

Championship ticket tension

Inclusion of Saint Mary's students in ticket lottery divides Notre Dame opinion

By **MEGHAN THOMASSEN**
News Writer



To many Notre Dame students' frustration, Saint Mary's students will also vie for the 2,500 tickets made available for students to the BCS National Championship Bowl Game vs. Alabama to be held in Miami, Fla., on Jan. 7.

Junior Katie Fusco said she is uncomfortable with Saint Mary's students being included in the Notre Dame student lottery, especially with an anonymous Notre Dame alumnus donating to lower the price of student tickets. She said she has nothing against the University's sister institution, especially since her mother attended Saint Mary's.

"My mom thinks it's ridiculous too," Fusco said. "What bothers me is that we have this concerned alumnus who has donated money,

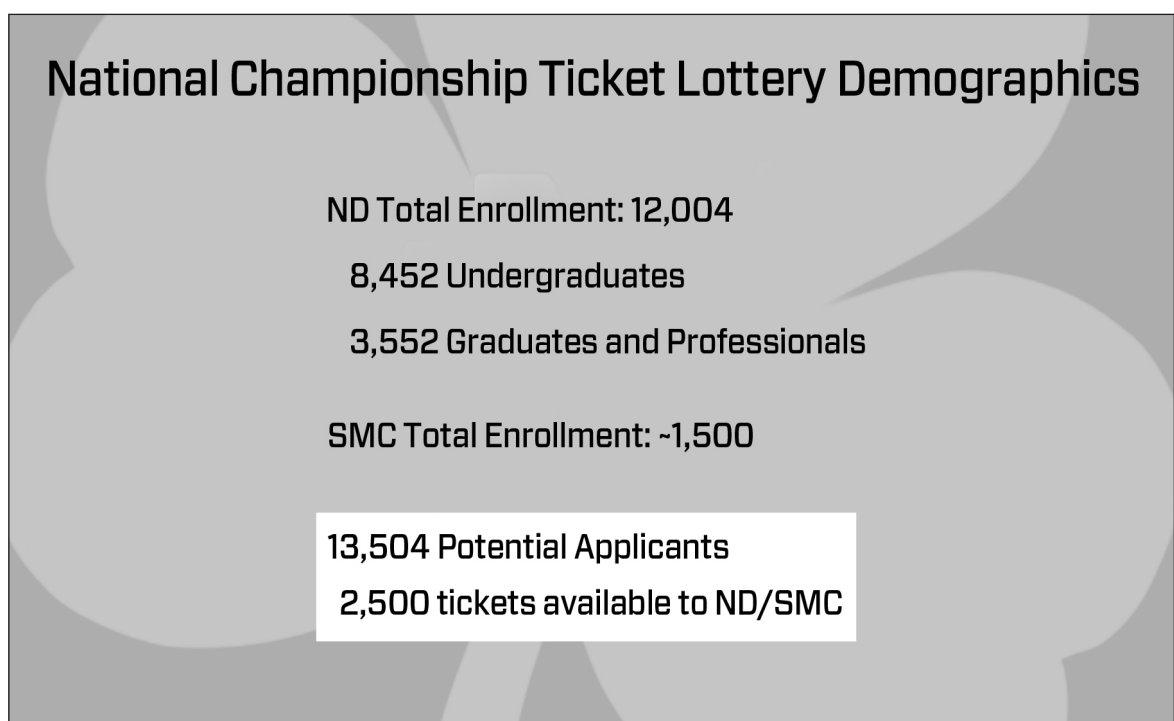
and Saint Mary's students ... are going to reap the benefits of half-price tickets, especially when they don't even go to Notre Dame.

"They don't even contribute money back to the University. It's our institution. I think they should have their own lottery of, say, 200 tickets or a smaller number within their own student body so it's not a free-for-all."

Fusco said she thinks Saint Mary's students should have some sort of access to student tickets.

"They do support the team and they do cheer on the team at football games," she said. "But at the end of the day, it comes down to the fact that we're two different schools. I pay \$50,000 to come here and they don't even pay that."

Junior Marcus Liddell said he was enthused when he discovered an anonymous alumnus donated funds to



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reduce the student lottery ticket price.

"I was gearing myself up to pay \$350 for tickets, and then I found out they're going to be half of that," he said. "I think it's a symptom

of the great alumni network and the connection there is here, especially with football. And I'm glad to see the alumni still care."

He said Saint Mary's students should be included

in the Notre Dame student ticket lottery.

"They have a right to participate fully," Liddell said. "They're part of the football

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Students to research abroad

By **MEL FLANAGAN**
News Writer

For some Notre Dame students, the holidays are a break from academics. But for others, the upcoming vacation affords a chance to expand upon their academic interests abroad.

Senior Kalyn Fetta will travel to Italy for one week over break to conduct research on poverty alleviation in the country.

"I'll be interviewing different program directors of non-profits and NGOs in Italy, specifically religiously affiliated ones, and then I'll actually be doing service and helping out with one of them," she said.

Fetta, a poverty studies minor who studied abroad in Rome last fall, said her research focuses on comparing and contrasting the different ways the United States and Italy attempt to address poverty and related issues.

"I'll look at the extent of



Photo courtesy of Kalyn Fetta

Senior Kalyn Fetta poses with friends outside the Pantheon in Rome. Fetta will return to Italy over Christmas break to conduct research.

services they provide, why they serve, why different members of the organization are there, their mission, their accomplishments and how they measure the effectiveness of the program," she said.

Fetta will spend the majority

of her time and efforts in Rome, where she has several contacts from her time abroad at John Cabot University.

She will mainly work with the Community of Sant'Egidio, an

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Police combat underage drinking

By **MEGAN DOYLE**
Managing Editor

As tailgating officially ends with the close of the home football season, the Indiana State Excise Police will continue to target underage drinking in South Bend through the Intensified College Enforcement (ICE) program.

Excise Police added the University to the program, a product of a federal grant funding additional police presence around college campuses in Indiana, this fall. Notre Dame joined five other Indiana universities in the program, which began in the spring — Ball State University, Butler University, Indiana University, Indiana State University and Purdue University.

Excise Police officers have made a total of 138 arrests during

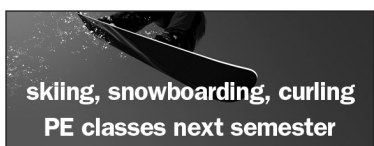
tailgates this year, according to press releases throughout the home football season. That number does include non-students.

Cpl. Travis Thickstun, public information officer for the Excise Police, said he cannot yet measure the value of the program in South Bend.

"It will be some time yet before we can accurately gauge the program's success, but it will not be measured by the number of tickets we issue," Thickstun said. "Our goal is not to issue tickets or make arrests. Our goal is to reduce underage drinking."

The most common charge among arrests was illegal consumption or possession of alcohol by a minor, according to Indiana State Excise Police press releases. Other frequent charges included possession of

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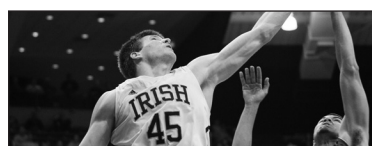
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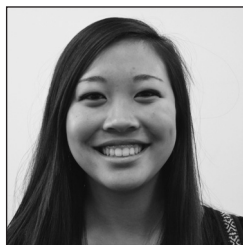
“Can I give you a hug?”



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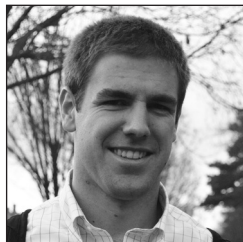
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Study break with
snacks.

Women's Basketball

Joyce Center
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Coleman-Morse
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Center
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Student-led praise and
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Friday

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Basilica of the Sacred
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5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
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Conception Mass.

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7 p.m.-9 p.m.
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at home vs. Brown.

Department to offer winter sport courses

By **MADDIE DALY**
News Writer

Registration will soon begin for students interested in the downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding and curling courses offered next semester through the Physical Education Department.

The downhill skiing and snowboarding programs take place at Swiss Valley in Jones, Mich., and is offered Tuesday evenings starting Jan. 22. While the courses require an additional fee, physical education instructor Diana Scherzer said students will get a lot for their money.

"For \$225, students receive four lift tickets, bus rides, rentals and lessons," Scherzer said. "Lessons are taught by certified ski and snowboard instructors

from Swiss Valley. The lessons are about an hour long and then the students get to try out their newly acquired skills."

Scherzer recommended these classes not only for fitness-related benefits but also for the opportunity to find an interest in a new sport.

"Remember, lifetime sports such as skiing, boarding, skating and curling are good for the body, heart and soul," Scherzer said. "Learn now and it will last you a lifetime."

Freshmen have first access to the 35 available seats in the course, but Scherzer said she expects there to be open seats for upperclassmen.

Sophomore Meghan Hannon, an experienced snowboarder and skier, participated in the Swiss Valley program last spring and said the course was worthwhile.

"It was a great way to improve your snowboarding [and skiing] skills as well as to meet new people," Hannon said. "Our Tuesday nights were something to look forward to, and it was a perfect homework break and stress reliever. My friends and I all had a lot of fun and would definitely consider signing up again this year."

The class is also open to novice snowboarders or skiers. Sophomore Nikki Reyes had never seen snow in person before coming to South Bend, but was able to take part in the course last spring.

"They placed us in groups based on skills, so I was in the beginner's group," Reyes said. "It was tough to learn and we were sore afterwards, but I had a great time. The instructors were very helpful, and I learned a lot."

For those interested in learning cross-country skiing, a free on-campus class will take place during Unit 4 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Scherzer will teach the class, which will run from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

"Ski equipment is provided, and there is no cost involved," Scherzer said. "We learn the basics of cross-country skiing as well as skiing safety and dressing appropriately in the outdoors. We meet four times during the unit and ski on Burke Golf Course and around the lakes."

Although both skiing programs were offered last year, the curling program starting in spring is new to the University, she said.

"Curling is a new class for us," Scherzer said. "Because it takes two to three hours for ice

preparation, curling is coupled with beginning ice skating."

Scherzer will teach the course on curling, a sport she considers to be about more than just coordination on ice.

"Curling is known as 'chess on ice,'" Scherzer said. "It's about strategy, thinking ahead. Curling will be taught on Monday mornings starting January 21 at 8:30 [a.m.] and 9:35 [a.m.]. Wednesdays will be dedicated to beginning ice skating."

Freshmen can register after Dec. 7 when the classes will be displayed on the schedule for second semester, and upperclassmen can contact the instructor to see if there is room to join.

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team too."

Senior Jake Coleman said even though he did not enter the lottery, he understood why students were frustrated.

"They might be frustrated because they think the priority should be given to students who go to Notre Dame," he said. "A lot of my friends entering the lottery will be disappointed if they don't get tickets."

Coleman said the anonymous donation was a tremendous act of charity.

"I guess it's almost predictable for Notre Dame alumni," he said. "I found it predictable that a Notre Dame alumnus would want to help Notre Dame students, but that doesn't take away from their generosity."

Sophomore Carmen Casillas said even though she also didn't apply for tickets, she thought Notre Dame students have a right to be upset about their diminished chances in the lottery.

"I just think that Notre Dame students deserve their tickets a little more," she said. "We are actually at the University. We are the students at the University going to the national championship. And they're only from the sister [school]. If anything, Notre Dame students should get first priority. Saint Mary's ... students shouldn't be given equal footing."

Casillas said students are worried there won't be enough affordable tickets.

"I also think seniors are upset because they don't get first pick in the lottery," she said. "It's a random pick out of the whole student body."

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SMC plans speaking series

Observer Staff Report

With a pair of noteworthy speakers slated to visit Saint Mary's in February, the College has announced plans for the speaking series in order to give students and other interested groups time to read the book in question, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks," director of media relations Gwen O'Brien said in a Nov. 13 press release from the College.

"We have begun to promote these speaking engagements a few months ahead of time to give the Michiana community plenty of time to read the book," O'Brien said. "High school and college students or teachers, for instance, may have more time to read over winter breaks. The book could also be a good choice for area book clubs and it's an excellent holiday gift idea."

Rebecca Skloot, author of the New York Times best-seller, will be speaking at the College on Feb. 27.

"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" is a nonfiction book about an impoverished African-American tobacco farmer who had cancer cells removed from her body without her knowledge or consent in 1951. These rapidly reproducing cells became instrumental in gene mapping, the development of the polio vaccine and other modern medical breakthroughs.

The book's title refers to Henrietta's cells being the first "immortal" human cells — capable of indefinite growth — grown in a laboratory. Despite the massive impact of the cells in the medical field, Lacks' name and story remain largely unknown. Decades later, her family cannot afford to pay their own health insurance, according to the release.

Henrietta's son, David

Lacks, will visit campus Feb. 12 for a question-and-answer session. Neither David nor his siblings knew about their mother's cells and their success in medicine until the 1970s, the release stated.

"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" is also this year's selection for "One Book, One Saint Mary's," an annual community reading project or-

"We thought that it was important to incorporate the family into campus programming because they receive little to no compensation for the use of their mother's genes and to leave them out would perpetuate that injustice."

Stephanie Steward-Bridges
Committee on Cultural Affairs

ganized and hosted by the Alumnae Association. The book selection is usually a title students are reading in courses at the College.

Stephanie Steward-Bridges, a member of the Committee on Cultural Affairs, said in the release bringing David Lacks to campus would offer an opportunity to provide educational programming while drawing attention to an ignored injustice.

"We thought that it was important to incorporate the family into campus programming because they received little to no compensation for the use of their mother's genes and to leave them out would perpetuate that injustice," she said.

Skloot will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 in O'Laughlin Auditorium. David Lacks' speech will be at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 in Carroll Auditorium.

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international Christian organization that serves the poor. Fetta said she met a program director of the group at Notre Dame a few weeks ago, and she will meet with him again while in Rome.

"They have daily prayer services in [Basilica di] Santa Maria in Trastevere so I will meet and experience the community there," she said. "They also focus a lot on serving the elderly so I think I'll be making some sort of house visit with them."

She will also travel to Florence and Assisi to meet with additional organizations that assist the impoverished.

A few countries west of Fetta, senior Ellen Brandenberger will spend 10 days of break researching her senior thesis in England and Wales.

"I'm conducting a thesis for my history major on understandings of cultural nationalism in Wales during the Industrial Revolution," Brandenberger said.

Like Fetta, Brandenberger said she developed the idea for her research when she studied abroad in London last spring.

"While I was there I did the parliamentary internship, and my boss really encouraged me to pursue research in Welsh History, with a special focus on the Industrial Revolution," she said.

To finance her research, Brandenberger applied for



Photo courtesy of Kalyn Fetta

Senior Kalyn Fetta poses in front of the Vatican while studying abroad in Rome last fall.

funds via the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement website. She was approved and received a substantial grant from the Nanovic Institute for European Studies shortly thereafter.

"I submitted a research proposal — a detailed list of expected costs and a recommendation from my thesis advisor," Brandenberger said. "I wouldn't say it was a difficult process, but it did force me to clarify the objectives of my research and align these goals to my advisor's understanding of my work."

Brandenberger said the majority of the funds will subsidize her visits and access to the

Parliamentary Archives and archives at the National Library of Wales, where she will use primary documents to support her thesis.

Fetta also received a grant from the Nanovic Institute to support her international research. She said once she started applying for approvals and grants, she found a full support network of individuals able to provide further assistance.

"Anyone I contacted would have three or four more contacts for me, even just other people around campus," she said. "They were definitely very helpful."

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false identification and public intoxication.

“This is why we wanted to have a very public campaign to let folks in these six communities and on these six college campuses know about the increased enforcement the program results in,” Thickstun said. “We don’t want it to be a secret because we want to reduce the number of young people who consume alcohol underage.”

Thickstun said Excise Police officers in South Bend have had “positive and cordial” interactions with students and other guests to campus while operating under the ICE program.

“Individuals have been conducting themselves in a responsible manner during their interactions with our officers,” he said.

When an Excise Police officer

makes an arrest during tailgating, Thickstun said that individual is taken to the stadium jail for processing and then usually transported to the St. Joseph County Jail.

“The arrest paperwork is forwarded to the St. Joseph Prosecutor’s Office for review and filing of formal charges,” he said. “If a citation is issued by an Excise officer, the report is also forwarded to the prosecutor’s office for review and charges, at which time the person cited would be notified for a court appearance.”

Thickstun said Excise Police would continue to be present in the South Bend area despite the conclusion of the regular football season.

In an interview earlier this year, student body president Brett Rocheleau said not all arrests result in the officer transporting the student to the county jail.

“While there could have been students incarcerated ... a lot of it depends on the circumstances

and how the student has been interacting with police,” he said.

Student government hosted a safety summit earlier this year with local and state police officers to inform students about their interactions with law enforcement.

“Their message is basically if you’re under the age of 21, you should not be consuming alcohol, going into liquor stores or going into bars,” Rocheleau said.

A group of undercover Excise Police officers approached senior Lisa Daul during tailgating before a football game this year and asked for her ID.

“I had never seen or had any experiences with undercover cops before,” she said. “That surprised me a lot actually. They identified themselves as cops before they asked for my ID.”

Daul and a friend, who are both 21, were walking between tailgates and carrying beer cans when the officers approached them. The officers were polite and let the girls continue walking

when they had reviewed both IDs, she said.

“I feel like there’s been general talk of cops cracking down. ... I think if I was under 21, it would probably affect me more and play a bigger role in my decision making,” she said.

Daul said underage students should be aware of the increased presence of these officers during tailgate season and when making decisions about drinking in general.

“I guess I would say to be smart, maybe if you are drinking and you are underage to not be carrying a beer between tailgates, not be walking with it,” she said. “I think if I was under 21, I would have been more careful.”

As football season ends, Excise Police will adjust their focus away from now-empty tailgating lots, Rocheleau said in his earlier interview.

“They are focused on liquor stores as well as bars,” he said. “They want to make sure that no

one underage is going into liquor stores and bars on non-football weekends [as well].”

Thickstun said Excise Police officers would continue to work with the South Bend Police Department, Notre Dame Security Police and the St. Joseph County Sheriff’s Department in the area.

“All law enforcement agencies share a goal of promoting public safety, and we work together toward this shared aim,” he said.

Mike Seamon, associate vice president of Campus Safety, said while the ICE program is operated solely by Indiana State Excise Police, those officers are one of many police agencies that ensure safety on and around the Notre Dame campus.

“We continue to work with all of our various public safety partners in the weeks, months and years ahead,” he said.

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ATLANTA — Potentially lethal carbon monoxide levels at an Atlanta elementary school with no detectors sent at least 42 students and seven adults to hospitals Monday and forced 500 more to evacuate, authorities said.

Young children with oxygen masks over their faces were strapped to gurneys and others carried to ambulances by

emergency officials at Finch Elementary School in southwest Atlanta. Four kids reported passing out at the school, according to hospital officials. A teacher and a cafeteria worker were also among those treated.

Firefighters found unsafe levels of carbon monoxide near a furnace at the school with a reading at 1,700 parts per million, said Atlanta fire Capt. Marian McDaniel.

The colorless, odorless gas can be deadly at that concentration, said Stephanie Hon, assistant director of the Georgia Poison Center.

Superintendent Erroll Davis praised school officials for quickly evacuating after children started getting sick and said officials were considering installing carbon monoxide detectors in schools. Finch Elementary did not have a detector, and state officials said there are no code requirements for such equipment in K-12 schools. It’s unlikely that schools around the state are equipped with such detectors, said Matt Cardoza, spokesman for the Georgia Department of Education.

Twenty-five states have laws requiring carbon monoxide detectors in certain residential buildings, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Connecticut takes that a step further and requires detectors in all public and nonpublic schools, while Maryland recently enacted a law requiring detectors in newly constructed and remodeled schools, according to Scott Hendrick, program manager with the NCSL.

Bridgette Berry, a grandmother of two students at the school, said the children — ages 6 and 7 — were checked out at the hospital. The family was given a form instructing them to keep a close eye on the children and alert medical officials if they exhibit any symptoms such as a headache, Berry said.

Berry said school officials must put in carbon monoxide detectors.

“They’re not going back unless they get them,” Berry said.

Her son and the children’s father, Marquis Berry, said the family feels fortunate the situation wasn’t worse and frustrated about what he called a lack of communication from the school.

“I had to find out about it on the news,” he said.

District officials said they worked to notify parents, but some did not have updated contact information on file.

Of the 42 children taken to Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta at Hughes Spalding, the first four were already showing improved oxygen levels by the time they arrived, said Dr. Naghma Khan, the emergency room director.

She said those four received oxygen and were sent home with their parents since they were not demonstrating severe symptoms. The rest of the children were being released to their parents, she said. A few children were still being brought to the hospital by concerned parents, she said.


“We were really lucky that this didn’t go any further than that,” Khan said.

Davis, the superintendent, said the investigation continues into what caused the leak. He said authorities suspect the issue started with the boiler, which passed state inspection in 2011 and was not due for another look until 2013.

Other students were sent to a nearby middle school until their parents picked them up.

Fire officials ventilated the building and school district officials Monday night said classes would resume Tuesday at Kennedy Middle School, about four miles away. Stephen Alford, a school district spokesman, said the investigation is ongoing and the building has not yet been cleared for occupancy. Officials Monday were unsure of how long it may take for the investigation to be completed.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Lottery logic

Aaron Sant-Miller

Sports Writer

To the surprise of some, on Sunday it was announced the BCS student ticket lottery would be open to Saint Mary's students.

Without a doubt, this will rekindle the long-standing debate regarding the relationship between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Saint Mary's is, and always will be, a part of the Notre Dame family. As the topic heats up, I would urge everyone to stay on the topic of ticket sales and keep their arguments away from the value of the relationship between the two schools. This isn't about the relationship, or even Saint Mary's in particular. To me, this is about the connection between the Irish and their student body.

For two years, I covered sports teams at both schools. Saint Mary's teams are not the same as Notre Dame teams. Notre Dame teams are not the same as Saint Mary's teams. Athletes and coaches do not consider them to be the same. Rather, they attribute their successes to their separate schools. Both academic institutions have separate athletic teams to represent each individual school, with which comes a unique connection to each corresponding student body. There is a sacred connection between collegiate athletes and the students they directly represent.

To many students at this University, attending the National Championship isn't just an opportunity to watch some of the best athletes in the country compete for an NCAA title. For many, this is an opportunity to watch their friends, classmates and peers strive for excellence. They are all current students at the University of Notre Dame. No other fan or supporter, even alumni, can claim that exact connection with the Fighting Irish.

When those elite athletes take the field, they represent the Notre Dame student body as well. Thus, it is only fair the students being represented by the team have a special advantage in watching that very team represent them.

The student lottery gives a select group of applicants an advantage over all other fans to attend the game and support the team. Methods like this are a time-honored tradition, giving the students of the University represented a higher chance of attending the game. Due to the unique connection Notre Dame students have with the team, this is an advantage that needs to be protected.

Conversely, Notre Dame students cannot claim to feel that same connection to any other athletic team, including teams from Saint Mary's. All fans of Notre Dame deserve a chance to go to the game, especially the Saint Mary's students who have followed the team so closely this year. Yet, for all the aforementioned reasons, in some form or another, it's the students of Notre Dame who deserve precedence over other applicants in the application process.

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Champion recycling

The GreenMan

Ask the GreenMan

To my sleep-deprived, "All I Want For Christmas is You"-singing, HeIsManti-voting, fellow students:

I'm so sorry for bringing this up, but finals week is approaching. This is about the time we start to wonder what we did with our lives during the rest of the semester and reprioritize our schedules.

So, obviously, our first priority remains reading articles on Notre Dame football, memorizing the lyrics to "Miami" and watching as many highlight reels as we can. After all, how often do we get to see pictures of Mark May wearing a leprechaun costume or Rick Reilly polishing helmets?

In this article though, instead of celebrating our team, I would like to celebrate all of you and your

tailgating skills. More specifically, your recycling skills were pretty great.

At the BYU game, you all hit a diversion rate of more than 53 percent, and your average throughout the season was about 41 percent. While I'm extremely proud of you all, we could be doing a wee bit better. On average, we generated about 1.3 pounds of trash per person in attendance.

Before you get defensive, I realize there are some people who come to tailgate who don't end up going to the game, and I realize that you can't control the actions of others who may or may not be able to identify blue bags from white.

Surprisingly, during the University of Michigan game, we managed to recycle the most — 25 tons.

On the other hand, we also generated the most trash — 1.8 pounds

per person. While I know it's a little late in the year to be giving out green tailgating advice, we still have Miami.

I don't know what the tailgating scene will be looking like, but I'm asking that you try, just try, to find a blue bag or a recycling container.

We have a reputation for being classy, and we can't let South Beach get the best of us.

See you all on Jan. 7,
The GreenMan

Email your predicaments to The GreenMan at askthegreenman@gmail.com and let him answer you with a sustainable twist. The GreenMan will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on until now.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep."

Robert Frost
American poet

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stub snub for Holy Cross

Sunday night, I was initially ecstatic to find out that a generous alumni donated money to reduce the cost of the championship tickets.

I anxiously started reading over the rules for application and noticed that only Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students are allowed to enter the student lottery.

As a transfer student from Holy Cross College, I find this ridiculous. Speaking from experience, Holy Cross students try their best every day to contribute to the Notre Dame community.

Even when they are relegated to the worst seats in the student section (seats for which they pay more money than Notre Dame students pay for theirs), they cheer their hearts out for the Irish.

Still, there is no place for them in the lottery. Some people have told me not to get so wrapped up in this since I am on this side of the road now.

It may be true that I am in love with Notre Dame, but regardless of where I attend school now, I will always have a place in my heart for "that school across the road."

It disappoints me that Notre Dame couldn't find it in theirs to include these students in this monumental occasion.

On a less serious note: When the Irish were losing by 14 points to Pittsburgh in the fourth quarter with their title hopes in the balance, what song sparked the comeback? The "Rudy" theme song.

Who was cheering loudest at that moment?

The Holy Cross students.
Go Irish.

Paul Kearney
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Death and taxes

Derek Olson
Minnesota Daily

If you're planning on dying soon, you might want to hurry up. It's that other certainty of life you'll want to watch out for. The estate tax, which taxes the inheritance you pass on to your children, is about to increase dramatically.

Presently, there is a 35 percent rate on inheritance above \$5 million. However, as a part of the fiscal cliff, the estate tax is in for an automatic increase on Jan. 1. The \$5 million threshold will drop to \$1 million, and the rate will jump from 35 to 55 percent.

If on Dec. 31 you happen to be on your deathbed with a \$5 million inheritance set aside, surviving one more day will cost \$2.3 million dollars in taxes.

That's quite the predicament if you're on life support.

The argument in favor of a higher estate tax is easy to see. Advocates argue on moral grounds that it is an easy way to help level the playing field of equal opportunity between the rich and the poor. However, opponents argue against it on the grounds of economic efficiency and, surprise, even morality.

For example, consider two individuals, Bob and Joe, who each started businesses and sold them at retirement for \$10 million. Bob spent his retirement gambling away his money, but Joe invested his, living modestly while his savings financed new businesses and economic development. Is it fair that Joe be penalized for his financial choice? Moral arguments alone make for a difficult method of justification.

So what of the economics of the death tax, as it is sometimes pejoratively nicknamed? Many economists, such as former University of Minnesota professor and Nobel Laureate Edward Prescott, favor a complete repeal of the estate tax. Like any good ol' American tax, it is full of loopholes.

This results in a plethora of inefficiencies and distortions in decision

making. Because the estate tax raises very little revenue, about 0.2 percent of gross domestic product, some economists express doubt that the revenue exceeds the opportunity cost of all those lawyers, accountants, government administrators, IRS agents and the drag on economic growth.

The estate tax is another form of capital taxation, widely believed to be a harmful way to raise revenue. This brings to mind another hot topic in the public eye: capital gains, the tax on investment income.

For the ultra-rich who make most of their income on investments, this can make for a lower tax rate than many Americans deem fair. Currently at 15 percent, President Barack Obama favors raising capital gains to 20 percent. One caveat is in order; he will have already raised it for high earners by 3.8 percent through the Affordable Care Act.

In reality, the capital gains rate can be much higher than 23.8 percent, as it will become on Jan. 1. Suppose you make an investment of \$1,000 and it grows by 10 percent, however, in that same time there is 10 percent inflation. Thus, the real value of your investment is unchanged. Despite having no increase in wealth, you still pay taxes on the nominal gain of \$100. That's a tax rate of infinity! Because capital gains also tax inflation, the real rate is almost never as low as it looks on paper.

Suppose you make your investment in the stock market. The fruits of your investment — the retained earnings of the company — are already getting taxed through corporate income taxes; your investment is taxed twice.

Since you have already paid taxes on the wage income that gave you money to invest, your income is subject to taxation three separate times.

Last week Warren Buffett wrote an op-ed in the New York Times titled "A Minimum Tax for the Wealthy" in which he scoffed at the notion that a higher capital gains rate would discourage the wealthy

from pursuing investments. "In the years from 1956 to 1969... the tax rate on capital gains inched up to 27.5 percent. I was managing funds for investors then. Never did anyone mention taxes as a reason to forgo an investment opportunity that I offered."

In addition, and without any constructive solutions, he criticized tax maneuvering by the wealthy to the Cayman Islands as "sickening." What Mr. Buffett ignores is that a higher capital gains tax is a major contributing factor to the use of foreign tax havens and offshore accounts.

In fact, there is a wealth of economic literature suggesting the optimal capital gains tax rate is at or very near zero. This literature has found ample evidence that capital taxation is overly burdensome on the growth of the economy. While economic inequality is a large concern for many Americans, policies that seek to address the issue still affect everyone.

The more the economic pie is redistributed, the more the pie shrinks. When the economy fails to grow, those who suffer most are the poor.

It should be mutually agreed that economic growth is fair and beneficial to everyone. As John F. Kennedy famously quipped, "A rising tide lifts all boats." While it is a noble position to advocate the rich paying more through estate and capital gains taxation, the drain on the growth of the economy is a cost paid by all.

The morals of society and what it collectively decides is fair are virtues which cannot and should not be divorced from policy making. Neither can we let objective economic arguments, which are intimately linked with fairness, be separated from the rationale behind the policies we endorse.

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Why **DIE HARD**

is the greatest Christmas movie of all time



Kevin Noonan
Scene Editor

The Christmas season inspires a lot of superlatives. It's the most wonderful time of the year. It's everyone's favorite holiday. We're going to have the hap, hap, happiest Christmas since Bing Crosby tap-danced with Danny Kaye. I had to leave out the funniest word of that quote.

But when it comes to the best superlative of them all, the greatest Christmas movie of them all, it's not always the easiest thing in the world on which to decide. I'm not going to say that it causes a significant portion of the disputes across the country during this joyousest of holidays, but the Christmas season does see one of the highest numbers of family disputes of the year annually.

But, of course, there's only one answer that the rightest of them all, and I'm here to deliver it and prevent all those barroom brawls and family feuds this holiday season, because I'm the nicest, smartest and handsomest. And the humblest. (I'll cut back on the superlatives, I promise).

From the opening scene, when Officer John McClane gives his first wry smile of the film, "Die Hard" puts all other Christmas movies to shame.

The 1988 Christmas classic disguised as an action thriller follows Bruce Willis, near the end of the "No guys for real, I still have hair" stage of his career, as McClane, an NYPD officer who flies to Los Angeles to see his wife and children for Christmas, who moved to the city without him.

Right off the bat, we get the core principles of cinematic Christmas fare.

First, McClane is headed to a Christmas party on Christmas Eve, so the movie is clearly set around Christmas, an important part of the Christmas movie qualifications.

Second, it's a film about family, as McClane is just trying to get see his wife and kids — what more could you ask for from a Christmas film than a father trying to get to his family for Christmas? That's straight up heartwarming.

Third, much like Santa and his reindeer must overcome insurmountable odds all by themselves in order to deliver Christmas joy to every little boy and girl all over the world, McClane must take down an entire building full of communist-sounding terrorists all by himself and his sarcasm in order to save a group of hostages, including his wife. The movie is pretty much as Christmas as it gets.

Like any good Christmas movie, it has its share of "wink-wink" moments and nods to classic Christmas lore. A great example: When McClane paints the words "Now I have a machine gun, Ho Ho Ho" on a terrorist's chest shortly after besting him in a good old fashion battle of wits (and machine guns).

The scene is clearly a reference to Jolly Old Saint Nick's well-known go-to phrase when little kiddos hop onto his lap in shopping malls all over the world, and it's a classic Christmas moment that melts the iciest of hearts.

No holiday film would be complete without an antagonist audiences root against, but nobody can really hate during Christmas, so the bad guy must be somebody you sort of

love and respect too.

Well, friends, look no further than Hans Gruber, played by the incomparably stellar Alan Rickman before he watered down his brand by turning out to be a good guy as Snape at the end the Harry Potter movies.

Gruber tells the police he's a politically motivated terrorist, but really he's just confused. Does he have a political agenda? Or does he actually want to rob an unholy amount of money from Nakatomi? Deep down, he's really just a lost little international thief, looking for some direction and his detonators.

And of course, what Christmas story would be complete without a feel-good redemption storyline? "Die Hard" delivers again, in the form of Carl Winslow from "Family Matters" (Reginald VelJohnson).

VelJohnson plays LAPD Sgt. Al Powell, who suffers from self-doubt and is afraid to use his pistol after an accidental shooting earlier in his career. Powell is McClane's only friend throughout the film, but it's clear that he needs to redeem himself and get back to form in order to be fulfilled as a person.

He gets his chance at the end of the film, and when Powell unloads his revolver into the Karl, that slippery little un-killable rascal of a terrorist, eyes tear up with the knowing how much it means to the sergeant.

And of course, the happy ending. Christmas movies have a happy ending, that goes without saying — who wants a downer on Christmas?

After saving all the hostages and dropping Gruber off the side of the building like it wasn't even a big thing or whatever, McClane finally gets to be with his family. So grab the eggnog and raise a toast the greatest, most spectacularest Christmas movie ever made.

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Where are they now?

BACKSTREET BOYS

and

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Scene Writer

Boy bands are back and have millions of girls singing their popular songs and following their every step via social media outlets. One Direction, The Wanted and Emblem3 — for all of you X Factor fans — are all part of this new boy band wave and their current success indicates they are here to stay, for now.

I am personally a fan of boy bands. On my way to school, I used to blast 'N Sync and Backstreet Boys tunes and drive my mom crazy. I knew them all by heart and went to every single concert they performed near my town.

So, where are some of these former boy band stars now?

Nick Carter

Carter was my favorite Backstreet Boy and, after the group first separated, I kept buying and listening to all of his solo albums, such as “Now or Never” and “I’m Taking Off.”

Carter has also had several TV appearances after leaving the band. In 2006, he and his siblings starred

in their own E! reality show called “House of Carters.” He has also made guest appearances in “8 Simple Rules,” “American Dreams” and most recently the CW’s “90210.”

Howie Day

Throughout the band’s ups and downs, breakups and reunions, Day has ventured in different projects that have also kept him in the music, television and entrepreneurial world.

He has guest-starred in “Roswell” episodes, as well as in “Sabrina, The Teenage Witch.” He also released his solo album “Back to Me” in 2011 and toured with Britney Spears that same year to South America.

Currently, Howie manages Canadian band Neverest and works at his own real-estate development company, which he founded with his older brother John in 2010.

Joey Fatone

Funny-man Joey Fatone was one of my favorite 'N Sync members. After the band disintegrated in 2002, he continued to have a strong presence in the television world.

In 2007, he came in second place in ABC’s “Dancing

with the Stars,” and was also the host of the American and Australian versions of “The Singing Bee.”

Currently, Joey is the announcer of “Family Feud” and is also a guest host for “The Price is Right Live!” in Las Vegas.

Justin Timberlake

Last but not least, former boy bands’ most popular member, Justin Timberlake, has had great success post-'N Sync.

After he left the band, Timberlake released two solo albums that sold millions of copies worldwide. He won six Grammy Awards and four Emmy Awards for these two albums.

In addition, Timberlake has starred in successful films, such as Oscar-winner “The Social Network,” “Bad Teacher” and “Friends With Benefits” alongside actress Mila Kunis.

Timberlake is also a triumphant entrepreneur. He has his own record label, Tennman Records, his own fashion label, William Rast, and two restaurants, Destino and Southern Hospitality both in New York City.

In October of this year, Timberlake married long-time girlfriend and Hollywood actress Jessica Biel. They had

killing them softly

impressive story and performance

**By KEVIN NOONAN**
Scene Editor

“America isn’t a country, it’s a business. Now [expletive] pay me.”

“Killing Them Softly” may be one of Brad Pitt’s smaller films, and his role as a contract killer and fixer for the mob is one that may be forgotten in the context of his illustrious career.

But that line, which his character, Jackie Cogan, spits out at the end of the movie, is without a doubt one of the most powerful ones he’s ever delivered.

The quote sums up the themes of this crime drama from writer/director Andrew Dominik, which takes the standard “robbery gone bad now everybody shoots everybody” flick and sets it against the stark background of the 2008 economic collapse.

The film, which is based on the 1974 novel “Cogan’s Trade” by George V. Higgins, follows the events leading up to and following the robbery of a card game in an unnamed town (but almost everybody has a Boston accent) by two drug-addled, small-time crooks, Frankie (Scoot McNairy, who also had a small role in “Argo”) and Russell (Ben Mendelsohn, unrecognizable in this role, but a sharp eye will recognize him as the guy Bane put his hand on and asked if he felt in charge in “The Dark Knight Rises”).

The plan, orchestrated by sleazy laundromat owner everyone calls “Squirrel,” is to knock over a local cash-heavy card game run by some other, although well liked, sleaze-ball, Markie Trattman (Ray Liotta). The idea is that since it’s well known Trattman already schemed to knock over his own game once before, everyone will just suspect he

did it again and the two thieves will get away clean.

The robbery goes as planned, albeit in one of the most tense scenes in the film. There is some humor leading into the scene when Russell shows up with the “supplies,” yellow dishwashing gloves and a shotgun sawed off so far the shells poke through the end of the barrels, but the robbery itself is anything but lighthearted.

No one speaks for nearly the entire scene, and the only noise is the voice of President George W. Bush talking about the banking crisis on televisions in the background. The camera jumps rapidly at times and maintains eerie focus at others. It’s only a few minutes, but it’s an example of the skill of Dominick as a filmmaker at making the tension and emotion of a scene real to his audience.

The men escape with the money, and everything goes according to plan until the mob (with whom Trattman has some unexplained connection) brings in Cogan to fix the situation.

Cogan is clearly the pro of the situation, and he and the mobster lament the total “corporate mentality” and indecisiveness of the higher-ups. Cogan brings in another professional contract killer, Mickey (James Gandolfini), but it turns out Mickey has turned to drinking, is depressed about his financial and marital situation and just might be headed to jail.

The responsibility to take care of things falls to Cogan, which, without giving away too many details, does with ruthless efficiency, culminating in that final quote above.

The film is slower and more contemplative than most fans will expect from a Brad Pitt crime thriller, but it’s not certainly short of action or violence by any means. The message of the film lies not in the thievery or the gangster drama, but instead in the underlying economic recession

and contemplation of America.

Dominick has made his film an allegory about the state of America and the impersonal, cold solutions people enact in order to handle their problems when times get tough.

And much like Pitt’s character, the message is anything but subtle. It’s right in your face from start to finish. The whole “American individualism is driving it into the ground” message is so prevalent it borders on overdone. There’s some begrudging respect for Dominick in delivering his message in the same form his film tells its story, but that doesn’t mean it doesn’t sound like fingernails on a chalkboard after a while. Once time has passed, and the memory of the economic crisis isn’t so fresh in our minds, this film may be viewed differently, but today, it’s too much.

Pitt’s contained performance, as well impressive storytelling from Dominick, make this one of the better crime films of the year, but the political overtones hold it back from being a classic, for now at least.

“Killing Them Softly”**Director:** Andrew Dominik**Studio:** Annapurna Pictures**Starring:** Brad Pitt, Ray Liotta and Richard Jenkins

SPORTS AUTHORITY

An NFL Christmas list



Peter Steiner
Sports Writer

The Christmas list.

When you were little, completing this then-sacred document was probably an important tradition each Christmas season. This year, the much shorter list undoubtedly includes a ticket to a certain football game on Jan. 7 in Miami.

But we aren't the only ones with wishes related to football this year.

The 32 NFL teams also have some things they wish they could have this season. So without further ado, here is the NFL team wish list for 2012:

The Saints desperately want Sean Payton back. New Orleans is 5-7 and almost out of the play-off picture this year.

And speaking of coaches, the Eagles and the Chargers

could fast-forward three years with all the young talent on their roster.

Both with records of 11-1, the Texans and Falcons just want respect. On the opposite end of the spectrum, the Bills and Raiders just wish a little luck would fall their way.

The most appalling wish comes from the Seahawks, who want the replacements referees to return.

Not surprisingly, quarterbacks are the most popular requests this Christmas.

The Jaguars want a real quarterback and the Jets wish they could call Vinny Testaverde out of retirement again.

The Dolphins, Colts and Redskins hope their signal callers keep forgetting that they're rookies, while the Rams are wishing they didn't pass on taking rookie phenomenon Robert Griffin III in the 2012 draft.

All the Steelers want for

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want to get rid of theirs. Eagles coach Andy Reid and Chargers coach Norv Turner are a combined 7-17 despite their talented squads.

The Packers are looking for a cure to the injury bug, while the Bears are hoping their division rivals won't return to last season's form.

Also in the NFC North, the Vikings wish Adrian Peterson could just play every position. Meanwhile, the Lions just want to redo this year.

The Bengals want to clone A.J. Green, while the Ravens wish Ray Lewis and Ed Reed were in their 20s again. And the Browns, well, they just wish they weren't the Browns.

The Patriots are hoping the Giants don't meet them in the Super Bowl, while the Giants would be delighted to take down Tom Brady once again. The Cowboys, meanwhile, want to take the division crown back from the G-men.

The Panthers' request is quite simple. They just want to win a coin toss (They've lost the last 13 times). Fellow NFC South member Tampa Bay wishes they

Christmas is the return of Big Ben, even if it's in one of those horrific uniforms. And the 49ers are wishing they didn't bring this quarterback controversy upon themselves.

Maybe best of all, the Chiefs want Brady Quinn to be their franchise quarterback (Okay, maybe that's what I want).

Last but not least, the Titans and Cardinals want to rewind the clock to March for another shot at signing Peyton Manning. The Broncos, meanwhile, want Mr. Manning to keep calling those audibles — papa bear, hut, hut.

In the end, no matter what these teams wished for, Santa Claus — who may currently be disguised as Dallas defensive coordinator Rob Ryan — will be coming to town Dec. 25. By then all the teams better have their act together, especially with the playoffs just around the corner.

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NFL

Raiders' Allen leaves team to join ailing father

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Being mired in a five-game losing streak with a short week to get ready for Peyton Manning and the first-place Denver Broncos is tough enough.

The Oakland Raiders have to do it without their head coach.

Dennis Allen left the team after Sunday's 20-17 loss to Cleveland to be with his father, who has a serious medical issue. Allen is expected to rejoin the team on Wednesday night and be on the field Thursday when the Raiders (3-9) host the Broncos (9-3).

But until then, offensive coordinator Greg Knapp will oversee the team and defensive coordinator Jason Tarver will map out the defense.

"This is a pretty unique season, both on and off the field, I'll say that," Tarver said Monday. "There's a bunch of adversity and the true character of a man and a coach and whoever is to, no matter what the circumstances, be a pro and handle your business. But I've been a part of a lot of different situations, both in this league and in coaching, but there's some unique things that have happened this year."

Allen is with his family in the Dallas area helping to care for his 66-year-old father, Grady, a former NFL linebacker with the Atlanta Falcons. Knapp said he texted Allen on Monday morning to pass on good wishes and planned to talk to the head coach as the team prepared for the Broncos.

Oakland did not practice on Monday and will have two brief practices before the game Thursday. With the short week, the position coaches had begun some of the scouting of the Broncos last week to allow the coordinators to put together the game plan on Sunday night and Monday.

Allen, a former defensive coordinator in Denver, is typically heavily involved in the defensive game plan, while giving more general tips about



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Oakland coach Dennis Allen yells during the fourth quarter of the Raiders 20-17 home loss to the Cleveland Browns on Dec. 2.

philosophy for Knapp to use on offense.

"Today we went right into a normal Tuesday routine for coaches," Knapp said. "We started game planning this morning for Denver, and then our practice schedule for the next two days will obviously be a little bit shorter because our guys need to still recover from this game and get ready for the next game. From a game-plan standpoint, you condense maybe three days of practice into two. From a coaching standpoint, you've done a lot of work ahead of time, so you can make it happen a little bit sooner during the week."

While Knapp is officially in charge of the team while Allen is away, he said the only real additional responsibility he will have is to decide when to blow the horn to move to the next practice period.

Some of the players just learned of Allen's absence on Monday and wanted to pass their best wishes on to their coach and his family. They said it will be hard to concentrate

entirely on the Broncos knowing what Allen is going through.

"I think it will because obviously we'll be caring about his situation, just wondering what's going on," cornerback Michael Huff said. "But we know we have a game to get ready for. It will because we'll be worried about him, but I think we'll still walk on the field and focus."

The Raiders will need to be at their best to have a chance against the Broncos. Oakland has lost five straight games and was carved up by rookie Brandon Weeden on Sunday in the loss to the Browns.

Now the defense must deal with Manning, who was 30 for 38 for 338 yards and three touchdowns in Denver's 37-6 home win over Oakland in Week 4.

The Raiders are also dealing with a number of injuries in the secondary, with starting free safety Matt Giordano, backup safety Mike Mitchell and backup cornerback Phillip Adams all leaving Sunday's game with concussions.

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Injury-plagued Terps fall to UConn

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Maryland coach Brenda Frese was thrilled with her team's effort despite a 15-point loss to No. 2 Connecticut.

"I'm proud of how we battled," she said after the ninth-ranked Terrapins lost 63-48 Monday night. "I love the fact there's no quit in this team. We worked defensively, scratched, clawed, did everything we can. Forced UConn into some difficult plays."

Frese's team has been hit hard by injuries so far this season. The Terrapins have already lost starting guards Brene Moseley and Laurin Mincy to ACL tears. They lost senior center Essence Townsend to one as well.

"I knew we'd compete and I knew we'd leave it all out there," Frese said. "I've been a part of some special teams and I

thought we could come in here and win this game."

Despite the loss, Maryland (4-2) came closer than any other team this season against the Huskies, who hadn't seen a team come within 30 points until Monday night.

"We're adjusting to a new point guard, two guard," Frese said. "Connecticut is a tremendous team, depth, talent, so aggressive on the glass. This is something for us to be able to build momentum on."

Trailing by 13 at halftime, Maryland whittled its deficit down to seven before UConn (7-0) scored eight straight points, including a 3-pointer by Brianna Banks and a three-point play by Bria Hartley. Kiah Stokes capped the run with a lay-in midway through the second half. Kelly Faris had a hand in all three plays with an assist, steal and

rebound.

Farris finished with eight points, eight steals, seven assists and seven rebounds.

"She doesn't take a play off," Frese said of Farris. "She continues to work defensively. She never takes a possession off."

Maryland, which had a season-high 26 turnovers, couldn't get within single digits after UConn's run.

"That was a tough sequence. Banks was spectacular. That's what Connecticut does," Frese said. "They give you that knock-out punch and you see teams never recover. I love the fact we were able to withstand a lot of those runs and were able to keep competing."

Tianna Hawkins scored 14 points and freshman Chloe Pavlech added a season-high 10 to lead the Terrapins. All-America Alyssa Thomas was



Connecticut senior guard Kelly Faris and Terps senior forward Tianna Hawkins fight for possession as Huskies coach Geno Auriemma looks on.

held to six points.

Without the guards, Maryland couldn't take care of the basketball. The Terps came into the

game averaging only 16 turnovers a contest.

UConn couldn't take advantage early of the miscues. Leading 17-8, Maryland scored seven straight points to make it a two-point game. Stewart finally ended a 5½-minute drought scoring seven straight points during a 10-0 run by the Huskies. She started it with a 3-pointer and connected on a falling down layup, following up her own miss. Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis capped the burst with a 3-pointer that made it 27-15. The Huskies led 33-20 at halftime.

Mosqueda-Lewis didn't return for the second half after bruising a left quad. She missed the Huskies' previous game against Colgate after suffering a concussion against Purdue on Nov. 24.

UConn coach Geno Auriemma said his sophomore guard is "doubtful" for Thursday's game against No. 10 Penn State.

"To win a game like that is a good sign for us," Auriemma said. "We didn't win it the way where you go up and down and make a bunch of 3s. We had to earn it, beat a very physical tough team."

Monday's game had special meaning for Frese, whose 4-year-old son Tyler continues to battle leukemia.

"It means a lot," Frese said. "Obviously, there was no question when we got the invite that we knew we wanted to play in it. And, obviously, for me personally with my son, Tyler, going through leukemia and with his diagnosis and his treatment I think it just helps us to be able to with a national audience and on TV to bring even more awareness to all the people out there that are battling cancer. And, obviously, our family is one that's directly impacted, but the fact that we can play a game and bring exposure is really important and we're just really fortunate to be a part of it."

The teams will play again in the Jimmy V Classic next season at Maryland. This was the first meeting between the programs. UConn continued its domination of ACC opponents, winning its 20th straight over ACC teams, winning by an average of 28.0 points.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish ready for the great indoors



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Senior distance runner Jessica Rydberg runs at the Alex Wilson Invitational held in Loftus Sports Center on March 3.

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

Every December, Notre Dame student transition between seasons and semesters. But one group of Notre Dame student athletes experience a unique transition — from outdoor competition on the cross-country course to indoor competition in the Loftus Sports Center.

“It’s really a quick turnaround,” junior Martin Grady said. “Pretty much we had a one down week to go home for Thanksgiving break, but then we got right back to school and had to get right back to work.”

“It’s very short. For anybody competing through nationals, it’s a very short turnaround,” senior Rebecca Tracy said. “Most people can get up to a month off, but it’s a very short turnaround with regards to training.”

This short turnaround can present numerous challenges for the runners, both Tracy and Grady said. The cross country season is a grueling few months.

“For some people, the cross country season really beats them up. You start training for cross country as early as July and you put in high mileage all the way through November,” Tracy said. “There is not a lot of time to rest your body or take care of any nagging injuries.”

Pure rest isn’t the solution either, Grady said. Runners need to find a happy medium between rest and conditioning.

“It’s hard because a lot of kids start to get injured when they stop running and then start up again,” Grady said. “The challenge is staying in good shape, while allowing yourself to get the much needed rest.”

Luckily for many of the cross country runners transitioning to indoor track, the first few meets are less demanding and less important, which allow for some of the runners to take them a bit easier, Grady said.

“As it works out, the early meets aren’t too serious,” Grady said. “The meets definitely build as the season goes on, but, at first, the meets aren’t too tough. They are almost more intersquad stuff than anything else. But they get harder as we go.”

Yet, the track season is innately different, making for a tough transition, Tracy said. Still, these changes can come with some exciting elements.

“For me, when you start running shorter distances, you feel like you want to go fast, which is very different,” Tracy said. “Also, track is exciting in its own right because you get to watch so many people compete in what they are specialized most in, including the sprinters and field athletes.”

Some of the differences are not absolutely positive, Tracy said, as some aspects of cross country are especially strong.

“Cross country has a great team atmosphere,” Tracy said. “Everything you do is for the other people out on the course with you. During track, that atmosphere kind of goes away a bit.”

Grady said some prefer the greater division of the track team.

Yet, there are positives to the greater segmentation of the track team Grady said.

“It’s kind of cool that the distance guys, then, only run with a group of eight guys. We do a lot together that helps us get a lot closer,” Grady said. “On the whole, cross country is a team sport so you feel close then, but the smaller groups help build on those relationships.”

The Irish runners will make their big move indoors Friday, when they host the Blue & Gold Invitational at the Loftus Sports Center. The competition kicks off at 5 p.m.

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Napoli signs with Red Sox

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Adding offense following a disappointing season, the Boston Red Sox have agreed to a \$39 million, three-year contract with catcher Mike Napoli, a person familiar with the deal said.

The agreement is subject to Napoli passing a physical, which will take place later this week, the person said Monday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal was not yet final.

“Awesome addition to our team!” Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester tweeted.

A 31-year-old who also plays first base, Napoli hit .320 with 30 homers and 75 RBIs as the Texas Rangers won their second straight AL pennant in 2011, then slumped to a .227 average with 24 homers and 56 RBIs this year as he became a first-time All-Star. His on-base percentage dropped from .416 to .343.

Napoli is a .306 career hitter at Fenway Park (19 for 62) with seven homers and 17 RBIs. He is the third free agent this offseason to join the Red Sox following outfielder Jonny Gomes, who got a \$10 million, two-year contract, and catcher David Ross, who received a \$6.2 million, two-year deal.

“He’s a guy who is getting on base, has power, would be a good fit for our ballpark,”

Red Sox general manager Ben Cherington said, without confirming the agreement. “We like his offense at Fenway. We like the versatility.”

The right-handed-hitting Napoli could see most of his playing time at first base because Adrian Gonzalez was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers in August along with pitcher Josh Beckett and outfielder Carl Crawford.

“We knew when we made the Dodger trade and we moved Gonzalez that we were going to have to try to find a way to replace that offense,” Cherington said.

Texas was unwilling to guarantee three seasons for Napoli, who hit .350 with two homers and 10 RBIs in the 2011 World Series against St. Louis.

“They were very upfront with us throughout the process. So not a surprise,” Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said. “I’m hesitant to use the word disappointment because ultimately we had a decision to make.”

Boston now has four catchers, with Napoli joining Jarrod Saltalamacchia, Ryan Lavarnway and Ross. Saltalamacchia started 95 games behind the plate last season, with Kelly Shoppach getting 42 starts and Lavarnway 25.

The Red Sox could trade one of their catchers, but that might wait until spring training.

“We’re pretty comfortable

where we are,” Cherington said.

Boston still is looking for a left-handed bat and starting pitching. The Mets are discussing whether to trade NL Cy Young Award winner R.A. Dickey, but the price in prospects would be high.

“It’s always steep for the better guys, a valuable commodity, so if a team is going to move someone, especially if there’s any length of control, they’re asking for a lot,” Cherington said, “as we would.”

Boston is coming off its first last-place finish in two decades, a year when the Red Sox went 69-93 and lost 26 of their last 33 games. Manager Bobby Valentine was fired and replaced by John Farrell.

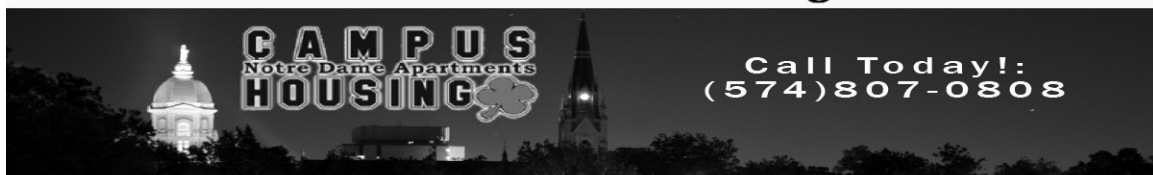
“You’ve got to add a lot of wins (from) where we finished to compete in this division,” Cherington said. “I think players and agents understand that despite what happened this year, Boston is Boston. We’re committed to having a winning team. We have a history of a winning team. We’re going to commit resources to the team.”

At last year’s session in Dallas, Cherington called the winter meetings a “cesspool of information flow and dialogue.”

“You go through the cycle once and you’re a little bit more comfortable with everything you have to do,” he said, “and maybe more aware of the potential pot holes and able to navigate those hopefully.”

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HOCKEY

Junior center glides past Laker defense

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

On Saturday night as the No. 6 Irish took on Lake Superior State, a little girl held up a sign that read "T.J. Tynan is a red-haired ninja."

The description seemed fitting, as Irish coach Jeff

Jackson said the junior center has been quietly and subtly contributing to the team's offense this season without scoring, and then Tynan exploded this weekend for one goal and three assists. In the 10th minute of the first period Saturday, junior defenseman Shayne Taker passed the puck

to center ice off the boards. Two Laker players went after junior left-winger Jeff Costello, and an unimpeded Tynan took the puck across the blue line, creating a two-on-two break. Sophomore right-winger Peter Schneider skated across from Tynan, while two Laker defensemen looked to play the pass. Tynan took advantage of the opportunity and fired a wrist shot near post, beating Laker junior goaltender Kevin Kapalka to the left post, for his third goal of the season. Jackson said he was happy Tynan was able to get a goal.

"He's a heck of an offensive player," Jackson said. "I figured he would come out of it at some point."

Tynan had not scored a goal since the 4-1 win over Minnesota-Duluth in Notre Dame's home opening series Oct. 19. Tynan had two assists in Friday's 3-2 win and one goal and one assist in Saturday's 6-1 rout of the Lakers (7-9-0, 4-6-0-0). Tynan said it was good to finally get the goal, but he was happier about the team win.

"Yeah, it's nice to get on the score sheet," Tynan said. "We had a really good start [Saturday], I thought, and anytime you win 6-1, you're going to feel good about it.



SUZANNA PRATT | The Observer

Irish junior center T.J. Tynan fights for the puck during Notre Dame's 6-1 victory over Lake Superior State on Dec. 1.

It was a real positive for us tonight."

Jackson said Tynan has continued to play at a high level, despite not scoring.

"He hasn't taken short cuts," Jackson said. "That is pretty impressive, actually, for a good offensive player."

Tynan said the scoring dry spell did not worry him, as the Irish (11-4-0, 7-1-0-0) have been winning nonetheless.

"I don't think I was fighting it," Tynan said. "I just knew that eventually I would get out of the slump. When you work hard and just keep doing the things that you now are right to do — just do the little things right — especially when you're team is winning, you really can't be complaining about it. So it was a good weekend for us and it was definitely nice to get that monkey off my back."

Tynan said the 6-1 offensive win was nice for the team, but the main focus was not who scored, but who was winning.

"I don't think we have been thinking about [an offensive

explosion]," Tynan said. "We have won games where we haven't scored a lot, so I think we are just worried about winning and worried about doing the little things right. We are worried about coming to

"He's a heck of an offensive player. ... I figured he would come out of it at some point."

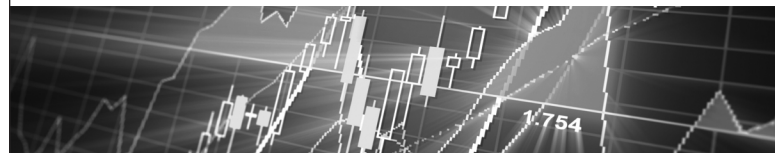
Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

practice each day and working on our scoring skills, knowing we are able to put up numbers like we did [Saturday]."

With Tynan, the "red-haired ninja," setting an example by doing all of the little things right, the Irish look to close out 2012 with wins over Michigan State on Friday and Saturday night at Compton Family Ice Arena.

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Offense

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the defense] every day," Goodbread said. "Every practice, he's there in the individual drills especially. He works exclusively with the secondary, you know he's a former defensive back himself when he was a player and he spends a lot of time with the corners and safeties. He's probably had more of an impact on [Milliner] and all the corners than just about anywhere else."

Milliner, who played much of 2011 as a corner in nickel and dime packages, has emerged as a star on a defense that lost many stars coming into 2012. Goodbread said Milliner and junior linebacker C.J. Mosley will need to step up to stop Notre Dame in the national championship.

"Milliner has to have a good game for sure. He's the best defensive back they've got," Goodbread said. "[Junior linebacker] C.J. Mosley just got voted the MVP of the team by his teammates at the team banquet on Sunday night. He's

probably Alabama's best overall defensive player, a good linebacker, was up for the Butkus Award."

Against the nation's top run defense, the Irish running back corps will face its biggest test of the season. Senior running back Theo Riddick, who led Notre Dame in rushing in 2012, said the Irish faced many tough defenses this year.

"I think we played a lot of good defenses. A lot of teams do a lot of different things so it's kind of hard to pinpoint which defense is better than others," Riddick said. "It all depends on the matchup. There's too many teams."

"Stanford was really good. Pitt was really good. USC was really good. There were a lot of good defenses we faced this year."

Riddick said the key to putting points on the board against the stellar Tide defense is protecting the football.

"[We have to] not turn the ball over," he said. "With that great of team or any team actually, if you turn the ball over you lessen your chances to win."



SARAH O'CONNOR | The Observer

Irish senior running back Theo Riddick races past USC defenders during Notre Dame's 22-13 victory over USC on Nov. 24. The Irish will face Alabama in the BCS National Championship on Jan. 7.

The Irish and Tide will clash with the national championship at stake on Jan. 7 at Sun Life Stadium in Miami.

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Defense

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first-half points.

"I think a term that's underused in college basketball is unselfish defense," Brey said. "You always think of that as sharing the ball but I think we're very unselfish defensively because we give up ourselves to help our teammate."

While the Irish return all five starters from last season, fresh faces in the rotation like senior center Garrick Sherman and freshman forward Cameron Biedscheid have fit well into Notre Dame's defense.

"Garrick Sherman has become a sixth guy to do that because he's so old and such a veteran, he — like [graduate student guard Scott Martin] — knows how to rotate over and guard other people," Brey said. "Cam is still a work in progress but I've very impressed with where he's at. He's further ahead than I thought he'd be."

Notre Dame relies mostly on its stingy and rotating team defense, but Brey said the Irish have a lockdown defender waiting in the wings for Big East season.

"Now, we've kind of groomed [sophomore guard Pat Connaughton] as our defensive stopper on perimeter guys, especially wing guys," Brey said. "He's really embraced that. We're going to have to come back to that a lot in league play."

The Irish have successfully mixed their different defenses: a basic 2-3 zone called "23," a 2-3 zone with half-court pressure Brey coined "23 Hot" and their simple man-to-man. Notre Dame has rotated through the three defenses and used them when needed, Brey said.

"Part of our team defense is the ability to change," Brey said.

"Our solid man-to-man, our 23 and our 23 Hot are our staples and we need to be able to rotate through them."

"You never know going into a game what you're going to be in more. You may think 'Probably not a night we're going to play zone' and then you play zone for 30 minutes. You just never know."

The zone defense, when mixed with Notre Dame's slow-it-down-and-grind-it-out offensive philosophy, can cause problems for opposing teams, Brey said.

"When we're playing zone and being patient on offense, so you have to guard us for a long possession and then you have to come and be patient against our zone, I think that takes its toll

on you psychologically," he said. "You never can really do anything fast."

Over the last few seasons, Brey's teams have evolved and learned to control the tempo, slow the ball down and shorten the games.

"We're really good at controlling tempo in the offensive end, it's something we've evolved into the last three years," Brey said. "This group, especially these guards are so good at dictating tempo."

Notre Dame will look to continue its strong defense when they host Brown on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Purcell Pavilion.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make domestic and personal alterations that will allow you to cut corners that have been causing you grief and holding you back. You are best to resurrect old means and methods and alleviate high-priced ticket items. Dig to get the facts. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Check your emotions at the door when doing business. You can gain ground if you are efficient, a little ruthless and stingy. Common sense coupled with an interesting way to get more for less will make you look like a genius. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your ideas and plans a secret. You will face opposition if you put up a fuss or you are too free-spirited about life and the way you want to live. Listen and observe what others intend to do before making your move. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20): All eyes will be on you, and controversy can be expected. Ensure that you have well-laid-out plans and you will be difficult to defeat. Money will come to you from an unusual source, enabling a wish to come true. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are unique, dedicated and just. You are insightful and precise.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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

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HATIF

NEDLAT

MURNEB

Print your answer here:

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EMPTY ABOVE TRENCH DECENT
Answer: Having an extra set of gloves in the glove compartment was — HANDY

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BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Fighting the Tide

*Alabama's stout defense to pose stiff challenge for Irish attack in upcoming matchup*By **CHRIS ALLEN**
Sports Editor

All season long, No. 1 Notre Dame's offense has gone up against the top-ranked scoring defense in the country, its own, in practice. On the precipice of a national title, the offensive unit will need to overcome the second-ranked scoring defense of No. 2 Alabama in the BCS National Championship Game.

Despite only allowing 10.7 points per game this season, the Tide defense is widely regarded to have dropped off from the play of its unit in 2011. Alabama shut out LSU 21-0 in the 2012 BCS National Championship Game, but lost highly-touted safety Mark Barron, cornerback Dre Kirkpatrick and linebackers Dont'a Hightower and Courtney Upshaw to the NFL. Alabama beat writer Chase Goodbread said the 2012 defense has not been quite as dominant as its predecessor.

"I don't they're as good a defense as they were a year ago. They're not as good as last year," said Goodbread,

who covers the Tide for the Tuscaloosa News. "I think the strength is stopping the run, they were No. 1 in the country at stopping the run, but the passing defense isn't what it was a year ago."

Just as Notre Dame's unit features a top-notch defensive coordinator in Bob Diaco, the Tide march to the beat of defensive coordinator Kirby Smart. Smart, who took home the 2009 Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach, is considered a leading candidate for many head coaching vacancies. This season Smart filled holes left by the departure of more than half of his 2011 starters and preserved the Tide's defensive identity.

"Kirby Smart does a great job, I don't think there's any doubt about it he's going to be a head coach pretty soon," Goodbread said. "It might be this winter depending on what kind of offers he gets. He's done a good job year-to-year pretty much, no matter what he's had to work with."

The defensive unit also works under the tutelage of Alabama coach Nick Saban,



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Irish senior running back Theo Riddick takes advantage of a defensive hole during Notre Dame's 22-13 victory over USC on Nov. 24. The Notre Dame offense is preparing to take on Alabama on Jan. 7.

who comes from a defensive background. Saban played defensive back for Kent State in the early 1970s and served as Bill Belichick's defensive

coordinator with the NFL's Cleveland Browns from 1991 to 1994. Goodbread said Saban's focus on the defensive backfield has helped first-team

All-SEC junior cornerback Dee Milliner.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Defense leads in Irish win

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
Associate Sports Editor

When then-No. 8 Kentucky came into Purcell Pavilion last Thursday night, the Wildcats came in averaging more than 85 points per game. They left with just 50 in a 14-point loss to Notre Dame.

Kentucky is not alone though, as the No. 22 Irish have held six of their eight opponents under their season scoring average. The stellar defense has helped Notre Dame (7-1) get off to a fast start.

"Our starting guys have played together so much," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We talk about how much chemistry they have on the offensive end and they take care of the ball, but they really know how to play together on the defensive end, how to cover for each other."

Notre Dame has held opponents to 58.5 points per game, 37.6 percent shooting from the field and 31.0 percent from behind the arc. The Irish have held two opponents to less than 50 points and four to 23 or less



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Senior forward Jack Cooley jumps for a rebound during Notre Dame's 63-50 victory over Kentucky on Nov. 29.

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FOOTBALL

Te'o wins Butkus, Nagurski awards

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame senior linebacker Manti Te'o officially became a finalist for the prestigious Heisman Trophy on Monday night in an announcement made on SportsCenter by former Heisman winner Ty Detmer.

Te'o will join the other two finalists, freshman Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel and senior Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein, at New York's Best Buy Theater on Saturday night for the announcement of the Heisman winner.

Te'o is Notre Dame's first Heisman finalist since 2006, when quarterback Brady Quinn finished third behind Ohio State's Troy Smith and Arkansas' Darren McFadden. The senior linebacker, one of the four Irish captains, led the No. 1 scoring defense in the nation and guided Notre Dame to a 12-0 regular season. Te'o finished the regular season with

seven interceptions — the second-most in the nation — and 101 tackles. It was Te'o's third-straight season with 100 tackles.

Notre Dame's last Heisman Trophy win came in 1987 when wide receiver Tim Brown took home the award. The Irish boast seven Heisman winners throughout the years, a record tied with Ohio State for most all-time. Te'o would be the first exclusively defensive player to win the award in its history, dating back to 1935. Michigan cornerback Charles Woodson won the award in 1997 but also returned punts and contributed offensively at wide receiver.

Te'o claimed two other awards Monday, winning both the Dick Butkus Award — bestowed upon the nation's best linebacker — and the Bronko Nagurski Award, which honors college football's best defensive player.

The Heisman Trust will announce the 2012 Heisman Trophy on Saturday night at 8 p.m.