

Candidates unveil visions for office

Six student body president and vice president tickets seek to win positions for 2013-2014

By **JOHN CAMERON**
News Editor

Official campaigning for the election of student body president and vice president began Tuesday, marking the beginning of the week-long race between six student tickets.

These tickets will face off in a debate Monday, Feb. 4, making their case to students, who will cast their ballots Wednesday, Feb. 6. In the event of a runoff, there will be a second debate Thursday, Feb. 7, and a final election Monday, Feb. 11.

Austin O'Brien and Nick Boggess

Freshmen Austin O'Brien and Nick Boggess are looking

outward in setting goals for their potential term as head of student government.

"The main aspect of our platform is making Notre Dame students better citizens of South Bend, and at the same time making South Bend into the college town that students want to be a part of," O'Brien said. "I would like to be able to find a way for students to be able to be more engaged in the community in order to develop our own unique student cultural scene."

O'Brien, who hails from Granger, Ind., said he believes he has a home-field advantage when it comes to serving students and reaching this goal.

"I feel that being from the area qualifies me to represent the

interests of the students of Notre Dame to leaders in the community who can help make our vision a reality," he said.

Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce

Juniors Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce want to refresh the way student government engages with and serves its student constituents by refocusing the organization on advocacy.

"Student government has the potential to be a great advocacy organization for students," Coccia said. "It requires being able to engage directly with students and their passions, persevere through the challenges we

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Kelly addresses Te'o controversy



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Irish coach Brian Kelly speaks at BCS media day on Jan. 4 in Miami. Kelly spoke Tuesday about the Manti Te'o hoax.

By **ANDREW OWENS**
Assistant Managing Editor

Irish coach Brian Kelly publicly defended former line-backer Manti Te'o on Tuesday in the aftermath of the Jan. 16 report that revealed Lennay Kekua, Te'o's purported girlfriend, to be a hoax.

Kelly said the timeline included in University President Fr. John Jenkins' letter to University officials matched what he remembered.

"When I looked at it, that was all in line with my

recollection of getting a phone call from Manti on [Dec.] 26 [when Te'o supposedly told Kelly and defensive coordinator Bob Diaco about the ordeal]," Kelly said. "Everything from there kind of followed the time line that had been set-up.

"So everything that [Te'o] told me, every little thing that's come out of the past couple of weeks is what he told me. So I can only go on the information that he gave

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Film festival focuses on non-violent resistance

By **MEL FLANAGAN**
News Writer

Peace studies course material and film study will converge at the fifth annual ScreenPeace Film Festival, where attendees will share in the experiences of five nonviolent resisters from around the world.

The festival, which begins Thursday and runs through

Saturday, is co-sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Hal Culbertson, executive director of the Kroc Institute, said this year's festival theme of non-violent resistance developed in response to the Arab Spring, a series of civil resistance movements in the Arab world that began in late 2010.

"We thought there would be significant interest in the Arab Spring and its impact around the world," Culbertson said. "We decided to make the theme of nonviolent resistance the centerpiece because we knew of several films that related to this."

The five films that will be

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Students explore careers, internships at fair

By **ERIN AUCAR**
News Writer

Notre Dame students trudged through the dreary weather in their best business formal outfits with freshly printed resumés and the determination to connect with and learn from representatives of potential employers at the annual Winter Career Fair on Tuesday.

While many of the students attending the fair were upper-classmen hoping to land that dream internship or full-time position, a number of younger students were there looking to get their feet wet in the professional world.

Freshman William Cheely was one such underclassmen attending mostly for the experience.

"I have absolutely no idea what

to expect," Cheely said. "I just want to look around and get a better idea of how these events work."

With a slightly clearer goal in mind, sophomore Gregory Moyers viewed the fair as a broad but defined search for summer options. While the formal corporate positions offer tempting

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“I really need to invest in an umbrella.”



Anna Morton

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“It’s important to have an umbrella even if it’s January.”



Bianca Almada

freshman
Cavanaugh Hall

“Rain boots are a necessity.”



Connor Reider

junior
Dillon Hall

“South Bend is a tropical paradise.”



Imani Parker

freshman
Lyons Hall

“It’s not what I have learned today...it’s what I haven’t.”



Mike Gregory

freshman
Keenan Hall

“How to draw a perfect circle.”



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A representative from the squirrels of Notre Dame, known for being extremely friendly, poses while enjoying his afternoon snack of dining hall leftovers.

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Pink Zone Dodgeball Tournament

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Recreation Center
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Raise money to fight cancer.

Men's Basketball

Joyce Center
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Game v. Villanova

Thursday

Christian Unity Prayer Service

Keenan-Stanford Hall
Chapel
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Student reflections.

Zen Meditation

Coleman-Morse Center.
5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
All faiths welcome.

Friday

Men's and Women's Track & Field

Meyo Track
4 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Meyo Invitational.

LHOP: Lewis Hall of Pancakes

Lewis Hall
10 p.m.-1 a.m.
Benefits food bank.

Saturday

Women's Basketball

Joyce Center
2 p.m.- 4 p.m.

Game v. Cincinnati

Vigil Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
5 p.m.-6 p.m.
Catholic Mass.

Sunday

Organ Recital Series

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
5 p.m.-6 p.m.
Annette Richards performs.

Men's Tennis

Eck Tennis Pavillion
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Game v. IU/UI

Students embrace new coaching program

By **NICOLE MICHELS**
News Writer

Every Notre Dame athlete is encouraged to 'play like a champion today,' a motto that aspiring coaches among Notre Dame's student body are learning to pass on to local youth teams.

Notre Dame's physical education department has devised a coaching certification program in order to give students the tools to coach youth sports teams effectively, said Stephen Bender, visiting associate specialist in the physical education department.

"This program allows Notre Dame students to become certified coaches," Bender said. "This program offers a pretty solid base to help our students get their feet in the door."

Notre Dame's coaching certification program, supported by both its physical education department and the Institute for Educational Initiatives, certifies students through the American Sport Education Program, Bender said.

Certification requires two courses — "Social Foundations of Coaching" and "Principles of Coaching" — as well as an exam, Bender said.

"The social foundations class is more about ways to motivate people, while the principles class is about

teaching coaches how to coach ... and getting them to realize that there is a lot more to coaching than just going out onto the field," Bender said.

The social foundations of coaching course teaches the essentials of the "Play Like a Champion Today" Educational Series, an initiative that instills positive coaching techniques in organizations around the United States, Associate Program Director Damian Kearney said.

"The research behind this philosophy was conducted by Professor Clark Power, who found that a high percentage of children were leaving sports, basically because it wasn't fun anymore," Kearney said. "The concept of youth sporting around the country had become so focused on winning and professionalization that the end had strayed from what 'youth sports' had been meant to be initially. We want kids to have fun, maintain good physical fitness and to make friends."

The "Play Like a Champion Today" staff teaches clinics throughout the country, Kearney said. He said the undergraduate course is more academic.

"We read social psychologists who have written on

'flow' in sports and how the best performances come from athletes when they're feeling an equal amount of challenge and fun — we get more into the science of how our philosophy came about," Kearney said. "The end goal of the course would be for our students — if they go on to be coaches in communities — to know the reasons we get into coaching in the first place and to use these techniques to raise not only good athletes, but good people."

Bender said he seeks to offer a coaching practicum that allows interested students to get hands on experience outside of the classroom.

"If students want to get into the coaching practicum — which is basically student teaching for a semester by getting hands on coaching experience — I go out and find positions for those girls and guys to coach for a whole season at local high schools," Bender said. "I find coaches to take them under their wings while they coach — it's an awesome experience."

Junior Nick Conrad said the best part of his coaching experience was becoming a part of his team's community.

"For me, I was fortunate enough to work at St. Joseph High School in South Bend, where I was welcomed into their family of players,



Photo Courtesy of Nick Conrad

Through a coaching certification program, junior Nick Conrad worked with the St. Joseph High School football team.

coaches and staff," Conrad said. "It was amazing how in four months I was able to become so invested in the school and football program. I still stay in touch with coaches and players and plan on volunteering again next year."

Conrad said dealing with the interpersonal aspect of coaching proved to be the biggest obstacle.

"The most challenging experience of coaching is understanding your players," Conrad said. "Understanding personalities and how to motivate is key. Since this was my first coaching job, it was also a challenge to recognize what drills and practice

techniques were actually translating to field success and where I needed to focus my attention for practice plans."

Bender said this practicum helps students to discern if they would like to pursue further coaching opportunities.

"The practicum solidifies their passion. They might be a little skeptical going out into the real world and seeing what coaching is all about, but everyone that we've placed has come back and said, 'that was the greatest thing I've done at Notre Dame,'" Bender said.

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me versus what we're seeing out there."

Kelly said his initial concern was to figure out what had happened rather than worrying about when to release the information. He said he immediately forwarded the information to administrative officials.

"That was my first thought," Kelly said. "Let's find out what the heck is going on here. Because you get a phone call in the middle of the night, and the first thing is this young lady is not, in fact, dead. You don't know what to think. So try to get dialogue and make sure that we begin to find out what happened here."

"As we went on in the process, our athletic director, Jack Swarbrick was, as you know, a center in it. And he was putting together all the pieces over a period of time. I don't know that any of us were motivated by — we don't want this to be a news story. We wanted to find out what the facts were."

Kelly added that he was focused on coaching the Irish in the BCS National Championship Game against Alabama and was not involved in the decision on when to

release the information.

Te'o, who struggled in the 42-14 loss, did not appear to be affected by the situation leading up to the game, Kelly said. He said he did not sense his captain played poorly because of the ordeal, but he added that only Te'o could answer that question.

"Manti's a young man that continues to lead, and you don't really see him — because, obviously, he went through a tough time during the year, and we didn't really see anything there that would have set off an alarm that he was under so much pressure concerning the situation," the third-year coach said. "I just didn't see it as we practiced and leading into the game."

Kelly said he thinks Te'o will be remembered as a "great leader on our football team on an undefeated team at Notre Dame" and considers Te'o to be one of the best teammates he has witnessed in his 22 years of coaching.

"He was just special to coach, and he did all the great things that I think great players have to do on a day-to-day basis," Kelly said. "And we're going to continue to hold him in that type of esteem."

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SMC campus fire deemed minor

By **JILLIAN BARWICK**
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The investigation into the cause of Sunday night's fire in O'Laughlin Auditorium is ongoing and a report is expected in a few weeks, Gwen O'Brien, director of media relations at Saint Mary's, said Tuesday.

O'Brien said there is no imminent danger stemming from the fire. Saint Mary's Security and the Notre Dame Fire Department were alerted of the fire at 10:59 p.m. Sunday and responded immediately to put the blaze under control.

The College notified students of the fire around 7 a.m. Monday via text, email and phone call with an automated voice recording.

"Saint Mary's uses an alert system that is programmed by the College [determining] when to send out messages and what the messages say," O'Brien said. "The messages sent through text, call and email were not an emergency alert but rather a community notice. Since there was no imminent danger, we did not feel the need to send out an emergency alert."

Since no one had been in the auditorium at the time of the fire, College administrators made the decision to send out a community notice several hours after the fire had been extinguished and not an immediate emergency alert, O'Brien said.

Karen Johnson, vice president for Student Affairs, sent the community notice Monday morning to alert students of the fire. Her message also informed students that classes were to be called for the day in Moreau Hall, which reopened Tuesday.

"Saint Mary's College is dedicated to providing a safe environment for all our community members," Johnson said. "In cases of imminent danger to any member of the community, we use our Emergency Alert System to contact those persons impacted by the situation."

"In the case of the fire in O'Laughlin Auditorium, the auditorium was empty. No student, faculty or staff member was in imminent danger so we did not contact the community."

O'Brien said there was no reason to assume a

connection between this fire and another fire that occurred in Moreau Hall in the fall.

"We do not believe that this fire was connected with the first fire that was in Moreau this past November," O'Brien said. "The cause of the last fire was undetermined but deemed not suspicious. All indications showed that the fire had not been caused with a purpose."

When the fire alarm that went off inside the auditorium, O'Brien said Saint Mary's Security was notified at the same time as the Notre Dame Fire Department.

"Since the Saint Mary's Security is located on campus, they were the first to arrive at the auditorium when the alarm went off," O'Brien said. "Notre Dame Fire Department followed shortly after, arriving within about three minutes. Saint Mary's Security was trying to get the fire and smoke under control when the Notre Dame Fire Department arrived on campus."

O'Brien said all safety procedures functioned smoothly Sunday evening.

"Saint Mary's Security might not have been aware of how the College wanted to handle classes the next morning because decisions were being made throughout the night," O'Brien said. "We made the information available on a need-to-know basis."

A third-party specialist, First Response, has visited the building to expel the smoke that had seeped into Moreau Hall and caused classes to be cancelled, O'Brien said.

While Moreau Hall has reopened for classes, O'Laughlin Auditorium will be closed for an undetermined amount of time. The next event scheduled for O'Laughlin is Dance Arts 2013: Dance Speaks on Feb. 14. It's unclear at this time whether the venue will need to be changed, O'Brien said.

"There is water damage to the stage area and offices below the stage. Once the investigation is complete, First Response restoration specialists will clean and refurbish damaged spaces," she said.

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Speaker shares experience with stalking

By **SARAH SWIDERSKI**
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To enhance the educational impact of National Stalking Awareness Month, Saint Mary's Belles Against Violence Office hosted speaker Debbie Riddle, whose sister's tragic experience with a stalker made the all-too-common issue personal.

The Tuesday lecture focused on the story of Riddle's sister Peggy, who met her stalker Patrick Kennedy through a study group while attending school in Albuquerque, N.M.

In January 2003, Kennedy attacked Klinke, later killing her and himself at a neighboring home she fled to.

Riddle said she remembers the last time she saw her sister.

"She looked like a walking cadaver," she said.

Riddle said the stalking affected her whole family.

"[Peggy] was terrified to be with her family, [worried] that Patrick would kill one of us."

Riddle said the nature of the pair's relationship drove a "wedge" within the family once they began dating.

"Peggy was not to pay attention to ... her family," Riddle said, "[Kennedy] kept inserting himself between [the family] and my sister."

Riddle said that she saw physical and behavioral changes in her sister as a result of the relationship.

"Her hair started to thin, she lost interest in things," she said.

Once Klinke ended the relationship in 2002, Kennedy began stalking her, requiring Klinke to keep vigilant about his presence in her life.

"She comes out [of work] and his truck is still there," Riddle said. "She [couldn't] live her life without looking over her shoulder."

Once Klinke began another relationship the stalking escalated, Riddle said. She believes Kennedy was set off by Klinke's rejection of a marriage proposal.

"He [waited] for her at work and [handed] her a dozen roses and a ring," Riddle said. "That possession he had control of for three years [didn't] need him anymore."

When Klinke reported Kennedy after he put up fliers with her picture, false statements and phone number, Riddle said the police dismissed the incident.

"[The officer said] it's really just a piece of paper," she said. "There is really nothing you can do."

Kennedy had also vandalized

Klinke's mother's home in Ohio while the family was at a wedding in Florida, Riddle said. He then went back to New Mexico where he also vandalized Klinke's boyfriend's home.

For Riddle, the murder highlighted the need to raise awareness on the issue of stalking. She teamed up with the Stalking Resource Center of the National Center for Victims of Crime, legal activist Erin Brockovich and New Mexico State Rep. Heather Wilson to spread the word.

She helped record a "Roll Call Tape," a video for police officers to use as a training tool and raise awareness of stalking so they pay attention to the stalking victims, Riddle said. Riddle shared the video with students, including the 911 call Klinke made before her death, where Kennedy can be heard saying, "Hang up the phone."

Riddle encouraged students before the question-and-answer session to pay attention to the signs of stalking.

"I would advise if you ever hear anything like you heard tonight ... get help," she said, "There are many, many services available, but I'm telling you, trust your instincts."

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Sophomore Elizabeth Quinn speaks to representatives from KPMG at the Winter Career and Internship Fair. The event was held in the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center on Tuesday.

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credential boosts, he said he is exploring nontraditional options as well.

"Right now I'm exploring some options. I'm interested in accounting but I'm thinking about a leadership camp this year," he said. "That way I can work up to more opportunities in the future."

Sophomore Melissa O'Brien said she had narrowed her search to a few industries but was largely attending the fair for early exposure to the networking experience.

"I went so I could talk to some finance and consulting firms that I was interested in, so that I could learn more about them and their internship offerings," she said. "Overall, it was a good

experience getting to talk to potential employers as a sophomore so I can know what they're looking for next year."

While often seen as catering to those interested in traditional business or corporate work, the Career Fair had something for everyone, with over 100 companies and organizations present.

"I was pleasantly surprised to see that there were a lot of opportunities for my political science major," junior Tom McGuire said. "I was mostly surprised to see that a lot of companies are looking for skills such as good writing abilities – skills that students in arts and letters [majors] have."

Felicia Byrd, a junior, said she was interested to see how her recent change in major from accounting to management consulting affected her response

from recruiters.

"I was actually more excited about the Career Fair because I've changed my major, and I'm more confident in my ability to perform now," Byrd said. "I feel more comfortable approaching the [recruiters]."

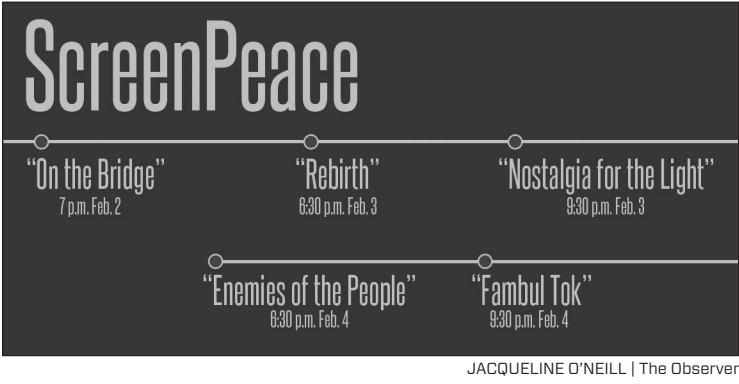
Already well into the recruiting process, junior Katie Knapp intended to follow up with recruiters from organizations she had already applied to.

"I think it's helpful to meet the recruiters in person to get a better feel for each company," she said. "I'm glad that I went, because I learned a lot more about each position than I could have from simply scanning the job descriptions on [job listing site] GoIrish."

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shown over the course of the festival portray the stories of a varied cast of people: a Palestinian farmer, a Chinese artist and activist, a scholar of nonviolent resistance, an interracial American couple and an aspiring Algerian filmmaker.

Alison Rice, associate professor of French and Francophone literatures, will introduce the last film of the weekend, “Normal!,” about a young Algerian filmmaker living and working when the Arab Spring protests begin in his country in the last days of 2010.

“With these protests taking place, it’s like a documentary, but it’s not labeled a documentary,” Rice said. “It’s like a film within a film.”

The film follows the struggles of the filmmaker as he tries to discern how to act appropriately in the midst of the protests, Rice said.

“[It is] really about the dilemma of how to act when you’re in a societal system in a country where you do not agree with the way things are going,” she said. “How do you react, how do you respond effectively?”

The film sends a message of solidarity, Rice said, and the feeling of “everyone participating in something together.”

Rice was chosen to introduce “Normal!” for the ScreenPeace Festival because of her close connections with Algerian

culture as a professor of French and Francophone literature, she said.

“I also love the work the Kroc Institute does, and I am firmly behind the idea of peace studies, and I love film as well,” Rice said. “It was a perfect opportunity for me to respond to.”

Culbertson said the Kroc Institute chooses films for the festival that will relate to the material the Peace Studies department is teaching in the classroom.

“We designate films with our chief educational goals in mind and we try to complement our class discussions of peace with films that are particularly situated where conflict and peace issues are prominent,” he said. “It can address issues on a more local level and more in context than we often can in the classroom.”

The festival also provides food for thought for others who may not know a great deal about peace issues around the world.

“The real goal is to stimulate thought and reflection of peace issues around the world,” he said. “I think film as a medium is a wonderful way for people to learn about other cultures and contexts. It’s a different way of seeing peace issues played out.”

The festival is free to attend, but tickets are required. For a full schedule of films and to obtain tickets, visit performingarts.nd.edu.

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Election

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face by approaching obstacles with new ideas and creativity and promote the voices of all students in the conversations that affect us.”

Coccia said it is important to embrace the range of differing passions, while highlighting the commonality between students.

“We want to be in the best position possible to most effectively advocate for a wide range of student interests,” he said. “At the end of the day, what we all have in common by virtue of our attendance at this school is a passion for the University of Notre Dame.”

The Coccia-Joyce platform is based on enhanced communication through social media and other online resources as well as campus publications; innovation, including the creation of a new position focusing on national outreach; and collaboration, especially with the Leprechaun Legion and the Student Activities Office; inclusion, focused especially on gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) and minority students.

Kevin Salat and Paul Mascarenhas

Freshmen Kevin Salat and Paul Mascarenhas hope to avoid some of the vague rhetoric they believe can sometimes impair student government groups.

“Paul and I are trying to get to the real interests of the students,” Salat said. “We’re not trying to win over the student body with vague idioms about hard work and ambiguous reform promises.”

While refusing to offer details at this time, Salat said his ticket hopes to make structural improvements at the University and improve intercollegiate relations.

“We have worked ... to develop

plans for football stadium renovations,” he said. “We will be going to great lengths to improve our relationship with the fine ladies of Saint Mary’s College as well.”

Dominic Romeo and Philip Hootsmans

Juniors Dominic Romeo and Philip Hootsmans have a three-pronged approach to a potential term in office.

Romeo said his administration would emphasize interaction and integration between groups on campus to improve programming and safety on campus.

“By working with students, community leaders and faculty, we will improve safety, increase relations between dorms and hold more programs, conferences and meetings so all of us can listen and learn from what each other has to say,” he said.

He said he would oversee the development of an online space for organizing and informing students about extracurricular opportunities.

“Phil and I envision an online space where students can come together to find out more about campus activities,” he said. “This mentoring platform will enable all of us to reach our full potential at Notre Dame.”

The ticket’s third focus will be on improving the day-to-day life of members of the Notre Dame community.

“We will work together to encourage more night football games, more and better concerts, cheaper printing and Huddle prices, more reasonable meal plan rules, more trips and finally a café in [Debartolo],” he said.

Billy Christy and Patrick Roemer

Sophomores Billy Christy and Patrick Roemer want to use the offices of student body president and vice president to enhance local outreach, student government accountability,

equality across the student body and encouragement of student initiatives.

Christy said there could be more funding directed towards local social concerns.

“We want to be able to use [Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement] funding to reach out to the South Bend community,” he said. “We have a unique opportunity to reward those who want to better South Bend.”

Roemer said the institution of regular video recordings of student government meetings and updates on progress will allow students to better assess their leaders’ results.

“We see a problem with student government to be that most students don’t know exactly what it does,” Roemer said. “This is something we want to fix through meetings with hall presidents [and] YouTube videos at the end of every month so that we can be held accountable.”

Christy said his administration would look to carry forward momentum with the push for equal standing across a diverse student body.

“We want to be able to continue fighting for equal rights for all, regardless of gender, race, age or sexual orientation,” he said.

Christy also pledged to increase support of students’ startup projects on campus.

“It can’t hurt to have an ally in the present and [vice president] when the University administration looks over their proposal for funding or to approve a club,” he said.

Michael Masi and Timothy Scanlan

Junior Michael Masi and sophomore Timothy Scanlan are focused on making the Notre Dame community more unified, communicative and connected with the off-campus community.

“The Masi-Scanlan campaign is focusing on uniting the Notre Dame community together as one,” Masi said. “This comprehensive platform aims to foster a community that is welcoming and inclusive, meet the day-to-day needs of the student body and encourage students to reach beyond the University to affect change beyond the boundaries of our campus.”

Some of the tickets’ specific initiatives include a review of campus information technology and an intercollegiate “Social Justice Forum.”

Before such a forum can be effective, Masi said his administration would need to increase student body unity and improve the relationship between campus and student government.

“Before we can successfully reach beyond the walls of our University, we must first unite our student body,” he said. “We believe we can accomplish this by increasing the visibility and accessibility of student government.”

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Respect for our season



Kirby McKenna
Photographer

I am generally a pretty easygoing person. I wait patiently in the sandwich line of South Dining Hall while the student in front of me can't pick up a slice of ham. I nod politely when the barista at Starbucks writes the name "Curry" on my coffee cup. I even chatted with the occasional Alabama fan loitering around Sun Life Stadium in Miami. However, one of the few things I cannot stand is the "Hate on Notre Dame" train that seems to be gaining steam this semester.

Being from Columbus, Ohio, I have had a fair share of Irish discrimination from my Buckeye peers. I'll even admit I have probably contributed to the target on my back from all of the Notre Dame-related statuses I have been spewing as of late. What I don't understand is for the need of perfect strangers to insist I am aware of their distaste for my University.

Now, I am all about school spirit. I will forever believe we have the privilege of going to the best school in the world. I also understand everyone else participating in collegiate academia believe the same about their respective establishments. Whatever happened to coexisting peacefully?

Instead of being recognized for the incredible season we have had this year, the legacy of this football season has now become a public whipping by the SEC, a case of cold feet and an overblown piece of gossip. Rather than commendation from my Ohio State friends on also being undefeated, I have the pleasure of hearing what they imagine what would happened if they faced Alabama. Real talk, it would not have been any prettier.

I do not feel like I am asking for a lot. It is not necessary for others to cheer for old Notre Dame with the same gusto we do. What I request is a little respect. Regardless of who you are, if you start the season unranked and end up going to the National Championship, kudos is well earned. If you dislike Notre Dame, you are more than entitled to your own opinion. What I do not need is for you to expel your hatred all over my Facebook wall/phone. Pointing out another school's flaws does not make your institution look better. If anything, it results in returned scrutiny.

Notre Dame is not perfect. No university is. We have had a lot of negative attention these past few weeks, heck, the past couple of decades. What students from other universities fail to understand is how far we have come. As the wise Thumper once said, if you do not have anything nice to say, do not say anything at all.

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Believe in God, believe in yourself

Scott Boyle

The Sincere Seeker

Although it's sometimes hard to admit, I get nervous easily. This was especially problematic in high school. My nerves made big decisions difficult. I always put off asking girls to dances until the last minute and told Notre Dame of my decision to attend on the day of the application deadline.

I've always felt more comfortable away from the spotlight. I've never liked organizing and have always been more content helping as a part of a team rather than leading one. So, college was great for me. There were always activities and people that needed help. I could be something to everyone and could stay away from big decisions.

Everything changed once I started this year in Campus Ministry. Suddenly, my opinion mattered more. I was given responsibilities. I was no longer just part of the team, but instead was responsible for leading it and organizing meetings, committees and programming.

I was especially shocked — and scared — when I discovered I would be co-leading Notre Dame's Senior Retreat. I helped with the Senior Retreat as a senior, so I figured I would not have any trouble this time around. This was not entirely the case, as I soon discovered. My co-leader, Katie, and I were tasked with overhauling the entire retreat. We changed everything from the previous year and gave it a different focus and structure. We took on a lot of responsibility and tried to organize the retreat so that little help was needed from others during the course of the two days.

I grew a lot during the preparations for the retreat, learning to manage the stress and responsibility that came from juggling many different details and people. But perhaps my greatest insight came not at the end but near the beginning of the preparations in a conversation with Fr. Jim King, Director of Campus Ministry. And I'm just now starting to live into its truth.

Fr. Jim and I were talking about my future and I mentioned to him I was, as usual, having difficulties making decisions. To shake things up, I asked him a question point blank: "Having known me for a couple of months, what is one thing that I could work on?" He replied to me almost without hesitation: "Look, you've got a lot of gifts Scott. I'd hire you tomorrow to work in Campus Ministry." Then he paused. "But I can't hire you." "Why's that?" I asked. "Because," he replied, "You're not confident in what you do."

It would be no exaggeration to say these words have changed the way I look at myself. The more I thought about it, the more I realized Fr. Jim was right. I couldn't make big decisions because I didn't believe I had the capability to make them. In other words, I didn't believe in myself. I realized I had been handicapped by my desire to make everybody happy. And this desire had hindered my ability and confidence in making decisions, decisions that may have been right but also difficult for people to hear or accept.

During the retreat, I learned very quickly that you can't make everyone happy. I guess I could have if I had remained guarded and revealed only a part of myself into the process of planning and execution. But

that's not what I wanted. I wanted to pour all of myself into that retreat.

Jesus too did not make everyone happy. Although he led his disciples with truth and love, he made some people so mad they crucified him on a cross. C.S. Lewis writes in this capacity: "To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal."

So I've realized leadership, if done well, does not invite us into an ivory tower, but into vulnerability. Henri Nouwen comments, "I wonder if not all creativity [and leadership] asks for a certain encounter with our loneliness. And it is fear of this encounter which severely limits our possible self-expression."

I realized I had been fearful of leading because I had been incapable of being vulnerable and opening myself to some of the hardest realities of life: criticism, failure and the loneliness that comes with these experiences. But, despite all my fears, Fr. Jim believed in me. And I still ran the retreat.

I think Fr. Jim reminded me of a deeper reality too: God always believes in us. There is nothing we cannot accomplish in Him. If we take a leap, He will not abandon us. He will support us as we discover ourselves and, most importantly, will give us the wings to fly.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Freezing for a cause

Matt Miklavic

The Maine Idea

Some come to Notre Dame for the academics, some come for the sports and some for the community. Farther down the list of attributes, nestled somewhere between parietals and “the diversity,” is the weather. With second semester comes January and its array of arctic temperatures. While initially entertaining, it soon becomes old as the memory of the snowball fight fades and you’re faced with yet another day of sobbing quietly on your trek to DeBartolo Hall, praying your tears don’t freeze before your arrival. As the single-digit degree temperature days continue, some will stay tucked warmly in their dorms while others will brave the epic journey to their classrooms. Inevitably, the dorm idiot will leave in a t-shirt and return with pneumonia. These are the grave challenges the Irish bear as they courageously venture outdoors in pursuit of an education and/or night at Fever.

For many, however, there is no respite from the cold. There is no heated dorm or warm coat. Indeed, there is no place to call home. For

tens of thousands of people, each night is a challenge in its own right. Homelessness affects people from coast-to-coast, from South Beach to South Bend. For those afflicted in the North, the harsh climate of winter poses specific and perilous challenges. In times of extreme cold, these trials become lethal.

In the heart of the wealthiest nation on earth, there will be some who go without shelter during the dead of Indiana’s frosty winter. In a given year, over 1.5 million Americans will find themselves homeless for some length of time. Ten percent of these will be veterans; over one-fifth will be children. Often the cause is a death, an unstable family situation, a sudden financial turn or an unforeseeable emergency. It takes a relatively small amount of assistance to help them back on their feet. For others who experience chronic homelessness, the path to self-sufficiency can be a more arduous process. Of the chronic homeless population, approximately 30 percent suffer from mental health conditions, while even more find themselves battling issues of substance abuse. By any statistic, homelessness is both a tragic occurrence and a daunting challenge.

Challenges, however, can be met. Locally, the South Bend Center for the Homeless spearheads the effort to fight this societal disease. Since its inception in Dec.1988, the Center has worked to combat homelessness in South Bend and throughout St. Joseph County. By seeking to reach beyond the topical effects and into the issue’s fundamental causes, the Center looks to fight homelessness in a comprehensive manner. Through an array of initiatives and community support, the Center works to both meet the immediate needs of its clients while working to put them on a path to self-sufficiency and break the cycle of homelessness.

Beginning in Feb. 2007, Siegfried Hall has worked to help make the Center’s mission a reality. Through its annual Day of Man, the men of Siegfried raise funds to help South Bend’s homeless. One February day a year, the resident ‘Rambler’s’ of Siegfried don nothing more than a t-shirt, shorts and sandals in a display of solidarity with those who face the cold on a daily basis. The event inevitably draws a few comments criticizing its perception of masculinity and helping the homeless as “discriminatory” (2011) or “exalt[ing] restrictive, gender essentialist ideas”

(2012). To junior Johnny Dang, one of the event’s commissioners, these critiques miss the point. “We want to raise awareness. It’s not about gender stereotypes,” Dang said. While some may argue with the testosterone-laced format of the fundraising, few can quarrel with its results. Since 2007, Siegfried has managed to raise tens of thousands of dollars to aid those most in need.

Next Wednesday, Siegfried will once again take to the sidewalks, buildings and classrooms of Notre Dame for the seventh annual Day of Man. We invite you to join the pink-outfitted men of Siegfried in supporting the South Bend Center for the Homeless. Whether a few cents or a few dollars, your donations will make a marked impact on the lives of those in our very own community. Homelessness will not vanish today, tomorrow or perhaps ever. Its reduction, however, must start somewhere.

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Football and failed family

Christopher Damian

Ideas of a University

For Christmas, I received a framed Sports Illustrated cover. The top reads, “The Notre Dame Miracle.” The story discusses the “Modern Irish,” and Tim Layden opens his piece by writing, “The echoes have been awoken, the thunder shaken down, and the new Notre Dame is marching onward to the national championship game—and downward from the moral high ground it has claimed for a century.”

The article chronicles recent changes to Notre Dame’s football program. It suggests that moral standards for Notre Dame athletes have dramatically decreased and that our athletes are becoming less a part of Notre Dame’s student body. Yet, comments by one “Weis-era employee” illustrate some irony. He told Layden, “[I] think the campus environment softens a kid. Then you’ve got to get him back over to the facility and unsoften him.” So at the behest of coach Brian Kelly, our players got facilities with their own training table, pool, Ping-Pong tables, an Xbox 360 and other video games. Football players now have more perks and fewer reasons to stay in the

“softening” campus environment.

This employee seems to criticize the seriousness of this environment. Being a world-class athlete requires a certain commitment to excellence, and he suggests the campus environment is not conducive for this excellence. After living in the dorms, I have found these criticisms are not entirely unfounded. When freshman dorm parties down the hall result in alcohol poisoning three weekends in a row, one must wonder what kind of environment these communities are seeking to create.

In a certain respect, our athletes are worthy of great admiration. I have met few Notre Dame students whose commitment to their studies matches our athletes’ commitment to their teams. Athletes are called upon to work their hardest every day in practice and in competition, but few students do the same in their primary commitments as members of the University. It is easy to imagine a student who is lazy in his or her classes. It is difficult to imagine a football player who is lazy on the field.

This, however, is not the entire story. Layden writes, “The current generation of Notre Dame football will be forever connected ... to the lives of

Declan Sullivan and Lizzy Seeberg, both of whom died during Brian Kelly’s first season.” My Notre Dame experience will also be forever connected to these deaths, particularly the death of Lizzy, who accused one Notre Dame football player of assaulting her and, after little happened but threats from the player’s friend, ten days later committed suicide.

In a Washington Post article, Notre Dame alumna Melinda Henneberger notes that this player was actively recruited and publicly praised by our current coach both before and after the incident. She questions why he was recruited at all, considering “he was suspended during his senior year in high school for throwing a desk at a teacher who’d taken away his cell phone.”

In a different article, Henneberger notes another incident last year: “A resident assistant in a Notre Dame dorm drove a freshman to the hospital for a rape exam ... ‘She [the freshman] said she’d been raped by a member of the football team at a party off campus,’ the R.A. [said]... The R.A.’s parents, who met the young woman that same night, when their daughter brought her to their home after leaving the hospital ... said they saw — and

reported to athletic officials — a hailstorm of texts from other players, warning the young woman not to report what had happened: ‘They were trying to silence this girl,’ the R.A.’s father [said].” They succeeded. She never filed a complaint.

At the end of his career, Charlie Weis named Residence Life “the biggest problem on Notre Dame’s campus.” Now, with recent restructuring and turned heads, it seems our football program has won against ResLife, and others, including at least two young women and their families, have lost. While, according to our University president, “we did our best to get to the truth” of a girl who never existed, the events leading up to the death of Lizzy Seeberg still remain unclear. Lizzy’s family, which includes 13 Notre Dame and St. Mary’s alumni, now feels betrayed by the school they had always loved. Perhaps the “Notre Dame family” only goes so far as the football team.

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what your favorite 'Downton Abbey' character says about you

By **SAM STRYKER**
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The British Invasion has extended to our television sets, as in the last year or so "Downton Abbey" has joined the ranks of "Mad Men" and "Homeland" as one of the most popular — and critically-acclaimed — shows on TV. Now in its third season, Americans just can't seem to get enough of it.

And while the subject material of "Downton Abbey" is distinctly British (for those out of the loop, the show takes place at a fictional estate and deals with the lives of the resident nobility and servants) the ensemble cast of characters is entirely relatable and diverse.

If you remove all the puffy costumes, tea and biscuits from "Downton," you are left with an array of characters who display depth and range that rival that of any American TV show. Everyone has a "Downton" character they are most invested in. The real question is, what does your favorite character from the show say about you?

Lady Mary Crawley

She's beautiful and wealthy, but she's also the resident drama queen/brat of Downton and always has to have her way. She desperately wants a husband, but won't settle if he isn't wealthy or good looking enough.

If you're a fan of Lady Mary you probably major in something "sophisticated" like Art History and live in a new fancy dorm like Ryan or Duncan, the closest thing to Downton Abbey

on campus. You're looking for the ring by spring, but any old Domer won't do. You don't understand the meaning of the phrase "beggars can't be choosers." Also, you wouldn't dream of leaving your dorm room without your Longchamp bag, Northface jacket and Tory Burch flats. Most of all, you're a daddy's girl (even if you're a dude).

The Dowager Countess

Sassy is your middle name. What you lack for in nobility you make up with witty banter and a fabulous wardrobe. Violet, as she is otherwise known, is played by the beloved Dame Maggie Smith (McGonagall, hey!) and she is a fan-favorite. Always equipped with a one-liner, the Dowager Countess doesn't put up with riff-raff.

If she's your favorite, you don't like people wasting your time or getting in your way. You're probably a second-semester senior who has seen and done it all at Notre Dame, and



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you are so over dealing with all the peasants (read: freshmen) on campus. That being said, you're a softy at heart and are always willing to help someone in need, even if he or she is a stranger. You are

resistant to technological change and think Twitter is just something birds do.

Lady Edith Crawley

Just kidding, no one would ever admit to Lady Edith being

their favorite character, but after being stranded at the altar earlier this season by Sir Anthony, who was much older and crippled, it's hard not to feel sympathetic towards her.

But it's just that she makes it so easy to make fun of her. Lady Edith is the most socially awkward of the Crawley sisters and she drives the rest of her family crazy. She began to



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write a newspaper column this season, so it's looking like she may be gaining some independence. If you can sympathize with Lady Edith, you're probably studying something "cultured" like English and are perennially jealous of your friends in Mendoza who have

Lady Sybil Crawley

Where Mary and Edith went wrong, Sybil went right. The youngest Crawley sister is beautiful, down-to-earth and hardworking. Most of all, she marches to the beat of her own drum. She volunteers as a nurse and participates in protests, much to the chagrin of her father. But the most defiant thing she does is marry the family's Irish driver Branson, who in addition to being quite handsome is a revolutionary (hey, no one is perfect.)

If Sybil is your favorite, you're probably a free spirit who cares a lot about the world around you. You've participated in an SSLP, studied abroad and probably are majoring in something that interests you like Medieval Studies or Film, Television and Theater rather than following the Mendoza path. But you also know how to let your hair down and have a good time — the stage at Finny's and the Cage at Fever are like your second homes.



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Carson and Mrs. Hughes

The head butler and housekeeper of Downton, Carson and Mrs. Hughes can be somewhat stern and crusty, but they are loyal employees with good intentions.

If you take a liking to either of these characters, you probably really enjoy keeping your room clean. A fun Friday night for you involves stacking your textbooks in a neat pile and dusting every corner of your living space. Extravagant purchases for you are a nice vacuum or a 12-pack of paper towels. You have impeccable attention to detail.



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Anna and Bates

Anna and Bates' love story has to be the most depressing — not sad, depressing — on television. Anna, the beautiful young maid, falls in love with Bates, who is older, already married, crippled and possibly a murderer. Talk about coming with a lot of baggage. But in inspirational fashion, the two

defy the odds and not even the separation of prison time for the possibly wrongly-convicted Bates can deny their love.

If you are an Anna and Bates fan, you believe in love at first sight and that romance is real. You probably watch a lot of romantic comedies and aside from "Downton Abbey," your favorite show on television is "The Bachelor." Maybe you live in PW and your boyfriend lives in Carroll, or you live in Knott and your girlfriend in McGlinn. No matter, because distance doesn't matter — only true love does.



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Thomas and O'Brien



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Picture a diabolically evil Anderson Cooper, and you've got Thomas. Imagine if Voldemort was female and had bangs and sideburns, and that's O'Brien. If any characters on "Downton Abbey" were to be considered villains, it is these two. It's amazing the plotting and scheming Thomas and O'Brien are able to do considering they're supposed to be working full-time as servants. In previous seasons the two were always plotting some mischief together, but now, they're at each other's throats.

If Thomas and O'Brien are your favorite characters, you're an opportunist who will stop at nothing to get ahead in life. You're driven and cutthroat and probably plan on working at somewhere like Goldman Sachs following graduation. You would backstab even your best friend to get what you want. Things that matter to you: #winning, being evil and rolling your eyes really well. Things that don't matter: bad hair, friendships and use of your left hand.

Mrs. Patmore and Daisy

The resident kitchen All-Stars of Downton Abbey also provide some much-needed humor on the program. If you like Mrs. Patmore and Daisy, you spend most of your time in the kitchen cooking elaborate recipes. You have trouble relating to your friends sometimes, like the time they weren't as excited as you about getting a kitchen torch to make flan.

Daisy is also known for marrying William, another servant, on his deathbed, despite the fact she didn't love him. This bothered her for a while before she came to accept she did the right thing. In a similar manner, you've probably been to your fair share of SYR's with boys or girls you didn't fancy, but let's be honest, if it weren't for you they would be going solo (and not the cup type). You're willing to sacrifice a bit of yourself to help others not necessarily because it is the right thing, but because you were guilted into doing it.



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‘The WALKING DEAD’

: a look into our zombie obsession

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There's a new media darling in town. But you won't see her on the red carpet. You won't see her donning the latest couture. You won't see her in the tabloids. You won't even know her name. She's Extra #15, dressed in rags, caked in elaborate make-up, and, oh yeah, she's a zombie.

From the upcoming movie “Warm Bodies” to the New York Times bestseller “Zombie Survival Guide,” zombies are infecting the minds of unsuspecting Americans. Whether we're shooting them on our Xboxes or watching them on Hulu, zombies are an essential part of our consciousness.

However, zombies aren't simply present in pop culture. They are dominating, roaming their way into the heart of pop culture and onto our TV screens.

Move over humans, primetime is for the dead.

“The Walking Dead,” an AMC drama that chronicles the lives of survivors in a post-apocalyptic zombie rampant world, held the most viewers of any television show when it aired its midseason finale in December. “The Walking Dead” beat out all other TV dramas — including “Modern Family” and “The Big Bang Theory” — in the 18-to-49 age group.

So what is it with the undead that makes the living so

infatuated with them?

The rebirth of the zombie fad arrived around 2005, after the bird flu outbreak—for good reason. With a debilitating illness racking the globe, television and film played on our fear by planting zombies back into the mainstream.

Epidemics scare people, sure. But at least those end. Zombies present a horrifying alternative.

Zombisim very often is presented as a disease, passed through an infectious bite or even through the air. However, zombisim does not merely kill or maim an individual.

Zombisim realizes a greater fear within us—having the ones we love not only suffer and die, but having them reincarnated as monsters dead set on eating us.

If zombies awaken our greatest fears, then why do we chose to watch it realized? Science offers interesting hypotheses.

When we experience our worst nightmare unearthed on screen, a curious process happens: our brain reacts as if we are experiencing the zombie slaying ourselves.

When Will Smith's character in the zombie-ravaged world of “I am Legend” fearlessly fights against the zombie masses, our neurons fire instinctively with every move Will Smith makes.

One hypothesis then is that the positive reinforcement for watching zombie flicks comes from our subconscious belief that since we walk out of the movie theater unscathed, we

would be able to handle a real zombie apocalypse.

Perhaps, though, a more selfish desire leads us to zombies.

In the post-apocalyptic world of “The Walking Dead,” we see people throw away the monotonous days of living paycheck to paycheck or the silly stress of acing that Gen Chem final. Hey, you might have failed Orgo, but you sure can hit a zombie with a bat. Suddenly, you're a big deal. The attractiveness of a zombie apocalypse, in this case, is the possibility to start again, a second chance to make something of oneself. Success is redefined and failure is nothing more than death.

For me, I really don't know what keeps me coming back week after week to sit, terrified, starting at the TV screen. But I know I'll keep watching.

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“The Walking Dead”

Creator: Frank Darabont

Starring: Andrew Lincoln, Jon Bernthal and Sarah Wayne Callies



Remarkable acting in

‘Beasts of the Southern Wild’

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Each year one indie darling film storms into the national conversation following the announcement of the Academy Award nominees. Sometimes it's well deserved, other times it's a bit of a stretch. This year's choice low-budget beauty is “Beasts of the Southern Wild.”

Narrated through the voice of Hushpuppy, a five-year-old girl being raised by her single father, “Beasts of the Southern Wild” tells the story of a secluded, loosely organized community just beyond the levees of the Louisiana Bayou called the “Bathtub.”

Hushpuppy is independent out of necessity. Her father lives in one trailer-style home while she lives on another a few yards away.

He calls her for dinner every night but isn't necessarily the most nurturing of parents. One night he isn't there to feed her, so she finds a way to feed herself but starts a major fire that burns down her entire trailer. It forces the two of them to live together under the same roof and yet they don't necessarily grow closer together.

Perhaps one of the most puzzling parts of the film is whether Hushpuppy's father, Wink, is a good father or a cruel man. He yells a lot. He doesn't baby Hushpuppy in a way that most people would treat a five-year-old girl. At the same time maybe that truly isn't necessary.

Maybe what he needs to do is instill strength in her so that she can take care of herself one day. In a lot of ways, he does his best to prepare her for the troubles of the real world.

One of the most touching moments of the whole film is when Wink and Hushpuppy are floating down the river on a raft and Wink teaches her how to catch a catfish with her bare hands. It's a small thing that indicates that he truly does love her and while he may make her do some uncomfortable things it's all in her best interest.

The critical moment of the film comes when a hurricane hits the coast of Louisiana. It completely floods the “Bathtub” but the levees have protected the rest of the state from being affected.

The salt eats away at the earth beneath the massive flood and kills all of the wildlife that sustained this ragtag bunch of “Bathtub” residents for years. It devastated their community but they band together and commit to powering through.

Despite all their loss, everyone in the “Bathtub” has the same mentality that they are never to cry over their misfortune. They celebrate the life they have and drink heavily, eat seafood and strengthen the bond that keeps them living in such a unique environment.

Living in abject poverty has never looked so good. They genuinely seem like a happy group of people despite living outside conventional norms of social acceptability.

At one point they are taken away from their homes by social workers and brought into a clinic. The stark contrast between

the natural environment of the “Bathtub” and the bright lights and sterile environment of the clinic is jarring and upsetting in many ways.

One cannot discuss the movie as a whole, however, without acknowledging the stunning performance of newcomer Quvenzhané Wallis as Hushpuppy. Her expressive face is so beautiful and painful to watch as she endures a complete shakeup in everything she's ever known.

The narration she gives guides the film in the most beautifully quiet way and it's a remarkable accomplishment for such a young actress. She deserves all the praise she has been receiving since her nomination for Best Actress at the Academy Awards.

All in all, the film was a great testament to this small imaginary community just beyond the boundary of society.

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“Beasts of the Southern Wild”

Director: Benh Zeitlin

Starring: Quvenzhané Wallis and Dwight Henry



SPORTS AUTHORITY

The greatness of March Madness



Jack Hefferon
Sports Writer

Editor's Note: This is the third in a 10-part series discussing the best event in sports. In this installment, Jack Hefferon argues for March Madness.

The series is about finding the greatest event in all of sports. And, so far, writers have argued for some of the biggest games around. But why settle for just one?

I have an event of a bigger variety in mind. It takes over the country for three weeks every year, bringing us dream matchups and unknown underdogs. Almost everyone watches, and even more people have a betting interest in it.

I guess the real question is this: Why have one great game, when you can have 67?

March Madness is the king of sports festivals. It begins on Selection Sunday, which falls on both the last day of spring break and St. Patrick's Day this year, forming some kind of mega-holiday. On that date, the field is set, matchups are analyzed and everyone you know becomes an expert on bracketology (plus, how many other events have pseudo-sciences named after them?).

Then, the tournament begins officially with the First Four, an idea that added three play-in games that I initially despised. More is good but pushing much past 64 teams borders on overkill. Still, these games are a good way to ease into the tournament, and allow fans to watch small-time teams play on national TV for the right to be a sacrificial 16-seed. It's the calm before the storm.

Then, the greatest four-day weekend in sports happens. The opening-round games are stacked to put the tournament favorites against heavy underdogs, but every year several Davids upend Goliaths to move on. Every game of the tournament is

now nationally televised and streamed on the web, which is especially critical on the opening weekend. It has been estimated that billions of dollars of productivity are lost every year by the distraction these games cause and, if one of my professors has read this far, it's the reason I won't be in your class on Thursday the 21st. (Sorry, but that's your fault for having class that day in the first place.)

And as the field of 64 winds down to 16 and 8, we go from fun upset bids to powerhouse matchups, with one-seeds meeting two-seeds to determine who will survive and advance.

The Final Four concludes the tournament and is an event on par with any other in its own right. It has gotten so big the court has had to be placed in the center of an enormous football stadium to accommodate the crowds, and it always seems to feature games for the ages.

And when the tournament is over? Well, winning six games in a row in three stress-packed weekends against the nation's best competition is basically impossible, but one team finds a way to do it every year. And, when they finally do, they get their One Shining Moment, and the title of undisputed national champions (something college football is still working on. A four-team bracket? Step your game up.)

Basketball is not like other sports. Whereas football puts all its emphasis on the regular season, every basketball team worth its salt will make the Big Dance. And, while the merits of one single tournament determining a champion can be debated, there's no question about one thing:

That one tournament is the greatest.

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PGA

Woods aims for comeback

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO— Tiger Woods hates the question, even though the answer should be simple enough.

Is he back?

Woods was asked that when he ended his 749-day drought by winning his World Challenge at the end of 2011. The question came up in various forms last year after each of his wins at Bay Hill, Memorial and the AT&T National at Congressional. And it was inevitable after winning for a record eighth time at Torrey Pines.

Woods will be "back" when no else is in front of him.

The answer he gave Monday after a four-shot win in the Farmers Insurance Open was that he "never left." But that's not entirely accurate, because Woods was the undisputed No. 1 player in golf for the better part of five years and now he's not. Everything he did last year, Rory McIlroy did better.

You can believe Woods when he says he is excited about the year.

Torrey Pines was his fourth win in his last 16 starts on the PGA Tour. Perhaps a better indication of his game is consistency. He has finished in the top 10 in six of his last seven tournaments around the world, which doesn't sound like that big of a deal except that he hasn't had a stretch like that since he "left" at the end of 2009.

So where is he now? It's too early to say.

Golf is off to a quirky start this year. Four weeks into the season, one tournament finished on Tuesday because of wind and another tournament finished on Monday because of fog. It becomes even more stilted with the schedule of the two biggest stars.

The Pebble Beach National Pro-Am tournament director told the San Francisco Chronicle that Woods will not be playing next week. Woods' caddie told the Los Angeles Daily News that he tried to talk him into playing Riviera but to no avail. So Woods has 23 days off until playing the Match Play Championship. That's not a surprise. McIlroy, meanwhile, is in the middle of



Woods celebrates after winning the Farmers Insurance Open by four shots at Torrey Pines on Jan. 28 in San Diego. AP

a four-week break and he won't show up until Match Play, either.

So right when Woods generates a buzz by winning Torrey Pines, golf will have to do without him until the end of next month.

It's tempting to make bold declarations about the rest of the year based on how Woods played last week, though the finish left just as many questions. And remember, it was only a week ago that Woods missed the cut in Abu Dhabi. Give it time.

Still, there was something inevitable about this win, beyond the location. Woods took over the tournament during a four-hole stretch in the second round when he rolled in a 25-foot birdie putt, hit 5-iron to 5 feet for eagle, had a two-putt birdie and then one-hopped his wedge off the flag for another birdie.

His lead went from two shots after 36 holes, to four shots after 54 holes, to six shots at the close of business Sunday with 11 holes left.

"After last week, I think he was irritated and I think he was a little upset at how he played," Hunter Mahan said Monday morning. "I think he wanted to make a statement, and there's not many guys in golf who can go to a tournament and make a statement, but he is. I think he's making one this week, and I think he's going to do everything he can to make this a

double-digit win for himself and just kind of reclaim his dominance on the tour."

It looked as if that would be the case when Woods two-putted the 13th hole for an eight-shot lead Monday. What happened the rest of the way was awkward. Woods hit two tee shots that barely traveled more than 200 yards — one that was pulled into the trees and caromed into a patch of ice plant (double bogey), another that was a chunk pop-up and left him a 4-iron to the green and 50 yards behind two guys he had been blasting by all day.

"This one is going to irk him," Nick Faldo said, adding that Woods still had demons with his driving. Maybe so. The better measure of his driving is when the shots actually mean something. Woods looked more interested in getting off the golf course than winning by double digits.

Winning was never in doubt, however, and that's what should be remembered.

The real measure, of course, is the majors.

Woods winning at Torrey Pines, with a red shirt under a black sweater vest, was a reminder of how long it had been since his last major title. It was five years ago that he won on a Monday afternoon at Torrey Pines to capture the U.S. Open in a playoff, his 14th major.

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NHL

Caps lose 2-0 lead to Ottawa

Associated Press

OTTAWA — Sergei Gonchar scored on the power play with 2:30 left in regulation as the Ottawa Senators battled back from a sluggish start to defeat the Washington Capitals 3-2 on Tuesday.

Jim O'Brien and Milan Michalek also scored for the Senators (4-1-1), who got 31 saves from Craig Anderson.

Troy Brouwer and Matt Hendricks scored for the Capitals (1-4-1). Michal Neuvirth stopped 24 shots in taking the loss for Washington, which blew a 2-0 lead.

Gonchar's winner came after Erik Karlsson wove through the Capitals' defense on a man advantage before finding his partner, who fired a one-timer that deflected off Hendricks in front and past Neuvirth with Ottawa's Chris Neil screening on the play.

Then with time winding down and Washington pressing for the tie, Anderson made a great save on Alex Ovechkin before robbing Mike Ribeiro from in tight.

Trailing 2-0 late in the second period and looking for a spark, Senators coach Paul MacLean chose to double-shift the one line that showed any jump.

The gamble paid off as O'Brien, who celebrated his 24th birthday, cut the lead in half with 1:23 remaining in the period on a setup from Erik Conda and AHL call-up Mika Zibanejad.

The Senators then quickly

tied the game at 2:20 of the third. Kyle Turris won a faceoff in the offensive zone and pushed the puck ahead to Michalek, who scooped it passed a surprised Neuvirth.

Playing without Jason Spezza because of an undisclosed upper body injury, the Senators struggled and the Capitals owned much of the momentum in the first period and jumped out to a 2-0 lead.

A turnover by Guillaume Latendresse midway through the period at the Senators' blue-line allowed Wojtek Wolski to jump on the puck and feed Brouwer, who caught Anderson moving the wrong way.

Washington then made it 2-0 as Hendricks tipped Jay Beagle's shot home.

The Senators continued to struggle in the second and seemed incapable of breaking through the Capitals' forecheck as Washington pinned the home side in its own end for nearly two minutes, leading to a chorus of boos from the 19,267 on hand at Scotiabank Place.

Notes: LW Kaspars Daugavins and D Andre Benoit were healthy scratches for the Senators. Apart from Spezza, D Jared Cowen (hip, out for season), D Mike Lundin (finger, two weeks) also missed out. ... C Brooks Laich (strained groin, out indefinitely), D Jack Hillen (upper body, out indefinitely) sat for Washington with injuries, while C Marcus Johansson, D Tom Poti and D Roman Hamrlik were healthy scratches.

NHL

Rangers win second straight



New York right winger Ryan Callahan, left, puts the puck past Flyers goalkeeper Ilya Bryzgalov in the second period of a 2-1 Rangers win at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Rangers already had depth problems at forward before captain Ryan Callahan left the ice with his left arm dangling.

The injury didn't hurt the Rangers in the short term as New York held on for a 2-1 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night, but it could become troublesome if Callahan is sidelined for any length of time in this already shortened NHL season.

Callahan scored the eventual game-winning goal during a second-period power play and then got hurt in the third during a post-whistle scrum with Philadelphia's Max Talbot, who dragged Callahan to the ice by his arm.

There was no immediate medical update regarding Callahan after the game.

The Rangers managed to kill two late Philadelphia power plays despite Callahan's absence. New York turned aside five of six Flyers advantages, including a 5-on-3 edge in the second period.

"Cally does everything so well — the little plays, especially blocking shots," said defenseman Michael Del Zotto, who had a goal and an assist. "The guys did a good job of gathering ourselves after he went off with that injury."

The Rangers have largely relied on their top line of Rick Nash, Brad Richards, and Marian Gaborik to provide most of the offense. They sought outside help, and thought veteran Jason Arnott would join the mix, but a failed physical wrecked those plans.

Where secondary scoring will come from now remains to be seen.

Two goals were enough this time, largely because Henrik Lundqvist was sharp in making 26 saves. New York (3-3) has won two in a row for the first time.

Philadelphia (2-5) has

dropped two in a row.

Kimmo Timonen ended Lundqvist's shutout bid 7:09 into the third with a power-play goal after the Rangers were caught with too many men on the ice. Philadelphia's power play failed twice in the second half of the period when the Flyers pressed for the tying goal.

"We have to be more hungry," said Flyers forward Danny Briere, who tied a career high with 10 shots. "The 5-on-3 got us. It's something we'll have to look at."

"Their goalie is so good. You need a great shot to beat him."

Ilya Bryzgalov, back in the net after his first game off, was solid in making 26 saves for Philadelphia.

New York got back at the Flyers after losing 2-1 last week in Philadelphia. Last season, the Rangers won all six games over the Flyers.

The Rangers, who have won three of four overall, have one game left on a three-game homestand that ends Thursday against Pittsburgh. New York rallied to beat Toronto 5-2 on Saturday with four goals in the third period.

"We're trying to keep our game consistent," Del Zotto said. "I thought last game we did a great job trying to gain our identity back. We followed up with, maybe it wasn't the prettiest at times, but we found a way to win."

It wasn't easy. With the Rangers short-handed following a penalty for too many men on the ice, Timonen brought the Flyers within 2-1. He was left alone in the high slot when New York had all four players involved in a scrum in the right corner.

The power play for both sides told the story in the second period. Philadelphia was turned away by the Rangers during a 5-on-3 advantage that lasted for 1:17, and then allowed a power-play goal to New York 3:32 after the teams got back to

full strength.

Philadelphia had a chance to at least get even after Richards was called for holding, and Derek Stepan took a delay-of-game penalty 43 seconds later.

Flyers coach Peter Laviolette used his lone timeout, but his club got very few pucks to the net despite controlling play throughout. Philadelphia had an added benefit when Jeff Halpern lost his stick in front, but still couldn't create anything.

"We certainly had our chances," Flyers forward Mike Knuble said. "It's the little things. We started to wear them down but couldn't cash in."

"They are great shot-blocking team. We were passing up some good opportunities. The 5-on-3 was a turning point."

The Madison Square Garden crowd let out a roar when Stepan left the penalty box, and then had more reason to cheer when Callahan doubled New York's lead.


The Rangers had scored only twice in 22 power-play chances over their first five games, and failed again on their lone opportunity in the first period. But Del Zotto got involved again to help New York net its second goal.

Nash took a shot from the high slot that Del Zotto tipped in front of Bryzgalov. Callahan got the rebound, calmly settled the puck down as he shifted to his right, and then slid a shot into the open right side at 11:31 for his second goal of the season and 200th NHL point.

The Rangers struck quickly after their top line couldn't get the puck out of its zone during the game's first shift.

New York worked the puck around in the Philadelphia end, and Del Zotto let go a shot from the left point that slid across the ice through a maze of legs and skates and found its way past Bryzgalov, who appeared not to see the puck as Brian Boyle and Benn Ferriero screened him.

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Wildcats

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The Wildcats will feature a senior frontcourt player of their own in forward/center Mouphtaou Yarou, who recorded 14 points and 16 rebounds against the Orange on Saturday.

Sophomore forward JayVaughn Pinkston leads the Wildcats in scoring with 13 points per game off the bench. Freshman guard Ryan Arcidiacono and sophomore guard Darrun Hilliard average 11.7 and 10.8 points per game, respectively. Hilliard scored a game-high 25 points against Syracuse and Arcidiacono poured in 15 points against Louisville.

Notre Dame will look for scoring of its own against the Wildcats. The Irish have averaged 75.2 points per game in their four Big East victories but are averaging just 56 points in their three league losses.

Against the Bulls on Saturday, junior guard Jerian Grant had a team-high 18 points to go along with eight assists. The Irish made 9-of-19 threes against South Florida after making just nine total in their previous three games.

“We really tried to emphasize this week be better screeners off the ball because we have another big body [in Knight] that can set screens,” Brey said after Saturday’s victory. “I thought we did a good job of that.”

The offensive plan worked, as the Irish scored more points Saturday than in any of their last five games. Notre Dame shot 54 percent from the field against the Bulls. The Irish are 10-0 this season when they shoot 50 percent or greater on their field goals.

Notre Dame tips off against Villanova on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Purcell Pavilion.

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Senior forward Jack Cooley looks to the basket during Notre Dame’s 63-47 loss to Georgetown at the Purcell Pavilion on Jan. 21. The Irish play Villanova at home tonight.

ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Holden savors final season

By ALEX WILCOX
Sports Writer

A senior capping off a storied career. An athlete crushing the competition since freshmen year. Winning accolades every step of the way, and now looking to carry the team to a championship. For Kim Holden, these storylines sound all too familiar..

Holden, a native of Mount Kisco, N.Y., has made a name for herself since stepping on campus back in 2009. As a freshmen, she burst onto the scene with four Big East titles and six all-Big East honors, and followed that up with a trip to the NCAA National Championships her sophomore year. Despite a shoulder injury that forced her to miss all but two meets her junior year, Holden set personal bests in all four of her events at last year’s Big East Championship, placing third and setting a Notre Dame record in the 100-yard backstroke while also finishing third in the 100-yard fly.

Holden’s senior campaign has gotten off to a fast start, as the swimmer set a Rolfs Aquatic Center record in last week’s Shamrock Invitational.

“It has been a really good season,” Holden said. “Weird season last year with my injury, it kept me out till February, so I had a very short season, but I trained through the summer to get healthy and stronger. I’ve been very happy with my season so far, and I’m looking forward to the rest of it.”

Part of Holden’s summer training included a trip to Omaha, Neb., where she and three of her teammates swam for a spot on the

U.S. National Team at the Olympic Trials.

“It was just an awesome experience,” Holden said. “It’s definitely one of those memories that will not easily be forgotten. The venue was amazing; it was the most people I’ve ever seen at a swim meet. It was awesome just swimming next to Olympians and some of the fastest swimmers in the world.”

While Holden did not qualify for London, she still believes the experience had a positive impact on her as a swimmer and has helped her this season.

“From the training perspective, trials was a major motivator to stay in shape all summer,” Holden said. “Also, being in a big pressure situation like that, with everyone watching, definitely teaches you to control your emotions and focus, which obviously prepares you well for other meets.”

With the regular season winding down, one of the meets Holden knows she is well prepared for is the Big East Championship.

“I’ve had that date circled on my calendar for awhile now,” Holden said. “At practice we’re counting down the days. Everyday our coach gives us a list of our workout for the day and in the corner is the number of days till the Big East Championship.”

Individually, Holden has done quite well at this meet in the past, winning seven Big East titles and finishing third twice. Despite her individual victories, she credits her success to the team.

“The team atmosphere is really what brings out my best performance,” Holden

said. “That’s the meet where our whole team is rested and ready to swim the best races of our lives. It’s really exciting to be in that atmosphere, and its fun to see friends and family and be there with the team.”

Since she is a senior, Holden knows her Notre Dame career is winding down and expects to be emotional.

“To be honest, it hasn’t quite hit me yet,” Holden said. “It probably will at IUPUI [the site of Big East Championships] and at NCAAs, but right now it’s just the status quo since were all working pretty hard.

“But at the meets it’s going to be emotional knowing it could be the last time I’m swimming that event, when I have been swimming for the past 12 years.”

With a stellar career behind her, Holden said she has pondered her legacy.

“It’s definitely something you think about,” Holden said. “At the [Shamrock Invitational], I broke a pool record, so it’s nice to know you have made an impact, and hopefully I will continue to do that at the conference meet and the NCAAs.”

To prepare for her life beyond swimming, Holden has applied to several graduate schools to pursue a doctor of audiology program, as she plans to help people with hearing and balance disorders.

If Holden’s past is any indication, her future accomplishments look to be just as noteworthy, even as they occur outside the pool.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles hope to rebound at Trine

By COLE SCHIETINGER
Sports Writer

Coming off a 63-59 home loss to Kalamazoo, Saint Mary’s will visit Trine today in search of its sixth win of the season.

The Belles (5-15, 3-8 MIAA) are looking to snap a four-game losing streak, their second-longest of the year, with another victory over the Thunder (10-9, 4-6). In those four losses, fouls and free-throw shooting have been major issues for Saint Mary’s, who shot only 52.2 percent from the line in its last game.

The Belles defeated Trine 59-43 in the first meeting between the teams Jan. 9.

“Trine has some very good outside shooters, and they do a great job of reading the defense in their motion,” Belles coach Jennifer Henley said.

The victory over Trine marked one of the Belles’ best all-around efforts this season. The team finished the game with a season-high in rebounds and near season-highs in free-throw shooting and steals.

Sophomore forward Ariana Paul turned in a great performance against the Thunder, recording a double-double with 18 points and 20 rebounds. However, Paul is studying abroad this semester and will be unavailable for the rest of the season. In her

place, freshman forward Eleni Shea has begun to make an impact, scoring 12 and 16 points, respectively, in her last two games.

Henley said she has been impressed with the overall talent in this year’s seven-player freshman class.

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Jennifer Henley
Belles coach

where we started back in October,” she said.

Coming off a 50-47 win over Olivet, Trine will come out fighting for its first home win since Dec. 21. Since that date, Trine has won only three of its eight games. Trine has struggled against Saint Mary’s in the recent past, losing two of the last three meetings with the Belles.

The Belles will head to Angola, Ind., to face Trine tonight at 6 p.m.

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Senior winger Kevin Nugent chases the puck during Notre Dame's 5-4 loss to Alaska at the Compton Family Ice Arena. Nugent scored his first collegiate goal during Notre Dame's next series during a 5-2 home win over Ferris State on Jan. 26.

Nugent

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Nugent's first career tally came after 64 games of waiting, and on a night his father and former Irish standout, Kevin Sr., was in the building to watch and celebrate.

But the timing was even more fortuitous for Notre Dame (16-10-0-0, 12-6-0-0 CCHA), as it proved to be a spark for the team when it needed it most. Nugent's goal broke a 2-2 tie in the second and proved to be the game-winner, as the Irish won 5-2 to snap a five-game losing streak.

"That had a lot to do with the rest of the game and how we finished," Tynan said. "He stepped up, and we all saw that and responded."

And, while Nugent was instrumental in breaking the team out of its losing skid, he was also a key factor in keeping them going during it. Irish coach Jeff Jackson noted that his team didn't get down or divisive among themselves after losing six of seven games and credited Nugent's locker room presence as part of what kept the team together during a rough patch.

"You can't be too serious all the time," Nugent said. "You've got to keep it light. When you're losing, the only way you're going to get out of it is to stay positive ... We've had the attitude of having fun first, and that has led to success on the ice."

Even with the win, the Irish have still lost six of their last eight games and have a tough series ahead of them at Ohio State this weekend. But, instead of trying to reverse their fortunes, they will enter into Friday's game riding a one-game winning streak, a bit of momentum Nugent hopes can keep them rolling.

"You hope that this is something we can build on," he said. "We've been sticking with our gameplan, we've just needed a couple bounces. And once you start getting bounces, they all start coming."

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program. So we're, again, I think the best way I could say is that Jack and I are in lock-step in how we want to continue to build this program. So I feel really good about that."

Former Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis signed a 10-year contract extension in his first year with the Irish. Swarbrick recently extended both women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw and men's basketball coach Mike Brey's contracts.

Surgeries force Jackson, Fox out

Senior cornerback Bennett Jackson and fifth-year candidate Dan Fox both underwent postseason shoulder surgeries that will keep them out of spring practice. Jackson's procedure repaired a torn labrum, and Kelly said Fox had a similar surgery.

Jackson started all 13 games for the Irish and racked up 65 tackles and four interceptions. Fox is expected back in the fall for a fifth season after totaling 63 tackles and a sack.

Kelly said he expects senior safety Austin Collinsworth, who missed the entire 2012 season after sustaining a shoulder injury, to return to action in the spring. Junior

center Matt Hegarty and senior cornerback Lo Wood have also progressed in their recoveries, Kelly said.

Senior offensive tackle Tate Nichols may not recover and may not play again, Kelly said. Nichols was sidelined with a leg injury and may be eligible for a medical hardship. Junior offensive lineman Brad Carrico and senior running back Cameron Roberson were given medical hardships last semester.

A numbers game

Kelly said the possible fifth- and sixth-year players have not been decided.

"Once we finish up our numbers in recruiting, then we start to talk about our fifth year guys," he said. "They're all, as we've had in the past, they'll continue to train because they're in school anyway. Then we'll let them know what our decision is as we talk to the University relative to granting that additional year."

Potential fifth-year players include left tackle Zack Martin, left guard Chris Watt and linebackers Carlo Calabrese and Fox.

Graduate student safety Jamoris Slaughter missed most of last season after he tore his Achilles' tendon and has applied for a sixth year of



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Fifth-year linebacker candidate Carlo Calabrese, center, looks to stop the Alabama offense during Notre Dame's 42-14 loss in the BCS National Championship Game at Sun Life Stadium on Jan. 7.

eligibility.

"We're still in the process of an appeal for an additional season of competition. We're hopeful we'll hear something before the conclusion of recruiting," Kelly said. "It's one of those things that everybody wants to know. I know I want to know. The media wants to know. Certainly Jamoris wants to know. But we just don't have an answer

at this point."

Replacing Te'o, Cave

The Irish will have to fill glaring holes next season after the departures of All-American linebacker Manti Te'o and center Braxton Cave.

Kelly said Calabrese, Fox and sophomore Jarrett Grace are in the discussion to replace Te'o. Senior Kendall

Moore is also in the mix, Kelly said. The Irish have received a commitment from Michael Deeb, a three-star middle linebacker from Plantation, Fla.

Kelly said Hegarty, junior Nick Martin and sophomore Mark Harrell will all get looks for the center position.

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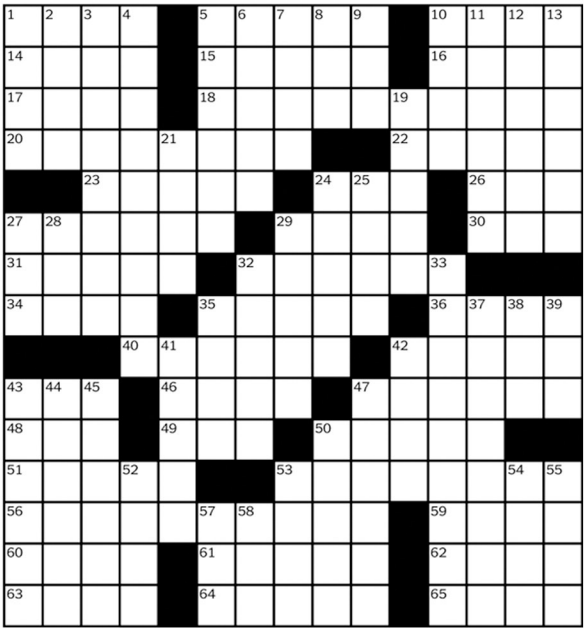
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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY’S PUZZLE 1/30/13

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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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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Sara Gilbert, 38; Heather Graham, 43; Oprah Winfrey, 59; Tom Selleck, 68.

Happy Birthday: Look at your partnerships and consider what you can do to improve connections with peers, relatives and your lover. Decipher what it is you want and make a concerted effort to reach your goals in all aspects of life. Change will help you expand your dreams, hopes and wishes for the future. Don't limit what you can accomplish. Your numbers are 7, 11, 18, 25, 32, 34, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stay alert. Someone may try to manipulate you if you aren't careful. Know your boundaries and stick to a practical plan. Assisting people or causes is fine, but not if it's going to stand in the way of personal or professional progress.★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can waste time or make things happen. Arguing or trying to get help when it's clear you should be working on your own will be your downfall. Preparation will be your best friend. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Share your thoughts and follow through with your plans. Letting emotional matters stand in your way will turn out to be costly. It's important to develop your own style or way of doing things. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll have a good look at the possibility that is just ahead of you, and there will be no time to waste if you want to take advantage of what's to come. Don't hem and haw when you should be decisive and confident. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): An opportunity to make a professional move or to raise your standard of living or reputation is apparent. Jump at any chance you get to travel or to get involved in something quite different from what you've done in the past. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can stabilize your position within relationships that are important to you. Don't exaggerate when honesty will be your ticket to a better future. Love is in the stars and socializing will bring you closer to someone you think is special. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll know exactly what to say in order to get what you want. Networking will prove to be beneficial as you meet people who have connections you can use to get ahead. Include someone you hold dear to your heart in your plans. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid complications involving your domestic situation. You cannot win if you are stubborn and refuse to compromise. Don't intentionally lead someone in the wrong direction. Love and romance are in the stars. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid complications involving your domestic situation. You cannot win if you are stubborn and refuse to compromise. You can share your thoughts, but don't intentionally lead someone in the wrong direction. Love and romance are in the stars. ★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make a financial move that will help you accumulate more money. An investment that is solid but unique will allow you to make a professional move. Love is highlighted, and spending time with someone special will make your day.★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your thoughts a secret if you feel it will cause a problem with someone you love and respect. You are best to put more time and effort into your surroundings. Comfort coupled with convenience and functionality should be your goal.★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20): Not everything will be plain and simple. You'll have to dig deep to find out what is actually going on with peers and colleagues. You are best to secure your financial position any way you can. Excess will be the enemy. Stick close to home. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are particular, thoughtful and intelligent. You are creative and patient.

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FOOTBALL

Kelly discusses Eagles interview, 2013 personnel



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Irish coach Brian Kelly addresses the media in the Notre Dame Stadium press box during Media Day on Aug. 16.

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
Associate Sports Editor

The Philadelphia Eagles came calling, and Brian Kelly answered — but that's all it was.

For the first time since Notre Dame's 42-14 loss to Alabama in the BCS National Championship Game, the Irish coach addressed the media regarding his interest in the NFL.

"I will tell you that the discussion was more about intrigue on my part," Kelly said. "I had obviously always been in the college game, really did not have a good grasp of the NFL set up. So for me, my head said let's be more informed as it relates to the NFL, but my heart is in college football and with Notre Dame."

Kelly said he wanted to learn more about the NFL but ultimately found the college game more attractive.

"Because we're going to win again next year, and there are probably going to be teams that have an interest in coaching in the NFL, and I want to

be able to tell them definitively that I want to coach in college," Kelly said.

Kelly said the Eagles' opening was not a distraction in the lead-up to the championship game.

"I wasn't even certain I was going to interview," he said. "It wasn't even on my radar. So there was never any consideration. It wasn't an option. I think I even said that it wasn't an option for me because I wasn't even thinking about it, and hadn't decided that that was the direction I was going to go."

Kelly said the Eagles reached out via Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick either the day of or the day after former coach Andy Reid's firing. Kelly's agent then set up a meeting with the Eagles in Nashville — where Kelly accepted the AFCA Coach of the Year award — the day after the national title game.

"If there was anything that I would have done differently, it would have been to close that timeline relative to my interview and coming out with a

statement," Kelly said. "I was on vacation with my wife, we were away, we weren't watching TV, but I should have been more sensitive to the fact that there was a time period going on and released a statement much sooner."

As the recruiting cycle winds down and Kelly closes in on a top-five class, the possible coaching change could have been a problem, but Kelly downplayed the issue.

"So I think the recruits, I tell them up front that I'm committed to Notre Dame, flattered that the NFL would want me to be one of their coaches, but it's just not what I want to do," he said. "I want to be a college football coach."

Kelly talks extension

In light of Notre Dame's first 12-win season in nearly 25 years, Swarbrick and Kelly have been discussing a contract extension since Dec. 6.

"We both want the same thing," Kelly said. "That is the long term consistency of the

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish to face red-hot Villanova

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Writer

At a time during which the Irish are attempting to get hot again, they'll have to do so against a team that is currently sizzling.

Notre Dame (16-4, 4-3 Big East) will square off with red-hot Villanova on Wednesday night at Purcell Pavilion. The Wildcats (13-7, 4-3) are coming off home wins against then-No. 3 Syracuse and then-No. 5 Louisville in their past two games.

Villanova started the season 11-4 before losing three consecutive games to Syracuse, Pittsburgh and Providence. But the Wildcats recovered emphatically by downing Louisville 73-64 on Jan. 22 and then besting the Orange 75-71 in overtime Saturday.

The Irish, meanwhile, busted out of the gates to a 14-1 start this season. Yet Notre Dame, which has since fallen from the top-25 rankings, lost three of its next four games, including a pair of tilts at Purcell Pavilion.

The Irish rebounded Saturday to defeat South Florida 73-65 despite the absence of graduate student guard Scott Martin, who is out indefinitely with a knee injury. In Martin's stead, senior forward Tom Knight made his first start of the season and propelled Notre Dame with a career-high 17 points and seven rebounds.

Irish coach Mike Brey said after the game that Notre Dame was confident in Knight despite his inexperience in a starting role.

"We injected him into the lineup off the bench playing key minutes last year and he was really good for us down the stretch," said Brey of the Dixfield, Maine, native. "He was really good for us in the first-round game of the NCAA tournament against Xavier. We were down and he made some plays to get us back in it. And the other four guys are very confident in him because he's a senior and he's been in our

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HOCKEY

Nugent breaks through



SUZANNA PRATT | The Observer

Senior winger Kevin Nugent skates during Notre Dame's 3-1 loss to Ferris State at the Compton Family Ice Arena on Jan. 25. His scored his first collegiate goal the next night in a 5-2 win over the Bulldogs.

By **JACK HEFFERON**
Sports Writer

Senior winger Kevin Nugent is known in the Irish locker room as a grinder, a penalty killer and a consummate team player — a guy who hustles on the ice and keeps things light off of it. But, after three years of hard work, he'll now be known in another role: goal scorer.

In the second period of

Saturday's game against Ferris State, Nugent came down the boards at the end of a shift, made a quick move inside to his forehand and threw a puck in at goal. The shot zoomed just inside the top right corner of the net, and the next thing Nugent saw was six-foot-four junior defenseman Stephen Johns jumping on top of him. Junior center T.J. Tynan picked up the puck for Nugent almost

before it landed, and soon all four of the other skaters were celebrating on top of the senior.

"I was just going to take a shot and get off the ice, and it happened to go in," Nugent said. "It was a pretty awesome feeling to see my teammates being happy for me ... I'm glad it wasn't a garbage goal."

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