

Incoming freshmen exceed expectations

Notre Dame's Class of 2017 sets admissions records

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
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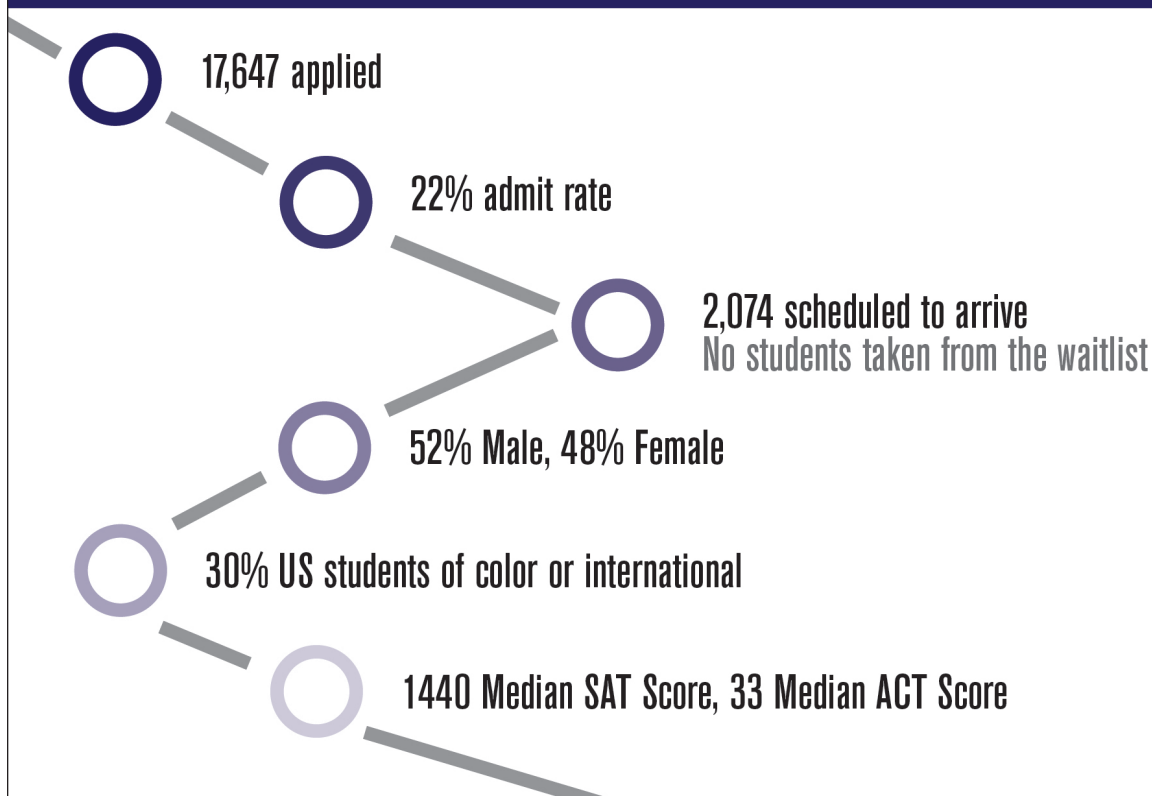
Last fall, many members of the applicant pool for Notre Dame's Class of 2017 boasted the stellar test scores and transcripts up to the Irish standard, so the Office of Undergraduate Admissions needed to go a step beyond academic evaluation when selecting the 2,074 members now enrolled as freshmen.

Don Bishop, associate vice president for undergraduate enrollment, said the office adopted a "holistic admissions process" to examine not just the results of applicants' endeavors, but also the motivations behind their success.

"We believe that we have a

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CLASS OF 2017



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Saint Mary's first-year class expands diversity

By KAITLYN RABACH
Saint Mary's Editor

When first-year orientation began Thursday, the Saint Mary's Class of 2017 officially became the most diverse class in Belles history.

Director of Admission Kristin McAndrew said 23 percent of the 441 first-year students come from historically under-represented groups within the United States.

"We have been very thoughtful about what high schools we chose to visit and where we led our recruiting efforts to make sure we reached as diverse of a population as we could," McAndrew said. "We also had a lot of help from our current multicultural students and encouraged them to reach out to

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ND welcomes new students

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

This year's freshmen relished a hectic, awkward and exciting freshman orientation this past weekend as they settled into life on campus.

Many freshmen enjoyed the opportunity to meet other students during the orientation weekend, which took place Aug. 23 through 26.

Fisher Hall freshmen and roommates Andy Miles and Garrett Schmelling said they put a sign on their door reading "free cookies," hoping their fellow Fishermen would stop by and get to know them.

Miles said his favorite part of Frosh-O was the chance to meet other residents of Fisher Hall.

"The best part has been meeting the other guys in my dorm," Miles said. "You meet guys from all over the country with different stories and experiences."

Schmelling said he also enjoyed meeting new people during Frosh-O, because the experience made him feel part of



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Badin freshman Alexa Palisi reaches out to touch the South Quad cup during orientation activities Sunday.

the campus community.

"Everyone we've met from our dorm and other dorms has been great," Schmelling said. "They make you feel like you've already been here and are already part of it."

Farley Hall freshman Hannah

Dakin said she appreciated the opportunity to meet people from various dorms during DomerFest.

"I liked DomerFest because we got to meet a lot of people

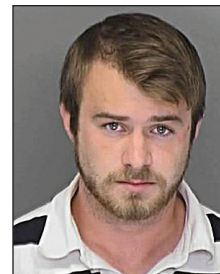
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Ex-student pleads guilty of murder

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
Managing Editor

Former Notre Dame honors student Patrick Mikes Jr., 22, will be sentenced Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. after pleading guilty but mentally ill to the second-degree murder of his father, Patrick Mikes Sr.

Patrick Mikes Jr.
Former Notre Dame student



Oakland County, Mich. Prosecutor Jessica Cooper said the judge accepted Mikes' plea Aug. 6 when the defense presented documentation of his mental illness.

"In terms of forensic evidence, there was nothing new," Cooper said. "[The

defense] had the opportunity to evaluate [its plea] because of a pending procedural appeal that slowed the case down."

Mikes initially pleaded not guilty to the open murder charge, which meant the jury would decide if the crime was first- or second-degree murder, Cooper said. His current plea of guilty but mentally ill means he will receive mental health treatment while in prison.

Mikes' attorney, Christopher Andreoff, told local reporters Mikes was diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 2008.

"He will serve his sentence in prison because his mental illness did not rise to Michigan's legal definition of insanity," Cooper said. "This is a much more humane way of treating him, since he will

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What are you looking forward to most at Notre Dame?

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Freshman
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“Meeting more people from the northwest suburbs of Chicago.”

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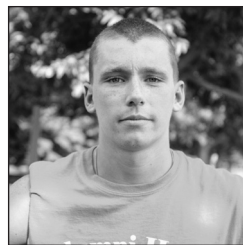
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Fisher Hall

“My view of exposed pipes in Fisher.”

**Melissa Wills**

Freshman
Howard Hall

“People no longer saying ‘eh?’”

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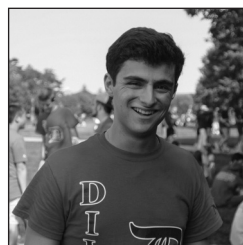
Freshman
Alumni Hall

“Football games and praying profusely.”

**Alexa Palisi**

Freshman
Badin Hall

“Hanging out at the dawghouse.”

**Michael Romano**

Freshman
Dillon Hall

“Championship 2.0.”



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Dillon Hall's Frosh-O staff gathers in front of their dorm as they watch the hall's new freshmen play outdoor games with Lewis Hall freshmen on South Quad on Sunday. The Class of 2017 settled into their new homes Friday.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

*Want your event included here?**Email obsnews.nd@gmail.com***Wednesday****Richard III**

DPAC
2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
ND Shakespeare
Festival Presents.

Science Lecture

283 Galvin
4 p.m.
Professor Edward D.
Walker presents
“Towards Malaria
Elimination.”

Thursday**Gallery Talk**

Snite Museum
4 p.m.
Ricardo Pau-Llosa
discusses the
Drawings of Agustin
Fernandez.

Zen Meditation

102 CoMo
5:15 p.m.
Prof. Sondra Byrnes
leads zen meditation.

Friday**Lecture**

Eck Visitors Center
2 p.m.
Fr. Thomas Blantz
discusses little-known
facts about ND history.

Film

DPAC
7 p.m.
“To the Wonder,”
starring Ben Affleck
and Olga Kurylenko.

Gameday**Saturday Scholar Series**

Snite Museum
12 p.m.
“From Pope Benedict
to Pope Francis:
Contrasts and
Continuities.”

Football

Notre Dame Stadium
3:30 p.m.
Game vs. Temple.

Sunday**Women's Soccer**

Alumni Stadium
11 a.m.
Game vs. Marquette.

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Provost names academic planner for new school

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
Managing Editor

Editor's Note: A version of this article appeared online July 25.

Notre Dame advanced its intent to open a School of International Affairs by appointing Dr. Scott Appleby, a history professor and director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, as its director of academic planning, according to a University press release.

A working group of administrators recently concluded that a School of International Affairs would complement Notre Dame's currently available academic options, according to the press release. The University

has not founded a new college since establishing the Mendoza College of Business in 1921.

Notre Dame Provost Thomas Burish named Appleby director of academic planning for the School of International Affairs, effective Aug. 1. Appleby will

Dr. Scott Appleby
Director
Kroc Institute for International
Peace Studies



lead discussions with faculty, assess fundraising possibilities and explore potential curricula.

"[Appleby's] vast global experience, administrative acumen and high standards of

excellence make him an ideal candidate to lead our collective examination of if and how to establish a new school devoted to internationalism," Burish said in the press release.

Appleby, a member of the Class of 1978, said as he develops plans for the School, he will consult with the directors and faculty of Notre Dame's international institutes and the University's other experts in international affairs.

"My question to these potential constituencies of the School will be, 'How could a new School enhance your capacity and advance your unit's mission?'" Appleby said. "Our hope is to build consensus for a School that will strengthen Notre Dame's global and international engagement."

Appleby said the School might offer a master's program and the College of Arts and Letters might offer a new undergraduate major in collaboration with the School.

"The possibility of offering joint graduate degrees is also attractive, and this requires careful thought and planning," he said. "All of this raises the central question of faculty teaching assignments and the need to hire new faculty in areas where the University is not currently deep."

The planning committee for the School believes that governmental and nongovernmental

school of international affairs

Academic Planner: Dr. Scott Appleby
Director of Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

Students of the school will study economic development, peaceful resolution of deadly conflicts, human rights violations, and environmental deterioration.

The last time Notre Dame launched a new school was the formation of the Mendoza College of Business in 1921.

STEPH WULZ | The Observer

employers would want to hire graduates trained to analyze global challenges comprehensively, Appleby said. These graduates of the School would consider economic development, peaceful resolution of deadly conflicts, human rights violations and environmental deterioration.

"Our graduates must know a good deal about more than one subject," Appleby said. "How is deadly conflict related to climate change? How can respect for human rights and international law trigger economic growth?"

Appleby said the School would be a resource for businesses, educational institutions, civil society organizations and governments that recognize that advancing the human interest as a whole directly benefits them.

"The world is waking up — finally — to the importance of religion, ethics and even spirituality to the just and peaceful transformation of societies," he said. "Many corporations, philanthropists, schools and governments already know this. Others are gradually joining

the parade."

The Board of Trustees and some faculty members must endorse the School before it can be established, Appleby said.

"A powerful argument for moving ahead is ... that the many impressive Notre Dame institutes, initiatives, scholars and students currently engaged in international study and service would receive an enormous boost from a coordinated, well-resourced program of study and research," Appleby said. "[The program's] purpose is to elevate Notre Dame's capacity to place scholarship in service to the larger world."

Appleby currently leads Contending Modernities, a multi-year, interdisciplinary research and public education initiative at Notre Dame that examines the interactions of Catholic, Muslim and secular forces in the modern world, according to the press release. He will remain director of the Kroc Institute until the current search for a successor is complete.

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Saint Mary's announces new Dean of Faculty

By **KAITLYN RABACH**
Saint Mary's Editor

Vickie Lynne Hess, a native of New York and previous academic dean of the American International College in Massachusetts, has been named Saint Mary's new dean of faculty, the College announced in a press release Aug. 20.

According to the release, Hess received her bachelor's degree in physics and chemistry from Mount Holyoke College and then pursued a doctorate in chemistry at Indiana University.

"I am delighted that our search process brought us Dean Hess," Senior Vice President and Provost Patricia Fleming said in a press release. "At this juncture in higher education, her prior experience as dean, as well as her background in science, will stand us in good stead. Increasingly more women are coming to us wishing to major in one of the sciences, math or nursing. Vickie understands the complexity of those curriculums. I am grateful to the faculty search committee

for urging me to include her as a finalist in our search."

Under the general supervision of Fleming, the dean of faculty oversees curriculum and personnel dealings for all of the current undergraduate departments,

"We have to prepare our students not for what is out there today, but for things they are going to have to learn down the road."

Vickie Lynne Hess
Dean of Faculty

Saint Mary's College

interdisciplinary programs and special programs, Hess said.

"Different programs around campus will be reporting to me," Hess said. "I am really going to be looking at questions of faculty load. How much teaching are our faculty members expected to do, and what exactly

does this teaching look like? Different disciplines have different ways of teaching, and I believe it is important to know and communicate these differences."

Hess said library faculty, the College's Writing Center, the Center for Academic Initiatives and the section of the Academic Affairs Office that deals with advising will also report to her.

With the College implementing a pilot honors program and a learning outcomes-based curriculum called the Sophia Program, Hess said she looks forward to working with the faculty to continue pushing forward College President Carol Mooney's initiatives.

Hess said in recent years, the public has asked higher education institutions for more accountability. In response, Hess plans to work with faculty to create more academic assessments.

"The public wants to know what we are doing," Hess said. "Academic assessments on departments and curriculum are faculty-led efforts, but someone needs to provide the structure to

let it happen."

As a product of a single-sex institution, President Mooney said Dean Hess knows what Saint Mary's is about and will be a great asset to the community.

"Today, we are a pretty unique place," Mooney said. "She has had similar experiences, so she appreciates

Vickie Lynne Hess
Dean of Faculty
Saint Mary's College



what we are about here at Saint Mary's."

Hess said studying science at Mount Holyoke made her realize how important and necessary institutions are that aim to empower women.

"I remember being at the American Chemical Society national meeting with my adviser my senior year at Mount Holyoke, and there were times I looked around the room and I was the only woman and I didn't

even have a bachelor's degree yet," Hess said. "That is when I realized for the first time I was going into a 'man's field.'"

Because she studied at a liberal arts institution, Hess said she can easily connect with Saint Mary's and will continue to promote the importance of teaching Saint Mary's women not only what they can do, but what they can become.

"We are not just functions, we are human beings," Hess said. "We have to prepare our students not for what is out there today, but for things they are going to have to learn down the road."

Yesterday marked the first day of the academic calendar, and Hess said she is excited for the campus to continue to buzz with students.

"I am thrilled to be here," Hess said. "I am excited about the warmth of the community. From the very first day, the community has reached out to me, and I feel very much at home."

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Saint Mary's improves orientation

By KAITLYN RABACH
Saint Mary's Editor

Seniors Kat Sullivan and Maddy Martin, student body president and vice president, focused on facilitating personal interaction between the members of the Saint Mary's Class of 2017 and the College's student leaders during the first-year orientation.

Sullivan said her administration wanted to help to improve first-year orientation by collaborating with Belles Beginnings, to plan first-year orientation.

"As [Student Government Association] SGA leaders, we are the biggest role models for the first years right now," Sullivan said. "We want them to know of our presence on campus and we want them to feel comfortable enough to ask us questions."

Both Sullivan and Martin said the changes made in the inaugural alcohol awareness program titled "Know the Facts" represented one of the most meaningful additions of

peer-to-peer advising during first-year orientation.

"In the past, this program has typically been run by administrators," Martin said. "We thought peer-to-peer contact

"We want [the first-years] to know of our presence on campus and we want them to feel comfortable enough to ask us questions."

Kat Sullivan
Student body president
Saint Mary's College

would be more effective, so we had members of SGA trained to be able to run the program. This way, students talked to older Saint Mary's women that have been through many of the experiences we discussed."

Freshmen attended "Know the Facts" on Thursday night

at eight different locations on Saint Mary's campus, Sullivan said.

"We wanted this program to have an intimate feeling, so we split up the class and had 55 first years per location," Sullivan said.

Three stations each covered a different theme: Saint Mary's Alcohol Policies, Sexual Assault and Depression and Anxiety, Martin said.

"These were all areas we thought were important to touch on for first-year students," Martin said. "We thought it was important that these students knew about policies related to alcohol on campus and we wanted them to know about the different resources that are available to them. We also invited a Notre Dame [Security Police] officer to come over and explain Notre Dame's policies on alcohol because we know our students do spend a lot of time across the street."

Martin said this year's orientation included the inaugural sessions of "Depression and Anxiety."

"Going to college is said to be one of the most stressful moments in one's life and we want to make sure that our fellow Belles know the signs of depression and anxiety," Martin said.

First-year Belles also attended a special session on civility training on Friday night, Sullivan said.

"This session was all about promoting awareness of our differences," Sullivan said. "We went over how to talk about differences and the importance of respecting one another. Really, we touched on what is becoming of a Saint Mary's woman."

Before DomerFest on Saturday, SGA hosted a pre-jam party in the Angela Athletic Facility, Martin said. The party kicked off with a presentation of Green Dot, a national initiative focusing on violence prevention. The Office of the Belles Against Violence introduced the program before the Belles enjoyed icebreaker activities, a bar with free candy and performances by the Undertones.

"[The pre-jam party] is brand new this year and we really wanted to give Saint Mary's students the opportunity to mix and mingle before going over to Notre Dame for DomerFest," Martin said. "We also implemented the new escort process to Notre Dame, so students could leave straight from the mixer and not feel so isolated."

Sullivan said she hoped the changes to orientation week helped first-year students to feel more welcomed into the Saint Mary's sisterhood.

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Gay marriage debate continues



Associated Press

Danny Weiss, left, and John Grant hold up their wedding rings during a news conference on a same-sex marriage lawsuit.

Associated Press

The battle over gay marriage is heating up in the states, energizing religious groups that oppose same-sex relationships — but also dividing them.

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court gave married gays and heterosexuals equal status under federal law, but did not declare a nationwide right for gays to marry, setting the stage for state-by-state decisions. So faith leaders are forming new coalitions and preparing for the legislative and courtroom battles ahead.

Yet, traditional religious leaders, their supporters and the First Amendment attorneys advising them are divided over strategy and goals, raising questions about how much they can influence the outcome.

Several religious liberty experts say conservative faith groups should take a pragmatic approach given the advances in gay rights. Offer to stop fighting same-sex marriage laws in exchange for broad religious exemptions, these attorneys say. "If they need to get those religious accommodations, they're going to have to move now," said Robin Fretwell Wilson, a family law specialist at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Critics reject the idea as a premature surrender.

Religious leaders lobbying for exemptions can't agree how broad they should be. A major difference is over whether for-profit companies should qualify for a faith-based exception.

Some religious liberty advocates and faith leaders are telling houses of worship they could be forced to host gay weddings, with their clergy required to officiate. The Louisiana Baptist Convention is advising congregations to rewrite their bylaws to state they only allow heterosexual marriage ceremonies, and the Alliance Defending Freedom,

a religious liberty group that opposes same-sex marriage, is advising the same. But legal experts across a spectrum of views on gay rights say it can't happen given strong First Amendment protections for what happens inside the sanctuary.

"A few people at both ends of the spectrum have talked about religion and religious freedom in a way that is really destructive," said Brian Walsh, executive director of the Ethics & Public Policy's American Religious Freedom program which has formed legislative caucuses so far in 18 states. "I think they've made it polarized and difficult to understand."

The issue of accommodating religious opponents has already been a sticking point in legislative battles. In Rhode Island and Delaware, disputes over broader religious exemptions led to the failure of some same-sex union bills. Both states went on to approve civil unions in 2011, then same-sex marriage this year. In New York, gay marriage became law only after Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the state's top two legislators struck an eleventh-hour compromise on religious exemptions.

Still, advocates for stronger religious protections haven't won anything close to what they've sought in the 13 states and the District of Columbia where gay marriage has been recognized.

A few states have approved specific religious exemptions related to housing or pre-marital counseling, or benefits for workers in private, faith-based groups, such as the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization, according to analysis by Fretwell Wilson. Most of the states have protected religiously affiliated nonprofits from potential government penalty for refusing to host same-sex marriage ceremonies.

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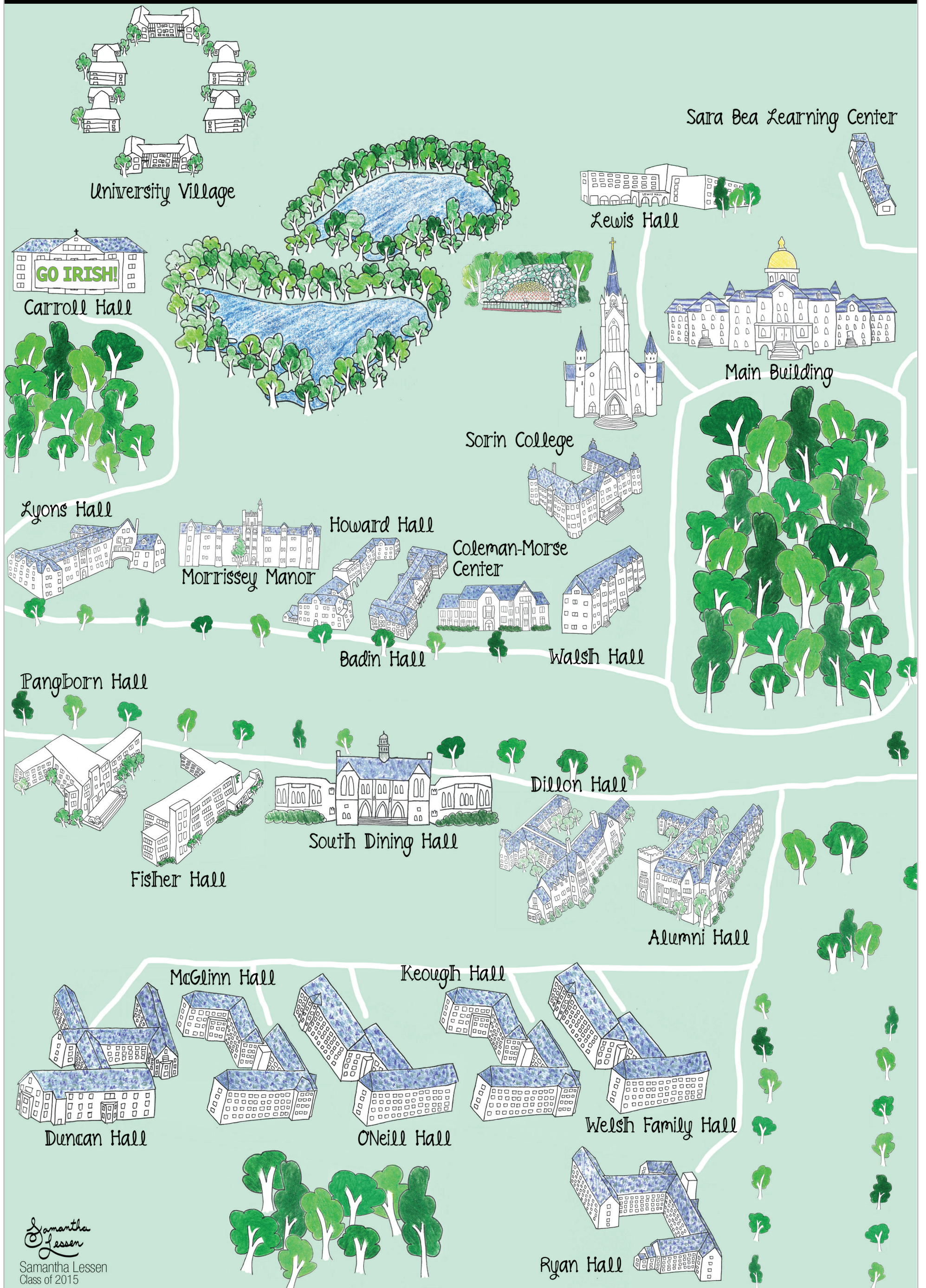
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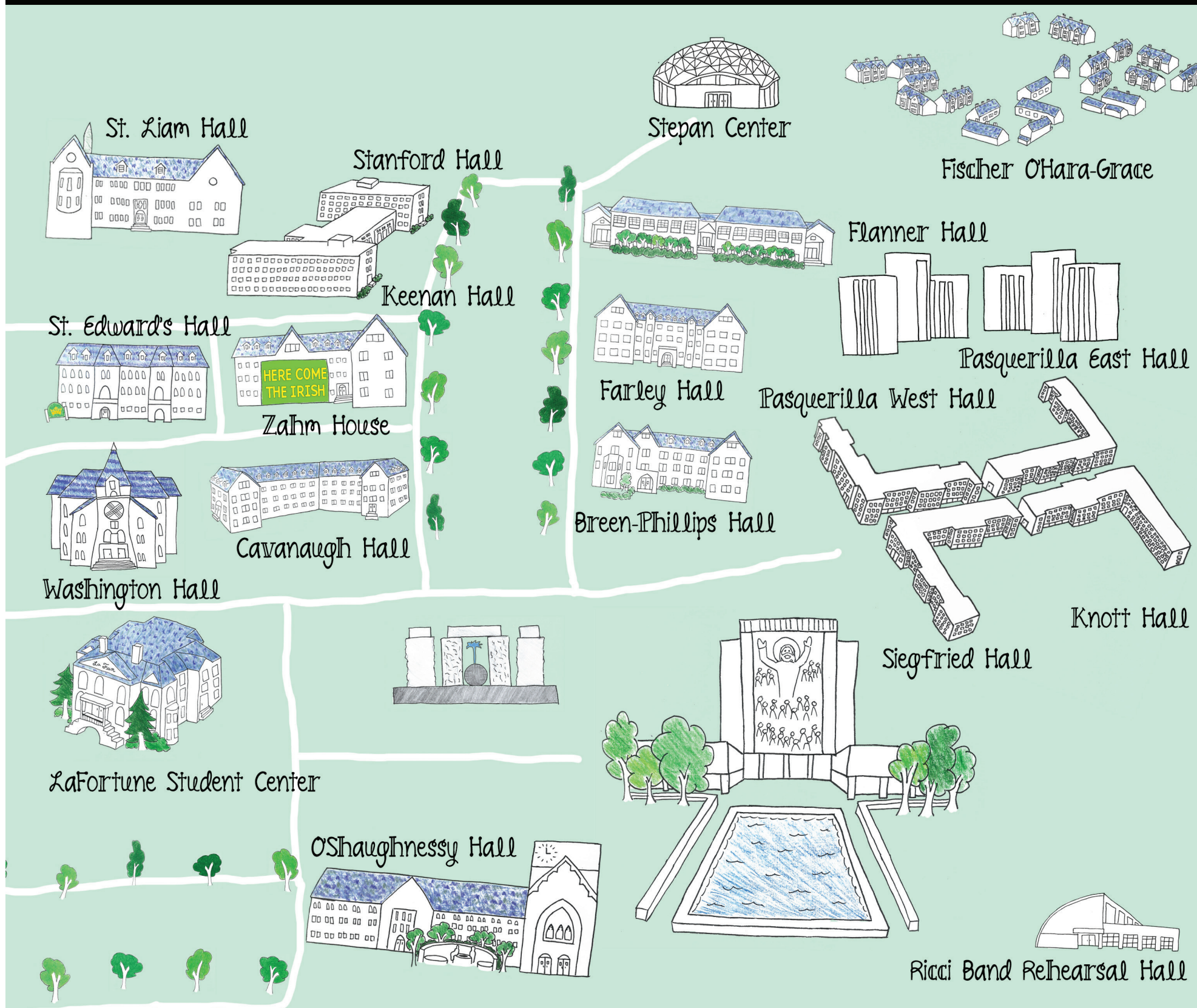
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students in their hometowns and states.”

The class represents 29 states and four countries outside the United States, including China, Nigeria, Turkmenistan and Vietnam, McAndrew said.

“This international community fits well with the College’s commitment to global education,” McAndrew said.

The Class of 2017’s average GPA ranges from 3.51 to 4.05, while its average SAT ranges from 1550 to 1890, McAndrew said.

While she was pleased with the first-year students’ scores, McAndrew said the admissions office looks at more than academics during the recruiting process.

“There is no one definition of a Saint Mary’s woman,” McAndrew said. “Some of these students who moved in on Thursday are athletes and some are musicians. Some are here to become teachers and others hope to start their own businesses. But having read their applications, I can tell you that they share a common passion for community service and a love of learning.”

McAndrew said 17 students from this class had a leading role in a production in high school and 101 students completed over 100 hours of community service.

She said one student founded “The Birthday Project,” a program that provides underprivileged children with birthday presents, while another organized her high school’s Dance Marathon to benefit the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

“Community service is big for this class,” McAndrew said. “This is a class that I think will fit well with Saint Mary’s core value of social justice because they are a group where we saw an enormous commitment to service.”

Several members of the Class of 2017 stood out as athletes on the national and international level.

“Twenty-seven students in this class were captains of a varsity sport,” McAndrew said. “This class has World Champion Irish Dancers, softball state champions, state-ranked tennis players and even a girl who played on the boy’s varsity soccer team and was the first girl to score a goal on the team.”

McAndrew said the College also attracted some proficient writers this year.

“At Saint Mary’s we have done a lot of talking this year about the senior composition projects and our writing proficiency classes,” McAndrew said. “Just from reading their essays during the application process, I could tell we have some very strong writers in this class that will be able to take advantage of our writing opportunities here on campus.”

Saint Mary’s first-year class

this year is the first to be offered the “Four Year Graduation Promise.” The promise guarantees students who follow the program’s guidelines will graduate in four years or the College

they need them, led by exceptional faculty who are dedicated to teaching.”

She said about one quarter of this class is a legacy or has a family tradition at Saint Mary’s and has the most students out of all the classes on campus.

“It is actually the largest class we have had in the past five years,” McAndrew said.

McAndrew said she was happy to welcome this class to the campus Thursday and looks forward to seeing their accomplishments throughout their four years at Saint Mary’s.

“This is an exciting time,” McAndrew said. “We finally get to see the young women we have come to know over the year by visiting their high schools, answering their questions and reading their essays, join the Saint Mary’s community as Belles.”

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“There is no one definition of a Saint Mary’s woman.”

Kristin McAndrew
director of admission

will pay for any additional courses a student needs to finish her degree, McAndrew said.

“Our students have always worked closely with their advisors and professors to stay on track and achieve their goals,” Saint Mary’s College President Carol Ann Mooney said. “We offer the courses they need, when

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from other dorms who are studying different things and living in different places," Dakin said.

Sorin College freshman Chris Jarocki said he enjoyed a dinner event at Carroll Hall for the same reasons.

"My favorite event was dinner at Carroll Hall with freshmen from Carroll and Cavanaugh," Jarocki said. "It was nice to meet and talk to people from other dorms."

Badin freshman Lizzy Berg said the best part of her weekend was getting to know other Badin freshmen through creative icebreakers.

"My favorite activities have been our dorm ice-breakers," Berg said.

Berg said some events with other dorms became awkward when conversations lapsed.

"Events with guys' dorms were awkward when we had run out of

things to talk about," Berg said.

Miles said he found it awkward when he came across someone he had met before but didn't remember the person's name.

"The most awkward part of Frosh-O for me has been anytime I forget someone's name after meeting them multiple times," Miles said.

Dakin said she considered performing Farley Hall's Frosh-O dances for other freshmen to be an awkward experience.

"It was awkward performing our dances in front of the other dorms, especially the boys' dorms," Dakin said.

Jarocki said he felt awkward attending the various colleges' educational open houses on his own.

"The most awkward part of Frosh-O was the educational open houses. I was by myself and didn't really know anybody," Jarocki said.

Schmelling said overall his first weekend on campus has led

him to love Notre Dame and he doesn't expect that to change.

"I love it," Schmelling said. "I don't think it's ever going to get old. We've already seen most of the campus and it's awe-inspiring to see the golden dome and the football stadium."

Dakin said she appreciates the beauty of the campus and the kindness of the community.

"I really like Notre Dame. The campus is beautiful," Dakin said. "Everyone's been really nice and every time I get lost someone helps me."

Miles said he has wanted to attend Notre Dame for a long time and the Frosh-O experience is the beginning of fulfilling his dream.

"I've wanted to go here my whole life, so to experience what it's like to be a Notre Dame student is incredibly thrilling," Miles said.

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Sophomore Stephen Parker passes a volleyball with a group of Lewis freshmen during quad games on Sunday.

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Murder

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receive his medication, which he apparently [hadn't] been receiving."

Cooper said Michigan's indeterminate sentencing structure dictates that Mikes won't be eligible for parole until he has served his minimum sentence, which the judge will decide.

"We trust that the criminal justice system has addressed this in a manner that is best for all concerned and that we continue to keep the Mikes family in prayer," University spokesman Dennis Brown said. "[Mikes Jr.] was no longer a student as of about a year ago, so we have just monitored the criminal process."

Mikes Jr. and his younger brother reported their father missing July 29, 2012, during the summer before what would have been Mikes Jr.'s senior year at Notre Dame, according to a press release from the Troy, Mich. Police Department. The brothers told police they had last seen their father in the morning two days earlier, leaving for a bike ride.

Capt. Robert Redmond of the Troy Police Department told reporters DNA recovered from the Mikes family's basement prompted officers to arrest Mikes Jr. and to acknowledge the case as a murder investigation.

Redmond said the nearly two-week search for a body ended Aug. 8, when a search team recovered Mikes Sr.'s remains from a cornfield in Oakland County.

Autopsy results determined the cause of death to be blunt force trauma to the head, Redmond said.

Mikes Sr. was a 1979 alumnus of Notre Dame.

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Yosemite fire wreaks havoc

Associated Press

GROVELAND, Calif. — At Ike Bunney's dude ranch near the Sierra community of Tuolumne City, all creatures have been evacuated as firefighters brace for an intense battle to keep a wildfire raging north of Yosemite National Park out of mountain communities.

"We've already evacuated the horses," said Bunney, who was keeping an eye on his Slide Mountain Guest Ranch on Sunday. "I think they're worried about the fire sparking over these hills."

As fire leapfrogs across the vast, picturesque Sierra forests, moving from one treetop to the next, residents in the fire's path are moving animals and children to safety.

The fire has moved northeast away from Groveland, where smoke gave away to blue skies Sunday. But at Tuolumne City's Black Oak Casino in Tuolumne City, the slot machines were quiet as emergency workers took over nearly all of the resort's 148 hotel rooms.

"The casino is empty," said casino employee Jessie Dean, who left her four children at relatives' homes in the Central Valley. "Technically, the casino is open, but there's nobody there."

Hundreds of firefighters were deployed Sunday to protect Tuolumne City and other communities in the path of the Rim Fire. Eight fire trucks and four bulldozers were deployed near Bunney's ranch on the west side of Mount Baldy, where two years of drought have created tinder-dry conditions.

"Winds are increasing, so it's going to be very challenging," said Bjorn Frederickson, a spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service.

The fire continues burning in the remote wilderness area of Yosemite, but park spokesman Tom Medena said it's edging closer to the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, the source of San Francisco's famously pure drinking water.

Despite ash falling like snowflakes on the reservoir and a thick haze of smoke limiting visibility to 100 feet, the quality of the water piped to the city 150 miles away is still good, say officials with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

The city's hydroelectric power generated by the system has been interrupted by the fire, forcing the utility to spend \$600,000 buying power on the open market.

Park employees are continuing their efforts to protect two

groves of giant sequoias that are unique the region by cutting brush and setting sprinklers, Medena said.

The fire has consumed more than 209 square miles of picturesque forests. Officials estimate containment at just seven percent.

"It's slowing down a bit, but it's still growing," Frederickson said.

Fire lines near Ponderosa Hills and Twain Hart are being cut miles ahead of the blaze in locations where fire officials hope they will help protect the communities should the fire jump containment lines.

"There is a huge focus in those areas in terms of air support and crews on the ground building fire lines to protect those communities. We're facing difficult conditions and extremely challenging weather," Frederickson said.

The high winds and movement of the fire from bone-dry brush on the ground to 100-foot oak and pine treetops have created dire conditions.

"A crown fire is much more difficult to fight," said Daniel Berlant of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. "Our firefighters are on the ground having to spray up."

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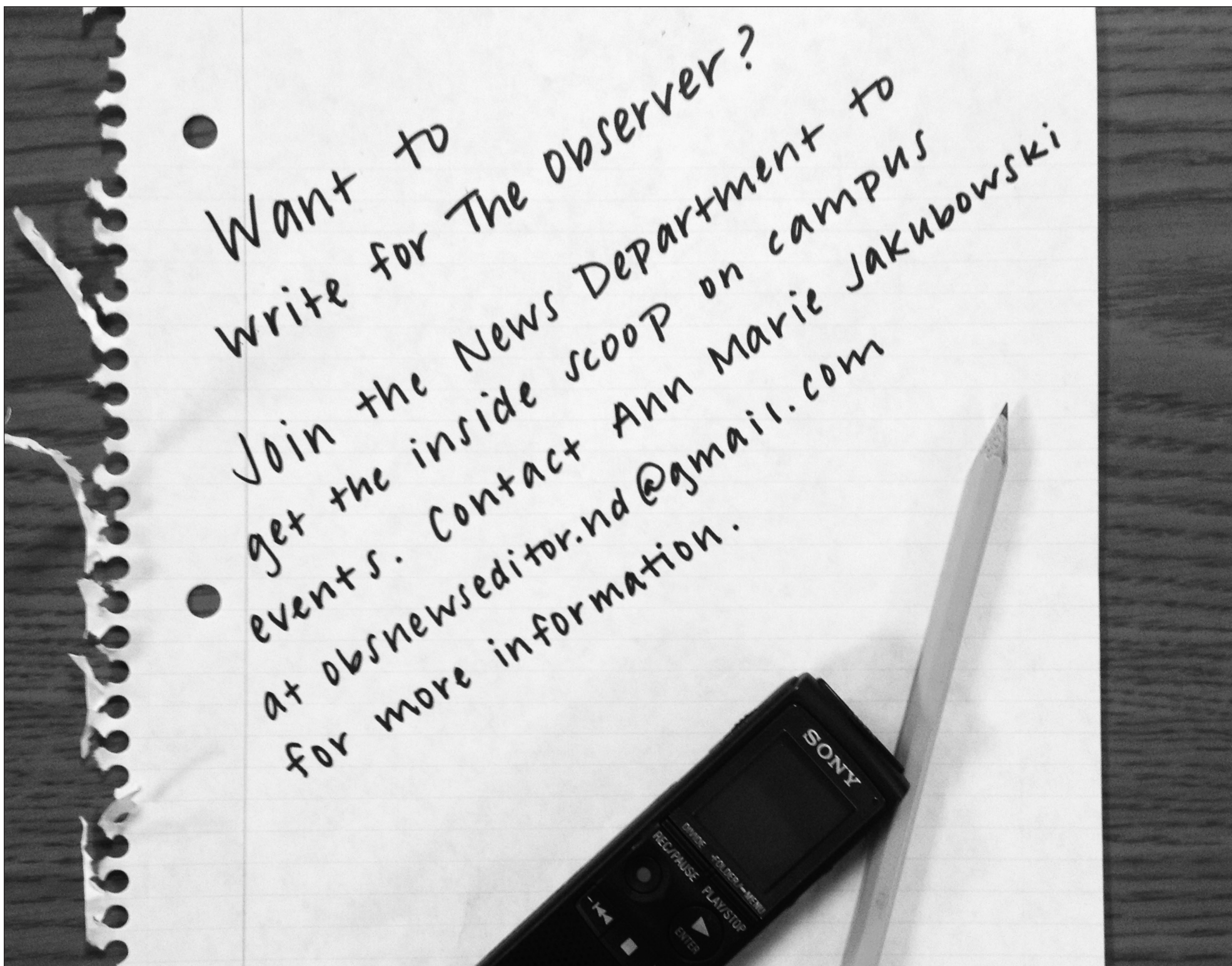
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Freshmen

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better admissions process if we understand the context of a student's success and not just whether they succeeded or not," Bishop said. "As we read the files, it was very apparent that high credentials alone didn't gain admission [for an individual student]. We wanted to understand their motivation to succeed."

Bishop said the applicant pool increased by 4 percent overall, and the top portion

"As intelligent as our students are, we really believe that they have the capacity to develop a higher level of wisdom, to use their talents in ways that matter to others, and through that, they'll be happier."

Don Bishop
associate vice president for
undergraduate enrollment

"This year, I think there was a greater qualitative review of people's quantitative success," he said.

This qualitative evaluation centered on the applicant essay and recommendations from teachers and guidance counselors, director for admissions Bob Mundy said. The most attractive candidates were those whose essays showed a depth of thought and character and then were accompanied by recommendations that reinforced this impression, he said.

"It's that intrinsic motivation that we're trying to get at," Mundy said. "The challenge is, as the applicant pool gets stronger and stronger, how do we separate students when you're looking at pretty modest differences in some of the academic measures?"

These academic measures include a median best SAT score of 1440 and a median best ACT score of 33, according to data provided by Bishop. Forty-nine percent of the class had SAT or ACT scores ranking in the top 1 percent of the nation, and 50 percent ranked in the top 2 percent of their high school classes.

Beyond these standardized measures, the office noted that 90 percent of this class participated in community service, compared to 75 percent in the past. In their high schools, 34 percent

held leadership positions in student government, 40 percent participated in the performing arts and 77 percent played a varsity sport.

Bishop said he attributes the increased number of qualified applicants to the ongoing recruitment efforts by the Office of Admissions.

"We developed more of a long-term relationship with prospective students," he said. "We tend to now be engaging them over a two- to three-year period instead of just the year that they're up for consideration. That's relatively new, and that was a big change in this cohort."

"We believe that's the primary reason that there was

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10.2% South
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of the pool increased by 15 percent, giving the office an opportunity for greater selectivity than what the initial 4 percent suggests.

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this surge of applicants at the top. We were assertive in not only responding to [students] but at times, initiating contact."

Bishop said the efforts of Notre Dame's faculty and staff, particularly in the admissions and financial aid offices, were the biggest factor in the increase.

"We just continued to do a better job of engaging our students," he said. "We've seen some real increases in yield rates over groups that came to campus for special visit programs, and those all rose up this year in a specific way."

As the applicant pool increases, the yield of admitted students who actually go on to enroll ordinarily tends to drop, Mundy said, though this was not the case here.

"As your applicant pool becomes stronger and we admit students, these students have options similar to Notre Dame in terms of academic quality, so now we have a large percentage of students who have some of these other great choices," Mundy said.

Bishop said he had anticipated the yield rate to go down for this high school graduating class because of the competition for the students among the country's top colleges.

"We normally like to take around 15 to 100 students off the wait list, so we always build our admit policies on the goal to also have some spots left over to reward some students on the wait list," Bishop said. "What happened this spring was that our goal was to enroll 2,005 freshmen, and right now we have 2,074 freshmen who are still on the books."

"We weren't able to take any students off the waiting list, and we're over-enrolled by about 60 freshmen," he said.

Bishop said approximately 53 percent of Notre Dame's offers of admission were accepted. This statistic could put the University among the

top 10 schools nationwide in terms of success in enrolling admitted students.

Certain factors stand out among the class demographics, Bishop said. A record 136 African-American freshmen enrolled, compared to last year's 111. Nine percent of the class is first-generation college students, compared to 7 percent in the past. Across the United States, 41.8 percent of the class hails from the Midwest, with 22.3 percent from the East Coast, 19.9 percent from the West and Southwest, and 10.2 percent from the south. Of the 2,074 students, 121 came from outside the United States.

"I think it's important for the University to be equally attractive to all the talent groups in the country," Bishop said. "[This data] shows that Notre Dame is a place that everyone is aspiring to enroll, and when they visit they see themselves here."

In selecting this record-breaking class, Bishop said the Office of Admissions looked beyond how good these students seemed on paper to find people who "will never be satisfied with their current level of success, who will want to grow."

"As intelligent as our students are, we really believe that they have already shown the capacity to develop a higher level of wisdom, to use their talents in ways that matter to others, and through that, they'll be happier," he said.

"The point is that there is a difference between intelligence and wisdom, which was one of our short answer questions on the application last year. We were trying to send a message to the applicant pool that at Notre Dame, wisdom is probably a greater accomplishment than just their intelligence, and that you have to use your intelligence well."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Take a leap of faith



Meghan Thomassen
Managing Editor

Congratulations, class of 2017, you made it through Frosh-O.

You met your roommates without embarrassing yourself too badly. You managed not to look too sweaty in your student ID picture (yeah, that's for all four years). You navigated your way to the dining hall only to find the maze of lines more confusing than any minotaur-guarded labyrinth. And, most commendable of all, you survived DomerFest.

These rites of passage may seem small compared to the goals you have for your time at Notre Dame. Most of you want to do research, paint yourself green for game day, lead the basketball team to the Final Four, study abroad in Bologna, run student government, write a thesis and/or build houses in Appalachia.

But Frosh-O was important because it taught you how to take risks here. Overcoming those smaller challenges will help you ramp up to the larger items on your college to-do list.

It also taught you the most important lesson you can learn in college: how to be vulnerable.

Being vulnerable means remaining susceptible to some kind of attack. Now, I'm not suggesting you're supposed to accept someone coming at you wielding a machete.

It means you open yourself to new people that you know pretty much nothing about. It means you trust your roommates by engaging them in deep conversations. It means you try new things even if you're 99.9 percent positive you're going to fail the first time. It means coming to the grotto even when the prayers you know by heart fail you. It means pushing yourself beyond your intellectual and physical capabilities.

There's no point of "putting yourself out there" if the self you're giving has a barricade of defenses to keep you safe from getting hurt. You have to let go of those walls and let your guard down.

You've never done any of these things before. How do you know you'll make it?

It's a leap of faith.

Reassuring, I know. But I think uncertainty is what makes Notre Dame an incredible place.

Every time you step outside your comfort zone, put your faith in God and your peers, because they are the ones who will congratulate you when you succeed and help you up when you fall.

Yes, being vulnerable means you're susceptible, but it also means you are open to meaningful experiences and life-altering changes. That's what you're here for, isn't it?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

You are Notre Dame

I extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students at Notre Dame. Whether you are arriving on campus for the first time or returning after a summer away, we are very glad you are here.

As we celebrate the new academic year, I invite you to attend the campus-wide Opening Mass today, Tuesday, August 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center's Purcell Pavilion. Please join me on this important occasion as we gather as a community, welcome new members and ask God's blessing on our endeavors this year. Following Mass, there will be a picnic on DeBartolo Quad, where music and

entertainment are planned. All are welcome.

The University of Notre Dame's mission is distinctive. We strive to offer an undergraduate education of the whole person — mind, body and spirit — that is second to none. We cultivate scholarly excellence and advance human understanding through top-tier research and post-baccalaureate programs. In all we do, we ensure the Catholic identity of Notre Dame informs our efforts.

As you know, the University has a rich history. Generations of Notre Dame graduates have been shaped by their experiences here and they, in turn, have left their mark on

the University. We invite you to do the same, to be part of Notre Dame's present as well as its future. Individually and collectively, you have tremendous talents and gifts to share. I hope you will take every day, every place on this campus and every conversation with professors or classmates as an opportunity to engage, learn and grow. You are Notre Dame.

Once again, welcome. I wish you every grace and blessing.

Fr. John Jenkins
president
University of Notre Dame
Aug. 27

A year of exciting progress

Welcome back to campus.

This year is sure to be an exciting one for everyone on campus — freshmen, in your first year as a part of the Notre Dame family; sophomores, in further exploration of your passions and academic interests; juniors, in leadership positions, international experiences and greater commitment to your career or post-graduate aspirations; and seniors, in your final year as Notre Dame students and in your post-graduate discernment process.

This year, your student government is focused on effective communication, high-quality innovation, increased collaboration and a more pervasive sense of inclusion. We have been hard at work over the summer and are looking forward to working with you this year.

We have proposed the addition of a coffee cart to DeBartolo Hall and are currently working with administrators to determine the feasibility and logistics of this proposal. Through frequent conversations with Food Services, we have expressed our desire to reform Grab 'N' Go. Students will begin to see changes, such as the addition of hot soup, salads and larger sandwiches, this fall.

In an effort to connect students to administrators, we have created monthly town hall-style events at which administrators will speak to students and answer questions on issues such as the new Office of Community Standards, mental health on campus and food services.

We have also increased student government's national visibility through our active involvement with the National Campus Leadership Council. After meeting with several student body presidents and vice presidents from across the country, we have joined a task force dealing with college affordability. More recently, student government has voiced its ongoing support for the University's decision to admit undocumented students to campus, and we remain committed to advocating for national comprehensive immigration reform.

Closer to home, we are engaged in efforts to increase student participation in South Bend community life. First-year students have an opportunity to attend a South Bend Silver Hawks game on Sept. 5, where they will meet Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

Finally, we have made significant

progress in our internal operations and communications thanks to Catherine Kromkowski and OIT for their work in creating our new website, studentgovernment.nd.edu.

Our commitment to utilizing the passion and creativity of Notre Dame students has resulted in a new student government brand standard and logo, thanks to senior Jeff McLean for his innovation, creativity and hard work.

We are committed to serving you in any way. Please know we always want to listen to your ideas and concerns. Contact us or any of our cabinet members should you wish to voice your thoughts.

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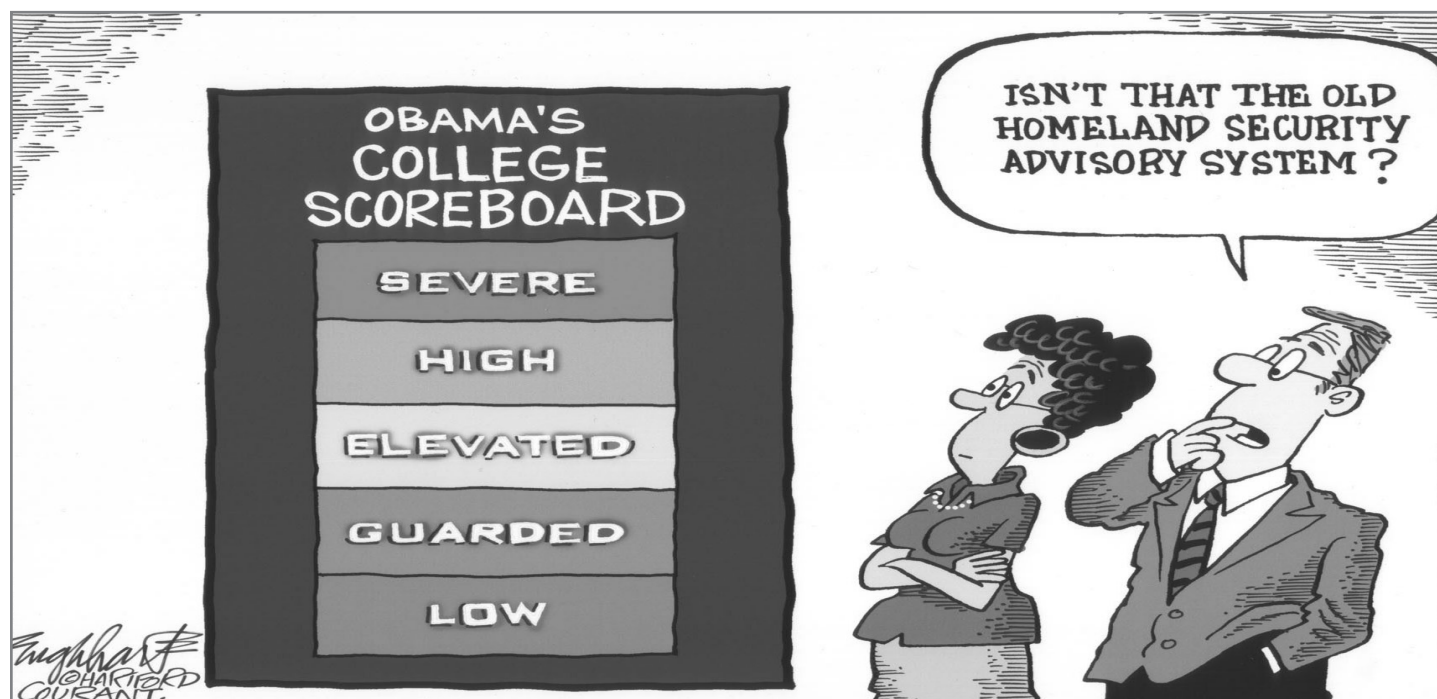
Good luck with the first week of classes, and "Go Irish."

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student body vice president

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writing Notre Dame's next chapter

For 170 consecutive years, the University of Notre Dame has opened its doors to new students. Like generations who came before, you are embarking on a journey where you will have an opportunity to advance your knowledge, develop your leadership skills, deepen your faith, learn from others and form lifelong friendships. Whether you are a first-year undergraduate, transfer, professional or graduate student, we are delighted you have chosen to join our community and I extend a warm welcome to you as you begin this formative time in your life.

I hope Notre Dame challenges you in many ways. Your professors, your rector, your advisors and your classmates will encourage you to stretch yourself intellectually and develop on a spiritual and personal level. Take these opportunities to find a passion that matches your talents and allows you to lead a purposeful life. Dare to be different yet be respectful and welcoming to all. Have a wonderful time without engaging in

behavior that would place you or others at risk. Expect much of yourself, care for those in the community around you and reach out for support when needed. Explore new things while cherishing the people and traditions that matter. Embrace Notre Dame's distinctive Catholic mission and enrich your understanding of it through study and reflection. Contribute your own talents to improve the lives of others.

Much of your development at the University can and should occur on your own. At the same time, know the Division of Student Affairs is available to support you through our residential communities and a variety of student service departments. Rectors and members of our hall staffs across 29 undergraduate halls and two graduate and family residences are dedicated to building Christian communities rooted in the Holy Cross tradition. The professionals who serve in the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, Campus Ministry, the Career Center, the Office of

Disability Services, the Gender Relations Center, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the Student Activities Office, the Office of Housing, the Office of Residence Life, the University Counseling Center, University Health Services and beyond are trained to provide specialized services and programming that will complement your development. All of us are eager to smooth and enhance the road you will travel during your time at Notre Dame, and I encourage you to seek our help along the way.

I look forward to watching how your presence, energy and ideas renew and enhance our University. You will lead Notre Dame in new directions based on the paths that you pursue. May we all form a strong community and write the next chapter of this beloved institution together.

Erin Hoffman-Harding
vice president for student affairs
Aug. 27

Experience the real Saint Mary's

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Saint Mary's College, I extend a warm welcome to the Class of 2017 and to our transfer students. As an alumna of Saint Mary's and its 11th president, I understand how powerful this experience will be for you. Your time here will be spent in a rigorous academic environment that will both challenge and support you. Our faculty, staff and administration are accessible and eager to help make your transition to college life successful.

As a Holy Cross institution, we emphasize the education of the whole person. Your collegiate

experience includes both the time you spend in the classroom and the many hours you are not in class. Every co-curricular activity will enhance your experience here, so I encourage you to participate in as many activities as time and your academic schedule will permit.

One of my aspirations for you is that you will develop a sense of obligation to the common good and that your entire life and work will reflect that understanding. If this happens for you, then you too will have experienced the real Saint Mary's, the Saint Mary's I and over 18,000 alumnae around the

world experienced during our time here.

Our proud 169-year tradition of educating women to make a difference in the world now includes you. It is your turn to make history at Saint Mary's College, and I know you will change us for the better. I look forward to accompanying you on this exciting journey.

Carol Ann Mooney
president
Saint Mary's College
Aug. 27

Rate shock: This isn't what we were promised

Conor Durkin
Thinking Differently

"If you like your health care plan, you can keep your health care plan," President Barack Obama famously promised in the midst of the public debate during the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Indeed, he also promised that the only change many would see would be insurance becoming \$2,500 dollars cheaper per year for the average family. Yet since the law's passage, it's become increasingly clear these statements are simply not true and that despite its name, the ACA will actually deliver "rate shock" that makes insurance far more expensive for many.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, by 2017, 77 million Americans will rely on the individual market for health insurance, where those who don't receive employer-provided insurance can purchase their own policies by creating state-based exchanges aimed at making the individual market more robust. Over the past few months as states have announced the rates at which individuals can buy different plans, a disturbing trend has emerged: Average rates are far higher than those already in place.

Take California for instance.

According to research from the Manhattan Institute's Avik Roy, in 2013, the cheapest plan a 25-year old non-smoker could have bought would have cost around \$92 per month. However, as of 2014 under the Affordable Care Act, the cheapest plan available will come in at an average of \$184 per month, followed next by a plan costing \$204 per month — representing an average increase of 100 to 123 percent. This is true for other ages as well, with a net result that people purchasing insurance in California's individual insurance market can expect to see their rates go up between 64 and 146 percent next year.

And this isn't limited to California. In June, the Ohio Department of Insurance announced premiums in their 2014 individual insurance market will be about 88 percent higher than current rates.

So why is this happening? According to Roy, there are two main things pushing insurance premiums higher. The first is the large number of new regulatory requirements Obamacare imposes on insurers, like mandating lower deductibles and forcing insurance to provide all sorts of benefits that people might not want or need. The second is the imposition of community rating within the individual market, creating restrictions on the rates insurers can charge

for different groups of people.

Young people, who tend to be in good health and are fairly inexpensive to insure, will be hit hardest by this requirement and will end up paying a lot more in insurance to subsidize cheaper rates for the elderly.

Critics on the left will point out two flaws in this thinking. First, access to government subsidies will result in less out-of-pocket payment, even if premiums are higher. Secondly, that the new market enables people who could not previously buy insurance to now do so (the prohibition on discriminating against those with pre-existing conditions, for instance, results in higher premiums for most people but provides access to those who need care most). Both seem like fair points, but they still have issues.

First, while some will see subsidies result in net lower costs, that won't be the case for most people. Based upon the subsidies' structure, that 25-year old Californian can expect to pay more for insurance unless he makes less than roughly \$20,000, according to Roy. The access to care for those with pre-existing conditions is a better point — and indeed, it seems patently unfair to prevent these people from getting the access to care they so desperately need. But here's the catch: the only way for such people to get care is if the new markets are well-functioning and if young or

healthy people have an incentive to purchase insurance. If these people believe insurance rates are high enough that buying insurance is no longer worth it, then the market is left with an adverse selection problem that results in astronomically higher rates for sick people needing to buy care. This isn't about what's fair, it's about what's needed to make the market work, ensuring that insurance is a good deal for the young and healthy as well.

Simply put, this isn't what we were promised by an act with affordable in its name. While I have never felt going back to the pre-ACA status quo on health care is a good idea, moving forward, we must work to ensure insurance markets are able to provide plans that make sense for both the vast majority of healthy people and those with pre-existing conditions who desperately need care. Reforming the ACA to reduce rate shock and create freer, better working insurance markets can and should be done. Without such reforms, it'll be young people like you and me who end up bearing the greatest cost.

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SUMMER RECAP



Maddie Daly
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Ah, summertime. That time of year full of hot sun, cold drinks, late nights and little responsibility — well, unless you were one of the many overachieving Notre Dame students with a life-sucking, unpaid, horribly demeaning internship. Then all I have to say is, enjoy syllabus week before the real work starts. We all need a break sometimes.

For the rest of us, who spent our days serving tables, nannying children, using

cash registers, making coffee runs or lifeguarding at a pool, summer was pretty darn great.

No homework, no papers, no tests — just a day full of work and a night full of fun, not to mention weekends crammed with concerts, beach trips, road trips and bonfires.

If this sounds at all familiar, congrats! You did summer right.

Here's a recap of the hottest trends of summer 2013 to remind you of how much fun you're now missing out on while you start on that 250-page reading assignment.

MUSIC

If you were lucky enough to attend one of the many music festivals around the country this summer, I am extremely jealous of you. I was stuck blasting playlists from Spotify and watching 10-second Snapchats of concerts from my friends.

Anyway, here's some music that will remind you of summer 2013.

1. "Get Lucky" — Daft Punk
2. "Cocoa Butter Kisses" — Chance the Rapper
3. "Safe and Sound" — Capital Cities
4. "Two Weeks" — Grizzly Bear
5. "Summertime Sadness" — Lana del Rey
6. "Cups" — Anna Kendrick
7. "1901" — Phoenix
8. "Blurred Lines" — Robin Thicke
9. "Go Outside" — Cults
10. "Poetic Justice" — Kendrick Lamar
11. "I Love It" — Icona Pop
12. "Come and Get It" — Selena Gomez
13. "Royals" — Lorde
14. "Cruise" — Florida Georgia Line
15. "Carry On" — Fun.
16. "We Can't Stop" — Miley Cyrus
17. "Red Hands" — Walk Off the Earth
18. "Two Weeks" — Grizzly Bear

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MADDIE'S SUMMER PLAYLIST

FASHION

Not much to talk about here, literally. Especially obvious at summer music festivals was the lack of clothing worn by the female population. Typical concert attire this summer included either a bikini top or a bandeau with some sort of high-waisted shorts or skirt, finished off with a pair of Keds or leather sandals. Leaning uncomfortably close to trends from the late 80s and early 90s, this new look was seen on girls ranging from tweens to

teens to 20-somethings. This outfit was most likely purchased at either Urban Outfitters or Forever 21, two stores that fully supported the crop top, mid-drift 90s look.

As always, guys sported the bro tank and basketball shorts look for most of the summer.

For dressier occasions, though, young men typically turned preppy with Ralph Lauren button-downs and Sperrys.



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For guys, this is a bandeau.



Keds

And these are Keds.

CONCERTS

I may be biased because I'm from Chicago, but from what I heard, Lollapalooza this year was absolutely unparalleled. With headliners such as Phoenix, The Cure, The Killers and Vampire Weekend, with additional performances by Kendrick Lamar, Alt-J, Ellie Goulding, 2 Chainz, St. Lucia and so many more, Lolla was arguably the biggest musical festival of the summer.

And then there was Summerfest, Wisconsin's enormous music festival that claims to be the world's biggest. With 60 bands in just three days, I guess Summerfest is pretty tough to compete with. Music fans flocked to Milwaukee to hear groups play anything from rock to country to indie. With bands such as Grouplove, Fun., Jason Aldean, MGMT, Imagine Dragons and O.A.R., Summerfest attendees were surely not disappointed.

In addition to the music festivals, there were, of course, several hot artists on tour that stopped in all the major cities this summer. Shows by Lady Gaga, The Rolling Stones, Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake and Blake Shelton drew thousands of fans to venues all over the country.



Kendrick Lamar at Lollapalooza.

AP



Britney Spears at Summerfest, the self-proclaimed largest music festival in the world.

AP

TELEVISION

For the college student, summer is a chance to catch up on all the television programs we were too busy to watch during the school year. For me, shows like "Arrested Development," "Breaking Bad," "Scandal" and "Homeland" occupied my free hours. What did we do with our spare time before Netflix Instant Watch? It can be difficult to find shows airing new episodes during the summer, but it is definitely not impossible. Note, however, that the quality of shows significantly decreases in the summertime. Take new reality show "Who Dunit" for example. This show seemed like an interesting concept, placing contestants in a real-life Clue game, solving murder mysteries. But the terrible acting and ridiculously over the top scenarios in the first episode failed to capture my attention. Other popular

yet mindless summer shows included "The Bachelorette," "Pretty Little Liars," "Catfish" and "The Real Housewives of New Jersey." Personally, I can't wait for all my favorite shows to start back up in the fall.

Even though the temperature is dropping and school is back in session, let's not forget all the good times of summer 2013. From the music to the fashion to the time-wasting television watching, summer 2013 was definitely one for the books. Now go finish that reading assignment so you can enjoy the real last week of summer — syllabus week.

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To The Freshman



Kevin Noonan
Scene Editor

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And probably go study, too.

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Your screw-ups, brain farts and the like can wait.
Live and learn, learn and live.
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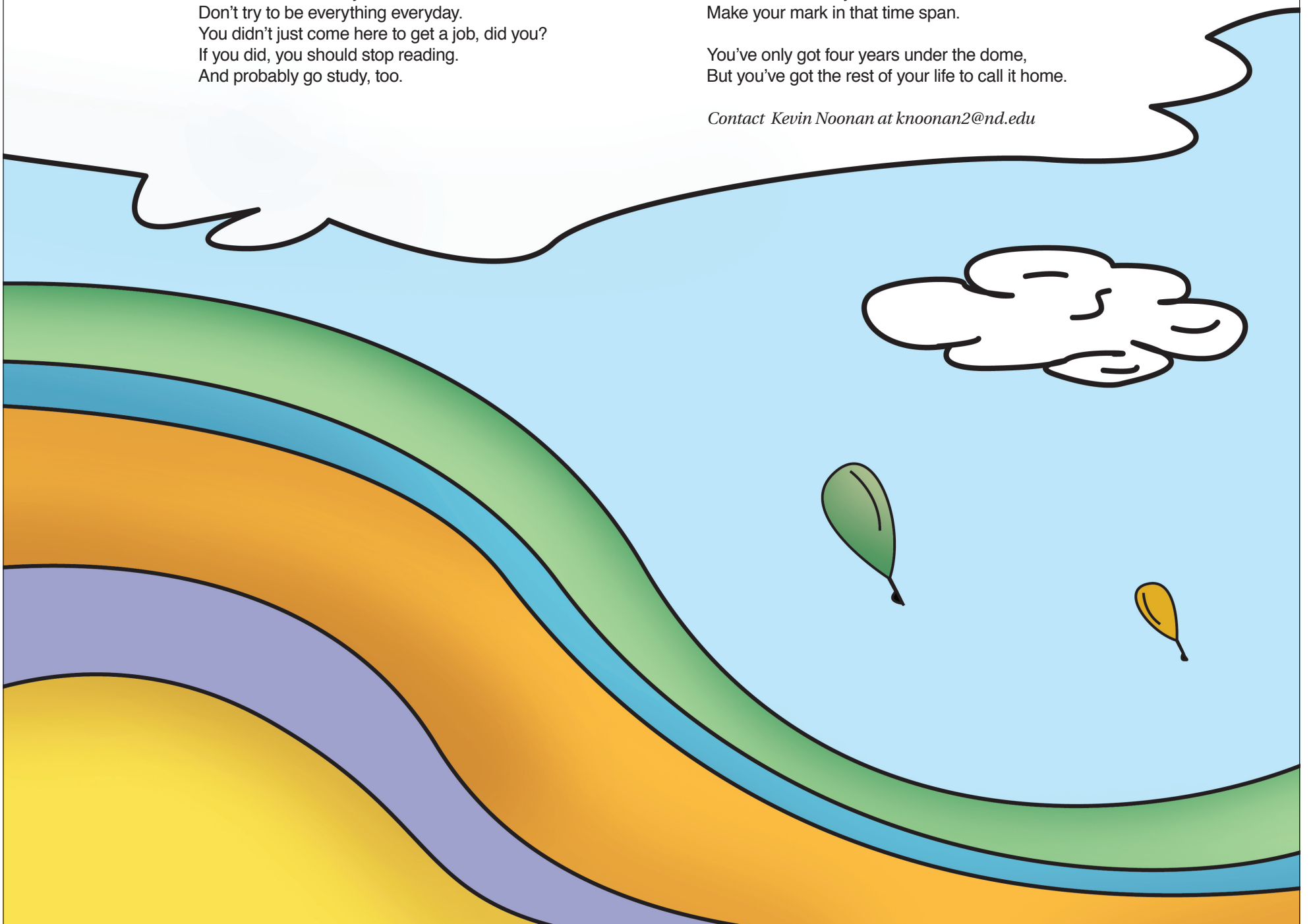
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Six or seven if you have fun for a few years.
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Make your mark in that time span.

You've only got four years under the dome,
But you've got the rest of your life to call it home.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

A-Rod should not be on the field



Victoria Jacobsen
Sports Writer

If he weren't so detestable, what Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez is doing would be impressive, at least in the "How is he pulling this off?" sense of the word. You would think that a man whose general manager won't speak to him, who so irks opponents that one plunked him just for having the temerity to come to bat and who has been handed a 211-game suspension by Major League Baseball would not be the starting third baseman for the New York Yankees. (And if you believe his lawyer, the Yankees also conspired to sabotage A-Rod's health so that he couldn't play anymore. So there's that.) And yet, everyone's least-favorite Yankee will likely be in the starting lineup when New York faces the Toronto Blue Jays tonight, just as he has been since he returned from the disabled list earlier this month.

But he shouldn't be.

I understand that Bud Selig's investigators are in a tight spot. According to the collective bargaining agreement with the Players Association, athletes who have been suspended are allowed to play while appealing (apparently, this even applies to players who are less popular than Congress.) When appeals take a day or two, this rule is fair enough. But for reasons that have not been explained to my satisfaction, Rodriguez's appeal has been put on hold until the season is over. We have been told this is because the appeal will be long and complicated and drawn out (which is pretty rich, considering the original Biogenesis investigation that led to suspensions for Rodriguez and 13 other baseball players started back in January.) Sorry, but this is not the sort of situation that can wait.

Why should we expect fans to care about wins or losses when a man who admitted to cheating in the past and is accused of cheating again is allowed to play in games that affect the pennant race? If Major League Baseball has decided that Rodriguez has done something bad enough to warrant banishment from baseball for over a season, why is it okay for him to face pitchers who are presumably clean?

Plenty of baseball fans say they now feel uneasy watching highlights of Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa's

home run race in 1998. I've read too many editorials from journalists who admit they should have realized something was up when some of the game's biggest stars began to resemble action figures designed for eight-year-old boys. We ask ourselves how it took about two decades before baseball did anything to get PEDs out of the league. It's bad enough that we were once fooled by steroid users. How is Major League Baseball going to explain that it had a pretty good idea of what Rodriguez was up to but put off the appeal because, you know, it's complicated?

A-Rod and his associates have spent plenty of time accusing, denying and generally feuding this summer. His camp made so much news that there were times when NFL training camp became a secondary story, a feat I thought I might not live to see. If they are willing to spent this much time and effort on the sports talk show circuit, they clearly have some time to devote to an appeal.

Rodriguez has shown again and again that he doesn't respect his fellow baseball players or the game itself. He became involved in Biogenesis even after an "emotional" apology for his earlier PED use. I guess he figured that his opponents didn't deserve fair play and that journalists and Major League Baseball were too dumb to find out. I know those unwritten rules of baseball can seem juvenile and bewildering to those of us outside the game, but pretty much every other baseball player figured out that knocking the ball out of the glove of a fielder is uncouth. Not A-Rod. And according to a 60 Minutes report, when Rodriguez found out that he was implicated in the Biogenesis scandal, he made sure to bring down other players with him, including his teammate Francisco Cervelli.

It seems that A-Rod finds all the rules and courtesies of baseball below him. Well, there's one way to make sure that he doesn't have to worry about them: hold his appeal already and if his defense is not compelling, kick him out until 2015.

What are we waiting for?

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MLB

Yankees in new territory

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Daily threats. Blaring headlines. Charges and countercharges.

The New York Yankees have been there before.

And Alex Rodriguez vs. Pinstripes is nothing like the bad ol' days of Reggie Jackson vs. Billy Martin vs. George Steinbrenner.

"I don't even know where to start with you. It was just a different social time with my issues of speaking out," Jackson said this week. "So to pick up the phone and compare it to the Bronx Zoo where it was when I played is such a lack of understanding."

Mr. October is correct. For long-running soap opera, Rodriguez has a ways to go to match the Yankees of four decades ago, a tempest that prompted this observation from Graig Nettles: "When I was a little boy I wanted to be a ballplayer and join the circus. With the Yankees I've accomplished both."

But for a two-month summer miniseries, A-Rod has made a quick impact — and even helped boost ESPN's baseball coverage and the Yankees' YES Network to their highest ratings this season. One could even call it "Real Ballplayers of the Bronx."

Thirteen other players accepted their drug suspensions quietly and are serving their penalties. Rodriguez appealed his 211-game ban, then appealed to fans in a public-relations battle against the Yankees and Major League Baseball.

The sniping began June 25, when Rodriguez tweeted that his surgeon, Dr. Brian Kelly, gave him the go-ahead to play injury rehabilitation games.



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Former Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, center, with manager Billy Martin, left, and vice president and general manager Lou Piniella in 1988.

Feeling the third baseman was challenging the team's authority to set the schedule for his return, general manager Brian Cashman told ESPN "Alex should just shut up," underlining his comment with a profanity.

That was just the start. Two months later, Cashman and Rodriguez won't even have a substantive conversation without lawyers.

Rodriguez challenged the team's diagnosis of his quadriceps injury, retaining a doctor to say he wasn't hurt — even though the physician never examined him and gave his opinion solely on the basis of a scan. He twice went on WFAN radio, intimated that Yankees President Randy Levine and Major League Baseball were in cahoots to keep him off the field and hired a blustery attorney to go on national television and accuse the team physician of misdiagnosing his hip injury.

Makes the conflicts of 1970s seem downright pedestrian.

"This is uncharted territory. That was baseball. Whether you

liked it or not, it was all about winning and what it took to win," longtime Yankees broadcaster Suzyn Waldman said. "George and Billy fought because Billy didn't win — or Billy did win. Or Reggie and Billy fought. It was always baseball. Nobody signed up for this."

Lou Piniella says his 1970s Yankees didn't have this kind of prolonged quarrel between a star and management.

"I've never heard of a situation where a player is playing on the field and the team he's playing with, they're bickering back and forth," said Piniella, now a team broadcaster. "We had some problems here and there, but no, this is a totally different story."

Martin and Jackson nearly brawled at Boston's Fenway Park in June 1977 when the outfielder didn't hustle after Jim Rice's bloop that became a double, and Martin replaced him immediately with Paul Blair. When Jackson got back to the dugout, the two jawed at each other, and coaches Yogi Berra, Elston Howard and Dick Howser were needed to separate them.

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"What's the point of doing 10,000 pushups a week if you have no one to do them with. I'd much rather do 5,000 pushups with a lovely woman... sitting on my back to increase my

resistance." -- Chris

"I'm gonna go see a man about some porcelain, you know what I mean? I'm not buying cocaine. I'm going to the bathroom. The whiz palace, as I like to call it." -- Leslie

"Ann, you beautiful tropical fish." -- Leslie

"I just want to get the work over as soon as possible so I can do some fishing. Fishing relaxes me. It's like yoga except I still get to kill something." -- Ron Swanson

"Yes, we're gonna get a dish rack, and shower curtains, and a cutting board, but if you think for one second that I'm not also gonna get that marshmallow shooter so I can shoot you in the face with marshmallows when you're asleep, then you're the dumbest woman I know." -- Andy

BASEBALL

Baseball strives for relevance in Israel

Associated Press

HASHMONAIM, West Bank — Nate Fish is excited. Things are off to a good start at this “Baseball for Beginners” practice, where 11 young Israeli boys are putting on mitts and pulling baseball caps over knitted yarmulkes.

“All right, now we’ve got everybody in the dugout like a real team!” he yells. Then he turns around to look at the diamond that his players have helped set up, and his voice drops. “Home plate is backwards, guys,” he says.

In sports-mad Israel, where basketball and soccer are hugely popular, baseball is still mostly a curiosity for kids like these. Fish, a former minor leaguer who played alongside with Yankees third baseman Kevin Youkilis in college, is trying to change that.

On Aug. 1, he became the first paid full-time national director of the Israel Association of Baseball, which is making a major new push to expand the reach of the sport beyond its base of American expats and their children.

“We have to change the identity of baseball in Israel a little bit,” Fish said. “We have to make it cool and we have to make it exciting and athletic.”

Fish, a youthful 33-year-old third baseman from Shaker Heights, Ohio, fits the part.

In his blog, part travelogue and part absurdist comedy, he styles himself the “King of All Jewish Baseball.” He arrives at the practice in workout gear and runs around the field like a high school coach, yelling instructions and keeping the kids moving from drill to drill. He wants them active, engaged

and, in the brutal summer heat, sweating.

“The misconception is that baseball is slow and that baseball is boring. Baseball is fast,” Fish said. “For anyone who thinks baseball is boring, put them in the batter’s box and zip a 95 mph fastball past them and see if they’re still bored.”

Fish’s recent clinic, held in this Jewish settlement outside of Jerusalem, showed just how far he has to go. Misthrown balls flew around the unmowed field, whose track is ringed with a concrete barrier that’s more health hazard than warning. One boy who thought he’d hit an inside-the-park home run — thanks to several fielding errors — celebrated until Fish delivered some bad news: He was out, having missed every base.

The baseball association, the sport’s governing body in the

Jewish state, estimates there are 1,000 baseball players at most among Israel’s almost 8 million residents.

Fish’s arrival is the third major push to promote baseball in Israel over the past decade. In 2007, a group of American supporters launched the Israel Baseball League, a professional league comprised almost entirely of foreign players that folded after one season. Last year, Israel fielded a team for the World Baseball Classic. The team, managed by former major leaguer Brad Ausmus, was eliminated in a qualifying round.

With his American experience and Israeli connections, Fish seems like a perfect fit for the task of growing baseball in Israel. “I believe in the project and I like the people and I think it’s a cool opportunity,” Fish said. “How often to

you get to be in charge of baseball in a country?”

But the obstacles are large at all levels, from funding concerns and lack of facilities to the most basic details.

The “Baseball for Beginners” sessions are designed to introduce young kids to the fundamentals of the game. But while Fish, who does not speak Hebrew, tried to work slowly, he often lapses into rapid-fire instructions that sail over the heads of his players along with their errant throws. To help, Efraim Keren and his 15-year-old son, Nadav, walk the field translating and correcting mechanics.

“We haven’t been successful in reaching the rest of Israeli society,” acknowledged Keren, a New Jersey native who is a past national director of the baseball association. “And it’s quite a challenge to bring an American guy who speaks no Hebrew to reach out to the Israeli public.”

Instead of focusing on restarting a professional league or a similarly big splash, Fish is leading a grassroots push for “more baseball and better baseball.” The association is focusing on improving coaching standards and building new baseball diamonds, of which there are currently only four in Israel. In many places, games are held on makeshift fields plopped down in public parks or farmlands, with no backstops, base paths, dugouts or pitching mounds.

Fish also spent much of the summer giving presentations to gym teachers, and was rewarded with the right to hold baseball clinics in Tel Aviv schools. Giving kids broad exposure to playing, he said, is key to pushing baseball out of its American box and into the Israeli mainstream.

Itamar Elispur, a 14-year-old from Jerusalem, is one of the few Israeli baseball players who didn’t learn the game from an American parent. Introduced to the sport by an American uncle, he said none of his friends at school play the game, but when he shows them highlights online they are interested in learning more. He said he hoped that the game could be taught in gym class and promoted better.

“If they play it in school or we have more games, maybe they love it,” he said. And his mother, Tal, said she enjoyed the English practice he gets on the field.

Finding new players is also critical for another reason: money. Israeli baseball is largely dependent on player dues to stay afloat. With his full-time salary on the books and hopes for expansion, Fish estimates that the group now needs to expand enrollment 25 percent every year.

On the practice field, there were small signs of progress. Second-grader Nadav Sina, playing baseball for the first time ever, ended a scrimmage with the game’s only clean catch. And as Keren handed out Popsicles after the hot practice, another boy walked up to Fish.

“When’s the next practice?” he asked.

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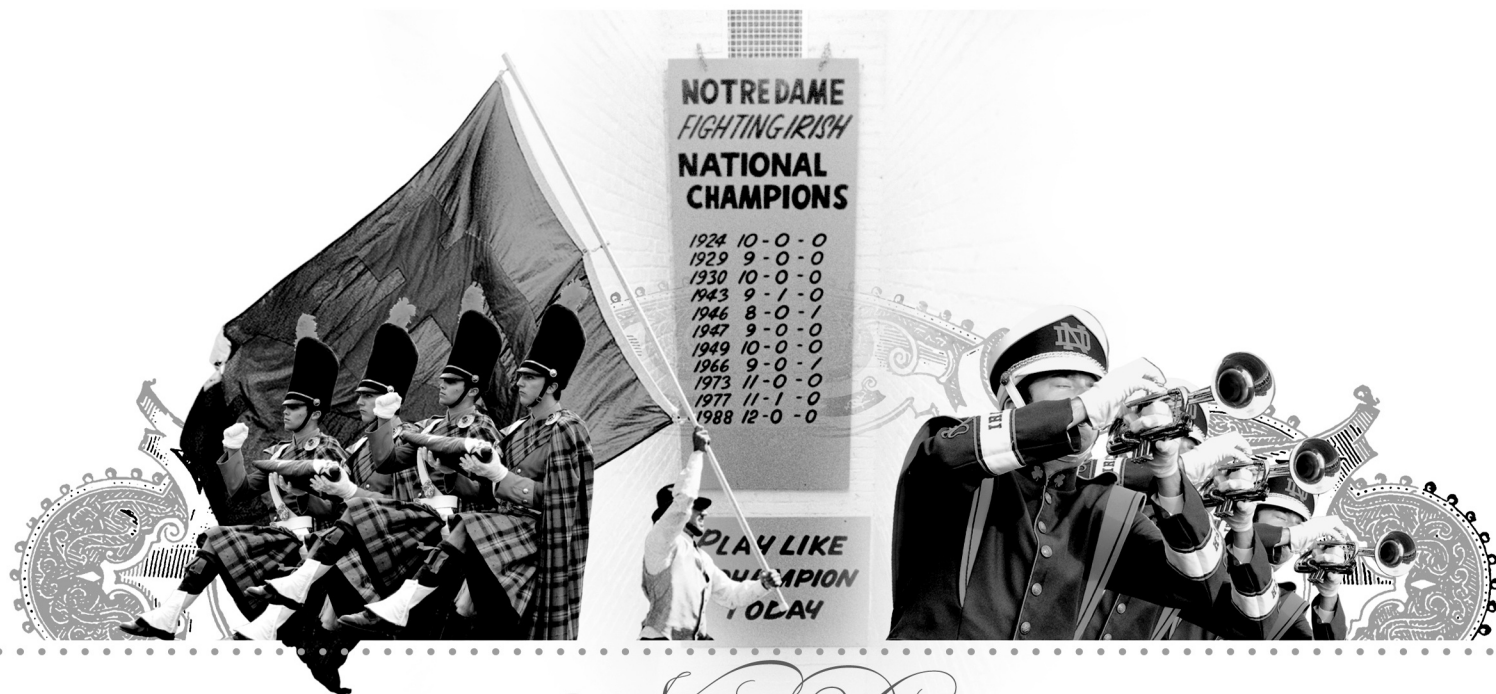
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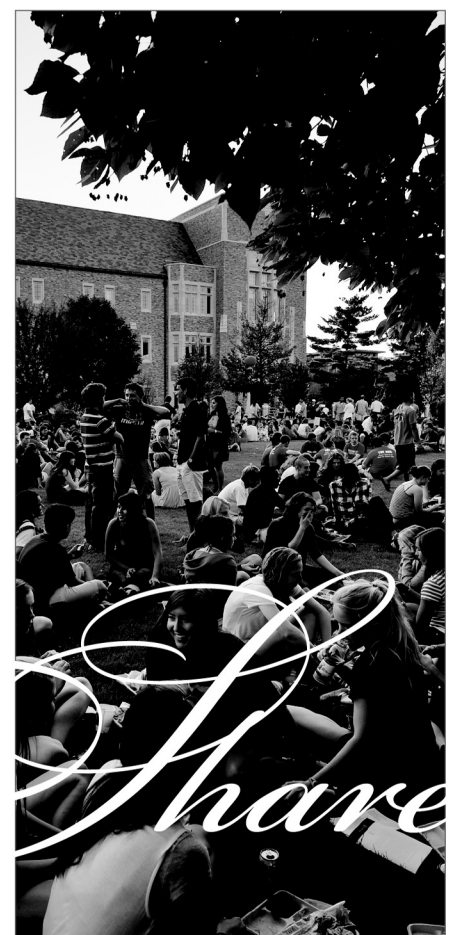
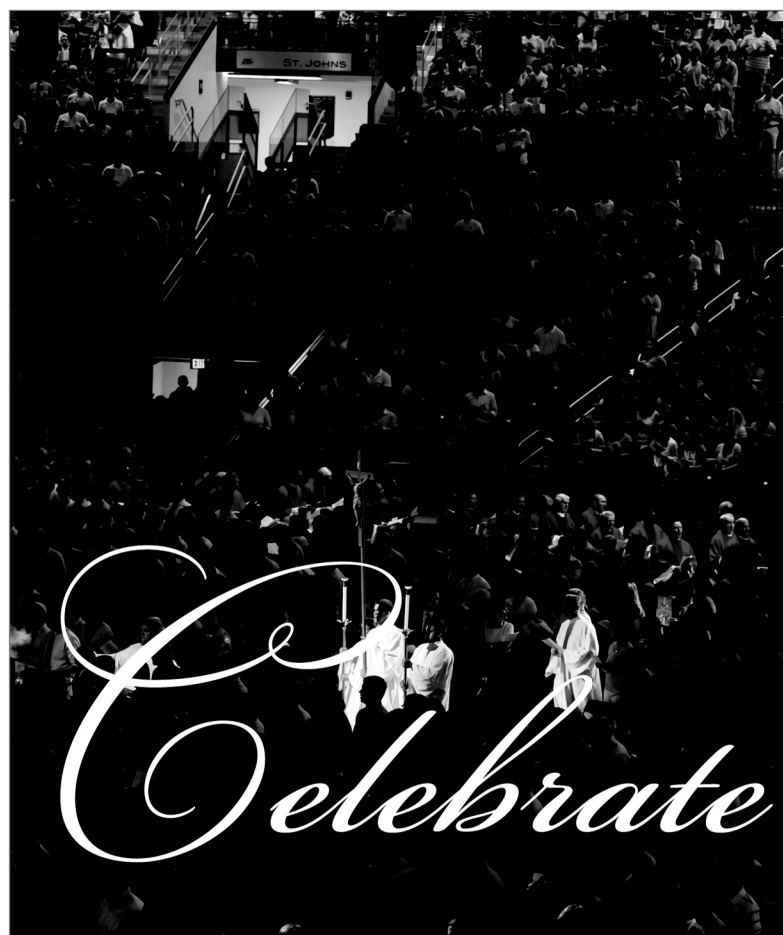
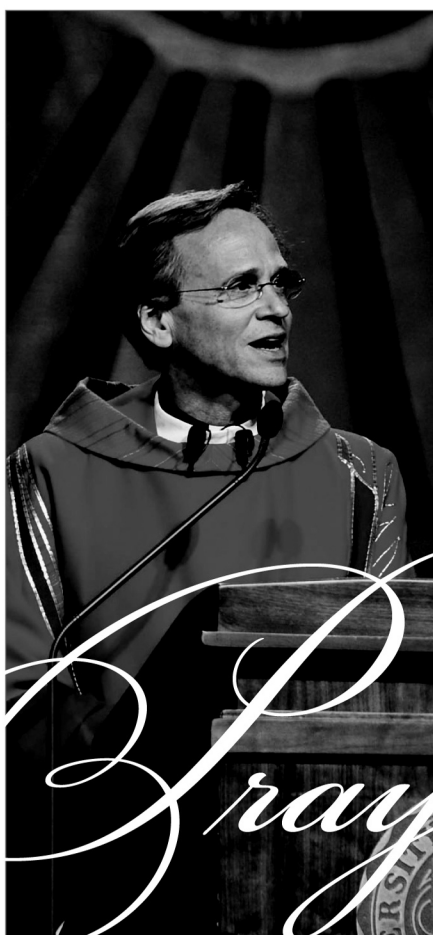
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Snowy Super Bowl predicted

Associated Press

LEWISTON, Maine — The Farmers' Almanac is using words like "piercing cold," "bitterly cold" and "biting cold" to describe the upcoming winter. And if its predictions are right, the first outdoor Super Bowl in years will be a messy "Storm Bowl."

The 197-year-old publication that hits newsstands Monday predicts a winter storm will hit the Northeast around the time the Super Bowl is played at MetLife Stadium in the Meadowlands in New Jersey. It also predicts a colder-than-normal winter for two-thirds of the country and heavy snowfall in the Midwest, Great Lakes and New England.

"We're using a very strong four-letter word to describe this winter, which is C-O-L-D. It's going to be very cold," said Sandi Duncan, managing editor.

Based on planetary positions, sunspots and lunar cycles, the almanac's secret formula is largely unchanged since founder David Young published the first almanac in 1818.

Modern scientists don't put much stock in sunspots

or tidal action, but the almanac says its forecasts used by readers to plan weddings and plant gardens are correct about 80 percent of the time.

Last year, the forecast called for cold weather for the eastern and central U.S. with milder temperatures west of the Great Lakes. It started just the opposite but ended up that way.

Caleb Weatherbee, the publication's elusive prognosticator, said he was off by only a couple of days on two of the season's biggest storms: a February blizzard that paralyzed the Northeast with 3 feet of snow in some places and a sloppy storm the day before spring's arrival that buried parts of New England.

Readers who put stock in the almanac's forecasts may do well to stock up on long johns, especially if they're lucky enough to get tickets to the Super Bowl on Feb. 2. The first Super Bowl held outdoors in a cold-weather environment could be both super cold and super messy, with a big storm due Feb. 1 to 3, the almanac says.

Said Duncan: "It really looks like the Super Bowl may be the Storm Bowl."

The Maine-based Farmers' Almanac, not to be confused with the New Hampshire-based Old Farmer's Almanac, which will be published next month, features a mix of corny jokes, gardening tips, nostalgia and home remedies, like feeding carrots to dogs to help with bad breath and using mashed bananas to soothe dry, cracked skin in the winter.

Also in this year's edition, editor Peter Geiger is leading a campaign to get people to ditch the penny, like Canada is doing.

Past campaigns have focused on moving Thanksgiving to harvest time in October, reconsidering "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the national anthem and changing the color of money. This time, Geiger thinks he has a winner.

He wants people to donate pennies to charity and then lobby Congress to stop making them.

"They don't get used very much. They get tossed. The only real use of a penny is if you save tens of thousands of them, then you can use them to help someone," he said.

SOCCER

FIFA contemplates winter World Cup



AP

FIFA president Sepp Blatter meets with the president of the Qatar Football Association after awarding the country the 2022 World Cup.

Associated Press

ULRICHEN, Switzerland — FIFA President Sepp Blatter expects his executive committee to decide soon on a switch that will shift the 2022 World Cup in Qatar to another season to avoid the searing summer heat.

Blatter told The Associated Press on Sunday that an Oct. 3-4 meeting in Zurich should approve the change, and begin consultation on the best time for Qatar to host the tournament.

"I would be very much surprised, more than surprised, if the ExCo will not accept the principle you cannot play in summer in Qatar," Blatter said in an interview on the sidelines of the annual charity soccer tournament in his home village. "What will be following, this would be then decided later."

Blatter said consultations would involve leagues, clubs, national associations and players, through their international union FIFPro, but he set no timetable.

Qatar's suitability in June and July, when temperatures routinely rise above 104 degrees, was questioned even before FIFA's board awarded it the tournament in December 2010. Qatar defeated bids from the United States, Japan, South Korea and Australia.

However, the 2022 World Cup organizing committee has stated its confidence in developing stadium air-cooling technology, intended to reduce field-level temperatures to 81 degrees. Qatari officials also repeatedly said they will change plans if FIFA requested it.

Blatter and soccer's governing body have gradually shifted their position from insisting that Qatar must ask for a change — a scenario interpreted as protecting FIFA against potential legal challenges. FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke told reporters in March that the governing body would not have prompted discussion about change without being sure of its legal position.

Now, some of the same FIFA board members who helped choose Qatar — in a decisive 14-8 vote over the U.S. — are set to

switch the tournament calendar.

"Those that have taken the decision at the time, they knew there is problems with the heat. They knew it, because it was in the (technical) report," Blatter said. "It was wrong to say, 'Now we have to play in summer,' because in summer you cannot play there."

"Therefore the ExCo now shall take the decision — and they will take it — that in summer you can't play in Qatar."

Blatter has previously suggested November as a possible start for the monthlong tournament while recent speculation has focused on May. A January-February slot is unlikely because of a clash with the 2022 Winter Olympics.

"What will be the ongoing situation with such a decision, we have to look on the international calendar," Blatter said. "We have to look if and how it is possible, when we don't play in summer, when is the best time to play in winter?"

The calendar is currently set through 2018, and the next round of discussions will look to the 2019-2022 cycle of seasons.

Wealthy European clubs and leagues, including the Premier League and Bundesliga, will likely be the biggest critics of any threat to schedule the 2022 World Cup during their traditional August-May season.

Blatter met Sunday with Michel Platini, the president of European soccer's governing body. He will discuss FIFA business with his 54 member federations during mid-September meetings in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

"He asked me to give him some items to be discussed there," Blatter said of the "long" session with Platini, his one-time protege and potential rival for the FIFA presidency in 2015. Platini has confirmed he voted for Qatar, but supports a switch from summer.

U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati helped lead the American bid in 2010 and will now contribute to key decisions on Qatar's hosting as a member of the FIFA executive committee since May.

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Cardiff stuns Man City for first Premiership win

Associated Press

LONDON — Cardiff won for the first time in more than 50 years in the top tier of English soccer, jolting mighty Manchester City 3-2 in the Premier League on Sunday.

Fraizer Campbell scored twice to put the Welsh team past the 2012 champions, who have spent heavily during the off-season to win the title again.

"We'll be the underdogs for a lot of the games this season but, as we showed, we've got great determination and hopefully that'll see us through," Campbell said.

Signed for just \$930,000 in January from Sunderland, Campbell helped Cardiff gain promotion and is now showing he can cut it in the Premier League again.

Cardiff is in the top division of English football for the first time since the 1961-62 season, gaining promotion in May to ensure there are two Welsh clubs in the Premier League for the first time.

As Cardiff was winning at home, Swansea lost 1-0 at Tottenham.

The blow of Gareth Bale's

impending departure to Real Madrid has been softened for manager Andre Villas-Boas by opening the season with back-to-back wins.

Roberto Soldado scored the winner from the penalty spot, just as he did in Tottenham's league opener at Crystal Palace last Sunday.

The weekend's blockbuster game doesn't come until Monday night when champion Manchester United hosts Chelsea.

City has already experienced an early setback despite spending more than \$140 million and replacing manager Roberto Mancini with Manuel Pellegrini after finishing without a trophy last season.

The scintillating 4-0 rout of Newcastle on Monday already seems to be a distant memory.

Although Edin Dzeko put City in front with a fierce striker seven minutes into the second half, Aron Gunnarsson slotted in Cardiff's equalizer on the hour.

Then Campbell, a former United striker, made his impact.

Peter Whittingham's inswinging corner was misjudged by City goalkeeper Joe Hart, and Campbell pounced at the far

post, netting from close range in the 79th.

Campbell's second also came from a corner eight minutes later, evading City defender Pablo Zabaleta to head home.

"Defending set-pieces is the duty of all the team — not just the goalkeepers and the defenders," Pellegrini said. "It does not matter who is guilty with the two corners, conceding from two corners is too much, it is too important an area."

Pellegrini, though, concluded that his team "did not play badly."

"We played against a very difficult team. They were with 10 players in their own box and it was very difficult for us to try to score," the Chilean said.

At White Hart Lane, Tottenham was angered not to be awarded a spot kick when Andros Townsend was fouled by Jonjo Shelvey just before half time — a free kick was given despite the offense being committed inside the area.

But when Townsend was tripped by Shelvey again after the break, a penalty was given and Soldado slotted past goalkeeper Michel Vorm in the 58th.

"There was contact and a foul



AP

Cardiff's Fraizer Campbell heads home the winning goal in his team's 3-2 win over Manchester City on Sunday.

for the first one," Swansea manager Michael Laudrup said. "I didn't think the second one was a foul."

Tottenham, though, can now prepare for next Sunday's north London derby against Arsenal with confidence high.

Especially thanks to Soldado.

With four goals in three games — including a double in

the Europa League on Thursday — the Spain striker is quickly repaying the 30 million euros (\$40 million) Tottenham paid Valencia for him.

As well as Soldado making his first competitive appearance at White Hart Lane, Etienne Capoue, Nacer Chadli and Paulinho also started for the first time at home.

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Reds' Chapman finds friend in compatriot

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Cervilio Amador turned his back to home plate, just like Johnny Cueto. Then he did two spins in the air before landing gracefully and throwing a ceremonial pitch to Cincinnati Reds closer Aroldis Chapman.

Ballet and baseball, a double tour.

The Cuban dancer and the Cuban pitcher teamed up for a special moment before Sunday's game against the Milwaukee Brewers. They left Cuba several years apart and have furthered their high-profile careers in Cincinnati, where they became friends.

Amador always wanted to throw a pitch at a Reds game — he's a big baseball fan — and Chapman helped him do it.

The move was all his own.

"I did a Cueto windup and then it was OK, a double tour," Amador said, referring to his gravity-defying double spin from the front of the mound.

The throw? Right there. The nerves? There, too.

"You know what? I did get nervous when I started walking to the mound," said Amador, who has performed in front of

thousands as a Cincinnati Ballet principal dancer for the last eight years. "It reminded me of what I feel right before I go on stage and start performing. Your heart just pumps.

"I was like, 'Just breathe, you can do this.' So much fun!"

The island's two famous performers enjoyed the chance to share such a moment. Amador left Cuba in 2003 and joined the Cincinnati Ballet. Chapman defected in 2009 and signed with the Reds. They met at a mutual friend's birthday party and became friends, active in a close-knit Cuban community in Cincinnati.

"Since I met him, we've had a good relationship," Chapman said, with assistant trainer Tomas Vera translating. "He's a great person."

Amador played baseball in the streets of Cuba as a boy, but was never on a team — dance was his thing. Chapman helped him realize one of his dreams by assisting with the ceremonial pitch. He gave him some tips on throwing before Friday's game to prepare him.

After his spin and fling, Amador got the ball from Chapman as a keepsake and walked over to the railing of the



Reds' reliever Aroldis Chapman, left, speaks with Cincinnati Ballet principal dancer Cervilio Miguel Amador before Sunday's contest against the Milwaukee Brewers. Chapman and Amador both hail from Cuba.

Reds dugout for a long, animated chat with manager Dusty Baker, who visited Cuba a few years ago as part of a diplomatic trip for the arts.

While in Cuba, Baker visited the national ballet school where Amador studied.

"He was telling me his experience when he went to Cuba," Amador said. "He went to the school that I went to, and they

performed for him. That's pretty cool."

Amador, wearing a Reds jersey with No. 50, waved to the cheering fans as he left the field and headed for a tunnel at the end of the Brewers' dugout. Milwaukee shortstop Jean Segura called to him in Spanish, giving him grief about his delivery. Amador joked back.

"Those guys were giving me a

hard time," Amador said.

Didn't bother him.

"They're on the opposite team," he said.

There's only one bit of unfinished business for the dancer and the closer. Chapman has never seen Amador on stage.

"I haven't seen him dance, but I want to go," Chapman said. "He told me he has a new show in September, so I want to see it."

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Irish use Europe trip to regain confidence

By ALEX WILCOX
Sports Writer

Notre Dame enters the year determined to outperform its early exit in the first round of the 2012 NCAA tournament, which brought its season to a conclusion at a 20-10 record.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said she hopes the team's pre-season summer trip to Europe will help it accomplish that goal.

"I think last year really left a bad taste in our mouth because we had such a good season and then finished poorly," Brown said. "This trip to Europe was just the perfect thing for us and for our team and to be able to regroup and play some really good competition."

"I think what it did was allow us to enter the preseason with a sense of earned confidence, not false confidence. We saw how we fell off and I'm just really confident in the coaching staff and our players and our leaders that it won't happen again."

The team traveled across the continent, bonding and playing some of the best international competition. Brown said the trip benefited her team for

many reasons.

"[The trip] was everything we hoped it would be," she said. "The travel went really smoothly, [and] we got to see some amazing sights and play great competition. We played six extra matches and got better each time we played. At the end of it, we were exhausted, but we felt like we definitely gained a lot from it. The team really gained a lot in team cohesion and chemistry, and I just couldn't be prouder of the team."

The Irish will begin their first season in the ACC this year after leaving the Big East. Notre Dame will play 20 of its 31 total matches in conference play, an increase from the 15 conference matches it played in the Big East last year. While the transition will prove difficult, Brown said ultimately she is happy with the move and excited to play better competition.

"Top to bottom, [the ACC is] a stronger conference," she said. "The RPI of the teams we're playing is higher, so that subsequently will make our RPI higher as well. It's a longer season, it's a new experience, and we don't know those teams and haven't traveled to those cities."

So it's going to be a lot of new things, but there's also a lot of excitement. When everything's new, nothing gets boring, so we're really looking forward to that."

Even with the unknown that comes with switching conferences, Brown said she still has high expectations for her team, which is led by junior outside hitter Toni Alugbue and junior right side hitter Jeni Houser, who both earned honorable mention All-American honors a season ago.

"We have high expectations and we always do, whether it's the beginning of the year or throughout," Brown said. "When you have a lot of juniors and seniors, we feel like we'll play a cleaner version of volleyball. Less unforced errors, smarter plays, smarter shots, and just seeing things happen in front of us better. I think that bodes well for us going into the season."

The Irish open their season at the Blue Raider Bash against North Carolina on Friday in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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Irish junior outside hitter Toni Alugbue, pictured here against Pittsburgh last season, returns after leading the team with 390 kills in 2012.

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Irish junior forward Lauren Bohaboy, pictured here last season against Louisville, scored three goals in two games over the weekend. Bohaboy buried the first goal of the season for Notre Dame on Friday night against Illinois and netted two more against Northwestern on Sunday at Alumni Stadium. Bohaboy was second on the team in 2012 with seven goals.

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goalkeeper Rachel Bergman.

Five minutes later, Bohaboy found the net again off a pass played across the six-yard box by sophomore defender Brittany Von Rueden, who provided an offensive spark for the Irish all day from the back. Bergman had little chance on either of Bohaboy's shots, as the Irish found the net on each of their first two attempts.

"I'm feeling really good about our team this year," Bohaboy said. "I just need to keep working hard and everything's going to go well."

Given a two-goal lead, the Irish defense and midfield proved relentless, holding an overwhelming advantage in possession and hardly giving up the ball throughout the first half. The midfield tandem

of sophomore Cari Roccaro and freshman Morgan Andrews was instrumental in holding and distributing the ball in the middle third, as the Irish completed over 500 passes on the day, according to Waldrum.

"It's the style that we want to play and something we assign as a priority," Waldrum said. "I always tell our team that if we can get around 330 passes a game, we'll win most of our games. Today we had over 500 to only about 100 for them. I thought our possession was very good today and has been all season."

Freshman midfielder Cindy Pineda, who came on midway through the first half, extended the Irish lead and notched her first collegiate goal just soon after taking the field. The first-year player skimmed a header past Bergman on a cross from Von Rueden to take the Irish to the half with a 3-0

lead.

Northwestern got on the board just after the halftime break as senior midfielder Julie Sierks lofted a shot from 25 yards out into the upper left corner of the net. But the Irish were quick to answer on a corner kick, with sophomore defender and tri-captain Katie Naughton heading in a cross from sophomore forward Crystal Thomas. Naughton's goal finished the scoring despite the best efforts at a hat trick by Bohaboy, who hit the crossbar on a chip with 20 minutes remaining.

This year's Irish squad is more seasoned than a year ago, returning 10 starters to a team that reached the 2012 NCAA quarter-finals. With another strong recruiting class, headlined by the No. 1 freshman in the nation in Andrews, the Irish have the depth to provide Waldrum with plenty of options for his starting 11.

"I think we're getting close," Waldrum said. "I think we have a great rotation up front with Bohaboy, [junior forward] Karin Simonian, Crystal Thomas, and the freshman Olmsted and [sophomore forward] Anna Maria Gilbertson. Those five have been unsettled, but we know they are all going to play. In midfield, we're in great shape."

The win against Northwestern followed a similar 4-1 victory over Illinois on Friday at Alumni Stadium in the season-opener. Bohaboy, Gilbertson, Olmsted and senior defender and tri-captain Elizabeth Tucker provided the offense and freshman goalkeeper Kaela Little impressed in her first collegiate start in net.

The Irish are back in action this weekend when they host the Notre Dame adidas Invitational at Alumni Stadium, squaring off with Oakland on Friday and UCLA on Sunday.

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transition to the ACC is accompanied by a similar thrill that comes with the surfacing of a new group of players to replace the likes of Finley and Powers.

"We graduated some great players last season, and we were sad to see them go, but the players are excited for the opportunity to take over," Clark said.

Junior midfielder Nick Besler said he is confident in the new group of players stepping up to the challenge.

"We lost some great guys, but we gained some other kids who are willing to step up," Besler said. "They are different, and I think that's the most exciting part — creating a team with a new identity."

Building from last season, Clark said he hopes to improve the team's performance in the NCAA tournament and finish stronger than a disappointing third-round elimination. However, Clark does look to maintain the team's leadership and spirit.

"I hope to see the team leadership and tremendous team spirit persist this season," Clark said. "It is such a great, fun group to coach."

Senior defender and captain Andrew O'Malley said the team has a great dynamic on

and off the field.

"When we're on the field, everyone is seriously focused and understands our job is to win," O'Malley said. "When we're off the field, we're a fun team and don't take ourselves too seriously."

O'Malley said he is confident in the team's defense. Led by fifth-year senior Grant Van De Castele at central defense, junior Max Lachowecki at left back and senior Patrick Wall at goalie, O'Malley and the rest of the defense are deep in talent and experience.

"We have the entire former backline from last season to build upon this year," O'Malley said. "The goal of the backline is to build on the experience we have and improve even from last year."

While the Irish backline is fully experienced, the team's offense has Finley's production to fill. Senior captain and forward Harrison Shipp said making the offense a threat on the field will definitely be one of the team's biggest obstacles.

Shipp, along with fellow veterans such as senior forward Leon Brown and junior forward Vince Cicciarelli, will look to younger players like sophomore Patrick Hodan to assist on the attack.

"We have a new set of players with different strengths, and it's important to figure out the strengths and use them to



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Irish senior defender and tri-captain Andrew O'Malley, pictured here in Notre Dame's season-opener last year, will be one of the anchors for a defense that returns the entire starting backline from 2012.

our advantage in the season, especially as we prepare to play teams like [No. 9] UCLA," Shipp said.

With exhibition play coming to a close Monday night against Ohio State, the Irish open their regular season against the Bruins in

the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic on Friday.

Though the Irish face a tough opponent to open the season, Clark said the team is eager to face strong teams like UCLA.

"It will be a challenge but a fun challenge," Clark said.

"We are looking forward to challenges like these."

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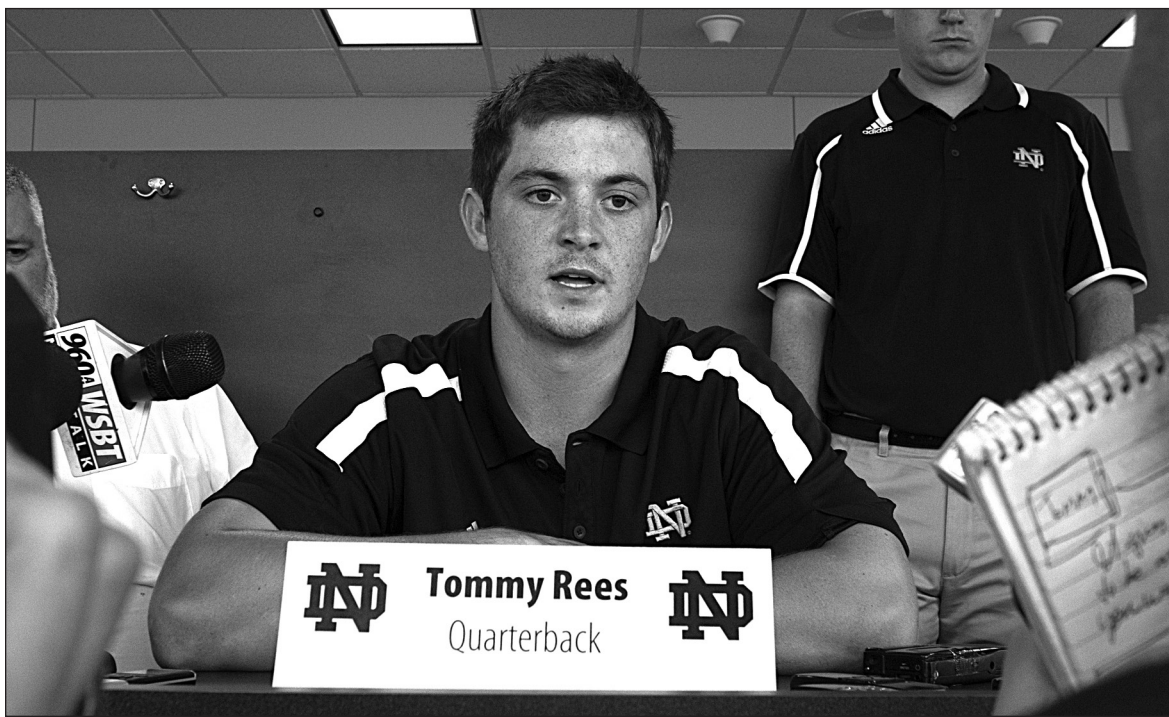
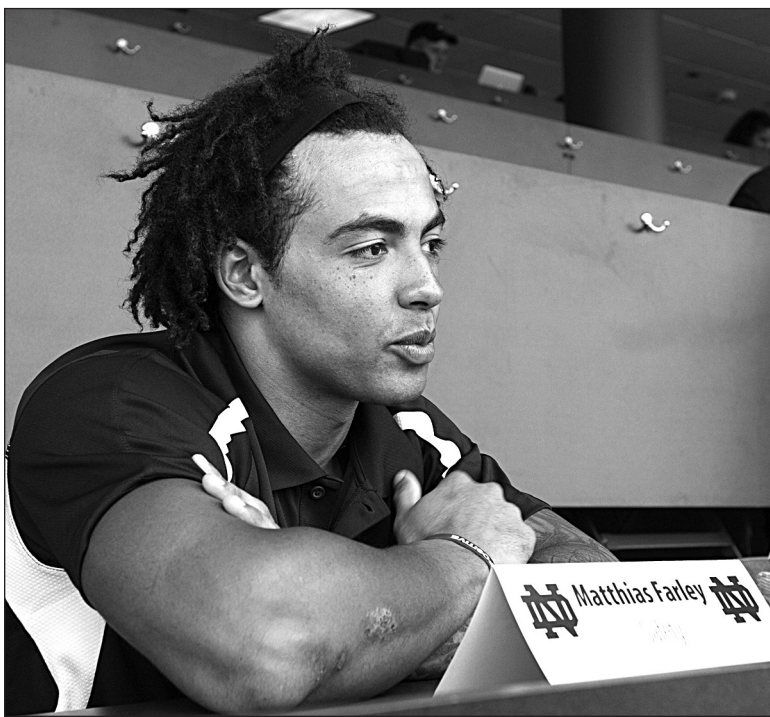
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Irish senior receiver TJ Jones, senior quarterback Tommy Rees and junior safety Matthias Farley, pictured clockwise during media day Thursday, speak to reporters in the Notre Dame Stadium press box in preparation for Saturday's season-opener against Temple.

Football

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have a fullback in the game, play that kind of game, Ben suits that very well, although he can play in space.

"If you want to go three wide, if you want to play an open set, Jaylon has incredible athleticism to be able to play in space. So we really think we've got two players there and the depth at that position that we're very, very lucky, in losing a player like Danny Spond, to have those two guys."

Backup quarterback options

With senior quarterback Tommy Rees entrenched as the starter under center, senior Andrew Hendrix and freshman Malik Zaire have been battling for the backup spot.

Kelly has said there is a clear pecking order at quarterback, with Hendrix as the No. 2 option and Zaire as the third. Kelly said Hendrix's game has grown from being a niche quarterback to grasping the entire offense.

"We're going to take advantage of some of the things he can do," Kelly said. "He can run. He's a physical runner. So we may have some more quarterback runs, but it's not going to turn into an option

game with him in there. He can run our offense. So we don't have to turn the play-book inside out to put Andrew Hendrix into the game."

Kelly said Zaire would need a special package to enter the game.

"I mean, we would have to alter significantly what we're doing," Kelly said. "He's just

not ready to do everything that we want. We're really excited about him as a player and as a quarterback. He's just not at that level yet. He's getting there."

Golson's plan for fall

Suspended junior quarterback Everett Golson will be working out in San Diego

with esteemed quarterbacks coach George Whitfield for about two months this fall.

Golson will return to the Midwest around Thanksgiving before settling back at Notre Dame around the holidays, Kelly said.

Last season as a sophomore and first-year starter, Golson led Notre Dame to an

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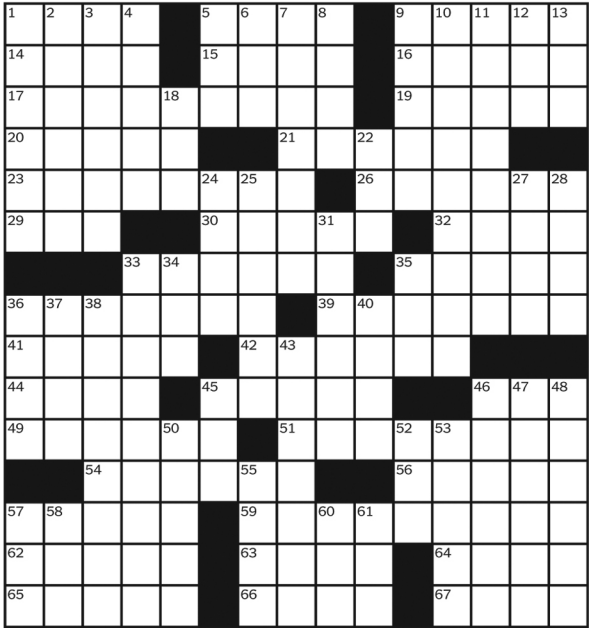
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't talk; take action. Your vision will be spot on, and the choice you make will trigger your competitors to make a move. Stand your ground and use compassion, integrity, experience and your leadership ability to get what you want. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Getting involved in something that interests you will also help you find ways to use your skills and talents in unique ways. The people you meet while traveling or attending a conference or engagement will offer you options worth considering. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't expect things to run smoothly at home or in your personal life. Opposition is apparent, and it will be important to address any issue that arises before it has time to turn into an irreversible situation. Choose love and peace. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make travel plans or take a day trip with someone who shares a common interest in order to help you make plans that can change the way you live. Speak openly regarding your feelings and your intentions. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A change in status or reputation can lead to perks. Before you are too quick to take what's offered, question motives and what's expected of you in return. Small but important details may be omitted on purpose. Be specific and ask questions. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your assets can grow if you make changes to your current investments. Property deals calling in monies owed or closing a deal will beef up your bank account, giving you more freedom to add comfort to your life and ease your stress. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your emotions tucked away until you feel certain you understand the situation you face. Learn from past experience and you will be able to make gains instead of losses. Make personal changes that fit the current economic climate. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20): Embrace life and initiate change that will lead to a prosperous future. Contracts can be signed and deals made, and personal and professional partnerships can be formed. Fraternizing with peers will keep you in the loop and heading toward advancement. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are sophisticated and insightful. You are fascinating and attract attention.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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

RHUCN

UPOEC

MOTRPP

OMEODZ

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: PIZZA OUNCE PADDLE PLEDGE
Answer: Having a crossword in the Jumble did this — PUZZLED PEOPLE

WORK AREA



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

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FOOTBALL

Countdown to kickoff

With Temple four days away, Notre Dame moves forward without Golson, Springmann and Spond

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
Assistant Managing Editor

Notre Dame's depth on the defensive line will be tested after losing Irish junior defensive lineman Tony Springmann to a season-ending knee injury, coach Brian Kelly announced at media day Thursday afternoon.

Springmann dislocated his left knee and suffered ligament damage as well. Kelly said Springmann will have surgery and his injury will force freshman defensive lineman Isaac Rochell into action.

"We were hoping we could be a little more patient with Isaac, but we're going to have to really accelerate that learning curve for Isaac this year," Kelly said.

Notre Dame's starting defensive line, anchored by preseason All-American seniors Louis Nix and Stephon Tuitt, is considered among the best in the nation.

Jones named punt returner

Senior receiver TJ Jones will return punts for the Irish this season, Kelly announced.

Jones and freshman

running back Greg Bryant had been splitting time receiving punts during practice throughout camp.

"One of the cores for wanting to be successful is a burning desire to want to do the job," Kelly said. "I didn't have a guy that had a burning desire to want to do that job [in the past]. He wants to do this job badly. I mean, it's important to him."

Kelly said the Irish were in a safe punt formation 43 percent of the time last season and said Notre Dame will be more aggressive this season. The Irish averaged fewer than three yards per return in 2012.

"We're going to try to set up some punt returns regardless of some of those field positions where we were in safe punt keeping our defense on the field," Kelly said. "We're going to try to set up with some returns."

Replacing Danny Spond

Freshman linebacker Jaylon Smith and junior linebacker Ben Councell are battling to replace now-retired senior linebacker Danny Spond at the drop linebacker position.



KEVIN SONG | The Observer

Irish coach Brian Kelly speaks to reporters during media day Thursday in the Notre Dame Stadium press box. Kelly and the Irish open the season at home Saturday against Temple.

Kelly said before that both players will see playing time, but he has not named a starter at that position.

"You have two guys, one who's already 250 plus pounds, in Ben Councell, that can obviously play over a

tight end," Kelly said. "If you want to play real physical and

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER | ND 4, NORTHWESTERN 1

Squad bests Northwestern, sweeps weekend

By **CONOR KELLY**
Sports Writer

The Irish sprinted out of the gate against Northwestern on Sunday, with junior forward Lauren Bohaboy scoring two goals in the game's first seven minutes to stake Notre Dame to a 2-0 lead. The team never looked back, cruising to a 4-1 victory at Alumni Stadium in the second game of the season.

"It makes the opposition know that there is a long way back," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum of his team's fast start. "To put pressure on them that early really hits them hard. It was really important to get those two goals early."

Bohaboy got the Irish (2-0, 0-0 ACC) on the board just a minute and 12 seconds into the match, corraling a cross from freshman forward Kaleigh Olmsted, turning past a Wildcat defender and firing a shot into the upper netting past Northwestern sophomore



Observer File Photo

Irish senior defender and tri-captain Elizabeth Tucker, pictured here against East Carolina in 2012, scored Friday against Illinois.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Defensive vets to lead Irish into ACC

By **KIT LOUGHRAN**
Sports Writer

With the challenge of living up to one of the best seasons in the program's history, the Irish take to the field this week for the beginning of the 2013 season.

Last season, Notre Dame finished with a 17-4-1 record — compiling the most wins since 1988 — and won the Big East Championship for the third time in program history. Though the Irish were eliminated in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament, 2012 marked the first time Notre Dame had entered the post-season as the No. 1 overall seed.

However, the loss of two first team All-Americans in forward Ryan Finley and midfielder Dillon Powers creates a void to be filled by the team's experienced veterans and newcomers as Notre Dame commences

the program's first season as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC).

Named last season's Big East Offensive Player of the Year, Finley contributed 21 of the team's 52 goals. Both Finley and Powers were drafted in the first round of the MLS SuperDraft in January.

Without those same stalwarts and with Notre Dame joining a new conference, Irish head coach Bobby Clark said it is unclear just how the adjustment to the ACC will be.

"We do not know the answer to exactly how the team will adjust quite yet," Clark said. "The ACC is a tremendous soccer conference, but the Big East has been very strong and is definitely the conference that would have prepared us the best."

The uncertainty and excitement that come with the

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