

University restructures on-campus discipline

Newly-formed Office of Community Standards plans to incorporate results of peer review into policy

By **TORI ROECK**
Associate News Editor

After a thorough review of its disciplinary processes and procedures, the former Office of Residence Life has reinvented itself as the Office of Community Standards to better address disciplinary incidents with the goals of student development and formation.

Ryan Willerton, director of the Office of Community Standards, said the review process began in 2011 and included focus groups of students, hall staff and members of the Office of Student Affairs who analyzed the way the University implemented its disciplinary policies.

"The Office of Residence Life has looked at policies and procedures before, but doing a comprehensive review hadn't happened in quite a while," Willerton said. "We looked at it from the approach of a peer benchmark. ... [We asked] what are they doing in conduct processes? [We looked at] everything from meeting settings to the process they use, who meets with students, what are the types of questions they ask [and] what are their policies related to meetings."

The review revealed some inconsistencies around campus in addressing disciplinary offenses,

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FORMER OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE HAS REINVENTED ITSELF AS *THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY STANDARDS*

Review process began in 2011, policies include:

- A student's first drinking offense regardless of where it occurs, will be handled by his or her rector.
- The Office of Community Standards will continue to handle more serious offenses, such as drug abuse or sexual misconduct.
- University will only report three types of outcomes: disciplinary probation, temporary dismissal and permanent dismissal.

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Notre Dame disallows large bags in stadium

By **CATHERINE OWERS**
News Writer

In time for the football season opener tomorrow, the University updated its policy on bags in Notre Dame Stadium, director of Game Day Operations Michael Seamon said.

The new policy states large bags, including backpacks, duffels and tote bags, are not allowed in the stadium, Seamon said.

"Any smaller purses or bags that are brought will be inspected at the entrance to the stadium, just as they have always been," Seamon said.

Seamon said a review of the bag policy was planned after the conclusion of last football season.

"Then Boston happened," he said, referencing the bombings at the Boston Marathon on April 15, when bombs were hidden in

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Mendoza expands program eligibility

By **NICOLE MICHELS**
Assistant Managing Editor

The applicant pool is open — individuals who attained undergraduate degrees with non-business majors are now invited to apply to the One-Year Masters of Business (MBA) Program within the Mendoza College of Business.

Brian Lohr, director of MBA and Masters of Science and Business (MSB) Admissions, said the changed policy recognizes the achievements of individuals who honed business expertise in the workplace. He said applicants are welcome to apply to the program if they can demonstrate "significant knowledge of fundamental business concepts."

"The change in requirement takes into consideration more recent trends in the education and employment landscape by recognizing that candidates often have developed considerable knowledge about business through a meaningful work experience after graduation," Lohr

said. "They may have landed in a role that required them to manage budgets, manage projects or supervise others and they gained a lot of on-the-job training in essential business operations."

Lohr said this policy revision was a joint effort between several Mendoza representatives, including both Lohr and Dean Roger Huang. The group changed the policy in order to facilitate the addition of diverse perspectives to the One-Year MBA Program, though the requirements for admission have not changed, Lohr said.

"We look for three primary items when we evaluate candidates: academic excellence, leadership and a consideration for others," Lohr said. "These three components have not changed, this just allows us to look at a little bit of a broader pool."

According to the program's website, its requirements are, "an undergraduate degree from an accredited university

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College finishes construction

By **KAITLYN RABACH**
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After five years of construction, \$8,570,000 worth of renovations on Saint Mary's Madeleva Hall were completed in time for the 2013-2014 school year, director of energy management Ben Bowman said.

The renovations, which began in 2008, were composed of three project phases: the interior gutting, east and west side landscape changes and the



Photo courtesy of Gwen O'Brien

Renovations on Madeleva Hall were completed after five years, providing students and faculty with a more eco-friendly building.

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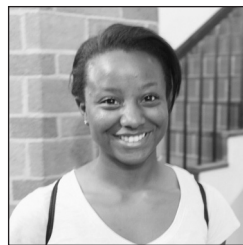
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Dean Crawford bikes to raise awareness of NPC

By NICOLE MCALEE
News Writer

Gregory Crawford, dean of the College of Science, spent his summer on the road — during a 35-day, 3,467-mile cycling trip called “Road to Discovery” to raise money for research efforts on Niemann-Pick Type C (NPC), a fatal genetic disorder. Crawford became involved with NPC research after meeting former Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian’s son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Cindy Parseghian, three of whose four children had NPC.

“I just sort of became almost enthralled with this whole concept of how [the Parseghian family] got through losing their children or having their children with this fatal disease,” Crawford said. “It was so inspirational, because they could have been mad at the world and everything else, but they kind of rolled up their sleeves and said ‘What can we do?’”

It was then that Crawford asked himself what he could do to help cure NPC.

“I’m a physicist by training, and I admit I have absolutely no skills whatsoever to do anything related to Niemann-Pick, and so I wanted to do something, especially being the Dean,” Crawford said. “Basically, I wanted to see how I could contribute, since I couldn’t contribute anything meaningful in a scientific way.”

In 2010, Crawford embarked on his first cycling trip, from Tucson, Ariz., to Notre Dame. He has participated in a cycling trip every year since that first summer and in the last four years has raised almost \$300,000 for NPC research. Crawford began in Los Angeles on June 27 and arrived at



Photo courtesy of Dean Crawford

Dean Crawford biked across the continental U.S. during summer break, marking his fourth trip from Tucson, Ariz., to Notre Dame.

his final destination in Baltimore on Aug. 2. He stopped in major cities along his route to meet with Notre Dame alumni, as well as with families affected by NPC.

“It’s so rare that even a big city may only have two or three kids or families with Niemann-Pick,” Crawford said.

Crawford said alumni across the country joined him for parts of his ride, and he hopes to involve even more people in next year’s journey.

“There’s a lot of interest in seeing whether or not [Road to Discovery] could be expanded to be inclusive of other people that want to raise money for the cause,” Crawford said.

In addition to raising money and awareness for NPC, the annual cycling trip increases interest in research at the College of Science. Crawford said Notre Dame’s Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases and several of the University’s faculty members fight for a cure for NPC.

“We’re certainly curiosity-driven scientists, but we also want to have an impact on lives,” Crawford said. “We want to send a message about what our faculty members are doing and their great research in this fight against Niemann-Pick.”

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where English is the primary language, a demonstrated proficiency in fundamental business knowledge and skills usually gained through significant work experience, three credit hours of financial accounting and three credit hours of statistics.”

His own experience working in a field he did not study as an undergraduate pushes him to advocate for the extension of eligibility for Mendoza’s programs to prospective students who did not study business during their undergraduate careers, he said.

“I am one of those folks,” Lohr said. “I was an English major as an undergraduate but I worked for Lockheed right when I got out of school. About a week after I was hired, I went to my boss and asked him why he hired me, since I didn’t have an engineering or business degree.”

He said he felt this experience showed him how when people with distinct backgrounds work collectively to solve a problem, a more innovative solution can be reached.

“I think that’s what makes the classroom environment so different at Notre Dame, those backgrounds allow you to look at problems from different perspectives. I think that is a really good thing that we have going on in Mendoza: about a third of my two-year class is from business, about a third is from math, science or engineering and a third is from humanities.

“The diversity makes for interesting discussions and allows students to look back on their experiences to attack a problem from a different angle,” Lohr said. “This [type of education] is unique and

fostered here.”

Lohr said he expects the extension of eligibility to graduates with non-business majors to increase the quality of Mendoza’s One-Year MBA Program.

“I’m not sure how this will impact the applicant pool, though I feel strongly that it

“That just makes sense for Notre Dame, to [work to] attract the best and the brightest candidates ... to hinder that with stringent prerequisites didn’t make a whole lot of sense.”

Brian Lohr
director of MBA admissions

will grow significantly because of that change,” Lohr said. “That just makes sense for Notre Dame, to [work to] attract the best and brightest candidates ... to hinder that with stringent prerequisites didn’t make a whole lot of sense.

“Our ability to bring in the best and brightest MBA candidates in the world is critical to our continued success.”

Lohr said the program has continued to climb Businessweek’s rankings since its inception, and he hopes this change will facilitate the rise of Mendoza’s program.

“In 1997 we were not ranked within the top 50 MBA programs and now we’re a part of the top 20 programs based on Businessweek’s last survey,” he said. “We’re excited about what the future holds.”

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SPARK graduate opens dance studio downtown

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

In September, Velvet Canada, a graduate of Saint Mary's Women's Entrepreneurship Initiative (WEI) fourth SPARK program in South Bend, will open her own dance studio named DanceHipology, WEI director Martha Smith said.

"Velvet was a student of our fourth session of SPARK," Smith said. "She came to us with a lot of enthusiasm. From the very beginning it was obvious that she meant business, literally. She participated in all of the sessions and by the end of the program she had finished her business plan and was ready to go forth with her idea. Now, she is the first SPARK graduate to open a brick and mortar business."

The eleven-week program SPARK is modeled after a San Francisco non-profit called the Women's Initiative, Smith said. Both programs include intense training sessions on topics such as marketing, break-even points, mission statements, business plans, stress management, networking, record-keeping and loan information.

"We learned about banking, met with bankers and realized it is not that hard to start a business," Canada said. "I learned being an entrepreneur is really just time, effort and knowing the right people."

Canada, who graduated with a Bachelors of Arts from Notre Dame in 2009, said she developed a passion for ballroom dancing while attending the University and has now been dancing for seven years.

"I have been a professional dancer for three years now and I cannot wait to share my passion with the South Bend community," Canada said. "I really just want to share this passion with others and get others to get out there, shake their booty and have fun."

Canada said for the past two to three years she has had a dream of opening a dance studio, and in December she

decided to make this dream a reality. To move forward, Canada applied for the SPARK program.

"My boss saw information about the SPARK program in the newspaper and thought I would be a great candidate," Canada said. "Turns out I was and the program really lit a fire under what I wanted to do in terms of opening a business."

She said she is tailoring her studio toward hip-hop and ballroom dancing, but has several goals for the studio.

"My goal is to have a kids group that can cultivate the culture of hip-hop and realize it is not a thug thing," Canada said. "You can dance to hip-hop with classical music of the popular hits of today. I also want people to know ballroom dancing is not something that has to be danced ... with stuffy symphony music. There are some cool songs you can dance [to for] ballroom."

Though tailored to these two types of dancing, Canada said her studio will offer a variety of different classes.

"We are going to have all different types of classes," Canada said. "If you want to learn moves that a motown back-up singer would have to know, we are going to have a class for that. We are also going to have Zumba and hip-hop workout classes for people of all ages. One of my teachers is trained in Tae Kwon Do and he will be teaching a Martial Arts dance class. There really will be a class for everyone."

Having been mentored by the SPARK program, Canada said she is looking forward to giving back to South Bend community and paying her mentoring skills forward.

"I came to this city seven years ago and can honestly say I have fallen in love with South Bend," Canada said. "This city has a lot of talent and I would love to help dancers in anyway possible. Whether that is helping anyone that has a goal of being a successful dancer or someone that would like to



Photo courtesy of Velvet Canada

(Left to right) Velvet Canada, Hipology Studio owner and her teachers Lauren Hickey, Krysta Thompson and Jeremy Tillman (below) will open the studio in September.

open her own studio, I would like to offer my skills and experience."

Canada said she is thankful to the SPARK program for giving her the extra boost of confidence to start her own studio.

"I have recommended others to do the SPARK program and will continue to do so," Canada said.

Smith said SPARK represents an organization of community members investing in women who will eventually give back to the greater South Bend community.

"Thanks to the financial support of KeyBank, 1st Source Bank, PNC Bank, NIPSCO, The Pokagon Fund, the involvement of dedicated community facilitators and SCORE volunteers, SPARK continues to pioneer and meet the needs of women-related causes," Smith said.

To learn more about Dancehipology you can visit www.dancehipology.com or call 574-400-5408 to sign up for fall classes. The studio is located in the Emporium Building at 121 South Niles Avenue.

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(NDSP), said NDSP encourages all students and fans to help maintain a safe game day environment.

"If you see something suspicious, say something," Johnson said. "We rely on fans to look out for each other, and that really distinguishes the Notre Dame community."

Johnson said NDSP coordinates with local and state police to ensure the safety of people on campus during game days.

"We have a robust security plan," he said. "We want to implement it without detracting from the fan experience."

Because of the extreme heat expected for this Saturday,

Seamon said Game Day Operations encourages fans to stay hydrated and cool.

"We will have a misting station outside of Gate A, similar to what you'd find at a marathon," he said.

Additionally, Seamon said there is an evacuation plan in place in the event of inclement weather.

"People will be asked to go into concourses or in buildings surrounding the stadium," Seamon said. "We will use the intercom system to communicate to fans the time the game will resume."

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"The new policy was announced at the end of July, and we've sent notices to all ticketholders," he said.

Seamon said the new policy has been well received.

"We've seen an increase in security across the country," he said. "People realize we are doing this for your safety."

Fans who visit the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore before the game can carry their purchases into the stadium in the bookstore's clear plastic bags, Seamon said.

Phil Johnson, director of Notre Dame Security Police

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window project.

"We first began by gutting the entire interior of the building," Bowman said. "We remodeled everything, took out all of the interior walls and even took out the mechanical system. That system includes heating, air conditioning, plumbing and ventilation."

This first phase of the project cost the College \$7,000,000 and was the first remodeling effort done to the building since it was built in 1967, Bowman said. This phase of the project was completed in 2009.

"The building was due for a remodeling," College President Carol Ann Mooney said. "It is now a very different building than it was and is better able to serve faculty and students."

The second phase of the project began in 2010 and started with the remodeling of the west side landscape, Bowman said.

"We really revamped the landscape outside of the building during this phase of the project," he said. "During the west side remodeling, we worked to meet the standard requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act."

Work on the east side landscape began in 2011, Bowman said.

"This is when we created the outdoor education space

that has the labyrinth out there," Bowman said. "This is a great place for students to meet. I even know of some math professors who roll white boards out there and teach class outdoors."

Bowman said the last phase of the project began in 2012 with the start of the window replacement.

"Madeleva is 70,000 square feet, and approximately 50 percent of the building is composed of glass or windows," Bowman said. "Therefore, it is important that these windows provide good insulation."

Before the window replacement, Bowman said the windows blocked only 40 percent of the sun's heat.

"The original windows were single-paned," Bowman said. "During the summer, you could feel the heat radiating off of the windows while standing inside, and in the winter, frost would formulate on the inside."

With the installation of double-paned windows, Bowman said the College saves anywhere from 30 to 50 percent of energy costs.

"The new windows we went with are one-inch and double-pane insulated with two sheets of glass," Bowman said. "It blocks 90 percent of the heat gain, so on the inside you only feel 10 percent of the sun's heat coming into the space, reducing the energy for heating and cooling in the building. Essentially, the

building is more eco-friendly."

Bowman said the window project marked the finish of the five-year renovations, but the department is looking to renovate the north side landscape of the Hall.

"The only side we didn't touch is the north side of Madeleva," Bowman said. "What we are looking at now

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Carol Ann Mooney
College president

is renovating this space into what would be called Sr. Madeleva Gardens. We currently have a dedication for her at this entrance and it would be nice for this dedication to extend outside."

Bowman said he has been working with grounds services to draw up visions for the garden, but as of now, these plans are only potential donor opportunities.

"We have a strict policy of not starting construction projects until we have raised the money," Mooney said. "That is the reason we won't have any major visible construction projects on campus during this school year."

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especially alcohol-related ones, Willerton said.

"Under the Office of Residence Life model, if a student was leaving Reckers and they happened to get stopped by NDSP because they were stumbling and they were intoxicated out on the green right behind Reckers, an NDSP report would've been submitted and that report would've gone to our office," he said. "If a student would've made it into their residence hall, and the hall staff would've noticed the student was intoxicated or had been drinking, the rector would've had the opportunity to determine whether or not that student would meet with the rector or whether or not that student would be sent to our office."

Under the Office of Community Standards' system, a student's first drinking offense, regardless of where it occurs, will be handled by his or her rector, Willerton said.

"The biggest change students will see is regardless of where the incident happens, whether it's on campus, off campus, whether police were involved, hall staff were involved, building managers were involved, we're referring those students to the same place," he said.

Willerton said having a student's rector handle such offenses complies with Catholic Social Teaching.

"The reason it would go to their rector is it's based on the concept of subsidiarity," he said. "Catholic social teaching believes in handling things at the lowest level possible. In other words, who best knows our students? And we hope that [for] our students who live on campus, their rectors can have the most productive conversations with them."

The Office of Community Standards will continue to handle more serious offenses, such as drug abuse and sexual misconduct, Willerton said.

"Sexual misconduct, drugs — those are all going to be referred to our office," he said. "But for incidents that can be addressed by rectors, so parietals, alcohol-related incidents, community incidents within the residence halls that wouldn't rise to the level that students may lose their on-campus housing opportunity or their status at the University, then we'd want our rectors to have that first conversation with students."

Interactions with the Office of Community Standards will involve three types of meeting settings: a meeting, a conference or a hearing, Willerton said.

To reflect the policy implementation changes, the Office of Community Standards updated its conduct reporting policy to exclude minor offenses from a student's future record, Willerton said.

"The change is the University will only report three types of outcomes, and they're known as disciplinary status outcomes because they're the most serious outcomes: disciplinary probation, temporary dismissal and permanent dismissal," he said.

The Office of Community Standards will only release records of minor offenses if the student gives his or her consent, Willerton said.

Walsh Hall rector Annie Selak, who served on the committee of rectors in the review process, said the new system fits better with Notre Dame's focus on community.

"I think the changes really emphasize the community of Notre Dame," Selak said. "They move away from a punitive approach and really focus on the development of a student. As this system rolls out, I think we will all see that this approach fits the Notre Dame community and is an improvement over the previous system."

Selak said the review process was quite thorough and students should be pleased with the results.

"The Office of Community Standards went through a review process that has been commended throughout the country," she said. "I am truly impressed at the time, energy and effort that the staff put into this process. They were thoughtful, insightful and in a word, impressive. Not only have they addressed the findings, but they have gone beyond to create a system that fits the unique community life of Notre Dame."

Willerton said the changes are in place for the benefit of the students and he hopes the new implementation policies will educate them.

"It's about developing [students] as individuals to be productive citizens when they graduate, understanding how their values are tied into their decisions and their behavior,

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Annie Selak
Walsh Hall rector

and realizing that their values should hopefully align with our University's values," he said. "And that's one of the reasons why hopefully they came to Notre Dame. So it's part of the educational process outside the classroom."

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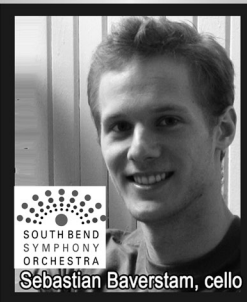
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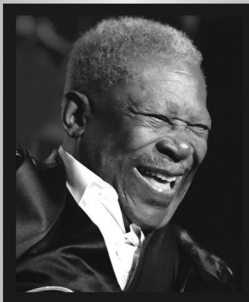
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Fast-food workers demonstrate for higher wages

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fast-food workers and their supporters beat drums, blew whistles and chanted slogans Thursday on picket lines in dozens of U.S. cities, marking the largest protests yet in their quest for higher wages.

The nationwide day of demonstrations came after similar actions organized by unions and community groups over the past several months. Workers are calling for the right to unionize without interference from employers and for pay of \$15 an hour. That's more than double the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, or \$15,000 a year for full-time employees.

Thursday's walkouts and protests reached about 60 cities, including New York, Chicago and Detroit, organizers said. But the turnout varied significantly. Some targeted restaurants were temporarily unable to do business because they had too few employees, and others seemingly operated normally.

Ryan Carter, a 29-year-old who bought a \$1 cup of coffee at a New York McDonald's where protesters gathered, said he "absolutely" supported the demand for higher wages.

"They work harder than the billionaires in this city," he said. But Carter said he didn't plan to stop his regular trips to McDonald's.

Jobs in low-wage industries have led the economic recovery. Advocates for a higher minimum wage say that makes it crucial that they pay enough for workers who support families.

The restaurant industry says it already operates on thin margins and insists that sharply higher wages would lead to steeper prices for customers and fewer opportunities for job seekers.

The drive for better pay comes as the White House, some members of Congress and economists seek to raise the federal minimum wage. But most proposals are for a more modest increase, with President Barack Obama suggesting \$9 an hour.

The Service Employees International Union, which represents more than 2 million workers in health care, janitorial and other industries, has been providing financial support and training for local organizers in the fast-food strikes around the country.

The National Retail Federation called the actions "yet more theater orchestrated by organized labor, for organized labor." The group said it showed the labor movement is facing depleted membership rolls.

Walkouts were also planned Thursday in Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Seattle, St. Louis, Hartford, Conn., Memphis, Tenn., and other cities. Organizers said they expected thousands of workers and their

allies to turn out, but the number of actual participants was unclear.

In New York, City Council speaker and mayoral candidate Christine Quinn joined about 300 to 400 workers and supporters in a march before the group flooded into a McDonald's near the Empire State Building. Shortly after the demonstration, however, the restaurant seemed to be operating normally, and a few customers said they hadn't heard of the movement. The same was true at a McDonald's a few blocks away.

In Atlanta, a TV station showed customers and workers in a McDonald's going about their business as protesters read a statement inside the restaurant.

The lack of public awareness illustrates the challenge workers face in building wider support. Workers participating in the strikes represent a tiny fraction of the industry. And fast-food jobs are known for their high turnover rates and relatively young workers.

In another neighborhood of New York City, workers chanted "We can't survive on \$7.25 an hour" outside a Wendy's and effectively cut off business. There were no customers inside.

In Detroit, the dining area of a McDonald's was shut down as workers and others protested outside. A Subway in Seattle was able to stay open despite dozens of protesters outside chanting for \$15 an hour.

"I know I'm risking my job, but it's my right to fight for what I deserve," said Julio Wilson, one of about 30 fast-food workers who picketed outside a Little Caesars in Raleigh, N.C. Wilson, who has a 5-year-old daughter, said he earned \$9 an hour at the pizza restaurant.

In Las Vegas, a few dozen people gathered along the street outside a McDonald's, chanting and carrying signs that read "Strike for a living wage" and "Huelga por \$15," Spanish for "Strike for \$15." But an employee at the restaurant said it stayed open throughout the demonstration.

Not everyone was supportive. Striking workers in Topeka, Kan., were briefly confronted by Richard Moore, who said he understood the strike but not why workers were seeking "\$15 for flipping burgers."

Moore, 57, had been sitting on a curb holding a sign saying he was a veteran looking for a job.

The latest protests follow a series of strikes that began last November in New York City. The biggest effort so far was over the summer when, organizers say, about 2,200 people staged one-day demonstrations in seven cities.

McDonald's Corp. and Burger King Worldwide Inc. say they don't make decisions about pay for the independent franchisees that operate most of their U.S. restaurants. At restaurants that

it owns, McDonald's said any move to raise entry-level pay would raise overall costs and lead to higher menu prices.

The company said it provides professional development for

interested employees and that the protests don't give an accurate picture of what it means to work at McDonald's.

"We respect our employees' rights to voice their opinions.

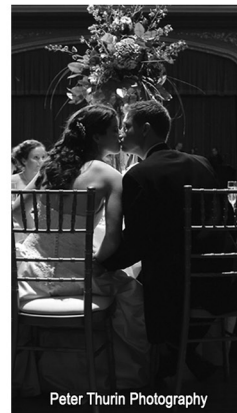
Employees who participate in these activities and return to work are welcomed back and scheduled to work their regular shifts as usual," McDonald's said in an emailed statement.

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Learning to fail



Marisa Iati

Assistant Managing Editor

Freshmen, let me tell you something about Notre Dame that you may not have heard yet: At some point during your time here, you are going to fail.

Actually, you probably will fail many times.

Most of us don't want to schedule failure into our four-year plans. The good news, though, is that the times when you mess up and the instances in which you don't get what you want likely will become some of the most formative moments of your college career.

While at Notre Dame, I was declined a position at the same summer job three times. Having to find other opportunities led me to two internships that gave me experience in the journalism industry, which I hope to enter after graduation.

Being declined that summer job the last time led me to eight weeks of service teaching children of immigrants in Park City, Utah. The opportunity was eye-opening and fulfilling, and it educated me about other career paths I could pursue.

It takes a great deal of humility to allow yourself to learn from efforts that don't work out as planned, but the willingness to readjust often leads to unique experiences.

A quote that has been attributed to various people asserts, "If you haven't failed, you're not trying hard enough." There's truth in this idea. If you're always successful, you haven't taken advantage of life's best opportunities to leave your comfort zone and fall — but then to emerge as a stronger, smarter and more passionate person.

You also should know failure is relative. Teaching in Park City frustrated me sometimes. I felt like I was failing because I couldn't solve all of the kids' problems. I learned, however, that it's incredibly meaningful to brighten someone's day by being present to him or her in moments of joy and in struggles. Realizing I wasn't truly failing enabled me to approach my work with newfound energy.

Like me, you most likely won't receive every opportunity you apply for at Notre Dame, and sometimes you'll feel as if your best isn't good enough.

That's okay.

You'll have experiences you couldn't have predicted. You'll learn to fall down seven times and stand up eight.

And to quote Pocahontas in my fifth-favorite classic Disney movie (but who has an order, right?), you'll learn things you never knew you never knew.

Best of luck, Class of 2017. You have no idea what's just around the riverbend for you at this very moment.

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Christians against intervention

Brian Kaneb

Viewpoint Columnist

The Vatican is a defender of tradition when it comes to social issues. Even Pope Francis, a relative reformist, used his first encyclical to point out that only heterosexual couples can "give birth to a new life" and "become one flesh." These politically controversial parts often overshadow the whole, which is unfortunate considering they only take up one paragraph of the 60-paragraph letter. Pope Francis probably wanted readers to focus on other themes. The Second Vatican Council's understanding of the Church being "bound to no particular human culture" is likely one of these, especially considering the first citation of scripture in the encyclical had to do with universal salvation.

The Vatican's response to the Syrian Civil War has made clear that it takes its universality seriously. In a time when it is very much human culture to conform

to calls for intervention in the conflict, the Church has cautioned against action. Its initial statement advocating for an agreement that "takes into account the legitimate interests and aspirations of the different peoples involved" may sound like little more than a general guideline, but its subsequent statements have been more like specific warnings. This is best seen in its reaction to the chemical weapons attacks on thousands of people last week in Ghouta, an eastern section of Syria's capital of Damascus. Once Britain and France hinted this was the last straw, the Vatican came out against armed intervention because "experience has shown with Iraq and Afghanistan" that it "does not bring any constructive results."

This opposition may come as a surprise when one learns of the degree to which the war has affected the Church. Most Christians in Syria are not aligned with the Roman Catholic Church, but it is hard not to be alarmed at the

Christian population of Homs decreasing from the hundreds of thousands to the hundreds in just two years. This is not to say lay people are the only victims of violence. Even Fr. Francois Murad, a Franciscan who wanted to defend nuns from jihadists targeting his church, lost his life in a likely beheading.

It would have been easy for the Vatican to turn a blind eye to Syria. It could have cited the violence against Christians and added to the pressure on governments to intervene. It could have cited the political nature of military intervention and defer to other states. Yet the Church is aware that its allegiances are beyond borders and that its divine mission should not be subject to popularity amongst aggressive governments.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Martin Luther King, Jr.
American civil rights activist

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Syllabus week shenanigans

Matthew Miklavic
The Maine Idea

Syllabus week. Few phrases can inspire such great joy among college students and such envy among all others. We have no work and great weather, though apparently, I missed the sundress memo. Suddenly surrounded by thousands of their closest friends, students quickly rejoice while entering into a cease-fire agreement with their professors to postpone working until next week. Armed with nothing but their names, hometowns and a fun fact, they've made it through their first classes. As we reach the conclusion of syllabus week — and the beginning of an equally cherished weekend — let us remember what we've already done.

Students have come from every corner and continent to grace the dorms of Notre Dame, the streets of South Bend and the docket at St. Joseph County Circuit Court. Coming by car, train, plane and the always memorable Coach USA bus,

thousands have congregated for yet another year like no other. It wasn't easy. We've persevered the pain of simultaneously losing both ResLife and our starting quarterback. We endured Sharknado and Anthony Weiner. Within seconds of a Game Seven, I had to watch the Boston Bruins make Dayne Crist look clutch. So yes, that could have gone better. But summer has past and Notre Dame is once again present.

Living among us are more than 2,000 wide-eyed freshmen. They've survived the trip here, made it through Frosh-O and undoubtedly thrived at Domerfest. They waved goodbye to their weeping (or high-fiving) parents, but not before receiving last minute advice like "Don't forget to study," "Have some fun" and "I'm too young to be a grandparent." They made some friends. They wandered around campus until they found the building they were looking for. They attended their first class while others boldly skipped theirs.

They were made members of their respective dorms through a myriad

of sacred traditions. They suffered through their first Dillon Pep Rally. They even know where things are in the rearranged North Dining Hall, which is far more than I can say. On the eve of the first home game, they can proudly proclaim themselves students of Notre Dame — even if they don't pass the swim test. And they are not alone.

They're joined by seniors ready for one last year under the dome. Having glimpsed this past summer what the real world has in store for them, they're prepared to make the most of the time they have left and maybe beg for a fifth year.

They're joined by juniors preparing for the constant stream of 21st birthdays. Even as they ready themselves for MCAT insanity, internship anxiety and awkward Skype chats as they scatter the globe to study abroad, they're ready to take the bars by storm and to no longer fear Excise police lurking at every corner.

Finally, they're joined by sophomores. No longer saddled by the 8:30 class their freshman advisors signed them up for, they're eager to be back.

They return to campus with wildly optimistic expectations for the football season, absent the USF and Tulsa-instilled cynicism of the older classes.

So welcome back, everyone. Hydrate away whatever evil Thursday night tossed your way and get ready for an opening weekend of football, celebration and shenanigans. In a world that will quickly be consumed by papers, tests and projects, don't forget to stop and enjoy your time here. You're going to have fun. You're going to succeed. You're probably going to trip up at some point, be it in a class or with a tray full of food in the dining hall. If I'm any sort of benchmark, you'll do both. Get up, take a bow and smile. No matter how you slice it, you're in for a pretty awesome year.

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Democratization of content creation

Yoo Jung Kim
The Dartmouth

The time is ripe for internet content artisans. Authors disenchanted by the prospect of traditional publishing can produce work in e-book format through vendors such as Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing. Musicians neglected by mainstream channels can sell their work in Bandcamp. But writing novels and making music independently are relatively straightforward projects. Now, the democratization of internet content has expanded to include the creation of bigger, more complicated projects that are supported directly by what the public wants to see and buy.

One recent example of such content democratization through crowd-funding is "Tangiers," a stealth game inspired by the 20th century avant-garde art movement — specifically, the work of William Burroughs. While the game's high-brow and obscure inspiration would have prevented it from being pitched successfully to game developers looking for definite profit, the small production team was able to use

Kickstarter to sell the idea directly to individuals who wanted to see the game produced.

The democratization of content creation enables individuals to express and distribute narratives that are marginalized by traditional mainstream producers and publishers. This can be seen through another successful project called "Mothership: Tales from Afrofuturism and Beyond," which raised over \$21,000 through Indiegogo. The authors wanted to create an anthology of genre material by and for persons of color, due to their historically low representation in science-fiction and fantasy. The anthology will feature numerous contributors, including Pulitzer Prize-winning author Junot Diaz.

Crowd-funding platforms have fostered the creation of more complex content by a larger number of people, and with the advent of distribution networks such as Amazon, Steam Greenlight, Google Play and the Apple App Store, creators can now pitch products beyond their initial support circle to consumers around the world. This way, the internet has fostered a type of democratic, more direct, two-way

consumerism. The content producers — artists, writers and entrepreneurs — are able to spend time making the things they want to make without being stymied by the exorbitant costs and logistics of traditional production and distribution networks, and through crowd-funding, consumers have a louder voice in creation.

Of course, established companies are far from obsolete. Larger game studios and publishing houses have the capital and talent to produce large and high-quality products, and can provide consumers with consistency and a sense of what to expect. Indie projects may lack professional polish or may fall through entirely. For instance, self-published books and e-books are often spotted with grammatical errors or unwieldy sentences, which would have likely been fixed by scrupulous editors in bigger houses. Indie games have failed due to disputes among production team members. "Fez II," a sequel to hit game "Fez," was canceled after a Twitter argument between creator Phil Fish and game blogger Marcus Beer. Organizational matters aside, democratizing content broadens the scope of publicly available products.

If we abide by Sturgeon's Law, which states that "90 percent of everything is crap," we expect lots of junk to accompany the gems produced through crowd-funding. The internet has allowed for increased coverage and distribution of works that would have otherwise been left unnoticed by the public. We are at an unprecedented age. Through crowd-funding, the internet can foster smaller, more streamlined, semi-professional projects where creative decisions need not be completely constrained by financial concerns.

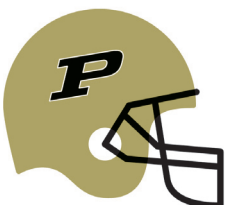
We are uniquely suited to experience an era where everyone is free to express him or herself and distribute his or her work. While not every project will be a masterpiece, the internet gives creators a chance to support themselves financially while bypassing traditional gatekeepers, and provides consumers with an opportunity to decide which products should be created for consumption.

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ND FOOTBALL PREVIEW—THE SCENIC ROUTE



By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Editor

Ah yes, the sportsball games approach.

Football, that sport of kings — if kings sometimes lived vicariously through their children's youth sports careers and spent their Saturday and Sunday nights alternating between crying and re-joining, but always drinking lots and lots of beer.

Snapshot analysis of last year's sports results: the ball team did real well for most of the games in the season but not as good in the last game of the season.

So how does this football season look? Let's break it down.

Game 1: Notre Dame vs. Temple, Aug. 31

Temple comes to town sporting brownish-ma-roony uniforms, begging the question of why they haven't hired a fashion consultant for their football team. Maybe Notre Dame can lend theirs to them after the game. Who knows, maybe in a few years, Temple will have their own line of colognes and perfumes. Good luck, guys!

Prediction: Notre Dame A Lot, Temple Much Less.

Game 2: Notre Dame at Michigan, Sept. 7

Michigan, of course, is famous for its fight song composed entirely of different pitched fart noises, which is always a difficult obstacle to overcome for a Notre Dame football team with a notoriously fickle sense of smell. Two years ago when Notre Dame lost in the final seconds at Michigan a fan threw a full can of beer at me in the parking lot, so I'm excited to see what they'll turn to this time when Notre Dame takes the win. Kegs of beer? Small children? 1960s era Volkswagen busses? Who knows!

Prediction: Notre Dame A Decent Amount, Michigan Slightly Less.

Game 3: Notre Dame at Purdue, Sept. 14

Purdue will have the home field advantage in

theory, but in reality, the Indiana Excise Police will be out in force doing everything they can to help silence the crowd. Thanks, guys!

Prediction: Notre Dame A Million, Purdue None.

Game 4: Notre Dame vs. Michigan State, Sept. 21

Thanks to the new NCAA rule that makes the fake field goal play a secondary violation that results in a million billion game suspension, Michigan State will have a hard time keeping up.

Prediction: Notre Dame A Little, Michigan State Less Than A Little.

Game 5: Notre Dame vs. Oklahoma, Sept. 28

With rumors swirling that this game may come down to a musical theater performance competition, Notre Dame looks like a giant underdog sending Freakbass up against Rogers and Hammerstein. But then at the last minute, Oklahoma will realize that they're both deceased and will be disqualified.

Prediction: Notre Dame 1, Oklahoma DQ.

Game 6: Notre Dame vs. Arizona State, Oct. 5

This game will be played in Jerry Jones's garage, which might create some spatial problems for two teams who like to get out there and really get after it. More importantly, the Sun Devils versus Catholic Disneyland? Come on.

Prediction: Notre Dame Infinity, Arizona State Negative Infinity.

Game 7: Notre Dame vs. USC, Oct. 19

Win.

Prediction: Notre Dame Win, USC Lose.

Game 8: Notre Dame at Air Force, Oct. 26

It's always dicey picking against the Air Force, what with the NSA watching me type this right now and sending a dome right for my house at this very second. But hey, I like living on the edge.

Prediction: Notre Dame A Bunch Of Scores, Air Force Very Few Scores.

Game 9: Notre Dame vs. Navy, Nov. 2

All right, I'm feeling seriously scared right now.

Prediction: Notre Dame More Than Navy, Navy Less Than Notre Dame.

Game 10: Notre Dame at Pittsburgh, Nov. 9

Pittsburgh is my least favorite city in the Union. Ben Roethlisberger is so overrated that he makes Tony Romo look like John Elway. Mario Lemieux robbed me of a hockey franchise in Kansas City, and I don't even like hockey. Pittsburgh sucks.

Prediction: Notre Dame By All Of The Points.

Game 11: Notre Dame vs. BYU, Nov. 23

In a battle over who has stricter rules against boys and girls speaking to each other outside of the place of worship of their parents' choice, it all comes down to off-campus housing. At BYU, if you leave campus, you're still in Utah.

Prediction: Notre Dame By The Hair On Their Chinny-Chin-Community Standards.

Game 12: Notre Dame at Stanford, Nov. 30

I'm offering this simple phrase/ To kids from one to 92/ Although it's been said/ Many times, many ways/ Your mascot shouldn't be a tree.

Prediction: Notre Dame By An Axe And A Woodchipper.

National Championship: Notre Dame vs. Alabama, Jan. 6

At the last minute, Notre Dame's parents go out of town, so they have to stay home and watch the family dog. I know, I know, we promised, but really, it's just like, out of our hands, you know? We're so sorry; we just can't make it. We promise, cross my heart and hope to die, we'll make it next time!

Prediction: Tie.

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GUESS WHO'S BACK ... BACK AGAIN?

By **KEVIN NOONAN**
Scene Editor

Lost in the hoopla over Miley Cyrus's, um, thing at the MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday was Eminem's announcement of his next album: "The Marshall Mathers LP 2." A little over 24 hours later, he dropped the second single from the album, "Berzerk."

As a lifelong Eminem superfan, I was and still am pretty pumped to the max about both developments. First, the single was produced by Rick Rubin and has a very Beastie Boys-esque sound: loud, crazy and angry, which is exactly the kind of thing I've always loved from Eminem.

Don't get me wrong. I love "Stan," but this song is about as close to Slim Shady's verse on Dr. Dre's "Forgot About Dre" as anything he's done since his much talked about comeback. And even if "Berzerk" isn't Eminem's greatest song, it definitely shows more promise for the album than anything on "Relapse."

And the album. Oh, man. It's a bold move calling it MMLP2. The original "The Marshall Mathers LP" has sold over 21 million copies in the U.S., was nominated for the Album of the Year at the Grammys and won the Rap Album of the Year. It has been listed on "Greatest album of all time" rankings by Rolling Stone, Time and XXL. It contains three of the most well known songs of his career ¾ "The Way I Am," "The Real Slim Shady" and, perhaps his most critically acclaimed song of all time, "Stan."

It's a really good album. So the bar is pretty high for Eminem if he wants this album to be a success.

But that's just what I want. The bar, at least from fans, has been relatively low for his previous two albums. When "Relapse" was released, it was his first in four years. I wasn't expecting it to be perfect, and it certainly wasn't. It was pretty wildly mediocre, actually.

And so then his second comeback album, "Recovery," only had to be better than

"Relapse," which it certainly was. "Recovery" was a solid album but by no means a classic. Expectations for this third comeback album already would have been high, as fans saw promise of Eminem returning to form in his latest effort.

By calling back to MMLP, he's taken expectations and put them on steroids. But I think he knows what he's doing.

For one, both of the singles he's released so far, "Berzerk" and "Survival," have been solid hits. The album is produced by Marshall Mathers himself in part, along with longtime contributor Dr. Dre. Dre's inclusion might be a little disconcerting, thanks to his poor/non-existent track record of late, but Eminem is expanding the influences on this album beyond the N.W.A. legend.

As already mentioned, Rubin is listed as a producer. Rubin is the founder of Def Jam Records and famed producer of albums by the Beastie Boys, Public Enemy, LL Cool J and Run-DMC. He was recently brought back into

the spotlight for his work on Kanye West's "Yeezus."

The other producer listed is Dion Wilson, who goes by No ID and is known as "The Godfather of Chicago hip hop." Wilson helped launch the careers of artists like Common and Kanye West, and he worked with Jay-Z on his "The Blueprint 3."

If Rubin's influence on the latest single and Wilson's work on that Jay-Z album is any indication (he produced the fast paced, grinding and spectacular "D.O.A. (Death of Auto-Tune)"), Eminem is aiming for a high-energy, angry tone. Which, for me at least, is perfect, because my favorite of his songs are the ones I can imagine him performing with two middle fingers raised for the entirety of the song.

And I got through the whole column without saying it, but here it is: Slim Shady's back.

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THE KICKBACK



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Welcome back to The Kickback, and I hope you had plenty of them over the summer as well. As I said in the inaugural column, The Kickback is all about hanging out with your best buds, listening to the latest jams and, well ... kicking back.

And this is the space where you'll get a weekly update on the best of the newest music out every Friday.

Usually this space highlights an album, mixtape or some other form of a full release. But this summer was just adequate. I thought for sure I'd have too much to write about here.

Kanye West's "Yeezus" was a classic to some, annoying to most, but without a doubt it was polarizing. Jay Z's "Magna Carta Holy Grail" was a more traditional approach from

a legend of the game, but as it went on it just grew more predictable and worn thin. J. Cole's "Born Sinner" was solid, but too preachy and monotonous as a whole.

In fact, my summer listens were still dedicated largely to Chance The Rapper's "Acid Rap," which I highlighted in this column back in April and is still the best release in 2013 so far.

But this summer The Kickback was, oddly enough, all about one song for me: "Centipede." It's Childish Gambino's first single off his untitled, yet hugely anticipated second album.

And the way he went about it was perfect. Holed up in a mansion over Malibu, he came out of obscurity and randomly dropped a single that crashed his newly designed website. A 24-minute short film showing the antics of the mansion-turned-studio accompanied the release, which was written and produced by 30 Rock

writer and comedian Donald Glover (who, if you don't know, is Childish Gambino.)

"Centipede" starts off with a hum-worthy harmony followed by a light piano melody while Gambino rolls over the tune while reminiscing about his childhood and the luxury of the peace he felt on his grandmother's couch as a kid. But the rhythm continues to build and build, before a wildly entertaining switch up when a synth-ridden, pulsing beat takes over right as he starts talking about his recent life of fame and fortune.

Now that very same couch has become a fear as he repeats "Cuz if not I'm a failure." Returning to grandma's couch means returning to a life of poverty, disappointment and, ironically, less worries. His desire to not return to his grandma's couch ruins his relationships, changes the scope of his family life and drives him to work himself to the limit.

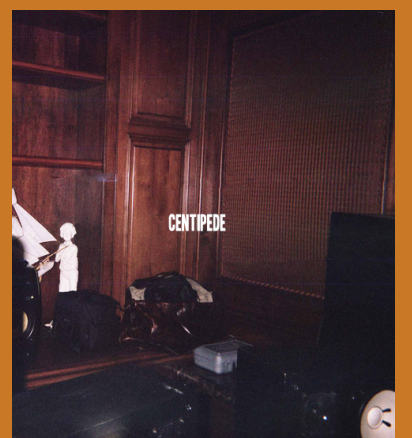
It's a pressure we all face when we achieve some sort of success: the fear of going back to a point where dreams somehow paid the bills and a sense of personal failure was always present until the biggest dream of them all was accomplished.

But after all that and even surpassing his wildest expectations, Gambino drops the realization that maybe there is always something bigger and better out there. Something outside of a dream that is unattainable no matter how hard we try. Yet we try anyway.

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NCAA continues erratic treatment



Isaac Lorton
Sports Writer

Hypocrisy, thy name is NCAA.

As you probably already heard, Johnny “Football” Manziel was suspended for one half ... of a game. Yes, you heard it right, half of a game ... against Rice. Not a full game, and definitely not for the Aggies third game against the defending national champs, Alabama.

So I am jumping on the media-frenzied train that is “Johnny Football” at College Station and seeing where it takes me.

Remember last year when the undersized freshman went into Tuscaloosa and thrillingly, unexpectedly beat up on the amazing Alabama defense?

The sports world took off, and in that game, Manziel won himself a Heisman and the media created a mythological aura about the 20-year-old quarterback.

But in our era of controversies, no one can ever reach the top unscathed, and Manziel was punished for his transgressions.

The suspension, a joint decision from the NCAA and Texas A&M, was explained thusly: “Manziel violated NCAA bylaw 12.5.2.1. The rule says student-athletes cannot permit their names or likenesses to be used for commercial purposes, including to advertise, recommend or promote sales of commercial products, or accept payment for the use of their names or likenesses.”

But the NCAA said in a release, “NCAA rules are clear that student-athletes may not accept money for items they sign, and based on the information provided by Manziel, that did not happen in this case.”

So if money was not exchanged, it must have been the “likenesses” part which got Manziel the half-game suspension. Manziel should have known that everything he auto-graphs will be sold.

Personally, I am just happy that the NCAA was consistent in its punishment of Manziel based on previous rulings of matters such as these.

Dez Bryant and Terrelle Pryor came out on social media with great enthusiasm and

agreement for the ruling.

Bryant, who did not report a lunch he had with NFL star defensive back Deion Sanders, was suspended 10 games by the NCAA in 2009. The lunch did not even violate any NCAA regulations.

In 2011, Pryor and four Ohio State teammates traded autographs and memorabilia for tattoos and were subsequently suspended five games by the NCAA.

In both cases there was no exchange of money, correct?

Then why did Manziel only get half of a game, while Bryant and Pryor received longer suspensions?

In Bryant’s and Pryor’s cases there was what the NCAA called “evidence,” but in Manziel’s case there was no paper trail. What the NCAA is really telling student-athletes here is, use cash. Also, Bryant and Pryor were not coming off of Heisman seasons and making the NCAA millions of dollars off of the name “Johnny Football.”

And, if you are going to suspend a guy for only one half of one game, why even suspend him at all?

Well, the NCAA had to punish Manziel for something after making such a big deal out of this whole situation. They couldn’t just let him get away with signing 4,000-plus items to expected brokers and get away with it.

In less than a month — while Miami is still waiting on an NCAA violations investigation and ruling that’s three years in the making — the NCAA was able to conduct what it considered a reasonable, in-depth and thorough investigation of this massive matter, which has taken up the majority of media this past month, to find that Manziel has done almost nothing wrong and suspended him for it.

In all of this, we have found out that the NCAA is the most inconsistent, unreliable and hypocritical organization in sports. If it’s not money or controversy, it’s not the NCAA.

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NFL

Goodson suspended for first four games of season

Associated Press

New York Jets running back Mike Goodson was suspended by the NFL for the first four games of the season for violating the league’s substance abuse policy.

Goodson, signed as a free agent in the offseason, rejoined the team Monday after being away all of training camp for personal reasons that the Jets declined to detail. He was placed on the team’s active/non-football injury/illness list.

“I’ve been away from the team to take care of some important personal things,” Goodson said in a statement issued by the Jets. “The time was helpful to me and now that I am back, I am going to do everything I can to contribute to the team.”

Goodson also thanked the organization for its support, adding “I’m thankful to be back with my teammates.”

The NFL said in a statement

announcing the suspension that Goodson will be eligible to return to the Jets’ active roster on Sept. 30, a day after the team’s game against the Tennessee Titans. The first game he would be eligible to play in would be against Atlanta on Oct. 7 — a Monday night.

The Jets announced that Goodson will be permitted to attend meetings and work out on his own at the team’s practice facility during his suspension, but won’t be able to practice or play.

“While we welcome Mike back to the organization,” the Jets said in a statement, “we have had direct conversations to make our expectations very clear as we work together to help him move forward in a positive manner, both on and off the field.”

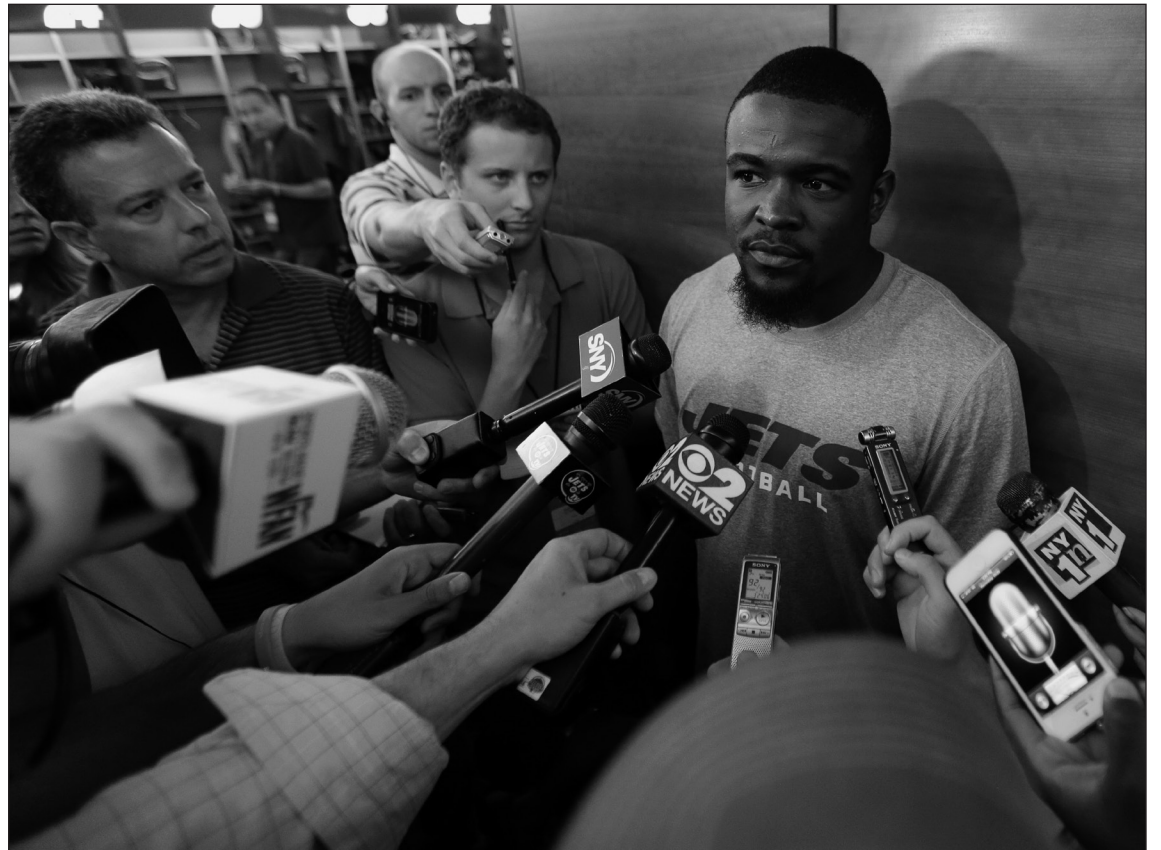
Goodson, who played last season with Oakland, was arrested in May with friend Garant Evans after they were found in a car stopped on

Interstate 80 in New Jersey. The men were charged with marijuana possession, possession of drug paraphernalia and weapons offenses. Police said they found a .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun and a hollow-point bullet in the vehicle.

The 26-year-old Goodson pleaded not guilty and took part in some preseason practices with the Jets, who signed him to a three-year, \$6.9 million deal. The case was sent to a grand jury, but no court date has been scheduled.

Goodson, who spent his first three NFL seasons with Carolina after being a fourth-round pick out of Texas A&M, will likely serve as a change-of-pace back for the Jets. He could also potentially fill the kick returner role once held by Joe McKnight, who was released Monday.

Goodson has rushed for 722 yards and three touchdowns, and caught 59 passes for 524 yards and a TD in his career.



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Mike Goodson speaks with the media during the New York Jets training camp on Tuesday. Goodson signed with the Jets this offseason after playing with the Oakland Raiders in 2012.

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NHL

Bruins sign Chiarelli to contract extension

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Bruins have signed general manager Peter Chiarelli, who built the team that reached the Stanley Cup Finals twice in three years, to a four-year contract extension that would keep him in Boston through the 2017-18 season.

Chiarelli, 49, will enter his eighth season with Boston when training camp opens

next month. The Bruins have qualified for the playoffs in six of his first seven years, compiling a 50-35 postseason record and winning the Stanley Cup in 2011.

The Bruins will hold a press conference with Chiarelli on Friday.

Boston has compiled a 291-187-62 record with Chiarelli in the front office, and has had five seasons of 90 points or more.

Chiarelli will also continue on as alternate governor on the NHL's Board of Governors, the team said Thursday. He is also a member of the Team Canada management group for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia. Team Canada — easily one of the favorites for Sochi — is coming off winning gold in 2010 in Vancouver.

Under Chiarelli, the Bruins have gone 291-187-62 in the regular season. The former Harvard hockey captain spent seven seasons with the Ottawa Senators, the last two as the assistant GM, before joining the Bruins in 2006.

Last season, despite the departure of goaltender Tim Thomas — whose rights he eventually traded to the New York Islanders — Chiarelli again was creative with a roster that won the Eastern Conference. He acquired forward Jaromir Jagr late in the shortened season from the Dallas Stars, and watched a solid mix of youth and experience defeat the Toronto Maple Leafs, New York Rangers and

Pittsburgh Penguins before losing to the Chicago Blackhawks in six games in the Stanley Cup Finals.

“The ending wasn’t fun, and I still don’t feel good about it,” Chiarelli said this summer in his end-of-season press conference. “None of us feel good about it, but my job as a manager is to look at this season and this group from 30,000 feet and to evaluate and to make decisions going forward.”

“And at the end of the day, I can tell you that I really liked what I saw.”

Chiarelli then tackled a busy offseason, where he resigned goaltender Tuukka Rask and forward Patrice Bergeron. He added free agent forward Jarome Iginla, a veteran right wing, who the Bruins nearly acquired during the season before Iginla instead accepted a deal to Pittsburgh. He also traded centers Tyler Seguin, Rich Peverley and defenseman Ryan Button to the Stars for a package of players, highlighted by forward Loui

Eriksson.

“I would expect to ice a team or build a team that would be a perennial contender every year. That doesn’t change,” Chiarelli said in June. “There’s a challenge with the lower (salary) cap and I think you’ll see that challenge throughout the league. We’re no different than anyone else, but we feel confident that if we have to move a player or two or not sign somebody, we feel confident with the core we have that we’ll be able to find players or have players in the mix already that can fill that spot.”

The Bruins went 28-14-6 in the shortened season and snared the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference. They allowed just 109 goals — second only to Ottawa in the Northeast Division — and return many players who have seen action in 13 Stanley Cup Finals games since 2011.

“We got a real good core,” Chiarelli said this summer. “We plan to contend for a Cup again.”

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SMC GOLF

Moore debuts as Belles coach

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's golf leaps back into action this weekend at the Olivet Fall Invitational with a new coach, new depth and new hope.

Kim Moore enters her first season as the Belles' head coach this fall, succeeding coach Mark Hamilton. Moore brings extensive experience as a golf professional and also has been an assistant golf coach for IPFW. In her own playing days, Moore was a four-time All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honoree. Although she has not even seen her team play in a tournament thus far, they've shown enough to impress her.

"We're definitely going in the right direction. I've been pleasantly surprised," Moore said. "We'll definitely be competitive, like we are most years."

Last year, without Moore at the helm, the Belles finished second in the MIAA conference tournament, edging out Hope College by three strokes. Saint Mary's returns three of their five golfers from last spring's season in senior Alexi Bown, senior Paige Pollak and junior Janice Heffernan. Coach Moore hopes that the few losses they suffered will be more than cancelled out by an influx of five new freshmen.

"They bring fresh faces to the program ... a full team atmosphere," she said. "In the spring there [were] only five players, so it didn't bring that competitive team atmosphere that this year is definitely going to bring. And [they bring] some great scores as well, some freshmen will have a chance to come in and play right away."

In addition to the freshman

collection of Courtney Carlson, Rachel Kim, Emmie Schultz and Ali Mahoney, the team also adds sophomores Katie Zielinski and Sammie Averill. Despite the group's youth, Moore is confident that her senior leaders can help guide their younger teammates.

"Our two seniors [Bown and Pollak] ... have shown a lot of leadership out there, great work ethic as well," Moore said. "They're showing themselves to be great examples and role models for the underclassmen."

Bown and Pollack have been rewarded for their leadership by being selected as co-captains by their peers. Their first test will be the Olivet Fall Invitational, hosted by Olivet College. In her first tournament as a head coach and with a team full of freshmen, Moore is preaching calm and focus but knows nerves will be a factor.

"Our plan is to try to take practice onto the golf course ... and take one shot at a time," she said. "In golf, your head can play a big part of the game, and so you really need to take one shot, one hole at a time. I will definitely be nervous. If you don't have those nervous jitters, then it doesn't mean enough to you, so it's a good sign to be nervous. I fully expect my entire team to be nervous."

The Belles' will open the season with a starting lineup of Bown, Averill, Pollak, Heffernan, Mahoney and Kim, but the lineup could change throughout the season, Moore said.

Saint Mary's will be playing at the Olivet Fall Invitational this Saturday and Sunday, with tee-off set for 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 31.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Football revives West

Associated Press

WEST, Texas — Four months after the local fertilizer plant exploded, killing 15 people, transforming the lives of everyone in town and damaging buildings for blocks around, including their high school, the West Trojans were preparing to take the field for their first home game since the blast.

The field, which served as a triage site after the April 17 blast in the community 100 miles south of Dallas, has been replanted and repainted in preparation for the season opener against the Little River-Academy Bumblebees. Few Texas traditions are as celebrated or mythologized as high school football under the lights, but Thursday night's kickoff held particular importance for the people of West, who have endured months of struggle and uncertainty.

"Everyone is just really excited that we can do normal things like go to football games, when just a couple of months ago we were hurting so badly," said high school English teacher Chelsey Lauer.

Many of the West's 2,800 residents were expected to cheer on their Trojans. The

community held a morning pep rally that included a Czech-themed dance group, in a nod to West's immigrant roots more than a century ago.

The blast destroyed parts of three schools, including the high school. Immediately after the blast, hundreds of students had to be bused more than 10 miles away to another school district. Officials in West repeatedly said they wanted to get classes in August back in town, even if they didn't have permanent buildings.

School resumed this week in three 10-classroom buildings connected by wooden

walkways. Lunch is in a portable cafeteria. More portable classrooms are still being trucked in and installed. A power outage Thursday in some classrooms meant students had to be moved out of hot classrooms into the gym, Lauer said.

"I think that we all know that this is an odd time, and we're trying to make the best of moments like that," she said.

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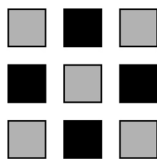
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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles prepare for Wabash

By KIT LOUGHRAN
Sports Writer

Coming off a strong season filled with consistent improvement, the Belles will hit the ground running when they open their season at the Wabash Hokum Karem on Saturday.

The Belles look forward to opening the season with a fun, mentally relaxing meet, Saint Mary's coach Jackie Bauters said.

"It is a fun meet," Bauters said. "The relay style of the race should help people go into it with a nothing to lose mentality and just ready to enjoy racing again."

With the meet scheduled right at the beginning of the season, Saint Mary's has had a very short window of time to prepare, Bauters said.

"We have barely had a week of practice, so this will be a real season opener for us," Bauters said.

Because of the limited practice time, the team will have to rely on its improvements and strengths from last season. The Belles finished the 2012 season in sixth place at the MIAA Championship, falling to Calvin and Hope who finished first and second, respectively. The team then went on to conclude its season at the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional race with a 19th place finish.

Having finished sixth last year at the 2012 Wabash Hokum Karem,

Bauters is confident the members of the team — both returning and new — can improve their times even more in this meet and throughout the season.

"We have a really solid group that will be leading us this year: both returners and new members of the team," Bauters said. "I'm looking to my returners to lead the way for our newbies."

Leading the Belles' pack in this season opener is senior Jessica Biek. Biek was Saint Mary's top finisher at all seven individual meets last season. At the 2012 Wabash Hokum Karem, Biek and recently graduated senior Emma Baker finished as the team's top tandem.

"Biek is definitely back in better shape than last year and armed with a greater understanding of cross country, so I think she will continue to make positive impacts on the team, both in practice and in the results," Bauters said.

Biek, who is competing in her second season of cross country, said she has high hopes for the season and has high expectations for the Wabash Hokum Karem meet.

"I think that my relay partner [freshman] Brittany Beeler and I will strive to finish our four-mile relay race in under 24 minutes," Biek said. "To accomplish my personal goals and score for the Belles I'm attempting to improve my time every single weekend that I race."

Though the Belles graduated six runners, Biek will be joined by fellow senior Colette Curtis and sophomore Allie Danhof, both of whom were top-five finishers for the Belles throughout last season. Bauters said Curtis and Danhof are prepared to make an impact on the team and open the season on a strong note.

"Our returners did their homework over the summer, and so many of them could be difference makers for us," Bauters said.

Despite losing team members, Bauters looks to immediately utilize the legacy they left.

"We graduated six phenomenal women last year — both on and off the course," Bauters said. "I hope the team can capitalize on the team chemistry and drive that they helped create to put forth better results this year."

Talent-wise, Bauters said this is the most talented Belles squad she has ever coached. She said she hopes for a strong finish at the Wabash Hokum Karem, but there is no definite answer as to how the Belles will compare to the other teams.

"Time will tell," Bauters said.

The Belles open their season Saturday at the Wabash Hokum Karem race in Crawfordsville, Ind.

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SOCCER

Klinsman names World Cup roster

Associated Press

CHICAGO — With Landon Donovan back in the fold, the U.S. resumes World Cup qualifying next week with its deepest team yet.

Donovan was among 23 players selected Thursday by coach Jurgen Klinsmann for upcoming qualifiers against Costa Rica and Mexico. Klinsmann snubbed the Americans' career scoring leader for the last round of qualifiers, saying Donovan needed to work his way back onto the team following his off-season sabbatical.

But Donovan redeemed himself — and then some — with his play in last month's Gold Cup, scoring five goals as the Americans won the title. He has continued his dazzling play with four goals in three games for the Los Angeles Galaxy, which on Wednesday rewarded him with a new, long-term contract.

"He got himself back into the team during the Gold Cup," Klinsmann said. "He did a wonderful job there."

While it's hard to imagine a starting lineup without Donovan when the Americans resume qualifying at Costa Rica on Sept. 6, Klinsmann now has multiple options at almost every position. He used two almost completely different rosters for the last round of qualifiers and the Gold Cup, and the Americans responded with a record 12 straight wins.

It is the longest streak in the world currently, and three shy of the record set by Spain in 2009.

The winning streak, and the depth behind it, has given the Americans a swagger normally reserved for European and South American teams.

"We have a lot of respect for Costa Rica. (We) can expect a really very, very intense game,

high-energy game," Klinsmann said. "But I think we have the quality and the mindset to be confident enough to say, 'We're going to go there for three points.'"

"This is what we're trying to build," Klinsmann added. "More and more, this belief is getting bigger. It's growing throughout the entire group. We've got a deeper roster now than ever before. Hopefully, we can take that mindset down to San Jose and win there for first time ever in World Cup qualifying."

In addition to Donovan, Klinsmann selected 11 players who were part of the Gold Cup winning squad: DaMarcus Beasley, Kyle Beckerman, Alejandro Bedoya, Matt Besler, Edgar Castillo, Mix Diskerud, Omar Gonzalez, Eddie Johnson, Michael Orozco and Nick Rimando. He passed over Joe Corona and Sacha Kljestan, who were part of the squad for a come-from-behind victory over Bosnia-Herzegovina earlier this month.

"It was not easy to make those decisions," Klinsmann said.

After playing at Costa Rica, the Americans return home to face archrival Mexico on Sept. 10 in Columbus, Ohio. The U.S. is atop the qualifying group from North and Central America and the Caribbean region, leading Costa Rica by two points with Mexico five points back.

The top three teams advance to next year's World Cup in Brazil, with the fourth-place team going to a playoff with New Zealand, the Oceania winner.

"If we're able to get three points in San Jose next Friday, we're almost there. We're almost in Brazil," Klinsmann said. "I don't want players to think, even for one second, about Mexico in Columbus. I want them to tune in to Costa Rica and give everything they have."



LA Galaxy and U.S. forward Landon Donovan speaks at a news conference on Wednesday in Carson, Calif.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Powell overcomes knee injury

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — It was the little things that Ronald Powell missed the most.

Running out of the tunnel before games. Celebrating sacks with teammates. Seeing his name on the depth chart in the defensive meeting room.

He may have taken those minor details for granted his first two years at Florida. But after two operations on his left knee in a five-month span forced him to miss all of last season, the fourth-year junior has a newfound appreciation for those often overlooked aspects of the game. And that should make his return all the more special Saturday.

Powell, a 6-foot-4, 240-pound linebacker who led the team in sacks as a sophomore, will play his first game since the 2011 season when the 10th-ranked Gators open the season against Toledo.

“Going through something like this and something you never thought you’d go through, it doesn’t matter how humble you are, you get humbler,” Powell said this week. “It’s a different experience. You learn to find value in things you may not have valued before.”

Powell had a team-high six sacks in 2011 and played his best football down the stretch that season, coming up with big plays against Georgia, Vanderbilt, Florida State and Ohio State.

He followed that up with an impressive spring. Coaches raved about his pass-rushing ability and his versatility at the Buck position in Florida’s multi-look defense. He had the speed to blow by offensive tackles and cover tight ends, and the size to be effective in stopping the run.

All Powell’s progress, though, came to a halt on April 7, 2012, when he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his knee during the team’s spring game.

Powell attacked his rehab like he did opposing quarterbacks, and coach Will Muschamp spent the entire summer predicting the Moreno Valley, Calif., would play in 2012. It was welcome news for teammates and fans — all of whom saw how the kid who was widely considered the overall No. 1 prospect coming out of high school in 2010 had been developing.

Then it happened again.

Powell reinjured his left knee while working out last September.

He was a month away from his self-imposed return; he had been hoping to get back on the field against LSU in early October. Instead, he was back under the knife, back on crutches and back to wondering whether how his body would respond.

“The most difficult thing is to not be able to play, to not know how I’m ever going to be playing again or if I ever will play again,” Powell said. “Just that thought of losing something that you love you so much, which is the game we play, which is a lifestyle, it’s scary.”

“When it first happened to me, I kept thinking about the people that lose their jobs at 30 years old, 40 years old, and they can’t handle it. They commit suicide and things like that. At that point of my life, I had to realize that life without football, it may come a time where it’s life without football, so that was the hardest thing.”

Powell could have sulked, and no one would have blamed him. Instead, he attended meetings and practices, refusing to get too far away from the game.

And given the way his knee has healed, Powell won’t have to worry about life without football anytime soon.

He was full go when camp started earlier this month and proved to be a bright spot for a revamped defense that lost eight starters after last season.

“He and I talked a little bit about coming back, especially early on, cutting it loose, playing,” Muschamp said. “You’ve seen him gain more confidence each time in contact. ... And that’s the thing you worry about is a guy really cutting it loose and playing. And I’ve seen a guy that kind of early on — tentative is not the right word, as he wasn’t tentative — but cautious and then now you’re seeing him cut it loose and play, and that’s what you got to do.”

“But it’ll come back fast for him as far as the tempo and speed of the game. I’m sure he’ll have some anxious moments. That’s part of it.”

Powell agreed, saying he expects butterflies when he runs onto the field Saturday — one of those little things he missed so much — for the first time in nearly two years.

“It’s close. It’s here,” he said. “It’s like my dream is about to come true again. To run out there again. So I’m just kind of excited and ready for what God’s got in store for me.”

SMC SOCCER

Belles open season Friday

By A.J. GODEAUX
Sports Writer

The Fighting Irish football team isn’t the only one making their season debut this weekend. Saint Mary’s soccer returns to the field Friday night for its season opener at Bethel.

Coming off a school-record 13 wins in which the Belles outscored opponents 41-14, expectations are running high in the Belles’ locker room. They were picked fourth in the MIAA pre-season poll, also garnering a first place vote.

Despite the high expectations, senior forward Kaitlin Teichman said the Belles are just trying to get their feet under them at this point in the season, adding that the Belles didn’t have a specific game plan for Bethel.

“We’re really just trying to keep everyone involved offensively,” she said. “We’ll also keep the intensity high, and with eight new freshmen, we want to develop some team chemistry in a game situation.”

Even with eight newcomers, Teichman said team depth will be the least of the Belles’ concerns come game time.

“There really isn’t anyone we don’t feel comfortable playing,”



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Belles sophomore midfielder Maggie McLaughlin dodges a defender during the Belles 7-0 win against Albion on Sept. 25, 2012.

she said. “We’re just so deep this year, it won’t be hard to keep our intensity high for the entire game.”

Though the Belles have tremendous depth, Teichman added that doesn’t mean there are not some key players.

“[Defenders] Mary Kate [Hussey] and Kerry [Green] will definitely be two of our most important players,” Teichman said. “Everything starts with them.”

Teichman said it’s too early in the season to worry about

areas of concern against Bethel.

“My only concern is we’ve only played in one scrimmage,” she said. “We don’t have the team chemistry yet, but neither does anyone else. We’re just excited to get back onto the field and try to start the season off the season on a positive note.”

The game starts at 5 p.m. Friday at Morey Field in Bethel, Ind.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles prepare for Ohio tournament

By SAMANTHA ZUBA
Sports Writer

The Belles have a busy week-end ahead of them with four matches scheduled at the Ohio Northern Tournament.

Saint Mary's will start the season with a 4 p.m. contest against host Ohio Northern. Last year the Polar Bears went 24-7 and advanced to the national tournament. Their longest losing streak was just two matches. Belles coach Toni Elyea said she sees the challenge as good preparation for conference play.

"We're going into a very strong, competitive tournament to get us ready for our conference matches starting next Tuesday," Elyea said. "Ohio Northern advanced to the national tournament last year, and they have good outside hitters. We want to go against top teams to get us prepared."

Saint Mary's will also square off against Thiel on Friday at 6 p.m. The Tomcats are another talented team, and could

have surprises in store for the Belles, according to Elyea.

"Thiel was 23-8 last year, but they have a new coach, so we don't know exactly what to expect," Elyea said. "They do have a strong middle and good defense."

On Saturday, Saint Mary's will kick off day two of the tournament against Heidelberg at 10 a.m. Elyea said that Heidelberg's talented blockers will force Saint Mary's to focus on strong hitting.

"Heidelberg blocks really well, so we'll have to hit really well," Elyea said.

The Student Princes made an appearance in the NCAA tournament last year, but lost their opening round matchup with Calvin.

The final match of the week-end for the Belles will be against DePauw. Twelve members on the 16-woman roster for DePauw (0-0) are returning from last year's team that went 25-6.

"DePauw is a strong, physical team," Elyea said. "They're a great defensive team with a

lot of returners."

To prepare for the tournament, Saint Mary's has run several different offensive schemes during practice. Elyea expressed a "wait-and-see" approach.

"We've been running a couple of different offenses throughout the week," Elyea said. "I'm not sure what we'll go with."

Elyea did indicate, however, that the Belles would take advantage of established assets, including junior defensive specialists Samantha Grady and Meredith Mersits.

"We have a very strong defense core with returning libero Samantha Grady and Meredith Mersits," Elyea said.

Saint Mary's tore off to a 4-0 start last year before settling to 14-14 with a 7-9 record in the competitive MIAA conference. Two conference opponents, No. 2 Calvin and No. 5 Hope, have received national top-ten rankings in preseason polls.

"We're going in trying to use this time trying to get better as a team to prepare for our



Belles junior libero Meredith Mersits digs a hit during Saint Mary's 3-2 win over Kalamazoo at home on Sept. 18, 2012.

conference matches that'll be coming up next week," Elyea said.

Amidst all the challenges, Elyea said the Belles feel positive heading into the tournament.

"It's our first tournament, so we have a lot of excitement going in," Elyea said. "Focus

isn't really a problem. The top teams in the country are there, so we're very much looking forward to it."

Saint Mary's opens the season Friday at 4 p.m. at Ohio Northern in Ada, Ohio.

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NFL

NFL announces concussion lawsuit payouts

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The NFL agreed to pay more than three-quarters of a billion dollars to settle lawsuits from thousands of former players who developed dementia or other concussion-related health problems they say were caused

by the very on-field violence that fueled the game's rise to popularity and profit.

The settlement, unprecedented in sports, was announced Thursday after two months of court-ordered mediation and is subject to approval by a federal judge. It came exactly a week before the first game of the 2013

season, removing a major legal and financial threat hanging over the sport for two years.

U.S. District Judge Anita B. Brody in Philadelphia is expected to rule on the settlement in two to three months but said it "holds the prospect of avoiding lengthy, expensive and uncertain litigation,

and of enhancing the game of football."

More than 4,500 former players, some of them suffering from Alzheimer's disease or depression, accused the NFL of concealing the long-term dangers of concussions and rushing injured players back onto the field, while glorifying

and profiting from the bone-crushing hits that were often glorified in slow motion on NFL Films.

"Football has been my life and football has been kind to me," said former Dallas Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett, one of at least 10 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame who filed suit since 2011. "But when I signed up for this, I didn't know some of the repercussions. I did know I could get injured, but I didn't know about my head or the trauma or the things that could happen to me later on in life."

The settlement applies to all past NFL players and spouses of those who are deceased — a group that could total more than 20,000 — and will cost the league \$765 million, the vast majority of which would go to compensate retirees with certain neurological ailments, plus plaintiffs' attorney fees, which could top \$100 million. It sets aside \$75 million for medical exams and \$10 million for medical research.

Individual payouts would be capped at \$5 million for men with Alzheimer's disease; \$4 million for those diagnosed after their deaths with a brain condition called chronic traumatic encephalopathy; and \$3 million for players with dementia, said lead plaintiffs' lawyer Christopher Seeger.

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Irish sophomore defender Katie Naughton dribbles during Notre Dame's 7-0 home victory over Cincinnati on Sep. 16, 2012.

Invitational

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you worry about with them is that they're going to be a good enough team that if you're not ready to play or looking forward to UCLA, they can get you in trouble."

Oakland won its season opener 5-1 over Eastern Illinois but fell 6-1 to No. 14 Michigan on Sunday. The Grizzlies return seven starters from last year's squad, including junior forward Kyla Kellermann, last season's Summit League Offensive Player of the Year.

Notre Dame will look to keep up the torrid offensive output it showed in its first two regular-season contests, a 4-1 victory over Illinois on Aug. 23 and a 4-1 win over Northwestern on Sunday. Waldrum said the team's success on offense is a result of off-season practices as well as improved effort from team members like

junior forward Lauren Bohaboy, who has three goals on the season.

"By design, we spent a lot of time on [offense] this spring with the kids, but I think it's a credit to some of those players," Waldrum said. "I think what we found is that we've got kids like [junior midfielder] Karin Simonian and Lauren Bohaboy that were fit, had made some changes, and their mentality's completely different. They deserve some of the credit of coming out themselves and recognizing what they needed to do to improve."

Notre Dame will play Oakland tonight at 7:30 p.m. and face UCLA on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. In other tournament action, Marquette will play UCLA tonight at 5 p.m. and meet Oakland on Sunday at 11 a.m.

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Clark

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one of the most talented players in the country. In 2012, Williams was a first-team All Pac-12 selection, as he tied for the Bruins team lead with seven goals and finished second in points with 18. This year, Williams was named to the Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Trophy Watch List for the 2013 season. The Hermann Trophy is given out every year to the nation's best collegiate soccer player. Despite Williams' résumé, Notre Dame will not give him any extra attention, Clark said.

"I don't think we'll look at anyone extra special. They have many good players, but I would like to think that we also do," Clark said. "We'll give him total respect, but they have too many good players to single out just one."

Clark said most members of the team have experience playing against one of collegiate soccer's best players.

"Most of our guys practiced against the runner-up for the Hermann Award last year in [Notre Dame alum] Ryan Finley," Clark

said. "So, we have the practice going up against a top Hermann Award candidate [in the] fall of last year."

Though the games come at the beginning of the season, Clark said the talent on the UCLA and SMU rosters give the weekend matches extra weight.

"I think we're playing two teams that have high expectations to be tournament teams," Clark said. "They will turn out to be two very important games when the final RPI is coming into play, so they can give us a jump-start in preparing ourselves for getting into the tournament."

Nonetheless, the Irish are keeping their focus on the task at hand.

"It's a long season to go, and I think you have to take one game at a time," Clark said. "You prepare for that game and, regardless of the outcome, you have got to move on afterwards."

The Irish start the season with a 5 p.m. kickoff Friday against UCLA and a Sunday morning match-up against SMU at 11:30 a.m. Both games will be at Armstrong Stadium in Bloomington, Ind.

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Irish senior libero and outside hitter Andrea McHugh passes the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Kansas on Sept. 16, 2012. Notre Dame snapped the Jayhawks' three-match winning streak.

Veterans

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back this year. Senior Maggie Brindock, starting setter, will be back as well. Brown said their veteran line-up will provide great leadership and create great success.

The Irish will face a busy weekend with three games in just two days, yet Brown said she thinks the team will show

high energy in every game.

"Obviously, it's physically challenging to play three matches in that amount of time," Brown said. "But all the teams we are playing are going to be doing the same thing. When we get into the third match, our opponent will have played two matches as well."

Brown said she thinks her team will be very excited to

play together again.

The Irish will start play at 8 p.m. Friday against North Carolina in the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium in Murfreesboro, Tenn. They will hit the court again Saturday, playing Middle Tennessee State at noon and San Francisco at 6 p.m.

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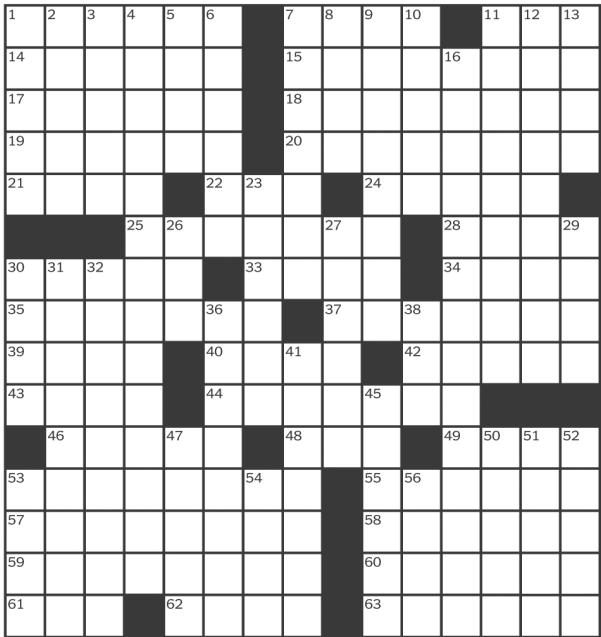
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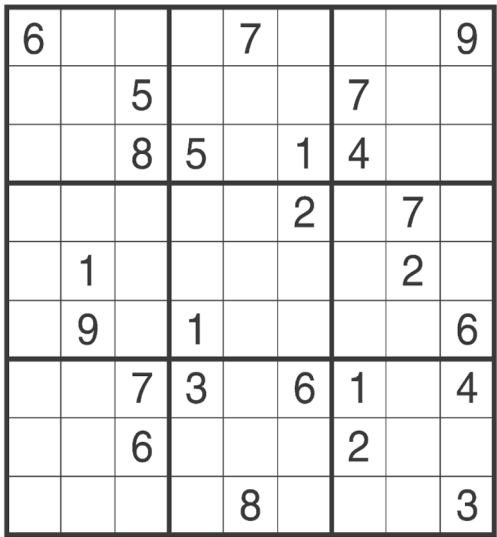
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make personal changes that will boost your confidence and your ego. A relationship can cost you emotionally if you let a situation spin out of control. Use diplomacy, compassion and understanding when dealing with loved ones. ★★★★★

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Rely on those who owe you favors and refrain from letting anyone stand in your way. Make some time for a needed getaway. Traveling to a destination that offers fun, romance and relaxation should be planned for late in the day. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An emotional situation will leave you confused and wondering what to do next. Don't add pressure; simply wait and watch to see how things unfold. Once you get a true picture of what you are up against, you can take action. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Enjoy the sights, scenery and your surroundings. Avoid negativity and getting pulled into dilemmas that are based on vanity or naivety. Focus on being your best, doing your best and enjoying any personal success you achieve. Love is on the rise. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An opportunity that offers a practical solution to a problem you face should be considered. Back away from people who don't share your thoughts, ideas or beliefs, and opt to work alongside those who complement what you have to offer. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A financial partnership may intrigue you, but before going down that path, consider whether or not you need someone and if the person you choose can contribute as much as you have. Unexpected doors will open if you continue to move forward alone. ★★★★★

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sustaining the spark

No. 4 UCLA and Oakland visit Notre Dame this weekend

By **BRIAN HARTNETT**
Sports Writer

Seventh-ranked Notre Dame will look to sustain its red-hot offensive output when the Irish face off against Oakland and No. 4 UCLA at Alumni Stadium this weekend.

The matchups are part of the four-team Notre Dame Adidas Invitational, which also features No. 20 Marquette. The tournament will include four games, concluding with a top-10 showdown between the Irish (2-0-0) and Bruins (2-0-0) on Sunday afternoon.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said the game against UCLA fits with his philosophy of scheduling tough non-conference opponents for his squad.

"Well, you have to play that kind of a team early because we want to know really quickly where we are," he said of the Bruins. "Are we really [as] creative as we think offensively, or will that not be the

case against UCLA? We want to find those teams that can really stretch us and exploit us where we've got to get better before we go into conference play, and UCLA is certainly good enough to do that."

Waldrum is no stranger to several of the UCLA players, as he's coached four of them in his role with the United States Under-23 National Team. Three of the players from that team, senior Jenna Richmond and juniors Sarah Killion and Samantha Mewis, play in the midfield, and the fourth team member, junior Abby Dahlkemper, anchors the Bruins defense.

Waldrum said he is looking forward to seeing how his team will fare against the Bruins midfield.

"I think the thing to watch that will be interesting for our fans is that matchup in the midfield because we'll have [senior Mandy] Laddish, [sophomore Cari] Roccaro and [freshman] Morgan Andrews in the midfield,"



Observer File Photo

Irish sophomore midfielder Glory Williams shoots on goal during Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Pittsburgh on Sept. 21, 2012 at Alumni Stadium.

Waldrum said. "That's three really high-profile players on each team who are going to be dictating how the game goes."

Although Sunday's matchup holds much significance for the Irish, the team shouldn't look past Friday night's matchup with

Oakland (1-1-0). The Grizzlies won the Summit League championship last season and advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Oakland changed coaches and moved to the Horizon League in the off-season, but Waldrum said

he expects the Grizzlies to be the same tough opponent that lost to the Irish 3-0 last September.

"We played [Oakland] last year as well, and it was fairly even for a while," he said. "I think the thing

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish challenge SMU, UCLA

By **AARON SANT-MILLER**
Sports Writer

The seventh-ranked Irish will begin their season at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington, Ind., this weekend. Notre Dame will take on No. 9 UCLA at 5 p.m. Friday and return to the field to face off against SMU at 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

"I think there is always an excitement at the start of a new season," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We have begun our season many times with the Indiana Tournament in Bloomington and we face some very strong opponents. I think that's exciting and the players are very excited to play there again."

In 2012, UCLA and SMU combined for just seven regular season losses, as UCLA went 13-3-3 and SMU compiled a total record of 10-5-5. Though both teams present a challenge to the Irish, Clark said the team's confidence is unwavering.

"Every game we play, we



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Irish junior midfielder Robby Gallegos evades a defender during Notre Dame's 1-0 exhibition victory over Xavier on Aug. 8, 2012.

make all the plans for winning the game," Clark said. "That's our plan going in, but I'm sure UCLA and SMU will have similar thoughts. So, it's going to be a very competitive game."

In UCLA, the Irish not only challenge a team ranked among the best in the nation, but also senior forward Reed Williams,

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Squad travels to Blue Raider Bash

By **MEREDITH KELLY**
Sports Writer

The Irish open their season on the road this weekend, traveling to Tennessee to compete in the Blue Raider Bash.

Notre Dame will face North Carolina on Friday and Middle Tennessee State and San Francisco in a Saturday double header.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said she is confident her team is ready for the upcoming matches and their off-season preparation will aid them in their first tournament.

"We started practicing on Aug. 9, and we have had really good practices leading up to this first weekend competition," Brown said. "We feel pretty well prepared."

Regardless, Brown said the Irish must bring their A-game against their opponents. Both North Carolina and Middle Tennessee State have played in the NCAA tournament before and have strong RPI rankings, but since it is the beginning of

the season, the Irish are unsure what to anticipate.

"I think the toughest thing going into the first game is just really not knowing what to expect," Brown said. "It is also tough to adjust on the fly and

"We have had really good practices leading up to this first weekend competition."

Debbie Brown
Coach

make changes and adaption in the middle of a match."

But the Irish are not strangers to playing with each other. The roster consists of five seniors and four juniors, a very veteran team. Brown said they will rely on their upperclassmen to lead the team to success.

The two top scorers from last year, junior Toni Alugbue and junior Jeni Houser are both

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