

‘A unified front’

Student body presidents and vice presidents from ND and SMC honored during Michigan State game

By **EMILIE KEFALAS**
News Writer

Notre Dame football brings the Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame student bodies together each year, and Saturday it brought together the student government executives of both institutions.

Prior to Saturday's football game, Saint Mary's student body president and vice president Kat Sullivan and Maddy Martin were honored alongside Notre Dame student body president and vice president Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce.

The ceremony consisted of both teams walking the American flag across the field

and presenting it to members of the Irish Guard, who hoisted it onto the flagpole during the national anthem. The names and hometowns of the four leaders were also announced, she said.

The four also watched the game from the press box, Sullivan said.

"I was just in shock when we were walking out. I was like, 'This is a really surreal experience,'" Sullivan said. "I was just so excited, and I felt really blessed to have that experience, and the fact that Notre Dame really considered us a part of the community. That they allowed Saint Mary's to be involved was

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Photo courtesy of Alex Coccia

From left: Maddy Martin, Alex Coccia, Nancy Joyce and Kat Sullivan stand behind Notre Dame band members as they carry the American flag that flew in the stadium during the Saturday's game.

Irish engineers continue service work in Nicaragua

By **CAROLINA WILSON**
News Writer

Members of Notre Dame Students Empowering through Engineering Development (NDSEED) are preparing for the organization's seventh year of community outreach with plans to build a bridge in Mata de Tules, Nicaragua.

NDSEED is the University's chapter of a multi-national non-governmental organization called "Bridges to Prosperity,"

Each year since February 2008, six engineering students from the University have combined their passion for academics and for social service in designing and constructing a bridge for a community in Central America.

Senior and Project Manager Maria Krug said this year's location is not far from the bridge that was built last year.

"Mata de Tules is less than a kilometer from the site where they built this past summer,"

Krug said. "So we already talked to the community and they're all thrilled for us to come back."

Senior Spencer Ness said the project includes a team trip during fall break to assess the land and the community, as well as an eight-week trip during the summer of 2014.

"We fundraise for the entire project, we design the entire project, and then we go down and build it with the

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‘Nothing less than a reformation’

By **KIERA JOHNSEN**
News Writer

Krista Tippet, Peabody Award-winning journalist and broadcaster of the radio program "On Being", spoke as this year's Christian Culture lecturer at Saint Mary's on Tuesday in O'Laughlin Auditorium.

The lecture, titled "Civic Healing and Christian Virtue in the 21st Century," focused on issues of reforming modern Christian society.

Tippet said the modern, technologically driven century forces society to reexamine questions they considered answered.

"We are reimagining the very nature of authority, of leadership, of community," Tippet said. "We are fundamentally reconsidering how we structure our lives together. We are in the midst of nothing less than a reformation, but this time it's all of the institutions including

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Michigan State game results in few arrests

By **ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI**
News Editor

Saturday's football game against Michigan State University brought a victory for both the team and the game day personnel coordinating the influx of visitors to campus over the weekend.

Director of Game Day Operations Mike Seamon said, overall, it was a "very successful" home game weekend with approximately 100,000 people on campus Saturday and 81,000 in

the stadium.

"The weekend unfolded very smoothly," he said. "We were anticipating it to be a much busier home weekend compared to the Temple game. The noticeably cooler weather was a welcome change, as we had fewer heat and humidity-related medical calls."

Phil Johnson, chief of police for Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP), said his staff made two arrests at the stadium on Saturday.

"One man was arrested for public intoxication and

disorderly conduct. Another man was arrested for trespassing," Johnson said. "It was a quiet day and everything ran smoothly."

Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 36 adults and six minors in the area around campus this weekend, according to an Excise police report.

"The charges of those who were arrested included Illegal Consumption or Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage, Driving

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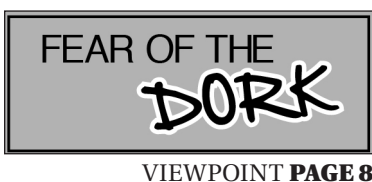


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Notre Dame Stadium welcomed 81,000 fans during the home game versus Michigan State University on Saturday.



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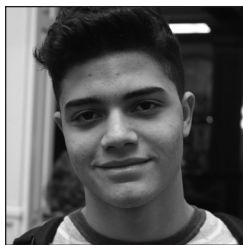
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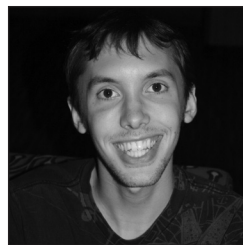
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“Height.”



AMY ACKERMANN | The Observer

A freshman seminar went outdoors to take advantage of the beautiful fall weather Tuesday afternoon outside of O'Shaughnessy Hall. Some students even climbed into a nearby tree to enjoy the class.

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Wednesday

Blood Drive

Rolfs Sports
Recreation Center
11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
All donors receive free t-shirts.

Postgraduate Service Fair

Joyce Center
5 p.m.-8 p.m.
Meet over 70 program representatives.

Thursday

Annual Blue Mass

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

Lecture: “The Practice of Human Dignity”

Geddes Hall
7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
Speaker Professor Clemens Sedmak.

Friday

Lecture: The Story Behind “Touchdown Jesus”

Hesburgh Library
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
About artist Millard Sheets.

Men's Soccer

Alumni Stadium
7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
Free admission to staff and students with I.D. card.

Saturday

Lecture: “Dante and the Birth of Modern Literature”

Snite Museum of Art
12 p.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday Scholar Series.

Presentation: “Inflammation and Cancer”

Jordan Hall of Science
12 p.m.-1 p.m.
Science Exploration Series.

Sunday

Fall Exhibition Public Reception

Snite Museum of Art
2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Free gallery viewing.

Family Film: “The Cat Returns”

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
3 p.m.- 4:15 p.m.
Screening in English.

Lecture examines mobility of ancient empires

By **MEGHAN THOMASSEN**
Managing Editor

Margaret Mullett, director of Byzantine Studies at Dumbarton Oaks Research Library in Washington D.C., spoke about her research on absentee Byzantine emperors in McKenna Hall on Tuesday night, in honor of the late Prof. Sabine MacCormack.

Mullett's lecture, titled, "Writing a Mobile Empire" focused on Byzantine emperors' war-time lodging of choice: tents. It was the second in a year-long series of talks, "Writing Empire: Rome and Byzantium," hosted by several academic departments, including the Department of Classics and the Department of Theology.

"The emperors were on campaign for half the year," Mullett said. "[I study] how much of the [governmental] functions travelled with them and how much they left behind, how much evidence went with them."

MacCormack, a Hesburgh Professor of Arts and Letters who died last June, published "Art and Ceremony in late Antiquity" in 1981. Mullett said she wants to update MacCormack's ideas about the cultural impact of tents on the Byzantine empire.

"I think that ceremony and performance were very much at the heart of what she thought about [the Byzantine] empire," Mullett said. "I think its time to reassess. She's right, but I think there are other things to be taken into account."

Mullett's analysis focused on three areas affected by

Byzantine's mobile emperors: the government, court culture and ceremonial tradition. Despite the realm's strengths, Mullett said Byzantium is largely ignored in comparative literature about empires.

"The Byzantium Empire reigned for nearly two millennia," Mullett said. "They had impressive road systems and communications, a cultural unity project, superb tax machinery and military logistics. ... It was a primary empire."

Mullett specifically addressed the "tent poetry" that arose from emperors "governing from the furthest corners" of the domain. She said her interest in the cultural and ceremonial aspects of this kind of literature was "unexpected."

"I got hooked on structures and soft architecture and what it might mean for the empire. [It's] less about marble and more about fabric, the silk of tents," she said.

Mullett said she was happy to be a part of the colloquium, especially since she knew MacCormack from her time at Oxford, where they both studied.

"I spent a lot of time in her floor and was totally inspired by her performance in seminar and just the collegiality of [her] conversation and the power of her intellect," she said.

"MacCormack was a wonderful and unique scholar whom I knew in the early 70s," she said. "She is a wonderful inspiration."

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SMC Senate holds first meeting of the semester

By **KELLY KONYA**
News Writer

Saint Mary's student senate met Tuesday night to discuss a new amendment to the student government constitution and to establish the fiscal budget for the remainder of the school year.

The meeting was the first official Student Government Association (SGA) senate meeting of the year and was open to all students.

Student body president Kat Sullivan said this all-inclusive town-hall meeting encourages members of SGA, board members and students alike to come with questions and learn more about the future goals of the school year.

"My personal goal for this year is to get more people involved and aware of what our student government does," Sullivan said.

In attendance were representatives of each "big board" on campus, which includes the Student Diversities Board (SDB) president, Residence Hall Association (RHA) president and Student Activities Board (SAB) president. These

representatives were joined by senators elected from each class, officers of SGA and ordinary students.

The meeting began with an introduction of each member of the senate board, when each member took the opportunity to share their personal and senate goals for the year.

Following introductions, student body vice president Maddy Martin proposed a new amendment to the SGA constitution related to the structure of the senate board.

"We are proposing the following structure because we want to add more voting and non-voting members to represent the Student Body in a more holistic manner," Martin said.

The new structure will include nine voting members, mostly members from SGA, and the rest of the senate will be made up of non-voting members from an assortment of programs on campus, including a representative for international students.

Vice president of external affairs and junior Kelly Gutrich said this way all students and their interests are represented equally in the senate's

movements.

"With such a wide variety of student representatives in the senate, all of us can be informed with what each organization on campus is doing and what decisions have been made," Gutrich said.

Martin said the meetings would be run according to Robert's Rules, a set of rules containing guidelines for parliamentary order within the senate.

"Essentially it's a way to go about things in a proper manner and in a way that will make our senate be most effective," Martin said. "Starting next week, the agenda will start looking a little different because it will be in accordance with Robert's Rules procedures."

Martin and Sullivan said they hope the guidelines will encourage efficiency within the senate and uphold the traditions set in place by previous SGA officers.

The motion to approve the new amendment and abide by Robert's Rules was unanimously carried by the senate board members.

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Game day

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While Suspended Prior, Invasion of Privacy, Fleeing Law Enforcement, Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated and various drug related offenses," the report stated.

Seamon said an increase in traffic volume surrounding campus was a "significant difference" from the first home game weekend.

"[The increased traffic volume] was due to all of the Michigan State fans traveling down from East Lansing," Seamon said. "Both the White Field parking lot along the new Douglas Road and the Burke Golf Course experienced noticeable increases in traffic."

On Friday, 3,890 people toured the tunnel in Notre Dame Stadium compared to approximately 5,000 on Temple weekend.

Additionally, 7,000 attended the Michigan State pep rally compared to nearly 12,000 for the home opener.

Despite these lowered numbers, Seamon said the weekend overall was "busier across the board."

"We are anticipating that we will continue to see even larger numbers in the next two games, [Oklahoma University] and [University of Southern California]," he said.

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education, economies, politics, and religion. The interesting and challenging thing about this moment is that we know the old ways aren't working, but we can't yet see what the new forms will be."

Tippet said words shape how people understand the world, how they understand themselves and how they treat others. She said, in this light, tolerance is a problematic word for people of faith.

"Tolerance was the primary civic virtue we chose to navigate difference. And I think this word was always problematic," she said. "Tolerance connotes allowing, enduring and indulging. In the medical context where it comes from, tolerance is about the limits of thriving in an unfavorable environment.

"Now I'm not saying that tolerance doesn't have value and doesn't have its place but it's not a big enough word, and don't think its ever a big enough word, for people of faith. Tolerance doesn't ask us to care for the stranger. Tolerance doesn't even bid us to know each other, to understand, to listen, to be curious."



ALLISON D'AMBROSIA | The Observer

Krista Tippet, Peabody Award-winning journalist and broadcaster, spoke as this year's Christian Culture lecturer in O'Laughlin Auditorium. She addressed the need to reform Christian society in the 21st century.

Tippet said Christians need to rediscover the way in which questions can be spiritual virtues and civic tools.

"A simple question is not the same thing as the wrong question. I think what I'm talking about here is intentionality in our questions and

acknowledgment of something," Tippet said. "I know very well that questions are powerful things, questions elicit answers in their image. A simplistic question elicits a simplistic answer; an inflammatory question elicits an inflammatory answer. There is

something redemptive and life giving about asking a better question."

Tippet said science demonstrates that humans don't do their best thinking when afraid, but rather that is when they do their worst.

"Fear shuts down

imaginations rather than opening them up, and depending how vulnerable we are to fear it sends us sheltering back with our tribe, behind our barricades, and makes creative open hearted encounter with the other almost impossible," she said.

Tippet said humans are complicated creatures and change takes time. She said she is encouraged by the possibility of this societal conversation working when people are realistic and start small.

"My encouragement is to honor the difficulty of what we face, the complexity of what it means to be human," Tippet said. "To be realistic about how difficult this has been up until now. To start small, to realize for example the critical importance of the creation of safe places before anything can happen, to realize we can immediately take part in this work," she said.

The annual Christian Culture lecture is sponsored by the Humanistic Studies Department and honors the late Saint Mary's professor Bruno Schlesinger.

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community. We'll go down during fall break for our assessment

trip where we'll survey our site and come back and go through our entire design process with some advice from different faculty here and members of bridges of prosperity staff,"

Ness said.

During the fundraising process each year NDSEED raises an average of \$28,000. Sophomore Jonathan Weiler said the bulk of donations have always come from generous alumni donors, although selling apparel at football tailgates raises some money.

"The biggest money comes from donations," Weiler said. "You can only sell so much apparel for \$20. So when we get some of our generous alumni or local organizations to contribute, it is so important to us and to the completion of the project."

Sophomore Andres Gutierrez said he hopes word will spread about the mission of the project and organization at large.

"Although we're standing out in tailgates to try and sell apparel, the most important aspect is making ourselves visible, getting out there," Gutierrez said. "People walk by and may buy a sweatshirt, but what's important is that they ask what NDSEED is."

The goal of this 2014 group is to really grow from the experiences of past teams, junior Angelene Dascanio said.

"We are building from the previous years and also helping next year's team. So last year's team actually chose our site for this year. That way, we will actually be assessing last year's bridge, doing an annual inspection on it and ultimately choosing next year's site after we complete our own project," Dascanio said. "Our group has evolved from just doing our bridge, to helping last year's initiatives and contributing to next year's successes."

This past weekend, some NDSEED members attended the Bridge for Prosperity Bridge Builder's Conference in Tenn.

"It was a weekend of camping in the Smoky Mountains with about 10 other university teams. They put on some workshops for us to learn some of the critical construction stages of the bridge. They also had presentations from people that have dedicated their lives to this organization," Krug said. "In general, it was an extremely motivating and inspiring experience."

Dascanio said the most memorable piece of advice she received was the importance of the group's ability to establish a strong relationship with the community of Mata de Tules.

"That's something we really learned at the conference this past weekend, the key part of our project is building the bridge with the community. We're not building the bridge for the community. We're building the bridge with the community," Dascanio said. "The bridge becomes more of a model of what they accomplished themselves, not just this gift that was given to them."

Gutierrez said without relationship and communication between the students and the community, the project would not complete its mission.

"I think that building that relationship gives the bridge itself a life, making it another member of the community because if they put so much effort over five-six weeks over the summer," Gutierrez said. "The most important thing is the relationship. If the relationship with the community does not

exist, pretty much the project is nothing."

The team is ready to face inevitable challenges that will come up during their initial visit during fall break. These include establishing contacts, initiating a relationship with the community, and maximizing their time there, Ness said.

"Material procurement for construction is one of our biggest challenges, along with establishing contacts in the community, making sure that there is a lot of community involvement," Ness said.

Krug said keeping communication with the community after fall break is another important obstacle they most overcome.

"Keeping that communication with the community from when we return after fall break to our next visit in May is going to be one of our biggest challenges," Krug said. "We leave them with some tasks that we hope will be accomplished by the time we come back, and we need to establish some way of making sure that actually happens."

Sophomore Nick Hauser said members of the University community should watch for a commercial about NDSEED during the USC game on Oct. 19.

"For the USC game, NBC is running a 'What Will You Fight For?' commercial that features NDSEED," Hauser said. "We are really excited about that."

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really cool. It was just exciting that my whole family was there to see me for that."

Martin said she agreed that it was a great experience, emphasizing how nerve-wracking the experience was for her and how close they were to the players.

"Although it sounds simple, I was so nervous," Martin said. "We were all really excited. We got there around 2:45 p.m. We just got a chance to walk around the field by the fifty-yard line. I was close enough that I probably could've touched one of the

student executives have been included in performing the ritual, and she said she felt honored to participate.

"I know it was started back in 2004. However, it is such an honor that Kat and I are able to share such an exciting experience with the Notre Dame student body president and vice president, especially since we are not technically students of Notre Dame. It was awesome to look like a unified front," Martin said.

Before the game commenced, the student government leaders met Irish basketball head coach Mike Brey, University President John Jenkins, Assistant University Vice President Dennis Brown and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Sullivan said.

Sullivan said Rice was very relatable and the group relished the chance to meet her.

"We shook hands with her, and she asked if we were seniors, what our plans were for next year. She was very down-to-earth. She's a Notre Dame alumna. She was awesome. It was a really, very cool experience. It was really cool that all four of us got to share that as well," Sullivan said.

Sullivan credits the fellowship between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's student



Photo courtesy of Alex Coccia

The student body presidents and vice presidents from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame stand on the sidelines of the football field before the annual flag ceremony. This tradition began in 2004.

governments for their immediate association following elections last spring.

"Maddy [Martin] and I have a really good relationship with Alex [Coccia] and Nancy [Joyce]. We started hanging out with them ... right after all four of us were elected to plan to collaborate this year on different events," Sullivan said.

The two administrations and Holy Cross student government will collaborate on a yearlong calendar of community events, Sullivan said.

"There's an event called

Support-A-Belle-Love-A-Belle here [at Saint Mary's]. It's for Mental Health Awareness. It was started three years ago, and when we described it to Alex and Nancy, they wanted to introduce something like that at Notre Dame. So now they're doing Irish State of Mind. We're doing our own [collaboration] on three different events. We happened to get a hold of the Holy Cross student government as well this year. So it will be all three schools, and that's in a few weeks," Sullivan said.

Martin said, ultimately, she was honored she was able to represent Saint Mary's College with Sullivan.

"I am so proud of my school and the women that attend it," she said. "My opportunity to participate in the flag presentation signified the importance of Saint Mary's as a whole. I was honored to be able to represent an incredible group of women in front of thousands of people."

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Maddy Martin
student body vice president

football players, probably like Tommy Rees when he was walking by."

Martin said this is the ninth year in which both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame

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NEW YORK — President Barack Obama on Tuesday welcomed the new Iranian government's pursuit of a "more moderate course," saying it should offer the basis for a breakthrough on Iran's nuclear impasse with the United Nations and the U.S. He signaled a willingness to directly engage Iran's leaders, tasking Secretary of State John Kerry with pursuing that diplomacy with Tehran.

"The roadblocks may prove to be too great, but I firmly believe the diplomatic path must be tested," Obama said during an address to the U.N. General Assembly.

Obama issued a stern message to the international body itself, saying its ability to meet the test of the times is being challenged by the dispute over what to do about Syria's chemical weapons. He called on the U.N. Security Council to pass a resolution that would enforce consequences on Syrian President Bashar Assad if he fails to follow a U.S.-Russian deal to turn his chemical weapon stockpiles over to the international community.

The president also addressed criticism of his shifting strategy for responding to an August chemical weapons attack in Syria. The U.S. seemed on the brink of a military strike before Obama abruptly decided to seek congressional approval, then joined the Russians in pursuing a diplomatic resolution.

"The situation in Syria mirrors a contradiction that has persisted in the region for decades: The United States is chastised for meddling in the region and accused of having a hand in all manner of conspiracy," he said.

"At the same time, the United States is blamed for failing to do enough to solve the region's problems, and for showing indifference toward suffering Muslim populations."

Obama announced that the United States would provide \$339 million in additional humanitarian aid to refugees and countries affected by the Syrian civil war, bringing the total U.S. aid devoted to that crisis to nearly \$1.4 billion.

As the General Assembly meetings opened, the situation in Syria was overshadowed by a flurry of friendly gestures between the U.S. and Iran's new government. Obama said recent statements by Iranian President Hasan Rouhani, a moderate cleric elected in June, should offer the basis for a meaningful agreement on Iran's disputed nuclear program.

The West has long suspected that Iran is seeking a nuclear weapon. Tehran has consistently denied the charge.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Tuesday that the world "should not be fooled" by signs of moderation from Tehran. He said Iran's new outreach to the West is merely a ploy to ease international sanctions while it secretly builds a nuclear weapon.

"Iran thinks soothing words and token actions will enable it to continue on its path to the bomb," Netanyahu said. Still, he added that he welcomes Obama's efforts to engage Rouhani.

Obama, reflecting the skepticism of many in the U.S. and around the world, said Rouhani's "conciliatory words will have to be matched by actions that are transparent and verifiable."

Obama said he was asking

Kerry to pursue diplomatic progress with Iran, in coordination with five other world powers. Kerry will join representatives from those nations Thursday in a meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif.

It's unclear whether Kerry and Zarif will meet one-on-one on the sidelines of that meeting. And Obama also offered no hints of whether he will meet Tuesday with Rouhani. Even a brief handshake would be significant, marking the first such encounter between U.S. and Iranian leaders in 36 years.

Zarif joined the Iranian delegation in the hall for Obama's address. In Iran, the main domestic TV channels did not run speech live.

Obama arrived at the annual U.N. meetings with diplomatic opportunities, not only on Iran and Syria but also on the elusive effort to seal lasting peace between the Israelis and Palestinians. While the prospects of a peace accord remain as slim as ever, the two sides have resumed direct talks, partly as a result of months of lobbying by Kerry.

The president praised Israeli and Palestinian leaders for their willingness to take "significant political risks" in order to get back to the negotiating table.

"Now the rest of us must also be willing to take risks," he said, adding that the United States must recognize that Israel's security depends on the formation of a Palestinian state.

Obama will meet later Tuesday with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. He'll also hold talks at the White House next week with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Health care law separates 2016 GOP contenders

Associated Press

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. — A clear divide over the health care law separates the emerging field of potential GOP candidates for the 2016 presidential race, previewing the battles ahead as they try to rebuild their party and seize the White House.

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz says he will fight "with every breath" to stop President Barack Obama's signature domestic achievement, even if that means shutting down parts of the federal government. It's an approach that former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush calls "quite dicey" politically for Republicans. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky says flatly that a shutdown is "a dumb idea."

"I'm acknowledging we probably can't defeat or get rid of Obamacare," Paul told reporters Saturday while attending a Republican conference in Michigan. "But by starting with our position of not funding it maybe we get to a position where we make it less bad."

Allied on the other side with Cruz are U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and others who say they are making a principled stand, willing to oppose the law at all costs.

Then there are those taking what they call a pragmatic approach by accepting the law, if grudgingly, and moving on. This group includes Govs. Chris Christie of New Jersey and Scott Walker of Wisconsin, who says a shutdown would violate the public trust.

"The government we have should work, so that's why I don't believe we should shut the government down," Walker told reporters

at the Michigan conference.

The Republican-controlled House passed a short-term spending plan Friday that would continue funding government operations through mid-December while withholding money for the health law.

Some GOP lawmakers also advocate holding back on increasing the nation's borrowing limit, which could result in a first-ever default, unless the law is brought down.

Obama used his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday to scold "a faction on the far right" of the Republican Party, and he said he would not allow "anyone to harm this country's reputation or threaten to inflict economic pain on millions of our own people, just to make an ideological point."

While attending the Michigan conference, Paul said Republicans could force a vote in both houses of Congress, then negotiate changes to legislation in a joint conference committee. But, he added, time is running out.

Less than one-quarter of Americans approve of the job Congress is doing, about the same as approve of Republicans in Congress, according to recent national polls. Democrats poll slightly higher, and large majorities disapprove of the work of both.

Yet, only about a third of Americans say they approve of the health care act.

Christie has accepted for his state key provisions of the law, yet campaigned on behalf of candidates who support dismantling it. He has taken no public position on whether to fight the law to the point of government shutdown.

"He is either unwilling or unable to speak up against these guys," Democratic National Committee spokesman Mike Czin said.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, hosting the conference where Paul, Walker and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal spoke Saturday, said a shutdown "reflects poorly on the national political culture."

Bush was more pointed. He said Republicans would be guilty of overplaying their hand if they passed a spending measure that did not include money for the health care law.

Noting that Republicans control only the U.S. House in Washington, or "one-half of one-third of the leverage" in the capital, Bush said Wednesday in Washington there "needs to be an understanding of that, or, politically, it gets quite dicey" for the GOP.

Cruz said concerns that voters would blame Republicans for a shutdown are unfounded.

"If history is a guide, the fear of deep political repercussions — I don't think the data bear that out," he said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The art of taking it easy

Allie Tollaksen

Scene Writer

"Sorry, I have four papers to write and six club meetings tonight, I can't have dinner anymore."

Though maybe a little exaggerated, this kind of apology is not uncommon here at Notre Dame. The idea we have to fill our days with activities and extra credits and research jobs and interhall sports teams and student government committees is widespread among campus. Somehow, it feels like all of my friends have full-time jobs on top of classes and a little "R&R" seems totally out of the question.

But I have to ask — why are we doing this? Sometimes I convince myself it's because we're passionate about so many things. We well-rounded individuals want it all; we're Domers, of course we can do everything.

Other times, I'm convinced it's for much more shallow reasons. Even as an adult, I find myself and others playing the "one-upping" game I remember being so prevalent in my middle school days. When a classmate or friend talks about how little sleep they got, you feel that sudden urge to explain you got even fewer hours of sleep, or maybe that you had the same work load but finished it faster, leaving time to enroll in another class or write a 10-page research proposal you'd "been thinking a little bit about."

We Domers are competitive individuals. To feel like we're keeping up with our peers, we're going to bite off a sizable workload, maybe even a little more than we can chew. I just ask, for all of our sanity, that we think about relaxing. Schedule in some free time. Take a study break. Just say "no" to taking on another project. Pencil in a date with the University Counseling Center. Take a yoga class. Eat real meals with other humans. If we all agree to prioritize our mental and physical health a little more, to take it easy sometimes, maybe we won't feel like we're falling out of the competition — everyone's doing it! It's cool now!

Some of you may be wondering what in the world I'm talking about. Perhaps there are pockets of campus where students are taking it easy and stopping to smell the roses. To those students: I congratulate and thank you. If there is anything I've learned this semester, it's taking it easy is a lot harder than it looks. I haven't mastered the art quite yet. You students with free time and easygoing attitudes are trailblazers, possibly even campus heroes. I salute you.

To the rest of you overachievers, let's make a commitment this semester. Not to another class or club or committee, but to ourselves. Take a little time off. Resist the urge to one-up your friends and instead appreciate the time with them. These four years are going to fly by (they have so far), so instead of filling every waking hour with resume-building activities and mountains of homework so you can outshine your classmates, think about inviting one of them to coffee instead.

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Fear of the dork

Fr. Kevin Nadolski

Faith Matters

Growing up as children, we frequently fear the dark, as we don't want to be alone with little light to shine on whatever it is we think could be lurking around us. We eventually learn to rest in darkness, confident we will be safe after some healthy reassurance from a parent or trusted adult. Thankfully, our fear of the dark dies as we mature.

But not all of our fears die.

In fact, we take some fears — or at least remnants of them — from our youth well into adulthood. Our fear of the dark is rooted in a sense of danger, insecurity or threat to our safety. Of course, it is reasonable to desire such safety, but sometimes what we perceive as threats are not always rational. And what we do to protect ourselves from these threats is not always healthy — or holy.

For example, a person could have a fear of rejection; admittedly a painful experience. To protect against it, he may lie or misrepresent truths about himself out of a fear that if someone ever learned the real truth about him, he would be rejected. The dishonesty then becomes a false light to protect him from the darkness of being personally dismissed.

Or, a woman might fear the darkness of defeat and work hard never to feel as if she is losing or at the short end of what she experiences as a competition. Compensating for this, she may tend to over-represent her talents, achievements or abilities.

We all have insecurities that are deep within us, regardless of their nature or origin. These perceived inadequacies frequently hinder us from being completely free in our relationships and daily choices.

Bullying has been presented as a

national epidemic in our schools, and we can experience overly aggressive behaviors in the professional workplace and some social settings. School counselors agree much of this type of anti-social behavior comes from perceptibly strong students picking on the weak because the so-called bolder youths fear or loathe in themselves exactly what is visible in their victims: their own insecurities. Thus, the "fear of the dork" within prompts them to attack someone they judge to be one.

Recently, some have opined the once-forgiven tendencies of former congressman and leading New York City mayoral candidate, Anthony Weiner, grew out of a basic fear that he was not special enough. Thankfully, his wife, therapist and he are working on these matters and hoping healing is forthcoming.

It has been said that many psychological problems have spiritual solutions. Perhaps this beckons us to a deeper and closer look at our spiritual lives.

Do we turn to God with our most pressing fears?

Whatever we fear most, in the depths of our being, can be presented to God, meditated on, placed into a gospel scene where Jesus could act on it and touched by his grace. This type of prayer serves as a healing agent of mercy that is always available to us. Like little children run to their parents for safety during nightmares, we adult children can run to our Divine Parent, in prayer, for security in understanding the causes and roots of some of the insecurities that move us to be less than authentic.

In addition to prayer, the aid of a spiritual director can be invaluable. Religious women and men and those ordained have long benefitted from someone who walks with them as a dialogue partner in the spiritual life. St. Francis de Sales, in his classic, "The Introduction to the Devout Life," asserts all baptized people — regardless

of their state in life — who are serious about growing their relationship with God need one.

Meetings with a spiritual director usually occur once a month, last for about an hour and are simple conversations about experiences of prayer, temptation, grace, love, joy, sin or anything that pulls a soul closer to or away from God. Choosing a director may be a challenge, but it is a necessary effort. Qualities of good candidates include a sense of maturity, facility in praying and understanding the spiritual life, familiarity with the Scriptures and a good sense of humor. It is also good for the one directed to feel comfortable and trusted when talking about sensitive and personal matters.

Throughout these conversations many issues may be unearthed and examined at their roots to show a connection or disconnect between the disciple's life and the life of Jesus. The art of the conversation recalls how Jesus did his best work, visiting with people, touching their hearts with clear words, listening to them to help healing and walking with them to assure them of God's love to tame their fears.

Without Jesus, many of his companions would have remained in the dark and in fear. Without a spiritual director, so might we.

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Improving education

Adam Newman

Scientia Potentia Est

Improving our education system is one of the most important goals we can strive for as a society. Many today believe the best way to improve education is to spend more on education and anti-poverty programs. Spending more on education allows schools to provide broader educational services and spending more on anti-poverty programs places students in a better position to learn because they are well-fed, have good housing, etc. However, this plan for improving education becomes increasingly unlikely given America's long-term fiscal scenario.

As the cost of healthcare rises and the baby boomers retire, the federal government will have to spend more on the rising cost of Social Security and Medicare, which together constitute roughly \$63 trillion in unfunded liabilities according to the Social Security Trustees (an unfunded liability is the amount promised in benefits minus the amount in dedicated expected tax revenues given current law).

While the federal government

only provides 10 percent of education funding, it is a critical source for schools in poorer areas through Title I funding and other education programs.

States also face tremendous unfunded liabilities due to the retirement pensions and health care promises they made to public sector employees, which constitutes a whopping combined \$1.38 trillion of unfunded liability accorded to the Pew Research Center. States contribute a greater percentage of education funding at roughly 47 percent.

Finding a way to deal with these unfunded liabilities will be one of our country's greatest future challenges. Cutting Medicare and Social Security is very difficult due to political opposition from seniors and cutting employee retirement benefits is very difficult due to legal obligations. While raising taxes is one solution, raising taxes to cover even a portion of the unfunded liabilities will push tax revenue beyond historically high levels.

A politically easier way for policymakers to cover these liabilities is by cutting education funding and other anti-poverty programs. This

is already happening in 35 states where school funding now stands below 2008 levels. Moreover, much of the recent federal "sequester" cut education funding: Head Start was cut by \$406 million, Title I funding by \$740 million and special education by \$650 million.

Thus, the amount of unfunded liabilities the federal government and state governments will need to cover in coming years coupled with the preference of policymakers to cut education and anti-poverty funding over other programs makes the belief that the only way to improve American education is by spending more increasingly unlikely.

However, there is a strategy that can handle future education spending decreases and still raise student outcomes. This view is largely associated with the "reform" movement in education, which focuses less on the extraneous factors of poverty and rather works to optimize controllable factors, such as teacher quality, the number of school hours, curriculum, etc.

Reformers also work to lower costs in education by closing failing and underused schools, streamlining the central bureaucracy, utilizing

technology to reduce labor costs, laying off unnecessary staff, creating accountability at every level and investing the created savings into students. This vision can and will lead to better outcomes at a much lower cost to taxpayers.

Helping those who cannot help themselves with healthcare, housing, food, etc., is a moral imperative. However, those who believe the only way to improve education is by spending more on these items ignores the reality that, like it or not, the federal government and state governments are beginning to cut funding for education and anti-poverty programs to help pay down unfunded liabilities.

Even still, some ignore our fiscal reality and continue to advocate for more spending as the only way to save American education. These people certainly are entitled to their opinions, but they should know their plan deserves a failing grade.

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Imagination for your contemplation

Jon Schommer

Viewpoint Columnist

Pope Francis is a sinner.

I know this because he said so in a recent interview with America magazine where he explains who he is by saying, "...the best summary, the one that comes more from the inside and I feel most true is this: I am a sinner whom the Lord has looked upon."

The Pope illustrates his self-reflection by describing the Caravaggio painting of "The Calling of St. Matthew." (Look it up!) In the piece, Pope Francis sees himself in the hesitant Matthew, singled out by Christ: "It is the gesture of Matthew that strikes me: he holds on to his money as if to say, 'No, not me! No, this money is mine.' Here, this is me, a sinner on whom the Lord has turned his gaze."

While the whole interview is interesting, the Pope's appeal to a work of art in an attempt to communicate his being struck a particular chord with me. By holding up this image, Pope Francis is inviting me to enter into a conversation with him. As we contemplate together, I try to both understand what the Pope is saying about himself and reflect upon what I understand about myself and my own experience.

Pope Francis is not using this

form of communication arbitrarily. He was being asked to describe himself to the whole world in a few lines of text. How can a person describe all of the experiences, trials and joys that make him who he is using only words? Words alone are inadequate. But Pope Francis' use of art to illustrate his reflection gives immense depth to his words. It allows us to dive into his meaning in its relation to his life and relevance to ours.

The question the Pope is asked reminds me of the question frequently posed at the beginning of the school year: "How was your summer?"

This is one of the hardest questions for me to answer. I have participated in two Summer Service Learning Programs (SSLPs) and one International Summer Service Learning Program (ISSLP) through the Center for Social Concerns. In each of these summers, I encountered a different community of people who are marginalized and experiencing injustice in some way. Through these encounters, I formed relationships that gave me many lessons to ponder about life, love and dignity.

But, as you can see from that somewhat lifeless sentence, when asked the "summer question" it is really hard to describe these kinds of experiences in a concise and meaningful way. This is especially

true if your response time is limited to the five minutes before class as you run from the dining hall to DeBart. Oftentimes we are forced to simply answer in one-sentence or one-word responses and the experiences become neatly filed away into the obese list of items to add to our resumes once the career fair rolls around.

The inability to communicate the meaning of our experiences can also lead to a hopeless feeling of isolation. It is very easy to look around at the Notre Dame population and be fooled by the façade of perfection we like to put around our lives. After spending a summer encountering the brokenness of others and my own brokenness, it was suffocating to enter an environment where everyone around me pretended to be fixed. Last year, however, I found space to breathe through song.

During my summer in Kolkata, India working with the Missionaries of Charity, I wrote five songs that became the handholds I used to climb the "summer question" mountain.

Through music and lyrics I found a way to convey to my friends an image of the people I encountered, the brokenness in which I was immersed and the joy I experienced during those nine weeks. I found after I played for people, they sounded back to me their own experiences

with this sort of beauty and we started a conversation. We learned more about ourselves and each other.

This is the genius of the Pope's use of art. Through an image, we can encounter each other in our brokenness and vulnerability, tapping into the depths of our experience. This is how we grow as persons and as a community of persons.

So, I invite you all to make like the Pope and find some book, painting, song, poem, sculpture, etc. with which to contemplate your experience. Then share that contemplation with another person.

If you are looking for a sharing space, come join the campus group, Voice, for a monthly homemade supper and conversation in Geddes Hall. You can email me at voicel.nd.edu for more information.

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'NOTHING WAS THE SAME' FAILS TO DELIVER



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Viewpoint Editor

After listening to Drake's hotly anticipated new album, "Nothing Was The Same," I sat at my desk feeling duped. Like a 19th century company claiming its cigarettes could cure asthma, or a Pizza Ranch convincing people its food doesn't cause cardiac arrest or spontaneous combustion, Cash Money Records snared me in the sticky web of false advertising. Drake's new album should not be named "Nothing Was The Same." It should be titled, "Nothing Was Above Average."

This review pains me to write. I thought "Nothing Was The Same" would be on par with "Take Care," Drake's most recent and wildly successful studio album. Maybe it wouldn't be essentially golden from top to bottom but hey, it would still provide multiple classics to add to the iTunes library, right? Wrong. If it weren't for its several redeeming tracks, "Nothing Was The Same" would have joined "Tha Carter 4" in the ranks of my all-time musical disappointments.

Drake has always tried to balance rapping and singing, bragging and introspection, fast flows and crooning over moody, piano accompanied beats. If I had to put my finger on it, I guess the main problem with "Nothing Was The

Same" is that he let this delicate balance drop right on its head. Make no mistake, Drake did plenty of singing and moping in "Take Care," but he always managed to blend it well within the broader flow of the album. This was simply not the case with "Nothing Was The Same," the only noticeable exception being the well-executed change of pace exhibited in the song "Too Much."

In songs like "It's Yours" and "Connect," it seems like Drake is sacrificing musical quality in a bid for sympathy, making "Nothing Was The Same" into a sob story rather than a hip-hop album. Drake slowing things down and delving into his personal life — giving us a glimpse of his struggles, successes and fears — gives the album an undeniably unique and attractive flavor at several points (as it does in "From Time"). However, this doesn't change the fact that he took things over the top. If you want to tell your life story, write an autobiography called "Toronto Troubles" and go plug it on "The Maury Show."

After listening to the album for a second time, I came to a sudden realization. With all his whining about relationship problems, give Drake cowboy boots and a curly blonde wig and he would be the undisputed Taylor Swift of rap. "Oh but it's so refreshing to see a rapper in touch with his emotions. He's so sensitive and

versatile," his supporters will exclaim. Well, Taylor Swift is versatile too: She can cry and play the guitar at the same time.

Fortunately, "Nothing Was The Same" does have some songs that showcase Drake at his best: Delightfully arrogant with razor sharp lyrics and a smooth yet aggressive flow. If you want the Drake from songs like "Over," "Headlines" and "We'll Be Fine," I can guarantee "The Language" and "All Me" will be right up your alley.

I'm not leaving "Started From the Bottom" off the list of album-redeeming tracks because of some temporary bout of amnesia, I'm excluding it because I can't stand repetitive rap. If you enjoy listening to the same line repeated 28 times over the course of a three-minute long song then be my guest. It's a free country. Bang your head against a wall 28 times in three minutes for all I care.

I apologize that the beginning of this column turned into a Drake bashing session. Drake is one of my favorite rappers. If he keeps working and churning out music, he could end up carving out his own unique and enduring place in hip-hop. People can get carried away with their attacks on Drake's toughness, saying things like "Drake is softer than wet tofu," "Drake cries during Golden Girl reruns" or "Drake voted for Ralph Nader."

Let me remind those critics that Drake

has the potential to blow the doors off any track he touches. He can make rappers look like preschoolers on their own tracks, just like he did with French Montana in "Pop That." He's also incredibly powerful and well connected, so if I go missing, it's probably because he sent someone who looks like Huell from "Breaking Bad" to sit on me and break my legs.

Drake is still fiercely talented, so when he tells people not to "sleep on him," I listen. At the end of the day, I will never sleep on Drake's ability as a rapper, even if most of the songs off his recent album made me want to take a nap.

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"Nothing Was The Same" Drake

Label: Young Money Entertainment

Tracks: "Too Much," "The Language," "All Me"

If you like: "The Golden Girls," Ralph Nader



CHVRCHES PRODUCES EPIC POP

By JOHN DARR
Scene Writer

You're sitting there, in life. You're reading and blinking and breathing and yawning. The world around you is a giant parking lot of normalness.

Then a golden warrior kitten jumps onto your shoulder and lets out the cutest battle cry in history. You whip Mace Windu's lightsaber out of nowhere. Day turns to midnight and the lights in the parking lot turn into disco balls as the stars flash, nyan-cat-like, across the heavens. You are about to save Earth, Taylor Swift and the moon's secret population of meerkats.

That's what listening to "The Bones of What You Believe" makes you feel like. Declarations of love and freedom explode out of synthesizer tidal waves. Bass drums pulse like desperate heartbeats. Snares crash like falling meteors. Choirs shout into space. CHVRCHES makes epic pop music that's as inviting as Buzz Lightyear's outstretched hand. Believe me — you're going to want to take that hand.

But before grappling with this monster of an album, some background: CHVRCHES is a three-piece electropop band from Glasgow, Scotland. Pronounced "churches," the band started gathering hype with "Lies" and "The

Mother We Share," a pair of massive singles released via Internet streaming services like YouTube and Soundcloud. In a matter of months, CHVRCHES started receiving attention from a host of British publications including The Guardian, NME, The Huffington Post and BBC. In 2012, the group released the critically-acclaimed "Recover" EP through Virgin Records, and since then, they've been slowly releasing new music single by single.

Which takes us to the full album — "The Bones of What You Believe." Like a fantastic salad, "Bones" works because each ingredient in CHVRCHES' sound is fresh, rich and crisp. Lead vocalist Lauren Mayberry carries each melody with a voice that's clear and powerful. Iain Cook and Martin Doherty provide bass, guitar and synth performed with immaculate precision. Each band member has a background in music production, and on "Bones," that skill makes the most of each musical opportunity. The bass is strong and deep but never dominates; the synths and voice intertwine but never collide. Each element stands out and yet works together — the proverbial salad dressing is ever-present and yet none of the croustons are soggy.

Of course, ingredients are only as good as their recipes. Thankfully, the songwriting on "Bones" is five-star stuff. The

clear production allows CHVRCHES to cram numerous hooks into each song, resulting in tunes that are catchy from start to finish. Synthesizer melodies, chopped vocal lines and even drum patterns leap out and make every song memorable. The verses and bridges are often so enthralling and pleasant that the choruses seem to explode out of nowhere — the poor listener's brain is unable to comprehend an increase in what seemed unsurpassable awesomeness. Although much of the album stays in anthemic pop-song territory, a few changing song structures such as the brooding thump of "Science/Visions" and the ballad-like closer "You Caught the Light" prevent the album from entering repetitive territory.

And then there are the lyrics. Almost in direct conflict with the joy and energy exuded by the music, "Bones" finds Mayberry confronting flawed and dying relationships, albeit passing through to solid ground. Mayberry's voice carries words as if they were mantras — each syllable is a statement and a step forward. Album opener "The Mother We Share" comes to terms explores a partner's painful silence in a one-sided relationship: "Never took your side/never cursed your name/I keep my lips shut tight/until you go."

In "We Sink," Mayberry warns a companion that "We will fall if you lead us"

before declaring, "I'll be a thorn in your side till you die, if we sink we lift our love." It's a sense of directness and acceptance that differentiates CHVRCHES' romantic narratives from the average pop hit. Mayberry does not complain or accuse, but rather declares, triumphs and moves on. And when you're listening to her, it's hard not to feel as if anything can be overcome.

"The Bones of What You Believe" is an expertly crafted pop album that bursts with life and spirit. It boasts insanely catchy hooks, near-Kanye level production and lyrics that actually add to the music. CHVRCHES are one of the catchiest, most exciting bands to come out of the indie scene in the last decade, and as is the band's namesake, everyone is invited to listen.

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"The Bones of What You Believe" CHVRCHES

Label: Virgin Records

Tracks: "We Sink," Mother We Share"

If you like: Purity Ring, Lorde



#weirdemmys

By ALLY SCRUGGS
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There's no way of getting around it. The 65th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards, which aired Sunday night, got really weird. Perhaps Neil Patrick Harris put it best when he announced, "This just in: No one in America is winning their office Emmy pool."

The string of unlikely winners in nearly every category was so extensive that it warranted one of our society's greatest awards of recognition, a trending hashtag. #WeirdEmmys covered the full gamut of awkward moments that occurred Sunday night, from Jeff Daniels winning Outstanding Actor in a Drama for his performance on "The Newsroom," over Bryan Cranston, John Hamm and Kevin Spacey, to that deliciously uncomfortable photobomb of Neil Patrick Harris by comedy writer Paul Greenberg.

Viewers were left feeling unsettled as the usual recipients of awards were passed over in favor of the more unlikely candidates. Merrit Wever surprisingly grabbed the title of Outstanding Supporting Actress in Comedy for her role in "Nurse Jackie" over the formidable females of Modern Family. Her victory culminated in one of the best acceptance speeches of all time: "Thank you so much. Thank you so much. Um, I gotta go, bye." It was weird.

As new nominees took titles, long lasting traditions of dominance were broken. "The Colbert Report" won for Outstanding Variety Series, ending "The Daily Show" and Jon Stewart's 10-year monopoly. "The Amazing Race" was passed over in the category of Outstanding Reality Competition in favor of "The Voice," only the second time that has happened since "Amazing Race" was created.

One legacy of the Emmys to continue was the domination of "Modern Family." "Modern Family" took home its fourth consecutive win for Outstanding Comedy, proving that no matter how many science-related puns or tales of 20-something misadventures air on television, we will never get as much joy from them as we do from laughing at our families.

Though the #WeirdEmmys had its fair share of awkwardness, some series simply could not be passed up. "Breaking Bad" broke the odd aura haunting the award show by winning Outstanding Drama Series for the first time, despite being nominated thrice before. Seeing "Breaking Bad" take home the

award a week before AMC will air its series finale was just what fans needed to be pushed over the edge into a preemptive depression about the ending of their favorite story. And by fans, I mean America. In the five year span of its airing, the number of viewers has skyrocketed from 1.2 million viewers at its inception to an astounding 8.5 million at its culmination. In the span of season 5.2 alone, nearly three million more viewers tuned in. If "Breaking Bad" hadn't won in its category, I'm positive that a revolt much stronger than a twitter fight would have ensued.

Though Sunday was a strange night indeed, its high points were quite memorable. Amy Poehler and Tina Fey heckling Neil Patrick Harris to twerk was a superb tip of the hat to the lesser, albeit more interesting VMAs. Tina Fey read the mind of America, saying what we all have wanted to say, when she thanked the Pope for "just being cool about some stuff." All in all, three-time Emmy winning host Neil Patrick Harris and his choreographed routines brought the night together. The 65th Emmy Awards certainly won't be forgotten, if for nothing else, because of its status as #twitterfamous.

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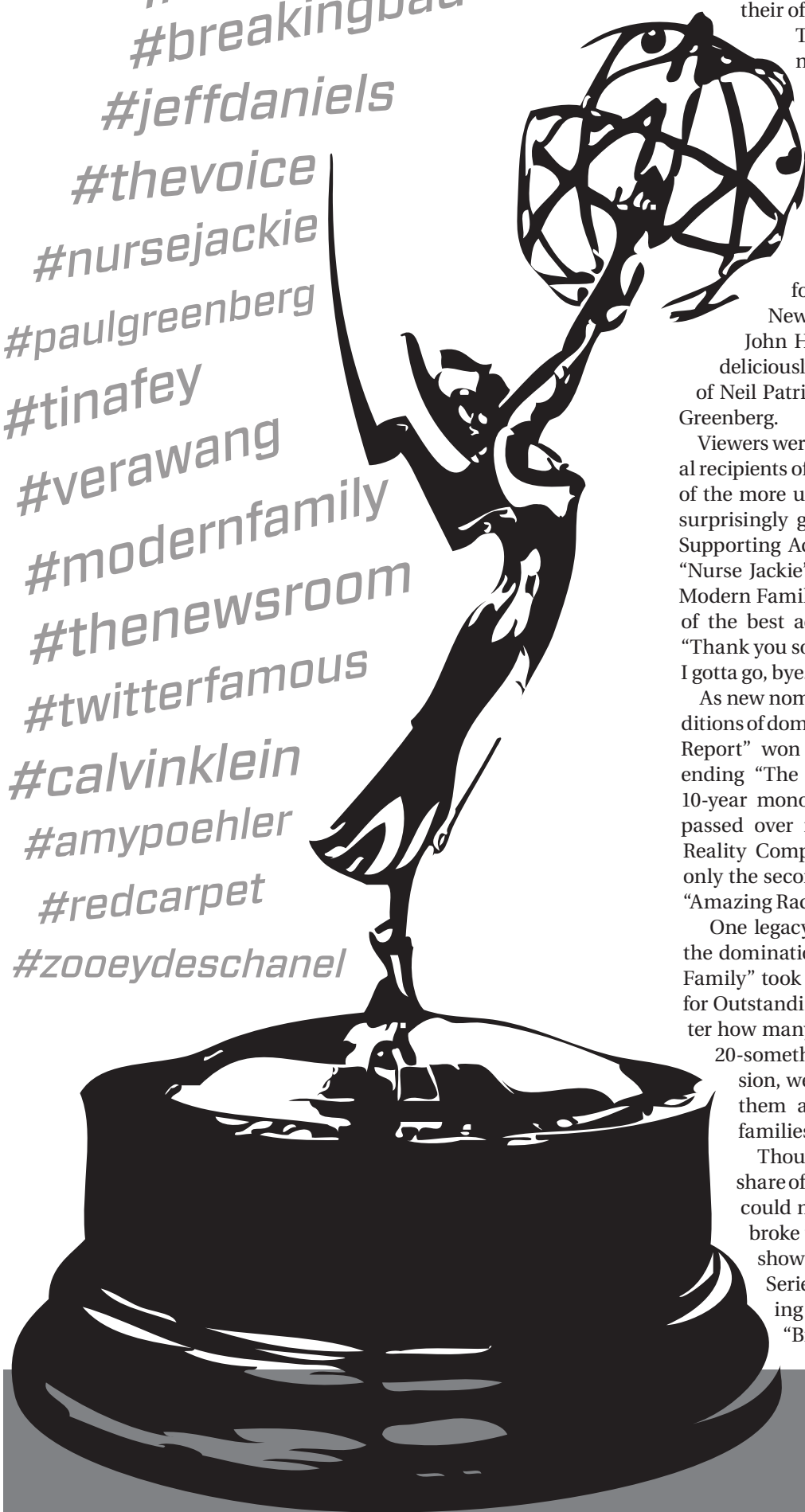
One of the most redeeming qualities of an award show is the opportunity to judge the fashion choices of those who are much more wealthy and successful than you. Let's face it, one of the only things that will make you feel better about sitting in your oversized sweatpants on a Sunday night, simultaneously shoveling popcorn into your mouth and watching Sofia Vergara saunter down the red carpet in a jaw dropping Vera Wang gown is to say that Lena Dunham's Prada dress resembled your grandmother's tablecloth. (Side note: I do love Lena Dunham and usually admire her bold choices.)

Perhaps equally at fault was Julianne Hough in her ultra sheer dress that revealed a leopard-looking contraption fit more for her role on "Dancing with the Stars" than a trip to the Emmys. Jim Parsons, who would later win Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy, looked very dapper in a classic black tux, making "Big Bang Theory" fans go "Bazinga!" The ever tasteful Zooey Deschanel cannot go unmentioned. She wore a light blue gown that was so elegant, yet youthful, it made every girl long to be her best friend all over again. Rose Byrne looked equally stunning in a light pink Calvin Klein dress paired with relaxed, wavy hair.

Perhaps simplicity was the way to win over the red carpet. After all, something must be saved for Oscar season.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Nobody wins in cupcake games



Jack Hefferon
Sports Writer

My mom is the best. Known fact.

Growing up, my brothers and I would come home from school and every once and a while there'd be a whole tray of brownies sitting in the kitchen, fresh out of the oven. We'd have one, maybe two, but were always told the same thing:

"Don't load up on dessert. You'll ruin your dinner."

Flash forward a few years, to Saturday night. I was on duty in Carroll Hall after the game, and all I desired in this world was to sit on the couch and watch some quality football. But outside of hate-watching another Michigan near-choke in Connecticut, there was absolutely nothing doing on Saturday.

Sure, there was No. 5 Stanford's impressive blowout of No. 23 Arizona State, and that ugly slugfest in South Bend. But all across the country, Top 25 teams played games that were practically over as soon as they were scheduled.

It's Week 4, and college football's top powers are still loading up on cupcakes.

Now, I suppose I understand if you want to open up with one surefire win to shake off the rust, some nobody like Appalachian State, or Akron (these Michigan digs are piling up). But we're now a third of the way through the year, and the dessert buffet this week was almost offensive.

No. 4 Ohio State beat up on Florida A&M, 76-0, but that was almost tame by comparison. No. 7 Louisville beat Florida International 72-0, even with a running clock in the second half. No. 8 Florida State hung a 54-6 win on "in-state rival" Bethune-Cookman, which would be like Notre Dame taking the gridiron against "cross-town rival" Brown Mackie. And No. 16 Miami scored 77 on Savannah State — through three quarters. The Hurricanes agreed to show mercy and shorten the fourth quarter, covering the game's 60-point spread without ever punting.

No one has sought out the fluff of college football though more than Baylor. Through three appearances, the No. 19 Bears are averaging 70 points and 750 yards per game, embarrassing

lapdogs like Wofford, Buffalo and Louisiana-Monroe. Reports that Baylor's athletic director has contacted Zahm House about a late-season matchup in Waco have yet to be confirmed.

How bad was the slate of games this week? ESPN's College Gameday, without a single quality matchup to cover, sought out the FCS and broadcasted live from North Dakota State (where even the mighty Bison kept with the theme of the weekend, rolling Delaware State 51-0).

The average margin of victory for Top 25 teams this weekend was 39 points, and the Irish and Wolverines were the only ranked teams not to win by two touchdowns or more on Saturday.

These games are guaranteed victories on the schedule, but in reality nobody wins. Fans are forced to buy season tickets to get into the best games, only to have half of the home schedule filled with patsies and fourth-stringers. Little schools get embarrassed on the national stage, although can make around \$1 million just to show up and lose (top-ranked Alabama paid Colorado State \$1.5 million for travelling to Tuscaloosa this weekend).

And powerhouses get a win to put on their records — which sadly matters far more than the quality of the opponent under the current system — but don't get any taste of actual competition, leaving them vulnerable once they enter conference play. I'd bet dollars to doughnuts scoring 209 points in three games does nothing for Baylor's offense when they hit the Big 12.

These easy wins may be a byproduct of the BCS system, but don't do any good for college football or its fans. And when a late September Saturday has more cupcakes floating around than a Magnolia Bakery, it's clearly a problem that's gone too far.

So, spineless teams of the Top 25, your hand has been caught in the cookie jar and it's time to learn a lesson straight from mom: Lay off the cupcakes. It's fall, it's conference football season and it's time to eat your vegetables.

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PGA

Stenson wins FedEx Cup

Associated Press

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

Spieth made him work for it.

The 20-year-old Texan left one last impression on his remarkable rookie season by running off four straight birdies on the back nine at 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 humor.

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. 10 on 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

"[Winning the Cup] shows that I never give up. This is way beyond what I could have imagined. I'm not just a pretty face. I can put 1 and 1 together."

Henrik Stenson
PGA golfer

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 a win at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

"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 points-based 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 year.

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 fourth.

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.

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CLUB WATER POLO

Irish take two of four at Hillbilly Classic

Special to the Observer

Over the weekend, Notre Dame traveled to Knoxville, Tenn. to participate in the Annual Hillbilly Classic at the University of Tennessee.

After a long trip on Friday, the Irish opened the season against conference rival Grand Valley State, losing 8-4 mostly because of troubles converting on man-up power plays. The Irish came out slow in the first half, but did look stronger as the game

progressed. Goal scorers were junior Dolff Hanke on a man-up, grad student Chris Jennis, junior Kevin Balhoff off a rebound and sophomore David Katter out of the hole set position.

In the second game of the tournament, the Irish looked stronger against an undermanned Tennessee B squad, posting a 13-4 victory. The game gave the team a great opportunity to give playing time to the entire roster. Strong defense, ball protection and

solid goaltending from freshman Will Stone were keys to the victory. Senior Pat Sullivan and sophomore Mike Hayes scored twice in the victory. Junior Teddy Howe and sophomore Nate Urban also contributed goals for the Irish.

In their first game Sunday morning, the Irish faced a tough opponent in the Triangle Men's Club. After going down early, the Irish prevailed in a sudden death 9-8 victory after an outside shot from Jennis won the

game in dramatic fashion. The comeback was mounted due to stingy defensive play, most notably from senior Jack Turek and junior goaltender Nick Sayre, who slowed the Triangle offense to a halt. Senior Geno Freeman scored two goals, including one late in the game off a fantastic pass from junior Chris Catalino. Hanke scored a goal late in the fourth quarter to send the game to the overtime.

In Notre Dame's final game of the tournament, it faced

a strong Dynamo squad and lost 6-1. While the offense struggled, the defense looked very strong, holding a potent Dynamo offense to only six goals. The game was, once again, a great opportunity to get the whole roster some quality playing time. Grad student Kevin Overholt played solid defense, while freshmen Justin Jellinek, Emerson Kirk and Mason Zurovchak showed signs of strong play both in that game and throughout the tournament.

MLB

Pirates clinch playoff spot

Associated Press

CHICAGO—Players chanted "MVP! MVP!" as they doused Andrew McCutchen in the visitors' clubhouse, two decades of futility finally washed away.

The last time the Pirates made the playoffs, Barry Bonds was in the middle of the order. The average price of gas was \$1.13 a gallon.

Yes, it had been that long.

The Pirates are going to the playoffs for the first time in 21 years, clinching at least a National League wild card Monday night when they beat the Chicago Cubs 2-1 and the Washington Nationals lost to St. Louis. And they hope that's just the start, not the end.

"We're definitely not done," McCutchen said. "We've got some games left. We still could move farther."

Now, they can turn their attention toward bigger goals, the kind that seemed like nothing more than a pipe dream through all those losing

seasons.

It will be Pittsburgh's first trip to the postseason since Bonds, Jim Leyland and Co. won three straight NL East titles from 1990-92. Bonds then left for San Francisco as a free agent, and the small-budget Pirates piled up 20 consecutive losing records — the longest streak in the four major professional sports.

"For me, it's not about the last 21 years," Russell Martin said. "For me, it was just about this year, and what we could do this year. They had a good season last year, lost some steam late in September, but I knew that if you're having a good season all the way into September, you know you have a good club."

Starling Marte hit a tiebreaking homer in the ninth inning at Wrigley Field, and the Pirates threw out a runner at the plate for the final out.

The Pirates sprayed each other with bubbly and beer and sparkling cider in the visitors' clubhouse once St. Louis' 4-3

win over the Nationals became final.

The Cincinnati Reds also clinched at least a wild-card berth, when they beat the New York Mets 3-2 in 10 innings. The Pirates and Reds, both 90-67, trail St. Louis by two games in the NL Central with five to go.

Pittsburgh players sang Journey's "Don't Stop Believing." They took pictures and manager Clint Hurdle had them gather for a group photo in the middle of the cramped visitors' clubhouse.

"The people of Pittsburgh have been waiting a long time," said Neil Walker, who homered.

The Pirates snapped a 1-all tie when Marte sent a drive off Kevin Gregg (2-6) with two outs in the ninth into the left field bleachers.

In a fitting coincidence, they then preserved the victory on the final out in a play at the plate.

McCutchen, the center fielder, picked up Ryan Sweeney's bloop single after right fielder Marlon Byrd failed in trying to scoop up the ball and threw to first baseman Justin Morneau, positioned just in front of the pitcher's mound. Morneau caught the throw on one hop and made the relay to catcher Russell Martin, who applied the tag on Nate Schierholtz trying to score from first base.

Still on his knees, Martin held the ball over his head in jubilation. Then, he heaved the ball toward deep left field as the Pirates celebrated near the mound, and Jason Grilli grabbed him, having escaped with his 32nd save in 34 chances.

"Twenty-one years since we popped champagne in a Pirates clubhouse — and we're acting like it's been a long time," Hurdle said. "The hard work, the fun. I'm just proud of each and every man in here, the fans they represent, ownership, general manager, president ... the scouts, players. This has been a group effort for a long time."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Penn State to restore scholarships

Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Penn State will gradually get back football scholarships taken away over the Jerry Sandusky child molestation scandal, the NCAA announced Tuesday, crediting the university for making significant improvements to its athletics programs.

Five scholarships will be restored next year and 15 more will be phased in until the school reaches the limit of 85 in 2016-17, a season earlier than the school had agreed to, college sports' governing body said. The NCAA said the unanimous decision by its executive committee was based on the recommendation of former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, who has been serving as Penn State's athletics integrity monitor.

"This action provides an opportunity to recognize Penn State's significant momentum, while also providing additional opportunities for student-athletes," said Wake Forest University president Nathan Hatch, chair of the NCAA's Division I board of directors, which endorsed the decision.

The penalties came amid heavy criticism of university leaders' response to complaints about Sandusky. Penn State and the NCAA agreed to the penalties by entering into a consent decree more than a year ago, shortly after Sandusky was convicted of 45 counts of sexual abuse. They also require the school to pay a \$60 million fine and serve a four-year ban on postseason play. The NCAA also eliminated 112 wins by the football program.

Penn State president Rodney Erickson called the

restoration of scholarships particularly welcome news for student-athletes who want to attend Penn State.

"As we promised throughout this process, we are committed to improving all our policies, procedures and actions," Erickson said.

The NCAA said it also may reduce the postseason play ban, depending on the university's future progress. Mitchell said it was premature to say which other sanctions might be changed.

"This was a positive response to positive action, and as to the future, we'll have to make judgments in the future," Mitchell told reporters in a conference call. He said the decision was particularly warranted by the actions of Erickson and other university leaders "in the face of considerable opposition within the Penn State community."

"Over time, their actions led to a circumstance where it became clear to me that their response was positive in the face of difficult circumstances," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said he recommended the restoration of scholarships, but the specific elements were decided by the NCAA and Big Ten Conference.

"It is the mechanism most directly targeted to students, student-athletes," Mitchell said. "I felt it was an appropriate place to provide the relief."

Earlier this month, Mitchell issued a report on the first year of his service as monitor, crediting Penn State for notable progress that included implementation of 119 recommendations made last summer by former FBI director Louis Freeh, who directed the school's investigation into the scandal.

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Belles hold on to tie Albion in road game

Observer Staff Report

The Belles finished their third consecutive double-overtime game this Tuesday, coming back from behind twice to tie Albion in a 2-2 deadlock in Albion, Mich.

Since the Belles (2-4-3, 0-2-3 MIAA) joined the MIAA conference in 1997, it is the first time they have played three consecutive overtime conference games.

Albion (2-6-1, 0-5-1 MIAA) advanced first, scoring on a free kick to lead 1-0 just 15:02 into the game. Albion senior midfielder Linsdey Lubanski was the player that put Albion in the lead.

Only four minutes later Belles sophomore midfielder Maggie McLaughlin chipped in a goal off an assist from senior forward Jordan Diffenderfer. McLaughlin's equalizer was her second goal of the season.

Albion quickly retaliated and regained the lead just 22 seconds later, when freshman forward Dominique Sarnecky shot from twenty-five yards out off an assist from freshman midfielder Lauren Cross.

The game stayed 2-1 in the

favor of Albion until late in the first half, when the Belles scored the final goal of the game. Belles junior defender Kerry Green scored a header off a corner kick by senior midfielder Mollie Valencia.

The scoring subsided in the second half, as both teams held each other scoreless and then game then advanced to overtime. Both desperate for points, the Belles and Albion fought to get shots off on goal. Regardless of their efforts, no goals were scored and the game remained tied at 2-2.

The Belles out-shot Albion 10-5 in the first half and 5-0 in the second half. Neither team managed a shot in the first time period, and the Britons managed the only shot of goal in extra time in the second overtime period.

Belles junior goalkeeper Natalie Warner gathered three saves and allowed just the two goals in 45 minutes of play before junior goalie Chanler Rosenbaum came on in relief at halftime.

Rosenbaum, Saint Mary's Athlete of the Week and MIAA Defensive Player of the Week,



ALLISON D'AMBROSIA | The Observer

Belles junior midfielder Erin Mishu and senior forward Jordan Diffenderfer bear down on an Illinois Tech player during the Belles' 4-1 win over Illinois Tech on Sept. 2.

picked up a save in the final 65 minutes of the game. Last week, Rosenbaum allowed just one

goal in 220 minutes of play and faced 21 shots with a career-high of 13 saves.

The Belles will host MIAA opponent Olivet at home Saturday, Sept. 28 at 12 p.m.

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Irish struggle at home

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

After finishing Monday's play in the sixth position, the Irish had a rough second day to finish seventh overall out of 13 teams at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic at Warren Golf Course.

Notre Dame shot a 296 on Tuesday to cap off scores of 294 and 291 on Monday and finish with a team total of 881. Not even home course advantage seemed to help Notre Dame, Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

"Coming into it, we thought we would have good competition in top teams like Houston, but we thought with our team and it being our course, we would finish in the top three or four," Kubinski said. "Unfortunately, that didn't happen."

Houston took first place with a tournament-record score of five-under 847 (282, 283, 282). Houston junior golfer Kyle Pilgrim finished in the top individual spot with a weekend total of 208 (71, 71, 66). Michigan State came in second (284-294-284) and Yale placed third (291-289-287).

Kubinski said the Irish had some good moments over the course of the tournament, but as a whole the squad did not live up to expectations.

"Overall, it was just one of those tough losses," Kubinski said.

On Monday, the Irish were unable to break 75, with the exception of senior captain Niall Platt.

"We didn't play well [Monday]," Kubinski said. "We were all pretty disappointed in our performance."



ASHLEY DACY | The Observer

Irish senior Andrew Carreon swings on the final day of the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic on Oct. 9.

Platt led the Irish with a three-under 69 to finish the weekend with a total of 215 (74-72-69). Platt finished in 12th place in his fourth last Gridiron Classic.

"Niall [Platt] did a fantastic job today," Kubinski said. "He birdied his last three holes. He has played this tournament with us for the past four years and I was glad to see him end it well."

It is not common for the Irish to shoot that high as a team, Kubinski said.

"Other than Niall, no one else broke 75," Kubinski said. "That's rare for us. Especially when it's warm like it was [Monday] and being at home. We typically average 70, 71, 72, but it was disappointing

that no one else broke 75."

Kubinski said although the Irish did not perform up to their typical abilities, they recognized some areas to fix and have time to fix the flaws.

"The good news is that we have a couple of weekends off to improve ourselves," Kubinski said. "We have identified a few things we need to work on - each player has their own individual issues to improve. The good thing is that we have time to do it, we have a few weeks to work on it."

The Irish next compete at the Crooked Stick Intercollegiate on Oct. 14 and 15 in Carmel, Ind.

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SMC GOLF | 341, 2ND

Belles take second at Medalist Club

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

The Belles started strong in MIAA play, shooting a 341 as a team at the Medalist Golf Club, good enough to put them in second place after the first round of conference play.

It was the Belles' second trip to the Medalist Club this season, and while their score failed to match their first two rounds at the course, they produced a better finish in the team ranking. Saint Mary's trailed only Olivet College's 329 on Tuesday in the team standings, and led third place Calvin College by six strokes.

The event's hosts, Albion College, finished in seventh place with a score of 399. In the individual standings, Olivet's Theresa Damico paced the group with a 78, with Saint Mary's senior captain Paige Pollak hot on her heels with an 80 to tie for second. While pleased with her team's performance, Belles coach Kim Moore is hoping they can close the gap between them and Olivet over the next few rounds.

"We're a little farther back than I thought we'd be, but we can't win [the conference] on the first day," Moore said. "I think we definitely have some work to do before we come back for the next one on Saturday."

Outside of Pollak's stellar performance, junior Janice Heffernan was the only other Belle in the top 10 individually, her 86 good enough to tie for

ninth on the day. Sophomore Sammy Averill was third for the Belles and 11th overall with an 87, and freshman Ali Mahoney was tied for 13th with an 88. Averill was unable to match her performance from the O'Brien National Invitational at the Warren, where her career-best rounds of 81 and 80 earned her recognition as MIAA Woman's Golfer of the Week. Despite that, Moore still saw glimpses of excellence in Averill's round, especially her strong start to the day.

"She didn't finish well, but she did well," Moore said. "I was really impressed with the first nine [holes] she had, and that's golf for you sometimes, you have a good nine then a bad nine."

Rounding out the Belles' top five was freshman Courtney Carlson in 18th place. It was Carlson's first time qualifying as part of the Belles, and she finished with a 90. Coach Moore was excited with Carlson's development, and believes she adds real depth to the Saint Mary's roster.

"I think she did rather well," Moore said. "It seemed like today, as with everyone, she had a good nine and a bad nine. But, I was really happy with the way she played today."

The Belles face a quick turnaround this week, as they return to play at Milham Park Course in Kalamazoo, Mich., for the second round of MIAA play.

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WNBA

Griner lifts Mercury to win

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Brittney Griner's performance had been up-and-down in her WNBA playoff debut. With veteran Diana Taurasi urging her on, the rookie calmly sank the winning basket.

Griner's turnaround jumper with 4.9 seconds left gave the Phoenix Mercury a 78-77 victory over the Los Angeles Sparks on Monday night in the deciding Game 3 of their first-round series.

"It doesn't matter what you do until the end," said Griner, who finished with six points, four rebounds and four fouls. "I wasn't nervous about it. I didn't think twice."

Candice Dupree scored all but two of her 22 points in the

first half, Dewanna Bonner added 19, and Taurasi had 18 points and 10 assists while improving to 6-0 in career elimination games with the Mercury.

Phoenix advanced to the Western Conference finals against top-seeded Minnesota. Game 1 is Thursday.

Kristi Toliver led the Sparks with 22 points. WNBA MVP Candace Parker added 18 points, and Nneka Ogwumike had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

The Sparks were eliminated for the second straight year with a one-point loss. A year ago, they lost 80-79 to Minnesota, which swept the conference finals.

"I'm sick of always being on this podium talking after a loss," Parker said. "Clearly, we keep losing by one point at the end of the season so it's something

we're doing."

After Parker gave the Sparks just their second lead of the fourth on a layup with 7 seconds to go, Griner responded with the winning basket for the Mercury.

"The minute she caught it and made her motion to shoot I just knew it was going in," Taurasi said. "I've seen her make that shot all year. For her to be up-and-down all series and take that shot just tells you a lot about Brittney and how mentally strong she is. She's willing to do anything for this team to win."

Parker missed a fling from the wing after getting trapped in the right corner as time expired, dashing her hopes of adding her first WNBA championship to her collection of NCAA titles and Olympic gold medals.

Wall

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“Games are a lot of fun, especially playing at home in front of our fans,” Wall said. “Whenever we have a large student section coming out and sitting behind the goals it boosts the whole atmosphere of the game. All of our guys love that kind of game environment.”

But Wall does not deny that he might have developed a bit of the quirkiness often associated with goalkeepers.

“Yeah, I can’t argue that goalies are different, but I don’t take that as a bad thing,” Wall said. “We have four keepers on our team all who have different personalities. I’m a bit of a space nerd, [senior] Adam LaPlaca has survived Marine boot camp, [sophomore] Brian Talcott is one of the best dancers I’ve ever seen, and Chris Hubbard is still a freshman.”

Wall wasn’t kidding when he described himself as a “space nerd.” The two-time Big East Academic All-Star is majoring in aerospace engineering.

“It’s not a common major, but I enjoy flying and it has been a great fit for me,” Wall said.

Wall spent his summer in



GRANT TOBIN | The Observer

Irish senior goalkeeper Patrick Wall clears the ball away from his goal during then-No. 4 Notre Dame’s 1-1 (2OT) tie with then-No. 1 North Carolina on Sept. 8. Wall played all 110 minutes and made three saves in the game.

Houston, where he interned with a NASA contractor – while training with the Houston Dynamo of the MLS.

“So while I was a big nerd this summer working on sending a rocket into space, I also got to learn from some of the

best soccer players in the country,” Wall said. “Both experiences were dream jobs and the opportunity to do them both every day of the summer was unbelievable.”

But don’t think Wall spends all his time at soccer practice

or toiling in the lab. The senior says some of the best moments of his college career have come at the Yacht Dance, the annual event attended by St. Edward’s Hall residents.

“At the end of every year I get to travel down to Chicago

with my best friends and party on a yacht all night,” Wall said. “Every year there is a story that will be remembered long after we graduate.”

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles host Manchester in non-conference match

By SAMANTHA ZUBA

Sports Writer

After a tough weekend against two nationally-ranked conference opponents, the Belles look to bounce back against Manchester on Tuesday and earn their second home win of the season.

Belles coach Toni Elyea said the challenging matches against No. 1 Calvin and No. 2 Hope exposed the areas that Saint Mary’s (5-8, 3-4 MIAA) needs to improve.

“Coming off of a very tough week, we are very aware of what we need to get better at individually and as a team,” Elyea said. “Playing the No. 1 and [No.] 2 team in the country, you are able to see exactly where you need to make improvements.”

Calvin (14-0, 6-0 MIAA) and Hope (14-1, 5-1 MIAA) tested the Belles’ defense with high-powered offenses, and Manchester (3-9, 0-0 Heartland) won’t give Saint Mary’s much of a break. The Spartans have crushed 9.79 kills per set so far this season.

“Manchester is a team that continues to get stronger every year,” Elyea said. “They have two solid outside hitters that we will need to be focused on.”

A pair of young outside hitters power Manchester up front. Freshman outside hitter Sarah Pruden comfortably leads the Spartans with 343 kills, followed by freshman

outside hitter Kelsie Thomas with 193. Freshman middle hitter Morgan Pavelka balances the center of Manchester’s offense with 172 kills and 70 blocks.

Freshmen dominate the Spartans’ defensive statistics as well. Freshman defensive specialist Meika Kennedy has snagged a team-leading 347 digs this season, and Pruden

has 264, making her both an offensive and defensive threat. Sophomore defensive specialist Morgan Yoder rounds out the top three for Manchester with 200 digs. The entire Spartans defense has been active this season on its way to an average of 14.54 digs per set.

For the Belles, junior outside hitter Kati Schneider

(196), sophomore outside hitter Katie Hecklinski (116) and junior middle hitter Melanie Kuczek (113) have recorded triple-digit kills.

Opponents have outblocked Saint Mary’s 114.5 to 61, and Elyea said the Belles will focus on improving their blocking presence and efficiency on offense against the Spartans.

“We are focused on

continuing to play great defensively, block well and play our best,” Elyea said. “We will need to get a little more consistency out of our offense in order to produce wins.”

Saint Mary’s takes the court at home against Manchester on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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to be our best game of the year in all phases, including special teams. And we certainly know that because we've played Oklahoma before, and we know what to expect."

Depth chart changes

For the first time this season, the five running backs who have seen game action (juniors George Atkinson, Amir Carlisle, Cam McDaniel and freshmen Greg Bryant and Tarean Folston) are all on an even playing field, at least on paper.

All five backs are listed as co-starters in this week's depth chart, which was released Tuesday, even though Kelly called the rotation a four-man one Sunday. Kelly clarified his comments, saying the Irish just got to four running backs Saturday and want to get to five.

Junior inside linebacker Jarrett Grace was listed as the co-starter at the Mike linebacker position along with graduate student Dan Fox.

Kelly said Grace's progress has allowed the inside linebacker positions to be fluid with Grace, Fox and graduate student Carlo Calabrese.

Sophomore safety Elijah



EMILY KRUSE | The Observer

Irish junior running back Cam McDaniel charges to the outside on one of his sixteen carries during Notre Dame's narrow 17-13 win over Michigan State on Saturday. McDaniel rushed for the game-winning touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

Shumate has slipped into the starting safety role opposite senior Austin Collinsworth and junior Matthias Farley, who are listed as co-starters.

Freshman Max Redfield is listed as Shumate's backup.

Day update

Kelly said he expected sophomore defensive lineman Sheldon Day to practice Tuesday. Day missed the Michigan State game Saturday with a sprained ankle.

Senior defensive lineman Kona Schwenke started in Day's place against the

Spartans.

No green jerseys

Despite a joint effort from the Leprechaun Legion and the Kelly Cares Foundation to green-out Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday, Kelly said the Irish will not be

wearing green jerseys against Oklahoma.

According to Kelly, there will be more than 40,000 green pom-poms handed out to fans entering the game Saturday.

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under the lights.

The Wildcats' (2-0) defense recorded three interceptions, keeping the Wild Women (0-2) off the scoreboard. One of the interceptions came during the Wild Women's first offensive drive, and senior captain Andrea Carlson said this gave Ryan an early boost.

"That first interception was really good for getting the momentum turned around since we didn't score on our first drive," Carlson said.

The game's momentum continued to swing. Near the end of the half the Wildcats grabbed two touchdowns, both scored by freshman quarterback Kathleen Conaty.

Walsh was also adjusting to a new quarterback, junior Julianne Carson, and the installation of many freshmen players in key roles. However, junior captain Molly Johnson was optimistic about the players' potential.

"What we saw today, even though we lost, was great considering a majority of the team is freshmen who are new to flag football," Johnson said. "We haven't had a lot of chances to prepare so I think we've made great improvement since the first game."

Walsh's defense recorded its only interception of the game in the third quarter, but the offense was unable to convert the opportunity into points.

Carlson, who scored the Wildcat's final touchdown of the game on a pass from Conaty, believes that the victory over the Wild Women still leaves room for improvement.

"I think we are looking to get our offense going a little more," Carson said. "23 is a good number for us but we want it to be even better."

Ryan will attempt to remain undefeated when it takes on Farley on Monday while Walsh looks to bounce back from defeat against Howard on Sunday.

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Pangborn 24, Welsh-Fam 0

By MITCHELL MEERSMAN
Sports Writer

In a late game on a chilly Monday night, the clash between Pangborn and Welsh Family resulted in a 24-0 rout, with the Phoxes (2-0) claiming the victory over the Whirlwinds (0-2).

The Phoxes were hampered early on by a slew of penalties on both sides of the ball, but finally found paydirt near the end of the second quarter with a touchdown run by junior quarterback Caitlin Gargan.

Welsh Family responded with a drive deep into Pangborn territory as the first half came to a close, but the Phoxes bailed themselves out

with a late interception they almost returned for a touchdown of their own.

While the Whirlwinds had trouble with penalties and slowing Pangborn's offensive attack, Welsh Family sophomore captain Johanna Blake was happy with the heart her team showed and hopes to improve upon their mistakes on defense.

"We looked better on offense. We had a couple tough breaks on defense," Blake said. "All in all I was really pleased with the effort and plays we did make."

In the second half Pangborn dominated, racking up two more touchdowns. The first came on another run by Gargan, while the game's final score was a pass from Gargan that found junior center Ally Weaver in the end zone.

"That was a great play," Pangborn senior captain Mary Veselik said.

Pangborn will next match

up against Breen-Phillips on Sunday, while the Whirlwinds will go for their first win Sunday against McGlinn.

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Pasquerilla West 28, Pasquerilla East 7

By ERIC RICHELSON
Sports Writer

Pasquerilla West's strong start offensively and defensively proved to be too much for Pasquerilla East to come back as the Purple Weasels (2-0) cruised to a 28-7 victory over the Pyros (1-1).

The Purple Weasels shut down the Pyros' offense early and often, forcing punts and failed fourth down conversions and giving Pasquerilla West excellent field position throughout the first half. With an explosive backfield,

including freshman running back Allie Griffith, Pasquerilla West beat the Pyros to the edges to break multiple large runs, including the first touchdown. With a run game that kept Pasquerilla East on their toes defensively, Pasquerilla West exercised a deadly pass game, scoring three of their four touchdowns through the air. Senior captain Breezi Toole said she thinks that if their young receivers, like freshman Monica Busse and sophomore Mary Kate Vicenzi, continue to consistently improving, Pasquerilla West's offense will be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

"They worked hard in practice and it really showed today," she said. "On offense our young receivers really improved from last game."

The Pyros were able to convert one fourth down for a touchdown, when senior running back Kiah Schaeftbauer,

who was coming off a two touchdowns in her first game, found the end zone.

However, the Pyros were unable to field any further response to the Purple Weasels' defensive wall. After Pasquerilla West scored three touchdowns in the first half, Pasquerilla East looked to change their defensive scheme in the second half to prevent Griffith from getting to the outside and Pasquerilla West's receivers from making big plays. Though their strategy was successful and they held the Purple Weasels to only a touchdown after halftime, the deficit was still too great for the Pyros to overcome.

The Pyros will have a bye weekend to regroup, while the Purple Weasels will try to remain undefeated this weekend against Lyons.

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Happy Birthday: Look for answers, ask questions and scout for opportunities. Embrace your emotions and share your thoughts. Focus on knowledge and incorporating positive changes that will help ease stress and bring you closer to lifelong goals. Let the past go and step into the future feeling confident that you are doing what's best for you. Seek the truth. Your numbers are 3, 10, 19, 23, 34, 48, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An unlikely partnership will bring about changes to the way you live. A change will do you good and must be incorporated quickly before the window of opportunity closes. Think fast, take action quickly and don't look back. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't race through everything or you will fall short and face criticism. A job you are considering will not be as exciting as it sounds. Find out exactly what's being offered and get promises in writing. Don't argue; be nice. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll have some good suggestions, but don't cross the line or you will be blamed for meddling. Tables will turn quickly if your facts aren't right. Instead, put more into your home and improving your standard of living. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Use your imagination and you will come up with interesting ways to socialize, make new acquaintances and find romantic settings that will enhance your life. A growing interest should not be ignored. Pursue what draws you with a passion. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Change your surroundings. Staying at home will result in conflict. Take time to think about a personal problem you face before you confront the situation. Time is on your side and will help alleviate making a wrong assumption. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Head out in search of a little adventure. You need a change of scenery or mental and physical stimulation that will perk your interest and motivate you to get involved with something exciting and satisfying. Work to straighten out any emotional mix-ups. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Taking an emotional trip down memory lane will help you clear up pending issues that have been standing between you and a decision you need to make. Truth will be the deciding factor when it comes to personal relationships. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may want to make some noteworthy alterations at home, but consider the cost involved. Consider innovative ways to get what you want for less. Your ingenuity will be impressive and result in raising your profile and your confidence. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A proactive approach will get the job done no matter what it is you are trying to accomplish, but expect to experience some opposition and emotional mind games along the way. Don't hesitate; make your voice heard and put your plans into motion. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone with a hidden agenda will charm you. Don't count on anything or anyone. It's important to take control of any situation you face that can influence your reputation or status. Change isn't the answer -- consistency and fair play is. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more into your surroundings. What you do to feel more at home or comfortable will lift your spirits and help you put a greater distance between you and someone who has limited you in the past. ★★★★★

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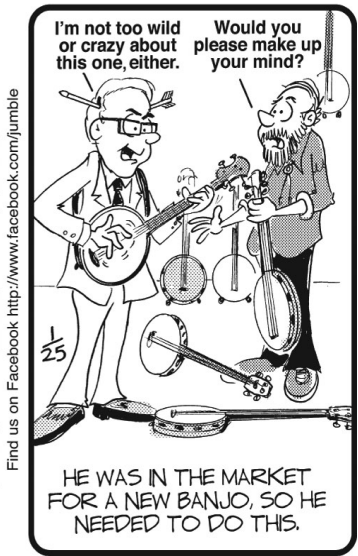
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FOOTBALL

Close calls

No. 22 Notre Dame prepares for touted matchup with No. 14 Oklahoma

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
Assistant Managing Editor

In Saturday's 17-13 win over Michigan State, No. 22 Notre Dame squeaked out its 10th win in the last 11 games in contests decided by less than a touchdown.

In the first seven such games during Irish coach Brian Kelly's tenure at Notre Dame, the Irish were 2-5.

Kelly said winning close games came in due time.

"When we first got here I don't believe that we were able to win some of those games, and I think it's just a matter of time," he said Tuesday during his weekly press conference. "We're four years into our program. Our kids believe that if they prepare the right way and they take care of the things that they're supposed to do that they have a belief [they can win]."

Already this season, the Irish (3-1) have two victories of seven

or fewer points (against Purdue and Michigan State). Last season, they notched five victories of seven or fewer points, including two in overtime.

Kelly said the Irish still need to execute, despite the mindset they carry into the game.

"They believe that they can win no matter what the circumstances are," he said. "But again, I would caution you to say that it's still about you've got to make plays. We made a couple more plays at the end, and we'll have to make a couple more this weekend."

The Irish will likely encounter another close game this Saturday against No. 14 Oklahoma, who are 3.5-point road favorites over Notre Dame.

Kelly said the Irish need to play exceptionally well against the Sooners (3-0).

"It's just a well coached, deep and talented football team," he said. "We're going to have to play extremely well. We're



KEVIN SONG | The Observer

Irish junior running back George Atkinson III dashes up the sideline during then-No. 14 Notre Dame's 41-30 loss to then-No. 17 Michigan on Sept. 7. Atkinson rushed for 37 yards on the day.

going to have to be in great position, extremely disciplined across the board and play our best game of the season."

A year ago in Norman, Okla., the Irish exploded for 20 points in the fourth quarter — including the final 17 — to beat the

Sooners, 30-13.

"I think you're going to have

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MEN'S SOCCER

Wall finds niche as goalie

By **VICKY JACOBSEN**
Sports Writer

It wasn't a desire to emulate a talented international keeper that inspired Irish senior goalkeeper Patrick Wall to move to his current position at the age of 11. He wasn't looking for the adrenaline rush that follows a great save, or even the responsibility of being his team's last defense.

No, the young Wall was, well, not all that interested in exerting himself.

"It all started around the age when coaches felt the need to do conditioning with the players, and one day I asked the coach if there was any way I could get out of all the running," Wall said. "His response was 'Well, you could be the goalie.' So I took that advice to heart and avoided all the long running that I could."

The No. 4 Irish are the lucky beneficiaries of Wall's decision. The Sugarland, Texas, native has played every minute of the season so far, allowing only three goals in six contests. The Irish (3-0-3, 1-0-2 ACC) are still undefeated, outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 10-3. Wall has saved 21 of the 24 shots on goal so far this season, good



KEVIN SONG | The Observer

Irish senior goalkeeper Patrick Wall controls the ball in the box during Notre Dame's 1-1 tie with North Carolina on Sept. 8.

for a .875 save percentage.

Although goalkeeping is a high-pressure responsibility, Wall, who first saw major playing time last season, starting

10 games, says he doesn't suffer from nerves or anxiety at game time.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Dietzel leads Cavanaugh to win

By **EVAN ANDERSON**
Sports Writer

Junior running back Olivia Dietzel had 58 yards from scrimmage on just five touches, the Chaos defense was stingy for a second straight game and Cavanaugh defeated Badin 20-0 on Tuesday night to earn their first win of the season.

Dietzel and the Chaos (1-1) scored on a 35-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage after the Cavanaugh offense failed to get on the scoreboard Sunday against Pasquerilla East.

"Our offense did a much better job with all the details today," Cavanaugh senior captain Meaghan Ayers said. "Receivers made catches, our quarterbacks threw the ball well, and we were able to mix it up and keep the defense on their toes."

Ayers said she was also pleased with the effort from her defense, which didn't yield a first down until the second half.

"We had a few players out, but our freshmen stepped up and got the job done," Ayers

said.

Despite a second loss in three days for the Bullfrogs (0-2), sophomore captain and starting quarterback Tina Techar said she saw progress from her team. She was pleased with the play of junior receiver Brianna Leon, who caught four passes for 35 yards in the second half.

"As you could start to see in the second half, we're starting to gel more as an offense," Techar said. "[Leon] and I had some chemistry going in the second half and

I think we will try to capitalize on that going forward."

Both teams are back in action Sunday, with the Bullfrogs searching for their first win against Farley and Cavanaugh looking for another win against Lewis.

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