

## ELECTION 2012

# Experts address candidates' health care plans

**Kristen Durbin**  
News Editor



Although the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) this summer, the debate over the future of American health care continues to be a major issue, especially as the outcome of Tuesday's presidential election could potentially change the trajectory set by the ACA.

If President Barack Obama wins

reelection, he will focus on the implementation of fundamental elements of the ACA beginning in 2014, including affordable insurance exchanges and a significant expansion of Medicaid, according to Dr. Aaron Carroll, the director of the Center for Health Policy and Professionalism Research.

But Jim Capretta, a fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center and author of "Why Obamacare is Wrong for America," said the ACA will lead the country down the road to ineffective, expensive

health care reform due to a large-scale centralization of power by the federal government, a move Republican candidate Gov. Mitt Romney opposes.

"It's indisputable that the main aim of the ACA is to use the federal government's regulatory, taxing and spending authority to reshape the health care system and move massive amounts of political power out of the hands of employers and private citizens and states

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President Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney argue during the second presidential debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

# Indiana 2nd District race down to the wire

*Walorski touts  
Hoosier roots,  
fiscal responsibility*

By **JOHN CAMERON**  
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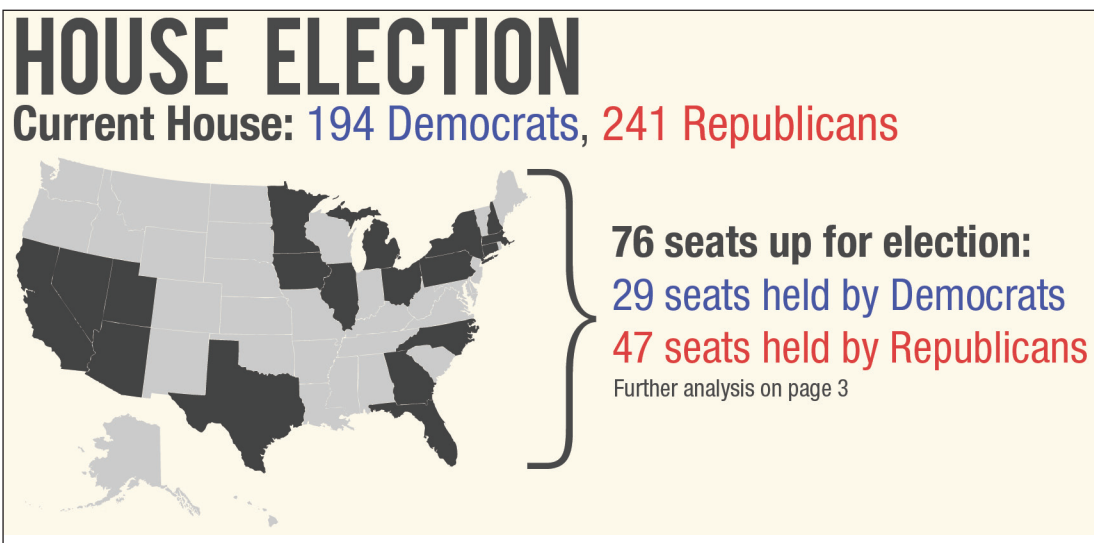


As Republican Congressional hopeful Jackie Walorski eyes Indiana's 2nd District's seat in the House of Representatives, she said she hopes to bring bipartisanship to a legislature too strongly divided across aisles.

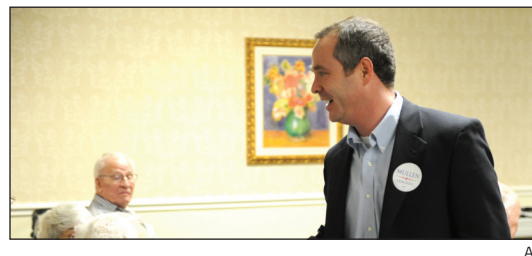
"Congress has a record low approval rating due to partisan gridlock and runaway spending that has resulted in an unproductive Congress," Walorski said. "If I am elected, I will bring Hoosier common sense to Washington."

With the election depending on the votes of Americans

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Republican candidate Jackie Walorski speaks to supporters in LaPorte, Ind., Oct. 9.



Democratic candidate Brendan Mullen visits seniors in South Bend, Ind., on Nov. 1.

*Mullen draws  
closer as Election  
Day approaches*

By **ADAM LLORENS**  
News Writer



After months of speeches, fundraisers, handshakes and kissed babies, voters in Indiana's 2nd Congressional District will decide whether Democrat Brendan Mullen or Republican Jackie Walorski will represent them on Capitol Hill.

Notre Dame professor and former political reporter Jack Colwell said the race is still close with only four days remaining until Election Day.

"At the start of the race, it was generally regarded as Jackie's district," Colwell

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# Gay rights play limited role in election cycle

By **MEL FLANAGAN**  
News Writer



With the election approaching rapidly, undecided voters must hone in on the issues most important to them. For some, that paramount issue might be gay rights.

Political science professor Geoffrey Layman said gay issues have played a limited role in this year's election, despite major developments in gay and lesbian rights recently.

"Like all other issues, they have been dwarfed in importance by the economy," he said.

These issues have also been

sidelined due to Republican hesitation to broach a topic that would likely benefit the Democrats more than their own party, Layman said.

"Public support for same-sex marriage and for gay and lesbian rights more generally has been increasing rapidly," he said. "These things are very

unpopular among the activist base of the GOP, but are much more popular among the undecided voters on whom general election campaigns focus."

Further, Layman said the limited space in the public mind for moral issues has been occupied by topics besides gay rights.

"The controversies over

President Obama's health care program and especially the HHS mandate have brought abortion and reproductive issues once again to the forefront," he said.

Layman said the limited focus on gay issues in this election

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DeBartolo Performing Arts Center  
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# Republicans positioned to retain House

By NICOLE MICHELS  
News Writer



Voters in 81 districts across the country will choose their voices in the U.S. House of Representatives on Election Day. Though the number of contested seats allows the Democrats ample opportunity to infringe upon the Republicans' current control of the House at 242 to 193, political science professor Ricardo Ramirez said he does not believe this round of elections will alter the balance of power in the House significantly.

"They're just going to solidify their current strength as Republicans," Ramirez said. "There are states where the demographics have shifted so that there are more competitive seats, but it's not because those drawing the districts have purposely tried to give people options — sometimes there's enough movement over ten years so that it does create opportunities."

The 2012 election is the first to incorporate the results of the 2010 census into the districting scheme, shifting the allocation of seats. Ramirez said this redistricting will only have a limited effect.

"Because redistricting happened, those states that have the state legislators

drawing the districts have a lot of Republicans in control of a lot of the state legislatures and governors they redistricted to benefit Republicans at the Congressional level," Ramirez said. "But when they gain

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Ricardo Ramirez  
political science professor

those seats I don't think they'll pick up any more."

Population shifts manifest in the new census data have shifted the composition of the electorate, Ramirez said.

"The three biggest growth segments were young voters as they have started to vote more and two specific segments of the

population — Asian Americans and Latinos," Ramirez said.

These groups will only become more influential as they are incorporated into the American political system, Ramirez said.

"Once [Latinos and Asian Americans] reach five or six percent, I think that's when some of the Congressional races and statehouses will begin showing fruits for whatever party outreaches to them, because neither party does a fantastic job [at reaching out to them] now," Ramirez said. "If there's more outreach to them not only as young communities but also as immigrant-based communities I think they will have a big say."

Changes in the number of a state's seats create challenges for its politicians, Ramirez said.

"It's different when a state has gained a seat or lost a seat," Ramirez said. "States have lost seats and all of a sudden you'll have two former incumbents running against each other or two from the same party, changes in party choice or party ID. When you have gained an additional seat those changes are easier to deal with ... most of those issues are very different and dealt with at the primary level."

The most important issues in any race to be decided on Nov. 6 is the economy, but the issues of abortion and

contraception come into play strongly in House races as well, Ramirez said.

"Obviously it varies across regions or states — if you're talking at the presidential level, those issues are not going to

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Ricardo Ramirez  
political science professor

be the same as Congressional races," Ramirez said.

[The Affordable Health Care Act] has stirred passions in many House races — particularly in the state of Indiana — because the conservative elements have chosen to run with the argument that won them success in the 2010 elections.

"I think among Republicans running at least locally for the U.S. House and the Senate [are] very much against Obamacare — I think it resonates with their base," Ramirez said. "I

think with the Democrats there are less concrete issues they're focusing on, at least locally."

Indiana voting attitudes seem to be representative of the Midwest pattern in general, Ramirez said.

"In general, Republicans have control but then you have pockets of Democrats," Ramirez said. "In general in the state because it is rural, that's why the governors have been Republican."

The unified Indiana viewpoint intrigues Ramirez, he said.

"It's been interesting since I got here to Indiana," Ramirez said. "The topic of the way Hoosiers are, the state and locality identity aside, all are still very much the Hoosier way."

All in all, this election likely will not be shocking, Ramirez said.

"Democrats might regain a few of the seats that they lost but I don't think it's going to switch Democrat," Ramirez said. "I don't think it's going to switch to Democrat, the only thing that's going to allow them to do that eventually will be population shifts for the next census or towards the end of the decade."

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is similar to the 2008 election. Then, as now, the election was dominated by economic crisis.

But in the 2004 election, Layman said the issue of gay rights was a crucial topic that was addressed frequently.

"Same-sex marriage was more important for the 2004 election because key battleground states — Ohio in particular — had same-sex ballot initiatives and those affected the turnout of supporters and opponents of those initiatives in the presidential election," Layman said.

Although several states had same-sex initiatives on the ballot in 2008, Layman said they did not largely impact the election because they were not battleground states.

Despite the increased prevalence of gay issues in today's culture, Layman said he does not believe they typically have a large impact on an individual's vote.

"To the extent that people consider issues at all, they base their voting decisions far more on economic issues than on cultural and moral issues like gay rights, same-sex marriage and abortion," he said.

He did acknowledge these issues play a large role in determining the votes of certain groups of people.

"For example, gay and lesbian voters themselves and the traditionalist Christian voters who are staunchly opposed to same-sex marriage and other advances in gay and lesbian rights," Layman said.

Layman said it is difficult to determine for certain whether homosexual citizens tend to ally with a particular party due to the small number of self-identified gay and lesbian voters in national sample surveys.

"However, the existing evidence suggests that gay and lesbian voters lean strongly toward the Democratic Party," he said.

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## Alumnus bikes to raise funds



Photo courtesy of Andean Health and Development

**Dr. Michael Heisler poses with his wife Jean. Heisler biked from Sioux Falls, S.D., to Notre Dame in six days and raised more than \$63,000.**

By **LILY MCGILL**  
News Writer

Notre Dame alumnus Dr. Michael Heisler biked 630 miles in six days last week to raise more than \$63,000 for Hesburgh Hospital, a teaching and research hospital planned in Santo Domingo, Ecuador.

Dr. Heisler's journey began last weekend in his hometown, Sioux Falls, S.D. From there, he biked for six and a half days to Notre Dame to attend the Andean Health and Development (AHD) board meeting, which will be held this Friday in the Hesburgh Center.

AHD, founded in 1995 by Notre Dame alumnus Dr. David Gaus and chaired by University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore

***"You can do these kinds of fundraisers, but if you're not raising funds for something that makes sense to people, nobody's going to contribute."***

Dr. Michael Heisler  
Vice chair  
Andean Health and Development

Hesburgh, was created to provide self-sustainable, comprehensive health care in poor, rural areas of Latin America. Access to health care in these rural communities is limited. Residents must drive as long as three and half hours on dangerous roads to the Ecuadorian capital of Quito without any guarantee of care.

"When AHD built its first hospital [in Pedro Vicente Maldonado], they were given the advice, 'When you build a hospital, don't build something as inexpensively as you can. Don't waste money, but build a building that has some stature to it, a good building that will last for years,'" Heisler said.

"So they did. The first week

the hospital opened, people didn't come. Nobody could figure it out. So they went out into the community and asked, 'How come you're not coming to the hospital? This is our community's hospital.' And the people said, 'We didn't think it was for us, we thought it was for other people.' Because they never had a hospital like that before, they never had health care accessible."

"I got this hair-brained idea one day: Why don't I just ride my bike over to the board meeting?" Heisler said. "I know it's kind of crazy, but maybe we can raise some money. I honestly was hoping to raise \$40,000 in my wildest imagination."

In fact, proceeds from "630 in 6 for 63" raised over \$70,000, well past the original goal. This money will go towards AHD's Vision campaign, whose goal is to raise \$6 million to build Hesburgh Hospital. The hospital will include a 50-bed hospital, a physician residency facility, a nurse training facility and a global health research center. So far, AHD has raised \$3.6 million.

"I think as we got closer and people saw how cold the temperatures were, they started to feel sorry for me," Heisler said.

AHD is dedicated to building quality hospitals that address that need and can be sustained and staffed by local Ecuadorians. He also credited the organization's mission for people's donations.

"I think what Andean Health is doing is important," Heisler said. "You can do these kinds of fundraisers, but if you're not raising funds for something that makes sense to people, nobody's going to contribute."

"People say to me, 'Why did you ride 600 miles?' and 'Why did you get on your bike and get involved?'" he said. "Well, partially because I'm crazy. But the real reason is, because we try to do work that has some purpose."

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## SMC choir places second

By **LUCIE GORDON**  
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During its first appearance in the national competition, the Saint Mary's Women's Choir earned second place in the American Prize in Choral Performance competition in the college and university division in October. The contest recognized the College choir as one of nine finalists for the award.

Conductor Dr. Nancy Menk said her group set a precedent for an all-women's choir placing near the top at the competition.

"We were the first women's choir to place in the top three," Menk said. "That was an honor."

Menk is a professor of music, director of choral activities and the Mary Lou Judd Leighton Chair in Music at the College. She also serves as conductor and music director of the South Bend Chamber Singers, which also competed for the American Prize and placed among the top eight finalists in the community division.

"I am proud of both choirs," she said.

Founded in 2009, the American Prize honors outstanding choirs that submit recordings to be reviewed. There are six categories: professional chorus, college

or university level chorus, community or faith-based chorus, secondary school

***"Dr. Menk makes it a point to give a good example of women's choral music to younger singers."***

Ashley Stopczynski  
Saint Mary's senior

chorus, youth chorus and children's chorus.

The Women's Choir, currently comprised of approximately 45 students, has performed across the coun-

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Saint Mary's senior

try as well as internationally and recorded four CDs.

For the competition, the Women's Choir submitted a CD entitled "Anima mea," Latin for "My soul." The CD includes a number of relatively current, 20th- and

21st-century songs.

Senior Ashley Stopczynski credited much of the group's success to Menk.

"Dr. Menk ensures that we get a well-rounded choral experience by including upbeat, slower and different styles of music," said Stopczynski.

Stopczynski said its "Anima mea" CD is a testament to the choir's talent, an excellent tool for sharing that talent with others.

"Dr. Menk makes it a point to give a good example of women's choral music to younger singers," Stopczynski said.

Menk and Stopczynski both said being an all-female choir did not give them any kind of edge in this competition.

"A good choir is a good choir," Menk said.

Stopczynski agreed, but she said the group is still unique.

"I actually don't think women choirs get enough recognition for the beauty of the sound," she said. "However, being the only female group to win is an amazing experience. ... It's wonderful to be recognized for the work we put into our music."

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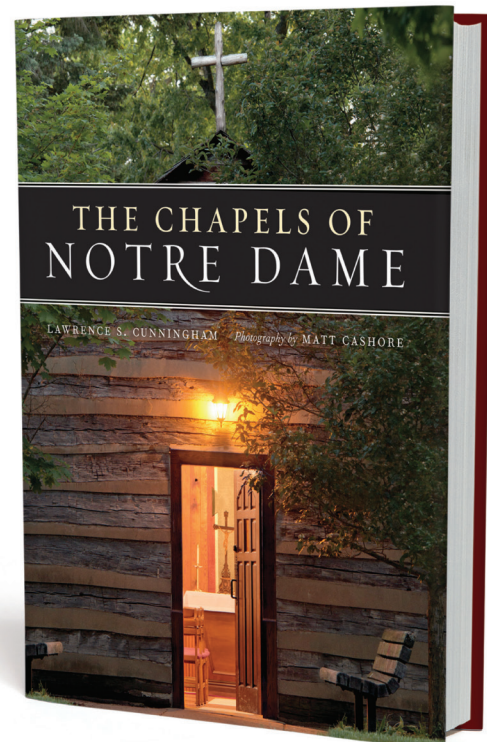
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to the federal government," he said. "The government is now in the driver's seat of the health care system ... where it can direct what people do in terms of health care."

Capretta said he thinks that shift in power could prove treacherous in its future consequences.

"Anyone who's worked around the political process knows that things like this have a certain inevitable trajectory. First of all, bureaucracies never cede power," he

said. "Once power is moved to the federal government, it will only expand over time."

"The federal government is a one-size-fits-all structure that doesn't have the authority to be nimble in managing a big enterprise like the health care system, and it will dictate terms ... that don't recognize the diverse nature of the country and very different views on quality health care."

Rather than dictating every health care decision Americans make, Carroll said the ACA sets a standard of universal coverage

and gives people options to expand that coverage if desired.

"The idea that the federal government is taking over everything is a bit overblown in the sense that they're just setting baselines. They're absolutely not saying, 'You can't get this or that coverage.' They're just saying, 'You can't have less coverage than this,'" Carroll said. "Individual states can do as much as they like above that baseline."

In terms of state power in health care reform, Capretta said decentralizing power from the federal government to state governments, as Romney has proposed, would promote freedom of choice among consumers and help strengthen the market for private health care.

"Romney wants to push the health care system towards a market-driven approach instead of centralizing power at the federal level and do so in a way where the federal and state governments oversee the marketplace, ensure that it operates fairly on behalf of consumers and then try to empower people to make choices for themselves," he said.

More specifically, the issue of entitlement reform has come into heavy questioning in the context of increased government influence on the health care system.

"Throughout the campaign, Romney has signaled that he will take entitlement reform very seriously as president," Capretta said. "Obama has signaled that he doesn't want to make structural changes to either of the major health entitlement programs, so there's a big difference between the two candidates in this regard."

But Carroll said Obama actually prioritized Medicare and Medicaid reform in the ACA.

Although Medicare often takes the national spotlight in presidential and other political debates, Carroll said the differences in the two candidates' policies on Medicaid are actually "much sharper," with Obama and the ACA stipulating a "massive expansion" of Medicaid to include 16 million additional people beginning in 2014 and Romney proposing to change Medicaid into a block grant program that provides funds to states to pay for care.

"[The block grant program] saves money by severely restricting how quickly the size of the block grant goes up. A low cap will be set, so the amount of money spent on Medicaid under Romney will be much lower than otherwise predicted," Carroll said. "Unless there's some magic, that means there will have to be fewer people covered or the benefits will be far less."

Critics of the ACA often point to the Medicaid expansion as a huge drain on government and taxpayer resources, but Carroll said the program's insurance plans cost less per person than providing subsidies to people to buy private insurance.

"If it was cheaper to give people subsidies, that's what the ACA would have done because no one wants to spend more than they need to on care," he said. "The reason we have Medicaid is because certain groups of people can't afford private insurance."

Contrary to the common perception of Medicaid beneficiaries as people who choose not to work, Carroll said the program mostly covers the most vulnerable Americans who are generally unable to work: children, pregnant women, the elderly, the blind and the disabled.

"It's not as if they're people who should be working and are not. They're people who can't work for some reason, so insurance is incredibly expensive for them," he said. "The amount of Medicaid funds spent on the blind and the disabled is huge, much higher than what's spent on kids, and private insurance would cost a fortune because anyone rating them would see that their care is vastly more expensive than the average person."

Thus, considering Medicaid funding cuts or a repeal of the program's expansion under the ACA brings up a fundamental ethical question, Carroll said.

"If you're thinking about cutting Medicaid severely, you have to ask yourself which of those groups you think should be working harder," he said. "Which should be getting off their butts and earning more money and pulling themselves up by their bootstraps?"

Although critics may view Obamacare and its call for expanded coverage as a violation of individual decision-making in health care, Carroll said the problems in the American health care system are not individualized.

"It's logically consistent to take the libertarian view and say everybody makes individual choices about health care," Carroll said.

"But the problem arises when people get sick, go to the emergency room and are charged for care they can't afford. When people can't pay, the rest of society has to pick up the bill. It's not individualized, and eventually we're all responsible for the millions of dollars in uncompensated care that gets spread out among people."

More than shared responsibility, Capretta said the American health care system needs an injection of free-market sensibility to operate more efficiently.

"What's needed most in health care is the discipline that comes from a functioning marketplace, a point Romney made in the first debate," Capretta said. "That doesn't mean the discipline from market forces can't also be coupled with a proposal that provides relatively stable and relatively universal insurance."

Based on the example of uncompensated care being paid for by taxpayers, Carroll said he is not convinced of the power of free-market economics to solve the country's health care reform issues.

"You can let the free market try to take care of [health care reform], but it doesn't work, and the same argument can be made for states," Carroll said. "States have been free to act on health care reform — Massachusetts did several years ago — but the vast majority of states are not controlling this problem, so when the problem isn't controlled, the public has to pick up the bill, and that's when government often steps in."

On both sides of the political spectrum, Carroll said, the power of the free market and the private insurance system has certain limitations.

"Because [Americans] will eventually take care of [uncompensated care], the next-best solution is to get people into the government health system because it's not being controlled by market forces," he said. "Even the right will acknowledge that the government should step in when the free market and private insurance can't or won't get the job done."

Romney has come under fire for not specifying what he would do after threatening to repeal the entire ACA if elected, but Capretta said the lack of a detailed plan creates flexibility.

"Obviously, Romney's plan is more of a vision than a detailed legislative proposal at this point, and I don't discount the notion that a lot of details are being left out. But I think his broad vision is relatively clear," he said. "His framework leaves lots of room for some details to be filled in later."

But Carroll said the alternative to the ACA might not be as perfect as Romney may consider his theory to be.

"It's not as if you have the choice between the ACA and some awesome free market utopia," he said. "It's the ACA or what we had before, which wasn't working and hasn't been working for a long time."

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## House

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said. "She unsuccessfully ran against [Sen.] Joe Donnelly in 2010, but came close. She also has a lot of name recognition, where Mullen is virtually unknown."

Colwell said the Republican-controlled state legislature redrew voting district lines in a way likely to incorporate more right-leaning voters in the district, favoring Walorski's odds.

"She began as a very heavy favorite, but Mullen came on in an impressive way," Colwell said. "Whether he can actually catch up and win is far from certain, but he's made a race of it that's shown by some of the national groups spending heavily in this district now. Neither side would spend if they figured the race was over."

With voters looking for more bipartisanship, both candidates stress their willingness to reach across the aisle in Washington, Colwell said.

"Jackie is saying she would be an independent voice and Mullen says he'd be a moderate, along the lines of Joe Donnelly, the Democrat who represents the district now," he said.

The spending includes funds from political consultant Karl Rove's Super PAC, American Crossroads, which is backing Walorski. Mullen is getting support from Democratic PACs and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Name recognition has been difficult for Mullen in these new areas. To draw enough votes, Colwell said Mullen must win big in St. Joseph County, the most populous county of the 10 in the district, because his chances in the other nine are not good.

Part of the headwinds Mullen will face throughout the district, Colwell said, comes from his opponent's associating him with controversial figures and policies in Washington.

"Walorski is trying to portray him as a Washington insider who was recruited by [House of Representatives minority leader] Nancy Pelosi to try and run in the district, and links him to President Obama and Obamacare," Colwell said. "Mullen tries to link her to the Tea Party, which indeed did support her; Richard Mourdock, the Indiana Republican senatorial candidate who recently made controversial comments about abortion; and calls her a career politician."

The two candidates' first and only television debate together occurred Tuesday at WSBT studios in Mishawaka. Mullen and Walorski also held a radio debate in Wabash, Ind., on Oct. 25.

Colwell said Mullen came

across as more assertive than Walorski in the debates because of the "prevent defense" Walorski has adopted to preserve her favorable poll numbers.

"Mullen tried to get in all of his points and was critical of Walorski on the privatization of social security," Colwell said. "Walorski seemed more intent on not making a mistake to preserve what's assumed to be her lead."

Colwell attributed some of the contention in the race to the district's resi-

***"Jackie is saying she would be an independent voice and Mullen says he's be a moderate, along the lines of Joe Donnelly, the Democrat who represents the district now."***

Jack Colwell  
American studies professor

dents' moderate political leanings.

"Both parties in seeking control of the House will zero in on this district as one that could be won," Colwell said. "There are a lot of congressional districts across the country where it's obvious that one party will win, but if it's close, both sides will come in spending millions of dollars to make television stations happy."

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## Walorski

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without party affiliations, Walorski said in an email interview this week that her team has made a strong effort to appeal to voters who do not self-identify as Republican.

"We have built an incredible grassroots team in the 2nd District, supported by a wide spectrum of Hoosier voters," she said. "On the campaign trail, we continually hear from voters about their concerns with the direction our country is going. This election is not about political parties, it's about sending an independent voice to Washington to work on bipartisan solutions to get us back on track."

Walorski said she considers the deficit and other economic issues to be of the utmost importance in this year's election.

"I will work to reduce our \$16 trillion [national] debt by supporting a balanced budget amendment and reducing government spending," she said. "The federal government must learn to live within its means, just like common sense Hoosiers."

Walorski said she will bring the same fiscal policies that helped Indiana restore its financial health while she served as a state representative from 2004 to 2011.

"We did this in Indiana by working together to balance the budget, reduce wasteful spending and passing pro-business legislation," she said. "Indiana successfully restored our AAA-bond rating, turned a deficit into a surplus and is now considered one of the best Midwest states to start a business."

"I believe we can use this model in Congress to pass meaningful legislation to get our country back on track," she said.

For students at Notre Dame and across the country,

Walorski said job growth and employment are the most important issues.

"Many college graduates have difficulty finding a job when they graduate due to our slug-

***"We have built an incredible grassroots team in the 2nd District, supported by a wide spectrum of Hoosier voters."***

Jackie Walorski  
Republican candidate  
Indiana 2nd District

gish economy," she said. "With more jobs, college students are able to quickly enter the workforce and begin building their professional careers. It also makes it easier for students to start paying off their loans."

Indiana college students, she said, have been integral to her campaign.

"I'm grateful that our campaign has received support from many local schools and universities, including Notre Dame," she said. "Many students have volunteered to intern, make phone calls, go door-to-door and attend events for our campaign."

Engaging local politics is an important part of being an informed young voter, she said.

"I think it is important for young people to engage themselves with the real issues facing our country," she said. "All voters should learn about the platform of their local candidates and understand how their representation may affect their futures on all issues."

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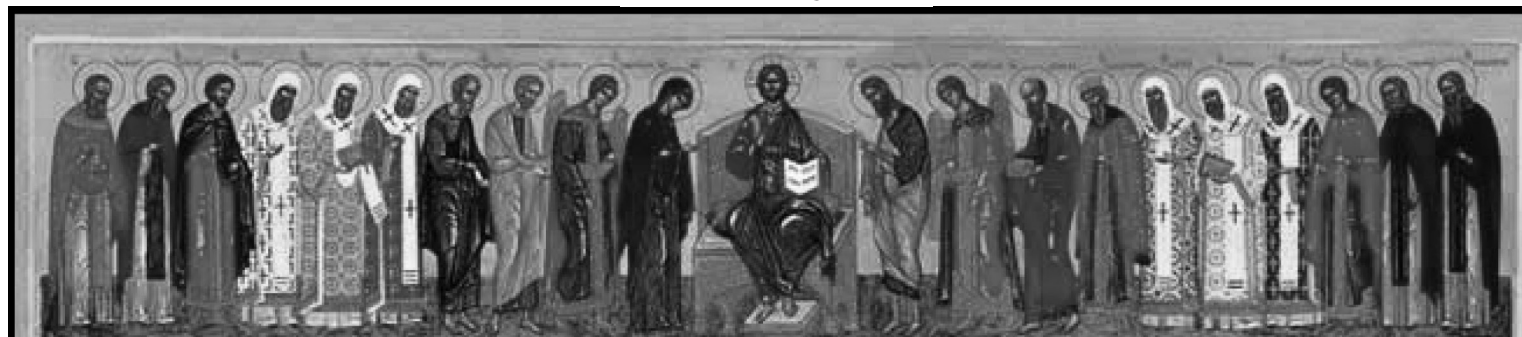
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# Gas stations running low in wake of Sandy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — There's plenty of gasoline in the Northeast — just not at gas stations.

In parts of New York and New Jersey, drivers lined up Thursday for hours at gas stations that were struggling to stay supplied. The power outages and flooding caused by Superstorm Sandy have forced many gas stations to close and disrupted the flow of fuel from refineries to those stations that are open.

At the same time, millions of gallons of gasoline are sitting at the ready in storage tanks, pipelines and tankers that can't unload their cargoes.

"It's like a stopped up drain," said Tom Kloza, Chief Oil Analyst at the Oil Price Information Service.

For people staying home or trying to restart a business, the scene wasn't much brighter: Millions were in the dark and many will remain so for days. As of Thursday, 4.5 million homes were without power, down from a peak of 8.5 million. The New Jersey utility Public Service Electric & Gas said it will restore power to most people in 7 to 10 days. Consolidated Edison, which serves New York

City and Westchester County, said most customers will have power by Nov. 11, but some might have to wait an additional week or longer.

Superstorm Sandy found a host of ways to cripple the region's energy infrastructure. Its winds knocked down power lines and its floods swamped electrical substations that send power to entire neighborhoods. It also mangled ports that accept fuel tankers and flooded underground equipment that sends fuel through pipelines. Without power, fuel terminals can't pump gasoline onto tanker trucks, and gas stations can't pump fuel into customers' cars.

The Energy Department reported Thursday that 13 of the region's 33 fuel terminals were closed. Sections of two major pipelines that serve the area — the Colonial Pipeline and the Buckeye Pipeline — were also closed.

Thousands of gas stations in New Jersey and Long Island were closed because of a lack of power. AAA estimates that 60 percent of the stations in New Jersey are shut along with up to 70 percent of the stations in Long Island.

Thursday morning the traffic

to a Hess station on 9th Avenue in New York City filled two lanes of the avenue for two city blocks. Four police officers were directing the slow parade of cars into the station.

A few blocks away, a Mobil station sat empty behind orange barricades, with a sign explaining it was out of gas.

Taxi and car service drivers were running dry — and giving up, even though demand for rides was high because of the crippled public transit system. Northside Car Service in Williamsburg, Brooklyn has 250 drivers available on a typical Thursday evening. Today they had just 20. "The gas lines are too long," said Thomas Miranda, an operator at Northside.

Betty Bethea, 59, waited nearly three hours to get to the front of the line at a Gulf station in Newark, but she brought reinforcements: Her kids were there with gas cans, and her husband was behind her in his truck.

Bethea had tried to drive to her job at a northern New Jersey Kohl's store on Thursday morning, only to find her low-fuel light on. She and her husband crisscrossed the region in search of gas and were shooed away by police at every closed



Residents of Keyport, N.J., wait in line for gasoline. Hurricane Sandy has prevented normal fuel distribution processes on the East Coast.

station she encountered.

"It is crazy out here — people scrambling everywhere, cutting in front of people. I have never seen New Jersey like this," Bethea said.

But relief appeared to be on the way, even as the lines grew Thursday. The Environmental Protection Agency lifted requirements for low-smog gasoline, allowing deliveries of gasoline from other regions. Tanker trucks sped north from terminals in Baltimore and

other points south with fuel.

A big delivery of fuel was on its way south to Boston from a Canadian refinery. Ports and terminals remained open in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania, and portions of the Colonial and Buckeye pipelines are expected to re-open on Friday. Kinder Morgan Energy Partners expects to open its three terminals in New Jersey and New York over the next two days after bringing in backup generators.

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INSIDE COLUMN

## Too indecisive



**Suzanna Pratt**  
Photography Editor

I can't make decisions.

I can't decide if this column is the worst thing I've ever written, or if the two papers I handed in this morning deserve that honor. We'll let my professors decide that one.

I can't decide if I want to fast-forward to May so I can graduate and become a real person with a real life, or if I want to rewind to the start of freshman year and redo my entire college experience.

I can't decide if I should get a goldfish or a potted cactus. I'd probably inadvertently kill both.

I can't decide if I should put on a sweater and turn off the radiator in my room, or if I should pretend that climate change isn't real so I can continue to wear shorts indoors.

I can't decide if I want it to snow already so I can wear sweaters and scarves or if I want to transplant campus to a tropical island so I can go to the beach every day after class.

I can't decide if I need to do laundry tomorrow or if I can stretch my wardrobe for another week.

I can't decide which shoes to wear tomorrow. But I can tell you they will not be Uggs.

I can't decide if whale sharks are real animals or if someone just made them up as a joke.

I can't decide if the new Taco Bell in LaFortune is the best or worst thing to ever happen to this campus.

I can't decide if there's something unnatural about Notre Dame squirrels or if they are just really cute.

I can't decide if I should get off the couch and find my laptop charger or race the remaining battery life. Yes, I am that lazy.

I can't decide if I should go to the dining hall at 6:30 p.m. and brave the crowds or go to Reckers and be underwhelmed by the menu.

I can't decide if I should go to Feve tonight or go to sleep before 3 a.m. in the morning.

I can't decide if I should drink coffee or diet Coke for my next caffeine boost. I can't decide if I should sleep through my first class tomorrow or sleep during my first class tomorrow.

I can't decide if I'm jealous of everyone who's getting ring-by-Thanksgiving-ed or if I would rather wait until someone financially-secure enough gives me a rock the size of my fingernail.

I can't decide if our football team is actually any good or if arranging my Christmas schedule around a Jan. 7 game is just wishful thinking. Knock on wood.

I can't decide if I should finish this column or delete it all and start over. Again.

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## The whole ballot

### THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

At this point, you might be sick of hearing about the election. Whether you're trying to watch television, scroll through your Twitter feed or even just listen to some music on Pandora, the presidential election seems to be dominating every conversation as the contest hits fever pitch less than a week before Election Day.

While the contest for the Oval Office draws nearly every headline, it's only a part of why Tuesday is important. If there's anything presidential history has taught us, it's that the President's agenda only goes so far — for Congress shapes what the White House can and cannot do. And if you've only been following the top item on the ballot, you're missing out on what's truly important.

This election goes far beyond Washington. Races for state legislatures, governorships, judicial positions, ballot issues and even county sheriffs all matter to the way you live your daily life. Think about it: Schools, roads, police and almost all of the other ways we encounter government on a daily basis depend more on the state and local officials we elect than how the President deals with the Departments of Education, Transportation and Homeland Security.

We often hear from our classmates that voting simply doesn't matter. Perhaps you might be from a solid red state or a consistently blue one, and because the outcome of your state's electoral votes won't be a surprise, you might think your vote doesn't matter out of the millions that will be cast. No matter how your vote plays into the presidential election, that sentiment is simply not true on state and local levels. In state elections, turnout is more often measured in the thousands; in local ones, it's often in the hundreds. Your vote absolutely matters in those races — and it matters in the day-to-day issues that

affect you most.

Across the country, 176 referendums in 38 states — including several on medical marijuana, tax policy and health care — are up for vote. Gay marriage is on the ballot in four different states this year. The U.S. Senate majority could be overturned if a few undecided states swing red. The governor you put in office is responsible for appointing your state's judges and approving your state's budget. States all around the country have the chance to break new ground on issues that matter — just because not all of them came up in the three televised presidential debate doesn't mean they're not valuable issues. Your voice matters here too. The principle is the same as when you get involved and make your mark on campus; even the smallest contribution can be enough to tip the scales one way or another at home. Treat your voice in your family's community as respectfully and carefully as you do here.

It's not easy, and we understand that. You're busy — there are a thousand other things on your mind that seem more pressing and more urgent than spending an hour researching candidates to decide on a vote. You might even have trouble finding good information from people other than your parents and neighbors. But it's worth the effort. Go to your local newspaper's election guide, or perhaps a site like RealClearPolitics. Go straight to the candidates' websites themselves. Just as your professors tell you not to cite Wikipedia in your papers, due diligence is necessary in choosing a candidate. But which candidate takes office following Election Day is not the only issue at stake.

We know it's exhausting, and we know it's taking over your life. But don't miss the rest of the ballot just because you're sick of the presidential horse race. There's more to Election Day than you might think, and your vote means more than you might think, too.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON



### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

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# Response to affirmative action debate

**Elliott Pearce**

The Human Interest

It has come to my attention that my article on affirmative action that The Observer published Monday has created a huge controversy. Many people have told me that they were offended, upset and even enraged by my article. This was not my intention. I merely wanted to start a conversation about an issue that was in the news by putting forth my own opinion and then inviting others to do so as well. I apologize for being too insensitive, too vague and too general with my arguments in a way that led many people to feel as though I were disparaging minority students both at this university and elsewhere.

I had no intention of suggesting that anyone at Notre Dame does not belong here. I have no data on Notre Dame's admissions that would suggest that Notre Dame is accepting

minority students who are less qualified than the other applicants it admits. Every student of every race I have met in my more than three years here has been a credit to this institution, and I fully believe we all deserve to be here. In my article, I said other studies had shown other universities had policies similar to Duke's, but I did not explicitly state Notre Dame was not part of this group. I apologize for this oversight.

I do not believe that SAT scores are the only, or even the most important, criteria in university admissions. Notre Dame has deservingly admitted students with SAT scores below the middle 50th percentile because we are more than our test scores. The Duke data I referenced compared students across every category their admissions office used to evaluate applicants, from essays to letters of recommendation. I cited the SAT in my article because I thought it would be a familiar, quantitative measure

of student preparedness.

I do not believe that all minority students, even those at a school like Duke that may significantly relax its admissions standards for certain applicants, are less prepared than the other students at their schools.

I am sure there are many fully qualified minority students at Duke who got in on their own merits alone and who are succeeding in the hardest disciplines. I only meant to illustrate how affirmative action policies negatively affect these excellent students.

By lowering the bar for certain members of a particular group, some universities risk cultivating prejudice by allowing others to falsely assume that all members of the group were admitted by easier criteria.

I did not wish to dehumanize the people about whom I was writing by using the term "URM." Rather, I wished to avoid making the races that are most commonly considered

"under-represented" feel targeted. I realize this has had the opposite effect, and I apologize for this mistake.

I do not claim to understand all of the challenges that minority students face, and I should not have speculated about how these challenges might make them feel or how they might respond to such challenges. It was not my place. I merely wished to describe one academic problem that students could face as a result of a policy like Duke's. I also think that to increase academic achievement for all students, we must do a better job of ensuring that those who grow up in difficult circumstances of any kind have a safe, nurturing, and enlightening educational environment from an early age.

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## Don't forget the 'PWMs'

**Alex Andre**

Guest Column

Dear Mr. Pearce,

I read your article "URM Debate" (Oct. 28), and I thought your goal of helping "URMs" (under-represented minorities) to "achieve their full human potential" was commendable. However, in your altruistic fervor, I believe you have neglected to consider another minority group which you and I both occupy: privileged white males (PWMs, if you will).

Your argument makes perfect sense. As you noted, URM students can sometimes seem humiliated and frustrated. Previously I had attributed this to things like institutional discrimination, marginalizing terms such as "URM" and obnoxious classmates who hold prejudiced and paternalistic opinions about issues like affirmative action. But after reading your article it became clear to me that it was because URMs simply are "less qualified" and "don't belong," and furthermore that their racial

communities are "characterized by mediocrity." Ouch! I would be humiliated, too.

You have also opened my eyes to the true motivation of universities in this system. Observing the lack of incentives to do otherwise, I previously had thought that universities (especially private ones) admitted URMs solely because of their abilities to enrich both the academic and social communities on campus. I thought that universities had valued the diverse experiences and perspectives of URMs as essential contributions to an atmosphere of inquiry, learning and growth.

Additionally, I thought universities valued the strong-willed character necessary to overcome institutional prejudice and daily microaggressions (written or otherwise) as an indicator of an ability to persist and succeed after graduation, ultimately bolstering the reputation of their alma mater. But I have now seen the light. As you pointed out, universities have in fact been driven by the same altruism which motivated your

article, wanting to "[show] [URMs] that they are as good as anyone else."

Although URMs have neither expressed complaints about the current system nor asked for assistance, the urge to help them is understandable. As PWMs, we have an uncanny ability to know what's best for others even when they don't and to express these convictions without the pesky intrusion of empathy and self-consciousness.

But let us not be so selfless as to forget ourselves and our PWM brothers. When PWMs leave college, we inevitably are confronted with more "artificial diversity," which we are unable to escape even in the highest ranks of society.

It's like a conspiracy. If only your letter could be read and appreciated by groups such as the Nobel committee and the 2008 American electorate, then maybe the world could begin to shake the nasty habit of "accepting URM applicants with weaker records."

Until then, the reality remains

that PWMs like you and I will be forced to live and work in a society rife with such "artificial diversity." And how would we learn to behave in such a society without the presence of URMs on campus? Without URMs around to help us, we might continue to cling to bigoted opinions which offend our URM peers (like those underlying your article), making it difficult to function in society after graduation.

Your article and its subsequent backlash are an example of the learning experiences that you and I benefit from by having URMs on campus, so that we may learn not repeat those mistakes at work or in other important scenarios in the future. So I'm glad you're getting it out of your system now. But — from one PWM to another — don't forget the PWMs!

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Questionable costume choice

Dear student with the very inappropriate costume,

I think you know who you are. You dressed as a very convincing male private part. I was wearing a bright red jacket and khaki cargo pants. I walked by you on Eddy Street by Legends, and I made sure to shake my head. I heard your two (male) friends giggling when they saw my reaction.

I want to let you know that your costume was obscene and offensive. Not just to me, but to anyone with whom you interacted wearing that thing.

Is that the way you want people in South Bend to understand Notre Dame students? Is that the way you want other students to see you? How can you expect to hold a serious conversation with anyone who met you or saw you? If a company finds a picture of you, how can you expect to be hired?

This University needs men who have a sense of what is good and what is beautiful. We clearly do not have that when men dress the way you did.

**Kevin McShane**

senior

off campus

Nov. 1



By **SAM STRYKER**  
Assistant Managing Editor

For those students who were lucky enough to study abroad, I'm sure you have your handful of songs that remind you of your time away from campus.

For me, "Titanium" reminds me of a weekend visit to London and "Moves Like Jagger" will always be associated with my semester in Rome. Usually the songs you associate with study abroad are fast-paced dance tracks you would hear during a night out on the town.

With "18 Months," Scottish DJ Calvin Harris's third studio album, I feel as if I am listening to an entire album of study abroad anthems. "18 Months" is 15 songs worth of dance-ready tracks, some you probably have heard before and some you may not have.

For those who have not been indoctrinated into the world of electro house music, Harris is the producer of Rihanna's international mega-smash "We Found Love" and has found success on his own with such singles as "You Used to Hold Me" and "Acceptable in the 80s."

"18 Months" is actually nearly that long in the making. The first single, "Bounce," was released in June 2011 and more singles have been released sporadically leading up to the album's release earlier in the week.

Even though nearly every track makes you want to get up and run a marathon or bust some serious moves on the dance floor, listening to "18 Months" doesn't feel repetitive. The standout cuts each have their own signature feel, be it a different featured artist or creative beat. Harris is one of the leading minds in his craft, and it shows here.

"Bounce" featuring Kelis is a bouncing, club-ready track that proves the singer can do more than use her milkshakes to bring all the boys to the yard. The song has a serious beat drop of epic proportions and is one of the best-produced tracks on the album.

"Feel So Close" is an interesting track. It features a slow piano key and Harris's soulful vocals, but also a steady beat in the background.

In this way, it feels as if the song almost slows down and connects more with the listener while also being worthy of being played during a night on the town.

Likewise, "Sweet Nothing" features the poignant vocals of Florence Welch from Florence + The Machine. Once again, there is a backing track of epic proportions to match Welch. This is more than just a song to run or dance to. Just like "Feel So Close," there is

raw emotion in Welch's vocals that drives deep within the listener and grips his or her heart. "Sweet Nothing" is the type of track on "18 Months" that doesn't just show off Harris's skill set, but sets him apart as an industry leader.

"Thinking About You" featuring Ayah Marar has not been released as a single, but don't let that distract you — this is a silky-smooth track with a sick beat. Listening to the song, one can imagine being transported to a club in London or Barcelona to dance the night away.

"Let's Go" features crooner Ne-Yo, and it's about as good of a pump-up jam as you are every going to have the pleasure of listening to. While it lacks the emotional power of "Sweet Nothing," Ne-Yo sings with a sense of urgency that makes the listener's heart race. This is the type of track you close a marathon out with. "Let's Go" doesn't let you quit.

People listen to different music for different reasons. Sometimes you need a song to calm you down after a long day at work. Maybe you need a mellow jam for when you are hanging with friends. Or maybe you want a head-banger for when you are driving cross-country.

Regardless, I always find it amusing when people criticize electropop DJs for not producing "real" music or "lesser" music. Just because I am not going to find Avicii or Justice on "MTV Unplugged" anytime soon, it does not mean they are lesser artists — it just means you listen to their music with a different purpose.

In that vein, Calvin Harris's latest release "18 Months" is about as good of an album as you are going to get for two things — dance tracks and some solid workout music. What sets Harris apart is his tracks more than just motivate listeners to get off the couch — often their very real emotion resonates deeply.

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## "18 Months"

Calvin Harris

**Label:** Columbia Records

**Tracks:** "Bounce," "Feel So Close," "Thinking About You"

**If you like:** Avicii, Justice



By **LIZZY SCHROFF**  
Scene Writer

I believe that the greatest musical gems are found precisely when you are not looking for them. Whether we're browsing the Internet, flipping through boxes of old vinyl or ambling down less-traveled roads with the radio blaring, unexpected pieces of harmony weave their way into our lives. At that particular moment we may not recognize their beauty, but a few more listens or random stumbling-upons cement these songs, albums and artists into our musical histories.

One such gem that will forever hold a place in my mind is Anaïs Mitchell. I remember exactly what I was doing the first time I heard one of her songs. It was Easter break of my junior year. I had opted to stay on campus but was feeling rather bored and lonely after the first day. On a whim, I decided to see "Big Miracle" at Cinemark Movies 6 in Mishawaka because I'm a college student and I don't want to pay eight bucks to see a movie. I was tuned in to 91.1 The Globe radio (Goshen College's radio station, which is fantastic, by the way) and Mitchell's song "Venus" came on. I was taken with the delightful folkiness, from the serenading accordion to the rhythmic guitars, and the expressive, girlish intonation of Mitchell's voice. I jotted down some lyrics so I could revisit the song back at my room.

For some reason or another, I had difficulty finding the song. Google left me cold. A few months later, I was able to locate it and fell in love with her latest album "Young Man In America." However, I'm not writing this article to talk about "Young Man in America." I'm here to tell you about her previous album. An album that despite its being listed DIRECTLY BELOW "Young Man" on Spotify, I didn't listen to it until I had nonchalantly let "Young Man" play through into the album. That album is her 2010 release "Hadestown."

From the first song, I knew "Hadestown" was something special. The album is a folk opera based on the ancient Greek myth of Eurydice. The cast of characters is portrayed in song by a powerhouse bunch of guest artists — Anaïs Mitchell as Eurydice, Justin Vernon of Bon Iver as Orpheus, Ani DiFranco as Persephone, Greg Brown as Hades, Ben Knox Miller of The Low Anthem as Hermes and Petra, Rachel, and Tanya Haden as the Fates. The setting is a poverty-stricken America which has Eurydice (newly wed to Orpheus), apprehensive about an unstable future. She is enticed by Hades to join him in the Underworld where no one goes hungry and life is fine. With the encouragement of the Fates, Eurydice accepts Hades' offer and joins him, but soon comes to regret leaving Orpheus. Orpheus, with directions provided by Hermes, travels to the underworld to bring back Eurydice. He laments his wife's disappearance so poignantly that Persephone, Queen of the Underworld, convinces Hades to let Eurydice return with Orpheus. Hades agrees on one condition

— Orpheus must walk ahead of Eurydice and not turn back to look at her until they have both walked out of the underworld. However, Orpheus' doubt gets the better of him and he looks back, causing Eurydice to return back to the underworld forever.

Each artist brilliantly animates his or her character, absorbing the listener into the unfolding drama. Justin Vernon's ethereal, pining vocals bring to life the devotion of Orpheus to Eurydice and the sorrow felt in her parting. Ben Knox Miller's raspy, soulful voice evokes an obliging, vagabond Hermes. Greg Brown's deep bass vocals make for an eerie, powerful Hades. Ani DiFranco (a huge influence for Mitchell) portrays a captivating Persephone who, though loyal to Hades, also has a soft spot for the fated lovers. The Haden sisters' seamless, beautiful harmonies as the Fates are effectively woven throughout the story. And Anaïs Mitchell's unique, girlish voice epitomizes the naïve, innocent Eurydice who caves to the pangs of hunger and poverty.

The score, arranged by Michael Chorney, features an orchestra of folk instruments ranging from acoustic guitar and fiddle to harmonica and trombone for a touch of New Orleans jazz flair. The songs include upbeat, toe-tapping numbers such as "Way Down Hadestown" (I dare you to sit still for this one) and "When the Chips Are Down," more traditional folk tunes like "Wedding Song" and "Why We Build the Wall," and balladic melodies such as "Flowers (Eurydice's Song)" and "How Long." Anaïs Mitchell's narrative lyrics beautifully convey the struggles of the characters — very human struggles with the temptation of guaranteed security and luxury over a life of poverty with one's true love. The listener feels the joys and sorrows of Eurydice and Orpheus from their blissful beginning to their tragic eternal separation.

"Hadestown" is a musical treasure not to be missed. If you are a fan of folk music, vibrant narrative, or musical theater, than I highly recommend giving this album a listening. Even if it's just for the sake of trying out something new, I think any listener can find something to enjoy on this record. Pop the record in on a long drive or during a needed study break, but make sure to listen all the way through. You'll soon find yourself getting lost in the tragedy of Eurydice on her journey to Hadestown, as Anaïs Mitchell saunters into your musical history.

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## FALL CONCERT TONIGHT

By **COURTNEY COX**  
Associate Scene Editor

The Notre Dame Chorale performs its Fall Concert today in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC).

This year's performance will include selections from Monteverdi, Bach, Mozart, Schumann, Wagner, DeBussy and Stravinsky. Lovers of classical music will surely be enchanted by the performance and find their taste for good old-fashioned entertainment all but satisfied.

The selections are broken up into six sections: Works from the Middle Ages and late Renaissance, late romanticism, 20th-century romanticism, concerted church music for Salzburg, 20th-century Mass and finally 18th-century a cappella motet.

The weekend also serves as a reunion of sorts for Chorale alumni. The Chorale, who usually performs Handel's "Messiah" every year in early December, will stage a joint performance of excerpts from the oratorio with both current members of the Chorale as well as alums.

They will also be treated to an organ demonstration in the Reyes Chorale and Organ Hall. The \$1 million organ took organist Paul Fritts over a year to build. After it was built, the organ was disassembled and reconstructed over a full year in the Organ Hall.

Judy Fritts, Paul's sister, designed the intricate carvings on the organ itself and features mostly flowers, animals and other elements of nature.

The reunion is also an opportunity for past Chorale members to share stories of their experience in the concert choir when they were undergraduates.

Following the Fall Concert the Chorale will begin preparing for their annual performance of "Messiah" and their winter tour.

The winter tour traditionally takes the Chorale through various US cities where they perform in parishes.

This year they're taking the tour to the "Great White North" and visiting Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa in addition to other northeastern American cities.

Before they hit the road, check out the Chorale on their home turf this weekend in their Fall Concert. The concert is tonight at 8 p.m. in DPAC and student tickets are \$3.

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By **KEVIN NOONAN**  
Scene Editor

This weekend's "The Man with the Iron Fists" has been seen heavy build up in the media, selling it as "Brought to You by Quentin Tarantino." But while the film is indeed produced by Tarantino, and

he did have a hand in the creative process, this movie comes straight from the mind of the leader of the Wu Tang Clan, RZA. RZA, long respected as one of the greatest hip-hop producers and artists of his time, wrote and directed this martial-arts film, and while it might seem odd to see a rapper behind the camera of a major motion picture, it is not the first time a musician has sat in the director's chair.



### **Frank Sinatra** "None But the Brave" (1965)

Sinatra, the sultan of swoon himself, directed and starred in this portrayal of World War II. The film is narrated by a Japanese officer through a journal he is writing for his wife as his platoon is stuck on a Pacific Island and cut off from the rest of the world.

After an American plane crashed onto the same island, the tensions between the two factions grow to a boiling point before they reach a peaceful coexistence. When the Americans establish radio communications, however, a platoon of American soldiers shows up to the island with orders to attack, resulting in massive casualties.

Due to its heavy-handed anti-war themes and generally being a really bad movie, critics generally panned the film.



### **Barbara Streisand** "The Prince of Tides" (1991)

Streisand actually has directed three films. One — "The Mirror Has Two Faces" — was really just terrible, and another was "The Prince of Tides," starring Streisand and Nick Nolte. This romantic-drama traces the love connection of Streisand, a psychiatrist, and Nolte, the twin brother of one of Streisand's clients. After Nolte's twin sister attempts suicide for a second time, his mother implores him to aid Streisand help the girl. Both Streisand and Nolte are in failing marriages and their love is forbidden and blah blah blah. Critics loved it, and it was nominated for seven Academy Awards including Best Picture (which it lost to the slightly darker "The Silence of the Lambs"). And it made \$110,000,000 at the box office, which is pretty above average too.



### **Rob Zombie** "Halloween" (2007)

Rob Zombie is one of the truly straight up and down weird guys in the music industry, so it's not that much of a surprise that his film career includes at least one movie where the main character is a mass murderer.

This remake of the 1978 horror film follows Michael Myers as he wreaks havoc on his hometown with a knife and general murdering and stuff. Critics generally didn't care for the film, but it did make \$80,000,000 at the box office, which apparently was good enough to let Zombie make a sequel in 2009.



### **Kanye West** "Cruel Summer" (2012)

This is kind of a cop out, because it's not a real "movie" per se, but West's short film might be the most critically acclaimed film by any musician of all. The 35-minute short debuted at the Cannes Film Festival and was shown out of competition. The film, which finds inspiration in Arabian lore, was widely praised by critics as being revolutionary and visionary in its direction. West displayed the film not on one screen, like most traditional movies, but instead on seven different screens — three in the front of the room, one on the floor, one on the ceiling and one on each side of the audience.



### **RZA** "The Man with the Iron Fists" (2012)

The Wu Tang rapper directs this martial-arts action comedy and co-wrote it with writer/director/producer/actor Eli Roth. RZA stars as The Blacksmith, who must create intricate and unique deadly weapons in order to protect his small village in 19th-century China. A number of assassins and warriors come into play as well, including Russell Crowe as an opium-addicted killer and Lucy Liu as a powerful brothel owner.

The film features music from a number of popular artists, including Kanye West, Wiz Khalifa, My Chemical Romance and The Black Keys, and a number of concerts were held to help promote the movie.

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## SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Redmond good enough for Marlins



**Matthew DeFranks**  
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Enough with the big splashes, bigger headlines and biggest disasters. Enough with the small attendance, smaller batting average and smallest patience.

With a hush-hush hire of former catcher Mike Redmond as their manager, the Marlins said enough is enough.

They said goodbye to a failed attempt to make baseball as big as the NBA in a front-runner town. They waved the circus that was Ozzie Guillen goodbye and replaced him with the inexperienced clubhouse favorite Redmond.

Whether Redmond will turn out to be a good manager is one thing. He spent the last two seasons managing Toronto's Class A minor league teams and his interview with the Marlins was his first Major League coaching opportunity.

But he is a catcher — and that counts for something. With the addition of Redmond, 13 of the 28 current MLB managers are former catchers, includ-

***With a hush-hush hire of former catcher Mike Redmond as their manager, the Marlins said enough is enough.***

ing Cardinals manager Mike Matheny. Matheny took St. Louis to the league championship series in just his first season at the helm.

Former catcher and current Yankees manager Joe Girardi has found success filling out his lineup card, with a World Series championship to speak for him. Plus he has won a Manager of the Year award with ... the Marlins. Yes, the Marlins.

When Girardi managed the Marlins, he led a squad with the lowest payroll in baseball (\$14 million) into wild card contention, compiling a 78-84. But still, the Manager of the Year could not keep his job. Why? Mr. Art Collector Jeffrey Loria.

During a game in 2006, Loria — who sat behind the plate by the Marlins dugout at home games — was heckling an umpire. Girardi had to tell Loria to calm down and barely kept his job after the game. At the end

of the season, Girardi was gone and three years later, he lifted the World Series trophy with the Yankees.

If you thought Girardi was the only former Marlins manager to have success elsewhere, think again. After three-and-a-half seasons with Florida, Loria let go of Fredi Gonzalez. Gonzalez immediately landed a job the next season with the Atlanta Braves, replacing legendary coach Bobby Cox.

He has guided the Braves to second place finishes in each of the last two years, including a playoff berth this past season.

Yet still, neither Gonzalez or Girardi was good enough for Loria.

We all thought it was a match made in heaven with Ozzie Guillen last year. Guillen was an outspoken, outrageous, Hispanic manager with a ring. He fit with the Marlins. He fit with Miami — until you support Fidel Castro, of course.

A dream season with shiny new players and a shiny new stadium was supposed to end with a shiny new ring. But instead, the Marlins could not snap out of their neither

nightmare hitting woes nor their nightmare managerial situation.

So now Loria has decided on Redmond.

Unknowns abound with this hire. How long will he be around? Who will he get to manage before they get traded away? Will he be good in the majors?

But for now, all of that is fine. They have someone who knows the organization and won the franchise's last title. He is second in franchise history in games played by a catcher.

He may not be right but he's good enough for a franchise that should be trying to steer clear of the national headlines.

They know now the waters can be rocky.

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## FENCING

# Squad travels for tourney



STEPHANIE LEUNG | The Observer

***Irish freshman Lee Kiefer, left, faces an opponent at the Notre Dame Invitational on Oct. 27. The Irish will look to continue their success at the 41st Penn State Open this weekend.***

By **JOE WIRTH**  
Sports Writer

After a solid performance at last weekend's Notre Dame Invitational, the Irish will be participating in their second exhibition tournament of the year this weekend as they will join nine other schools in the 41st Penn State Open.

Senior foil Grant Hodges said the Irish made a statement with their performance against Ohio State last weekend, and, despite a slightly different format, he expects them to continue their good performances this weekend.

"The team did a great job establishing itself as a legitimate threat for the National Championship last weekend at the Notre Dame Invitational," Hodges said. "The Penn State Open is more of an individual tournament, but we still expect to compete and win at every level, across all squads."

The win against Ohio State marked the first win recorded at the new Castellan Family Fencing Center. The Irish men defeated the Buckeyes 60-37 and won six of the last seven bouts. The women won 60-51.

Some of last week's

winners included senior Gerek Meinhardt, freshman John Hallsten and sophomore Madison Zeiss.

Meinhardt, along with other Olympians throughout the University, will be honored at halftime of this weekend's football game, so he will not be competing this weekend.

With schools like Yale, Princeton and Cornell in the competition, this weekend's field is loaded. Senior Joe Piasio said he relishes tournaments like this because it provides the Irish a chance to compete against some of the best programs in the country.

"Because this is a pre-season event, the expectations are not set as high for this event, however, there are still expectations to perform admirably," Piasio said. "This event allows us to measure ourselves against the competition, as well as determine where each fencer can improve."

"It also allows the coaches to better see the potential ability in the lineups and start to chisel out roster specifications. Even though some may argue the competition doesn't matter, this is erroneous. We expect the best performance against this elite

competition, but there isn't a whole lot of pressure on the fencers."

After several successful seasons and a national championship in 2011, Piasio said one of the main goals early in the season is ingratiating the freshmen into that winning culture and helping them adjust to collegiate fencing.

"I think that the biggest thing to endow on the younger and new fencers is the unique sense of family and togetherness we hold here," Piasio said. "Two years ago during the championship year, I was no means a superstar or a blue chip on the team, but the older guys and gals really made me feel involved and driven for the goal."

"They really brought everyone in and made sure they knew they were important to winning. I believe that this sense of togetherness is truly necessary in order to win another championship."

The tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday at Penn State's White Building. Action is slated to start at 8 a.m. both days.

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## Siegfried

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Siegfried is carrying the momentum of a three-game winning streak into the playoffs but will have to get through a tough Kangaroo defense led by Patin. However, Burggraf said he believes the Ramblers are up to the challenge.

"[David Whitmore] is one of the top players in the league," Burggraf said. "We're going to take what the defense gives us. We know we can run the ball."

The Ramblers defense will be similarly challenged by Keough's versatile offense, led by freshman quarterback Nick Nissen and junior running back Mike Fischer.

"We have the athletes, we just need to execute," Patin said. "Consistency is our focus."

One possible factor in Sunday's matchup is the potentially cold and rainy weather. However, Burggraf said the Ramblers will not completely alter their play-calling if the conditions are poor.

"The worse the weather, the better chance we run the ball, but that doesn't mean we will be afraid to air it out," Burggraf said.

Siegfried and Keough clash Sunday at Riehle Fields at Stepan at 1 p.m.

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### Knott vs. Fisher

By KIT LOUGHRAN  
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The race for the championship kicks off Sunday as No. 3 Knott takes on No. 6 Fisher in

the first round of the playoffs.

The Juggerknotts (3-1) secured a playoff berth with their 13-7 victory over Duncan on Sunday, and the Green Wave (3-1) dominated Carroll with a 27-6 win the same day, which placed them second in the Gold Division.

According to Fisher senior captain and offensive lineman Matt Hart and Knott senior captain and running back Joe Beglane, both teams are ready to begin their playoff pushes.

"We've been running the ball really well all season," Beglane said. "We've also implemented a solid passing game within our running offense."

Beglane said Knott will also look to its stout defense, which allowed just 20 total points in the regular season.

Hart said the Green Wave will need their defense to lead the team while ensuring that the offense steps up as well.

"We want to make sure our defense plays well," Hart said. "Our power running game will be sure to carry over into this game, and we will keep our opponent honest with our passing game."

Hart said the Fisher offense emanates from junior quarterback Joe Paggi, whose passing and running abilities propel the Green Wave's attack.

Though Fisher did not make it to the playoffs last year, the team is approaching its playoff appearance with confidence and readiness to win, Hart said.

Knott, meanwhile, hopes to atone for its first-round playoff loss last year with a win this time around, Beglane said.

The Juggerknotts and Green Wave will battle at 2:15 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan on Sunday.

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Whirlwind and Shamrock players meet in the open field during Welsh Family's 20-14 victory over McGlenn on Oct. 1.

## Badin

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meet in a battle of the defenses Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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### Walsh vs. Welsh Family

By GREG HADLEY  
Sports Writer

For No. 4 Walsh and No. 5 Welsh Family, who will meet in quarterfinal clash Sunday, playoffs are an eagerly awaited chance for redemption. In last year's playoffs, Welsh Family (4-2) fell to Pasquerilla West in overtime. Welsh Family senior captain and quarterback Victoria Moreno said she believes the Whirlwinds have made the necessary adjustments to make a deep postseason run. "We're a different team from previous years," Moreno said. "We used to be a very offense oriented team, but, this year,

our defense has improved, so we're very balanced." Moreno said the key to the matchup would be how well the Whirlwinds are able to control the line of scrimmage on both offense and defense.

"Their quarterback is really good, so we need to get lots of pressure on her and force her to make mistakes," Moreno said. "Offensively, we're going to need time so our receivers can get downfield. We're primarily a passing team."

Moreno said the Whirlwinds would rely on senior Grace Corrigan and sophomore Katie O'Brien to anchor the offensive line.

Walsh (4-2) has had to wait a little longer to return to the postseason. Its last appearance came in 2009, when it lost in the semifinals. Senior captain Lindy Navarre said the team is excited to be in the playoffs, but the Wild Women remain focused on advancing.

"We're excited to be back, of course," Navarre said. "But everyone, from the freshmen to the older girls, is really focused. We have the discipline to keep going."

To advance, the Wild Women will need their defense, anchored by the leadership of senior safety Lauren Dunn, to be as stout as it has been all season. On the other side of the ball, Navarre said the offense wants to keep up its steady improvement. "Our defense has been really consistent, and we've improved so much from the beginning of the year on offense, we're just really pumped to get out and play," Navarre said. The Wild Women are a young squad, and Navarre said it has been exciting to see how younger players, such as sophomore receiver Kathleen Hough and sophomore cornerback Molly Johnson, have stepped up each week to help the team. "Week by week, we've been working on team unity," Navarre said. "We're all ready for this."

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

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## WOMEN'S INTERHALL

# Wildcats face top-seeded Purple Weasels

*Chaos and Phoxes battle for second-round berth; Badin faces defending champion McGlinn*



KEVIN SONG | The Observer

**A Purple Weasel receiver catches pass during Pasquerilla West's 14-0 victory against Breen-Phillips on Oct. 9.**

**By ALEX WILCOX**  
Sports Writer

On paper, Sunday's meeting between No. 1 Pasquerilla West and No. 8 Ryan appears to be a mismatch. The Purple Weasels (6-0) come into the playoffs with an undefeated record, while the Wildcats (4-2) squeaked into the playoffs as the final seed. Despite this, a game resembling a David vs. Goliath matchup may look more like a heavyweight fight.

"We know we've got a good squad, but we want to make sure we go into the playoffs playing our best," Pasquerilla West senior captain Meghan Schmitt said. "We're just going to take it game by game."

Ryan has been in the same position as Pasquerilla West, since the Wildcats were the top seed in the playoffs last year. The Wildcats were upset in the first round last season, but senior captain Maya Pillai said they will use that experience to their advantage.

"Last year, we went into the playoffs as the highest seed and lost in the first round, so anything can happen," Pillai said. "This year we're playing the top seed, so [there's] no pressure on us at all."

While Ryan may have felt the pressure last year, Pasquerilla West seems unfazed by it.

"We don't really feel the pressure," Schmitt said. "We're just going to do our own thing and focus on us. We just need to play our game."

Pasquerilla West's strategy is to rely on its playmakers on offense and a staunch defensive line on defense. The Purple Weasels' offense includes dual-threat sophomore quarterback Lauren Vidal and senior receivers Kirsten Danna and Katherine Bass, while Schmitt leads the team on defense.

On the other side of the field, Pillai said she believes her team can utilize its offensive weapons, namely junior

receiver Maddie Swan, senior receiver Kelly O'Brien and junior running back Leah Fisher.

"Offensively, we want to put together some long drives that will get us some points on the board," Pillai said. "Defensively, we've got to contain their speed and limit big plays."

Pillai said she knows the task will be tough for her team but is confident the Wildcats can pull off the upset.

"We have a lot of talent and experience on our team, and we will play hard the entire game," Pillai said. "We don't really view ourselves as underdogs because we know what we are capable of."

Ryan looks to knock off top-seeded Pasquerilla West on Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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## Cavanaugh vs. Pangborn

**By ALEX STEMBAUGH**  
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No. 3 Cavanaugh and No. 6 Pangborn are set to square off this Sunday in first-round playoff action. A loss means an early exit for either team, both of which have their sights set on the championship game.

Cavanaugh (5-1) hopes to make a championship run and avenge its loss to McGlinn in last year's championship game.

"We're looking to make a run this year but also realize that we have a lot of work left to get there," senior center Kelly Brakora said.

The key to a win for the Chaos may lie in staunch defensive pressure.

"Our defense has always been really solid, aside from one little blip against [Pasquerilla West]," Brakora said. "We just need to maintain that."

The Chaos will look for efficient ball movement from senior quarterback Rosemary Kelly, who is a first-year starter at the position.

"We are just really looking forward to getting out there to play and putting up some points," Brakora said.

Pangborn (4-2), meanwhile, is excited to take on the reigning runner-ups.

"We're very eager to go out and play again," senior receiver Meredith Angell said. Coming off a 20-12 loss to Lewis, the Phoxes look to bounce back in winning fashion. "Our last game didn't end how we wanted," Angell said. "We hope to fix those little mistakes and get back to playing games how we played in the beginning and middle of the season."

Angell said avoiding penalties and an emphasis on detail are necessary for a Pangborn victory. The Phoxes will also look for strong leadership from their quarterback, sophomore Caitlin Gargan, to open up their passing game.

"[Gargan] is key for us," Angell said. "We're looking for her to come out strong and make some big plays to our receivers. We're ready and raring to go, and hopefully we can make a great playoff run."

Cavanaugh and Pangborn will kick off the first round of the playoffs Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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## McGlinn vs. Badin

**By SARAH CONNORS**  
Sports Writer

No. 2 McGlinn and No. 7 Badin will face off Sunday in the first round of interhall playoff action.

Defending champion McGlinn (5-1) makes its fourth consecutive playoff appearance, while Badin (2-4) appears in the playoffs for the first time in three years.

Despite making the playoffs, Badin had its share of struggles throughout the season. Senior captain Tommasina Domel said most of Bullfrogs' problems result from Badin's small size.

"It is really hard to put together a game plan when you don't know which girls you are going to have," Domel said.

The inconsistency of the roster coupled with various player injuries has made it tough for the Bullfrogs, but the team's defense has help carried it

through rough patches.

"Our defense is made up of a lot of veterans who know what they are doing, and can usually handle anything that any offense throws at them," Domel said.

On the other hand, McGlinn comes into the game riding a three-game winning streak. The Shamrocks' strongest asset this season has also been their defense.

"Our defense suffocates our opponents and we had two shut outs this season," McGlinn senior captain Emily Golden said. "Even in our loss to Pangborn, our defense kept it to a one possession game for almost the entire game."

Golden said the Shamrocks will use an aggressive defensive game plan to try and limit the Bullfrogs.

"[Badin] has a couple of really dynamic players who are capable of huge gains, so as long as we are in position and get flag pulls we should be able to keep the big plays to a minimum" she said.

Both teams will look toward veterans and new players alike to step up and have huge games.

McGlinn and Badin will

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## MEN'S INTERHALL

# Keenan and Alumni to square off in first round

*Otters and Big Red to meet in rematch of last year's championship; Siegfried faces Keough*

By **SAMANTHA ZUBA**  
Sports Writer

Leadership and teamwork have no column on the stat sheet, but No. 7 Alumni and No. 2 Keenan will put these qualities on display when they face off in the quarterfinals of the playoffs Sunday.

Alumni junior captain Tom O'Sullivan attributed the Dawgs' regular season success to leadership from upperclassman and dominant defensive performances.

"We have a lot of leadership that has played interhall for three or four years, like junior quarterback Will Cronin," O'Sullivan said. "Our defense has played well all year. We like to shut teams down. If we give [up] no points, we can't lose."

Alumni (3-1) played the

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regular season in a division typified by its defenses and strong play at the line of scrimmage. O'Sullivan said while Keenan's dynamic offense could present a challenge, Alumni is ready.

"Their division is much more offensive-minded versus ours which is based on defense," O'Sullivan said. "It should be a good clash of their powerful offense and our powerful defense, and hopefully the defense prevails."

Alumni's defense will have to shut down Keenan's slew of talented receivers: junior Jeremy Riche and seniors Alex Green, Trevor Yerrick and Nate Carr. Keenan senior captain and quarterback Andrew McDonough said the Knights (3-0-1) will rely on their same regular season strategy that featured these players.

"We're going to stick to the same game plan we had all season: Get the ball to our play-making wide receivers, control the line of scrimmage," McDonough said. "If we do that, I'm optimistic about our chances."

McDonough was quick to add, however, the Knights are by no means one-dimensional. Keenan's emphasis on working as a team helped it

overcome challenges this season, McDonough said.

"When you look at our football team, what sticks out is the unity of our team," McDonough said. "We've faced some adversity with some guys getting injured. We haven't played with a full roster since the first game of the season, but our motto has always been next man up. We've had young guys stepping up into key roles. I'm really excited."

Keenan and Alumni clash in the quarterfinals Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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## Sorin vs. Dillon

By **MARY GREEN**  
Sports Writer

No. 1 Sorin aims to extend its undefeated season in the opening round of the playoffs Sunday, but it first must defeat a familiar foe.

The Otters (4-0) and No. 8 Dillon have met in the past two championship games, with the Big Red (2-2) taking the 2011 title. This year, however, the two squads will square off



STEPHANIE LEUNG | The Observer

**A hoarde of Knights tackle a Griffin during Keenan's 14-0 victory over Stanford on Oct. 7 at Stepan Fields.**

in the quarterfinals.

For the Otters, the 2010 champions, the feeling they are the team to beat is nothing new or unexpected, senior captain, linebacker and running back Ryan Robinson said.

"We feel like we've had a target on our back the past two seasons, so it's something that we're used to by now," Robinson said.

Despite its perfect record, Sorin's trip to the postseason did not come easily. In a mid-season matchup with Carroll on Sept. 30, senior quarterback Ted Spinelli suffered a concussion and missed the following two games.

The Otters caught a stroke of luck when both Fisher and St. Edward's forfeited those contests, but Robinson said his squad does not plan on losing momentum against the Big Red.

Robinson said Sorin will need a strong effort on both sides of the ball to defeat Dillon.

"Dillon's a very good team, and we know them well," Robinson said. "They have a good running game, and they spread the field and pass well, so we need to be solid on defense. Offensively, we need to stick to the basics of running well and then take what their defense gives to us."

With the uncertainty of South Bend weather in November, the team with the better ground game could very well be the winner, Dillon junior captain and quarterback Kevin Fink said.

"We know the weather could be an issue, so we'll probably run the ball and Sorin will too, so we're going to focus on stopping their running game," Fink said.

Anchored by sophomore safety Colin Terndrup in the secondary, the Big Red defense has impressed Fink throughout the season. The

captain said he will look to a physical defense to keep the Otters off the scoreboard.

"We just want to come out and match their physicality," Fink said.

Dillon and Sorin face off Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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## Siegfried vs. Keough

By **CASEY KARNES**  
Sports Writer

In the first round of the playoffs, No. 4 Keough hopes to continue its historically good season against traditional powerhouse No. 5 Siegfried on Sunday.

The Kangaroos (3-0-1) are in the midst of their best campaign in recent memory. Keough's undefeated regular season has given the Kangaroos hope they can reach their ultimate goal: a trip to Notre Dame Stadium.

"The whole team is looking forward to the Stadium," Keough freshman safety Mitch Patin said. "The whole hall has really rallied around our team. ... Everyone is excited about our success this year."

Siegfried (3-1), on the other hand, is hoping to replicate the success of prior years with a familiar formula: practice.

"It's win or go home, so we had to have a good week of practice," sophomore quarterback Nate Burggraf said. "We have the talent, we just need to make sure everyone is on the same page."

The Ramblers have relied heavily on senior captain and running back David Whitmore for offense, but they also have not been afraid to air it out with Burggraf.

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## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Squad compete for Big East title



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Irish freshman midfielder Cari Rocco passes the ball during Notre Dame's 2-2 draw with Rutgers on Oct. 7 at Alumni Stadium.

## Observer Staff Report

After a full season of trying to help his young team mature and perform on a championship level, Irish coach Randy Waldrum and No. 20 Notre Dame have finally arrived on that stage, as they'll look to take home the Big East Championship in East Hartford, Conn., this weekend.

The Irish (13-4-2, 8-1-1 Big East) certainly didn't look like a favorite to win the conference back in August and September, when they struggled to a 3-3-1 start in their first seven games. After that stretch though the young team began to grow up, which was helped by regaining the likes of junior midfielder Mandy Laddish and freshman midfielder Cari Rocco from national team duty. Since then, the Irish haven't looked back, and have posted a 10-1-1 record, with their latest victory coming over Syracuse in the Big East quarterfinals last weekend.

In that game, it was Rocco's late winner — off a pass from Laddish — that sent the Irish through to their 16th conference semifinal in their 18 years as members of the Big East. That era will soon come to a close though, as Notre Dame will join the Atlantic Coast Conference. With that in

mind, Waldrum and the Irish have put the emphasis on closing out their stay in the Big East in style, namely with a championship trophy this weekend.

Their first obstacle on that path will be No. 10 Marquette, whom the Irish will face on Friday. The Golden Eagles (14-2-2, 9-0-1) have rolled through the Big East thus far, with all nine of their conference wins coming by at least two goals — a trend they continued in a 4-1 thrashing of Connecticut in the quarterfinals last weekend.

Both teams have had to deal with more than just their competition in their preparation for the game this week, as Hurricane Sandy has wreaked havoc on the East Coast. Both Notre Dame and Marquette had to work around flight delays and cancellations, and the storm forced the tournament to make a last-minute move from UConn's campus in Storrs to the Huskies' football stadium in East Hartford.

Whoever can survive the semifinal will move on to face the winner of the other semifinal, which pits South Florida against No. 13 Georgetown.

The Irish and Golden Eagles will fight for that spot on Friday at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, where the game will begin at noon.

## MEN'S SWIMMING

# Irish host first meet of season

## Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame will hold its first dual meet of the season when they welcome No. 18 Purdue to the Rolfs Aquatic Center today.

On Oct. 26, the Irish (2-0) opened up their dual meet schedule with a 191-107 win over Oakland. Junior All-American Frank Dyer led the Irish to a win in 200-yard medley relay while also claiming victories in the 50- and 200-yard freestyle events.

A day later, Notre Dame defeated Michigan State 178-120. Sophomore Cameron Miller won the 100- and 200-yard

breaststroke races, while sophomore diver Nick Nemetz turned in a personal best in the 3-meter dive.

The Boilermakers (1-0) dominated Miami (Ohio) last weekend on their way to a 192-103 win over the RedHawks. Purdue won all 16 events at the meet, led by junior Danny Tucker's three first-place finishes.

The dual meet is the first of three straight home matches for the Irish before they travel to the Hawkeye Invitational in Iowa City, Iowa on Nov. 30.

The meet with Purdue starts at 5 p.m. today.

## ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

# Notre Dame returns home

By KATIE HEIT  
Sports Writer

After a close loss to Auburn on Saturday, the Irish return home to take on Purdue in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

In the meet against Auburn, both teams won eight individual races, but Auburn managed to put enough people in the 2-5 spots to grab the lead. This week against Purdue, the Irish hope to fill those spots and claim the victory.

"We are definitely going to use the momentum we built up from some of the stand-out performances at Auburn going into the rest of our meet season," senior Kim Holden said. "We know to keep training hard and to use each meet as an opportunity to learn about what we're doing well and what needs work. Our meet this week against Purdue should be fun and very competitive."

The Boilermakers are coming off a victory in a five-team meet last weekend at the Indiana Intercollegiate. With the Irish and the Boilermakers both ranked, 18th and 19th respectively, the meet between the two schools should prove to be highly competitive.

Holden said a person to watch for in the meet is sophomore Bridget Casey.

"Bridget Casey never ceases to amaze me with how she handles

her race," Holden said. "She usually has a very difficult line up, but races tough every time she steps up on the block."

Against Auburn, Casey claimed two second place finishes in the 1,000-yard freestyle and 200-yard butterfly, as well as a third place finish in the 500-freestyle.

Personally, Holden said she is satisfied with the individual victories

she claimed against Purdue, she is still striving for faster times.

"I feel like I'm in a good place at this point in the season, but I will definitely be looking to see faster times as we move forward," Holden said.

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## Loyd

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ball, she tried to get to the basket, she offensive rebounded.”

Having a third offensive threat, in addition to Diggins and McBride, makes the Irish much more difficult to match up against.

“We expect Jewell to be able to contribute on the offensive end,” McGraw said. “I think, defensively, people are going to have to figure out who they’re going to guard.”

Junior forward Natalie Achonwa will get many of the starts at forward as well this season. She did not play Thursday night due to an injury, but she’s expected back to practice Monday and will be day-to-day after that.

Wright had a solid game with nine points, seven rebounds and four assists. Junior forward Ariel Braker also played 16 minutes and scored six points with



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Senior guard Skylar Diggins, right, tries to ward off Scots defenders during Notre Dame's 88-28 exhibition win over Edinboro.

five boards. But McGraw would have liked to see more of an emphasis on those two players.

“I think we could have gone into the post a little bit more,”

McGraw said. “I think we need to work on our high-low game. We didn’t execute that at all today.”

Cable did not play at all last year, but she started and was the “surprise” player of the game according to McGraw.

“She’s really come along and did some really good things today,” McGraw said. “So I think she’s some we’ll be able to count on both ends of the floor.”

Notre Dame’s first regular season game is slated for Nov. 9 against Ohio State on the U.S.S. Yorktown, an aircraft carrier, in Charleston, S.C. The game will be aired on the NBC Sports Network at 4 p.m.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Teams to test Irish win streak



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Junior setter Maggie Brindock, left, returns the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 home win over St. John's on Oct. 7.

By **JOE WIRTH**  
Sports Writer

The Irish will put their eight-match winning streak on the line this weekend as they travel to the Garden State for matches against Seton Hall and Rutgers.

Notre Dame (17-6, 10-1 Big East) is coming off of a home-weekend sweep of Pittsburgh and South Florida, which moved them into a tie for first place in the Big East. Despite this position, Irish coach Debbie Brown does not think the top ranking adds any pressure to her players, nor does she think it gives any added motivation to their opponents.

“I think teams are always motivated to play us,” Brown said. “We generally have a pretty big target on our back and we know teams will bring their best when they play us.”

The games against the Scarlet Knights (17-9, 3-8) and Pirates (17-7, 5-6) represent the second-to-last weekend for Big East play and a regular season conference championship is not far-fetched for the Irish.

Brown said her players are aware of their success, but she wants them to stay focused on the task at hand.

“[Winning a conference championship] has been one of our major goals since the beginning of the season to win the regular season championship for the conference,” Brown said. “We have played steady throughout the month of October and we continue to just take it one match at a time. To look beyond that at this time would be a mistake we just want to take the challenge that each team brings.”

Seton Hall and Rutgers enter this weekend’s play in sixth and 11th respectively in the Big East, but despite their low rankings, each team will give the Irish a fight.

The Scarlet Knights boast one of the best freshmen in the Big East in middle blocker Sarah Schmid. She leads the team in kills with 332 and has a 3.25 kills per set ratio. Senior middle blocker Alex Jones is another standout for Rutgers. She is second on the team with 275 total kills and has a 2.70 kills per set ratio.

A twin sister duo has led the Pirates and caused havoc in the Big East all year. Sophomores Stacey Manthorpe and Shelbey Manthorpe are first and second on the team in kills. Stacey leads the team with 277 and Shelbey is second with 201.

“Seton Hall and Rutgers are both fighting to qualify for the Big East tournament, where the top eight in the standings go,” Brown said. “They are both balanced teams with good young talent. We know we will see good volleyball from both teams.”

In addition to taking on the Rutgers and Seton Hall on the volleyball court this weekend, the Irish will also have to contend with Mother Nature as both schools are rebounding from Hurricane Sandy’s path of destruction in New Jersey.

“Another huge challenge for us is the travel and accommodations for the weekend,” Brown said. “As of now, we still don’t have hotel accommodations because of the storm. Our original hotel is underwater and without electricity and we haven’t been able to find other availability within one-and-a-half hours of the campuses.”

As of Friday evening, the games are set to be played according to schedule. The Irish will take on the Pirates on Saturday at 2 p.m. and will then travel to Piscataway, N.J., to take on the Scarlet Knights on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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Junior guard Jerian Grant dunks the ball during Notre Dame's 111-52 exhibition win over Quincy on Monday.

## Turnovers

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is going to be transition defense especially when we're playing big," Brey said. "Can we get back and stop some speed? [Friday] night, Cardinal Stritch has some guys that can run and get down the floor fast."

Brey said he will again dole out the majority of the minutes to the top six players in the rotation — graduate student forward Scott Martin, senior forward Jack Cooley, sophomore forward Pat Connaughton, junior guards Jerian Grant and Eric Atkins and senior center Garrick Sherman — while also working in freshman forward Cameron Biedscheid, senior forward Tom Knight and freshman forward Zach Auguste, who missed Monday's game due to an injury.

"We want to get a feel for the key guys playing together for long stretches," Brey said.

In addition to establishing continuity with his established

rotation, Brey said he will also use the final exhibition to figure out the roles of Auguste and Knight. Auguste, a 6-foot-10, 230-pound rookie from Marlborough, Mass., was rated by ESPN as a three-star recruit and the 25th best power forward prospect in the class of 2012. The left-handed Knight appeared in 30 games for the Irish a year ago and averaged nearly nine minutes per game.

"I think you're still evaluating Zach Auguste and Tom Knight," Brey said. "You can't play both of those big guys. Which guy is it going to be? And maybe it's going to be both of them at different times throughout the season, but who's going to be the first guy to get the bite starting next Saturday [in the season opener]."

Notre Dame and Cardinal Stritch tip off Friday at 8 p.m. at Purcell Pavilion.

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## Tynan

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to be one of college hockey's most dynamic combinations the past two years, but Jackson has had the two juniors centering their own lines early in the season.

"When everyone's scoring for us, Anders and Tynan don't feel like they have to score every game for us to win," Summerhays said.

While Jackson noted the improved scoring depth has helped the team in the early going, he said Lee and Tynan are still two key cogs in the offense as evidenced by their combined eleven points on the year.

"They probably feel less pressure because other guys are producing," Jackson said. "But the pressure to be a productive player isn't any less. They want the puck on their stick, and they want to score."

While this is the last year for the Irish in the CCHA, the matchup with Western Michigan isn't going anywhere any time soon. The Broncos will participate in Notre Dame's tournament next year and a home-and-home series is planned beginning in 2014, ensuring the rivalry will continue even as the Irish transition to Hockey East next year.

"That happens a lot when you play another good team a lot, and over the last few years it's developed into a bit of a grudge match," Lee said. "This team is one of the hardest working teams in our conference, and we have to be ready to match that."

Tonight's game starts at 7 p.m. at the Compton Family Ice Arena. Sunday's game begins at 5 p.m.

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## Orange

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against a Syracuse team under the direction of coach Ian McIntyre, who was hired in 2010.

Clark said this creates unfamiliarity similar to facing a non-conference opponent. In fact, he said, the Irish are more familiar with many of their out of conference competitors because Notre Dame plays them regularly.

"[Syracuse doesn't] know us; we don't know them," Clark said. "It's almost like a non-conference game. In fact, most of our non-conference games we actually play on a yearly basis, home and away."

As the Irish begin the conference tournament, Clark said he does not think there will be any increased intensity from the Irish because they've displayed a tight focus all year.

"I think this team has been very focused, right from the very start," Clark said. "It's been a very focused group and I think [we've had] good leadership from the senior class and from the captains. So I don't think I look for any changes. We don't change the way we approach things. I think it will be pretty much the way we approach every game."

Freshman midfielder Jordan Vale leads the Orange in scoring with eight goals. Syracuse lost

its last game 1-0 to St. John's, which marked the first time the Orange allowed a goal in four games.

"There's absolutely no question that they're an excellent team," Clark said. "I think we know that they're a very good team and looking at the game tape and talking to people, I think we know this is going to be a hard game."

Notre Dame, currently ranked No. 1 in the country in RPI, is one of four Big East teams in the top eight of the RPI in the nation. Despite the top RPI ranking and a top-10 ranking in the polls, the Irish only finished third in their division, meaning they have to travel for their Big East quarterfinal game.

"Any game in the Big East is a hard game, but when you actually go on the road to play a Big East game, it's a very hard game," Clark said. "It is

a really tough conference. In yesterday's RPI's, we were No. 1 in the country. You're No. 1 in the country, yet you've got to go away in your tournament to play in the quarterfinals. It just shows the strength of the Big East.

"So we know it's going to be a very tough game, but hopefully it will be a good opportunity for the team just to learn a few things and see if we can make it to Red Bull Arena for the Final Four."

Clark also noted there is a slight chance the game could be pushed back a day due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy, but said that was unlikely.

The Irish and Orange are set to match up in the Big East tournament quarterfinals on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Syracuse, N.Y.

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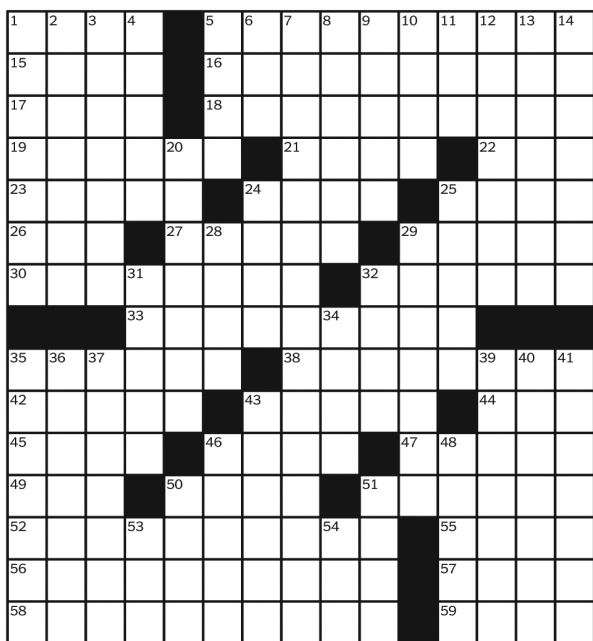
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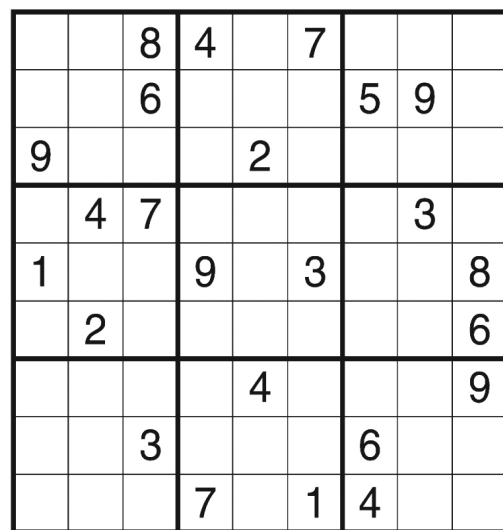


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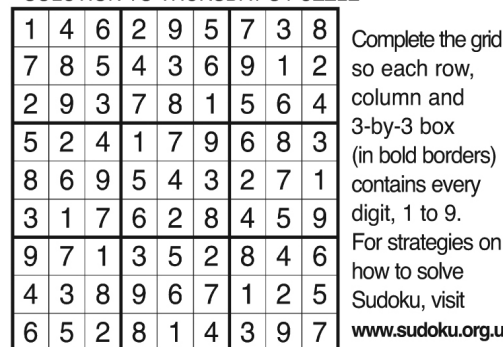


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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Penn Badgley, 26; Toni Collette, 40; Jenny McCarthy, 40; Lyle Lovett, 55.

**Happy Birthday:** You should make essential changes personally, financially and emotionally. A residential move or changing your living arrangements to better suit your needs will pay off. Use your experience to help you gain access into positions, groups or partnerships that have as much to offer you in return. Update your image and prepare to engage in new pastimes. Your numbers are 3, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31, 48.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Partnerships will prove to be entertaining, informative and will allow you to develop your ideas to the max and to build a solid base for your future explorations. You should embrace change in both your business and personal lives. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Keep your money and belongings in a safe place. Unnecessary purchases or letting someone guilt you into spending or donating will lead to added stress. Plan your actions carefully and don't stray far from your path. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Put more time and effort into your relationships with people you work with as well as those you live and deal with personally. Emotions will surface if you exaggerate, overreact or overindulge. Love is highlighted, but you must be willing to compromise. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Letting others know what you are up to will lead to interference that you must avoid. A change at home may distract you from what you are supposed to be doing. Rely on someone you trust to finish what you start. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Offer your assistance and you will receive rewards for your efforts. A friend or lover from your past is worth contacting. Looking back can help resolve issues you face now. Don't limit what you can do. Stubbornness will not pay off. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Use charm, diplomacy and your imagination in order to get the results you need to move forward. You can win, but it will only happen if you are compassionate, understanding and willing to compromise. Find a way to please everyone without arguing. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Interact with others and you will learn from your encounters. Build relationships that will be useful to you in the future. A creative approach to the way you do business or what you do for a living will help you get ahead. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Make your home your sanctuary. A creative project will encourage you to follow a dream. Promises will be broken and tempers hot if you don't have your facts and figures straight right from the beginning. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Partnerships are highlighted and must be nurtured and tended to with compassion and the intent to make alterations that will help enhance future dealings. Don't let insecurities lead to mistakes, arguments or deceit. ★★★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Do your best to make an impression. Someone you've dealt with in the past will make a proposal that will interest you. Before moving ahead, check the information you've been given. Travel will lead to unexpected setbacks or trouble. ★★★

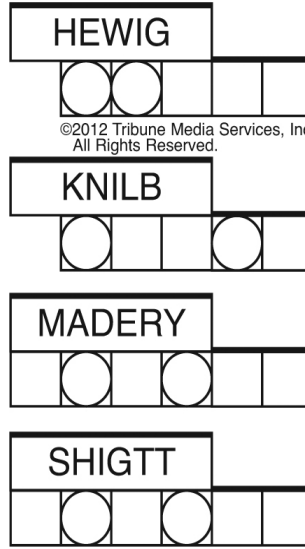
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Strategize carefully and you'll make the right choice. Don't let anyone lead you astray with promises that have little substance. Focus on home, family and the people you love. A financial deal or personal investment will prove to be prosperous. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20):** Don't let your emotions interfere with money matters. You must take care of business before you take on personal issues that develop between you and a friend, neighbor or colleague. Discipline will be required to avoid loss. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are clever, charming and unpredictable. You are popular, entertaining and demonstrative.

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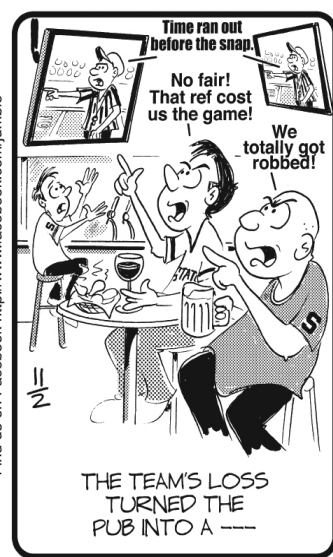
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Squad readies for final exhibition

By **MIKE MONACO**  
Sports Writer

After a dominant performance in the season-opening exhibition against Quincy on Monday, the No. 22 Irish take on Cardinal Stritch on Friday in the final regular-season tune-up.

Notre Dame trounced the Division II Hawks 111-52 and will square off with another opponent from outside the Division I ranks when it battles the NAIA Wolves to close out the preseason. The Irish will then commence the regular season against Evansville on Nov. 10.

"I think it's good to get in and put the uniform on again on Friday night and play," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We need to keep evaluating ourselves against somebody else. Our veterans and captains have done a good job of setting the tone with our team and I've liked our consistent work ethic."

With the regular season rapidly approaching, Brey said he is pleased with the progress the team has made so far,

especially when it comes to ball movement.

"I just like how we share the ball and how we pass the ball," Brey said. "We're so unselfish. That's a great trait to have before you get into the next five months."

The Irish downed Quincy on Monday with an offensive effort replete with skilled passing. The Irish had 30 assists on 43 made field goals and six players scored in double figures to lead the offensive onslaught.

"Any time you can get 30 assists — I don't care who you're playing — I'm thrilled and we only turned it over seven times," Brey said. "That's been our M.O. here: offensive efficiency. So we must continue to do that."

At the other end, the Irish defense forced 20 turnovers and held the Hawks to 32.7 percent shooting from the floor. Brey said the Irish will need to get back in transition against an up-tempo Cardinal Stretch squad.

"I think for us the challenge

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## MEN'S SOCCER

## Team heads to Big East tournament



SARAH O'CONNOR | The Observer

Senior midfielder Kyle Richard, right, races for the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 come-from-behind home win over Akron.

By **SAM GANS**  
Sports Writer

The No. 7 Irish will hit the road for their Big East tournament opener when they travel to Syracuse to face the Orange in the conference quarterfinals Saturday.

Though Syracuse (12-5-0, 5-3-0 Big East) is a conference

foe, it is an inter-divisional opponent, and Notre Dame (13-3-1, 5-2-1) has not faced the Orange since a 3-0 Irish win in 2008. As a result, none of the current Irish have played against Syracuse, and Irish coach Bobby Clark has not led a Notre Dame squad

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTRE DAME 88, EDINBORO 28

## Irish overrun Scots



LILY KANG | The Observer

Freshman guard Jewell Loyd, left, goes up for a shot as senior guard Skylar Diggins looks on. Notre Dame defeated Edinboro 88-28 in an exhibition game at the Purcell Pavilion on Thursday.

By **MATTHEW ROBISON**  
Sports Writer

In a battle of the North Atlantic, the Fighting Irish defeated the Fighting Scots 88-28 in Notre Dame's first and only exhibition game of the season Thursday in Purcell Pavilion. Freshman guard Jewell Loyd led all scorers with 20 points in her Notre Dame debut.

Despite the impressive showing against their Division II opponent, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she saw areas for improvement.

"I thought we'd be better in defense and rebounding," McGraw said. "Offensively, I thought we'd be able to score and I think we were right about that."

A new season brings an

overhauled Irish team to the court. The departure of Brittany Mallory, Devereaux Peters and Natalie Novosel left a void in the starting lineup. Loyd stepped in and filled the hole left by Novosel. Sophomore guard Madison Cable played in Mallory's stead and sophomore forward Markisha Wright played down low in the four-guard offense.

What was a senior-heavy squad last season is now a talented young team led by Diggins. She and guard Kaila Turner are the only two seniors. Fittingly, Diggins scored the first six points for the Irish on two layups and a pair of free throws, and Notre Dame jumped out to an early 12-2 lead.

"There was a lot of excitement

and a lot of nerves," Diggins said. "We wanted to come out and have a great start in the first game."

But Loyd stole the show.

The Irish led 43-13 at the half, and Loyd led all scorers with 16 in the first period.

In her first game in an Irish uniform, Loyd scored in a variety of ways. She slashed to basket on backdoor cuts, she knocked down the mid-range jumper and she got to the charity stripe, hitting all eight of her free-throw attempts.

McGraw lauded Loyd for her versatility.

"One of her jobs is to get to the free-throw line, and she was eight-for-eight tonight," McGraw said. "She drove the

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## HOCKEY

## Broncos to visit CFIA

By **CONOR KELLY**  
Sports Writer

While Western Michigan may not carry the cachet that some of a Michigan or Ohio State, the No. 11 Broncos have become a worthy and admired opponent of the No. 8 Irish over the last few seasons.

That rivalry will continue tonight when the Broncos visit the Compton Family Ice Arena for a CCHA matchup. The game will mark the third CCHA contest for the Irish (5-1, 2-0-0-0 CCHA) and the first for the Broncos (3-1, 0-0-0-0).

"Because of the level at which they've played over the last few years and their location, I think it becomes a bit of a natural rivalry," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "It's not so much chippy as intense. They play an up-tempo style and we

try to as well. There's bound to be some collisions."

Irish junior goaltender Steven Summerhays said he agreed with Jackson and echoed his sentiment that the Irish have prepared for a physical and gritty opponent.

"Every time we play them, they are very physical games," Summerhays said. "They have developed into a very good team that is well coached over the last few years. I think both teams have a lot of skilled and hard working players, so it makes for an exciting game for the fans and for us."

Summerhays, recently named the CCHA Gongshow Goaltender of the Week, acknowledged the difficulty of preparing for a team that likes to get a lot of bodies to the net for second-chance opportunities, something the Broncos

have excelled at in recent years.

"It makes it tough because that's not something that you want to simulate in practice, guys driving the net hard and crashing into you," Summerhays said. "If you have the whole defensive corps playing well, as we have, and blocking shots in front of you and you just have to worry about making the first save, it makes it easier."

On offense, the Irish have gotten early contributions up and down the lineup from all four lines, a positive return on Jackson's decision to move junior captain Anders Lee to center and split up the Minnesota native and former running mate junior center TJ Tynan. The pair proved

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