

Seniors celebrate final victory at home

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's student enjoy blowout victory over Deacons

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

For a quarter of the student body, Saturday's football victory against Wake Forest represented more than an undefeated season at home. It also marked the senior's last game in the student section of Notre Dame Stadium.

Saint Mary's senior Maria Malm said this weekend's

celebrations were the perfect culmination to her four years in the student section as a Notre Dame fan.

"I had so much fun in the stands on Saturday," she said. "The atmosphere was incredible and it was so great to get to spend it with all of my classmates. I couldn't have asked for a better way to spend my last game as a student."

While the Irish victory and

preservation of the undefeated record were key components to the weekend's joy, Malm said one of the best parts of the game came after the final whistle when she and other seniors spilled onto the field.

"Going on the field was by far one of the highlights of my four years in the student section," she said. "I had so much fun taking pictures and just

taking it all in. It was a special moment and I know I'll remember it forever."

Saint Mary's senior Claire Priestly joined Malm and the other seniors in rushing the field after the game. She also said it was a special way to celebrate her time as a student fan.

"It was a great end to the four years I've spent going to the games with all of my

friends," she said. "We had so much fun and enjoyed it a lot."

Saint Mary's senior Megan Lynch also spent her Saturday in the student section cheering on the Irish for one final time. She said her final game was enjoyable, if also surreal.

"It didn't hit me that it was the last game until I was

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KEVIN SONG | The Observer

The number one sign atop Grace Hall was lit Sunday at 8:30 p.m. to recognize the football and men's soccer teams'no. 1 rankings. This marks the first time the Irish have been ranked no.1 in football in the BCS era.

Assault reported on campus

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a report of aggravated assault that occurred on campus over the weekend, according to an email alert sent to students Saturday.

The assault occurred outside a North Quad residence hall at approximately 6 p.m. on Saturday, police reported.

"A male visitor to campus reported being pushed to the ground and then struck repeatedly in the face after a verbal argument," the email stated.

The crime alert reported the suspect to be a student-aged white male with blondish-brown hair and a height of about 6 feet 2 inches tall. Anyone with information about this assault is encouraged to contact NDSP.

"Reduce the opportunity for crime by planning ahead for your safety and looking out for your friends," the email stated.

To report a crime in progress, suspicious activity or another emergency, dial 911 from any campus phone or 574-631-5555 from a cell phone.

Forum explores implications of gridlock

By **CAROLYN HUTYRA**
News Writer

As part of the 2012 Notre Dame Law Review Symposium, former Maine Representative Thomas Allen delivered the keynote address entitled, "The American Congress: Legal Implications of Gridlock" on Nov. 16 in the Eck Hall of Law.

The lecture, part of the year-long Forum titled "A More Perfect Union: The Future of America's Democracy", focused on the current state of U.S. politics with its unwavering convictions and lack of compromise.

"We're asking here at Notre Dame whether our political system has the capacity to deal

with the threats and the opportunities that our country faces," Law School dean Nell Jessup Newton said. "How can we promote productive discourse, innovative thinking, and effective action?"

Allen sought to answer this question by providing his perspective of Congress and the roles of Democrats and Republicans within public office.

"What I've been trying to do is figure out what it is that is separating the parties," Allen said.

He discussed the constant campaigning, the efforts toward redistricting and the parties, which he said are now

selecting their voters instead of having voters select them. Allen said people's ideas and values are bundled into worldviews, and the former is grounded in individualism and the latter in community.

Allen said partisanship and discourse between the two parties is an issue.

"What I experienced here was this tremendous conflict in the way we viewed each other and that was a problem," he said. "Congress today is deeply divided because to each side the opinions of the other make no sense."

Allen said this conflict is less

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JODI LO | The Observer

Former Maine Rep. Thomas Allen speaks about the problems of partisan gridlock in the Eck Hall of Law on Nov. 16.



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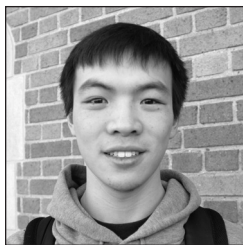
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Corrections

In a Nov. 6 article titled "Pittsburgh game draws massive crowds," the information on arrests by the Indiana State Excise Police was incorrectly reported. Those arrests occurred Nov. 2, not during the Nov. 3 football game against Pittsburgh. In a Nov. 14 article titled "Alumnus wins renowned prize," Dr. Jim O'Connell was misidentified as a 1970 graduate of Notre Dame. He is a 1972 alumnus. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

Where and when do you usually study?



Jeffrey Wang

sophomore
Alumni Hall

"At CoMo during the afternoon."



Tim Brazelton

junior
Carroll Hall

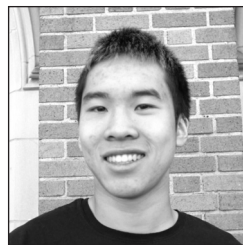
"Three a.m. on the first floor of Carroll."



Margaret Zhao

freshman
Farley Hall

"I prefer to study the material as I'm taking the exam."



Michael Dinh

freshman
Carroll Hall

"In LaFun at around 4 a.m."



Kerry Hunt

junior
Lewis Hall

"I study mostly at night at ACE or the basement of Lewis."



Will Raaf

sophomore
Carroll Hall

"The Carroll Hall of Carroll Hall."



KARLA MORENO | The Observer

Seniors pass around an inflatable Incredible Hulk during Saturday's Notre Dame-Wake Forest game. The Irish defeated the Demon Deacons in a 38-0 shutout. Losses by Oregon and Kansas State moved Notre Dame to the No. 1 BCS ranking Sunday evening.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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Monday

"Mary and the Season of Advent"

Geddes Hall

5 p.m.-6 p.m.

Speaker Brian Daley.

Tuesday

Women's Basketball

Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center

7 p.m.-9 p.m.

ND vs. Mercer

Wednesday

Men's Basketball

Joyce Center

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

ND vs. George

Washington

Thursday

Thanksgiving Dinner

North Dining Hall

12 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

New items on buffet

menu.

Friday

Men's Hockey

Compton Family Ice

Arena

7:35 p.m.

ND vs. North Dakota.

Fundraiser Night

Between the Buns

All day.

15 percent of sales

toward Dance Marathon.

Film: "His Girl Friday"

DeBartolo Performing

Arts Center

8 p.m.-9:35 p.m.

Free with student ID.

Thanksgiving Break

Students to help rebuild in Sandy aftermath

We Come Home campaign coordinates the efforts of various campuses with relief organizations

By **TORI ROECK**
News Writer

Hundreds of thousands of college students, including many from Notre Dame, will return home to New York and New Jersey for winter break to face the devastation wrought by Hurricane Sandy.

While many of these students felt helpless as the storm passed through their hometowns, senior Catherine Flatley, who hails from New Vernon, N.J., started the program We Come Home as a way for them to contribute to relief efforts.

"[We Come Home is] a campaign to mobilize college students from New York and New Jersey to get involved with Sandy cleanup over winter break," Flatley said. "We're trying to work with relief organizations that are already in the area fulfilling whatever needs they have."

We Come Home has campus ambassadors at schools across the country spreading information about how to get involved, senior Notre Dame ambassador Brianna Geary said.

"Our slogan is, 'We left to begin building our lives. We're back to begin rebuilding our home,'" Geary said.

Flatley said students can fill out an application on the We Come Home website to volunteer either two or five days of service to relief efforts.

"People fill out the application, they select what periods of the ones listed they're available for and which area they'd be available to work for based on different counties we have listed," she said. "Then they will be put in contact with organizations in that area that need volunteers."

Students can participate in a variety of different tasks based on what the organizations need help with, Geary said.

"The destruction is so widespread that there are many, many things people could get involved with," she said. "If people have preferences, they can put down any special skills they have on the application on the website."

Flatley said she got the idea to form We Come Home from talking to her friends from New Jersey about the storm.



Following the destruction of Superstorm Sandy, a father and son collect family business records from a filing cabinet in the basement of their flood and fire-destroyed home Nov. 18 in Queens, N.Y.

"I was just thinking about how a bunch of my friends from New Jersey could get involved with Sandy cleanup over break, and it occurred to me that there are hundreds of thousands of college students that have time off," she said. "Rarely do you have that many young individuals that really have the capacity to make a difference that are available and have significant time off."

Geary, a native of New Rochelle,

N.Y., said We Come Home is a means for students making a difference in their hometowns.

"People tend to band together based on where they're from, and people are proud to be from New York or New Jersey," she said. "I think this is a way to come together again and say not only that you're from there, but you're actually working to rebuild it."

Flatley said she hopes college students can make a significant

contribution to relief efforts through We Come Home.

"It certainly is a sacrifice ... but if a lot of people do this, hopefully it will have a huge effect," she said.

To sign up to volunteer, visit www.wecomehome.com or email werecominghome@gmail.com.

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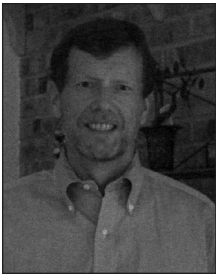
Professor wins Spitz prize for philosophy book

By **CHRISTIAN MYERS**
News Writer

Philosophy professor Paul Weithman recently received the 2012 David and Elaine Spitz Prize for his 2010 book, "Why Political Liberalism? On John Rawls' Political Turn".

The Spitz Prize is issued by the International Conference for the Study of Political

Paul Weithman
philosophy professor



Thought (CSTP) and was first awarded in 1988. According to the Conference's website, the prize is awarded to the best book in liberal or democratic theory published two years prior.

Past recipients of the prize include Joseph Raz, Martha Nussbaum, Sheldon Wolin and John Rawls.

Weithman said that seeing names like Rawls and Raz on the list of past recipients made him feel a bit out of his league.

"I feel like some guy who wins a golf tournament and gets his name put on the same trophy as Jack Nicklaus," he said. "It's a great honor that, of the eligible books, mine was the one they wanted to pick out."

Weithman said he was surprised to receive the award because his book is focused on a historical figure rather than on contributing to liberal or democratic theory.

"The committee must have thought I succeeded in using Rawls' work to get at the big theoretical questions of the discipline, and it's very gratifying that they thought that," he said.

According to the CSTP website, Weithman's book "provides careful and rigorous exegesis of Rawls' work as a way of drilling deeply into some of the central questions in modern political theory."

Weithman said he owes much of his understanding of Rawls' work to a course he teaches each year that covers Rawls' theories.

"The book is about John Rawls; I teach his work to PPE [Philosophy, Politics and Economics Minor] students every fall in the Justice Seminar, and I'm quite sure that I would not understand it to the extent I do were it not for the annual exercise of teaching it," he said. "We University professors often say that teaching and research go hand-in-hand and each enhances the other. This is one case in which they really did."

Weithman said he admires Rawls and his book "A Theory of Justice," which is a famous work of political and moral philosophy.

"John Rawls was, I think, the greatest political philosopher of the 20th century," he said. "[A Theory of Justice] really is a great work of political philosophy and it is truly a theory. It's a big and systematic theory for modern liberal democracies."

Fifteen years after publishing "A Theory of Justice," Weithman said Rawls began to publish a series of papers

"I think the books professors write, like the research projects graduate and undergraduate students do, are undertaken for what we learn by doing them."

Paul Weithman
philosophy professor

that took his work in a different direction. This new direction eventually resulted in the book "Political Liberalism," he said.

Weithman wrote his book as a means of understanding the changes Rawls made in his theories between the two books, he said.

"I wanted to understand the changes Rawls made in his own theory, both because of the intrinsic interest and value of coming to understand a

great thinker's work, and also because I thought that understanding those changes would shed light on some of the deep issues political philosophy confronts," he said. "I wrote the book to work through and understand those changes."

Politics has always been an area of interest for Weithman and he enjoys keeping up with current political events, he said.

"I've always been something of a political junkie," Weithman said. "I love following politics and reading about it. I'm now experiencing a painful withdrawal after the election with so much less to read about and so much less news to follow."

Weithman said that he was drawn to the field of political philosophy as a means of bringing his love of philosophy and love of politics together while a Notre Dame undergraduate.

"I realized when I came to see the deep philosophical questions politics raises that pursuing them seems natural," he said. "I just wish I had more answers."

He does not know if winning the Spitz Prize will lead more people to read his book, Weithman said, but he values the recognition either way.

"It's tremendously gratifying to have a book singled out from the many good ones as worthy of recognition with the Spitz Prize, but whether it

will come to the attention of more people, and many more people will pick it up and read it, is just hard to know," he said. "I know philosophy books aren't best-sellers. I don't expect to see it on the kiosks at airports, though it would be nice."

Ultimately, Weithman said he wrote the book because it furthered his own learning and progress as an academic.

"I think the books professors write, like the research projects graduate and undergraduate students do, are undertaken for what we learn by doing them," he said. "When we can't possibly read all that's worth reading, we have to be satisfied with the progress we ourselves have made in undertaking projects like these."

Weithman is not currently working on another book, but he said he might begin working on one in the future.

"I'm working on a couple of papers right now and maybe one of them will provide the seed for a book project, but I can't see that far ahead right now. I hope one of them will," he said. "I admire people who finish a book project and immediately know of several more they want to write. When I finished this one, I felt like I'd written everything I know."

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Belles honor fellow students

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students have a chance to honor fellow Belles who are using their education to make a difference through the Belles Honoring Belles Award.

Student body vice president Meghan Casey said she hopes students will take the time to recognize those students who stand out through the award.

"At the beginning of the year, the Student Government Association (SGA) held a retreat the week before classes began," Casey said. "We thought that it would be a good idea to use the idea of the Women Honoring Women event that happens in the spring semester and do a 'student honoring student' dinner."

According to the application, the nominees should be women who are influential both in and out of the classroom and who empower other Saint Mary's College students

to pursue a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility and social responsibility.

"Students will be able to be among other students who people nominated because they embody what they believe a Saint Mary's woman is," Casey said.

The nomination form asks about the nominees' background information, which includes their majors, their involvement on and off campus, their academic accolades and other achievements.

The form also asks for a description of how the nominee represents the College, their impact on campus and their impact on the world.

"Fifteen honorees will be chosen from among the nominees and will be honored at a reception on Monday, Nov. 26," Casey said. "If your nominee is chosen to be honored, you will be invited to speak for a few moments on her behalf."

The reception for the

nominees and nominators will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge in LeMans Hall. One honoree will be chosen at the reception as the Belle of the Year.

"I am hoping that Student Academic Council continues this dinner because it is necessary to recognize those who go the extra mile as a student here at Saint Mary's," Casey said. "While this is the first year we are having the Belles Honoring Belles award, I think it would be a great way to inspire students at the College to encourage their fellow Belles to push harder at making a difference for our school and the world."

The deadline for the nominations is Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 12 p.m.

For more information or to nominate a Belle, contact Meghan Casey at mcasey01@saintmarys.edu.

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Seniors

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walking into the Stadium," she said. "It was sad thinking that I would never be able to attend a game as a student again, but it was extra special to walk into the last game with the same best friends that I walked into my first home game with freshman year."

Notre Dame senior Ellie Griep said she thought Saturday's game marked the end of a fantastic senior season.

"This is the perfect senior season," she said. "No. 1 is the pinnacle and we will all ride out on that high."

Griep said cheering on the Irish this year was a different experience than past seasons.

"I have never cared about football as a sport before, and still am not interested in any other team or league, but there isn't anything I wouldn't give to see Notre Dame at the BCS National Championship," she said.

In addition to beating Wake Forest and maintaining an undefeated season at home, Malm said she was also excited about other results in the college football world.

"Going to bed Saturday night with the news both Oregon and Kansas State lost was the perfect ending to the day's festivities," she said. "I



ALLISON D'AMBROSIA | The Observer

Fisher Hall residents celebrate in the Clarke Memorial Fountain after then-No.1 Kansas State and then-No.2 Oregon lost Saturday night.

can't believe the season Notre Dame has had, and I feel so blessed I was here to experience it all."

Notre Dame senior Eddie Hjerpe agreed the season has been a perfect culmination of the past four years and quoted the football team from popular television show "Friday

Night Lights" on their quest for a state championship.

"One team, one dream. ... We're going to state," he said. "[I] could not have asked for a better year to be a senior at Notre Dame."

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Forum

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about the role of government than it is about the enduring tension in American politics and culture between individualism and community.

"[They] are two parts of the American psyche, part of our culture, part of our politics, and what has happened for a variety of reasons is that our American psyche has been split down the middle and

"Interest group politics is now often overwhelmed by world view politics, a widening hardening conflict between those who believe the mission of government is to enhance the common good and those who believe that government inevitably infringes on personal liberty."

Thomas Allen
former Maine congressman

these two parts of who we are are at war with each other," he said.

Individualism and community should not be separated, Allen said, and he hopes Congress can find a way to work back to the system of the

1970s.

"Republicans and Democrats differed but could collaborate on those issues which simply couldn't be dealt with through any other way but with some sort of government action," he said.

Allen said interest group politics is still a present-day factor, but now it is fueled by unprecedented amounts of campaign money. It is overlaid and often dominated by what he referred to as world-view politics, a class of values much deeper than the competition among interest groups in Washington.

"Interest group politics is now often overwhelmed by world view politics, a widening hardening conflict between those who believe the mission of government is to enhance the common good and those who believe that government inevitably infringes on personal liberty," Allen said.

This conflict causes the political system to get stuck, he said. He highlighted terms such as ideologically polarized, internally unified, vehemently oppositional and politically strategic as aspects of the political system that cause difficulty in allowing majorities to work their will.

"This is compounded by the asymmetric polarization of the parties," Allen said.

With a seemingly constant gridlock between the political parties in office, Allen said a smoothly functioning governmental system appears unlikely.

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Hostess to go bankrupt



AP

People stand in the parking lot of the Utah Hostess Brands Inc. plant in Ogden, Utah on Nov. 15. The company will begin filing for bankruptcy Monday morning in New York.

Associated Press

DETROIT — Twinkie lovers, relax.

The tasty cream-filled golden spongecakes are likely to survive, even though their maker will be sold in bankruptcy court.

Hostess Brands Inc., baker of Wonder Bread as well as Twinkies, Ding Dongs and Ho Ho's, will be in a New York bankruptcy courtroom Monday to start the process of selling itself.

The company, weighed down by debt, management turmoil, rising labor costs and the changing tastes of America, decided on Friday that it no longer could make it through a conventional Chapter 11 bankruptcy restructuring. Instead, it's asking the court for permission to sell assets and go out of business.

But with high brand recognition and \$2.5 billion in revenue per year, other companies are interested in bidding for at least pieces of Hostess. Twinkies alone have brought in \$68 million in revenue so far this year, which would look good to another snack-maker.

"There's a huge amount of goodwill with the commercial brand name," said John Pottow, a University of Michigan Law School professor who specializes in bankruptcy. "It's quite conceivable that they can sell the name

and recipe for Twinkies to a company that wants to make them."

Hostess has said it's received inquiries about buying parts of the company. But spokesman Lance Ignon would not comment on analysts' reports that Thomasville, Ga.-based Flowers Foods Inc. and private equity food investment firm Metropoulos & Co. are likely suitors. Metropoulos owns Pabst Brewing Co., while Flowers Foods makes Nature's Own bread, Tastykake treats and other baked goods. Messages were left for spokesmen for both companies on Sunday.

"We think there's a lot of value in the brands, and we'll certainly be trying to maximize value, both of the brands and the physical assets," Ignon said Sunday. He said it's possible some of Hostess' bakeries will never return to operation because the industry has too much bakery capacity.

Little will be decided at Monday afternoon's hearing before Bankruptcy Judge Robert Drain, Pottow said. The judge eventually will appoint a company that specializes in liquidation to sell the assets, and the sale probably will take six months to a year to complete, Pottow said.

Irving, Texas-based Hostess filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in January for the second time in less

than a decade. Its predecessor company, Interstate Bakeries, sought bankruptcy protection in 2004 and changed its name to Hostess after emerging in 2009.

The company said it was saddled with costs related to its unionized workforce. The company had been contributing \$100 million a year in pension costs for workers; the new contract offer would've slashed that to \$25 million a year, in addition to wage cuts and a 17 percent reduction in health benefits.

Management missteps were another problem. Hostess came under fire this spring after it was revealed that nearly a dozen executives received pay hikes of up to 80 percent last year even as the company was struggling.

Then last week thousands of members of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union went on strike after rejecting the company's latest contract offer. The bakers union represents about 30 percent of the company's workforce.

By that time, the company had reached a contract agreement with its largest union, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which this week urged the bakery union to hold a secret ballot on whether to continue striking. Although many bakery workers decided to cross picket lines this week, Hostess said it wasn't enough to keep operations at normal levels.

The company filed a motion to liquidate Friday. The shuttering means the loss of about 18,500 jobs. Hostess said employees at its 33 factories were sent home and operations suspended. Its roughly 500 bakery outlet stores will stay open for several days to sell remaining products.

News of the decision caused a run on Hostess snacks at many stores around the country, and the snacks started appearing on the Internet at inflated prices.

Leaders console Sandy victims



AP

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie hugs Kerri Berean in Little Ferry, N.J. A river in the town flooded as a result of Superstorm Sandy.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, leadership often came with an empathetic hug. For New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, it came with an angry tirade at utilities slow to restore power. For New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, it came with cool, businesslike assurance.

Experts in leadership and disaster response interviewed by The Associated Press gave all three chief executives high marks for their performance so far in Superstorm Sandy, a disaster that left more than 100 people dead and presented perhaps the biggest crisis-management test yet for three Northeastern politicians who have all been rumored to hold presidential ambitions.

"Throughout the country, what the American people seek is a kind of authenticity in their public leaders, and these three guys have demonstrated that authenticity throughout this crisis," said Syracuse University political science professor Robert McClure.

Most of those interviewed said Christie stood out for being the most outspoken and ahead of the curve, whether he was ordering gas rationing nearly a week before anyone else, putting his GOP credentials on the line to praise the Obama administration's response or using a televised briefing to comfort children with a simple: "Don't be scared."

He got so much attention that he even poked a bit of fun at himself with a cameo over the weekend on "Saturday Night Live," where he appeared in the familiar blue fleece jacket that he has worn while touring the state following the storm.

All three men took firm command before Sandy arrived. Cuomo closed New York City's subways and tunnels hours before there was a threat of flooding and strategically "pre-positioned resources" days before, a move the federal transportation secretary later praised. Christie struck a get-tough note in ordering

people to clear out along the coast, barking, "Don't be stupid" on Twitter. Bloomberg calmly ordered an evacuation of the city's low-lying areas.

And their leadership continued after the storm had passed.

Douglas Brinkley, a Rice University historian who wrote an award-winning book on 2005's Hurricane Katrina and has also written about Presidents Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Theodore Roosevelt and Gerald Ford, said the first rule in a disaster is to rush rescue and relief to the victims to keep the death toll down.

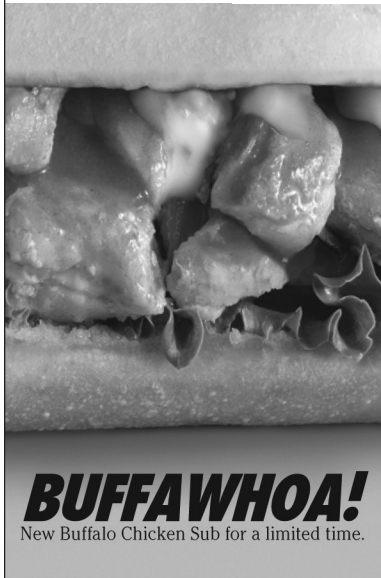
"While Sandy has been tragic, with the amount of rescues that have taken place and the amount of life-saving that has gone down, it has helped keep the death toll not commensurate to the damage," he said. "In Hurricane Katrina, you lost 2,000 people. And a lot of them died because nobody got to them for a week."

Not everything went perfectly. Many of Sandy's victims have complained that the power outages went on for too long, that the gas station lines were infuriating, and that temporary housing against November's cold seemed to be an afterthought.

At times, the crisis threw all three men off balance: Bloomberg reversed himself in the face of a huge backlash and canceled the New York City Marathon, Christie picked a fight with the Atlantic City mayor for sending people to city shelters instead of evacuating them, and Cuomo's attacks on utilities thudded when he took on the Long Island Power Authority, a state utility over which he has some control.

Christie provided the defining moment for a country torn by gridlock and partisanship, boarding a helicopter with President Barack Obama for a tour of the battered Jersey shore. On the first full day after Sandy, six days before the presidential election, the Republican Christie talked up Obama like an old bowling buddy.

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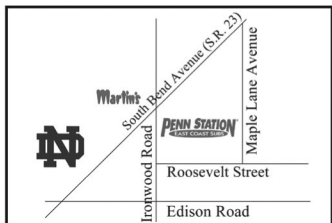
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INSIDE COLUMN

No. 1



Rebecca O'Neil
News Writer

It's roughly four hours after this column was due. Ten hours after I woke up. Sixteen hours after I went to bed. Twenty-four hours after Notre Dame discovered that it was ranked number one in college football for the first time since the year I was born, 1993.

The night started after a solid win against Wake Forest. I raced back to Stanford Hall, took an hour-long nap to mitigate what I thought was temporary hunger, but finally downed a chicken and bacon sub. We started watching the Baylor vs. Kansas State game and the Stanford vs. Oregon game. I was told who to cheer for and why and did so accordingly. After admiring the HD quality of the TV set for ten minutes, I began meandering around the interweb and zoning out. Typical.

A short while later — not really, it just felt like it — people began accumulating in the room. As the games' clocks wound down, people began sitting upright from their nearly horizontal positions. Finally they finished and I looked around to anyone who would make eye contact asking, "Does this mean what I think it means?" with a hopeful expression. Someone answered out loud "Stanford and Baylor just won, we're —" and he was cut off. Stanford Hall's fourth floor had erupted with the loudest, deepest cheers I have ever heard.

We raced out of the room to witness at least 35 guys moshing their way about each other. Social restraints were lifted and clothes were optional. They exhausted the "We're number one!" chant for about five minutes until someone suggested we move down a floor. The crowd grew in volume and numbers as we went down. Finally, at the bottom floor there was nowhere left to go. People began running outside, I thought mob mentality had taken over and people disappeared into the blackness of the night.

Only after I had run into the darkness myself did I notice the throngs of people surrounding Stonehenge. Shirtless men surrounded me, Zahm's first-floor playlist featured Mariah Carey Christmas carols and a half-naked boy ran by with a floatie around his torso. I started to tear up; I'm tearing up now as I recollect the goose-bump-inducing sensation of pure joy. I raced to the fountain, my feet still killing me from the four hours of standing and screamed with the rest of them. Fireworks were lit, emitting more cheers from the students drunk with mostly exuberance. Then and there the night became something I will never forget.

And no, this is not a crazy reality TV show. It's real life. WE'RE NO. 1!

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A poor argument

Adam Newman
Scientia Potentia Est

Poverty is one explanation commonly used — most notably by NYU historian Diane Ravitch, who spoke at Notre Dame Law School last year — for the plight of American education. Ravitch is a "traditionalist," someone who believes that focusing on socioeconomic factors such as poverty through anti-poverty programs are the best ways to improve student outcomes.

On the other side of the debate are "reformers." Reformers believe that the best way to improve student outcomes is to provide students with effective teachers and schools, regardless of their background. They choose not to focus on factors such as poverty because they cannot control or measure them.

Reformers back up their argument with mounting evidence of the importance of good teachers. Research conducted by Eric Hanushek, a Stanford economist, suggests that if every low-income student had a quality teacher in the top 15 percent four years in a row, the achievement gap between low-income students and their peers would be virtually eliminated. A recent study by Harvard and Columbia economists followed one million children in an urban school system from fourth grade to adulthood. It found students assigned to highly effective teachers were more likely to attend college, attend higher ranked colleges, earn higher salaries, live in better neighborhoods and save more for retirement.

Traditionalists, on the other hand, often note the performance difference between affluent students and non-affluent students to show poverty is the most important factor in a

child's education. But comparisons of America's affluent students to the average student in other countries suggest disturbing conclusions. A study conducted by Hanushek, Paul Peterson of Harvard and Ludger Woessman of the University of Munich compared American students who have at least one college-educated parent to average students in other developed (OECD) countries. Using data from the highly respected Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), only 44 percent of American students with at least one college-educated parent were proficient in math, placing us 17th amongst average students in developed countries.

Another study conducted by Arkansas education professor Jay Greene examined how average students in affluent American cities compared to average students in other OECD countries. The results were shocking: Even average students from wealthy areas do not compete well against average students from other industrialized countries. Most notably, an average student from Beverly Hills, Calif., was in the 53rd percentile; from Palo Alto, Calif., the 56th percentile; from Naperville, Ill., the 67th percentile; and from Gross Point, Mich., the 56th percentile. These results weaken the traditionalists' "poverty" argument, because poor American students are not only the only ones not doing well relative to international competitors — affluent students are not performing well either. This suggests that American education is failing all students, not just poor ones.

As traditionalists blame poverty for the poor performance of American education, many schools with high levels of poor students produce

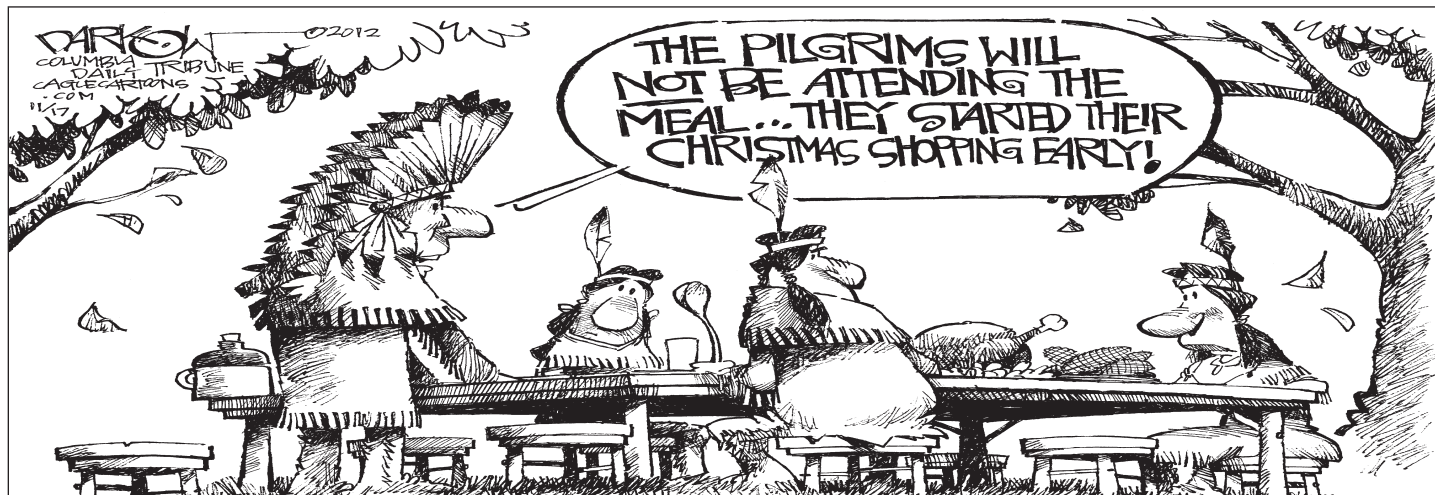
jaw-dropping results. My favorite story is Harlem Success Academy in New York. During the 2009-10 school year, 94 percent of the school was proficient in math and 86 percent was proficient in reading. Its local competitor, PS 149, spent more per student, had smaller class sizes and, most importantly, had the same percentage of students on free and reduced price lunch (70 percent) — but only 34 percent of the students was proficient in math and 29 percent in reading. Harlem Success uses a lottery for admission, meaning that it does not "cherry-pick" smart students. Harlem Success Academy is just one of many schools where the leadership does not accept poverty as a barrier to producing remarkable outcomes.

Poverty may limit opportunity, but it has been used by the education establishment to lower the expectations of what schools and teachers can achieve while preventing accountability and reform for far too long. This has created an ineffective American education system that has failed both poor and affluent students. Even as this injustice exists, traditionalists like Diane Ravitch will continue to use any other excuse. This may have worked before. But as Americans see competitiveness decline, joblessness and wages stagnate and the American Dream begin to fade, traditionalists will fall into obscurity because of the simple truth that one does not need a Ph.D to understand there is no better anti-poverty tool than a high quality education.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The best of us must sometimes eat our words."

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Every child has a story

Geraldine Mukumbi

Student International Business Council

The belief in the power of commerce is the driving force behind the activities of the Student International Business Council (SIBC). One of the five divisions of the SIBC, Global Development, has projects that are geared toward the developmental aspect of business.

One of these projects is the Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC) marketing group. They believe that while there is a tendency to link global development with some foreign, far-away place, it actually begins with the local community. They established an initiative in partnership with an organization very close to the Notre Dame campus, the Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC).

The RCLC is a partnership between the residents of the South Bend north-east neighborhood and the University of Notre Dame. It was started in 2001 in a bid to foster a relationship between

the residents of South Bend and the University. The center provides literacy programs, skills training and adult programs for the community with the assistance of volunteers, some of whom are Notre Dame students.

Senior Ming Archbold, the current project leader of the RCLC Marketing group, started this initiative during his sophomore year in 2010. He was inspired by the need to collect and share stories from young children in the local community.

With a team of Notre Dame students and the help of members of the RCLC staff such as Velshonna Luckey, this group facilitated the creation of stories by a group of children aged 7-11. The group of 20 students created an environment where the children learned to voice their thoughts and work in teams. The process was not without tears, however, as each child wanted to be the leader and have his/her own ideas and illustrations included in the final draft.

This semester, the RCLC marketing group focused on an aspect that challenged their creativity. The current

team, with members from as close as South Bend and as far as Zimbabwe, worked together in a bid to edit the stories while maintaining the integrity of the children's ideas and staying true to their voices.

The hard work has paid off in that what started out as an idea has grown to become a children's book entitled "Every Child Has A Story." This book is in the process of being published through CreateSpace, Amazon's online publishing platform.

This achievement marks the beginning of the next phase of the project. In the coming weeks, the book will become available to the public in digital and print form and the team will start executing its marketing strategy. The goal is to promote the book and ultimately increase its profitability.

What distinguishes "Every Child Has A Story" from other children's books is that it is perfectly imperfect. It was crafted and illustrated by young minds that refuse to conform to the rules of what a typical children's book should look like.

The project itself is ambitious and innovative, merging two seemingly unrelated concepts: Marketing and literature. This creates an environment where creativity is essential and the challenges are numerous, but learning and growth is inevitable.

When "Every Child Has A Story" makes it to the shelves of bookstores and becomes available to Notre Dame and the South Bend community as a whole, I encourage you to buy it for a young loved one. It contains perspectives on life masquerading as stories about heroes, homework and Notre Dame football.

Buy it for yourself as a reminder that even in this cutthroat world of business, commercial models can be used for good — all proceeds from the sale of the book will go directly to the Robinson Community Learning Center.

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Losing my student Ziqi Zhang

Alice Yang

Guest Columnist

I have not yet enjoyed the fall breeze or the beauty of autumn's colors. Both of these things seemed to be out of reach and are now gone. This year's fall break was very significant for me, because my Chinese student Ziqi Zhang has left this world due to a traffic accident. A very young and beautiful life is gone. She was only 19, young and energetic. She should still be here looking forward to a bright future. What a tragedy! What pain! On October 13th, the Saturday before her accident, Ziqi wore her favorite green coat in support of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish at her first and last Notre Dame football game. Ziqi could never have imagined that on October 20th, the Saturday after the accident, Notre Dame Stadium, with a capacity of 80,000, would be filled with football fans all standing to take part in a moment of silence in her memory.

Saint Mary's vice-presidents and my colleagues of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership worked all weekend to prepare the official letters, which had to be translated before being sent via email and fax. It was night and

day non-stop work. The school leaders decided to host the Sunday Mass in Regina Chapel in memory of Ziqi. Father John summarized Ziqi's life at Saint Mary's:

"Lots of people have had things to say about her in various groups the last few days. I've heard comments about her intelligence, her creativity and her great smile. I've heard of quiet acts of kindness she showered upon other people. I've heard how adventurous she was, about her first encounter with horse-riding, as the horse galloped along. I would have thought that the horse walking would be enough of a first experience! I've heard about her trying out for teams in sports she'd never played before. I've heard her described as an excellent student, a budding scientist, fascinated by nano-technology, as well as a talented musician. I've mostly heard her described as somebody who was very easy to like, to love and who very much liked and loved others."

The memorial service for Ziqi on Tuesday was touching. Hundreds of people came to Regina Chapel. Ziqi's roommate, classmates, friends and professors all talked of their experiences with her. We laughed because of the interesting things she did in the past. We were sad

and had tears because of the sorrow of losing her. She had only been in the United States for about a year. She struggled when she had to decide whether she should go back home or stay for a research project last summer, but in the end she decided to stay. She had just bought an international air ticket to visit her home only a few days before the car accident. She shared the exciting news with her classmates and friends and even left a message on Facebook telling everyone that finally she would be able to go home for a visit. This situation gave many of us great sorrow. After coming overseas to study at a place where she longed to go, she could now never go back home.

I received her family's letter to the school on Tuesday morning and we read it at the memorial service at noon that day. This letter touched all people who understand English or Chinese. The letter read:

"Thank you very much for your letter. We were very touched by it. We are witnessing the gracious generosity that offers timely help in that wonderfully civilized country of the United States of America, which was my daughter's dream land. We felt honored to have sent her there to study — a place filled with

hope, kindness and friendship. With gratitude and esteem to you, we accept your kind offer to help us. Though we are old, and having lost our precious daughter, we felt the warmth through your actions, and we felt that it had been worthwhile for our daughter to have studied there. She was our pride and joy. She longed for this wonderful country of America and we wished she could have completed her studies, learned the sciences and civilization so that she could have played a worthy role in the betterment of the entire human race."

Ziqi's life was short, but she had built a beautiful bridge. She came to America from China to study abroad and pursue dual degrees of Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame. Most of her life in the United States was spent on the way back and forth between the two institutions. Her life also ended on the road between the two.

May she rest in peace in Heaven!

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COUNTRY COMES TO COMPTON

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
Scene Writer

Montgomery Gentry played Compton Hockey Arena on Oct. 16 at Notre Dame's Ice Country Music Fest, with Eden's Edge and Florida Georgia Line opening the night. With a promising lineup and an enthusiastically dressed audience, it seemed like Compton was in for a memorable evening.

Eden's Edge started with an attention grabbing a capella cover of "We Are Young," by the band Fun. Their lead singer, Hannah Blaylock, belted out some classics and a few of the band's most popular songs, such as "Amen," "Too Good to be True" and "Swingin' Door."

Their style combines Taylor Swift's angsty pop twist on country with a darker, more sophisticated resonance similar to Lady Antebellum. Blaylock did a commendable job of trying to amp up the crowd for the entire night, but sometimes came off sounding more like a self-promoting MC than a lead vocalist.

Unfortunately, the older audience

didn't know the words to the rest of their songs, and the band's talented lead singer spent the rest of her time on stage without too many memorable moments. Even though their vivacious and heart-felt opening was well-performed, the audience was more excited for the following opener, Florida Georgia Line.

Florida Georgia Line, which was arguably more popular than the band they were supposed to be opening for, enjoyed a generous welcome. Their recent hit single, "Cruise," from their album "Here's the to Good Times" currently sits at the No. 2 spot on the U.S. Country charts.

Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley were a force on stage and worked the crowd with a showmanship and expertise, dropping down into the audience and dancing through the aisles. The duo engaged the audience with great stage antics and more recognizable songs. Favorites included "Summer Jam" and "Get Your Shine On". Their grungy, sweet southern-boy sound was definitely the highlight of the night.

Montgomery Gentry rode out the rest

of the night with their hits "Hell Yeah" and "Something to be Proud Of" and their most recent record, "Where I Come From". Eddie Montgomery and Troy Gentry, who put out their first album in 1999, were energetic and electric, twirling their microphones around and jumping with the crowd.

Their rock-and-roll inspired songs were loud and brassy, but echoed a southern gentility with their virtuosic voices. One of their more sentimental, slower singles, "My Town" reflected strong family values despite their bold reputations.

A small portion of Notre Dame's country aficionados showed up in their hoe-down finest, ready to dance and croon the night away. The majority of the crowd, however, were not students, and spent the rejoinder of the evening seated passively in the bleachers.

Long gaps in between sets and oppressive lighting in the seats made it hard to get into a groove. One bright spot in the otherwise unappreciative crowd were the occasional pairs of line-dancers and swing-dancers that made their own fun

on the concourse. The concertgoers were spread throughout the cavernous facility, which is supposed to hold 5,000, making the event seem under-attended and unappreciated.

Furthermore, the ushers prevented those stuck in cheaper seats to fill in the obviously empty pit below. Concerts are supposed to be an immersive, interactive experience — especially at country concerts, where everyone knows the words and line dances, even if they don't know how. An ice rink might work as a concert venue if every seat was sold out, but the terrible acoustics combined with the vast discrepancy in seating alienated half the audience from the bands' performances before they had a chance to strum a chord.

Overall, the concert was toe-tapping and laid-back — probably too laid back considering the caliber of the musicians. The potential for a rock-and-roll night of country was there, but the odd crowd and inappropriate facility left the night feeling lackluster.

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TOM DeLUCA HYPNOTIZES AT LaFORTUNE

By **KEVIN NOONAN**
Scene Editor

Last Friday, hypnotist Tom DeLuca visited Notre Dame's campus for a night of mystifying performance. Scene Editor Kevin Noonan had the chance to talk with him before the show.

Kevin Noonan: *What do you do? What does a professional hypnotist do?*

Tom DeLuca: What I'm doing tonight, and what I've been doing for most of my career, is go around to businesses and universities, that's about 95 percent of what I do are corporations, associations and universities, and I put on these big, interactive performances where I take volunteers from the audience and I hypnotize people. These kinds of shows are basically fun and hopefully creative, depends on who I get up there. It's peachy, I don't make people bark like a dog or anything, it's not a fair or a Vegas lounge act. I think it's at little higher level. But it's still silly, it's still goofy and hopefully it'll be good.

KN: *How did you get into this?*

TD: I got into this when I was in college, I had a professor who was a clinical psychologist and he trained me to hypnotize people in his clinic. I actually put myself through graduate school by hypnotizing people to like lose weight and quit smoking and stuff like that. When I was doing that I started doing a show at the Sheraton Inn in the town that I lived in on Wednesday nights and it really got to be popular. People would see it and ask me to come to their college, and then I started traveling and then it got really big, and I've been doing it ever since.

KN: *What did you get your master's degree in?*

TD: Psychology.

KN: *So this comes out of psychology study, sort of?*

TD: Yes and no. A guy trained me to hypnotize people. I took courses in

college that interested me, but I didn't take like hypnosis courses or anything like that. It was all like experiential one-on-one stuff. I hypnotize a lot of people for different things. Ninety-five percent lose weight and quit smoking and the commercial venue to make money, but I saw tons of different reactions and got really good experience doing it.

KN: *So you do mostly businesses and colleges, do you have a preference for one of the two?*

TD: It depends. I like doing the colleges, and I like coming here because the kids are smart and that makes the show creative. I give them the suggestion but they go with it. Some colleges I really enjoy doing it. I'd say two-thirds I really enjoy doing it. It depends on how many people are at the venue. If you have a couple hundred people it'll be fun, if you only have 50 people it won't be as good because there'll be a hollowness to the room, and it also inhibits the audience on a psychological level from getting involved. But we generally have good crowds here, so hopefully it'll be good.

KN: *Do you see a difference when you hypnotize corporate people versus college kids?*

TD: Oh God yes, night and day. First of all you're not going to have twenty people raising their hands going "Pick me! Pick Me!" like I'm assuming I'm going to have tonight, at colleges I don't have any problem getting volunteer to come up on stage. In a corporate setting they're in suits and jackets, their bosses are there, their coworkers are there, they're in their 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s and so they're a lot more reserved. 'What's this guy going to make me do? What am I going to say about the company? What if I'm going to quit my job next week and it comes out?' It's that kind of thing, so you have to really seduce them to get them up there. It's a lot harder, but they pay more. They're both exciting, I think that's why I do it, and I

know it and I really take it seriously. I also do it because it's hard, it's a challenge, so I have to get myself really focused and really up for every show. To do a good show for these folks, I have to sustain for an hour and a half. I can't just hypnotize someone and then the show is over. It's got to build.

KN: *So what are you doing when you hypnotize people? What happens to people?*

TD: What happens basically is you go bypass the critical facility and put suggestions directly into the imagination and subconscious. You're basically putting a suggestion directly into the subconscious, and they're not analyzing it. It's real to them. There are levels to it, there's light, medium and deep, and for this you want medium or deep because the suggestions are so weird. The light stage most people won't do it. The medium or deep levels suggestions are more of a reality to them, and the real deep levels whatever you tell them, they'll see it or do it. They hallucinate.

KN: *So do you wave a gold watch?*

TD: No. There's a lot going on. Voice, cadence, reaction to them as they observe how I'm doing things. I'm reacting to a lot of things, the way they sit, just the way they perceive the suggestions. Some people will take it right away, some people will more slide into it, so I have to adjust to that. It's a very tiring show by the way.

KN: *What are some of your favorite suggestions for people?*

TD: I have one I do here normally where I make somebody think that fruit have feelings and he's the friend of fruit. I bring out an apple and take a bite and they're like, 'Ahh! Don't eat that!' That's a good one. You can never tell. If you get the right person it's really fun, if you get the wrong person it's not so much fun. I'm just judging the whole

time I'm up there which suggestion is going to work best with each person. That's a big part of it. I do one where I tell one person, usually a male because they get really tense, although sometimes a woman, any time I say the word 'blue' you're going to think this whole show was a fake and a scam. But any time I snap my fingers twice you're going to think it was great. So I say 'blue' and they get up on the microphone and they're like, 'This show [stinks]. You stink, what a rip-off.' And I snap my fingers and it's, 'I love you.' That's a really good one that I've been doing for a long time. Sometimes I make a woman think she's the fun police and that the audience is having too much fun. I do one that I do here because these kids are really, really smart, and I hope I'm not overselling this.

KN: *No, I think you're all right telling Notre Dame kids we're smart, go ahead.*

TD: Yeah I believe it. I make one of the kids Notre Dame's top cheerleader, so every time I say a word it's fun to see what happens.

KN: *Do you have any good stories from your career that stand out in your memory?*

TD: I'm sure I have a lot of stories. Here's the deal, for me it's not just a matter of hypnotizing people and making them do silly stuff. It's seeing who they are, that's the magic of it. It's seeing a person reveal who they are. You see how their inner imagination works. You see their personality. Even if they're not conscious of it and a lot of people aren't really conscious of it, you see how they identify. Those are the little cool things that I think make it a good show. At least that's what I see, there's always like one or two that are just cool as hell.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Stats won't end MVP debate



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I know that most of us are currently wrapped up in the excitement of football season, but those of you who still remember that sport called baseball will probably be aware of last Thursday's announcement that Buster Posey of the San Francisco Giants and Miguel Cabrera of the Detroit Tigers

show us the light, right?

But here's the shocker: Players who lead traditional statistical categories tend to look impressive in terms of advanced metrics. Team Trout's favorite argument in favor of the rookie was his 10.7 wins above replacement, a figure calculated by the magical number cruncher in the press box that decided the Angels would have won nearly 11 fewer games with an average

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had been named the 2012 National League and American League MVPs, respectively.

As far as I'm concerned, the biggest news to come out of this year's voting was the fact that not a single vote went to a Red Sox player, which was a first in the history of the MVP award. When you consider that the award has been around since 1911, this is an embarrassment of historical proportions. (Not as embarrassing as the team's 93-loss season itself, but pretty close.)

But the segment of the baseball-following population that isn't made up of hopelessly myopic Boston fans seems to think that the most important part of this story is the victory of Cabrera, the king of the triple crown and traditional stats, over Los Angeles Angels' rookie of the year Mike Trout, the favored son of the sabermetrics crowd.

I wish I had a convincing argument for why Cabrera or Trout was clearly the best player in the American League, but in reality I'm not sure who I would have voted for. If I'm going to be completely honest with myself, I think I would've voted for Cabrera simply because Trout is barely old enough to drink legally and has plenty more chances to put together an MVP-caliber season (and yes, I do realize that kind of logic is the reason why the Baseball Writers Association of America doesn't give voting privileges to random college kids).

Now, if you read a baseball blog or watched "Moneyball" at any point last summer, you would think the "old guard" statistics — batting average, RBIs and wins — were devices of the baseball devils created to lead scouts down the path of darkness and despair that ends in signing Alex Rodriguez to a 10-year deal. Thank goodness we have OPS+ and WAR to

Triple-A call up in the outfield. But Cabrera's 6.9 WAR is nothing to sneeze at. Trout's OPS+ just barely outpaced that of the Tigers' slugger (171 to 165), while their on-base percentages were nearly identical (.399 for Trout, .393 for Cabrera). Trout scored 20 more runs, but Cabrera knocked in 56 more. And let's not forget that Cabrera was the first player to lead the league in homers, hits and batting average in 45 years.

My (not so-)expert analysis? Both had pretty darn good seasons. You could pretend that you favor one or the other based on the box score in the newspaper or the sabermetrics, but let's get real: most of us watch the game, decide whether we prefer the home run-masher or the dashing rookie, and then find the stat line we want to bolster our argument.

And lest you think that advanced metrics and a holistic approach to MVP voting is a new idea, let's take a look at the 1941 AL MVP race: Ted Williams hit 37 homeruns, had 120 RBI, a .553 on-base percentage and .735 slugging percentage, not to mention a .406 batting average. You know what he didn't have? The MVP award. That went to Yankee Joe DiMaggio. (He had a pretty good season, too, with a nice little hitting streak in the middle.)

We have the same fundamental problem 70 years later, and probably will 70 years from now: There are a lot of valid ways to evaluate a player, and they won't always give us one favorite.

So congratulations to Miguel Cabrera. As for Mike Trout, the kid has plenty more chances.

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ND VOLLEYBALL | USF 3, ND 1

Irish fall to Bulls in first round of Big East tourney



JEAN-PIERRE VERTIL | The Observer

Sophomore outside hitter Toni Alugbue serves the ball during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Cincinnati in the Purcell Pavilion on Nov. 9.

By **CONOR KELLY**
Sports Writer

Coming off a winning regular season and holding the third seed in the Big East tournament, Notre Dame hoped and expected to survive past the tournament's first-round matchup with South Florida, but the Bulls had something else in mind Friday at the Al McGuire Center at Marquette.

Behind 18 kills from senior J'Beria Davis, the Bulls (18-13, 7-8 Big East) cruised past the Irish for the 3-1 (25-17, 18-25, 25-23, 25-19) upset, ending Notre Dame's hopes for a Big East tournament title and putting its chance at an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament into jeopardy.

The Bulls jumped on top of the Irish (20-8, 13-2) early, taking an easy win in the match's first game, but the Irish appeared to get the match back under control in the second game, winning 25-18. As it was the whole night, however, Notre Dame never got into a rhythm and the Bulls capitalized on

each Irish misstep.

"USF certainly played fantastically," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "We expected them to play at a high level, but I think that was certainly the best we've ever seen them play. It felt like every one of their shots was finding open court and that they were able to get a hand on everything we sent over the net."

Having escaped deficits numerous times during their 11-game Big East winning streak during the middle part of the season, the Irish were confident that they could overcome the early deficit, but Davis and the Bulls proved too much.

"We knew going in that she was a very good player," Brown said of Davis, who hit .467 on the match. "We've faced other great hitters for other teams throughout the year have contained them much better, however. It was really a matter of execution."

Execution was the issue of the night for the Irish, Brown said, especially on defense, as Notre Dame allowed the

Bulls to hit .292 on the match. In addition to Davis, Big East Freshman of the Year Erin Fairs recorded 12 kills for the Bulls while fellow freshman Ciara Brown had 11.

Despite a huge match from Irish junior Andie Olsen, who recorded 14 kills, South Florida bottled up the Irish attack, limiting sophomore outside hitter Toni Alugbue to just six kills.

The loss, Notre Dame's first ever in volleyball to South Florida, marked the first time the Irish failed to win a game in the Big East tournament, a disappointment for a team that finished with an impressive regular season.

The Irish will have one more chance to make an impression on the NCAA selection committee when they travel to Ohio on Friday to take on the Bobcats in a final tune-up before postseason play continues. The NCAA selection show will be Sunday, Nov. 25 at 4 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING | KANSAS WOMEN'S CLASSIC

Irish finish first in Kansas

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Notre Dame proved itself to be top competition over the weekend with a first-place finish at the Kansas Women's Classic in Topeka, Kan.

Irish sophomore Emma Reaney, a Kansas native, said she was proud of her team's effort against the competitive field.

"We won by a large margin, even while swimming a ridiculous amount of events in a very short time-span," Reaney said, "I'm proud of my team for being so tough."

After day one the Irish were sitting in second place, trailing the Jayhawks 266-257. Sophomore Emma Reaney was one of the Notre Dame leaders, taking the top spot in

the 200-yard individual medley and participating in two Irish first-place relays.

By day two, Notre Dame had taken the lead with 667.5 points, leading Kansas by 80 points. Reaney continued her dominant streak with a victory in the 400-yard IM and the 100-yard breaststroke. Senior captain Kim Holden claimed wins in the 100-yard butterfly and the 100-yard backstroke. The Irish also claimed victory in the 200-yard medley relay and the

second-place finish in the 800 free relay.

On day three, Holden and Reaney placed first and second, respectively, in the 200-meter backstroke. Reaney also claimed victory with a first-place in the 200-yard backstroke. Irish sophomore Bridget Casey grabbed her first individual victory of the weekend, taking first place in the 200-yard butterfly. While Casey finished

securing the Irish victory.

Reaney said the Irish excelled due to their toughness throughout the competition.

"I think we needed a meet like this to prove to ourselves just how tough we really are," Reaney said. "Even before the last relay, when we all thought our legs were about to fall off, we were still joking around and dancing behind the blocks."

Other top performances from the Irish included freshman Catherine Galletti, who finished in the top 8 in four individual events, including third in the 100-yard freestyle, and swam on three winning relay teams. Irish junior Kelly Ryan was part of two winning relays, finished third in the 200-yard backstroke and fourth in the 100-yard backstroke.

Notre Dame finished with 976.5 points, while host Kansas took second with 853.5.

The Irish will take the holiday weekend off before returning Nov. 30, when the diving team heads to the Hawkeye Invitational in Iowa City, Iowa, and the swim team makes its way to Columbus, Ohio, to compete in the Ohio State Invitational.

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Emma Reaney
sophomore swimmer

first in the event, Holden finished only a few seconds behind her and claimed the third spot for the Irish.

Notre Dame closed out the weekend with a victory in the 400-yard medley relay,

ND CROSS COUNTRY | NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men and women run at NCAAs



JOHN NING | The Observer

The men's cross country team gets off to a quick start seconds after the start of the National Catholic Championship at Burke Golf Course.

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

The Irish wrapped up their 2012 campaign Saturday when the men's and women's teams competed in the 2012 NCAA championship meet in Louisville, Ky.

The men's team finished in 28th place with a total of 591 points, while the women's team placed 15th with 394 points and recorded its best finish at the NCAA championships since 2005.

Between the two teams, the Irish had 13 total runners competing. On the men's side, junior Martin Grady set the pace, as he finished in 52nd place with a time of 30:20 for the 10-kilometer race.

Senior Rebecca Tracy, sophomore Gabby Gonzales and junior Alexa Aragon led the women. Each finished in the top 100 and within a second of each other.

Women's coach Tim Connelly said he was proud of the way his team competed and thought the results were a testament to how the team competed and worked all year.

"A top-15 finish is nothing to scoff at," Connelly said. "We ran well and the results show that. Of course, there is never going to be a perfect race, but we really competed hard out there."

Another notable finish on the men's side was senior J.P. Malette, who finished in 117th place with a time of 30:53. Junior Walter Schafer was the third

runner for the Irish to cross the finish line with a time of 31:02, which earned him 136th place.

Connelly said despite the strong showing on the women's side, he felt there were missed opportunities which could have snuck the team into the top-10.

"The four ran as well as they could," Connelly said. "We finished 22nd last year so it is good to see improvement, but you always wonder, 'What if?' We had to shut down [sophomore] Hannah Eckstein and [freshman] Molly Seidel was hampered by a sinus infection, so she was not able to be at her best."

Oregon won the women's meet while Iowa State senior Betsy Saina took home the individual crown.

Oklahoma State won the men's meet for the third time in four years and Texas Tech junior Kennedy Kithuka won the individual race with a time of 28:31.

Looking back on the year, Connelly said it was nice to see his runners grow and improve from August workouts.

"I'm proud of the way they learned to compete," Connelly said. "They put themselves in a position to be challenged and they responded well."

This meet marks the end of the cross country season, but the indoor track and field season begins Dec. 7 with the Blue & Gold Invitational at the Loftus Sports Center.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 70, ST. JOSEPH'S 79; ND 78, BYU 68

Irish rally to win Saturday after loss Friday

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Writer

After surrendering an eight-point lead in the final minutes of regulation and losing to Saint Joseph's in overtime Friday, the No. 20 Irish overcame a seven-point deficit early in the second half and defeated BYU 78-68 on Saturday in the consolation game of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

"I am very proud of our team because we invested a lot of energy last night and had our hearts broken," Irish coach Mike Brey said after defeating BYU. "We were moping around a little bit today, rightfully so, and I thought by pregame meal we had our heads up.

"I'm impressed with our maturity because we were in a battle and were down seven in the second half, and to find a way to get out of here with a win, I'm proud of our group. Even though we didn't go 4-0 in this, we went 3-1, I think we found out some more about our team."

After trailing by seven, Notre Dame (3-1) drilled four 3-pointers and went on a 16-2 run to take a 58-51 lead with just under nine minutes to play. The

Cougars (2-2) cut the lead to 63-61 with 4:28 remaining, but junior captain and point guard Eric Atkins quickly poured in five points to bump the lead back up to seven. From there, the Irish closed out the game by making 10 of 12 free throws.

Atkins was 5-for-10 from the field, including 3-for-4 from 3-point range, and finished with a season-high 16 points. The point guard said the difference between his performances Friday and Saturday was his composure scoring buckets down the stretch.

"Being poised mentally, yesterday when I missed shots I got frustrated and that messed my whole game up," Atkins said. "I talked to Coach Brey and the guys, and they told me to just keep my confidence and my poise. It's definitely tough, but the guys on the bench and the coaches just keep telling me to have confidence in myself and stay ready."

Fellow junior guard Jerian Grant, who averaged just 8.7 points in the first three games, scored 19 points, including 17 in the second half.

"We just stayed poised and Jerian did a great job of attacking off the ball screen," Atkins said. "I think [Grant] really got

everyone involved and he got himself going driving to the hoop. So I just think we stayed poised and kept doing what we do."

Senior forward Jack Cooley was his usual dominant self down low, as he finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

But while it was Cooley who had his way in the post Saturday, Saint Joseph's (2-1) rode a physical frontline to a 79-70 overtime victory Friday in the semifinals.

Notre Dame led 66-58 with 4:01 left in regulation, but the Hawks closed out the game with an 8-0 run to force overtime as the Irish fell cold shooting. In the extra session, Saint Joseph's scored the first five points and went on to outscore Notre Dame 13-4 in overtime.

"We had good looks but we just couldn't knock them down in a timely manner at the end of the game," Atkins said. "They did a great job defending us the whole game."

Saint Joseph's was fueled by its physical big men. Hawks junior forward Ronald Roberts, Jr., led the charge with 21 points and 16 rebounds and junior forwards C.J. Aiken and Halil Kanacevic combined for 26 points and 15 rebounds.

"They have a few more men



SUZANNA PRATT | The Observer

Junior guard Eric Atkins drives the ball down the court in the Irish's 84-57 win over Monmouth on Nov. 12.

than us," Brey said. "They were more men than us tonight and that's why they won. They play at their pace. They know who they are. They are a really good team."

Hawks coach Phil Martelli said the overtime battle didn't feel like an early-season non-conference tilt.

"That was a November

game?" Martelli said. "Sure seemed like more than that."

Saint Joseph's fell to Florida State 73-66 in the championship game Saturday.

The Irish return to campus to take on George Washington on Wednesday at Purcell Pavilion.

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HOCKEY | ND 4, MICHIGAN 1

Notre Dame sweeps Michigan at Yost Arena



JULIE HERDER | The Observer

Irish junior center David Gerths dodges a check and makes a pass during the 3-1 loss to Boston College on Nov. 9. This weekend marked the first time Notre Dame has swept Michigan at Yost Arena in 34 years.

By **CONOR KELLY**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame completed its first sweep of Michigan at Yost Arena on the strength of a 4-1 win over the Wolverines on Friday night, netting third period goals from freshman Mario Lucia, junior forward Jeff Costello and sophomore Robbie Russo, who also recorded a first period goal to put the Irish on top ahead.

Coming on the heels of a 3-1 win

on Thursday, the win pushed the Irish to 5-1 in the CCHA (8-3 overall). Notre Dame continued to excel on the road, now undefeated away from Compton Family Ice Arena.

"We've played great on the road, and we need to bring that back into the home environment," Jackson said. "I'm sure it gives our team confidence to know that we can go into a place like Yost and win. This year there's no question in my mind they've shown signs of being a great team."

Russo opened the scoring on the powerplay in the first period, putting a screened wrist shot past Wolverine netminder Steve Racine off a pass from junior defenseman Stephen Johns. Though Michigan tied the game in the second, junior goaltender Steven Summerhays turned aside all 14 shots in the third, and Costello found the net late in the third off of a feed from junior forward Bryan Rust to take the lead for the Irish. Goals from Lucia and Russo finished the scoring in

the third.

For Jackson, it was critical for the team to come out strong and weather the storm early against a strong team in a hostile environment.

"I think it was important that we

decision to put him on the ice when he finished a centering pass from junior defenseman Stephen Johns to put the Irish up 3-1 in the third.

"He certainly showed on Friday night that he is going to be a con-

"We came out flying in their building and were able to grind it out and get our legs underneath us."

Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

held the fort early on when they had chances to score and Steven made a big save or they missed the net," Jackson said. "We came out flying in their building and were able to grind it out and get our legs underneath us."

The Irish have become a better team with the addition of Lucia, who returned on Thursday night from a broken leg that has kept him out of the lineup for the first six weeks of the season. Though he played only ten minutes in each game, recording his first collegiate action, he rewarded Jackson's

tributor for us offensively," Jackson said. "He's still learning the system and other things. He hasn't been on the ice with us for the first six weeks. He did real well for his first weekend of collegiate hockey."

As he has all year, Summerhays proved to be the backstop for the Irish, making 28 saves on 29 shots to keep Notre Dame in the game.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER | ND 2, WAKE 1; ND 2, FLORIDA 0

Notre Dame advances to quarterfinals



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Irish freshman midfielder Glory Williams passes the ball off in Notre Dame's 2-2 tie with Rutgers on Oct. 7.

By **BRIAN HARTNETT**
Sports Writer

After being known as the "Baby Irish" for much of the season, Notre Dame may want to adopt the nickname "comeback kids".

The Irish rallied from a halftime deficit for the second straight week to beat No. 10 Wake Forest 2-1 on Friday and then shut out No. 8 Florida 2-0 on Sunday at Pressly Stadium in Gainesville, Fla., to advance to the quarterfinal round of

the NCAA Championships.

Notre Dame (16-5-2, 8-1-1 Big East) fell behind early in Friday's second round matchup with Wake Forest (14-6-3, 6-3-1 ACC) after Demon Deacons senior midfielder Kristen Meier chipped a shot past Irish freshman goalkeeper Elyse Hight in the 43rd minute.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said the halftime deficit left him with an important decision to make.

"At halftime, I had to decide if it was better to wait until 10 or 20

minutes left in the game and then try to push forward or just try to tie the score right after halftime at the risk of opening ourselves up defensively," he said. "When we got in at halftime, we just talked as a team and said, 'Let's go for this and let's make this change now.'"

Waldrum's halftime decision to move freshman midfielder Cari Roccaro to the forward position soon paid off as Roccaro scored in the 59th minute off a corner kick by freshman defender Brittany Von Rueden. Freshman forward Crystal Thomas provided the eventual game-winner 11 minutes later, scoring from 12 yards out off a pass from junior midfielder Mandy Laddish.

Waldrum said the team's recent resiliency is simply a mark of its continuing maturity.

"I think it's just a matter of a team that has been gaining some more experience and getting more confident in what they do," he said. "I think we just have the mentality of 'Let's go for it, lay it out there and see what happens with it.' Sometimes those moves work for you, and sometimes they don't,

but, fortunately, that was a really good move for us on Friday."

The script was flipped when Notre Dame met the Gators (19-5-1, 11-2-0 SEC) in third round tournament action at their home stadium Sunday, as Irish junior forward Rebecca Twining scored on a header off a Von Rueden corner kick in the 20th minute to give Notre Dame the early lead. Florida threatened on several opportunities in the first half, but the Irish defense and Hight, who had four saves in the shutout, held them scoreless.

"Florida was really good with keeping the ball, but I thought we were really patient in our overall team defending," Waldrum said. "We didn't get caught and try to chase the ball too much. I think we set in and defended real well and took advantage of that."

Notre Dame added to its lead in the 71st minute when sophomore forward Lauren Bohaboy intercepted a Florida pass and drove home a shot from 12 yards out.

Notre Dame became the first team to score two goals against Florida since Kentucky did it Sept.

14. Waldrum said he was proud of his team's ability to execute on offense over the weekend.

"I think the key is that a couple of those kids have started to step it up," Waldrum said. "We got great performances today out of [freshman forward Anna Maria] Gilbertson and Twining. Our players are playing really well at the right time, and we just need to keep it going."

With the win, Notre Dame will return to Florida on Friday to face No. 7 Florida State. The Irish and Seminoles (19-3-0, 8-2-0 ACC) have much recent history in the NCAA Championships, as the two teams met in four consecutive tournaments from 2006 to 2009.

Florida State is paced by senior forward Tiffany McCarty, who leads the team with 15 goals, and junior goalkeeper Kelsey Wys, who holds a 0.67 goals against average.

Notre Dame will battle Florida State on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Seminole Soccer Complex in Tallahassee, Fla.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 94, UMASS 50

Irish trump Massachusettes for big win

By **MATTHEW ROBISON**
Sports Writer

Junior guard Kayla McBride led Notre Dame's 94-50 rout of Massachusetts on Sunday at Purcell Pavilion with 18 points and five steals. Ten different Irish players scored in the blowout and No. 7 Notre Dame forced 34 turnovers with 21 steals.

"We've really been working hard at double-teaming, running at the ball and trying to make our defense get

the offense to be really uncomfortable," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "That's kind of our goal."

The Minutewomen (1-3) shot just 40 percent from the field, and Notre Dame's pressure never allowed Massachusetts to get into an offensive rhythm.

Senior guard Skylar Diggins echoed her coach's emphasis on the high-pressure defense.

"We try to get up and make the offense uncomfortable," Diggins said. "It starts with the full-court pressure.

I think that it's my job to put pressure on the point guard and make her give it up. We were kind of making other people bring the ball up. That triggers our transition."

Notre Dame (2-0) got production from all three of its post players in its home opener. Junior forward Natalie Achonwa had eight points, eight rebounds and four assists.

"[Achonwa] shot the ball well, she rebounded well," McGraw said. "I thought she was a really big presence for us inside."

Sophomore forward Markisha Wright was perfect from the field, shooting 4-for-4 with nine points and four assists.

"She's still trying to find her opportunities," McGraw said. "We're trying to look for her a little bit more. I was really happy with her game."

Junior forward Ariel Braker added seven points in just 13 minutes off the bench.

"Ariel Braker really gave us a shot of energy off the bench," McGraw said. "I thought she worked really hard. She battled inside, got a couple of blocks and a couple of good passes too."

After a 17-0 run in the first half, Notre Dame jumped out to a 33-9 lead and led 53-19 at the half.

Notre Dame effectively shut down Massachusetts' best player, senior center Jasmine Watson, who averaged 18.5 points, nine rebounds, and four blocks per game coming into the game. Watson is a South Bend native and was a high school teammate of Diggins at Washington High School. The Irish held Watson to just eight points and eight rebounds. She fouled out with 7:25 remaining in the game, spoiling her homecoming.



LILY KANG | The Observer

Irish senior guard Skylar Diggins goes up for a contested layup during Notre Dame's 88-28 win over Edinboro on Nov. 1.

But Diggins said she was glad to be reunited with her former teammate.

"I hadn't seen her in a while, so it was good seeing her," Diggins said. "I'd never played against her before."

Notre Dame shot 55 percent from the field, but the Irish struggled from behind the arc, shooting just 21 percent.

"I think we're a really good shooting team and I expect us to shoot that well every game," McGraw said. "I think we're a much better 3-point shooting team today than we showed today."

Diggins finished with 15 points and seven assists, freshman guard Jewell Loyd had 13 points and freshman guard Michaela Mabrey chipped in 10 points.

"Like last year's team, we've got a lot of weapons, a lot of people who

can score and that can shoot the ball," Diggins said. "It's just a matter of finding the open person. I think sometimes we overpass a little bit, try to think too much for each other. I like that we're sharing the ball."

The Irish donned the same golden uniforms with camouflage accents they wore for the Carrier Classic against Ohio State on Nov. 9 in Charleston, S.C. Notre Dame also honored veterans in attendance during a pregame ceremony and at halftime.

Sophomore guard Madison Cable did not play because of a sore foot.

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McGlinn

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That goal-line stop opened the floodgates for celebration from the McGlinn sideline, and the team finished the game in a victory formation. Shamrocks senior quarterback and captain Emily Golden said she finally felt her team's hard work pay off at the end of the game.

"We worked so hard for this, and the season obviously couldn't have ended any better," Golden said. "All the tough games and the long practices and sacrificing some studying sometimes were just to get out here and get this, so it means a lot."

After a scoreless first quarter, McGlinn jumped out to a 6-0 lead on a three-yard touchdown pass from Golden to freshman receiver Grace Maginn to close the first half. The Shamrocks added seven more points on their first drive of the second half with a 12-yard touchdown pass from Golden to Maginn.

Walsh responded on its next drive, putting six points on the board with a fourth-down, 13-yard rushing touchdown by Leach. Two sacks in the following series forced the Shamrocks to punt with two-and-a-half minutes remaining, which gave Walsh one final possession to keep their title's hopes alive.

Three short passes from Leach to sophomore receiver Maggie Fisher, along with a 19-yard completion to sophomore receiver Kathleen Hough, drove the Wild Women down the field.. After

two incompletions from the six-yard line, Leach connected with an open Fisher for a touchdown, which decreased Walsh's deficit to one point.

Both sidelines anxiously awaited the ensuing extra-point attempt, the determining factor between overtime and a McGlinn victory.

"I thought for sure it was going to overtime," Golden said. "I mean, I have all the faith in the world in our defense and they got the stop and saved the day for us as they've done all season long, but I was sweating bullets."

The official ruling of an incomplete pass froze the score at 13-12, and the Shamrocks closed out a hard-fought victory. The win was especially special for the McGlinn seniors, including Golden, who accumulated 357 yards of total offense in the game.

"This was the most amazing season," she said. "I'm sad it's over, but we couldn't have gone out on a bigger high."

On the other sideline, Walsh was disappointed with the finish but prepared to contend again in 2013. Leach, who piled up 112 yards of offense, said the Wild Women have officially returned to the interhall title picture.

"We just proved that Walsh isn't an up-and-comer," she said. "They've been here to play the entire season, and they've been so phenomenal...it's something that I will always look back on fondly as being a part of my senior year."

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Senior McGlinn quarterback Emily Golden looks to pass downfield during the Shamrocks' 13-12 victory over Walsh on Sunday.

Keenan

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Otters in the first half and held a commanding 20-0 lead early in the third quarter. Sorin woke up on its first possession of the third period, however, and proceeded to score 18 unanswered points. The Otters' first scoring drive was executed in three crisp plays.

Sorin senior quarterback Ted Spinelli moved the ball down the field with a 31-yard pass and another 21-yard pass that set up the touchdown. Spinelli then tossed the ball to senior running back Ryan Robinson for the score that started the momentum shift.

Sorin continued to be aggressive and Spinelli threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to freshman receiver Jake

Yurek to cut the deficit to 20-12. The touchdown came after Sorin sophomore Andrew Kuhn intercepted a Keenan pass. The interception sparked considerable energy on the Sorin sidelines and the field.

Late in the fourth quarter Spinelli threw another touchdown, this one a 38-yard toss to Yurek. After adjusting their run-oriented offense to Keenan's defense, the Otters seemed to have everything going in their favor.

"We came out with the run, but then we knew they were going to stack the box," Spinelli said. "It opened up some vertical possibilities, and we figured we had nothing to lose since we were down 20 points. So why not throw it down the field?"

The adjustment worked

and the third touchdown brought the Otters within two points of Keenan. Sorin lined up for the two-point conversion, but the Knights' defense smothered the run inches from the goal line and effectively ended the game.

"It's hard to have the game come down to two-point conversions like that," Spinelli said. "But Sorin football is about having fun. It's about minimizing the opponents' big plays, and we didn't do that in the first half, and the extra points mattered."

Keenan certainly made the big plays, especially in the first half. McDonough threw a six-yard touchdown pass to senior receiver Alex Green on the Knights' first possession. Senior receiver Trevor Yerrick later ran for a second first-half

touchdown.

Keenan looked like it was going to dominate the second half as well when it opened the third quarter with a quick drive that ended with a 39-yard touchdown pass to junior receiver John Garry.

On the next possession, Sorin started to turn the game around, but Keenan managed to pull through, something McDonough said the Knights had done all season.

"The key was a team effort," McDonough said. "We battled through adversity all year, and young guys had to step up. We need all 25 of our guys. You take away one, and we don't make it to the Stadium, we don't win this game."

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Besler

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been working on set pieces a lot so it was nice to be rewarded for that."

At the other end of the pitch, the Notre Dame defense allowed just eight shots — just two of which were on goal — and three corner kicks en route to its ninth shut-out of the year. Clark lauded sophomore midfielder Nick Besler for his performance in front of senior goalkeeper Will Walsh and the back four.

"I think the man that has been doing a lot of work for us recently is Nick Besler," Clark said. "Nick Besler I thought he was the man of the [Big East] tournament last weekend in Philadelphia. He allows these other guys to get involved in the attack because he just bolts up any counterattacks and I thought he was very good again today."

A physical game turned ugly down the stretch when

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Bobby Clark
Irish coach

Irish junior defender Luke Mishu and Spartan senior midfielder Nick Wilson were engaged in an altercation in front of the Notre Dame goal after Walsh snatched a cross out of the air. Mishu and Wilson both received red cards at the 72:43 mark.

Less than five minutes later, Michigan State sophomore midfielder Fatai Alashe was whistled for his second yellow card when he took out Besler with a slide tackle. Alashe was also ejected with a red card.

Notre Dame advances to play No. 16 seed Indiana in the third round. The Irish downed the Hoosiers (12-5-3) 1-0 on Sept. 26 in Bloomington, Ind.

Notre Dame will take on the Hoosiers on Sunday at Alumni Stadium.

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CROSSWORD | WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
1 Woman in a choir
5 Scribbled, say
10 One piece of a three-piece suit
14 Lav
15 “Horrible” comic strip character
16 Sound in a long hallway
17 Golden ____ (senior)
18 Tennis champ Agassi
19 Provoke
20 Neckwear for princes?
22 Jiggly dessert
23 Calendar pgs.
24 Neckwear for a full baseball team?
26 Alternative to “shape up”
30 Vote for
31 The “p” in r.p.m.
32 Neckwear just right for the occasion?
38 Have a life
- 41 U.K. honour
42 Posturepedic maker
43 Neckwear for informal occasions?
46 ____ rummy
47 Top of a woman’s swimsuit
48 City that a song asks “Do you know the way to ...?”
51 Neckwear for boyfriends?
56 “O Sole ____”
57 States with confidence
58 Neckwear in a work of fiction?
63 Rosemary, for one
64 Blew it
65 Doughnut shapes, mathematically
66 Song in a libretto
67 Andrea ____ (ship in 1956 headlines)
- 68 Furry ally of Luke Skywalker
69 Major Calif.-to-Fla. route
70 With cunning
71 100-yard race, e.g.

Down

- 1 Cracked a little
2 Target’s target, e.g.
3 He and she
4 Entrance to a freeway
5 “Anything going on?”
6 Indian princess
7 Nash who loved to rhyme
8 Ankle bones
9 Byron’s “before”
10 Do nothing
11 Food-poisoning bacteria
12 Oil-producing rock
13 Fusses
21 Lav
22 Derisive shouts
25 Bill ____, the Science Guy
26 Design detail, for short
27 Six: Prefix
28 Pupil surrounder
29 Harness race gait
33 Japanese sash
34 What “Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers” has a lot of
35 Villain who says “O, beware, my lord, of jealousy”

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- Puzzle by Tom Pepper
- 36 Yale students, informally
37 “Auld Lang ____”
39 Like bedroom communities
40 Bite-size pies, maybe
44 China’s Chou En-____
45 Expeditious type of delivery
- 49 Goose egg
50 Scribbled (down)
51 Faith founded in 19th-century Persia
52 Turn inside out
53 Eagle’s nest
54 Become a member: Var.
55 “My bad”
- 59 Part of a bridal ensemble
60 Des Moines’s state
61 Arrow shooter of Greek myth
62 Worshiper in a temple
64 Magazine staffers, for short

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY’S PUZZLE 11/19/12

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Allyson Felix, 27; Denny Hamlin, 32; Chloe Sevigny, 38; Owen Wilson, 44.

Happy Birthday: Reconsider what your strategy has been in the past and make the necessary alterations. You need to upgrade in whatever way is necessary to meet with popular demands. Once you show how progressive you can be, you will get the respect and results you are looking for. Your numbers are 7, 15, 19, 22, 26, 34, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Proceed with caution. Impulsive action will be your downfall. Protect your health, wealth and professional reputation. Listen to complaints, find solutions and you will bypass some of the negativity around you. Love will improve your life. ★★ ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep an open mind and listen to what others have to contribute. You mustn’t allow your emotions to take over, causing you to make a stubborn mistake that will hurt an important relationship you have with someone. Avoid unsafe places and situations. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a creative approach to something you enjoy doing and you will find a way to market a service that will bring in some extra cash. Don’t let a work-related problem cause you upset when you should be enjoying social activities. ★★ ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Try doing something unique or visiting a destination you’ve never been before. Time spent with people looking for a similar experience will lead to lasting friendships. Repackage and present what you have to offer. ★★ ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Review your relationships with friends, relatives and your peers. You may have to back up and reconsider a pending problem. Have the courage to take responsibility for whatever you may have done wrong, and also point out the mistakes made by others as well. ★★ ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be a leader. Don’t shy away from delegating who should be doing what. Your ability to understand what will and what won’t work will be respected and admired by the people around you. Travel and communication are highlighted. ★★ ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If someone you live with or must deal with is ranting or giving you a hard time, back away and do your own thing. You are best to visit someone you find less stressful or sign up for an event that brings you pleasure. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don’t wait to see what others do. Step up, be a leader and enjoy the rewards you get for taking the initiative to develop and present what you have to offer. Your dedication coupled with your skills will lead to victory. ★★ ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don’t be too eager to share your plans. Someone will take advantage of your generosity and good nature if you are too giving. Make changes at home that will make your life less stressful and more comfortable. Focus on love. ★★ ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Plan your upcoming week in order to make the most of your skills and any growing opportunity. A serious look at your personal papers and plans will help you mastermind the best way to increase your assets and decrease your liabilities. ★★ ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Not everyone will be respectful of your privacy. You have to pick and choose the personal information you share with others. Put greater emphasis on you, your home, your loved ones and what you can do to protect what you cherish. ★★ ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20): Talk will help you drum up interest in what you want to pursue. Developing a skill or talent and incorporating it in a trendy or popular way will bring fabulous results as long as you do not let excessiveness cut into your profits. ★★ ★★

Birthday Baby: You are determined, persistent and productive. You are relentless and courageous.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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

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Saturday’s Jumbles: INEPT SKULL BREACH ANYONE
Answer: Buffalo’s NFL team hired an accountant to do this — PAY THE BILLS

WORK AREA

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL | KEENAN 20, SORIN 18; MCGLINN 13, WALSH 12

Keenan and McGlinn win with goal-line stands

Knights hold off Otters' comeback attempt

BY SAMANTHA ZUBA
Sports Writer

No. 2 Keenan closed the book on its undefeated season and won the Men's Interhall football championship with a 20-18 victory over No. 1 Sorin on Sunday at Notre Dame Stadium.

The Knights (6-0-1) handed the Otters (6-1) a heart-breaking loss that came down to two-point conversions. Each team scored three touchdowns, but Keenan stopped all three of Sorin's conversion attempts to hang on for the win.

"It's hard to put into words," Keenan senior quarterback Andrew McDonough said. "For the seniors, it's our last game in pads. And to get to play that game in Notre Dame Stadium, to end with a win and be undefeated is amazing. It's hard to find words."

The Knights shut out the



SARAH O'CONNOR | The Observer

The Keenan defense, left, lines up as Sorin prepares to snap the ball during Sunday's championship game in Notre Dame Stadium. The Knights defeated the Otters, 20-18.

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Shamrocks repeat as interhall champions

By MARY GREEN
Sports Writer

The women's interhall championship between No. 2 McGlinn and No. 4 Walsh on Sunday at Notre Dame Stadium came down to a final play. Needing one point to tie it up and force overtime, Walsh (6-3) could not make the conversion, and McGlinn (8-1) took home the trophy for the second consecutive year with a 13-12 victory.

Both sides anxiously watched the decisive play unfold as Walsh senior quarterback and captain Kat Leach threw to sophomore receiver Kathleen Brown on the goal line. Although Brown caught the pass, officials ruled it incomplete because Brown was down before she made the catch. The Wild Women's captain vehemently argued the call, but it stood.

"Obviously, it was a tough call at the end and I disagreed, but I respect all the refs," Leach said. "[It was a] tough one to take, but I was unbelievably proud [of Walsh] at the end."

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MEN'S SOCCER | ND 3, MICHIGAN STATE 0

Substitutes sink Spartans in second round

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

After 20 minutes of uneventful soccer, senior forward Ryan Finley and junior forward Harry Shipp checked into the game and jolted the No. 1 Irish to a 3-0 victory over Michigan State in the second round of the NCAA tournament on Sunday at Alumni Stadium.

Playing in tandem with senior midfielder Dillon Powers, Finley and Shipp scored two first-half goals and Notre Dame (17-3-1), the top overall seed, rolled to the win in its first tournament game after receiving a first-round bye.

"It was very good," Irish coach Bobby Clark said of his team's performance. "I thought we opened the game well and I thought in the second half of the first half we were very, very good. ... Overall it was a good performance. Anytime you win in the [NCAA tournament], you're very happy."

Powers, who is second on the team with 19 points, was credited with the assists on the goals by Finley and Shipp.

The goal by Finley, the Big East Offensive Player of the Year, gave him 21 goals and 46 points for the season. Shipp is tied for third on the team with 17 points.

"I think we have a good feeling for where each other is going to be when we have the ball," Shipp said. "I think Dillon is getting a lot better at making runs in behind, and I think I'm getting a lot better at making runs in behind because that's what Finley is best at. So I think to add a second and third dimension besides just him running really helps."

After subbing into the game at the 20:03 mark, the forwards quickly charged the Irish offense. Powers found Shipp near the top of the box at 32:53 and Shipp blasted home a right-footed shot into the bottom left corner of the net. Shipp said it was important to jump out to a lead against the Spartans (12-10-1).

"It's huge because I think a team like Michigan State, especially where they are good at sitting back and playing defense, once you get that first



SUZANNA PRATT | The Observer

Senior forward Ryan Finley, center, attacks the ball during Notre Dame's 3-0 home win over Michigan St. in the second round of the NCAA tournament Sunday.

goal, they have to come out and that how it was easy to get two more [goals] because they have to go on the attack," Shipp said.

Roughly 10 minutes after

Shipp broke the scoring ice, Finley doubled Notre Dame's advantage when he headed home a corner kick swung in by Powers.

"Dillon put in another good

ball and Grant ran across and dummied it and I was able to just get a head on it and redirect it in," Finley said. "We've

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