eagles on the board in the 29th minute. Sjoberg scored Marquette's lone goal against the Irish on Wednesday in the 25th minute. On Saturday the 6-foot-7 defender netted the go-ahead goal off a rebound from a shot saved by Irish senior goalkeeper Will Walsh.

# Irish take two victories

HOCKEY | ND 5, NORTHERN MICHIGAN 2; ND 3, NORTHERN MICHIGAN 2

#### **By JACK HEFFERON** Sports Writer

No. 9 Notre Dame had the upper hand in the Upper Peninsula over the weekend, claiming two road wins over No. 16 Northern Michigan to start their last season in the CCHA on the right note.

The perfect weekend started Friday, when the Irish (5-1-0, 2-0-0-0 CCHA) put together one of their most complete performances of the year in a 5-2 victory. Junior netminder Steven Summerhays made 22 saves in the win, and the defense didn't allow a goal after the Wildcats (3-3-0, 0-2-0-0) scored twice to end the first period. Offensively, the team got its five goals from five different scorers, with goals coming both from marquee scorers — like junior center and captain Anders Leeas well as less-heralded offensive players like junior center David Gerths, who tallied his second goal in as many games. "That balanced scoring means a lot," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "It takes some of the pressure off of guys like Lee and



ND WOMEN'S SOCCER | ND 1, SYRACUSE 0

3 Marquette in Milwaukee, Wisc., in the squad's regularseason finale.

Irish senior forward Ryan Finley scored the tying goal in the 88th minute for his 17th score of the season. The tie denied Notre Dame (13-3-1, 5-2-1 Big East) a share of the Big East regular season title and seeded the Irish as the third in the conference's Blue Division.

"[I'm] obviously disappointed we didn't get a win and a share of a championship," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Having said that, getting a tie on the road against a top-ranked team isn't the end of the world. I think this

"Well, he had a fantastic save, that's how the rebound

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Irish freshman forward Steven Fogarty moves up the ice during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Minnesota-Duluth on Oct. 19.

[junior center] T.J. Tynan, which is important, and shows other teams that we have other guys that can score. If we can get three or four other guys to consistently contribute, that can only make us that much better offensively."

That play on both ends of the ice left Jackson happy with his team's performance, although he still found it to be a little less than complete.

"I'm very pleased with our play on Friday," he said. "We still played poorly for the second ten minutes of the first period, but I thought we played the other 50 minutes very well."

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