

## Eyes on the presidency

*Rep. Pete King prioritizes national security, contemplates bid for presidential candidacy in 2016*

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*Editor's Note: This is the third story in a series featuring Notre Dame and Saint Mary's graduates serving as members of Congress. This series, titled "Trading Golden Dome for Capitol Dome," will run on Fridays.*

Not quite one year after the 2012 presidential election, pundits have started to speculate about the 2016 contest. Sens. Rand Paul, R-Ky., and Ted Cruz, R-Texas, have been singled out as two prominent Republicans who are both interested in

making a bid for the office and well positioned to earn the GOP nomination.

Rep. Pete King (R-NY-2), who obtained his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School in 1968, has publicly said he might also contend for his party's nomination. King said this decision is motivated by a chance to raise, at a national level, issues important to him.

"We'll see who is raising the same basic issues as I am, what chance – if any – I have of winning, how much time it's going to take," King said. "Because I am a Congressman and I have real obligations to my district ... that has to be my main

emphasis."

Because it is still very far from the 2016 election, King said he is currently testing the receptiveness of voters to his candidacy.

"This is an opportunity I'm getting, it gives me a forum," King said. "I'm seeing if people are interested in someone like me running, it will be at least a year and a half before I make a decision. I'm making a point of not looking for endorsements or raising money, once you do that then you're in – I'm just taking advantage of the opportunity to get the lay of the land."

### 'I got into Notre Dame'

King graduated from St.

Francis College, Brooklyn, in 1965 with a B.A. in history and worked at the West Manhattan freight yards throughout his last three years at the college, he said. Though he felt drawn to Notre Dame, King said he did not think he would be admitted to its law school.

"I grew up in a very Irish Catholic, working class neighborhood, my father was a New York City cop," King said. "I had never been out of the New York City area in my entire life ... growing up I was this Notre Dame fanatic. I know that doesn't sound very intellectual, but in those days, Notre Dame was the school for Catholics.

Notre Dame was like the White House, the Vatican.

Notre Dame [Law School] didn't charge an application fee, so I figured there's no way in the world I was going to make it and I couldn't afford to go anyway, but why not apply? If I make it I can carry around this letter in my wallet for the rest of my life and know ... I got into Notre Dame."

King said he opened his acceptance letter the Saturday after March 4 of that year. Thanks to the combination of his father's savings, his own savings and a loan, King said he was able

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## Mass honors firefighters, police



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*The Blue Mass was celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Thursday. The Mass has been celebrated annually at Notre Dame since 2001.*

By **CATHERINE OWERS**  
News Writer

University President Fr. John Jenkins celebrated a Blue Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Thursday in honor of firefighters and police officers.

The Blue Mass honors not only Notre Dame Security Police and Notre Dame Fire Department, but also personnel from local and nationwide departments, fire chief Bruce Harrison said.

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## Women's rowing team sponsors Erg-a-Thon

By **NICOLE McALEE**  
News Writer

Students can join the women's rowing team in the fight against pancreatic cancer at the team's third annual Erg-a-Thon fundraiser today.

The Erg-a-Thon takes place between the Fieldhouse Mall and the LaFortune Student Center from noon to 8 p.m.

"An erg [short for ergometer] is a rowing machine that the rowers use to train," senior Kelsey Sekanick, co-chair of the Erg-a-Thon, said. "We will have several of them at the event and participants will be able to race both rowers and friends."

The team will sell T-shirts

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## Drum majors facilitate dialogue, rehearsal

By **LESLEY STEVENSON**  
News Writer

After three short blasts to a whistle, six white-gloved hands flash through the air, transforming the organized chaos of a 380-member band practice into a harmonious swell of chromatic scales.

These are the same white gloves that twirl thick, elongated batons called maces and conduct the nation's oldest university marching band through daily practice, weekly marches and game-day performances.

They belong to the drum majors, three seasoned band veterans who bridge the gap between directors and members.

Senior Leo Mironovich, head drum major of the Band of the Fighting Irish, and senior assistant drum majors Betsy FitzGerald and Nicole McMillan spoke to The Observer about their journeys through high school and college band and the responsibilities and challenges of serving a group under so much public scrutiny, especially

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*Drum major Nicole McMillan marches with the band during a halftime show. McMillan, along with drum majors Leo Mironovich and Betsy FitzGerald, leads the band through football games and rehearsals.*



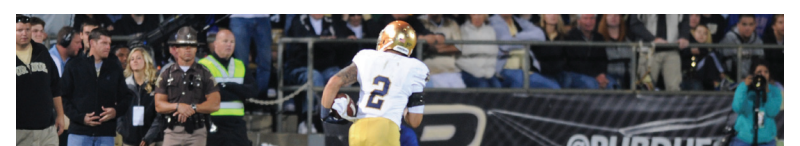
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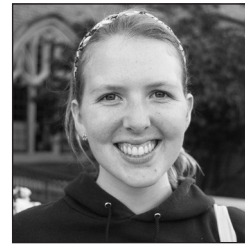
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Participants "totter" on a see-saw as part of Howard Hall's Totter for Water event Thursday. The fundraiser lasts a full 24 hours, during which contributors donate money for the construction of wells in third-world nations.

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**The Story Behind "Touchdown Jesus"**  
Hesburgh Library, Carey Auditorium  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
History of "Word of Life" mural.

**Football Pep Rally**  
Joyce Center  
6 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Irish football highlight.

## Saturday

**Lecture Series: Saturdays with the Saints**  
Geddes Hall  
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Discussion about Christian martyrs.

**Football vs. Oklahoma**  
Notre Dame Stadium  
3:30 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Irish football takes on the Sooners.

## Sunday

**Women's Soccer**  
Alumni Stadium  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
Irish soccer plays against Pittsburgh.

**Fall Art Exhibition**  
Snite Museum of Art  
2 p.m.-4 p.m.  
Artist Jaime Guerrero speaks about his work.

## Monday

**The Civil Rights Legacy of Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh**  
Washington Hall  
5 p.m.-6 p.m.  
Professor Jennifer McAward speaks.

**Berges Lecture Series**  
141 DeBartolo Hall  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.  
John Donovan's business ethics.

## Tuesday

**Dr. Paul Wright Lecture**  
Hesburgh Library, Carey Auditorium  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Co-worker of Mother Teresa talks.

**Four:7 Catholic Fellowship**  
Cavanaugh Hall  
8:15 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Christian worship.



# Lecture examines financial stability politics

By HENRY GENS  
News Writer

Notre Dame undergraduates had an opportunity to get an insider's perspective on the handling of the recent recession when Nellie Liang, a director of the Federal Reserve Board (the Fed) of Governors, came to campus to give a lecture aimed at economics majors on financial stability politics after the financial crisis.

Liang, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1979 with a B.A. in economics, gave a broad overview of the Fed's role in combating the collapse, focusing on the theory of bank runs and how to prevent future crises in the financial sector.

"From my personal perspective there are two parts of the recent crisis that I find

fascinating from an economics point-of-view and really important for what we're doing going forward: investor runs — that is, banks runs and panics — and how to address the largest financial institutions going forward," Liang said.

Liang elaborated on the theory of bank runs and how they cause widespread financial instability in a system, often without good warning or reason.

"Bank runs really cause trouble, or we think of financial instability or systemic risk, when there's a rumor about a bank that leads to rumors about other banks," Liang said. "If you've got a bank here that doesn't look so good, and you don't really understand why it doesn't look good, then why should the bank over there look good? And so that's what we would call

panic, widespread bank runs that force the fire sales of bank assets."

Liang said some of her research focused on getting at the underlying theory of bank runs, and investigating the possibility of predicting them in a model.

"There are two models of runs: one is called 'sunspot,' meaning that they're just random and inherent in a short-term model, so there's just not much you can do about it, except maybe government insurance," Liang said. "Or they could be related to underlying economics, which is what we investigated with regression analysis. We found that the runs could be explainable, especially over a matter of weeks."

The result of this research reinforced a central theme of

Liang's talk, namely that preventing the factors leading to a financial meltdown in the first place is far more effective than trying to deal with crisis.

"When you're in trouble, when you're in a crisis, there are no good decisions, so you really need to think about how to avoid getting there and that's where you spend your effort," Liang said.

In addition to examining the patterns and effects of bank runs, Liang addressed the need to regulate the largest financial institutions that pose the greatest systemic risk.

"Safety and soundness in individual institutions is just not sufficient for financial stability — distress at some firms can lead to distress at others, sort of like innocent bystanders, so this needs to be incorporated

into how we think about designing regulations for banks," Liang said. "Big banks that might impose distress on oth-

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Nellie Liang  
director of the Federal Reserve  
Board of Governors

ers have to hold more capital so that they're less likely to reach that point."

Liang said it is important to acknowledge the growing importance of non-regulated sectors in the industry, known as shadow banks, in considering policy formulation.

"Shadow banks are non-regulated banks — this includes things like securitizations, finance companies that aren't banks, mutual funds, insurance companies, so there's a lot of intermediation that goes on in finance," Liang said. "They were practically non-existent in the 1960s, but this sector has grown over time and is now about as large as the banking sector in GDP terms. Although they don't have access to government insurance, it's not clear that we may even want them to."

Liang ended her talk by emphasizing the importance of continual supervision of the financial industry going forward, especially as it returns to full health and, potentially, old habits.

"We have to keep monitoring systemic risk because when you put more regulation in one part, the activities seep into other parts of the system," Liang said. "And, lastly, history has shown that memories are very short and five years from now people will be happy to take these sorts of risks again, so we have to keep an eye on that."

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# Lecture challenges society's view of marriage

By **TABITHA RICKETTS**  
News Writer

On Thursday, Saint Mary's College welcomed feminist theologian Dr. Emily Reimer-Barry who gave a lecture titled "Saying Yes to More Than the Dress?: Elements of a Pro-Woman Theology of Marriage" as part of the Center for Spirituality's fall lecture series.

Reimer-Barry began the lecture with a brief clarification of the topic as a different subject than the popular debates about marriage equality.

"These days when we talk about marriage equality most people assume that we are talking about extending the rights of marriage to same-sex couples," she said. "I want to probe the unfinished business of the marriage equality movement initiated by three waves of feminist theologians and activists."

She said there are three major problems facing a pro-woman view in modern society.

The first of these is the "girlie-girl culture," she said. This is the emphasis, from a young age, of "play-sexiness" that is represented in girls' toys and dolls, she said. "We begin the socialization process at a very early age," Reimer-Barry said. "The 'hypersexualization of girls' culture begins with three- to seven-year-olds, the target audience for the Disney princess line."

The second problem comes from the contemporary prevalence of the hook-up society and the double standards associated with it, Reimer-Barry said.

"Men gain status through hook-ups, while women lose status," she said. "We see reflected here an old patriarchal view of male entitlement to sex."

Dr. Reimer-Barry said the third major problem originates in the pervasiveness of pornography in society. The pornography culture affects society both directly and indirectly, and establishes unrealistic ideals of the modern woman, she said.

"Porn women are submissive, obedient, eager to please, willing to accept pain and suffering to please a partner and eager to deny their own wants and needs," Dr. Reimer-Barry said. "These same attributes are upheld as virtuous in papal teachings about what it means to be a good wife in marriage."

Worldwide, she said, women continue to hear mixed messages about their own dignity and position from the Catholic Church, especially with regards to marriage and what it means to be a "good wife."

"To what else does a bride say 'yes' in marriage?" Reimer-Barry said. "Some parts of Catholic theology of marriage require that women say 'yes' to an ideal of womanhood that does not, in fact, promote ... dignity."

Women are represented as inferiors in Mass, Reimer-Barry

said, particularly in the readings, which exclude many of the stronger female religious figures that are represented in the Bible.

"This gives the impression over time that women are insignificant and have no contributions to make to the faith community," she said.

She said this is further perpetuated by the Church's exclusion of women from ordination. This presents young women with male figures as role models in religious leadership.

Even worse, Reimer-Barry said, are the readings which speak of a woman's submission as her highest calling, and representing her worth as being incumbent on her serving others and sacrifice of self.

"Even a positive message from the homily might not counteract the negative formation that has already happened in the liturgical proclamation of sexist texts as 'the word of the Lord,'" she said.

These expectations of subjugation and servitude arise mostly from descriptions of ideal marriage, she said.

"Such descriptions seem to imply that marital love is primarily characterized by renunciation of self and self neglect," Reimer-Barry said.

The text emphasizes purity, graciousness and care for home as a woman's greatest attributes. She said this emphasis is also apparent in the Church's history, where most female saints are

virgins who can fully embody the descriptor of purity.

"Women are venerated for their obedience, humility, sacrifice and submission," Reimer-Barry said.

This foundation can lead to harmful and unequal standards for relationships, she said.

"Some women have interpreted [St. Mary's] submission to God as an example for their own relationships," she said. "This gender essentialism ... diminishes women and limits the contributions women can make in the social sphere."

Dr. Reimer-Barry said a pro-woman theology of marriage is one that affirms the dignity of women and empowers them to resist violence, describes

marriage as an equal partnership and enables women to seek educational and work opportunities outside of the home. In conclusion, Dr. Reimer-Barry said she has hope for future generations of women and challenges students to recreate cultural ideologies surrounding women.

"What I'm asking us to think about is, can we bring more voices to the table in discussion," Dr. Reimer-Barry said.

"We sort of passively adopt some of these messages about women without thinking them through, and they act on us in ways that we might not even realize consciously."

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## King

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to afford the cost of attendance at Notre Dame. Still, he said he pursued his law degree because he "had no idea what else to do."

"I had no great desire to study law," King said. "I didn't want to be a teacher, I had no math or science ability, and I figured I'd have a job as a lawyer. ... You had very narrow expectations [where I grew up]. ... I didn't know anyone who went to law school, the guy who sat in front of me in grammar school, his brother went to the electric chair. This was not a place where you had high aspirations. Everybody was working class from that area, everybody was Irish or Italian. Nobody's parents had gone to a great amount of school."

"I just wanted to get a job. I never thought what that job could be, but I would have a law degree and would get a good job. But then, going to Notre Dame opened a whole new world to my eyes."

### A broader perspective

Studying law at Notre Dame helped him to determine how his moral principles would shape his approach to modern political issues, King said.

"In almost every class at Notre Dame ... there was a moral dimension," King said. "I don't mean a sanctimonious dimension, but the sense that ... you should show you're on the right side and doing the right thing. ... There is a moral dimension, and also the fact that there is something larger than what you're going through at the moment, something more than just you - larger values that go beyond day-to-day life and immediate gratification."

At Notre Dame, King said he first realized he might be able to translate his interest in politics into a career down the road.

"I was a political junkie since the time I was about 15, 16 years old. I followed it, I read everything about it," King said. "I never thought it was possible [to run for elected office myself], because I just didn't know how you did these things. When I went to Notre Dame, that's when I developed a larger view of the world and began to see what's out there."

In his second year of law school, King said he served as the president of a speaker's forum at the law school called the Gray's Inn. During his work as president, King said he met Roy Cohn, a lawyer famous for his work in the investigations into

Communist activity headed by Senator Joseph McCarthy. Cohn offered him his first job, he said.

"This was a good start for me because it was very controversial, a lot of investigations, and it gave me almost two years of living on the fast track and seeing what goes on," King said.

### Rise of a 'straight-shooter'

King said after two years in Cohn's law firm and a year and a half at another law firm, he moved to Long Island and began to get involved in Republican politics. King served in various capacities in local government, where he said he used his intellectual training at Notre Dame to survive what he called "a number of political life and death struggles."

"I basically developed a reputation as a straight-shooter," King said. "I was on the way out several times, but I survived it, [partly] on account of the training I got and also because I knew I was right. I don't mean that in a self-righteous way, because I'm not that self-righteous, but then in Catholic education you learned a lot about original sin so you didn't think too highly of yourself. I wasn't shocked by the stuff I was seeing [in local politics]."

"I was straight with people even if they weren't being straight with me, and if tough things had to be done they were done."

In 1992, the 3rd district of New York elected King to the House of Representatives, though recent redistricting means he now represents New York's 2nd district.

### Taking a stand

Throughout his eleven terms in the House, King said his time at Notre Dame helped him to balance his duty to fight for his constituents with the need to take an unpopular stance if it becomes morally necessary.

His votes during the

impeachment proceedings of former President Bill Clinton exemplified this willingness to vote with his conscience, King said.

"Even though it's hard to say I made a moral decision with Clinton's impeachment because it violated traditional morality ... I just voted with the Constitution: you don't impeach somebody over something that is essentially personal," King said. "If you're going to apply this test that when a person has an affair he's going to be thrown out of office, that undermines a democracy."

"I was one of only one or two Republicans in Congress who voted against every article of impeachment. I was persona non grata for a while, both within the Republican Party [and within my district], because in those days my district was more Republican than it was now. I didn't know what was going to happen after that, it was a tough fight but it was the right thing to do."

Known in his earlier years in office for his high degree of involvement in the conflicts in Northern Ireland, King said the events of Sept. 11, 2001 irrevocably shifted his focus to national security and counterterrorism efforts.

In Congress, King has been a key figure in the shaping of national security policy, serving as chairman of the Homeland Security Committee in 2005-06 and 2011-12. He now is a member of the Committee and chairman of the Sub-Committee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, and sits on both the Financial Services Committee and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

### Provoking a discussion

King said his desire to contribute to debate on security issues partly motivates his possible presidential run. Building a strong national defense is one

of his top security priorities, he said.

"Now we have people in the [Republican] Party who are well intentioned, but who I think are isolationist, much more willing to withdraw," King said. "And for the next year and a half, I'm talking about Rand Paul and Ted Cruz, ... they're going to be the face of the national Party. Because Christie's not going to be out there, Jeb Bush is going to wait a while, and so when people look at Republican foreign policy they're going to be hearing these guys."

"I think that's very damaging to the Party, very damaging to the country."

During the recent debate in the Senate to pass legislation that would keep the government funded past Sept. 30, Cruz chose to speak for 21 hours in an attempt to filibuster the motion. Cruz cited opposition to President Barack Obama's health care law as the reason for his opposition. King received national media attention for his vocal opposition to Cruz's actions.

King said he called Cruz a "fraud" because he believes the senator's actions constitute "governmental terrorism."

"First of all, we should make every effort to keep the government open," King said. "If we are to negotiate, negotiate on legitimate spending issues ... where there are areas of negotiation. You know the president is not going to defund Obamacare. ... If we're going to repeal it, it should be done the way it was passed. ... The idea of defunding a bill - I'm not aware of this ever happening before. That, to me, is a form of governmental terrorism."

Cruz misled voters by implying that the House vote could defund Obamacare, King said. Cruz's filibuster, less than a week before the possible government shutdown, was an irresponsible "stunt," King said.

"He was selling a bill of goods that he knew to be false, he knew would not succeed," King said. "And yet he made a national crusade out of it, and the government is coming close to a shutdown. I don't know how we let this guy get this kind of power."

During the debt ceiling debate next week, King said he hopes members of Congress come to the table willing to negotiate.

"There are always items that can be negotiated in a budget this size, in a government this large," King said.

His time at Notre Dame strengthened his willingness to be a strong voice in the federal government, King said.

"The main thing for Notre Dame ... [is that] you have to survive and make a living, but that ... you have to add a certain moral dimension to what you're doing, and also to be willing to fall on your sword for an issue," King said.

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## Band

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at the National Championship Game in January.

"The National Championship experience was surreal," Mironovich said. "We were absolutely ready for it; we had some of the best rehearsals of the year. We had the best morning of rehearsal pretty much in [director Dr. Kenneth] Dye's history at Notre Dame. And we put on a fantastic halftime show."

"In terms of the professional product that we put out on the field, on this big stage, we nailed it. We did really, really well."

Talking about performing to 80,000 fans in Notre Dame Stadium left the band leaders at a loss for words.

"I can't," FitzGerald said. "You just can't. It's just total sensory overload."

"It is really indescribable," McMillan said. "It's exhilarating; it's a rush. ... I feel very lucky to get to experience that."

The drum majors said their responsibilities demand much more than performing in the traditional spectacle of football games.

"A lot of times people only see the glamorous aspects of drum majors, especially on game day," Mironovich said. "It's such a humbling position and such a powerless position. You're completely reliant on the respect of the band members."

"If they don't view you as their leader, if they don't want to work for you, the band is going to crash and burn."

The drum majors said their main role is to facilitate dialogue.

"We kind of serve as communicators between directors and the rest of the students," FitzGerald said. "We facilitate rehearsal. We don't run the rehearsal, we just kind of pull it all together."

Mironovich served as an assistant drum major in 2012-2013 but assumed the lead role this year. FitzGerald and McMillan joined him for the first time this season. All three endured a four-month audition process in 2012 that tested their marching, twirling and conducting skills.

"It's like waiting for your college acceptance letters," McMillan said.

Mironovich said auditioning for a second time and for the lead role was a personal journey.

"The second time around, it was extra nerve wracking because I felt a great deal more pressure," Mironovich said. "I felt I had to show how much I had grown. ... I had to prove I

could take it to the next level, go to the next step to be the head drum major."

FitzGerald and McMillan said their motivation for auditioning sprung from a deep love for and commitment to the Band of the Fighting Irish.

"Being able to serve our 380 best friends is such a privilege," FitzGerald said. "Deciding to make that journey, deciding to say, 'Yes, I want to hold myself up to a higher standard because I love band, because I love all the people I get to meet. ... I want to be the one to put in all that extra time and show how much I really deeply care about these people.'"

All three drum majors kicked off their marching careers in

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Betsy FitzGerald  
assistant drum major

high school after learning their instruments in middle school. Mironovich, originally a trumpet player, said he switched to French horn and the mellophone, its mobile equivalent, when he joined the marching band as a sophomore.

"When I was deciding colleges, I just knew music had to be a part of it," Mironovich said. "There was just no other option. I knew for a fact that I had to do marching band. Notre Dame had such a prestigious marching band — very, very traditional. I loved it since Day One."

McMillan said her father is a musician who pushed his daughters to hone their own musical talents.

"He just told each girl in our family that we had to pick a different instrument so we could form a family band," she said. "So I picked flute because it could fit in my backpack and I thought it sounded pretty."

The three seniors said they missed playing their instruments with the band, but Mironovich said he had found his niche with the drum majors.

"I found the right spot for me within the band," he said. "I'm just so blessed to be doing what I'm doing."

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## Mass

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Police and the Notre Dame Fire Department are the hosts and represent the University, and then [they] encourage anyone who wants to participate to come," Harrison said. "Particularly [police and fire personnel] in the region — St. Joseph County and beyond — we try to invite in."

Harrison said the Mass especially honored police officers and firefighters who have passed away in the last year, both in the line of duty and after their retirement.

"We like to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the passing of all the retirees in our 'family,' so to speak," he said.

According to the Notre Dame Fire Department website, the Blue Mass is named for the color of uniforms that many police officers and firefighters nationwide wear. The Mass was first celebrated at Notre Dame as the traditional 'month's mind' Mass for victims of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The Blue Mass continues for them and for the police officers, firefighters and rescue workers who have died while serving and protecting others.

The guest speaker at this year's Blue Mass, George Hernandez, is a firefighter from the Los Angeles County Fire Department and was a member of the United States Forest Service as a hotshot firefighter,

Harrison said. He said hotshot firefighters gained recognition last summer when 19 members of an elite group in Arizona died. "They were out trying to protect property and got caught in what they call a burn-over," Harrison said. "The number of loss of life is particularly astounding. That was a very tragic event for our wildlife community. And see how quickly it has lost focus"

"We like to think that since we are common in cause, we provide an opportunity to

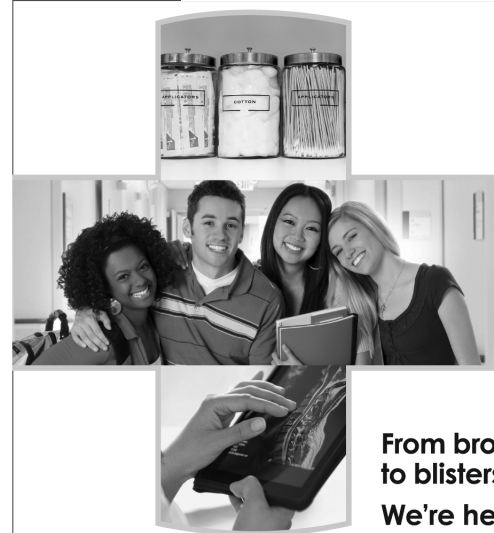
remember [the hotshot crew] and understand the hardships their families are going through without them."

Harrison said he hopes Notre Dame will continue to host an annual Blue Mass.

"It is a somber occasion, but it is meaningful to try and capture that spirit of remembrance, and I think that this is what it's all about," he said.

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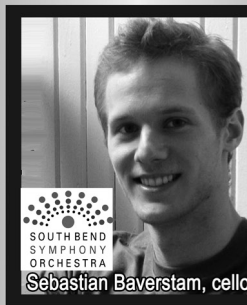
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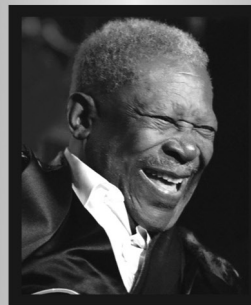
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# CSC sponsors lecture on human dignity

By **EMMA BORNE**  
News Writer

On Thursday, Clemens Sedmak, professor of moral and social theology at King's College in London, spoke on dignity and justice at the annual Center for Social Concerns Fr. Bernie Clark lecture.

The lecture, titled "The Deep Practice of Human Dignity," focused on three key ideas: the concept of human dignity, the concept of integrity and the concept of deep practice.

Sedmak said human dignity is not only a concept, but also a way of life.

"[Human dignity] is a way of

experiencing, a way of thinking and a way of acting," Sedmak said. "Dignity is not only something that can be used as a concept; you need to do it. It needs to have this kind of cash value."

Human dignity is closely related to human integrity, Sedmak said.

"The concept of dignity and integrity are linked because of the focus on vulnerability in both. ... Human dignity needs an understanding of vulnerability," she said. "Vulnerability is important because it violates integrity."

In order to understand others' vulnerability as a concept, Sedmak said, "we have to understand our own vulnerability."

Sedmak said understanding our own vulnerability in turn allows us to practice human dignity, clarifying the third point of his lecture.

Humans need to practice human dignity for the simple reason of being human, Sedmak said.

"The concept of human dignity is command and the command consists in saying: value the human person because she is human," Sedmak said. "And that is where the justification stops."

Even in a difficult circumstance, Sedmak said the practice of human dignity comes with the concept of being whole-hearted.

"Deep practice has these two properties: there are adverse circumstances... and secondly a moment of whole heartedness," Sedmak said. "If you want to appropriate a skill under adverse circumstances, you must be fully motivated."

Though deep practices are not easy, Sedmak said deep practices are essential to human dignity.

"If we want the concept of dignity to have friction we need to appropriate it by way of deep practices," Sedmak said.

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## Fundraiser

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and bracelets at the event and will host a raffle, Sekanick said.

According to the event's Facebook page, raffle prizes include pre-game field passes for Saturday's football game against Oklahoma, men's and women's basketball tickets, basketballs signed by coaches Mike Brey and Muffet McGraw, football tickets, a football signed by Irish coach Brian Kelly and the right to name one of the rowing team's racing boats.

Sekanick said the Erg-a-Thon was born three years ago when tragedy struck the Notre Dame rowing community.

"This event began three years ago after two women close to the heart of the rowing team were directly affected by pancreatic cancer," Sekanick said. "The mothers of Sarah McShane, who is a former rower, and Kassen Delano, who was our academic advisor, both passed away of pancreatic cancer. In 2011, coach Marnie Stahl, hoping to encourage increased participation in service work, proposed the idea of an Erg-a-Thon for pancreatic cancer."

Senior Anna VanEgmond, co-chair for the event with Sekanick, said proceeds from the Erg-a-Thon will benefit the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PCAN) and the Harper Cancer Research Institute (HCRI), a Notre Dame entity that supports undergraduate research on campus.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to impact the work being done by our peers in the Notre Dame College of Science this year, [and] we hope that this relationship with Harper Cancer Institute will continue to grow as the event continues in the following years," VanEgmond said.

Junior team member Victoria Ryan said 80 percent of funds raised will go to the PCAN and 20 percent will support undergraduate research at the HCRI. The College of Science and HCRI both will match the donation the rowing team makes to HCRI.

In its first year in 2011, the Erg-a-Thon raised almost

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Anna VanEgmond  
Erg-a-Thon  
co-chair

\$3,000, and last year, it raised more than \$6,000, according to Ryan.

VanEgmond said the women's rowing team believes it can raise even more money this year for pancreatic cancer research.

"This year we started an online giving site through the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, and due to the generosity of our Notre Dame family, we have already raised over \$3,000 before the event has even begun," VanEgmond said. "This is really a true testament to the spirit of Notre Dame."

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## INSIDE COLUMN

## Miley's shock value



**Ann Marie Jakubowski**  
News Editor

Let's face it — Miley Cyrus was never going to go down in history as one of the world's great lyricists or masterful actresses. The “boom boom clap, boom-de-clap-de-clap” theme of 2009's “Hoedown Throwdown” doesn't scream musical transcendence, and as cute as Hannah Montana was, Humpty Dumpty deserves the monopoly on rhyming first and last names.

But I refuse to believe that the only option she had to stay relevant in the entertainment world was to hone her twerking skills and see just how many people she could shock.

Does anyone really, honestly respect Miley Cyrus anymore? Maybe I'm just out of touch with the true dynamics of pop culture, but I haven't talked to anyone who watched her “Wrecking Ball” video and found the sledgehammer licking to be wrenchingly profound. And I personally found her VMA performance shocking in a horrifying kind of way.

I thought she was gorgeous in the post-Disney, pre-buzz cut days, but now I find the whole image grotesque. I've seen most of the media spectacles, from her “dance” with Robin Thicke at the VMAs to her borderline breakdown during the iHeartRadio performance in Las Vegas, and most of them just make me uncomfortable.

Does that make me a Victorian Age prude? Fine, but to counter that, why is she making it so difficult for me to like these songs? I'll admit it — I don't hate “Wrecking Ball.” And if “We Can't Stop” came on at a party, I wouldn't be upset. Neither is near the top of my all-time favorite list, but while I'm not an educated music critic, I think she sounds pretty good. Too bad that's not nearly enough for me to call myself a fan.

It's true that no one made me watch the videos in question, and whatever subsequent criticism I have can be fairly met with a blunt admonition to just turn off the TV if it bothers me so much. I don't know what, specifically, I want to see from Miley. I have no kernel of truth I think she should take to heart, not that she ever would do so if I did happen to have anything. If I knew what it was like to be an internationally famous pop star trying to break out of my Disney Channel image, I would probably not be here working for The Observer. And I'm confident I wouldn't handle a breakup with Liam Hemsworth all that well either.

If she's trying to be a spectacle, she has succeeded. Maybe there are people who respect her for not “taking nothing from nobody,” like she herself declares she won't. Maybe that's enough for her.

All I have to say is, what on earth happened to Miley and where did all her clothes go? And also, I'd like her a lot better if she were headed in a different direction, pursuing some goal beyond shock value.

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# Changing sexual assault culture

## THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

The Notre Dame student body received an email during the football game against Michigan State on Saturday, informing us of another sexual assault in a North Quad men's residence hall. Distracted, we may have checked our phones, said a quick prayer, clicked “delete” and returned our attention to the game. That's the problem with e-mail — it can easily be ignored, numbing us to the reality of an incident that may represent one of the most traumatic events in someone's life.

In a Letter to the Editor (“Praying for the Irish,” Sept. 23), a student talked about the prayer service student government hosted at the Grotto on Sunday for victims of sexual assault. “Less than two percent of our student body took time to pray together for our brothers and sisters in Notre Dame affected by sexual assault,” she wrote. While prayer is not the only way to deal with troubling issues, the small turnout reflects a casual attitude toward sexual assault on campus.

Approximately one year ago, The Observer Editorial Board wrote an editorial titled “Getting serious about sexual assault.” It called on the student body to move beyond the unfortunately alliterative phrase, “forcible fondling,” which was used in e-mails reporting sexual assaults to the community, and to realize this crime is real and serious.

Has anything changed in a year? The phrase “sexual assault” has replaced “forcible fondling” in the alert e-mails, which hopefully has removed any element of humor from the situation.

This change is positive, but it does not strike at the

root of the problem.

We think there's another answer, a simpler answer. As the student bodies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, we need to realize the only way to begin to eradicate sexual assault on our campuses is to take responsibility for our actions and for how those actions create a standard of conduct in our community.

It's up to us and no one else to change this culture.

If one of us want to progress to a new stage of interaction, we need to take responsibility for getting consent from our partners. You deserve someone who fully consents to be with you, and they deserve to be asked for consent.

Let's consider the reverse of that. You also need to put yourself in a position to give consent. To be clear, sexual assault is never the victim's fault. Still, each of us makes choices that help us to be safe or endanger us — when we drive, when we drink, when we walk alone at night. We need to make decisions that help us to be safe sexually, as well. If you drink, make decisions that enable you to retain control in a situation and to give consent. Make sure you know where your line is and are prepared to draw it. These efforts cannot completely prevent instances of sexual assault, but they will make these crimes less likely to occur.

It's not going to be the wording in an e-mail, a prayer service at the Grotto, freshman orientation programs or vigilant hall staffs that prevent sexual assault on our campuses. Instead, it will be the girl who sees her friend is too drunk leaving a party with a guy and intervenes before the situation escalates. It will be the junior guy who sees a sophomore aggressively pursuing a hook-up and tells him to stop. It will be when we all are active participants, not bystanders, because we see and respect each other as brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of Notre Dame.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Not an isolated event

Unfortunately, the story Bianca Almada tells in “The fight is far from over” (Sept. 25) is not a unique one. It was so nearly identical to the one that occurred at my Lasallian Minnesota high school this summer that I stopped midway through to see who the author was, sure that I would find the name of another alumnus of my high school.

At Totino-Grace High School, our president resigned, allegedly after anonymous sources outted his sexuality. A teacher was fired after blurting out during an all-staff retreat that she was in a relationship with a woman and was happy. She was unveiling the campus ministry's all-school theme, “Make Your Mark,” and reviewing past themes such as “A Place at the Table” and “One Human Family” when she began to stumble through her words, thinking, “How can I ask others to give themselves entirely to the work God calls them to when I couldn't do this myself?” because of her need to hide and deny who she was.

Some of our best and longest-employed teachers at Totino-Grace are homosexual. They don't discuss it in class, you would never see a picture of their spouse, but we're such a tight-knit community that it is just known.

Some have been there since the school was founded in 1966. They worked tirelessly to build the community we enjoy today. And that is the sad part. The community present at Totino-Grace and in Catholic groups across the country is amazingly strong, so much so that while I'm not even Catholic, Totino-Grace and Notre Dame will always hold a large piece of my heart. But it is unbelievably frustrating that something which does so much good for so many people — to the extent that people hide who they are for decades because they love the community so much — cannot allow everyone to participate.

As the daughter of two lawyers, I understand that contracts are contracts. But apply them equally. Fire the divorced and those with children out of wedlock or with homosexual partners. See how many teachers you can find with perfect Catholic pasts. Or, recognize the good people can do despite the sins they have committed.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The only kind of dignity which is genuine is that which is not diminished by the indifference of others.”

**Dag Hammarskjöld**  
Swedish diplomat

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## Choosing exceptionalism

**Matt Miklavic**  
The Maine Idea

From Vladimir Putin's letter in the New York Times to a fervent debate on the equally influential pages of The Observer, words about the existence of American exceptionalism have been flying back and forth.

In an era in which the United States enjoys unprecedented wealth, inordinate power and an unmatched ability to yield both abroad, there seems to be little doubt about whether the United States possesses the capability to be exceptional. Extending beyond quantitative clout, this capability is buoyed by a storied history of democracy's struggle, tragedy and triumph. It is personified in a long line of heroes forever deified in the lore of America. So then, when we debate the current state of American exceptionalism, the question is not whether we can be an exceptional force for good in our world. Rather, it is whether we have chosen to be. Sadly, it often seems as though we have fallen short of fulfilling our promise.

Following more than a decade of

conflict and facing a bloated national debt, many have posited that it is time for the United States to reduce its influence abroad. Pointing to fiascos in Afghanistan and Iraq, they have called for the nation to heed the lessons of our recent past and stop attempting to police or greatly affect the world around us.

True enough, we ought to learn from our mistakes. We must learn the costs of mindless intervention and of invading first and asking questions later. We must also, however, be careful not to put any and all interaction abroad in the same category as our misguided venture into Iraq or the mishandling of Afghanistan. With immense capability as a nation comes an incredible opportunity to positively impact the world around us. This ability brings with it not only the potential to help and protect those most vulnerable, but also an obligation.

We fail to be exceptional when we shrink from this responsibility. We fail to be exceptional when we decry genocide in Rwanda and then sit back and do nothing in Sudan. We fail to be exceptional when we set red lines to protect Syrian civilians, then shirk from them once they are

crossed, only to be rescued by a deal with Russia. We fail to be exceptional when we deem some tyrants acceptable and others an abomination — when we support protests in Libya, Syria and, belatedly, Egypt — while remaining mum on identical efforts in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

To be clear, this is not a call for conflict. Diplomacy is undoubtedly the cheapest and most effective form of engagement. As the deal with Syria, the thawing of relations with Iran and the renewed peace talks between Palestine and Israel all reflect, United States diplomacy and engagement are the essence of the nation's influence abroad. They are the truest displays of American exceptionalism.

Ultimately, our position as the preeminent power on Earth may well be a temporary one. Realistically, all powers eventually decline. Should that be the case, what do we wish our legacy to be? Do we wish to be known as a nation that did what it could to right the wrongs it saw and worked toward the betterment of humanity? Or do we wish to be known as one that stood idly by? If we have some finite measure of power, should it not be

spent in service of something greater than ourselves?

In his 2005 inaugural address, University President Fr. John Jenkins challenged that we “let no one ever again say that we dreamed too small.” Repeated most recently in the latest iteration of the University football commercial, Fr. Jenkins explicitly challenges us to dare greatly, rather than to settle in the unsatisfying no man's land of apathy, a place with what Theodore Roosevelt called “those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

In a world far too connected to withdraw from, in a nation far too capable to stand by weakly, let us endeavor to venture boldly in doing what we know to be right. In our impermanent, fleeting moments of potential, let us live as a nation as we hope to do as individuals. Let us choose to become exceptional.

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## A deep suspicion

**Brian Kaneb**  
Middle East Monitor

Should President Obama and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani shake hands? It was the question of the week. The United Nations General Assembly was coming up, and the two leaders were in the perfect situation for a sign of diplomacy. They were not like their predecessors, who took their invitations as annual opportunities to trump up the differences between the United States and Iran.

Former Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is not only remembered for his argument that Israel “is on a definite slope to collapse,” but also for saying so with so much force that the American delegation walked out on him. President George W. Bush may not have been as blunt, but he must have angered Iran just as much as it angered us when he called it a “threat to civilization” in 2008.

President Obama and President

Rouhani took a step back from this language. They will never talk about how much they love the other country, but at least they have stopped talking about how much they hate it. And in the realm of American-Iranian relations, this is progress.

White House Press Secretary Jay Carney provided evidence of this shift when he noted that “while no meeting is scheduled with President Rouhani, ... we don't rule out that type of engagement.” It was clear he was trying to say, euphemistically, that a meeting was not going to happen.

Yet, there is more to the statement than meets the eyes. The administration did not want Americans to think it was reaching out to Iran — that would be a public relations disaster — but it also did not want Iran to think a meeting was impossible. These signs of rapprochement, along with the fact that President Obama and President Rouhani were scheduled to speak on the same day, led to the media giving much attention to the

potential handshake.

Of course, it never happened. American-Iranian relations often spiral from bad to worse, but they rarely rebound that quickly because “the suspicion runs too deep.” These were the words of President Obama to the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday. They were written to make it seem like he is not part of the game, but he still plays into the distrust.

It may seem honest for President Obama to call on Iran to “meet its responsibilities under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and United Nations Security Council resolutions,” but doing so implies it is already violating these agreements. This is simply not the case. Iran has clearly not complied with every United Nations investigation, but it has made many concessions that are not required under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. One example of this is its willingness to forsake domestic production for an international consortium overseeing the nuclear process.

President Rouhani also made use of the aforementioned suspicion. He seemed taken back by political differences, like “the criminal assassination of Iranian nuclear scientists,” and cultural differences, like the “Islamophobic, Shia-phobic, and Iran-phobic discourses” he supposedly sees in the West. Still, as bad as his tone was in this part of the speech, it was not terrible overall. President Rouhani told President Obama that he “listened carefully” to his words and even mentioned they could “arrive at a framework to manage our differences.” The two leaders are not as opposed to one another in public as their predecessors, but those hoping for a diplomatic dialogue in the near future should not get their hopes up.

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## AARON BRINGS PARTY TO FEVE



By **MATT NIENDORF**  
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Club Feve: usually a place of sweaty bodies, sticky floors and life decisions you find yourself regretting as soon as you hop into the cab back home.

On Thursdays, “Feve” is filled with seniors — because under Indiana State Law, only those who are 21 and older are permitted into drinking establishments — trying to escape the worries of what they will be doing with their lives next year. Tuesday, however, these very seniors came together with the Greater South Bend community — including eager middle-aged women, garish ponytailed men, reluctant (only in expression) boyfriends and plenty of studded pairs of jeans — to forget, just for one night, all of their worries and to step back to a different era, a different age ... the early 2000s.

Aaron Carter, the prodigal son, musically missing for eight years, has at last

returned unto us.

Tuesday night, it was Aaron’s Party in South Bend.

Before Aaron stepped before the crowd of approximately 150 fans, I got the chance to talk to his sister, Bobbie Jean, or BJ, as she insisted on being called.

“This tour is going to re-launch Aaron’s career,” BJ said to me as she explained the details of Aaron’s new solo tour.

The series of shows is hitting college towns all over the country, from Florida to Oregon. Carter is supported by his former backup band, “a real old-school bunch,” BJ explained, adding that the band also helped with Aaron’s forthcoming album, which is set to be released in two months.

After the interview I returned to my balcony seating, usually reserved for those seeking refuge from the suffocating dance floor. On this night, however, it was mostly vacant as everyone was huddled around

the stage, waiting for Aaron.

And oh, how we waited. The doors opened at 6 p.m., and the show was supposed to start around 8 p.m. Well, it was not until about 9:50 p.m. that AC came running up to the stage in a plain black v-neck and tight red jeans.

But for most of the crowd, the wait was well worth it. Carter entered with a thumping “I Want Candy.” The crowd ate it up as they moved even closer to the stage. The hundred or so people cheered most for “That’s How I Beat Shaq” and “Aaron’s Party,” singing along and not missing a word. Carter was all over the performing ground, tossing out T-shirts — onto which he had wiped his sweat — to the screaming girls (and guys). The crowd returned the favor with two bras, a belt and a wallet.

When I was nine, I did not expect to see Aaron Carter twirling around one of my classmates’ bras while belting out one of his earlier

hits. But that was the beauty of this performance. Sure, Aaron dished out his classics like the crowd wanted, but he also introduced new songs, along with covers of “Get Lucky” and “Blurred Lines.” Strangely enough, it all worked as a cohesive show. Perhaps it is because we all expected the Aaron Carter we grew up watching on Nickelodeon. Instead, we got glimpses of our musical past mixed with our present interests and visions of what Aaron sees as his future.

We expected Tuesday night to provide an opportunity to reminisce about our childhoods. Aaron delivered this wish, but perhaps in a different way than we had wanted, singing in a deeper voice and putting on more of a bad-boy persona.

Aaron Carter has changed, is changing and will change. We must, despite our wishes, change with him.

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Scene Writer

There's always a feeling of anticipation when a one-hit wonder drops a new album. It's this little fizz inside you that is so hopeful, wanting another 11 copies of that one song you just couldn't get out of your head. But, let's be honest, one-hit wonders are one-hit wonders for a reason.

This is how you have to approach the Swedish electropop duo Icona Pop's latest album, "This is ... Icona Pop." If one blanket positive statement can be said about the album, it's that the beats and bass are just as catchy as they are in "I Love It." On top of this, the album has "I Love It," and that basically ends the list of what the album has going for it.

The list of The Bad starts off with lyrics. It's obviously a stretch to ask for

meaning from an album under the electropop genre, but when every song just talks about how great partying is, all the motivation I get is to sit down on a couch and read the dictionary to make up for all the education I just lost.

Meanwhile, The Ugly can be summed up with the fourth song on the album, "Ready for the Weekend." Call me a bad music critic, but just to show how bad this song is, I haven't been able to listen to the song all the way through yet.

To paint a cochlear image of this track, imagine the song you hate the most from Skrillex (personally, the un-remixed version of "Kill Everybody"), add a bit more nails on a chalkboard, then autotune the entire song with whatever J. Biebs uses to get his voice so high on recordings. Really, it's that bad. The last 30 seconds are a drawn-out screech of "weekend" (or so I'd assume — the

farthest I've gotten is 15 seconds from the end, when the vocals were still at the "e" in "end").

My best guess as to how this album was put together is this: Icona Pop decided the structure of "I Love It" worked so well that they could just vary the beats per minute and the lyrics, and stick with the same drops and basic beats. They throw in a few slower songs ("All Night," which, surprisingly, is about partying all night), but they take up the same formula: a few lines about partying, pause, cue the hook, pause, and then the drop.

To make the point clear, this isn't an album you want to be caught listening to day-to-day, but to be fair to Icona Pop's audience, the album meshes nicely with partying and clubs. While I listened to the album, I got a few weird stares from people thinking I'm handing out enthusiastic nods, but in reality, I couldn't

listen to any of the songs without moving at least three parts of my body to the beat. Like a good dance song, the lyrics don't try to get anything done, unlike some of the Avicii (I'm looking at you, "Wake Me Up") and Calvin Harris beats playing, where all you can really do is sing along with feigned excitement and hope you can pull out the moves you were practicing in front of the mirror a few hours earlier.

So, if you want to pull ahead of your friends on the dance floor, listen to the album and think what you can bust out once it hits Feve. If you're not big on the whole electropop scene, skip "This is ... Icona Pop" and shelve the group next to Vanilla Ice on the list of one-hits who really, really did have potential.

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# THE KICKBACK



**Andrew Gastelum**  
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Along with my friend in the streets, Viewpoint Editor Dan Brombach, I was disappointed, or at least underwhelmed, by Drake's "Nothing Was the Same" (where almost everything actually sounded the same). To fill the void of my expectation, I went in search of something fresh.

But the truth is, I didn't have to go far at all. In fact, I didn't even have to leave the realm of Drake. The Toronto native and former Degrassi star's label, October's Very Own (OVO), made its first signing earlier this year in fellow Canadian Jahron Brathwaite, better known as PARTYNEXTDOOR.

With his self-titled debut release, PARTYNEXTDOOR engulfs you in a dreamy, party-going journey as if you're the ones seeing all these

things yourself. The 20-year-old artist and producer mixes the rap/sing blend of his new boss, the enigmatic ambiguity of Frank Ocean, the catchy tone of Miguel, and the mystery and subtle darkness of The Weeknd to craft his own niche.

And all of this is evident from top to bottom, with 10 songs that only last 29 minutes. However, if Frank Ocean and Miguel are rated PG-13, PARTYNEXTDOOR is definitely rated R for anything and everything. Yet, somehow, however crude and direct the lyrics may be, you find yourself nodding along and grooving to the most overt of melodies, as if "I may be slightly offended and shocked by what this dude said, but it sounds incredible and I just don't care."

The first two tracks set the tone for what to expect, but then the release fully blossoms from there. "Relax

With Me" and "Right Now" will have you in a trance in a matter of seconds. Following that comes "Make A Mil," the first single released by PARTYNEXTDOOR under OVO. The melody starts with subtle horns and slowly builds with high-hats, basslines and the soothing tone of Brathwaite that becomes something special.

Meanwhile, "Tbh" will probably leave you feeling like you just heard a younger Drake sing off "Thank Me Later," while "Wus Good Curious" wins the award for "shocking words you probably never thought you would hear out loud in that order," yet it will have you swaying in no time.

But the project's real shining moment is "Over Here," featuring Drake. If there is one song you should undoubtedly listen to, it's right here. "Over Here" is the kind of song that should have been

in "Nothing Was the Same." It has the right mix of harmonic subtlety, catchy hook-crooning and storytelling rap that made Drake famous.

"PARTYNEXTDOOR" is certainly something you shouldn't listen to with a professor or your parents or if you're trying to impress others outside Howard Street Food Mart, but it's a highly addictive flourish of 808s, bouncy melodies and pure jams that is just what the doc ordered.

If Drake's "Nothing Was the Same" is a kick back, then "PARTYNEXTDOOR" is exactly what it sounds like. Fear not, my fellow audio archaeologists — just say you're going to the bathroom and hop the fence to join in on the festivities.

*-Ch. H. H.*



## "PARTYNEXTDOOR"

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## SPORTSAUTHORITY

# Arsenal shoots for the stars



**Isaac Lorton**  
Sports Writer

Arsenal is gunning for the top.

For those of you who do not care about soccer, you should. For those of you who care about soccer, you should pay attention. For those of you who follow the English Premier League, you should take a seat.

Because the Arsenal Gunners will win the English Premier League.

Yes, you heard it here: after five games of the season, I am predicting Arsenal will return to the top of the tables and will put an end to its silverware drought.

Now, I know what you are saying (or trying to say through fits of self-righteous laughter and exaggerated eye rolls). The Gunners have not won the title since 2004. In recent years, they have been like a B-list actor — always trying to recreate that one shining moment of a career. Arsenal is the Ben Affleck of the EPL. They hang around the top teams but are not quite good enough to break through to get that Oscar nod (I understand that Affleck has won an Oscar, but not as an actor).

Yes, they are hanging around third or fourth or fifth place every year, but they do not have what it takes anymore to be the top team. Yes, they are rich, but what does all of that money have to show for it? Yes, they have won before, but quit living in the past.

And to all of that, I say, you're wrong. Something is different with this Arsenal club.

Arsenal currently sits atop the EPL with a 4-0-1 record. It is early in the season and the team has yet to play Manchester United, Manchester City or Chelsea, but Arsenal did have a solid 1-0 win over a hot Tottenham Hotspur Club.

Right now, the Gunners are playing as a team. Since the 2003-2004 season, Arsenal has not seemed to have the depth or chemistry of the top team in England. Granted, in the 2004 season, they had Thierry Henry, but there was a whole team aspect to each and every game. The Gunners have had their share of difference makers, like Cesc Fabregas and Robin van Persie, but something didn't click. Fabregas left for his home-country, Spain, to play with Barcelona, and van Persie did not resign and left for Manchester

United, believing Arsenal was not doing enough to get more marquee players to make a championship run.

Maybe Arsenal didn't do enough, but maybe marquee players weren't what the squad needed. Maybe it needed team players instead, and Arsenal has gone out and gotten them.

Through a combination of young guns and veterans, the Gunners have come out of the gates with intent at the top.

After RVP's departure, they picked up assist-master Mesut Ozil from Real Madrid and goal-minded midfielder Lukas Podolski from Bayern Munich, and Olivier Giroud stepped into the role of primary striker. Arsenal has played youngsters, like 20-year-olds Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and Thomas Eisfeld, in the midfield, and 17-year-old Chuba Akpom up top. Eisfeld scored the sole goal and Akpom put home one of the winning penalty kicks Wednesday against West Brom, as Arsenal advanced in the Capital One Cup.

The young guys are grounded by veteran players, like defenders Per Mertesacker and captain Thomas Vermaelen, forward Theo Walcott, and midfielder and vice-captain Mikel Arteta.

Overall, it looks as if a team is out on the field with everyone contributing, rather than one or two guys doing the work.

And despite recent short-term injuries to Podolski, Arteta and midfielder Jack Wilshere, the Gunners are holding it together and finding ways to win. In previous years, key players going down like this would have caused Arsenal to slide in the table, but others are stepping up.

Take, for example, midfielder Aaron Ramsey. Ramsey had been written off by many as a mediocre player, but he has seven goals in eight appearances with Arsenal so far this season.

It is this grittiness, determination and perseverance which will put Arsenal back on top of the English Premier League and put an end to its silverware drought.

I am no longer looking at the past; I am looking at right now and at the future because Arsenal has established itself as a contender.

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## MEN'S INTERHALL

# Mod Quad fights for Cup

By ALEX CARSON  
Sports Writer

It's the start of Flanner Cup Week for rivals Knott and Siegfried, but the two teams are looking at Sunday's game in different ways.

"We don't put an extra emphasis on the game," Knott (0-1) senior captain James Hodgens said. "We take every game equally."

However, the Ramblers (1-0) are taking a different approach in the build-up to Sunday's game, senior captain John Moore said.

"This game is pretty important to us," Moore said. "It's not just another game for us, and as the start of Flanner Cup Week, we take it really seriously. [Knott] beat us for the first time in around a decade last year, so we're ready to get out there and redeem ourselves."

The Juggerknotts fell 3-0 last week to Alumni, but Hodgens said he saw many positives in the loss.

"We played really well on both sides of the ball, and I was really proud of our young team to start the year," Hodgens said.

Hodgens said junior quarterback David Taiclet and freshman defensive lineman Steven Wyatt played well in last week's game.

"We're working on getting more familiar with our scheme this week, and we plan on using our running backs more, especially talented freshman Luke Joseph," Hodgens said.

Knott and Siegfried will renew their rivalry Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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## O'Neill vs. Stanford

By CHRISTINA KOCHANSKI  
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After losing their respective opening season games, O'Neill and Stanford look to earn their first victories when they square off Sunday.

Senior quarterback Brandon Boldt throws for the Angry Mob (0-1-0), and junior Ryan Prom leads the offense of the Griffins (0-1-0).

Freshman players have been crucial in the early part of the season. O'Neill starts three freshmen, and the Griffins have also put their newcomers into key roles. Stanford senior captain Ruben Carrion said he believes his team's freshmen have transitioned smoothly onto the team.

"The freshmen have been

great," Carrion said. "I know my freshman year there was a steep learning curve, but they've shown that they belong on the field."

O'Neill senior captain, linebacker and running back Donghoon Lee expects defense to be the critical factor of the game.

"I'm expecting a tight defensive battle," Lee said. "[The Griffins] are a division rival and we play them every year. They're a tough, hard-nosed team."

Stanford's loss was made all the more painful thanks to the tight margin of defeat, Carrion said.

"We only lost by three on Sunday, and we were disappointed with the outcome, so we're definitely looking to ... come out with the win this Sunday," Carrion said.

The Angry Mob and the Griffins will try to even up their season records when they battle Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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## Fisher vs. Sorin

By BRIAN PLAMONDON  
Sports Writer

Sorin looks to open its season with a victory Sunday against Fisher, who is also searching for its first win.

The Otters (0-0) will face a Green Wave (0-0-1) squad looking to improve its red-zone offense. Junior captain Matthew Nagy said he liked what he saw from the Fisher offense in its 3-3 tie with Carroll, with the exception of its goal-line play.

"We got to the 1-yard line twice and only came away with a field goal," Nagy said.

Nagy said the Green Wave offense has a variety of options, including senior dual-threat quarterback Joe "Hundo" Paggi.

"[Paggi] had a pretty good first game," Nagy said. "He can still improve a little in taking charge of the offense and calling plays."

Fisher consists of predominantly juniors and seniors, and has a strong defense.

For Sorin seniors, this season presents one last shot at the glory of another Interhall Championship. The Otters won the championship three years ago but were defeated in the championship game each of the past two seasons.

Although it returned roughly half its roster, Sorin will move forward without the quarterback who led them to three straight

championship appearances, Ted Spinelli. The team will rely on senior captain and defensive lineman Dan Yi to lead the defense and maintain the Otters' historically strong standard of play.

The Green Wave and the Otters will meet Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Riehle Field.

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## Dillon vs. Keough

By RENEE GRIFFIN  
Sports Writer

Dillon and Keough will face off Sunday in what promises to be a defensive battle.

The Big Red (1-0) hope to keep their momentum going, while the Kangaroos (0-0) will try to start off strong in their first game of the year.

Defense should be a major factor in the game, Dillon senior captain Nate Steele said, as the Big Red beat Stanford 3-0 last week. Steele said his team can keep up its strong play due to a good mix of experience and young talent in his front seven.

"We played good defense last week and I see no reason for our defensive success not to continue," Steele said. "We've got two freshmen linebackers who have really stepped up, and an all-upperclassmen front four."

Keough senior captain Seamus Donegan said the Kangaroos' defense should be solid as well.

"It's hard to say at this point what our biggest strength will be because we haven't played, but I think our speed will be helpful, especially on defense," Donegan said. "If we can stop people on defense, it makes the offense's job a lot easier."

Being a game behind Dillon may make Keough's task more difficult, Donegan said, but he is optimistic that his team can still prevail.

"I think the first game is the toughest, so it's another obstacle for us to overcome," Donegan said. "We get to use the extra week as more preparation, though, so what we lack in game experience we make up for mentally."

Keough and Dillon will kick off Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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### Alumni vs. Duncan

By EVAN ANDERSON  
Sports Writer

Alumni looks to notch another shutout this Sunday against Duncan, who aims to start off

strong after a Week One bye.

The Dawgs (1-0-0) dispatched Knott 3-0 last weekend on a field goal in the final minute. Senior receiver and captain Jeffrey Kraemer said he expects a better performance on both sides of the ball this weekend, particularly offensively.

"We have to give [sophomore quarterback Trevor Hurley] more time to throw, and we missed some assignments in the run game," Kraemer said. "I think having a game under our belts will be an advantage. ... Hopefully, we've worked out the kinks by now."

Duncan (0-0-0) has not yet had that opportunity to play, but junior captain and center Alan Keck said the team's practice sessions were strong and he hoped a pre-season focus on discipline would help the Highlanders avoid typical first-game hiccups.

In particular, Keck said he was optimistic that his team would run the ball effectively on Sunday behind the running back tandem of junior Eric Krakowiak and freshman Carter Bench.

"Krakowiak was probably our No. One player last year, and we expect that he will have a strong year again," Keck said. "We've also been very impressed with [Bench]. He's shown the skills necessary to be a force for us."

The Highlanders and Dawgs will battle Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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### St. Edward's vs. Carroll

By ALEXANDRA LANE  
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With the first game of the season in the books for each team, St. Edward's and Carroll both have a lot to play for Sunday.

St. Edward's (1-0) had a successful opening week, beating Zahm 15-6. Although they came out victorious, senior defensive end Jon Chepkevich broke his jaw during the action. The team will play this week's game in his honor, senior co-captain Andrew Blonigan said.

After he saw what the team had to offer last week, Blonigan said he is excited for the team this season.

"They have a lot of grit," Blonigan said. "These guys were born to fight, and that's what they do for us out on the field."

The Vermin (0-0-1) are looking to improve on their tie with Fisher in their opening game. Their defense held the Green Wave to just three points, but their offense was unable to capitalize and managed only a field goal.

Senior co-captain Mike Russell said Carroll must improve its ball control against St. Edward's.

"The focus of this game will be to limit turnovers," Russell said. "We had a couple costly turnovers in our first game. If we limit those on offense, I think we would have a really good chance to win."

St. Edward's and Carroll will match up Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Riehle Field.

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## SMC SOCCER

# Belles face Olivet

By A.J. GODEAUX

Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will face Olivet on Saturday after coming off three straight overtime draws.

After tying the preseason MIAA favorites Calvin and Hope, 0-0 and 1-1, respectively, the Belles (2-4-3, 0-2-3 MIAA) had to come back twice to scrape out a 2-2 draw against Albion. Now, Belles coach Mike Joyce said the Belles must turn their attention to the Comets (5-3-0, 2-3-0), who are coming off a 4-3 overtime conference win against Trine on Tuesday.

"Olivet is always a physical team," Joyce said. "We'll have to make sure we're up to that challenge, especially their intensity."

In order to come away with their first conference win of the season, Joyce said the Belles will have to be more consistent offensively. Junior forward Kelly Wilson, sophomore midfielder Maggie McLaughlin and freshman forward Rosie Biehl are tied for the team-lead with two goals, but no Belles are currently in the top 10 in the MIAA in goals, assists or points.

"We haven't scored a ton of goals lately," Joyce said. "We've had a lot of contributors, but haven't had that one or two players who have found that scoring zone to rely on. ... Sometimes these [droughts] snowball, so we're hoping someone gets on a run."

Joyce said the Belles will need another strong performance from junior goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum, who was named MIAA defensive player of the week last week after a 12-save shutout against Calvin. She followed that up with a two-save performance against Hope and then came off the bench in the second half to hold Albion scoreless for the final 65 minutes. However, Joyce said because the Belles are coming off three straight draws, their main focus is on staying determined on offense.

"Chanler's on top of her game," Joyce said. "But we need to push through and find a way to score. ... We have a talented team across the board, and plenty of people can score."

As much as the Belles hope the matchup with Olivet doesn't result in a nail-biter, Joyce said the team would be ready if the Belles found themselves in another overtime matchup.

"We'd love to win it in regulation, hopefully avoid another overtime game," Joyce said. "But if [overtime] comes again, we'll be in a comfortable setting and at home. I don't think we'll see another tie this week."

The Belles and Olivet take the field Saturday at noon at Saint Mary's.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Irish to start ITA All-American Championships

By **AARON SANT-MILLER**  
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Beginning this weekend and continuing through the end of next week, four Notre Dame players will compete in the ITA All-American Championships.

On Saturday and Sunday, the athletes will compete in a series of prequalifying matches. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the ITA All-American Championships will continue with the qualifying events. Starting next Thursday, the top performers and top-ranked players will compete in the main event, which will conclude Oct. 6.

"It's a pretty unique tournament," Irish coach Ryan Sachire said. "I make the analogy that it's like the US Open for golf, where virtually anybody can play and anybody can win it."

On Saturday, sophomore Eric Schnurrenburger and senior Ryan Bandy will compete in the prequalifying round. If they win all four weekend events, they will advance to the qualifying round, where sophomore Quentin Monaghan, who placed into the qualifying round due to his top-100 national ranking, would join them.

The winners of the three qualifying rounds will join senior Greg Andrews on Thursday in the main event with a shot at winning it all. Andrews was able to place into the main event due to his No. 31 national ranking.

"This isn't really a team event; it's purely individual-based," Sachire said. "Each guy goes in and plays his own tournament. Realistically, the better our individual players do, the better our team is going to be, as it gives our players confidence and makes them better."

Sachire said there are specific things the coaching staff is looking for out of these four players.

"In this case, we're looking for consistency of performance," he said. "All of them have shown, throughout their careers, the

ability to win big matches and beat some of the best players in the country. Our season is a marathon; it's not a sprint. Honestly, more than anything, we want them to continue their development and continue to improve on their consistency."

Though their season officially kicked off Sept. 13, Notre Dame continues to make changes to its staff. On Wednesday, the team announced the addition of volunteer assistant coach Cris James to the coaching staff. The former Illinois State head coach earned recognition as the Missouri Valley Coach of the Year in 2010 after leading the Redbirds to the regular-season conference championship.

"The thought and logic behind the move is pretty simple," Sachire said. "[James] is one of the best coaches in the country. He is a coach that I've always had a great relationship with personally, and I think the world of him professionally. His role for us will be just like mine and that of [assistant coach Adam Schaechterle]: he's a coach."

For Sachire, the move not only brings in a talented coach but also one who can complement those already on staff and help the team achieve its goals.

"My mindset in assembling our staff is to bring in the best coaches possible," Sachire said. "There isn't a whole lot of ego in our room as far as title or anything like that. We all respect each other and have the same goal in mind, which is to elevate our program and one day win a national championship."

"Certainly, we believe in each other, we feel like we can help each other and we believe each of us adds elements to the program that help us get there."

The prequalifying round of the ITA All-American Championships will begin Saturday and continue through Oct. 6 in Tulsa, Okla.

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## M Soccer

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realistically, if we could score one more than them, that's the objective for this moment."

Notre Dame has taken 112 shots this season, more than double the total for its opponents, but the Irish have converted only 10 of those chances into goals. Seven of those 10 goals have come in the first period of games.

The Irish have to work on scoring consistently, whether it's early or late in the game, Clark said.

"I think last year it was the opposite," he said. "We scored a lot more goals in the second period. I don't really care when we score, as long as we score them. I just want to see us scoring goals. That's the main

thing."

Last Friday, the Irish played Boston College in Newton, Mass., in front of 2,000 fans. The crowd helped provide a competitive atmosphere, and Clark said he hoped Notre Dame fans can do the same for the Irish at home for the key ACC matchup with Duke.

"We're hoping for a big turnout on Friday night, and I think there should be a good crowd," Clark said. "A lot of alumni are coming out. It's a good game and I hope our students come out, too. The students stand behind the goals and I think our players respond well to that."

Notre Dame and Duke clash Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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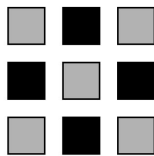
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# Notre Dame opens ACC slate

By **CONOR KELLY**  
Sports Writer

After four preseason tournaments spanning a month, the Irish begin their inaugural season in the ACC as they travel to North Carolina and North Carolina State for games Friday and Sunday.

With Notre Dame at 6-5 heading into conference play, Irish coach Debbie Brown said her team is ready for new challenges.

"We're very much excited," Brown said. "We're jumping in with two feet, playing North Carolina, the top team in the conference, right away. We're looking forward to new environments and playing new teams."

The Tar Heels will be one of the most formidable opponents the Irish face all year, having dropped just four sets on their way to a 9-0 record. Led by Serbian graduate student outside hitter Jovana Bjelica's 118 kills, North Carolina has hit an outstanding .254 on the year.

"The biggest thing for UNC is that they're not making unforced errors, and they're forcing their opponents into making them," Brown said. "They have good defense, a balanced offense and great chemistry. They're not just relying on one person to kill you."

The Irish faced the Tar Heels in their first match of the

season at the Blue Raider Bash in Murfreesboro, Tenn., falling 3-0. The Irish managed just 15 points in each set on their way to being swept, but Brown said her team is playing much better than they were at the beginning of the year.

"Even in our two losses last weekend [to Georgia and Kansas], we've been playing way better and reducing unforced errors," Brown said. "The way we played against UNC the first time and how we'll play them now are different."

The Irish have struggled with unforced errors early in the year, leading to a .209 hitting percentage.

On Sunday, Notre Dame will travel down Tobacco Road for a matchup with North Carolina State. The Wolfpack (9-4) played in-state rival North Carolina on Wednesday, falling 3-0.

"NC State will be a very good team," Brown said. "They were in the NCAA tournament last year and have lots of returners back. Even though they lost to UNC, they were up in every set. It will be a tough test."

The Irish begin their inaugural ACC season today at 7 p.m. at Carmichael Arena in Chapel Hill, N.C., before they head to Raleigh to play NC State on Sunday.

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## Walsh

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receiver Stephanie Peterson and junior running back Claire Kozlowski to stand out on offense.

"We used a heavy passing attack in our first game, but are hoping to mix it up more in the next game," Lynch said.

The Ducks and Babes kick off Monday at 10 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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### Walsh vs. Welsh Family

By **BRIAN PLAMONDON**  
Sports Writer

Two games into the season, both Walsh and Welsh Family will try to remedy sputtering offenses when they go head-to-head on Monday.

The Wild Women (0-2) have yet to put up a point this season, and junior captain Maggie Fisher said they are working in practice to change that against the Whirlwinds (0-2).

Fisher said she attributes the team's early struggles to a wealth of freshmen and only a few returning players, but will look for more continuity from the team in week two.

"We need to work on the quarterback connecting with receivers," Fisher said.

She highlighted junior running back Kathleen Brown as a player to watch on offense.

"She is our most athletic player," Fisher said. "She's a game changer."

Welsh Family's offense has been slow out of the gate as well, putting up six points between its first two contests against Howard and Pangborn.

Senior captain Carissa Henke said part of the Whirlwinds' struggles is due to a quarterback situation that has not been stabilized.

"There have been a couple of quarterbacks that have played so far," Henke said. "A few people have been gone, so we'll see who can make it on Monday and we'll go from there."

Henke said she would look for junior receiver Natalie Branch to step up and help get the offense going once the quarterback situation is resolved.

"We are looking to get some more rhythm and open up to the pass more," she said.

Walsh and Welsh Family will face off Monday at 10 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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# Hot Phox offense looking to torch Babes

*Howard to face Walsh; McGlinn, Welsh Family try for first wins; Cavanaugh prepares for Lewis*

By **CASEY KARNES**  
Sports Writer

Breen-Phillips opens its season Sunday with a tough matchup against undefeated Pangborn.

The Babes (0-0) are fresh off a bye week, while the Phoxes (2-0) opened their season with a pair of blowout victories. They opened their season with a 28-0 victory over Walsh on Sunday and dominated Welsh Family, 24-0, on Monday.

With a defense that has yet to allow a point and a potent offense, senior captain and offensive lineman Mary Kate Veselik said she is impressed with her team so far but still sees room for improvement.

"I think we performed very well last week," Veselik said. "We knew what we wanted to do, and we went out and executed that. I think the one area that we can improve on is hitting the open girl on our offense routes."

The Phoxes have been sharing quarterbacking duties this season between juniors Caitlin Gargan and Liz Quinn. Gargan has impressed her teammates thus far with both her legs and arm, but Veselik believes Quinn and a young receiving corps will be this week's standout players.

"I think ... Quinn will have a breakout game," Veselik said. "We have been splitting quarterback duties this season, but this weekend I think Liz will shine. Freshman receivers Anne Arnason and Heather Lystad are also looking to have big games this weekend."

Facing down the potent Pangborn offense will be the Babes' untested defense, led by senior linebacker Monica McNerney.

Breen-Phillips will be looking to bounce back from a 1-5 season that left it on the outside of the playoffs looking in last fall. Senior captain Molly Toner says her team is playing to utilize its running game more and is excited for its first game of the season.

"We plan to run it more," Toner said. "Should be a fun weekend ahead."

The Babes will attempt to run to victory over the Phoxes on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the LaBar Practice Complex.

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## Howard vs. Walsh

By **REBECCA ROGALSKI**  
Sports Writer

Howard and Walsh look to secure a victory in their head-to-head matchup Sunday.

The Ducks (1-0) opened the season Sunday with a 13-6 win over Welsh Family. The Wild Women (0-2), alternatively, hope to earn their first victory after a 28-0 loss to Pangborn on Sunday and a 23-0 loss to Ryan on Monday.

During this week's practice,

Walsh's junior captain Maggie Fisher said she encouraged her team to keep the faith.

"The biggest issues we face so far are not being able to score and not having a solid quarterback-receiver connection," Fisher said. "We get some good drives but never seem to capitalize. Our team is also very young. We have a lot of new players joining who have never played, so we're trying to get everyone accustomed to the game."

Howard looks to find success in its offense. Ducks sophomore quarterback Stephanie Peterson said she strives to keep improving the offense but mentioned a few areas where the team can step up.

"Our defensive players need to be more aware of where the ball is, exploiting the offense at any chance it gets," Peterson said. "If our players know their routes better, I believe that they will be ready for whatever situation is thrown at them."

Howard and Walsh will clash Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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## McGlinn vs. Welsh Family

By **CORNELIUS McGRATH**  
Sports Writer

With two teams looking to rebound, McGlinn versus Welsh Family promises to be an intense and exciting game as both teams battle it out in search of their first win of the season Sunday.

After a tough 40-0 loss to Ryan, McGlinn (0-1) hopes to strengthen its offense by reassessing the quarterback situation.

"Throughout the game, we had three girls switching in and out of [quarterback] which did not work out," Shamrocks senior captain and receiver Tara Crown

said. "I feel that we will better off focusing on just one or two [quarterbacks] and then helping the other girls develop into their positions"

Crown said she is not worried about reigning champion McGlinn's slow start to the season since the team has lots of athletic ability which she plans

to utilize.

"This loss was certainly a wakeup call, but we have plenty of athletic ability that will allow us to bounce back and I believe that it will be easier for our girls to play as the underdogs," Crown said.

Welsh Family senior captain and linebacker Carissa Henke

said she thinks the Whirlwinds (0-2) need to improve in many areas if they want to get their first win this weekend against the Shamrocks.

"We still have plenty of work to do on both sides of the ball if we want to challenge the top teams,"

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## McGlinn

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Henke said.

The Welsh Family squad includes only seven returners from last year, and Henke said the team will look toward junior receiver Natalie Branch to step up and lead from the front.

"We definitely lack experience, but I am confident that our big players such as Natalie can bring belief and strength to the side, especially our offense," Henke said. "Hopefully we can show our

West Quad rivals exactly who the Whirlwinds are."

The Whirlwinds will battle the Shamrocks on Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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### Cavanaugh vs. Lewis

**By MEGAN WINKEL**  
Sports Writer

As the season is underway, Cavanaugh and Lewis face off Sunday, each with different levels

of practice and game experience.

Although the Chaos (1-1) lost their first game against Pasquerilla West last Sunday, they turned it around with a win over Badin on Tuesday. Senior captain Meaghan Ayers said they plan to continue their success by beating Lewis.

"The second time around our team was less intimidated by the fact that they had been on the field and in a game situation before," Ayers said. "Our offense made good catches and throws and our defense was really strong. It also allowed us an opportunity to get used to playing with each other."

That is one opportunity that Lewis (0-0) has not had, because it has not started its season. With two games under their belts, the Chaos might seem like an intimidating first opponent to the Chicks, but Lewis senior captain Colleen Haller said she believes her team may still have the upper hand going into this game.

"It could've been helpful to have already played a game, but because we did not have one, we were able to have extra practice time where we taught freshmen more about the game to get them started on the right foot," she said. "More practice time could definitely work to our advantage in this upcoming game."

Haller said Lewis looks forward to using what it has practiced in the game against Cavanaugh, as well as the rest of the upcoming season.

"If we carry out the basics we worked on in practices, we have a good chance against Cavanaugh and a lot of the teams this season," Haller said.

Lewis and Cavanaugh face off at 5 p.m. Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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### Pasquerilla West vs. Lyons

**By ZACH KLONSINSKI**  
Sports Writer

It will be a showdown of two undefeated teams featuring high-powered offenses and stingy defenses when Pasquerilla West and Lyons match up Sunday afternoon.

The Weasels (2-0) came up with a dominating defensive performance last Sunday against rival Cavanaugh in a 6-0 win, followed up by a 27-7 win over neighbor Pasquerilla East on Tuesday evening.

Senior quarterback and co-captain Rachel Rogers had the only score of the game for either team against Cavanaugh — a rushing touchdown — but said she is excited to watch her young receivers continue to develop as they learn the system.

"We're kind of starting out from scratch, and it's getting a lot better," Rogers said. "We only did score six points, so we're looking to ... convert, especially with the defense getting us such good field position."

The Lions (1-0) trounced Badin in their first game 32-7 behind the arm of freshman quarterback Kristen Lombardo and the defense of freshman safety Taylor Sears, who had three interceptions in the game, including one she ran back for a score.

"Kristen had a lot thrown at her and she just took care of it," Lyons senior captain and receiver Christina Bramanti said. "Taylor had three interceptions ... She was our player of the game, there's no question about it."

Bramanti knows her team faces a challenge ahead as it prepares for Pasquerilla West.

"We had one defense for the first game," she said. "We're going to work on that; we're going to have a couple more defenses in there."

One team will leave with an unblemished record and the other with a loss in Sunday's game at 6 p.m. at LaBar.

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### Badin vs. Farley

**By MANNY DE JESUS**  
Sports Writer

In the second week of the flag football season, both Badin and Farley look to win their first game when they take the field this Sunday.

Both teams struggled offensively in their season-opening losses. They only managed to score one touchdown each, but captains from Badin (0-2) and Farley (0-1) said they expect to turn their offenses around and make an impact in week two.

"We've had two practices so far, and we've been trying to integrate more complexity in our offense teaching the younger players how [the offense] works," Badin sophomore captain and quarterback Kristina Techar

said.

Techar said the team is excited to get on the field and compete to its potential against Farley. The majority of the Bullfrogs were not able to play the first game due to exams.

"I'm not exactly sure how we'll do, but I'll expect more aggression, intensity and fluidity on the team this Sunday," Techar said.

Farley senior captain and receiver Lauren Ladowski said the Finest hope to match their defensive effort from Sunday to their offense against Badin.

"We're looking to get the ball downfield and make bigger plays than we did [last week]," she said. "Our defense did great in the first half, but we have to be able to keep that throughout the second half, as well."

Farley went blow for blow against Pasquerilla East last week during the first half, but then made defensive mistakes in the second half that cost it the win.

"I'm expecting everyone to show up and play [against Badin]," Ladowski said. "We didn't play to our greatest potential Sunday, so hopefully our great practices so far are a good indication of how we play Sunday."

Badin and Farley will battle for their first win of the season Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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### Howard vs. Breen-Phillips

**By JOSH DULANY**  
Sports Writer

Breen-Phillips and Howard are set for a hard-fought battle in Monday's second-week matchup.

Howard coach Matt Lynch said the Ducks (1-0) are confident the momentum from their 13-6 victory over Welsh Family will carry into their game with Breen-Phillips (0-0), which will start its season this weekend.

"The defense was really solid and the offense was very efficient," Lynch said. "If we keep executing, I like our chances against anybody."

Lynch said the make-up of his team on the field should lead them to victories throughout the season.

"We are well-balanced from seniors down to freshmen," he said. "We have both experience and excitement."

On the other side, Babes senior captain Molly Toner said Breen-Phillips would look to senior linebacker Monica McNeerney for leadership.

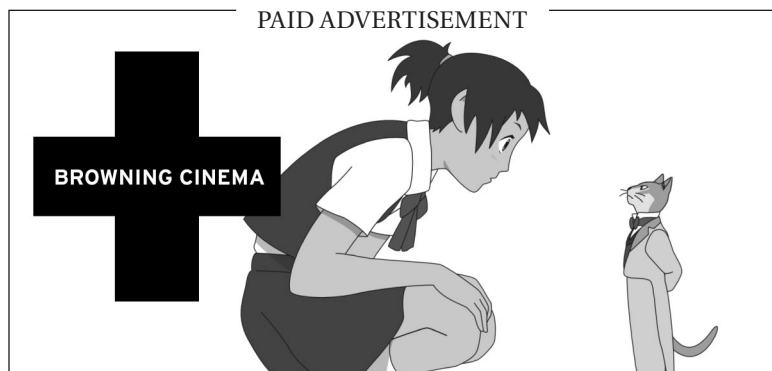
"Monica's played the position for four years so she knows what to do and should help the rest of the defense learn quickly," Toner said.

She also said the Babes plan to mainly run the ball on offense in their opening game.

Senior captain Clare Robinson leads Howard at quarterback and middle linebacker. Lynch said to also look for sophomore

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pressure on the second let me just walk it in again."

After a first half hour in which Maryland's defense kept the Irish out of the attacking third, Bohaboy fed a wide-open Roccaro a pinpoint cross for the easy goal in the 32nd minute.

Bohaboy and Roccaro combined again in the 55th minute to trap a poor clearance by the Terrapin defense, which Roccaro then slotted into the bottom right corner of the net to extend the Irish lead to 3-0.

Roccaro's hat trick was completed five minutes later, when junior forward Karin Simonian chipped a ball to the center of the box, where Roccaro collided with Terrapin sophomore goalkeeper Rachele Beanlands eight yards from the goal. The ball squirted loose and into the net, giving Roccaro her first career hat trick.

"Roccaro, Simonian and Bohaboy were fantastic in starting the offense for us," Waldrum said. "The front line set the tone right off the bat today."

Sophomore forwards Crystal Thomas and Anna Maria Gilbertson also scored for the Irish. Thomas's goal came with just six seconds left in the first half, giving Notre Dame a 2-0 lead. Gilbertson ended the night's offensive deluge in the 78th minute with a scorching, curling shot from 20 yards out into the upper left hand corner of

the net.

Defensively, the Irish had another strong performance, posting their second straight shutout and shutting down Maryland's top two scorers, senior forward Hayley Brock and sophomore midfielder Ashley Spivey. Neither Spivey or Brock managed a single shot.

"Defensively, we played great," Waldrum said. "We held Hayley Brock in check, and she's been giving everyone trouble all season. They kept the standard high, as usual."

Tonight, though, it was all about the offense, Waldrum said.

"We've struggled to create opportunities offensively in a couple big games," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "It was nice to score some goals against a really good team."

After having a week to prepare for Maryland, the Irish return to the field Sunday against Pittsburgh. Waldrum said his team has to remain focused.

"Keeping them focused is the challenge," Waldrum said. "We're familiar with Pittsburgh. We just need to make sure that the girls don't celebrate this win too much over the next two days, so we don't get caught."

Pittsburgh has struggled so far, falling to 4-6-1 and 0-5-0 in the ACC after a loss to North Carolina on Thursday.

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## ACC Play

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If the Irish are content with their successful initial foray into ACC play, they shouldn't be. Usually, knocking off the top team in the country might afford a team like Notre Dame a little bit of breathing room.

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A year after an incredibly young Irish team finished 8-1-1 in the Big East, the squad will face a much greater challenge going forward.

To play and win against the country's best teams is the hallmark of an exceptional team. To

do it week in and week out will be Notre Dame's task for the next month.

Waldrum wanted to play against the best competition out there.

He's certainly going to get his wish.

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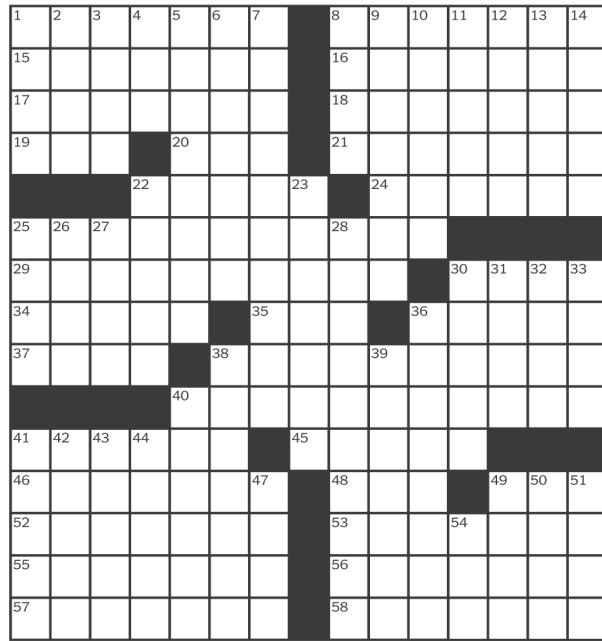


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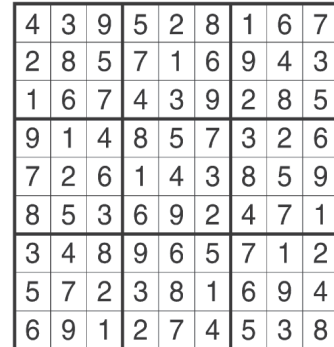


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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Christina Milian, 32; Serena Williams, 32; Jim Caviezel, 45; Olivia Newton-John, 65.

Happy Birthday: Open up creatively. Let your imagination lead you in new directions. Voice your opinions and let your intuition guide you to success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotions can interfere with a discussion. A misunderstanding is apparent, and it's best that you don't take what's said personally or retaliate in a negative way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Develop good relationships with the people you work with or deal with often and you will find it much easier to get information and explore new possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep your money and possessions locked up safely where you aren't tempted to give them away or pay for others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Expand your interests. Make a point to engage in conversations that allow you to broaden your views regarding people from different cultural backgrounds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can and should bring about positive changes, but make sure you are not doing so at someone else's expense.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The information you discover will give you greater insight into the way others feel about you and what you do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't be afraid to take on a few extra responsibilities. It will give others a chance to see you in action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Alter your living arrangements. Looking at your options and the different locations you feel add to your growth and pursuits will help you make an unusual but positive decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Go on an adventure, whether it's to a distant land or an area of your community you have yet to explore.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a close look at any job you currently do. Your expertise may not always be appreciated, but it will prevent mistakes.

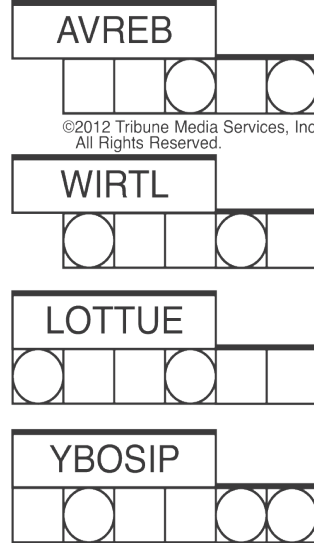
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't make personal or physical changes that might limit your ability to take part in something that can affect your financial situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Expand your interests and explore new possibilities. Relationships, your home and dealing with family matters will be successful as long as you use persuasion rather than force.

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, adaptable and insightful. You are curious, imaginative and caring.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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



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## Hats off

### Roccaro's hat trick leads offensive onslaught

By GREG HADLEY  
Sports Writer

Everything came together Thursday night for No. 3 Notre Dame's most dominating victory of the season, 5-0 against No. 21 Maryland. With the win over Maryland (6-4-0, 2-2-0 ACC), the Irish (8-1-0, 4-0-0 ACC) remain perfect in the ACC.

"I thought we were good in all phases of the game tonight," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "We had to begin with pressure up front, and we built from that. There wasn't a bad performance."

The driving force behind the Irish dominance was sophomore Cari Roccaro, who started at forward instead of midfield. Roccaro responded with three goals, the first Irish hat trick since Melissa Henderson tallied four against DePaul in 2011.

"I had a feeling that I was going to get one tonight," Roccaro said. "I didn't think I was going to get three. The other forwards really helped me. [Junior forward] Lauren Bohaboy got me the ball on the first one and I just walked it in, and her

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EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Sophomore forward Cari Roccaro sets up for a shot during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Maryland on Thursday. The five goals were the most the Irish have scored in a game this season.

### Irish face tougher ACC competition to close season



Conor Kelly  
Sports Writer

By the look of it, Notre Dame has hit the ground running in its inaugural season in the ACC.

With wins over Syracuse, North Carolina State and then-No. 1 North Carolina to open the conference season, the Irish (7-1-0, 3-0-0 ACC) have solidified their spot as one of top teams in arguably the best conference in the country.

One non-conference loss to No. 11 UCLA notwithstanding, the Irish have played outstanding soccer. The team has surrendered just one goal (to North Carolina State in a 3-1 victory) in its four wins since the UCLA game and has gotten timely offensive production, highlighted by freshman midfielder Morgan Andrews' game-winning header against North Carolina in a 1-0 win Sept. 15 and junior defender Sammy Scofield's buzzer-beating tally to defeat Syracuse four days later.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Irish prepare for 'great ACC battle' with Duke

By SAMANTHA ZUBA  
Sports Writer

The No. 2 Irish look to remain unbeaten Friday in their third home game of the season against Duke at Alumni Stadium.

Notre Dame (3-0-3, 1-0-2 ACC) opened last season at home against the Blue Devils (4-2-2, 0-2-1 ACC). The Irish won the tight match 1-0. Duke still fields a lot of talent this season, Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

"It was certainly a well-contested game," Clark said. "They will be a team that tries to win the game, not a team to sit back, and they have a lot of good players to do that. It should be a great ACC battle."

Blue Devils freshman forward Brody Huitema has given Duke a spark by scoring four goals and taking 29 shots through eight games. The Blue Devils, however, have such a deep roster that Notre Dame will treat every player as a scoring threat when the game starts, Clark said. Duke has taken 141 shots on the season, while its opponents have

attempted 93.

"I think you've got to take the approach that everyone is talented and can score goals," Clark said. "They have a lot of big players. The striker [Huitema] is a freshman and has already proven he can score goals. He's a strong player, and I have nothing but strong comments on his ability, but we're going to treat them all like top players unless the game proves differently."

Duke's offense has proved its talent with 12 goals on the season, but the defense has allowed 10. Notre Dame, anchored on defense by senior goalkeeper Patrick Wall, has allowed just three goals this season.

Clark said he would like to think the Irish can take advantage and score several goals, but his real concern is scoring one more than the Blue Devils.

"The main thing is we need to score one more than them," Clark said. "I think that's the key to the game. If we could score a few, that would be nice, but

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KEVIN SONG | The Observer

Senior forward Harrison Shipp tries to sneak past a North Carolina defender in a Sept. 8th draw with the Tar Heels. Shipp has played in every game in his Irish career.