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'Give them a reason to believe in you'

The Observer sat down for an exclusive interview with former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Friday. Dr. Rice shared her experiences in foreign policy-making and offered guidance for aspiring leaders.



By NICOLE MICHELS and KAITLYN RABACH

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Never has a woman served in the highest public office in the United States, and men outnumber women in Congress, 517 to 118. But, three women have stood at the helm of United States foreign policy formation as secretaries of state. Dr. Condoleezza Rice, the second woman and first African American to hold the position, spearheaded American

efforts to promote democracy in the Middle East and helped to lead the country through the Iraq War's beginning, Sept. 11, the collapse of the Soviet bloc and German reunification.

Rice, who received her master's degree in political science from Notre Dame in 1975, served as national security advisor from 2001 to 2005 and as secretary of state from 2005 to 2009 under the Bush administration. Rice said she was able to lead within the male-dominated security field because she was confident.

"Early on in my career, I think when I walked in the room, people might have been a little surprised that I studied military affairs, and Soviet military affairs at that, but when you walk into a room like that, you have to walk in with confidence," Rice said. "And what makes you confident is the sense that you're well prepared. So, I always felt that I was well prepared and I never felt out of place in those circumstances. But I think there's no doubt that when I walked in the room there were a few raised eyebrows, right at the

beginning.

"But you get used to that, and you get to the place where you just move on and do the business that you're there to do."

A seat at the table

Connecting with leading foreign policymakers helped Rice to break into the ranks of the field's most elite thinkers, she said. Among these interactions was a critically important meeting with Brent Scowcroft, national security advisor under Presidents Ford and George H.W. Bush, during

a 1985 arms control meeting at Stanford University.

"When President George H.W. Bush won the presidency, Brent [Scowcroft] went to be his national security advisor, and Brent asked me to come and be his Soviet specialist on the National Security Council," Rice said.

After her time within the Bush administration, Rice returned to Stanford in order to remain eligible for tenure at the university. She then met George Shultz,

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Library celebrates 50 years

By CHRISTIAN MYERS News Writer

The NBC broadcast of Saturday's football game inevitably scanned the familiar image of the Hesburgh Library's

iconic "touchdown Jesus" mural, but this building has offered the Notre Dame community much more than a picturesque backdrop over the past 50 years.

The University will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the

Hesburgh Library throughout the 2013-2014 academic year, and this celebration began with a kick-off event in the Library's main concourse on Friday.

> University Librarian Diane Parr Walker said an important goal of the year-long 50th anniversary celebration is to reconnect with both University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh's initial vision for the Library and the meaning of the famous "Word of Life" mural.

Walker said when Hesburgh was initially planning the Library, which was the Memorial Library from its founding in 1963 until it was renamed the Theodore Hesburgh Library in 1987, he insisted that it be big enough to hold at least

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Sexual assault reported

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a sexual assault reported Saturday, according to an email sent to students the same evening.

The reported sexual assault occurred in a North Quad men's residence hall late Friday, police said. The assault was committed by an acquaintance of the

In the email, police warned students of the risk of sexual assault.

"Sexual assault can happen to anyone," the email stated. "College students are more likely to be assaulted by an acquaintance than a stranger. This

means that the person perpetrating the assault could be part of the campus community.

"Being aware of your own safety and watching out for your friends are important steps you can take to reduce the risk of sexual assault."

Information about sexual assault prevention and resources for survivors of sexual assault are available online from NDSP and from the Committee for Sexual Assault Prevention.

Following the email from NDSP, student body vice president Nancy Joyce sent an email to students inviting them to gather at the Grotto on Sunday evening "to pray for the healing of our Notre Dame family."



Sep. 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of Hesburgh Library and the unveiling of the "Word of Life" mural.



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In "I work for everybody back home," it was incorrectly reported that senator Joe Donnelly assumed office in the House of Representatives in 2004, when he began his term in 2006. The article also incorrectly lists the location of a debate against Richard Mourdock; the debate was at Indiana University-Southeast. The Observer regrets the errors.

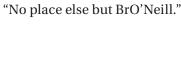
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If you could be any building on campus, which would you be?



Chris DeLillo graduate student Off-campus



Kristen Loehle freshman Cavanaugh Hall

"Touchdown Jesus because it overlooks everything."



Patrick Rauh senior Off-campus "Main Building because I love the Dome."



Lauren McGrath senior

Off-campus

"South Dining Hall because it is the classiest place to eat."



Joshua Sy sophomore Off-campus

"The Grotto because it's by the lakes."



Eileen McTigue freshman Badin Hall

"LaFun — everyone goes there to hang out."



Irish coach Brian Kelly reacts following a personal foul call against Notre Dame's binge during Saturday's 17-13 win over Michigan State. The 22nd-ranked Irish moved to a record of 3-1 after the victory over the Spartans.

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Monday

Men's Golf

Warren Golf Course All Day Men's golf competition.

Listening and Note-Taking Workshop

DeBartolo Hall 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Pro tips for ESL grad students and postdocs.

Tuesday

"Writing a Mobile Empire"

McKenna Hall 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Classics lecture.

Four:7 Catholic **Fellowship**

Cavanaugh Hall 8:15 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Student-led Catholic fellowship and discussion.

Wednesday

Fall Town Hall Meeting

Washington Hall 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Campus-wide info.

Laughter Yoga

St. Liam Hall 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Part of the Wellness Wednesday series by University Health Services.

Thursday

Blood Drive

Rolfs Sports **Recreation Center** 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Give blood.

Annual Blue Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart 5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Honoring police and firefighters for their service.

Friday

Boardroom Insights

Mendoza College of Business 10:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m. Business lecture.

Dante Now! A Divine Comedy Flash Mob

campus-wide 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Recitations from Dante's Divine Comedy.

Sexual assaults spark prayer service at Grotto

By CHARLIE DUCEY
News Writer

Over a hundred students gathered at the Grotto on Sunday night to reflect on the recent sexual assaults reported on campus. During the service, student body president Alex Coccia and vice president Nancy Joyce stressed the centrality of human dignity.

Recognizing the proximity of the recent sexual assault, Coccia said it is important to remember that the incident was neither anonymous nor distant.

"We're not hearing about faceless individuals. We're hearing about our dear friends," Coccia said.

Coccia focused on the importance of nurturing strong student relationships in the face of such events.

"The question becomes: How are we viewing each other? If we approach each other with the utmost of dignity, then we will take greater care of our relationships and the dignity inherent in them," he said. As a group of people directly affected by personal violations, Notre Dame's students are left with a responsibility to act, Coccia said.

"We have allowed ourselves to reduce this painful incident to an email that can be erased with the click of delete button," he said. "We offer these prayers for healing in our Notre Dame family, and as a family we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers."

Vice president Nancy Joyce echoed this point of responsibility in her address.

"Only we have the power to change the current conversation and culture around sexual assault," Joyce said. "As a student body, we are renewing our commitment to hold ourselves to a higher standard."

Students can do a number

of specific things to maintain a higher standard of behavior on campus, Joyce said.

"Continue to pray for healing of all those affected by sexual assaults. Think twice about email alerts. Challenge ourselves not to become desensitized by these issues," she said.

Joyce said that the response to tragic incidents such as sexual assault should not end with the prayer service last night. She said students should take part in a conversation about how we handle our interactions with each other. "In dorm common rooms, in the dining halls, on the quad — we must challenge ourselves to make this a conversation that can lead to a change in how we think and act regarding sexual assault," Joyce said.

Ultimately, Joyce promoted taking personal initiative in order to cultivate change.

"I think that this is a change

that has to come from us not from OCS or student government alone," she said. "We have to figure out how we hold ourselves to a higher standard while still enjoying life as college students."

Father Pete McCormick, who presided over the prayer service, said he saw this as a time to pray to God for healing instead of pointing fingers or casting judgment.

Father McCormick said he recognizes three tangible ways in which students can revitalize our community's approach to our interactions in all areas and recognize the utmost importance of human dignity.

"First, when we look at people, [we should] see the dignity in each other as individuals, not as a means to personal edification; look upon each other in reverence in awe," McCormick said.

After asserting the eminence of human dignity, Father

McCormick asked Notre Dame students to consider their priorities.

"Do we make time for prayer? Do we seek after some of the more worldly things? Do we speak out when we know that we should?" he said. Father McCormick said that as members of the Notre Dame family, we are all here for the same basic reason. "All of us have come to this place because we have a desire to be known and to be inspired to be something more," McCormick said.

Father McCormick said that the solution to this problem lies in our hands, with prayer as a vital element.

"Here we are presented with an opportunity to take ownership," he said. "Use this prayer as a driving force that leads and brings about change." McCormick said.

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then-secretary of state under President Ronald Reagan, at the Hoover Institution. Shultz invited her to a luncheon club, where she engaged other preeminent foreign policy intellectuals.

"You have to find people who will advocate for your career, who believe in you. ... You have to give them a reason to believe in you," Rice said. "So, you have to be good at what you're doing, but in the case of both George Shultz and Brent Scowcroft, they were very senior people. ... And so I got to know them, and they began to introduce me to other people in the field."

Rice said Scowcroft and Shultz helped her to jumpstart her career, even though they were not from similar backgrounds or of the same demographics as her.

"I know that people say you need role models to look like you," Rice said. "It's wonderful, if that's the case, but my mentors were white men. They were old, white men, because those were the only people who dominated my field. Had I been waiting for a black, female Soviet role model, I'd still be waiting. Firsts only come about when you're willing to take that first step. Even if there is somebody in the field who doesn't look like you, don't make that a constraint."

A world of ideas and research

Rice graduated from the University of Denver in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in political science and from the University of Notre Dame in 1975 with a master's in political science. She then received her Ph.D. at the age of 26 from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver in 1981.

Though her expertise positioned her well to be an influential policymaker, Rice said her time in academia made it more difficult for her to depend on others to supply her with specialist knowledge

while serving as a high-level policymaker.

"When I say I'm an academic, what I mean is that there is no greater profession for me than teaching and the world of ideas and research," Rice said. "My academic background, of course, gave me the depth of expertise, ... starting with the work that I did [at Notre Dame] in international politics and economics, becoming a specialist on the Soviet Union, deepening that knowledge. One of the hard things when you're a policymaker is that if you're an academic, you like to know things in great depth. I probably knew more about the Soviet general staff than they knew about themselves, at one point in my life.

"When you are a policymaker, you aren't ever going to know everything in depth — you're going to have to depend on other people's expertise. That is a little bit hard sometimes, for academics, to make decisions when you aren't the expert on an issue."

As a result of her studies, especially at Notre Dame, Rice said she developed a very strong sense of "the important values."

"I'm actually a Presbyterian minister's daughter, and I've been deeply religious all my life. This important link of faith and reason, the recognition that faith and reason are not enemies of one another, is very important and has been very important in my development," Rice said. "I think Notre Dame played a major role for me in that."

The essence of leadership

Developing the ability to adhere to personal values while making decisions is a critical component of good leadership, Rice said.

"I think the most important characteristic of a leader is to have integrity," she said. "When you look in the mirror and you're about to ask people who you're leading to do something, ask yourself, 'Is this something I would do?' And if the answer is 'This isn't something I would do,' then don't ask people who work for you to do it."

Rice said leaders should focus not only on shaping the paths ahead for their organizations, but also on developing the leadership capacities of their support staff.

"Ithink that it's really important to recognize that part of your job is to recognize leadership qualities in other people. You can't lead by yourself," she said. "You need others, a team, to help you lead, and the larger the organization, the more people you need to help you lead. And so, recognizing and nurturing leadership qualities in other people is one of the really important characteristics of leadership."

Critical to Rice's leadership in American foreign policy was cultivating her own awareness of her goal, she said.

"You have to have a strong sense of the essence of what you're trying to do," Rice said. "In American foreign policy, that meant really understanding what the United States really meant in the world and building on that."

Rice said both men and women need to draw on a broad spectrum of leadership qualities.

"Sometimes you want to collaborate and bring people together. Sometimes you just have to say, 'No, we're going to do it that way," Rice said. "Both women and men have to do that. ... I don't think women are any more collaborative or any less tough. If you're going to be a leader, you're going to have to have all of those qualities."

'Work twice as hard'

Realizing she would be unable to turn her childhood dream into a fulfilling career, Rice said maintaining an open mind allowed her to develop a passion that she eventually made into a career.

"It may actually not even be

the first passion that works out," Rice said. "I went to college to be a piano performance major, and having recognized that I was probably going to end up teaching 13-year-olds to murder Beethoven for a living, I decided to find another way.

"Fortunately, I wandered into a class in international politics in my junior year of college, and I thought, 'Oh, that's what I want to do."

Nurturing passion for something is key to a successful career, Rice said.

"You have to find something you're really passionate about, because if you're passionate about something, you'll spend the time to become really good at it," she said. "Becoming good doesn't mean skimming the surface and becoming superficially good. My parents used to say to me, because I grew up in segregated Birmingham, Ala., where prejudice was all around us, ... 'You have to be twice as good.'

"Now, that's actually not a bad idea even if you're not growing up in segregated Birmingham, Ala. Because if you think you have to be twice as good, you'll work twice as hard. And so, I always felt like I outworked everybody."

Rice said getting involved in politics requires a sense of optimism.

"You actually have to give the political system a chance," Rice said. "I know there are a lot of reasons these days to not have very much faith in our political system. I know that a lot of people are skeptical about Washington, D.C. People don't trust the political system, but we're a democracy.

"We have to own our institutions. We have to own our political process."

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Hesburgh

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three million volumes.

She said the Hesburgh Library now holds four million volumes, but Hesburgh's demand was ambitious because the University collection was only a quarter million volumes at the time.

"It was a really grand vision for the time, when this was still just a small liberal arts college," she said.

In an interview with author Bill Schmitt for the book, "Words of Life: Celebrating 50 Years of Hesburgh Library's Message, Mural, and Meaning," Hesburgh said his vision for the Library was one of making Notre Dame intellectually vibrant so that it may serve the world.

"I wanted in 1963, and still desire today, for the Memorial Library literally to stand for the future of Notre Dame as a place of unmatched intellectual achievement, free inquiry and providential contributions to mankind," Hesburgh said. "Let the Library be a place on this campus where that hunger for truth will keep getting stronger, supporting freedom and justice around the world, inspiring excellence and prodding us to bigger dreams."

Walker said reconnecting with the meaning of the mural is also important because people

recognize it, but few realize its purpose or recognize it's the library. She said the "Word of Life" mural is also about handing down knowledge.

"We like that, in addition to Christ the teacher, [the mural] depicts scholars and thinkers and the transmission of knowledge across time and space," she said. "The mission of the Library we're honoring is to connect people with knowledge across time and space."

Opening celebration

Friday's event featured free commemorative bead necklaces, a giant "birthday" card, the opportunity to praise the Library in a video message, a book signing by Schmitt, live music from the Oblates of Blues and short speeches by Walker, Provost Tom Burish and University President Fr. John Jenkins. Au Bon Pain provided free cookies, cupcakes and bottled water as well.

Walker said the 50th anniversary is an "important milestone" and a chance to reflect on Hesburgh's desire for Notre Dame to have "the best Catholic university library in the world."

She said it is important to consider how far the Library has come. She said what was once a physical card catalog is now fully digital and what was once a small private collections is now a large and diverse collection accessible

to academics worldwide.

"Scholars from around the world can benefit from our unique treasures without leaving the comfort of their own offices," she said.

Next to speak, University Provost Tom Burish said he spent a good deal of time in the library as an undergraduate at Notre Dame and even carved his name into a library desk while studying for his final psychology exam at the University.

Burish said the celebration was about thanking Hesburgh and remembering the past, but also about committing to prepare the Library for the next 50 years.

"We're not only here to remember the past," Burish said. "We're here to talk about the library of the 21st century and to commit on this 50th anniversary to create that library right here."

The success of this commitment will be determined by the experiences of students and faculty 50 years from now, he said.

"I hope that a student in 2073 that decides to carve, or lase, their name into a desk finds that it is the same wonderful library it was for students and faculty before." Burish said.

University President Fr. John Jenkins, following Burish, said the purpose of the day's event was to simultaneously celebrate the past and future of the Hesburgh Library.

"We honor a great, great past and a great, great vision, but we also celebrate a great, great future," Jenkins said.

"A crossroads of the campus"

Bill Schmitt signed copies of his book "Words of Life: Celebrating 50 Years of the Hesburgh Library's Message, Mural, and Meaning" during the event on Friday.

Schmitt said he wrote the book as a means of commemorating the Library's anniversary and what the anniversary means for the University.

"The goal of the book is to celebrate Notre Dame through the celebration of the building and its history as well as its future," he said. "It's a reminder that libraries are about people as much as they are about books and information in general."

Schmitt said the idea for the book came from the Office of the University Librarian and other University administrators.

"They realized what a lot of people don't realize: There are a lot of stories that are representative of Notre Dame in the Library's history," he said. "The Library tells a lot of those stories not just as a building but as a crossroads of the campus."

Planning for the future

Walker said the library opened in Sept. 1963 and the "Word of Life" mural, also known as "touchdown Jesus," was finished and the Library dedicated in May 1964. She said these two important dates will book-end the academic year as well as the 50th anniversary celebration.

Walker said the 50th anniversary commemoration will also continue with academic lectures and other events throughout the year. This will include promotion of the new Center for Digital Scholarship, which opened on the first day of classes in Augus., she said.

The Center is an example of the Library's continuing efforts to meet the changing needs of faculty and students, which is one of the biggest achievements of the Library's 50 years, she said.

"Most significant is how the Library has evolved and adapted with the rise of digital information and technology," Walker said. "I'm proud of how this Library has handled the change."

Walker said such advancements will continue so that the Library remains a place of inspiration for students and faculty.

"[The Library] will continue to inspire intellectual inquiry and academic excellence for the next 50 years and beyond," she said.

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South Bend mayor shares vision for city

By KYLE WITZIGMANNews Writer

Before South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg leaves for his deployment to Afghanistan in Feb. 2014, he took the time to meet with the Notre Dame's College Democrats to share his vision for South Bend. Buttigieg spoke specifically about its progress as a community, and the importance of the connection between Notre Dame and the greater South Bend area.

"Notre Dame's always been pretty special and pretty important," Buttigieg said. "Some people are raised by wolves, I was raised by Notre Dame faculty. I grew up here and when I was a kid I ran around Lafun."

Buttigieg spoke about his upbringing and his journey to

the position as Mayor. Before becoming the youngest mayor of a city of over 100,000 people, Buttigieg studied at Harvard and then Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

He said he "wasn't sure [he] was going to come back" to the South Bend community. However, he said, "Gradually, I realized I could make myself useful here at home."

Buttigieg recounted the moment when he won the open seat election for Mayor.

"On New Year's Day [in 2012], I took office," Buttigieg said. "It's like the dog chasing the car, finally catches it."

Buttigieg, joking with the group, said he wondered what he was supposed to do when he got to the office.

"I mean, I knew what I wanted to do for South Bend,

but what do I literally do right now?" he said. "Do I check my email or make a phone call first?"

Buttigieg said because South Bend was built by the auto industry, the rotting structures left behind after the industry's heyday set a tone for the city he grew up in. He said he advocates for the development of downtown and "wants South Bend to believe in its home." With the 150th anniversary of the City in 2015, Buttigieg said the time is right for change. "It's a great moment for that psychological feel," Buttigieg said. "So we have great timing for [change], but it's fragile."

Buttigieg laid out his threepoint plan for city development during the meeting. The first, he said, is making "the basics of life easy for people



GRANT TORIN I The Observe

On Sunday, Mayor Pete Buttigieg communicated his plans for the future of South Bend to Notre Dame's College Democrats.

who live here."

Next, he said, is what he likes to call "the good government goal." Buttgieg said he wants to improve different

things like efficiency and transparency.

He said his third goal centers around economic development.

"If we're not an auto making town anymore, then what are we?" Buttigieg said. "Obviously, a huge part of the answer is here at Notre Dame."

Buttigieg said his vision for South Bend involves a deep commitment to the connection between Notre Dame and the South Bend community.

"When I say engage with South Bend, I don't mean only volunteer," he said. "I want you to benefit from [the relationship between South Bend and Notre Dame]," he said. "Come eat downtown. It can even be something as simple as going to a ballgame downtown."

Buttigieg said he sees the future of South Bend as one that utilizes the talent that is present on campus in a way that works for the students. He said he "would love for this city to be more of a resource for you and what you want to do."

"You should be able to find something compelling from the business world to a service organization," he said.

Co-President of College Democrats, Junior Sean Long said his engagement with South Bend began because he volunteered on Buttigieg's campaign.

"[Mayor Buttigieg] really exemplifies the reason we should get involved in South Bend." Long said, "Whether or not it's interning in [Mayor Buttigieg's] office or starting your own business, in South Bend, Pete shows that South Bend is not just a place where we go to school," Long said. "It's a place we can live after we graduate."

Buttigieg ended his discussion with the College Democrats by saying, "Hunt down ways that South Bend can help you. That is how we make [the relationship between Notre Dame and the South Bend community] work."

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VIEWPOINT

INSIDE COLUMN

Love thee, ND football



Colby Hoyer Multimedia Editor

It's 4:50 PM on Sunday, Sept. 22. I receive an email informing me that it was my turn to provide an article for the inside column. As the brand new multimedia editor I was unaware of this responsibility. Our weekly Sunday Editorial Board meeting ended at 5:29 PM. Articles are due at 6:00 PM. The time was ticking away for me to complete the column on time, and I still didn't have an idea.

What could I possibly write about in a matter of 31 minutes? It had to be a subject on which I was already well informed because research at this point was out of the question. With another successful weekend for the Irish football team just finishing up, what could be more appropriate than a column about my top three reasons for loving Irish football?

1) Fans. Recognizable everywhere because of their green and gold attire, passionate cheers and incredible tailgating expertise, Irish fans are some of the best college football supporters in the country. Loud, excited, prideful and sometimes a little obnoxious, the Irish fan base spans the nation. They can be found in New York, Hawaii and everywhere in between. Old or young, alumni or not, the Irish fans are a breed entirely their own. I am willing to bet that if you proudly yell "Go Irish" in a crowded room anywhere in the country (with the exception of USC's campus), at least one person will respond with a "Go Irish" of

2) Tradition. It goes without saying that Notre Dame football is rich with tradition. From Touchdown Jesus to the team's golden helmets and the "greatest of all University fight songs," you don't have to be well acquainted with Notre Dame to be familiar with these iconic symbols. We might not have a Jumbotron in our stadium, but fans (and haters) from all over flock to South Bend just to be a part of the magic that is Game Day at Notre Dame. Lou Holtz described it best when he said, "If you were there, no explanation is necessary. If you weren't, no explanation is satisfactory."

3) The Alma Mater. I know this goes along with tradition, but in my book it deserves a category all its own. There is little else that can give me goose bumps the way a post-football singing of the Alma Mater can. A stadium full of people all standing together, united as the Notre Dame family makes me feel like a part of something bigger than myself. When those powerful words echo through the air, it is truly enchanting.

It is for these reasons (and many more) that my heart forever will "love thee Notre Dame."

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Violence and the utility of grief

Lisa Taylor

Storied Reflection

Two summers ago, I travelled to Pennsylvania for a Summer Service Learning Program (SSLP) with the Refugee Resettlement Program of Catholic Charities. There was no such thing as a typical day on this job, but I usually ran errands with refugees, such as obtaining social security cards, getting tuberculosis tests, writing resumes, testing for ESL classes or moving furniture. One unusual day of this summer stands out vividly in my memory. I found myself in a courtroom, listening to a preliminary trial hearing for a refugee accused of murder.

After fleeing his home in Eritrea, Hagos Mezgebo spent 13 months in the United States adjusting to a new culture and lifestyle. One late night, he separated from his friends outside a bar to stop at an ATM. While he was outside, a stranger abruptly drove up and shot him. The first shot was point black, hitting Hagos directly in the face from approximately 18 inches away. It killed him immediately, but his body still reflexively turned to run as his attacker shot him four more times, emptying 12 total rounds in the streets of Allentown,

During the hearing, I listened to the prosecutor's timeline of that night — how the alleged murderer beat his girlfriend, got kicked out of a club, shot Hagos and threatened another girl with a gun. I watched the defendant scowl and sink down into his chair as a police officer gave testimony, describing the trail of blood that seeped down the street as Hagos bled to death. The prosecutor asked question after logistical question, and my ears began ringing and the world swirled around me. The stiff, antiseptic stillness of the courtroom

jarred with the violent chaotic images in my mind: Blood flowing in a dark street, shots echoing, people running and tangible fear.

When I originally reflected on the hearing, the usual unanswerable questions overwhelmed me: How can we inhabit a world that produces such unexpected violence? How does evil seep into our lives, corrupting, corroding and destroying? Where does the pursuit of justice begin?

In that particular case, the prosecutor pressed for the death penalty. At the time, even simply as a bystander in the court, I was beaten back by ambivalence and confusion. I looked upon the alleged murderer, goose bumps raised on my arms, and tried to imagine his life and his possible death. Our lives and identities are undoubtedly produced by a composition of our deeds and our choices, but could I reduce this man to the label of murderer? No, I couldn't. But he pled guilty, accepted the label and received 40-80 years in prison.

Two years after this preliminary trial, I cannot help but think back and retrospectively integrate my knowledge of our broken legal and criminal justice system. Today, 2.3 million people are incarcerated in our prison system (Gottschalk 2008), a number that has skyrocketed in recent decades. The racist and classist bent of the legal system has resulted in disproportionate numbers of minorities (especially African Americans) and the poor in prison. Sister Helen Prejean, in "The Death of Innocents," rails against the uneven and unjust application of the death penalty, describing how every single person on death row is poor. Poverty precludes affording a quality lawyer, thus impeding due process. Moreover, most prisoners live in inhumane situations, subjected to physical and sexual violence, deprived of meaningful interaction and

robbed of opportunities for education and true rehabilitation.

In light of these facts, the perpetrator-victim line steadily begins to blur and fade as we recognize and evaluate the effects of societal structural violence. Prisons are fundamentally about retribution and the infliction of pain, not rehabilitation. Yet still we are left with the sticking point — what do we do with the guilty, with the violent? What do we do with people like the man who murdered

I suggest we step back momentarily and consider the situation from a standpoint of tragedy, asking two fundamental questions: Who do we grieve and who deserves to be grieved? The brilliant scholar Judith Butler asks about the utility of grief: "Is there something to be gained from grieving, from tarrying with grief, from remaining exposed to its unbearability and not endeavoring to seek a resolution for grief through violence?" She argues that, contrary to what many fear, grieving does not leave us powerless. Rather, it returns us to "a sense of human vulnerability, to our collective responsibility for the physical lives of one another."

Can we grieve for both perpetrators and victims, recognizing that both are victims of violence? Can we value the life of the guilty and the violent? And can grief truly return us to a sense of common human vulnerability and ultimately, human community? Although perhaps unanswerable, such questions must be examined in order to implement justice, respect human dignity and fight for human rights.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stop with the superiority complex

I never thought I'd see the day when I would defend Vladamir Putin, but here it goes. In his recent treatise on exceptionalism ("American exceptionalism," Sept. 19), Steven Begakis takes Mr. Putin to task for, of all things, noting that countries shouldn't see themselves as exceptional and that (gasp) God created us all equal. What annoys me most about Mr. Begakis' column (other than the misspelling of "its") is that it supposes that since we have overcome such tremendous struggles and created a Constitution and then forced our democratic views on others, we're inherently the best.

Here's what Begakis, Republicans and Democrats all don't understand that Putin actually does: We're indoctrinating people. I mean, it's totalitarian in a cult-like way. When you're a kid, you read

a textbook about how everything we've done is great. We had all these problems with slavery and women's rights and Indians and Manifest Destiny and the list goes on and on. But we made it through these struggles because we're the best. And now stand and sing the Star-Spangled Banner and weep tears of patriotism with me while saluting our beautiful flag. God bless America (sarcasm).

Yes, I enjoy living in the U.S. I am glad that our almighty government has granted me the freedoms it has and has not violated many of my civil liberties other than all of the ones the NSA has violated. And I would rather live here than in any other country. But the indoctrination, the notion that we're somehow morally and intellectually superior, has to stop. I don't love America. In fact, I don't think I could ever love

a political institution, and I'm quite proud of that fact. I want a government that lets me as an individual do what I want and to hold whatever values I want. I don't want people telling me the U.S. is better just because we've been a republic longer and have bigger guns than those other guys. Because let's face it, guys: We're not perfect. There are people dying in the streets, there are still race problems, evervone disagrees on gay marriage, we're about a gazillion dollars in debt and we rush into unnecessary wars. And if we're so imperfect already, I don't see why we feel the need to make the rest of the world as screwed up as we are.

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Reforming our patchwork welfare system

Conor Durkin

Thinking Differently

Last week, Republicans in the House of Representatives passed a controversial bill that would cut spending on food stamps and institute harder work requirements for food stamp eligibility, on the grounds that spending on the program has grown exponentially and must be curtailed. But this ignores the obvious. In the aftermath of the largest financial crisis since the Great Depression and a 'jobless recovery' that has left millions out of work and in poverty, of course spending on welfare programs will grow, and cutting that spending is, at best, incredibly and fundamentally ill-timed.

But that's not to say that our welfare programs couldn't stand to be reformed — by changing not the amount we spend, but the manner in which we spend it — in an effort to make our current system simpler, fairer and more labor market-friendly. As it presently stands, our government has a slew of programs all devoted to fighting different aspects of poverty, like Medicaid, SNAP (food stamps), energy subsidies and public housing, to name a few. All of these programs have specific eligibility requirements outlining the amount one can receive based upon income, and allow you to receive subsidies targeting their specific element of poverty. I happen to think there's a better way: Get rid of all these programs and replace them with cash payments.

That might sound odd at first, but replacing our current system with a system of cash transfer payments would yield a number of positive results. For one, it could deal with some of the incentive problems in our current system. Economists have long known that people respond to incentives, and welfare is no different. As you increase the benefits someone is able to receive, their incentive to work

is reduced. That's not an inherently bad thing — when people are facing deplorable poverty and standards of living, it's safe to say we should step in to help regardless of what it might do to their incentives — but with the way our system is currently set up, it has a few particularly bad incentives, particularly with respect to welfare cliffs.

An article from the American Enterprise Institute last summer did an excellent job explaining the problem of welfare cliffs, there are a number of times when actually earning more money from a job can dramatically reduce your net income, as the welfare benefits you lose outweigh the higher income from your job. A single mother with two young kids, for instance, is actually better off at a job paying \$29,000, where her net income and benefits total \$57,327, than working a job paying \$69,000, with net benefits and income of \$57,045. To some, this is evidence of a need to scale back the size of our welfare programs. I have trouble with that logic, but I do think it indicates the need to change our programs. Switching from a system of many departments providing vouchered benefits to one department providing cash transfers to lowincome people would allow us to ensure that these welfare cliffs would no longer exist, making sure people never have to choose between welfare or

More fundamentally, however, it also allows for variation in needs and gives beneficiaries the ability to make their own decisions as to what's best for them. Under our current system, the government gets to decide exactly how much each person can spend on food, energy, housing, healthcare or anything else without considering the idea that the needs of each individual aren't the same. With cash transfers, the decision-making authority rests with the beneficiary, meaning that if someone decides they'd rather accept worse housing conditions in exchange for better food on the table, they have

that right.

It's easy to imagine some of the criticisms of a switch to cash transfers, with some arguing that doing so would allow beneficiaries to spend money on whatever they feel like it, even products like drugs or alcohol. But even if one ignores evidence from places like the National Institute of Health or the state of Florida which indicates that welfare recipients are actually less likely to use drugs, there's a more fundamental question here: So what? As a society, we have an obligation to ensure a minimum standard of living for one another, that's the basis for our social safety net. Yet we do not — and should not — have the right to make decisions for one another, and once we have ensured a certain standard of income for our members of society, they should be allowed to make their own decisions as to what spending is best for them.

This idea isn't new. Milton Friedman supported a "guaranteed minimum income" as far back as 1962 as an alternative to the welfare state. I happen to think we should have listened to him. Let's switch from one Medicaid system to letting people choose their own plans in the Affordable Care Act's new insurance exchanges. Let's switch from public housing projects to letting people choose where they'd like to live. Let's switch from a patchwork set of programs to one broad system of cash transfers to ensure a minimum standard of income for everyone. And most importantly, let's stop relying on government agencies to decide how our poorest members of society must spend their money, and let's trust that they can decide for themselves.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Quit judging, start supporting one another

Ms. Peña:

After reading your viewpoint article — "What It Means To Be A Woman" (Sept. 18) — I am discouraged. I am discouraged that the comments of a boy caused you to have an eating disorder at such a young age and discouraged that there are college-aged men who cannot respect a woman's right to say "no." But most of all, I am discouraged that you feel you need to blame women for their own objectification.

At the beginning of your column, you cite the various barriers women have had to face in their struggle for equality. You failed to mention one of the biggest and most problematic barriers of all: ourselves. Instead of putting what other women are doing under the microscope, we need to support each other. We stand no chance of getting ahead if we are not all fighting on the same side.

Instead of shaming a woman for posing for "Playboy," why are we not focusing on the

fact that the unrated version of the "Blurred Lines" music video has over 20 million views on YouTube? This song — which I was shocked to hear that you love, in spite of its blatant disregard for boundaries and perpetuation of the idea that rape victims were, in the end, "asking for it" — is an excellent example of men, not women, exploiting the female body.

In fact, in both stories that you shared, the ones that are enforcing the gender stereotypes are men, not women. How can you blame women for doing something that men have conditioned us to do for years? Further, the fact of the matter is that some women are porn stars, dumb blondes and great cooks. But some women are also successful politicians, bestselling authors and world-renowned scientists. Celebrating our unique and diverse qualities as women means also celebrating the stereotypes, regardless of your opinions on them.

I was also disheartened by your apparent disdain for feminist writing. After all, at its basis, feminism is simply the belief that men and women should be equal in all aspects of life. Why is it so wrong for women to stand up for themselves and object to unequal treatment from men?

If you feel that objectification is something that is not discussed enough in our society, I encourage you to watch the documentary "Miss Representation," which recently was added to Netflix's streaming service. Sheryl Sandberg's book "Lean In" also provides great insight on the growing role of women in the workplace. At the end of the day, women need to look out for each other, and there is no time like the present.

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SCENE



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To anyone paying attention to the comic book industry's recent success in the box office, it should be immediately apparent that Marvel is the top dog in comic book hero films as of late. It seems that there is an unrelenting slew of Marvel movies in theaters, each better than the last. Of course, the climax of their recently established successful franchises was the Avengers movie released last summer, however, more important than the monetary success that this film no doubt achieved was the fact that Marvel clearly showcased the brute strength it has accrued in recent years.

It would seem that Marvel has gained quite the lead in the film industry over its direct competitor, DC comics. This is in large part due to the establishment of franchises such as Iron Man, Thor, and Captain America. These franchises individually have provided Marvel with opportunities for several movies, but then have also come together to form the Avengers movie — which I would argue has instantly cemented the Avengers as a new extremely lucrative franchise. This is quite different from DC's recent attempts at making major blockbuster films, among which only the Nolan Batman series has been equally profitable.

Unfortunately for DC, the Superman movies have not achieved the same resounding success as their Batman counterparts have. However, it would appear that DC is taking notice of the appeal of crossover titles, DC recently announced that Batman would make an onscreen appearance alongside the Man of Steel in the next Superman movie.

This announcement has been accompanied by rumors of possible standalone titles for the Flash and for Wonder Woman, which enthusiasts hope would surpass or match the success achieved by the Avengers movie.

In any event, this is all benefitting comic book aficionados the world over. Each movie, from both competitors, seems to be successfully pushing the quality of comic book hero movies ever higher.

This recent success has also opened up the possibility to bring new characters and series from both camps onto the big screen. As mentioned before, DC is now considering making movies for the Flash and Wonder Woman. As for Marvel, they have recently announced that they have decided to make a movie for Ant-Man, less recognizable than icons like the X-Men or the Avengers. Personally, I find the news of a Guardians of the Galaxy movie far more enticing than any of the other possibilities.

Marvel announced that they would be making a film adaptation of Guardians of the Galaxy at last year's San Diego Comic Con, and followed up at this year's Comic Con by introducing the all-star cast portraying the characters and director James Gunn to all of the excited Marvel fans. The more notable actors being featured in the film are: Chris Pratt (who you may know from Parks and Recreation), Zoe Saldana (who played Neytiri in Avatar), Dave Batista (formerly on WWE), and Benicio del Toro (Che) among many others. Although Guardians of the Galaxy is a relatively unknown comic book series, it seems like an awesome new way to expand the Marvel repertoire into a yet-untapped

I myself have read some of the Guardians' comic books, and I must say I was tremendously excited to hear they were planning on adapting the series into a movie, the characters in this series are complicated multilayered people/animals (in the case of Rocket Raccoon) who all have very different attitudes and perspectives on life. Marvel has already begun filming the movie, as of this summer, and is planning on bringing that to us in August of next year.

This next endeavor, alongside movies

such as Thor: The Dark World and Captain America: The Winter Soldier will no doubt help Marvel solidify its current position as the invariable superhero film behemoth success of the moment. That having been said, Marvel is now trying to expand into television with the new series "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D" set to air on ABC at eight o'clock this coming Tuesday the 24th.

This also strikes me as interesting because although DC does not appear to have enjoyed as much success as Marvel on the silver screen, they do seem to have garnered relatively more success with series such as Smallvile (origin story of Superman) and Green Arrow.

It should stand to reason that Marvel will be able to make a successful run at television with this new show, seeing as how it presently has so much momentum but that has yet to be seen.

All of this recent superhero news makes me wonder what the future holds for actual comic books. Could it be that print or perhaps e-comics will be making a comeback with younger generations as these recent movies drive children's tastes toward the Marvel and DC universe? Or has a golden age of comic books perhaps seen its last page turners and moved on to different media? These are interesting questions, so interesting in fact that they pushed Disney to acquire Marvel Entertainment back in 2009.

Clearly, there will always be a special place in our hearts for the battle between good and evil played out between g superheroes and super villains. Perhaps it is also comforting to distract ourselves from our world's woes with these awesome imaginary heroes, who inspire us even when the real world can't.

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Surviving the Spartans

Defense leads the way against MSU as the Irish capture 10th-straight home win in 17-13 slugfest

Offensive flexibility could be enough for Irish



Joseph Monardo Associate Sports Editor

While Notre Dame's defense took a notable step toward establishing its identity by limiting Michigan State to 13 points and 254 yards, the offense seemingly took a step backward, struggling to 224 yards behind an unimpressive performance from quarterback Tommy Rees.

No, it was not pretty. Nor was it exciting. But it was enough for the win, just what Notre Dame needed. And it was just what Irish coach Brian Kelly thought it would be.

"If you would have asked me last week about what this kind of game was going to be, it wasn't going to be a beauty contest," Kelly said afterward. "I felt like it was going to be this kind of

Michigan State entered the matchup with the top-ranked defense, both in terms of yards allowed and opponent passefficiency rating, and an offense that had surpassed the 300-yard threshold only once in three games. Notre Dame, meanwhile, was the predecessor to a team that reached the national championship game largely on the prowess of the defense. The point is, everyone expected the defenses to rule the day, and that is exactly what we got.

Still, the statistics from Notre Dame's offensive showing were underwhelming. Rees completed only 14 of 34 attempts for 142 vards while Notre Dame's run ning backs combined for only 82

The meager production seems to suggest a critical lack of identity for the Irish offense. After all, Notre Dame put only 17 points on the board while benefiting from 115 penalty yards, more than half as many yards as they tallied themselves. The running game still has not come into its own, and the passing attack that had been so proficient was wildly inefficient and unproductive.

But those looking for this Irish offense to establish a strong identity should change their expectations. Notre Dame will not develop a running game that will



Irish junior running back George Atkinson, right, finishes a kick return against Michigan State on Saturday. Senior linebacker Kendall Moore, center, pushes Atkinson against a swarm of Spartans.

By ISAAC LORTON Sports Writer

Up against Michigan State's top-ranked defense, the No. 22 Irish were able to take advantage of untimely Spartan penalties and a turnover late in the third quarter to hold onto a 17-13 victory Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

Michigan State (3-1) committed 10 penalties for 115 yards. Five of the infractions occurred on third or fourth down with the Spartans on defense, giving the Irish a new set of downs. Both Notre Dame pass interferences.

flagged for defensive pass four times. Michigan State coach Mark

Dantonio, who was asked if one of his teams had ever had that many pass interference calls go against it, said it was unprecedented and declined to comment further on the officiating.

"I've been coaching 30-plus years. No. Never," Dantonio said. "I guess that's why we should stop talking about it right there."

The Irish (3-1) also capitalized on the lone turnover of the game. With just more than two minutes left in the third quarter, Michigan State attempted a wide-receiver pass. Spartans touchdowns came on drives freshman receiver R.J. Shelton extended by Michigan State threw the ball into double coverage and Irish junior safety In total, the Spartans were Matthias Farley came down with the interception, which he returned 29 yards to the Notre Dame 48-yard line.

"I felt like we needed a big play," Dantonio said.

Irish sophomore cornerback KeiVarae Russell said the secondary recognized the trickplay situation and waited for Shelton's throw.

"I took a quick glance to the side because my [receiver] was coming off slow and he had never come off this slow, so I watched [Shelton] and he wasn't running like he was trying to get up field, so I was like this is a double play," Russell said. "So I just sat there. I guessed right ... That should have been mine, but I helped Matthias get that one."

Following a late-hit penalty at the end of Farley's return, Notre Dame began the drive at the Spartans 37-yard line. On third down, senior quarterback Tommy Rees floated the ball to freshman receiver Corey Robinson in the end zone and Robinson drew an interference call. Two plays later, the Irish took a 17-10 lead on a 7-yard run from junior running back Cam McDaniel with 14:44 remaining in the fourth quarter. It proved to be the game-winning score.

Irish coach Brian Kelly said Notre Dame was not throwing the ball to get pass-interference calls, but rather because

Defense uses rotations to shut down Spartans

By CASEY KARNES Sports Writer

With the help of three new starters, the increased involvement of freshman talent and the steady play of some familiar faces, Notre Dame's defense returned to last season's shutdown level this weekend against Michigan State.

After losing Zeke Motta, Kapron Lewis-Moore and Manti Te'o from last season's dynamic unit, the Irish defense has noticeably been in the midst of an adjustment period in early action this season. The 41 points the Irish allowed against Michigan in week two eclipsed the Irish's most points allowed to a regular season opponent last season by 15 points.

Saturday, however, the Irish held the Spartans to only 13 points and 254 yards. On a day when the Irish offense was struggling, Notre Dame's defense gave its best performance of the season. According to Irish Coach Brian Kelly, his much-scrutinized unit may have reached a turning

"We think [the defense] is starting to come together," Kelly said. "You could sense it. The pass-rush was better. We were on body a lot better. Assignment was much better. Definitely you could sense that the defense is starting to come together."

The most visible change Saturday was the revelation of three new starters for the Irish defense. Due to sophomore defensive lineman Sheldon Day's ankle injury, senior Kona Schwenke got the start at defensive line. And while the safety and middle linebacker positions have been rotating all season, this week junior safety Matthias Farley and graduate student linebacker Dan Fox began the game on the bench.

In their stead, senior Austin Collinsworth and sophomore Elijah Shumate manned the back and junior linebacker Jarrett Grace received his first start in the middle of the field. Farley, Fox and graduate student linebacker Carlo Calabrese still rotated in, and Farley even came down with a crucial interception that stopped a Spartan drive in the third quarter. After his first start, Grace said it's not who played that matters,

PLAYER OF THE GAME

LOUIS NIX AND STEPHON TUITT IRISH DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Nix and Tuitt earn the recognition for their joint effort. Each registered six tackles, Nix broke up two passes at the line and Tuitt got his second sack of the season. The two behemoths pressued Michigan State quarterback Connor Cook all day and anchored an Irish defense that had a much-needed strong performance.

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QUARTERBACKS

Tommy Rees was 14-for-34 in the contest, compiling only 142 yards and passing for one touchdown. He led the Irish to a victory, obviously, but repeatedly overthrew his receivers and relied on 50-50 balls to try to move the ball down the field.



RUNNING BACKS

It was junior Cam McDaniel once again who led the Irish backs statistically, although he only managed 44 yards on 16 carries. Atkinson showed his elusiveness in a limited role, but the unit as a whole gained only 82 yards on 32 carries, albeit against a very strong Spartan defense.



RECEIVERS

The unit's lack of production can be tied to Rees' struggles and a bevy of pass-interference penalties against Michigan State. Freshman Corey Robinson led the the team with 54 yards on three receptions, and senior tri-captain TJ Jones made a great play to reel in Notre Dame's first touchdown.



OFFENSIVE LINE

Michigan State had recorded nine sacks through three games, so the fact that the Irish did not allow a single one is impressive. Although Notre Dame could not dig out running lanes for its backs, the offensive line did a solid job against a talented front.



DEFENSIVE LINE

Junior standouts Louis Nix and Stephon Tuitt both had a few highlight plays — Nix with two tipped passes and Tuitt with a sack. Senior Kona Schwenke and sophomore Jarron Jones each logged good minutes while sophomore Sheldon Day did not play due to injury.



LINEBACKERS

Junior Jarrett Grace and graduate student Carlo Calabrese each notched eight tackles. As a whole, the linebackers were solid in run support and helped the defense contain the Spartans.



DEFENSIVE BACKS

After starting on the bench, junior safety Matthias Farley came down with a third-quarter interception and returned in 29 yards. Keivarae Russell made some tough tackles, freshmen Devin Butler and Cole Luke saw significant action and the entire secondary showed little cause for concern.



SPECIAL TEAMS

Junior kicker Kyle Brindza missed one of his two field-goal attempts but earned the game ball from Brian Kelly for his punting performance. His two fourth-quarter punts netted 45 and 51 yards, helping the Irish escape with a win. TJ Jones made two errors on punt return but neither came back to bite the Irish.



COACHING

Kelly opened up the aerial attack to avoid running into the teeth of the Michigan State defense for much of the game and allowed his running game and defense to run out the clock. He knew how to attack the Spartans and guided his team to its third victory.

OVERALL GPA: 3.11

Notre Dame captured a victory from the nation's top-ranked defense, and even if that designation had been earned against lesser competition, it was no insignificant task for the Irish. Notre Dame's defense took a significant step forward, and even in an off-day the Irish offense found a way to put enough points on the board to win.

PLAY OF THE GAME

CAM MCDANIEL FINDS THE ENDZONE ON A SEVEN-YARD RUN

The junior running back gave Notre Dame the lead early in the fourth quarter with his second rushing score of the season. Up 17-10 after the touchdown, Notre Dame held the Spartans to a field goal the rest of the way and secured the victory at home.



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Irish freshman linebacker Jaylon Smith attempts to bring down Michigan State running back Jeremy Langford during Notre Dame's 17-13 victory over the Spartans on Saturday.

Battle

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Michigan State was defending the run, which is why the Irish keyed in on the solo coverage. Notre Dame averaged 2.6 yards

"No, we want to complete [the passes], we were getting pulled and tugged," Kelly said. "We just felt like the only way you're going to complete passes against Michigan State is one-on-one, all man-to-man. ... Safeties are downhill, the backers are playing the run. On the outside it's a one-on-one situation and they're fighting for the football."

On their final drive of the first half, the Irish pushed to the Michigan State 41-yard line. A fourth-and-1 pass interference call against Michigan State gave the Irish a new set of downs. Rees completed a pair of passes to get the Irish to the 2-yard line. After Rees' first two pass attempts to junior receiver DaVaris Daniels fell incomplete, Rees fired to senior receiver TJ Jones on third down. Jones leapt, caught the ball in the back of the end zone and was able to get his feet down to put the Irish up 10-7 with 17 seconds left in the second quarter.

Throughout the game, both quarterbacks struggled to find a rhythm. Rees went 14-for-34 for 142 yards and the one touchdown, while Spartans sophomore quarterback Connor Cook was 16-for-32 for 135 yard and one score.

"[Rees] missed open receivers, yeah," Kelly said. "I mean, we had guys open. He just didn't hit them. He's not going to shy away from it, he had guys open and he didn't connect."

Robinson, who led Notre

Dame receivers with three catches for 54 yards, said the plan was to target him as long as there was one-on-one coverage.

"I knew it was going to be a more vertical battle," Robinson said. "I was trying to keep them off of me and hold my line, but I knew [Rees] was coming to me because it is a man-to-man match up and I'm 6'5". That's what they recruited me for. I knew I had to make plays and help my team out."

In the first quarter with the game scoreless, a holding call against the Spartans on third down kept the Irish drive alive. Four plays later junior kicker Kyle Brindza drilled a 41-yard field goal to put the Irish up 3-0 with 3:48 remaining in the first frame.

Michigan State scored half-way through the second quarter to take a 7-3 lead. From the Notre Dame 12-yard line, Cook tossed a jump ball to sophomore receiver Macgarrett Kings, Jr., who held on in the end zone for the score. Freshman kicker Michael Geiger tacked on the extra point. Geiger replaced Spartans senior kicker Kevin Muma after Muma missed a 30-yard field goal in the first quarter.

Michigan State picked up six first downs on the scoring drive, including two Notre Dame penalties and a fourthdown conversion.

Dantonio said the Spartan defense did its job and it's up to the offense to convert.

"Got down there three times, missed one field goal, kicked two others, scored a touchdown the fourth time," Dantonio said. "Seventeen points aren't going to win you many games, 13 is not for sure. Credit Notre

Dame's defense some. But we've got to score more points."

Michigan State came out strong to start the second half, but had to settle for a field goal. Geiger made a 25-yard kick to knot the score at 10.

With Michigan State knocking at the door on the 14-yard line with more than 11 minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Irish defense stepped up to force a 42-yard field goal from Geiger to make the score 17-13.

Notre Dame held Michigan State to 254 yards of total offense (119 rushing, 135 passing), while the Spartans held the Irish to 224 yards (82 rushing, 142 passing).

"I think both defenses really carried the day here today," Kelly said. "I think the defenses had a lot to do with today's ballgame."

Clinging to a fourth-quarter lead, the Irish were forced to punt late in the game and Michigan State received the ball on its own 33 with 2:11 left in the game. Spartans senior quarterback Andrew Maxwell, who came on in relief of Cook, threw two incomplete passes to start the drive. Following a Michigan State delay-ofgame penalty and a false start, Maxwell threw another incomplete pass on third down. On fourth-and-20, Maxwell scrambled but was only able to pick up eight yards.

McDaniel picked up one more first down for the Irish and allowed Notre Dame to run out the clock.

The Irish next host No. 14 Oklahoma at Notre Dame Stadium on Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

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Irish junior safety Matthias Farley, center, makes a tackle during Notre Dame's 17-13 home defeat of Michigan State on Saturday. Farley registered one interception in the game.

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but how they played together that allowed the Irish defense to return to form.

"We have all the guys, we have all the ability, we could put many guys in different spots," Grace said. "It's more about just settling down a little bit. We're all brothers out there. When we're out there, I feel like it's going to be gelling no matter what."

In addition to new starters, some young talent saw the field for the Irish as well. Freshmen cornerbacks Cole Luke and Devin Butler shared significant time on the field together down the stretch, and Kelly believes that their performance demonstrates the depth of the Notre Dame defense.

"We played a lot of freshman on both sides of the ball," Kelly

said. "It's kind of how we put this team together, is that we need to count on the depth, especially in this freshman class."

Senior tri-captain and cornerback Bennett Jackson showed confidence in his younger peers, while also providing some guidance for their first experience with extended playing time.

"I just told them they got on the field through their participation in practice and how well they practiced this week," Jackson said. "I told them don't do anything you don't necessarily do, play your game, stay calm, stay confident, and execute your fundamentals and you'll be fine."

The Irish secondary held the Spartans and sophomore quarterback Connor Cook to only 3.8 yards a pass, and eventually forced Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio to replace Cook with senior Andrew Maxwell to

try and spark his offense on the final drive. Even with the success, Kelly said he is not finished tinkering with his lineup.

"I wouldn't say we're at a point where we're definitely sold we have the 11 guys in the right place," Kelly said. "We think we're closer. We still have to do a little bit more work."

Regardless of this game's rotation, or that of future matchups, Jackson believes the Irish will continue to succeed, invoking the same theme as Grace: brotherhood.

"[The rotation] didn't really alter my game at all," Jackson said. "I think we took a step forward. We just continue to grow our brotherhood on defense, and build that confidence and chemistry as a defensive unit."

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Identity

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carry them through the remainder of the season. Rees and his receivers will not turn into a high-powered attack that will blow teams out of the water. But they won't have to.

Against the Spartans, the Irish showed once again they can do exactly what it takes to win a game. They have done it 15 times in their last 16 regular-season opportunities, and they will likely find a way to do it several more times this season. The offense can put enough production together to squeeze by their opponents; it just won't be with a consistent identity.

Against the Spartans, Notre Dame passed the ball again and again, but not because that is what the team's offensive identity is. The Irish challenged

Michigan State's cornerbacks repeatedly because it offered them the best chance to win against an extremely solid defensive team.

"You have to win throwing the football against Michigan State," Kelly said. "You're not going to win running the football against

"Those safeties are downhill. Those linebackers are in the box. Those are nine guys hawking the run game. It's tough sledding in there."

The propensity for pass interference calls to go against Michigan State's isolated corners provided even more incentive for Notre Dame to push the ball down the field over the top.

"When you know that the quarterback is going to throw it back shoulder, the defensive back does not know where it is, you have an advantage in that situation," Kelly said.

That Notre Dame's offense lacks an apparent identity is not a problem. The ability of Kelly and the rest of the Irish to piece together a winning performance based on the matchup can be just as powerful as the capacity to dominate a game in any single facet. What they lack in style and mastery they can make up for with flexibility and responsiveness to what the opponent offers

Whether it will be enough to earn a berth in a BCS bowl is difficult to say, but the Irish are better off working with what they have rather than fabricating an

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Irish benefit from penalties

By CASEY KARNES Sports Writer

The Irish gained 115 yards on ten Michigan State penalties. Seven of their 14 first downs came via penalty yardage. The Irish also incurred eight penalties for

The Irish managed only 224 yards against the Spartans, the smallest total they've accumulated in the Brian Kelly era. The 14 first downs were a season low for

the Irish, as were the 142 passing yards and 14 pass completions.

Freshmen receivers step

Freshmen receivers accounted for 91 of Notre Dame's 142 receiving yards. Will Fuller caught his first career reception, a 37-yarder in the first quarter. Corey Robinson, meanwhile, had his first career multi-catch performance, with three receptions for 54 yards. His long was a 24-yarder, and he ended the game as the leading receiver for the Irish.

Punt block ends streak

Junior punter Kyle Brindza's blocked punt in the first quarter was the first block allowed by the Irish in their last 255 punts attempted. They hadn't allowed a block since 2008 against Boston

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SCORING SUMMARY

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TJ Jones 2-yard pass from Rees (Brindza kick) **© 0:17** remaining

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NOTRE DAME 17, MICHIGAN STATE 10

Cam McDaniel 7-yard run (Brindza kick)

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NOTRE DAME 17, MICHIGAN STATE 13

Michael Geiger 42-yard field goal

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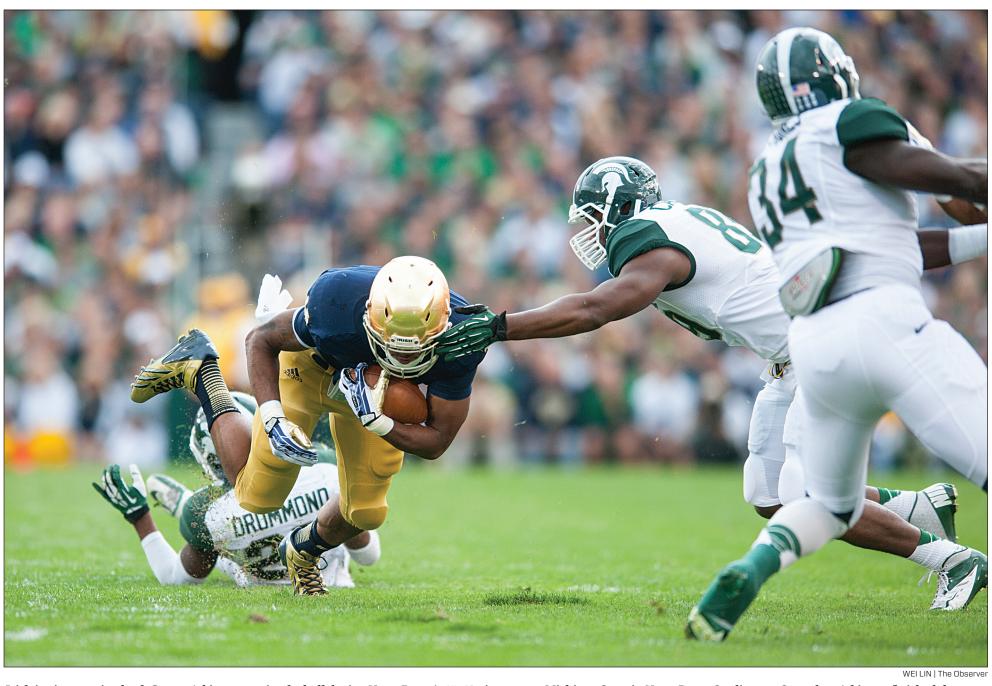
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DEFENSE

Tuitt **Drummond 2 tackles for loss Farley** 1 interception Macksood 1 blocked punt



Irish junior running back George Atkinson carries the ball during Notre Dame's 17-13 victory over Michigan State in Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday. Atkinson finished the game with 23 yards on six carries and added 67 yards on three kick returns in Notre Dame's 10th straight home win.

OUTSLUGGING SPARTY

Notre Dame grinded out a 17-13 victory over Michigan State on Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish defense limited the Spartans to 254 yards of total offense and one touchdown, while the offense mustered 224 yards against Michigan State's top-ranked defense. The Spartans committed 10 penalties for 115 yards, and seven of Notre Dame's 14 first downs came by way of penalties.



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Irish senior cornerback Bennett Jackson tries to wrestle down Michigan State running back Jeremy Langford.



Irish junior defensive end Stephon Tuitt, pictured here during Saturday's game, recorded six tackles and a sack.



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Irish senior quarterback Tommy Rees prepares a handoff for junior Irish running back Amir Carlisle against the Spartans.

Irish sophomore receiver Chris Brown extends while attempting to make a catch in Saturday's contest. Brown did not have a reception in the game, while freshman receiver Corey Robinson led the Irish with 54 yards receiving.

SCENE



By MATTHEW McMAHON

Scene Writer

"Dads"

Airs Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. on Fox

Continuing on the heels of a completely unnecessary American standards album and the success of the "Ted" title font, Seth MacFarlane expands his Fox empire by trying his hand at another live-action sitcom. The draw of "Dads" comes from its hopeful youngsters: MacFarlane's best bud Seth Green and creepy, tough guy Giovanni Ribisi. With old-timers Martin Mull and Peter Riegert playing the youngsters' respective dads who move in with their kids, the show seems an obvious commentary on the effect of rising life expectancy on the unaffordability of retirement.

If the actors transcend the material, they'll take what little they are given in terms of writing, jokes, all that, and their superior acting will make it bearable. On the other hand, if they just live up to the standards of their scripts and the plot, or overact (ie. chew on the scenery), it might be entertaining to watch as a train wreck because of how bad it will be. Also, look forward to many stale jokes at the expense of Brenda Song's character, as the pilot's significant stereotyping has already been the subject of complaints by the Media Action Network for Asian Americans.

Prediction: 10 seasons

"Brooklyn Nine-Nine" Airs Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. on Fox

With the premiere of "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" having aired last Tuesday, there is just enough time to catch up for this Tuesday's episode, and I suggest you do just that. The ensemble NYPD troop may be well-worn territory, but this single-camera sitcom captures it in a fun, light-hearted manner. This refreshing take on the overdone cop drama is to be expected from the one-time show runner of "The Office" and creator of "Parks and Recreation," Michael Schur. Andy Samberg stars as a childish detective butting heads with his new captain, played by veteran Andre Braugher. The dynamics of the entire cast come naturally, with the first episode already taking on the confidence of a well-developed series. After the recent success of Fox's ensemble comedies, including live-action "New Girl" and animated "Bob's Burgers," "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" shows a lot of similar promise.

Prediction: Might just hit the spot

By KEVIN NOONAN Scene Editor

"Michael J. Fox Show" Premieres Saturday, Sept. 26 at 9 p.m. on NBC

Michael J. Fox is back in a starring television role this year with NBC's "The Michael J. Fox Show." Fox will play Mike Henry, a former news anchor who gave up his career after being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. But after five years at home with his with wife, played by Betsy Brandt from "Breaking Bad," and family, he decides to return to work. The show shares parallels with Fox's own life, as he decided to lessen and eventually leave his role on ABC's "Spin City" in the late 1990s after announcing his own diagnosis of Parkinson's. The sitcom will air on Thursdays at 9 p.m., and NBC is clearly confident it will be a success, as it has already purchased all 22 episodes for the first season.

Prediction: Full season pick-up

By MADDIE DALY

Associate Scene Editor

"The Goldbergs" Premieres Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 9 p.m. on ABC

Instead of another show about a modern, untraditional family making it through life in our fast, technology-based world, ABC is premiering "The Goldbergs," a new series set in the 1980s following the life of a normal, dysfunctional and hilarious family. Between the helicopter mom played by Wendi McLendon-Covey, the hot-tempered father played by Sean Giambrone and their three kids, the Goldberg family is full of chaos and constant screaming. Created by Adam F. Goldberg and directed by Seth Gordon, it only has four episodes scheduled so far, so its future is a bit unexpected. Because of its uniqueness and relatable story line, however, I think this comedy will survive, at least for this first season. Especially for those who lived through the 1980s, this show will be a hit that reminds them of their glory days.

Prediction: One-season wonder

By GABRIELA LESKUR Scene Writer

"Masters of Sex" Premieres Sunday, Sept. 29 at 10 p.m. on Showtime

"Masters of Sex" is to Biology majors what "Game of Thrones" is to fantasy nerds. Expect nudity and a riveting plotline from this Showtime drama. Beyond the somewhat risqué title, "Masters of Sex" is truly a show that focuses on science but mixes in allure, akin to Bill Nye the Science Guy on "Dancing with the Stars" this year. "Masters of Sex" tells the story of trailblazers William Masters, played by Michael Sheen and Virginia Johnson, played by Lizzy Caplan, who did groundbreaking research in human sexual reproduction and sexual disorders in the 1950s. Amidst "Mad Men"-esque housewives and the falsely pristine American dream, Masters and Johnson were the first to delve into the taboo of sexual experience, studying 10,000 instances of human sexual behavior. Their work continues to spark the interest of the scientific community, and now, it seems promising that it might spark interest on TV.

Chances are that with this show, you'll learn something you can apply in your Evolution and Society class or your Human Biology class or your Gender Studies class . . . or elsewhere.

Prediction: Not-so-PG pleasure to be renewed for future seasons



Courtesy of Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN

Managing Editor

"Excellent wretch! Perdition catch my soul, but I do love thee! And when I love thee not, Chaos is come again."

So said the unfortunate Venetian general Othello after

he discovered his new wife, Desdemona, was unfaithful
— or so he was told.

Last week Notre Dame welcomed the Actors from the
London Stage for their hypnetic and sengual perfor

Last week Notre Dame welcomed the Actors from the London Stage for their hypnotic and sensual performance of William Shakespeare's "Othello." With only five players, a few chairs and a briefcase filled with props, the ensemble set up shop in Washington Hall Monday through Sunday night. For such a difficult and serious play, the Actors expertly used their wit and deep knowledge of the text to appeal to the diverse audience, who

gasped, laughed and cried throughout the entire two-and-a-half-hour show.

In a tragedy of rumor, lies and love too passionate, Shakespeare's "Othello" allows his treacherous ensign, Iago, to ensnare his mind with jealous thoughts. Desdemona could not be a more virtuous or beautiful woman, but Othello is equally blinded by his rage as he is by his love. From there the happy couple's life spirals down, down, down, until Othello loses all.

The lean cast list meant all actors in the company played multiple parts. In some cases, the actors' double or triple personalities leant humor to the script, but after the first few scenes, it became easier to watch the players seamlessly morph from one character to the next. The unity of voices and movements highlighted the text's rhythm, rhyme and philosophy.

Alinka Wright (starring as Desdemona, Baianca, Montano, Second Senator, Officer) was enchanting to watch on stage, especially when she had to woo herself as both Desdemona and as the officer. Richard Neale (starring as Iago, Duke, Gentleman) played the villain perfectly, and the audience could empathize completely with Jack Whitam's (Cassio, Brabantio, Lodovico, Officer) desire and frustration. Even when the scenes became hysterical and a little over-done, the actors never broke character(s) or allowed one personality to tinge the other.

The Actors from the London Stage will return in the spring of 2014 to perform "As You Like It" and "Much Ado About Nothing" in the fall.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

NCAA needs to face the music



Greg Hadley Sports Writer

If you were only paying attention to matchups, it was a pretty quiet fourth week of college football. Unlike Alabama-Texas A&M last week, there was no must-see, season-defining game. But when several Georgia, Georgia Tech and Northwestern players took the field with the acronym "APU" written on their gear, they took a stand that could have far more implications for college football than any single

"APU" stands for All Players United, a new campaign started by the National College Players Association (NCPA) for better treatment of student-athletes on a wide range of issues, including player safety, education opportunities and compensation.

What's so important about these players' protest? It didn't change the outcome of the games they played in, and it won't change NCAA policy in the immediate future. All the same, this protest is significant because it's a historic milestone in the push for NCAA reform. Never before have players protested on the field during a game.

All of this is hugely important because the NCAA and its president, Mark Emmert, can't ignore the writing on the wall much longer, no matter how hard they

Just a week ago, Emmert said, "One thing that sets the fundamental tone is there's very few members, and virtually no university president that thinks it's a good idea to convert studentathletes into paid employees. Literally into professionals. Then you have something very different from collegiate athletics."

Emmert makes \$1.7 million a year. That's \$1.7 million more than any of the college athletes who make his salary possible. It's bad enough that Emmert can't realize the hypocrisy, but college athletics isn't a \$1.7 million dollar industry. It's a one billion dollar industry, and almost none of it goes to the people who make it possible.

There's nothing wrong with amateurism or playing for school pride. But it's reprehensible to use amateurism as a way to deny someone their fair share. And whether or not college athletics started with the ideal of amateurism, it's undeniable that when the NCAA sells the television rights to March Madness for \$11 billion, money is a huge factor in today's college sports

That's why it's more than a bit ironic that ESPN's cameras caught the "APU" scrawled on the wrist tape of Georgia Tech quarterback Vad Lee. ESPN is the

sports media giant that will pay the NCAA over five billion dollars to televise the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) playoffs, starting in 2014. That's not even mentioning the even more lucrative deals ESPN has with numerous conferences. So ESPN, when it covers the protest, is giving attention to people that are protesting its own complicity in the NCAA's

Of course, there are some legitimate counter arguments to this. Yes, athletes get a valuable education at a fraction of the cost. Yes, those billions from television deals are often used to benefit other vital, sometimes academic, programs of the university.

But the simple truth is that the athletes are the ones who generate the revenue and they should get their fair share. A scholarship, while certainly nice, isn't worth millions, especially if one considers the dreadful graduation rates of top college football programs.

Without a degree, players have about a 10-year window in the NFL to make enough money to last them a lifetime. And that's not even mentioning the years of pain and medical bills brought on by concussions, blown knees and torn muscles.

These are the reasons why a massive anti-trust lawsuit is slowly moving its way through the courts. The NCAA has long partnered with EA Sports to produce the video game series NCAA Football. In the game, likenesses of players are used. For example, former Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson was featured on the cover of the game's most recent edition.

Both the NCAA and EA Sports profit from the game, but the actual players — the reason many people buy the game — get nothing. A group of former college athletes, led by former UCLA basketball player Ed O'Bannon, is suing for the revenue that should have gone to all the players featured in the game and other similar college sports video games. Even though the process is a long and arduous one, it will most likely result in a massive payoff.

Why else would the NCAA choose to end their deal with EA Sports this year? Mark Emmert and the NCAA know what they were doing is legally indefensible.

That's why All Players United matters. Because the players know what they are due, and they're letting the NCAA know that they won't be exploited anymore.

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GOLF

Stenson takes FedEx Cup with victory at East Lake

Associated Press

Henrik Stenson knows better than most players how it feels to go from the depths of a slump to the elite in golf.

He's done it twice now.

And the second time was sweeter — and richer than ever.

Not even among the top 200 players in the world two years ago, Stenson capped off the best three months of his career with a command performance Sunday in the Tour Championship. With a birdie to thwart a late charge by Jordan Spieth, followed by three pars from the sand, the 37-year-old Swede closed with a 2-under 68 on Sunday for a threeshot victory to capture the FedEx Cup.

He walked away with \$11.44 million — \$10 million for the FedEx Cup (\$9 million of that in cash) and \$1.44 million for winning the Tour Championship.

"It shows that I never give up," Stenson said, who also moves to No. 4 in the world. "This is way beyond what I could have imagined."

Even with a four-shot lead, the final round was a battle. There were two trophies on display on the first tee. He knew he could still win the FedEx Cup even if he didn't win the Tour Championship. Ultimately, he figured good golf would take care of everything, and it did.

Stenson became first player to win the Tour Championship wire with no ties since Tom Watson in 1987, the first year of this 30-man showcase.

Spieth made him work for

The 20-year-old Texan left one last impression on his remarkable rookie season by running off four straight a win at the Deutsche Bank birdies on the back nine at Championship. East Lake to pull within one shot after Stenson went well over the 14th green and made his long bogey.

Stenson could hear the cheers and knew what he faced over the last four holes.

"I'm not just a pretty face. I can put 1-and-1 together," the Swede said with his dry

He drilled a 3-wood into the fairway on the par-5 15th that set up an 8-foot birdie. Ahead of him on

the 17th, Spieth was between clubs and chose to hammer a 9-iron that he caught heavy enough that it plugged in the front bunker. He made bogey and had to settle for a 64.

"I was just looking up and seeing that I needed more instead of being satisfied with what happened," Spieth said of his four straight birdies.

Spieth wound up No. 7 in the FedEx Cup, the highest ever for a rookie. He began the year with no status on any tour and finished at No. the PGA Tour money list, and No. 21 in the world.

The last challenge came from Steve Stricker, who rolled in an eagle putt on the 15th hole to get within two. Stricker saved par behind the 16th green, and then missed two birdie chances from about 18 feet on the last two holes for a 65. He tied for second with Spieth.

Stricker didn't realize that making any of those last two putts would have been worth an extra \$1 million for finishing second in the FedEx Cup. He only cared about winning, knowing he needed birdies and for Stenson to make a mistake.

"I knew the putt meant a lot. I didn't know it meant that much," he said with a smile. He finished third in the FedEx Cup and received a \$2 million bonus.

Stenson, who finished at 13-under 267, became the first European to win the Tour Championship and the FedEx Cup.

His amazing summer began with a tie for third in the Scottish Open. Stenson followed with a runner-up at the British Open and the World Golf Championship at Firestone, third place at the PGA Championship and

"Obviously, the work was done before," Stenson said. "It's not like I woke up in the middle of July and played fantastic."

The Tour Championship was his second win in three tournaments of the FedEx Cup playoffs.

"Since the Scottish Open, it's been just an incredible run," he said. "I'm speechless. It was a tough day out there. To hang in there the way I did, I'm really satisfied. ... It hasn't quite sunk

in yet. I had to fight hard mentally to keep all this aside, and I managed to do that. It's going to feel better as the week goes on. I'm pretty sure about that."

Tiger Woods, the No. 1 seed going into the Tour Championship, never recovered from his 73-71 start. He closed with a 67 to tie for 22nd, his worst finish ever at East Lake, and wound up second in the FedEx Cup. That still was worth a \$3 million bonus.

Woods wrapped up the PGA of America's pointsbased award for player of the year, and he captured the PGA Tour money title and the Vardon Trophy for the lowest adjusted scoring title. Next up is a vote of the players for PGA Tour player of the year. He is the heavy favorite with five wins this

The award is to be announced on Friday.

For much of the day, no one got closer to Stenson than three shots, and he answered that early challenge with an 8-iron to an elevated green to 2 feet for birdie at No. 7. The Tour Championship came to life in the final hour, though, thanks to the youngest player in the field.

Fearless as ever, Spieth began a run of birdies starting on the 13th hole that not only moved him into second place, it put pressure on Stenson not to drop any shots. Stenson's only bogey came on the 14th, when he caught a flyer over the green and missed a 20-foot putt.

"Henrik obviously was playing phenomenal golf," Spieth said. "I felt like once a few putts started falling, we have a shot at it."

Webb Simpson had the low round of the tournament with a 63 to finish

Stenson, who only last week smashed a driver and his locker at the BMW Championship out of frustration brought on by playing so much golf, finally gets a break. He was headed to his home in Orlando, Fla., for a four-week break before returning in Shanghai.

Next up: A chance to become the first player to win the FedEx Cup on the PGA Tour and the Race to Dubai on the European Tour in the same season.

What a turnaround.

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midfielder Patrick Hodan

ESTEEM

supplied four.

After Shipp's goal, the Eagles' defense prevented further quality shots from

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the Irish. Of Notre Dame's 17 shots, only three were shots on goal, and Clark credited Boston College's defensive

work for slowing down the

"I think the team played well but they weren't able to convert in the final area," Clark said. "I think you've got to give their defense a lot of credit for holding us. They played defense well as a team, so we had a lot of shots but not a lot of good shots."

As for the Irish, it was a quiet night on defense. Notre Dame held the Eagles to just five shots and three shots on goal, but the offense drove the pace of the game and helped the defense by keeping the ball away from Boston College.

"I think we had the ball

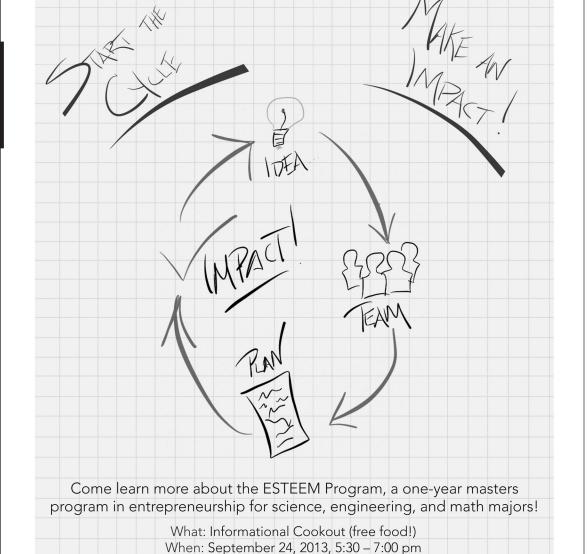
most of the time," Clark said. "We had to be sharp defensively, but I think it was more we had a lot of the ball."

Now that the Irish have proven they can control a possession game, they have to take the next step and find the net more consistently, Clark said.

"We didn't play the final chances," Clark said. "We weren't able to put the ball awav."

The Irish are next in action against Duke on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Stadium.

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dropped their first set to North Dakota State, 25-21, before bouncing back to win the next three sets, 25-20, 25-20 and 25-12. The Irish had 71 digs against the Bison (0-12), and senior libero Andrea McHugh recorded her 1,000th career digs, making her just the 13th Notre Dame player to achieve the milestone.

Notre Dame's four-match winning streak ended when the Irish faced Georgia (10-2) on Saturday. After dropping the first two sets, 25-18 and 25-14, Notre Dame bounced back with a 25-17 victory. The Irish were unable to complete the comeback, however, as they dropped the final set, 25-23.

Despite Notre Dame's two losses, Irish senior defensive specialist Sammie Brown earned a spot on the all-tournament team. She had 38 kills, 28 digs, and 19 assists over the course of the weekend and led the Irish offense.

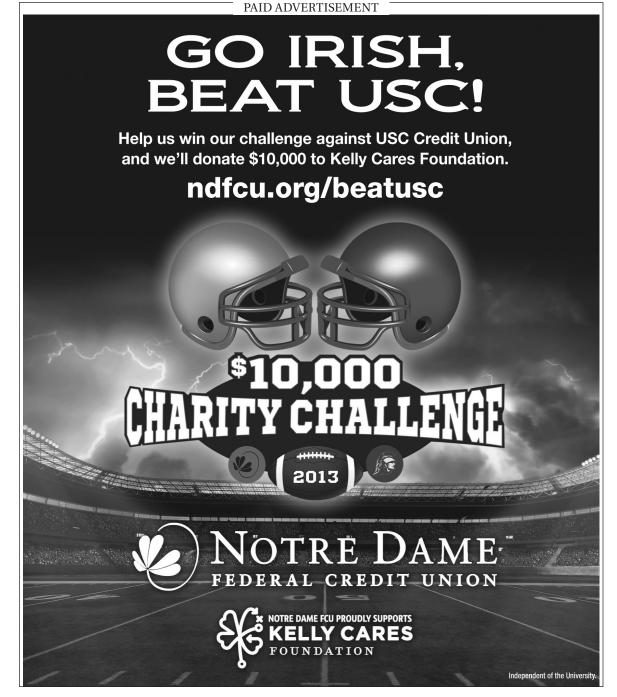
"Sammie Brown had a very good weekend," Brown said. "She's really developing into a great all-around player. She plays good defense, serves and earns points. That was probably the bright spot of the team this weekend, the emergence of [Sammie]."

Brown said she was proud of how the Irish played on offense over the weekend.

"There's always things to work on," Brown said. "There's always chances to get better. Our hitting percentage has come up a lot, and we want to continue that. We could do a bit better job with blocking and defense. Mainly, we need to get more comfortable with each player on the court."

The Irish open ACC play when they face North Carolina on Friday at 7 p.m. in Chapel Hill, N.C.

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WEI LIN | The Observe

Irish junior middle blocker Jeni Houser goes up for a block during Notre Dame's 3-0 victory over Loyola-Chicago on Sept. 13 at Purcell Pavilion.

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junior Jake Kildoo (25:05.4), sophomore Michael Clevenger (25:05.4),Martin Grady (25:05.6), graduate student Jeremy Rae (25:05.8), senior Walter Schafer (25:06.0) and senior Patrick Lesiewicz (25:09.7) finished in second place through seventh place, respectively.

Piane said the Irish planned to gather points in the meet by placing a large group of runners among the top finishers.

"That was honestly what we wanted to do," Piane said. "We were pretty confident that we would win. But to be a good cross

country team, you have to run together and we did that. They really supported each other out there."

The Irish finished with the low score of 20. No other team finished with a score below 66, and eight of 10 teams finished with scores over 100. The top five finishers for each team contribute their finishing position to an aggregate score. Piane said even if the Irish had used the finishing positions of their sixth and seventh runners, they still would have won. Lesiewicz finished seventh overall and Irish freshman runner Scott Milling was the seventh Irish finisher, coming in 13th overall with a time of 25:44.2.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF | 7TH; 588 (+6)

Irish claim seventh in Tennessee

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame held its own this weekend against a tough field at the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championship at Cherokee Country Club in Knoxville, Tenn., as the Irish finished seventh out of 17 teams.

Notre Dame finished with a two-round team score of 588 (298-290).

Leading the effort for Notre Dame were sophomore Talia Campbell and freshman Jordan Ferreira, who tied for 14th with a two-day total of 144. Campbell and Ferreira each shot a 73 on Friday's first day of competition and a 71 in Saturday's second round, which was suspended by rain and continued Sunday.

Campbell and Ferreira were two of just 10 golfers in the

Armstrong took a slight step back from her third-place finish at last weekend's Mary Fossum Invitational, as she posted a 78 and a 74 to finish with a total of 152 and tie for 56th overall.

Just ahead of Armstrong were senior Kristina Nhim and junior Kelly Oride, who shot a total of 150 and a 151, respectively. Nhim finished tied for 46th place with a 76 in the first round and a 74 on Sunday. Oride continued a solid streak of performances by posting a 76 in the first round and a 75 in the second round to finish tied for 54th overall.

Freshman Janie rounded out the group with an 87 and an 85 in her two rounds, which was good for a tie for 92nd place.

Notre Dame will have some

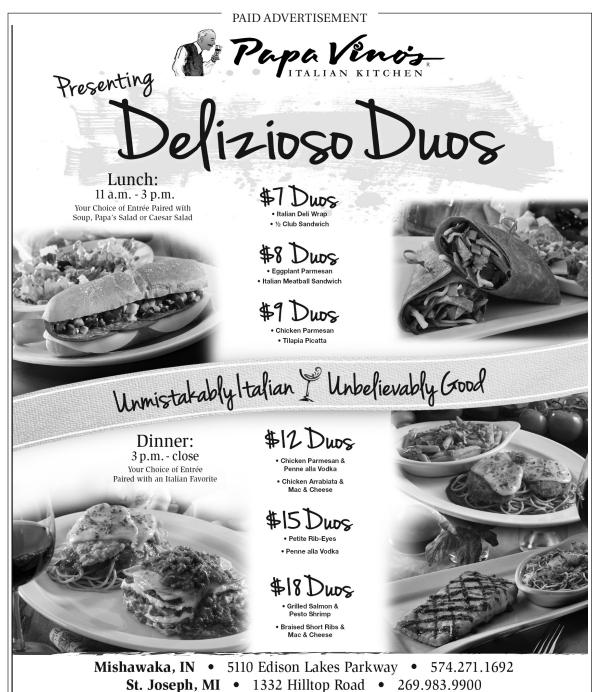
field to break par in the second time off before the Irish head to Chapel Hill, N.C., for the Tar Still just several weeks re-Heel Invitational, which begins moved from a wrist injury, Follow us on Twitter. @ObserverSports

"Our goal was to win, but also to run as a group," Piane said. "Six of the guys finished together but Scott Milling was right behind

them."

The Irish next run at the Notre Dame Invitational on held on the Notre Dame Golf Course on Oct. 4.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish begin fall play with separate Invitationals

By SAMANTHA ZUBA Sports Writer

The Irish opened their season with success across the board this weekend at both the Wolverine Invitational in Ann Arbor, Mich., and the Ball State Fall Invite in Muncie, Ind.

Notre Dame split its team up across the two open tournaments to provide the entire roster with opportunities to play and gear up for the season, Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

"We have 12 on the team and for us to get all 12 a lot of matches we've got to split up," Louderback said. "We got to play a lot of matches and also played a lot of teams we don't usually play. It was a little different than in the past because we've never had 12 on the team, but it was good to play so much."

The Wolverine Invitational pitted the Irish against opponents from Purdue, Tulane, Arizona State, Michigan and DePaul from Friday through Sunday.

Notre Dame won 13 of 15 matches on Friday to begin the event at Michigan. No. 35 senior Britney Sanders, No. 87 sophomore Quinn Gleason, No. 117

senior Jennifer Kellner and freshmen Monica Robinson and Mary Closs earned victories at No. 1 through No. 5 singles against Purdue. Senior Julie Sabacinski also won at No. 8 singles against the Boilermakers. Notre Dame and Purdue split the doubles matches on Saturday, with each team taking two victories.

The Irish nearly achieved a sweep and beat Tulane at No. 2 through No. 7 singles on Friday before winning all four matches the doubles competition against the Green Wave on Saturday.

The invitational allowed the Irish to play teams they typically wouldn't have the opportunity to play, which teaches players how to adjust to opponents' different playing styles, Louderback said.

"It's nicer to get to play some players you've never seen or played," Louderback said. "You may be forced to play a little differently because you're figuring out how to play them while the match is going on. Tulane, I don't think we've played them for 15 years."

The wins kept coming against Arizona State on Saturday, as Notre Dame added seven more singles wins to its weekend total. The matches against the Sun Devils provided the Irish with a scouting report for a rare matchup between the two teams early in the spring.

"We haven't played Arizona State in a long time but we'll play them in the second match in the spring," Louderback said. "It was good to get a lookout and see how they play."

On Sunday, the Irish took three of four doubles matches from Michigan. Sanders and Gleason paired to knock off the Wolverine's duo of junior Emma Bektas and senior Brooke Bolender, the third-ranked pairing nationally. Notre Dame wrapped up the weekend with five singles victories against DePaul.

"Ifeltlike we played really well," Louderback said. "[Sunday], especially, doubles played really well. They took three of four from Michigan, who we lost to last year. Sanders and Gleason earned a win over a team ranked third in the country, and their win over Purdue was against a ranked team as well, so overall we had a great weekend."

At the Ball State Invitational, junior Molly O'Koniewski played



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Sophomore Quinn Gleason follows through during Notre Dame's 4-2 win over Baylor on Feb. 23 inside the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

her way into the top singles flight and won her first-round match. Irish junior Katherine White made her way into the B-bracket and won matches in the first three rounds. O'Koniewski and White also played their way into the doubles Flight A and earned a first-round win. Irish sophomores Darby Mountford and Alaina Roberts did the same in Flight B before winning their first two rounds.

These first tournaments will serve as the launching pad for

the rest of Notre Dame's fall preparation, Louderback said.

"The entire fall all of our tournaments are basically getting ready for our spring," Louderback said. "The first is always a good time to be able to get a lot of matches in."

Notre Dame travels to Pacific Palisades, Calif., for its next competition at the ITA All-American Qualifier beginning on Oct. 1.

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MEN'S GOLF

Confident Irish prepare to host Gridiron Classic

By A.J. GODEAUXSports Writer

Notre Dame returns home to the friendly confines of the Warren Golf Course this week, as it plays host to the eighth annual Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Monday and Tuesday.

Irish coach Jim Kubinski said the team's confidence is high after the past week's practice.

"The boys have looked very solid in preparation this week," Kubinski said. They're striking the ball well and have their short games in good order. ... We're making strides every day."

The Irish are coming off a seventh-place finish at the Gopher Invitational on Sept. 9. Freshman Matt Rushton and Niall Platt both notched top-10 finishes, tying for sixth place at three-under-par at the event in Independence, Minn. Rushton and Platt are back in the five-man lineup this week. Freshmen Liam Cox and Blake Barens, who finished in 44th and 57th place, respectively, at the Gopher Invitational, are

back in the lineup after winning their spots again in qualifying this week.

"Great work on [Cox and Baren's] part, bouncing back from their first collegiate experience at Minnesota," Kubinksi said. "They've moved forward and stayed very confident."

Junior Tyler Wingo, who was one of two Irish golfers to compete in the US Amateur Championship this summer, replaces sophomore Cory Sciupider and rounds out the starting five.

"Tyler's experience, both on our team and after his US Amateur entry this past August, will certainly add something," Kubinski said. "Tyler is very comfortable and very confident right now. He's developed a great deal since arriving as a freshman."

The Warren Golf Course will be set up around 7000 yards at a Par of 71, providing what Kubinski called "a very good and fair test" as he praised the tournament setup.

"Our smaller greens will test the players," Kubinski said. "Still, we might move up a short par-4 like 7 or 15, offering a drivable par-4 and scoring opportunity. But I can't say enough about the job [Warren Golf Course general mananger] John Foster and his professional staff do, along with [superintendent] Matt Cielen and his golf course crew. They're very talented at what they do."

The Irish will undoubtedly have some advantages in playing at home, according to Kubinski, but he cautioned that there can be disadvantages if the golfers aren't careful.

"You're generally very comfortable [when playing at home]," Kubinski said. "But there's sometimes a challenge in not trying too hard, as we all want to play well at home. ... There are also cases where you're accustomed to a certain wind or conditions that can change during the tournament."

Some of the notable teams joining the Irish in the Gridiron Classic are Yale, Michigan State, Georgetown, Southern Mississippi, Xavier and Houston. The Spartans won the event last season, and



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Irish senior Niall Platt, left, and junior Peyton Vitter talk during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic on Oct. 9, 2012.

Houston is the 2011 champion. As with all tournaments, though, Kubinski said he is not in the least bit concerned with the competition, but instead with individual play.

"Our year-long goal, what will keep us improving, is in staying positive and developing from an emotional standpoint," Kubinski said. "We want our guys to make things easier, simplify things ... and to stay focused and very

positive. That makes things easier in competition."

"I know, to a man, we're very excited for the opportunity to play at home in front of our Notre Dame community," Kubinski concluded.

The Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic runs all day Monday and Tuesday at the Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame.

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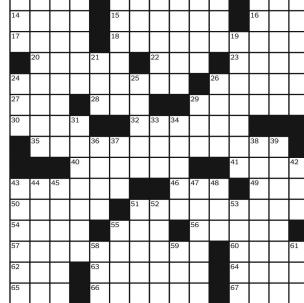
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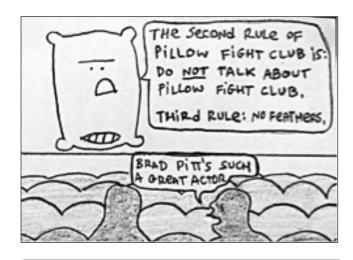
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Bonnie Hunt, 52; Scott Baio, 53; Andrea Bocelli,

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): It's good to consider your options, but don't make a rash move. Wait and see what unfolds before you venture down a path you know little about. Ask questions and do your research. You can offer a little without jeopardizing your reputation. ★★★

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get out and have some fun. Don't let the little things bother you or the people making demands get to you. Say what's on your mind and focus on whatever changes make you happy. A move or trip will lead to an opportunity. ***

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Gather information, and you will know precisely what needs to be done in order to get what you want. Networking, socializing and attending a conference will bring you greater opportunities personally and professionally. Enjoy the moment.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't limit what you can do because you don't want to face an emotional matter. Choose your words carefully and be precise in getting your point across. If handled diplomatically, you can get what you want without a fight.

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MEN'S SOCCER | ND 1, BC 1

A dominant draw

Irish fail to convert opportunities into goals in 1-1 tie on the road against Boston College

By SAMANTHA ZUBA Sports Writer

Shots? Check. Goals? Not quite.

The No. 1 Irish created many scoring opportunities couldn't convert late to break a 1-1 tie with Boston College on Saturday in Newton, Mass.

Notre Dame (3-0-3, 1-0-2 ACC) had possession most of the game and outshot the Eagles (2-2-2, 1-1-1), but Boston College forced the draw in front of an enthusiastic home crowd of 2,000.

Irish coach Bobby Clark said he enjoyed the high attendance and strong crowd engagement.

"It was a terrific crowd," Clark said. "It was a really great atmosphere for college soccer."

Notre Dame ran an impressive offensive stat line, launching 17 shots against five for the Eagles, and Clark said he thought the Irish should have been able to secure a win. Despite the disappointment, the game produced positive developments for Notre Dame.

"I think if you look at the stats, you can see we dominated the game," Clark said. "It was a matter of not converting chances,

and that was disappointing. There were a lot more positives than negatives, though. We dominated and played well. They were just holding on trying to get a tie, so they'll be happy with that."

The Irish could not score after the 17th minute, although Boston College fielded 10 players and had to play defensively after the 60th minute when Eagles junior defender Nick Butler received his second yellow card.

Boston College struck first in the 17th minute when freshman forward Isaac Normesinu dashed into the box from the right side with sharp footwork and shot low past Irish senior goalkeeper Patrick Wall. It was the first goal of Normesinu's college career and just the third goal allowed by Notre Dame this

Irish senior forward Harrison Shipp evened the score 12 seconds later when he fielded and converted a right cross from junior forward Vince Cicciarelli for his second goal of the season. Shipp led Notre Dame's offense with five shots, and sophomore

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Irish sophomore midfielder Patrick Hodan, pictured here during Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Michigan on Tuesday, tallied four shots in Notre Dame's 1-1 draw with Boston College on Saturday in Newton, Mass.

ND VOLLEYBALL | ND 3, NORTH DAKOTA ST. 1; GEORGIA 3, ND 1; KANSAS 3, ND 1

Notre Dame finishes as tournament runner-up

By KATIE HEIT Sports Writer

After defeating North Dakota State, 3-1, on Saturday, the Irish closed out the Kansas Invitational in Lawrence, Kan., with a pair of 3-1 losses to Georgia and Kansas to finish the tournament 1-2.

Notre Dame (6-5) advanced to Sunday's tournament championship game after splitting its first two games, but Irish coach Debbie Brown said Kansas (10-3) proved to be too strong of an opponent in the title match.

"They're a very experienced team," Brown said of the Jayhawks. "They've got a couple of fifth-year seniors and several other starting seniors. They've had good experience playing together, and they're very well-rounded."

Brown said the Irish had a difficult time stopping the Kansas offense.

"They have pretty equal distribution in their offense," Brown said. "You can't just try to stop one



Irish senior setter Maggie Brindock looks to set up a teammate during Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Loyola-Chicago on Sept. 13.

player because they keep all of their hitters involved."

Despite the performance from the Kansas offense, the Irish kept up with the Jayhawks. After dropping the first set, 25-22, Notre Dame bounced back and claimed

the second frame, 25-19, tying the game. The Irish dropped the third frame, 25-20, before losing the final frame, 25-16.

On Saturday, the Irish

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ND CROSS COUNTRY | WOMEN: 1ST; MEN: 1ST

Men and women place first at home

By ISAAC LORTON Sports Writer

Both the men's and women's squads won each of their respective team titles in the 34th annual National Catholic Championships held at the Notre Dame Golf Course on Friday.

"Not only did the men run well, but the women did as well," Irish coach Joe Piane said. "Both squads did very well. You can't ask for much more."

The women's team took the top three spots in a field of 298 runners. Irish senior Kelly Curran won the race with a time of 17:17.9 and received top individual honors. It is the 11th-consecutive year a Notre Dame runner has captured the women's individual title at the National Catholic Championships. Piane said the cross country team as a whole had a stellar meet. Irish senior Alexa Aragon and junior Emily Frydrych came in second and third respectively, with times of

17:18.5 and 17:34.4.

"With Kelly winning and Alexa and Emily right behind her, it was a great finish for the women," Piane said.

With the third-place finish, Frydrych secured her fastest time and turned in the best showing at a meet of her career.

"It was the best race Emily has had in her collegiate career," Piane said.

Irish sophomore runner Molly Seidel finished in seventh with a time of 17:45.1. Piane said he was impressed with her progress.

"Molly had a great outing," Piane said. "She had an abbreviated track season [last year], so she's short on training. But she is coming along really well."

The Irish men did not take the individual title, which went to Loyola junior Sam Penzenstadler (24:55.4), but they did have six runners finish among the top seven, in a field of 260 runners.

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