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'Their employee in Washington'

Rep. Rothfus focuses on constituent services, financial responsibility

By NICOLE MICHELS

Assistant Managing Editor

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hundred thousand, five hundred seventy-three: the number of constituents in Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional district, and who freshman congressman Keith Rothfus (R-PA-12) calls his employers.

Rothfus, who earned his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School in 1994, said he has focused on constituent services during his tenure.

"I tell everyone, I'm just the employee," Rothfus said. "You have 705,000 employers or bosses in the district, and it's important for people to understand that that's the way it works now: When you go into public service you are the employee of the people.

"You're here to represent 700,000 people, and I represent people who didn't vote for me, I represent people who didn't vote at all and I represent people who voted for me."

Rothfus said he worked with his team to establish venues for his constituents to voice their concerns, including coffee shop hours and telephone town halls.

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Rep. Keith Rothfus, who earned his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School in 1994, often refers to himself as an employee of the people and prioritizes communication with constituents.

Irish Guard seniors uphold tradition



ALLISON D'AMBROSIA | The Observer

Irish Guard members march alongside the Notre Dame band during the football game against Michigan State.

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN

The American flag waving over Notre Dame Stadium during the football game against Temple climbed to the top of the flagpole thanks to senior Chris Cali, captain of the Irish Guard.

Cali said he first raised the flag over Notre Dame Stadium before this year's game against Temple.

"Raising the flag is a huge responsibility," he said. "[The

person carrying the flag] was someone from the military and someone who had lost a loved one. She was in tears, and I just took the flag and said, 'Thank you for your husband's service,' and it was a powerful moment for me."

Cali said he maintained the Guard's traditional stoic and sharp character as he walked onto the field in front of 70,000 spectators.

He and fellow guardsman

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Week encourages global diplomacy

By CRISTINA SANCHEZ News Writer

Today marks the beginning of International Education Week, a nation-wide initiative established to promote international exchange of customs and cultures, McKenna Pencak, assistant director of communications and outreach for International Student Services and Activities (ISSA), said. Pencak said the week will be celebrated on campus through

Week is a national event coordinated by the US Department of State and the US Department of Education to celebrate and promote international education and global exchange between the United States and other countries," Pencak said.

She said ISSA sponsors International Education Week at Notre Dame every year.

"This year, there are thirtyfive events going on over the course of the week," Pencak said. "There's a wide array of

"International Education events ranging from theater event has been successful in performances and lectures to food tastings and book signings."

> The week's signature event is the International Taste of South Bend, which will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13 in the LaFortune Ballroom, Pencak said. Free and open to the Notre Dame community, she said the event includes a sampling of international cuisine from 12 local ethnic restaurants, Pencak

Pencak said this particular

years past.

"Last year, we had about 400 people attend the event," Pencak said. "It's always a lot of fun and a great way to spread cultural awareness and learn about restaurant offerings in the community."

Timothy Roemer, a former U.S. Congressman and Ambassador to India, will be among the variety of guest speakers who will take part

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Sexual assualt reported

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a report of sexual assault committed by an acquaintance in a South Quad men's residence hall late last Friday, an email sent to students said.

The email stated the report was made to a University administrator and warned students of the risk of sexual

"Anyone initiating any kind of sexual contact with another person must seek consent and not engage in sexual contact unless consent is given," the email stated. "As the University's sexual assault policy makes clear: 'Sexual misconduct of any kind is inconsistent with the University's values and incompatible with the safe, healthy environment that the Notre Dame community expects. ... The perpetrator, not the survivor, is responsible for any instance of sexual assault."

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Have a question you want answered?

If you could mandate the creation of a new color for Solo cups, what would it be?



Hazem Khazbak freshman Morissey Manor "Gold."



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Lynn Hsieh grad student Fischer Graduate Residences "Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness month."



George Fillion sophomore Keough Hall "Red and navy for the Red Sox."



Students practice meditation at a session of Zen Meditation in Coleman-Morse Center. Campus Ministry typically holds meditation events on Sunday nights under the direction of an experienced meditation instructor.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Want your event included here? Email obsnews.nd@gmail.com

Friday

Radium Girls Discussion Panel

Haggar College Center 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. St. Mary's staff and guests speak about subject of recent play.

Hockey

Compton Family Arena 8:05 p.m.-10:05 p.m The Irish take on the Minnesota Gophers.

Saturday

The Met Opera: Tosca DeBartolo Performina

Arts Center Opera perfomance live in HD.

Vigil Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Mass and worship.

Sunday

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Parisian singers perform.

Mogigliani Quartet

Zen Meditation

Coleman-Morse Center 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Meditation service.

Monday

Veteran Day's Ceremony

Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium 5 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Open to the public. Fr. Hesburgh to attend.

Women's Basketball

Jovce Center 7 p.m. -9 p.m. The Irish take on Michigan State.

Tuesday

Lecture: This Country is Yours Too!

Geddes Hall 12 p.m.-1p.m. Laura Steil speaks on empowering minority students.

Men's Soccer

Alumni Stadium 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Quarterfinal match.

Students celebrate Asiatic culture

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

Students will celebrate Asiatic culture and traditions Saturday during Asian Allure: Speak, a show that has continued for more than a decade. Senior Ryan Gonzales said this event is important for students who participate in the show and for the University community as a whole.

"It's not often that we get to express our culture in this way, so it's a great thing for cast members to participate in and for the University to experience," Gonzales said.

This year's show is titled "Asian Allure: Speak." It will be held today at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 4 p.m. in

Washington Hall and is approximately two hours long. Gonzales said the show will feature performances from various campus groups under the umbrella of the Asian American Association (AAA), including the newly added Tae Kwon Do club.

This year's Asian Allure will differ from shows in years past in its focus on skits and emphasis on tradition, Gonzales said.

The focus on skits involves expanding the number and lengths of the skits and eliminating the fashion show and musical performances, leaving the skits and dance performances as the show's core, Gonzales said.

Gonzales said in the past skits served as a transition between

other performances, but will now act as the centerpiece of the show.

"This year the skits are holding the weight of the show, the message of the show," he said.

The emphasis on tradition is a departure from past shows that sought to incorporate modern performance styles with traditional styles, Gonzales said.

"Compared to years before, we are placing a particular value on tradition," he said. "Other directors blended the modern and the traditional, but this year we're placing a value on tradition and remembering where we came from."

This emphasis is reflected in the name of this year's show, 'Speak,'

"What's important is speaking the languages of the cultures," he said. Language carries with it the culture and history of our past. When we speak we remember, and if we speak we won't forget."

Gonzales said Asian Allure is the biggest fall event for the AAA and Asian Allure: Speak has a cast of more than 80 students. The show and the general rehearsals that take place for a week before the show provide those in different clubs a chance to get to know each other, he said.

"It's a great opportunity for clubs to come together, meet each other and learn about different cultures they wouldn't otherwise learn about," Gonzales said.

The event also helps to represent

the level of diversity on campus, Gonzales said.

"You can see [Asian Allure] as a service to the University," he said. "It's a reality that there isn't enough racial diversity at Notre Dame to accurately represent the country we live in. Asian Allure is a great display of the cultural diversity that is on campus."

Gonzales, who wrote two skits for the show himself, said he has wanted to direct the show since his sophomore year because of his interests in drama and storytelling.

"I really like theatre and dance, but more than those two things I love telling stories," Gonzales said.

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Child author plans sequel to ND football book

By JOANNA LAGEDROST News Writer

Jacob Keyes, the boy who published a book about Notre Dame football at age 10, has plans for a sequel, this time co-written by his sisters Grace, 10, and Tess, 8.

The siblings from Spokane, Wash. have begun working on a new project called "The Little Gipper Spirit," a follow-up to Jake's book, "The Little Gipper's Welcome to Notre Dame Football."

"Little Gipper Spirit" is a youth movement meant to encourage kids to find their passion and use that to help people down the street or across the globe, Grace Keyes said.

"Jake wrote his book and we wanted to do something more and get more involved," Grace Keyes said. "[It's] a joint effort."

Jake Keyes, now 12, said the movement also stemmed from adult responses after publishing his first book and its 2012-2013 season supplement, "Echoes Awake!" Many people reached out to congratulate him and asked him the nature of his next project, he said.

Mike Keyes, the father of the Keyes siblings, said his family

realized Jake Keyes' accomplishment might inspire other young people to positively impact the community with their passions, just as it inspired his sisters.

The Keyes children not only formed the movement, but have also launched the "What's Your Passion?" essay writing and art submission contest, Grace Keyes said.

"Kids are going to write about what their passion is [or submit artwork] and say how they're going to use it to help other people, and the best essays are going to be put in a book," Grace Keyes said.

The contest, which is open to

all first through eight graders, launched Nov. 1 and will close Jan. 15, 2014. Essays should contain a maximum of 500 words, and art submissions must be scanned. Entries are accepted through littlegipper.com.

The Keyes siblings will act as judges of the submitted works. Each one will oversee the works of a specific age range, Grace Keyes said

"We will pick the entries that best show how kids are using their passions to help others," Grace Keyes said.

Selected submissions will be

featured in a book scheduled to be published in late spring 2014. The book will be officially licensed through the University and sold in the Notre Dame Hammes Bookstore, Jake Keyes said.

"We want kids to help others," Jake Keyes said "By entering the contest, they'll probably discover more about what their passionate about and use that passion in new way."

For more information, visit littlegipper.com.

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Panel addresses bisexual and transgender issues

By EMILY McCONVILLE

Three panelists explored bisexual and transgender experiences from a variety of perspectives in a discussion titled "What About the 'B' and the 'T'?" PrismND included this talk as part of its StaND Against Hate Week, a series of events meant to increase awareness of the issues faced by the LGBTQ community.

Dr. Abigail Palko, director of undergraduate studies in the gender studies department, offered an academic perspective on experiences of bisexual and transgender individuals. In the past several decades, she said understanding of bisexuality has evolved, from defining it in terms of bisexual acts to defining it in terms of the inclinations or emotions of bisexual people.

"We have this tendency to assume that your partner of the moment is a sign of what your orientation is, so that you know my partner is a man, and you see me as a woman, you would assume I am heterosexual," she said. "But if I am bisexual, how do I get you to know what I am if it's important to me that you read that part of my identity properly, if it's only judged by partner?"

Similarly, Palko said, the term

"transgender" also means different things to different people. The medical definition of transgender has also evolved, but the responses to it have not kept pace, leading to, she said, a "double-bind" for transgendered people.

Palko said ways to support the transgender community included "bathroom activism," or understanding how norms such as non-gender-neutral restrooms could exclude transgendered individuals, and a greater awareness of how people ask questions about sexual intimacy — and its appropriateness.

"[Sex is] meant to be an expression of human connection between two people, so the answer that I try to remember to always give is that the experience of sexual activity for transgender people, just like for cisgender people — that's where the sex you were given at birth matches your gender identity — is always defined by the two bodies engaged in it, and the two people inhabiting those bodies," she said.

Dr. Jan Poorman, director of formation and field education in the department of theology, offered a theological perspective on the bisexual and transgender experience, saying the Catholic Church's teachings on homosexuality are often misunderstood.

Drawing from a number of Catholic church documents, she said while the Church holds that homosexual acts are "objectively disordered" because they do not indicate a relationship between a man and a woman or lead to the procreation of children, homosexual and bisexual people themselves are not disordered, sinful or rejected by God.

Quoting from the Catechism, she said while transgender "just is," the Church technically holds that gender-reassignment procedures are immoral because they change the self through mutilation or sterilization.

"The irony is that this teaching comes from — talk about distorting church teaching — a section that is about kidnapping and hostage-taking and reigns of terror and terrorism and torture of other people," Poorman said. "We really should not be terrorizing people by amputating their limbs and mutilating them and sterilizing them — and who's not going to agree with that? So there's not really a lot of good stuff."

Poorman said the church is, however, learning from medicine and psychology that people occupy a spectrum of genders rather than a dichotomy of two biological sexes.

"We must rethink what we say about the immorality of those medically necessary procedures and processes that people feel must undergo oftentimes without even knowing all the medical reasons underlie the sense that they do not belong in their bodies," Poorman said.

Dr. Maureen Lafferty, assistant director for training and staff psychologist at the University Counseling Center, spoke about her own experience as a bisexual woman and emphasized the ambiguity and negative connotations associated with the word "bisexual."

"The classic [saying] in the lesbian community is, 'don't get involved with a bisexual woman because she will dump you for man,' and that is really just too much. Even though [the generalizations] have been around forever, I don't think they're gone. I still [see] them," she said.

Developing a bisexual identity, Lafferty said, could therefore be "less linear" than the similar process of a gay or lesbian person and include exploration, delay and confusion.

"It's a both-and option in an either-or world," she said.

Lafferty said bisexual people can often feel excluded from the straight and gay communities as well as face misunderstanding and homophobia before achieving self and community acceptance.

"It's being able to find the community and then within the community find people that seem to resonate to your experience and seem to understand or support or at least be curious about or interested in your experience and creating space there," she said.

Lafferty said that there are, however, psychological advantages to being bisexual.

"I think sometimes folks who identify as bi or experience the world as a both-and world can bring the perspective that perhaps love is not based on gender, that perhaps what we have in common is more important than what separates us and that things are complicated," she said. "Folks who are bi, they sometimes have a special angle on multiple identities, the fact that we are very interesting people."

Lafferty said that bringing bisexual and transgender issues, which still are not treated ideally in the medical world and which often make people react in a "fearful" way, into everyday discussion is how students can support LGBT individuals.

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Robinson Center solicits SMC volunteers

By TABITHA RICKETTS News Writer

This year, Saint Mary's College Student Government Association (SGA) is partnering with the local Robinson Community Learning Center to provide support and student volunteers, particularly for the Center's programs for grade school and high school students, SGA community chair Kristine McInerney said.

"Every year, student government picks one major partnership to work with for volunteering opportunities for students," said McInerney. "We encourage students to volunteer at the Robinson Center because their program objectives are in accordance with our mission statement."

The Robinson Center hosts afterschool programs and activities for students to promote various aspects of education, McInerney said.

"They have events throughout the week and on weekends ... promoting literacy and giving them a place to go after school [to] get their work done," McInerney said.

Although the Center also supports programs for adults and elderly members of the community, McInerney said the Saint Mary's partnership is focusing on the younger student population of the

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South Bend community.

"Since we are partnering with them this year, this is the main volunteering [opportunity] that we want students to [become involved in]," McInerney said, "so we'd really like as much participation with this Center as possible."

The Robinson Center was established in 2001 as an offshoot of the University of Notre Dame's Office of Public Affairs, according to their website, rclc.nd.edu.

Designed to support the President's Office's educational initiative, the Center has been a constant volunteer site for Notre Dame students. This year's affiliation with Saint Mary's will widen the Center's volunteer pool, McInerney said.

"The Robinson Center Partnership connects Saint Mary's students to the South Bend community," McInerney said.

McInerney said SGA has volunteers visiting the Robinson Center to share their college experiences and talk about leadership roles.

"Girls from the student government at Saint Mary's are ... telling them why [we] chose Saint Mary's, what part of college life [we] really enjoy and what was beneficial when [we] were looking at colleges to help [the students] make the right decision," McInerney said. "Then we're talking about why

we chose to be in student government, and what our roles are and why we think that student leadership is important."

McInerney said SGA intends to have high school students from the program come to Saint Mary's next week to attend a student senate meeting and to be exposed to the possibilities of student leadership in a college environment.

She said she hopes this

partnership will encourage the women of Saint Mary's to inspire others to take advantage of the educational opportunities available in higher education systems.

"I just think that there are so many great opportunities at the Center to promote education," McInerney said. "If you can make a difference ... it's important to get involved."

Volunteer opportunities for

Saint Mary's students include weekday afternoon ment classes Monday through Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., according to the Center's volunteer flier. Sign-ups are available for one-time activities or weekly visits, based on the student's availability.

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in the week's events, Pencak

said. Roemer will speak in the Mendoza College of Business Jordan Auditorium on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 4 p.m.

In addition to Roemer's lecture, Pencak said student government is joining forces with Fostering Internationalism at Notre Dame (FIND) to host a student discussion with faculty members focusing on how students can integrate their voice into the University's role as an international research institution.

"This event, in particular, will be great for students to participate in," said Pencak. "FIND is a brand new organization on campus and the discussion will be a great way for students to get involved in the conversation about internationalism at Notre

The Brazilian Club, the Irish Club, the Muslim Students Association, the Asian American Association and the Indian Association of Notre Dame are among the student groups that will be hosting events on campus in celebration of international education week, said Pencak.

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

"There's a variety of events for a variety of different people. That's the great part about the schedule this year," Pencak said. International Education week is a wonderful celebration of different countries and cultures and a great way to learn about Notre Dame's initiatives and programs throughout the world."

For a complete listing of the events, visit issa.nd.edu

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"We're doing a series of coffees around the district, where I will show up at a local coffee shop and we'll just talk the issues with constituents, both the big national issues and the basic constituent issues that people might have," Rothfus said. "Constituent service is very important to me. We're also doing a lot of telephone town halls where I will put a call out to thousands of people in the district and they are able to stay on the line for up to an hour and ask questions of their employee in Washington."

The overall impact

Prioritizing constituent service allows him to apply himself to solving the problems articulated by the people he represents and to advocate for better federal laws, Rothfus said.

"If I get a phone call from somebody who has an issue with [the Department of] Veteran's Affairs, for example, I don't care if they voted for me or not. My job is to handle that all, that's part of customer service," Rothfus said. "People know my principles, my values. When I have a piece of legislation to consider, I'm looking at the overall impact. I'm looking at how much money we're spending on it and if this is going to be borrowing from the next generation, what is the path to make sure that a program is sustainable so that we're not going to bankrupt the country on it, does the program work and does it deliver what it's said it's going to deliver."

Rothfus graduated from the State University of New York (SUNY)-Buffalo with a B.A. in information systems, and chose to attend Notre Dame Law School to obtain his J.D. after working for IBM in Washington, D.C. for several years. Notre Dame's program attracted him because of its attention to different elements of law, he said.

"I was really drawn to Notre Dame's law program," Rothfus said. "I wanted a law program that has the full scope of Western tradition. Notre Dame was one of those places where they talked about things, jurisprudence and the nature of law ... so it was a good fit and a great place to go to law school"

The broadly focused legal education at Notre Dame prepared him well to serve in Congress, Rothfus said.

"I think that just being at a place like Notre Dame, you get the bigger picture. Law is a very important part of our society, and you have to be very careful when you put law into place because it affects a lot of people," Rothfus said. "Every issue that comes up, I think you have a bigger picture because of the education you get at Notre Dame."

Delivering social services with faith

Rothfus said he practiced law in Pittsburgh, until volunteer work for George W. Bush's 2004 presidential campaign led him to a position within the federal

"In 2005 I was looking for an opportunity to get in and do some public policy and the President had a faith-based community initiative that was across the government, making sure that faith-based organizations were not discriminated against when it came to partnering for the delivery of social services," Rothfus said.

Rothfus said he worked at the Department of Housing and Urban Development before Hurricane Katrina highlighted weaknesses in the federal government's response to disasters in September 2005.

"A number of issues arose with respect to the FEMA's [Federal Emergency Management Agency] response, including its ability to fully integrate the capacities of faith-based community organizations and relief work, especially those at the ground level," Rothfus said. "They asked if I would start up an office at the Department, to work with outside groups make sure that folks within the Department understood the proper role of these organizations: how they can help out in disaster relief, for example, and still respect the guidelines of the Constitution."

The history of the Catholic Church in the United States and the work of the people faith to build the nation show the value of faith-based distribution of social services, he said.

"There are many people of faith in this country, and you look at the history of the Catholic Church in this country — nuns starting hospitals, nursing homes, schools — this has really been a part of the culture in excess of 150 years. ... Not just the Catholic Church but other

organizations. Jewish organizations, Lutheran social services, Southern Baptist, Salvation Army, this is part of the fabric of American society," Rothfus said. "They can be very effective providers of social services, and I think the government can look to organizations such as that to make sure that individuals in need are getting the resources that can help them."

'The next generation's money'

Rothfus ran for office unsuccessfully in 2010, and then executed a successful campaign for the 12th district seat in 2012. His concern for the level of debt taken on by the country during the 2000s drives him to advocate for more frugal fiscal policy, Rothfus said.

"I think when you start taking money from the next generation, from our kids and our grandkids, that is a moral issue, actually," Rothfus said. "I think we need to be very carefully when we're spending the next generation's money and making choices for them because they're going to have to pay all of this back. When the president was elected in 2008 he talked about cutting the deficit in half in four years, but we went through some very tough time since 2008, including a \$700 billion TARP [Troubled Asset Relief Program] bailout."

He disapproves of President Obama's actions during his two tenures in office, Rothfus said.

"I did not think that the President would be aggressively spending more money than we were going to take in, but the first thing he did in the first two weeks in his administration was put together an \$800 billion stimulus package which was all borrowed from the next genera-

"Every issue that comes up, I think you have a bigger picture because of the education you get at Notre Dame."

Keith Rothfus U.S. Congressman, PA-12

tion," Rothfus said. "I have six kids. I just think it's wrong to be having that kind of deficit. We've seen the national debt go up trillions of dollars over the last five years ... I thought we had to say, 'No, this is not the right way to run an economy."

'At the back of your mind'

A photograph of the golden dome with an American flag in front of it hangs in Rothfus's office.

"You think back to those days that you were there," Rothfus said. "You think back to your trips down to the Grotto, I was there for law school but I would sneak off and go to Mass at the dorms during the weeks ... whenever you go back there, there are certain things that are timeless.

"Notre Dame is always there at the back of your mind."

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senior Eddie Linczer had only practiced clipping and unfolding the flag once, Cali said.

"I gave it a tug. I knew it was up there," Cali said. "We got

back and we did an about-face and we saluted the flag. It's a thrilling experience, but at the same time you're very steady and focused."

Cali said keeping a straight face is one of the things the guard is renowned for. After a 15-minute inspection behind the Coleman Morse Building, Cali will invite former guardsmen in attendance to inspect the current guard as they circle the "Holy Hand-off" statue.

"Irish guard don't break," he said. "[Former guardsmen] will do some funny things, like shout at us. If someone other than the former guardsmen steps in [the circle], then the former guardsmen will know and tell them to please step out. ... If something is missing from the uniform, one of those former guards will surely know."

The Irish Guard uniform is complex and consists of many hard-to-find items, such as the doublet, the kilt, the unique Notre Dame tartan plaid, hats, plumes and grouse claw, Cali said. While their uniforms seem Scottish, Cali said the tartan plaid has special stripes that make it special to Notre Dame.

"Even when we do our victory clog, the Irish traditionally keep their hands by their sides, but we keep one hand in the air," he said. "It's just been tradition here at Notre Dame."

Cali said he has met over 50 former guardsmen, including one who was in the inaugural class of guards.

"Initially, there were only two guards in 1949, and they could play the bagpipes," he said. "But by the Class of 1954 they stopped playing bagpipes because they couldn't find 10 guys who were six foot two and could play the bagpipes."

H. Lee Hope, former band director, formed the Irish Guard in 1949 to protect the band during their Friday student concerts in the Field House, Cali said.

"When they would enter the Field House, the front row of the band would be getting crushed because the students would try to get in first so they could get the best seats," he said. "They would end up hitting the band members. They would fall and instruments would break. The guard would make sure that the band would not be touched."

Today, guarding the band entails instructing people to step back and watch out for their cameras, he said, which are prone to getting knocked down by the guard or the instruments.

"We don't touch or move anyone, but we do have a responsibility to keep people back," Cali said. "Back in the day [the guard] would lift people off their feet. Legend says it's written in Indiana State Law that you are not allowed to impede the progress of Notre Dame band, so they could move you away if you were in the way. It's dangerous, if someone fell or tripped, a whole cascade of

people could fall and instruments could be broken."

Cali said he was chosen as captain in a small selection ceremony because among the current Irish Guard he has been a member of the Guard longest. He said he auditioned for the Guard when he was a sophomore. Forty students competed over four days of Irish Guard boot camp for a spot among the 10 guards, he said

The guard rehearses with the band almost every day from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m., Cali said, except for Sundays.

"This season in particular was jam-packed," he said. "We didn't get a day off until the week before fall break."

Football weekends are especially busy for the guard, Cali said. On Fridays before home games the guard marches out at 4 p.m. with the band to the practice fields by Legends and puts on a full performance for an audience of about 400 people.

Other senior guard members include: Eddie Linczer, Tomas Abrate, Charley Berno, Tom Catalano and Andrew Pemberton.

"It's a huge time commitment," Cali said. "But it's been a phenomenal experience."

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VIEWPOINT

INSIDE COLUMN

Travel and dream

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Flying over the Grand Canyon. Sky Harbor's ridiculous security. Speeding down the I-10 hoping to beat rush hour. Running the familiar slopes of Sunnyslope Park. The best sunsets real estate can buy. Watching the sunrise from the summit of North Mountain. A year-round excuse for shorts.

Carne asada fries at Filibertos. Pomegranate [virgin] mojitos at Barrio Cafe. Hiking/laughing/crying/carrying your dog up Camelback Mountain. Decorating your palm trees and cacti for Christmas. Riding the lightrail to ASU. House music. Folk music. Street rap artists. Seeing a "Gore 2000" bumper sticker next to an NRA one. Complaining about freezing 60 degrees in December and fleeing to Flagstaff at 112 in June. The worst state politics you can imagine. The warmest people you can ever encounter. The Juicy Couture velour sweatsuit clad teens at Fashion Square. Knowing you were once said teen. Sitting in energy vortexes in Sedona. Hiking for three hours to find the ideal spot to hang your hammock. Kale-hemp heart-spirulina post Southwest Institute of Healing Arts yoga smoothies at Aside of Heart.

The most beautiful highway I've ever driven is Highway 87. The most stimulating sights I've encountered are silent, untouched and raw. Organic. I was blessed enough to be raised in a community of language, passion, and awe. So much adventure, in fact, that it drove me 1,800 miles east to the strange land of South Bend, Indiana. South Bend, where I learned who Toby Keith is. Where I learned the language of college football, tailgates and seasons. Where I learned that "The Highest Point" is a place where on a good day you can see the bell tower of Le Mans Hall. Where there are no fences between yards.

While South Bend doesn't house world-renowned scenery, it has fostered in me a love and appreciation for said gifts. A life of travel since an international baptism, no place has made me question myself, my values and my future as much. No place helped me harness that desire to go East, West, anywhere.

However, if anything justifies my choice to leave the Arizona sun for an Indiana permacloud for four years, it is the Saint Mary's College Rome program (Among other things here, of course. Maybe.) For while Phoenix set up the questions, South Bend asked them and Rome overwhelmed me with answers. Rome was where you embodied gravitas just by the sense of donning all black and capitalizing on your olive complexion to fooling others you are from Bari. Rome was where I learned what eternal truly meant. Rome was where I lived for three months and felt the need to go back for 10 days, six months later. And Rome was what solidified that I will can never settle down. Life is movement.

I hope each one of you can and will travel beyond your dreams. I hope that yearning takes you to places that make you question your society, your values and your esteem. I hope it takes you beyond anything you can imagine, and I hope you always find home.

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Safety needed for our home

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

Drivers making their way up Notre Dame Avenue are treated to a view of the golden dome framed by twin lines of trees, which is arguably among the most beautiful sights on

Once the car makes the loop at Main Circle and the driver turns his back on the pristine vista, that same road leads directly into an area of South Bend that lately has been peppered with crime reports, from assault to armed robbery.

The area immediately south of Notre Dame's campus has received a lot of attention recently for reports of violent crime, many of which have directly affected Notre Dame students. The South Bend Tribune reported on Oct. 27 that police had been called to Brothers Bar and Grill at 1234 N. Eddy Street on 95 occasions in 2013, including an incident around 3 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20, when gunshots were fired into a large crowd near the bar.

We often tend to think of our beautiful campus as a bubble of sorts, a safe haven full of nice people isolated from the "real world." To some extent, this bubble extends to the area across from Irish Green, near O'Rourke's Public House and the other properties at the north end of Eddy Street Commons. Compared to the 95 police calls to Brothers, the Tribune reported that O'Rourke's had received only 13 calls this year. It's frightening to think that following the roads away from campus leads to increased risk of becoming a victim to any crime, from vehicle theft to gun violence.

On the other hand, sometimes the crimes come to us, such as the Oct. 17 robbery NDSP reported taking place outside

McGlinn Hall. Students want to enjoy a college experience both on campus and in the city of South Bend.

University leaders want students to think of this place as their home under the dome.

But everyone wants to feel safe, whether they live under the dome or not.

A healthy sense of fear is necessary for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students these days. We can't be careless, reckless or too cautious when it comes to taking care of ourselves and those around us. It starts with staying informed — check out www.crimereports.com and type in any address near campus. Adjust the search options to display all incidents reported in the last 30 days, and see for yourself where crimes are happening and how those incidents could affect you.

The University wants us to stay safe just as much as we want to remain so. Students living off campus need better communication from the Off Campus Council so they can be aware of incidents that could have affected them and so they can take precautionary measures.

Students considering the move off campus shouldn't have to make the decision based solely on personal safety reasons, but at this point, they should check the crime reports for their potential neighborhoods as much as they look into the costs and amenities of their units.

We would feel safer on campus with more emergency call stations throughout the grounds and with a more obvious police presence on the fringes of campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods. We want to be assured that at any hour of the night, SafeWalk or Notre Dame Security Police will escort us to wherever we need to be.

We don't want to invest in a South Bend community that can't or won't take care of us. After all, it is difficult for us to feel at home here if we are scared to leave the shadow of the

Don't deck the halls just yet

Alexandra Stembaugh

Subject to Change

It's that time of year. The wind is blowing stronger, the days are growing shorter and the permacloud is beginning to settle in. Boots are fast becoming the footwear of choice, ugly sweaters have emerged out of closets, and Starbucks is once again offering festive holiday cups. This only means one thing: It's Christmas time.

It is an outrage. November has only just begun and Thanksgiving turkey has barely been considered. November 1 is the opening of some kind of floodgate where people get the idea that it is okay to begin holiday celebrations. Halloween is already last week's news and the Christmas season has arrived in full swing nearly overnight. Wreaths and trees are proudly displayed in store windows, commercials on TV excitedly announce the arrival of the "holiday season" and some bold souls are humming Christmas tunes. Several of my acquaintances have already boasted of finishing all of their Christmas shopping. For those now stressing, you have only 47 more days until the big day.

I have heard that it is never too soon for Christmas season. The people who say this are the same people who say Christmas is a state of mind, and that Christmas should be celebrated every day. These are the same people who argue with their roommate on when they will be allowed to put up decorations and would simply leave Christmas lights up year round if they could. But there is such a thing as celebrating too soon and, heaven forbid, getting sick of Christmas.

Christmas is my favorite holiday. Post-Thanksgiving is a great time to set up the Christmas tree, but listening to Jingle Bells any earlier than that will have my ears bleeding by the time December rolls around. I love the cheerful music, the spirit of giving and the warmth that decorations bring, but there is a time for everything. Time before Thanksgiving should be spent in preparation for giving thanks rather than focusing on the next big thing. As the day

following Thanksgiving, Black Friday shouldn't be spent signifying the beginning of the commercial Christmas season as a time to trample each other in a race for more material goods.

Some people actually get angry when they see stores and people begin the season at a time that they perceive to be much too early and often simply for commercial benefit. In fact, 77 percent of Americans would prefer that retailers wait until after Thanksgiving to put up Christmas decorations, according to a SOASTA survey. [Editor's note: SOASTA is a privately-owned technology company that provides services for companies to test websites and web applications.] Commercial gimmicks like Christmas in July turn the holiday into a further scheme to make money. Black Friday is only another manifestation of this emphasis on spending that allows retailers to continually push the Christmas season forward.

We don't love Christmas for the gifts. I love it for the time I get to spend with family, the snowball fights I get to have with my cousins and the excitement that seems to ring in the air. I love the classic Christmas songs, the focus on giving to others, the yearly traditions and that hot chocolate will always be an acceptable drink choice. I love that Elf will be on TV nearly every day and Christmas sweaters become the norm. Despite of all this, it is just too soon.

Fall and Thanksgiving are among the best times of the year. I want to enjoy the red and yellow leaves and the last of my pumpkin spice lattes and Halloween candy before radio stations switch to playing Christmas music all day long. Before whole-heartedly embracing the Christmas season prematurely, take the time to embrace the wonderful fall season upon us.

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Does this degree make my ego look big?

Mia Lillis We are ND

College isn't everything. One can look to successful college dropouts, such as Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Steve Jobs or Ralph Lauren, as proof of this. Such a move is a step towards dismantling the fabricated mystique of college education insofar as it reveals that financial success does not inherently hinge on the academic knowledge one receives in college. However, this move fails to paint the whole picture. While as college students we may be tempted to espouse ideas of intellectual elitism, such ideas are not only dangerous, they are unfounded and inaccurate. Intelligence and education in no way grants us any kind of inherent worth, for several reasons.

First and foremost, a "good" education is a limited opportunity in the United States, one that is most commonly afforded to people from higher socioeconomic statuses. Enrollment rates in higher education institutions reflect this — about three-fourths of students enrolled in "competitive" college institutions, such as Emory, Harvard or our very own University, come from families in the top income quartile for our nation, while on the flip side, only three percent of

students enrolled in such institutions come from families in the bottom income quartile. Several factors contribute to this phenomenon, including but not limited to: the pervasive positive correlation between quality of a school and the school zone residents' socioeconomic status; the opportunity cost of college, which members of a higher socioeconomic status can afford but those of lower socioeconomic status cannot, among other reasons. Basing our measure of worth on participation in institutions that are largely inaccessible to broad members of the populace is problematic because it means that for most of us, our "worth" - as derived from our education — has been largely, arbitrarily determined by the fact that we were born into a family of higher socioeconomic status, taking all agency away from us personally and rendering our "achievement" entirely unimpressive.

Secondly, the notion that the specialized, esoteric knowledge that we have accrued over the course of four years (or twelve years, or twenty years) somehow fundamentally makes our opinion better than that of the non-college educated individual is ludicrous. I may at times be tempted to think that my study of political science — and specifically, contentious movements — has granted my political opinion the status of

being "worth" more than someone who has not been college-educated, but Dorothy Day stands as a strong counter-example to such a narcissistic notion. A college dropout, Dorothy Day has played a key role in shaping the contentious theory that is studied in institutions across the nation, simply based on her own life experiences.

Finally, academia is simply too unreliable for anyone to be able to assign it value based on its "truth." A cursory glance at the history of academia will reveal the prevalence not only of untruths, but of socially dangerous untruths. Academia and education have at times been used as tools for oppression. Phrenology, phenomenology and evolutionary biology, among other intellectual fields, were all used to justify the preservation of inequity. Try as uneducated people may have to speak out against the oppression, they could not compete with "academia."

The use of these fields as tools of racism is now largely dismissed as pseudoscience, but historically many well-respected academics staunchly defended these "truths." Even now, a significant portion of gender studies is devoted to dismantling scientific studies that have influenced the development of modern hardline gender essentialism — while several of these anthropological studies have now been revealed as using faulty

scientific methods and reasoning, they were (and largely, still are) firmly regarded as "truth." If the historical trajectory of "truth" in the world of academia is any indicator, many things which we consider to be true in our age will inevitably be disproved or deconstructed in the future, most likely in ways which we cannot even begin to imagine.

Pursuing education out of personal interest is entirely respectable, and this viewpoint is in no way an attack of such a pursuit. Neither is this meant to indicate that an individual's pursuit of education cannot have positive outcomes for society. But intelligence and education should not be used as measures of an individual's comparative worth to other non-educated individuals. Maybe we're smart. Maybe we've become experts in our respective majors. Maybe for some of us, thanks to the way our society is structured, this guarantees us a better chance of getting a high-paying job than others. But beyond that, so what?

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Elect a cat as governor

Gary J. CarusoCapitol Comments

On its face it sounds silly, but the Commonwealth of Virginia could have easily elected a cat as their next governor this week. No, this is not an insult to the winning Democratic candidate and now Governorelect Terry McAuliffe. It speaks to today's political climate fueled by zany kamikaze Tea Party antics in Congress and the public's disgust with the restrictive, turn-back-theclock ideology of Republican candidates. Repeatedly now for three election cycles, Democrats needed only to nominate a cat to best their Republican opponents in such contests as the Indiana, Nevada and Delaware Senate races as well as in this year's Virginia's gubernatorial race. It speaks loudly about today's political mood amongst the voting public, a mood that once also cycled even onto the Notre Dame campus elections, thereby installing a cat as student body vice president.

Electing a cat to public office in the real world is a rarity at best, but it happened within Notre Dame's Catholic Disneyland bubble in the spring of 1972 when a joke candidate with his cat ran for student body president during an atmosphere when he was the right candidate running at the right time against the right opponents. This writer vividly recalls how "King Kirsten" replete with a Burger King crown and toga partnered with his kitten (sporting a fake Notre Dame student ID) to best several

candidates — including me — in a year when students were disillusioned about how self-serving the previous student body president was when the administration proposed banning beer kegs from campus. After the lame duck student body president sold out our "keg cause" for a personal letter of recommendation to the Yale Law School from then University President Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, student electors had little reason to consider serious candidates.

This year's political climate is not unlike those days in the early 1970s on campus. Voters — at least a majority nationwide since 2010 — are weary of regressive, restrictive positions and proposals from Republican candidates. Virginia Democrat McAuliffe has been portrayed as acting slick as a cat for his campaign fundraising prowess and insider status within his party. Others questioned his credentials since he has never held elective office, thus equating his perceived lack of governing to that of a cat. Yet, in our atmosphere today of choosing a candidate merely as a reaction to and repudiation of ineptitude, McAuliffe won because he was the right candidate running at the right time against the right opponent.

Just how Terry McAuliffe, a previously nonelected candidate for governor — even if that candidate had been substituted for an inexperienced kitten — this week beat his GOP opponent Ken Cuccinelli, a former state representative and current statewide elected attorney general, is no secret. Disgusted women and weary minorities voted against the fear that Cuccinelli was

another of a long line of kamikaze Tea Party nutcases. It was one thing for Cuccinelli to espouse a pro-life stand, but it was outrageously frightening for Cuccinelli to have written and supported bans on all forms of abortion along with mandating reports detailing instances of women who experienced miscarriages. Many wondered what type of mind wanted to track miscarriage statistics or hold those unfortunate women accountable to legal questioning.

Not surprisingly to some, for the first time in decades, this year's turnout of 2.2 million voters in Virginia increased about two percentage points, up to more than 37 percent from almost 36 percent in 2009 when 1976 Notre Dame graduate and GOP nominee Bob McDonnell topped state senator Creigh Deeds. About 196,000 more people voted this week than did four years ago, with much of that increase coming from the more progressive and pro-Obama Northern Virginia region. This year's increased turnout stopped a 20-year decline for governors' races, at its peak having once nearly topped 67 percent of eligible voters who cast ballots in 1989 when African-American Democrat Douglas Wilder beat GOP nominee Marshall Coleman in one of the closest races in state history. Yet, this week's paltry voter turnout remains nearly half of the past three presidential election rates when Virginia averaged 66 percent.

Exit polling revealed that many Republicans and Independents voiced opposition to Cuccinelli's past extreme stances while expressing fears that he would follow McDonnell with such missteps and far-out policies such as requiring women who are considering an abortion to submit to a biggovernment, invasive ultrasound mandates. Savvy analysts also attribute a stronger voter turnout uptick to President Obama's continued use of his campaign apparatus and outreach efforts. George Mason University government and politics professor, Michael McDonald, studies voting behavior and noted that early voting ballots cast in Virginia increased especially in areas that had previously voted for Obama.

The Cuccinelli defeat fell victim to timing and message, factors that rule the roost in political campaigns whether a candidate runs campus-wide or on a statewide level. Kirsten's kitten spread that sentiment throughout both of Kirsten's student body presidency terms of junior and senior years at Notre Dame. McAuliffe can navigate off of Cuccinelli's misfortune with the same ease. Notre Dame survived two terms of kitten representation. Virginia will manage a term of McAuliffe's cat-like demeanor.

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SCENE



By GABRIELA LESKUR Scene Writer

Most people would agree that random acts of kindness are good things. But when people are actually presented with spontaneous generosity, do they feel the same way?

While setting off on a quest for the answer to this question, I ran into my rector, Elaine. Coincidentally, she had a unique perspective to offer.

Over the years, Elaine has been going to Starbucks and offering to buy coffee for strangers to get into the holiday spirit. She told me how surprising her experiences have been, with many people refusing to let her buy them coffee.

I couldn't help but wonder: Would people accept or decline a random act of coffee at Notre Dame?

Following all the gloomy cumulus nimbus clouds hovering over South Bend the last few days, I decided it was time for some acts of kindness to rain down on the Notre Dame community.

With the possibility of a dwindling supply of flex points pushed from my mind, I grabbed my ID from my desk, left my inhibition in my room and headed for Starbucks.

I settled in with my friend Morganne at a quaint little table, with the aroma of Pumpkin Spice Lattes lingering in the air. Over the course of an hour, I approached strangers at random as they ordered their coffee and asked to buy their Starbucks for them. Their subsequent responses were interesting to say the least and brought up a lot of implications on social interactions.

As I approached these strangers with a smile and an offering to pay for their joyful java, many of them responded with a look of utter confusion.

"Why?" Many of them asked, not understanding what reason I could have for offering to buy them coffee.

With this question, I saw a hint of what my rector had experienced. People seemed to be suspicious, skeptical and uncomfortable.

"Random act of kindness,"

explained. The barista chuckled at me and shook his head. After multiple instances of my random act of coffeebuying taking place at his register, we had established a repartee.

With the help of this friendly barista, each of the five people I asked had accepted my offer. I might be down a few Flex Points, but I'm no worse for the wear.

After finishing my social experiment, I sat back down at my table and discussed the interactions with my friend Morganne. I asked what she would do if I offered to buy her coffee. Without hesitation, she said that if someone offered to buy her coffee, she would turn that free coffee down, drop it like it's hot.

"I don't like being in debt to people," Morganne explained. "I'd feel like I'd owe them something."

It seems our society is full of expectant reciprocity, where our acts of kindness come with expectations of repayment. When we receive gifts, we are often expected or feel obligated to give gifts in return. Since genuine acts of kindness are rare, it's hard for us to allow people to give us things with no expectations in return.

All five people said yes to my offer; would it be different if I weren't a confidant, somewhat-put-together college student? Would my offer have been less well received if I were more disheveled or shy? Certainly, despite my appearances, my offer would have been just as good intentioned.

It brings a new dimension to the situation when you wonder if it matters who offers you the coffee. Would we be more or less likely to accept a gift from a stranger or from a friend, for example?

Would we be more or less likely to accept a gift from a member of the opposite sex? I have to admit, although I had no problem approaching girls, I could not muster the courage to offer coffee to boys. I had to have Morganne do it for me.

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PEDRAD @ LEGENDS LIVE @ LEGENDS

By JIMMY KEMPER

Scene Writer

In case you haven't heard, Nasim Pedrad will be performing stand-up comedy tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends, in an event sponsored by the Student Union Board. Pedrad is in her fifth season on "Saturday Night Live" and is also currently the longest tenured woman and first Iranian-American on the show.

Nasim first began her comedy career while studying theatre at University of California, Los Angeles, where she participated in the talent show, "Spring Sing," and performed in theater shows that ranged from classics to contemporary dramas.

After graduating, Pedrad focused on gaining experience in improv and

writing her own comedy pieces by participating in comedy shows at The Groundlings and the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre. It was here that Nasim first began gaining the traction to rise to the spotlight on some of the nation's biggest stages. She frequently performed her one-woman show "Me, Myself, and Iran" at the UCB Theatre and the Los Angeles division of ImprovOlympics. The show was then selected for the 2007 HBO Comedy Festival in Las Vegas.

Tina Fey, longtime SNL star, saw "Me, Myself, and Iran" and convinced Pedrad to audition for "Saturday Night Live." Nasim made her SNL debut in 2009 during the show's 35th season.

Nasim Pedrad is well known on "Saturday Night Live" for her wide variety of celebrity impressions, including Kathy Griffin, Shakira, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, a flawlessly vapid Kim Kardashian and even "Parks and Recreation" star Aziz Ansari. Pedrad has also put a unique stamp on the show with her quirky characters, including the underground rocker "Lil' Blaster" and the parent-loving Bedelia.

Besides working on "Saturday Night Live," Nasim did voice work for a number of characters in Hulu's animated comedy series, "The Awesomes," a show about a new team of superheroes who step in to replace a legendary but retiring superhero group. "The Awesomes" was created by "Saturday Night Live"'s longtime Weekend Update host Seth Meyers and features a number of other members of the SNL cast, including Bill Hader, Kenan Thompson and Taran Killam. The series

marks Hulu's second foray into original programming and has recently been renewed for a second season.

In addition to her work on SNL and "The Awesomes," Pedrad has guest starred in a variety of other shows, including "Gilmore Girls," "The Winner" and "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia." Nasim also had a run as the character Nurse Suri in the hit drama "ER" and as Val in the animated series "Allen Gregory." She was a writer for 2011's romantic comedy "No Strings Attached" and had a brief appearance in 2012's "The Dictator." Pedrad also did voice work for "The Lorax" and "Despicable Me 2."

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SCENE



By JOHN DARR

Scene Writer

"Royals" is rolling into its sixth week as the number one song on Billboard's Top 100. That's a pretty remarkable feat for the young (she turns seventeen today!) songwriter from New Zealand, especially considering that Eminem and One Direction have released new singles in the past six weeks. "Royals" dethroned Miley Cyrus's "Wrecking Ball" and has kept Katy Perry's "Roar" sitting at the number three spot.

It's not that uncommon for a song to come out of nowhere and hold Billboard's number one spot for extended periods of time – just look at Gotye's "Somebody That I Used to Know" or Macklemore's "Thrift Shop." Both "Somebody" and "Thrift Shop" have elements really common to pop songs – both have huge instrumental hooks, and "Somebody" is a classic boy-girl duet while "Thrift Shop" sports an armada of ridiculous, highlymemorable lyrics.

"Royals" is different. It's a smooth, subdued R&B track, the sort of thing that a

department store would play over the speakers and no one would notice. Sure, it has exquisite production and gorgeous melodies/harmonies. But it's not a standard pop song in any way. It's not an anthem – it's quiet and stripped down. It's not a ballad - it's too fast and lacks strong emotion. It's not a party song or a dance song or a we're-going-on-an-adventure song. And as Lorde is a new face in the musical arena, it's not as if her song is on the charts due to her prominence as an

To put everything in context, loud, energetic dance music and dubstep have been dominating radio for quite some time now. The truth and impact of this statement are most easily seen with several huge artists changing their sound to adapt (Taylor Swift's "Red," Coldplay's "Mylo Xyloto"). And while R&B hits have cropped up time to time in recent years, nothing has reached anywhere close to the success of "Royals." Last year, Frank Ocean's "Thinking Bout You" merely reached the 32nd spot at its peak, while Miguel's "Adorn" cracked the 17th spot. By the numbers, "Royals" is a huge

anomaly. Why is this particular song reigning over the Billboard 100, and what does that mean for pop music as a whole?

Almost every musical trend runs into a brick wall at some point. It's not hard to remember the days when almost everything on the radio was rap – and yet almost everything on the radio now is dance music. Perhaps "Royals" is a sign of changing times. Chillwave and R&B has been on the rise in the indie music scene for quite a while now; The Weeknd, James Blake, the xx, and Grimes are all artists that have risen from obscurity to relative prominence within the last five years. Often enough, trends within the underground music scene foretell those that will soon appear in the mainstream.

And then there's Drake's "Hold On, We're Going Home" currently sitting at number five on the charts – another chilled out R&B song. It's also Drake's highest-charting song to date. Going back to the relatively-low-charting R&B megahits from last year, "Thinking Bout You" and "Adorn," it appears as if R&B is ascending the charts slowly but surely.

It's also completely possible that

"Royals" is a blip, a track so special and appealing that would rise to the top regardless of what was going on in music at the time. However, the magnitude of its success is reason enough to read into the situation a little further. Perhaps this seventeen-year-old songwriter really is aiming to kick dance music right off the charts – she did, after all, proclaim "**** David Guetta" with all due respect in a recent interview. She's young enough to start the revolution from the bottom up and is gifted with the face of a mischievous and unconventionally beautiful nymph. And as most songwriters do, she'll probably have a whole new gauntlet of catchy tricks up her sleeves on her next album.

But it's most likely that "Royals" is simply a musical tipping point. Perhaps "Royals" is successful because it's new and different in a music scene that's been singing the same tune for a while now. Perhaps listeners everywhere really are craving a different kind of buzz – I know

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THE KICKBACK



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New music has been so very hard to come by. Even (pronounced awaited plenty of big releases complete. only to have my anticipation "Rap God."

out. What am I supposed to your seat and tap your feet. review? Celine Dion?

the archives in search of a hidden gem. Something you have never heard before and something that could sound as if it was released yesterday. At least I'm being transparfrom a dry well.

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SBTRKT is the DJ name of So I had to dig back through Aaron Jerome, a London disc jockey and producer who has found the magic touch that keeps him from being too poppy like David Guetta or too abstract like deadmau5.

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ond to last and second track, "Hold On" and "Never Never." it's because he was featured

How did Drake ever cosign a low-key, unknown British soul singer? Well just wait until the next song, the apparent highlight of the album: "Wildfire" featuring Little Dragon. Catchy and worthy of big, loud speakers, the warped beat of Wildfire blends smoothly with the subtle screeches of Little Dragon's lead singer. Drake eventually heard the song, and dropped a remix to it that set SBTRKT on its way and Sampha into the spotlight.

Sampha's But

accompaniment comes on "Trials of the Past," where his melodic tone blends well with the post-modern synthesizers and mellow backbeat. Following the track in the heart of the lineup, we find "Right Thing to Do," which SBTRKT's self-titled debut on two songs off Drake's lat- will surely feature one of the come crashing down around album came out in 2011, yet it est album: "Nothing Was the more hypnotizing beats you have ever heard.

> But the real hidden gem of this hidden gem of an album is the eighth song, "Pharaohs." The epitome of what SBTRKT does right, it will have you bouncing less than 15 seconds into the song. This will be on your workout/dance/party/ go out/Feve playlist, so you're welcome.

> And sorry for the old pick, but you'll forgive me after one listen, I'm sure.





"SBTRKT"

Artist: SBTRKT

Record Label: Young Turks

Genre: Post-dubstep, indie pop



SPORTS AUTHORITY

Where losing trumps winning



Casey Karnes
Sports Writer

The 2013-14 NBA season has finally begun, which means it's time to begin analyzing the most exciting race in sports. No, not the race to finish second to Lebron for the MVP award, or even the battle for playoff positioning. I'm talking about the most unpredictable annual competition of all: the struggle to tank for the first overall pick.

The NBA is uniquely associated with tanking, as, unlike football or baseball, the nature of basketball allows one transcendent talent to turn around the fortunes of an entire franchise. The NBA's lottery system gives the teams with the worst records the best chance of receiving the top picks in each year's draft. Many teams see bottoming out as a way to hit the jackpot with a top college player as an easier way to a championship than being a middling playoff team that builds slowly through free agency and mid-first round picks.

This year's jackpot is undoubtedly Andrew Wiggins, a freshman at Kansas who most say would have been the first pick in the last draft if he had been able to enter after high school. Comparisons to Lebron and rumors of a \$140 million-plus shoe contract offer already follow the young forward, and if he lives up to even three-quarters of that hype, he'll be the best first overall pick since Derrick Rose. It's no surprise that teams are willing to dismember their seasons for a chance at him, but which team receives him will likely be a surprise. Since 1990, only three teams with the worst record have received the first pick in the

In reality, all these teams are really just tanking for the right to be the most disappointed with their lottery pick results. Regardless, let's look at how a few teams are doing in their race to the bottom.

Boston Celtics (Current Record: 1-4)

The once-proud Celtics are in full-rebuilding mode, and their pursuit of Wiggins is off to a promising start. The Celtics got their tanking started early by trading Hall of Famers Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett for overpaid underperformers Kris Humphries and Gerald Wallace. They got their season started with their

second-worst five-game start in team history. Boston's next step should be to trade the injured Rajon Rondo, their only remaining All Star-caliber player, before he can return and lead them back to respectability. In the meantime, as long as they keep starting the likes of the selfish Jordan Crawford and anonymous Vitor Faverani, the Celtics should be able to happily continue their downward spiral.

Utah Jazz (Current Record: 0-5)

The only team to fall to the Celtics thus far? It's the hapless Jazz, who are also the only team to have already lost five games. Utah's willingness to relinquish their top two players, Paul Millsap and Al Jefferson, without equal compensation this offseason signaled their status as a real competitor for Wiggins. So far, the Jazz have fallen back upon the tested tanking formula of combining unready young players with washed-up veterans, creating lineups that give fans hope for the future, but frustrate them in the present. Against the Celtics, the Jazz started Jamaal Tinsley and Richard Jefferson, players I admired during their primes in the early 2000s. Between their winless record and hapless lineup, I'd say Utah is off to the most impressive start n the race for the first overall pick.

Philadelphia 76ers (Current Record: 3-2)

Prior to the season, the 76ers were the odds-on favorites to land Wiggins. They had traded their best player, Jrue Holiday, for an injured Nerlens Noel and future draft picks, and rookie coach Brett Brown told the Philadelphia Inquirer that his team only had "six NBA players" on its roster. With such a promising offseason, it's safe to say the start of the season has been a disappointment. The 76ers won their first three games, two of which were against the Bulls and Heat, and rookie point guard Michael Carter-Williams was named the Eastern Conference Player of the Week on Mondak. Luckily for Philly, it's a long season, and two consecutive losses give hope that they may have gotten on the right path.

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Irish face Eagles

ByCONORKELLY SportsWriter

It will be a matchup of two former-Big East foes when the Irish travel to Chestnut Hill, Mass., on Saturday to face Boston College.

The Eagles (8-16, 0-12 ACC), who bolted from the Big East in 2005, and Notre Dame (10-14, 4-9), who followed suit last year, are now ACC conference foes.

Despite the traditional rivalry betweeh the two teams, Irish coach Debbie Brown said the two teams are not that familiar with each other.

"We haven't played them since they left the Big East," Brown said. "It's a new coach, and I'm not that familiar with any of the players, aside from being aware of them before they went to college. Before this year, we didn't really pay that much attention to them."

The Irish have won two of their last three matches and look to continue to improve on their play after losing their first five conference matches. While the team is a new-comer to the conference, the Eagles have had their fair share of struggles as well in the ACC, as they've gone

winless in conference play thus far.

"I know that they're pretty young and that they've had some injuries, and a couple people we're not sure if they're back in the lineup, stufflike that," Brown said of the Eagles. "I think their coach is building a good, solid program."

According to Brown, the biggest concern for the Irish continues to be an inability to generate a large number of kills.

"We spent a lot of time last week working on our offense, increasing the number of kills that we have and increasing our hitting percentage, those types of things," Brown said. "Ithink we've made a lot of progress. It's the things that we continue to work on, and the goal is obviously to win every match. That's where we want to be this weekend when we play Bs."

While offense has been a focus for the Irish, Brown was not quick to dismiss the importance of the defensive side of the ball. The Irish struggled defensively in a 3-0 loss to Syracuse on Wednesday, allowing the Orange to hit at a .313 clip in the final two sets. In both games, The Irish held leads they would eventually relinquish.

"They had a couple of outside

hitters who we had a really hard time containing," Brown said. "We knewgoing in that they were the two we were really going to have to deal with. I felt like we had opportunities in games two and three where we had the lead late in the game, but our blocking defense struggled with that.

Although Boston College is winless in conference, the Eagles are not a team to look past, as their 8-3 nonconference record suggests. Brown said one of the perks of the move to the ACC is that even bottom-dwellers are solid teams.

"We're going in against a team that hasn't had a conference win yet, but we know that they're a very good program," Brown said of the Eagles. "The ACC is very different from the Big East in that sense. It's better teams, better records, better schedules. It's just much stronger top-to-bottom, which I love. It's definitely where we want to be, and it's a good thing for us even if it's a little tougher."

The Irish face Boston College on Saturday at 5 p.m. at Power Gym in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

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MEN'S TENNIS | USTA/ITA INDOOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Andrews advances

By GREG HADLEY

Sports Writer

Senior Greg Andrews cleared a major hurdle between him and a national championship Thursday, as he beat No. 4 seed Georgia sophomore Austin Smith, 2-6, 7-6 (7), 6-2 in the first round of the USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships in New

Andrews had not played in a tournament since the USTA/ITA Midwest Regional Championships last month, and the rust showed early against Smith, as he dropped the first set, 6-2

"I don't think he played his best tennis in the first half of the match," Sachire said. "It's not uncommon for the first round of a tournament. He just needed to find his rhythm. I'm really proud of him for not panicking or getting discouraged when he was down early."

Andrews kept himself in the game with strong serves and took the second set, 7-6 (7). He

then took control in the third set to win 6-2 and take down Smith, who earlier this year advanced to the quarterfinals of the ITA All-American Championships.

"[Andrews] did a fantastic job of competing," Sachire said. "He was able to stay within striking distance, and he battled hard and gave himself a chance to a find his form. Of course, in the third set, he was playing his at his best, and he did a good job of closing it out."

To continue winning, Andrews needs to stay focused and keep the form he found in the third set, Sachire said.

"If you're a little bit off, you're going to get beat at this level," Sachire said. "[For Andrews], it's not about if you can do it; it's about, 'Can you do it this weekend?""

With the win, Andrews advances to the round of 16, where he will play Oklahoma freshman Andrew Harris.

Harris, a native of Melbourne, Australia, won the junior events at both the Wimbledon Championships and the French Open in 2012.

In the first round, Harris was pushed to the limit by Embry-Riddle freshman Deni Zmak before finally pulling out the victory, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (5), 7-5. Sachire said he considers Harris to be one of the more dangerous players in the tournament, despite his relative inexperience on the collegiate level.

"It's going to be a battle, that's for sure," Sachire said. "He's only a freshman but he's one of the top junior-level players worldwide. I anticipate a very close, competitive match, and as always, it's going to come down to Greg executing his game. If he can do it well, then he has a very good chance to advance."

Andrews will represent the Irish in the round of 16 this morning at the USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York City.

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Notre Dame looks to claim first win



Irish swimmers encourage their teammates in the Dennis Stark Relays on Oct. 10. The Irish won four evemts in the competition.

By ALEX WILCOX Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look to secure its first win of the season when it travels to Pittsburgh to face Pitt and Virginia Tech on Saturday.

The Irish remained winless in dual meets after a 155.5-144.5 loss to Purdue last weekend.

"What's concerning me more, what bothers a coach more, is losing meets that you could have won," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "That bothers me more than the actual record itself. 0-3 certainly doesn't look good, but our sport doesn't work that way. At the end of the year, it's how you finish at the [NCAA Championships].

While Barnes may not be overly concerned with his team's slow start, he knows it has been draining on his team.

"They're absolutely frustrated, but what do you do?" Barnes said. "We have to learn from losing and to really try to stay emotionally stable in the process of

Barnes said the team has had trouble closing out races, an issue they are addressing.

"We have been working on that," Barnes said. "You have to get your hand to the wall before your opponent and really have the understanding that each and every race matter."

After the loss to Purdue, junior Emma Reaney said part of the team's problem is that swimmers are going into meets tired. Barnes said he is trying to prepare his team for the big postseason meets.

"If I wanted swim

extraordinarily fast this weekend, we would take a couple mornings off and rest up, and the workload throughout the week wouldn't be as hard as it's going to be," he said. "However, we're focusing on the end of the season. We're focusing on February and March, so we're investing right now."

Barnes said the most difficult thing right now is trying to strike that balance of being competitive now and preparing for March.

"We're rolling up our sleeves and working as a team," Barnes said. "[We're] trying to approach these meets and get our hands on the wall first with the understanding that each and every person matters and at the same time be focused on the end of the vear.."

This weekend will prove to be a good test for the Irish, Barnes said. Notre Dame and Pitt are familiar with each other from their Big East days, but the Irish know little about the Hokies.

"It's a meet on the road, it's a Saturday morning meet, and you never know what you're going to walk into on the road, especially when you're a team that's focused further down the road," Barnes said. "They're both well-coached teams. Of the two, Virginia Tech is probably a bit better, probably provide a little more depth, but both [are] well-coached teams, and [the Hokies are] on the road as well."

The Irish travel to Pittsburgh to face Pitt and Virginia Tech on Saturday at Trees Pool at 11 a.m.

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Soccer

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Tech tonight, Notre Dame could call the title its own.

"Every ACC game puts pressure on the team to perform," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "This is a very special game, though, because it's the final game [of the regular season], the senior farewell game, and the championship is on the line, so it is important we come and play a big game."

As this was Notre Dame's debut season in the ACC, winning the championship title has even greater implications for the Irish.

"We had a great season last year, but we didn't win the Big East Championship, so this was one of our goals being in the ACC this year," senior forward Harrison Shipp said. "It is important to prove to ourselves and everyone else in the ACC that we can do this."

The Irish proved themselves Tuesday when they beat No.18 Michigan State, 2-0, on the road.

In addition to the road victory over the Spartans, the Irish also beat No.13 Wake Forest, 3-1, on the road last Friday. Coming off these two back-to-back road wins has shaped Notre Dame's preparation and focus, Clark said.

"I think it was important to get our legs back with three games in basically one week," Clark said. "We should be pretty automatic preparing at this point in the season, so the most important thing is to get our physical condition ready."

The Irish need to

consider another factor besides their physical condition in preparing for this game — their mindset.

"I think one thing that could be a challenge in this game is our mindset," Shipp said. "We don't want to overlook Pitt because even though its record may not be as good as the other teams we've played, all its games have been really close in the ACC. Especially with us being at home, we don't want to overlook the possible threat that Pitt poses."

Even though Pitt just secured its first win of the season with a 9-0 victory over Howard on Tuesday, the threat that Pitt could possibly upset the Irish is the last thing Shipp and his nine fellow seniors want to experience the final time they walk onto the Alumni Stadium field during their regular-season careers.

"The fact that we're playing our last regular-season home game is kind of weird for me and everyone else," Shipp said. "Time goes so fast, and I feel like I just got on campus yesterday, but now suddenly we are playing our last home game.

"It helps for us knowing that we will have a bunch more home games for the ACC quarterfinals and NCAA Championships, so that makes Friday a little less emotional."

The Irish close out their regular season in a matchup with Pitt tonight at 7 p.m. at Alumni Stadium at 7 p.m.

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Hockey

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when they show up, and the band is here, the environment is outstanding. I am hoping that Saturday night with the game at 8 o'clock, we still get a good showing. It makes a big difference to our team and it makes a big difference to the environment."

Jackson said the Irish need to take advantage of the opportunities they get against the Gophers this weekend.

"They are not only talented offensively but because of their speed, they also defend well," Jackson said of the Gophers. "They put pressure on you defensively because they are fast. Even if they make a mistake, they can recover from it."

Despite it's current ranking, Minnesota is 4-for-28 on the power play, only converting on 14.3 percent of its chances. However, Notre Dame has also been struggling to convert on the power play, going 10-for-65 for a 15.4 percent conversion rate.

"Everybody looks at us and says we should be doing better with our skill level, but it is so much more than skill," Jackson said. "It is about the grit of getting pucks back; it's about winning face-offs; it's about the chemistry of the group. And I'm sure, [the Gophers] are like us right now; they are searching for the right chemistry."

Minnesota has sophomore goaltender Adam Wilcox as a safety net between the pipes. This season, Wilcox has a 1.64 goals against average and a .938 save percentage.

"Wilcox in goal has made them that much better," Jackson said. "As a freshman last year, he was really good. So as a sophomore with a year under his belt, I expect him to be even tougher than he was last year."

Notre Dame will look to take down the nation's top team tonight at 8:05 p.m. and Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at the Compton Family Ice Arena.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish travel to first ACC meet

Observer Staff Report

After a loss to Purdue last weekend, Notre Dame takes on ACC opponents Pittsburgh and No. 21 Virginia Tech in a tri-dual meet Saturday in Pittsburgh.

The Irish (1-3) will face an undefeated squad in the Panthers (2-0), who beat St. Bonaventure and Bucknell earlier this season.

In his team's 199-99 win over Bucknell last month, Panthers junior Luke Nosbisch claimed the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke and was on the winning 200-yard medley relay with sophomore David Sweeney Jr., who also won the 100-yard freestyle event.

The Panthers also feature a strong tandem on the diving boards. Senior Aaron Snyder grabbed first place in the onemeter and three-meter spring-board against Bucknell and in the three-meter event against St. Bonaventure. Junior Harris Bergman won the one-meter springboard against St. Bonaventure.

The Hokies (6-1, 2-0 ACC) will also bring a strong team that has recorded wins over No. 16 North Carolina and No. 22 North Carolina St. and a close 156.5-135.3 loss to No. 13 Ohio St.

Sophomore Joe Bonk led his team in its most recent victory, a 139-93 win over Cincinnati last Saturday. Bonk picked up wins in the 50-yard and 200-yard freestyle events.

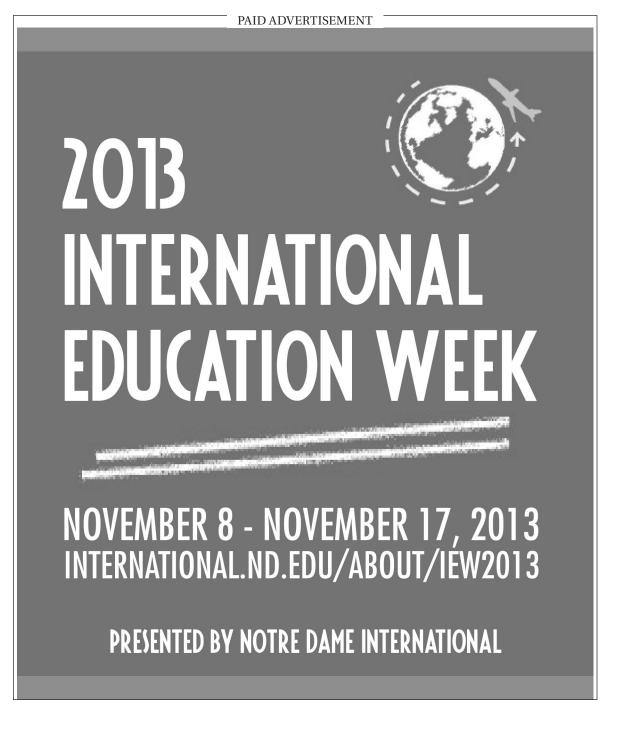
This weekend's meet is Notre Dame's first in-conference meet as an ACC member. Pittsburgh will see its first ACC action Saturday as

Though they are both

newcomers to the conference, the Irish and the Panthers are familiar foes from their Big East days. Notre Dame won last season's dual meet between the two schools, 176-124.

day as The conference-opening action starts Saturday at 11 a.m. at Trees both Pool in Pittsburgh.







Notre Dame senior guard Kayla McBride pushes the ball against UConn in the 2013 Final Four. The Irish fell to the Huskies 83-65.

W Basketball

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freshmen. "Those two are really talented players, and we need them to play right away."

The Irish will face a newlook team in the Seahawks, who finished 5-26 last season. UNC-Wilmington only three players from last year's team and boasts six freshmen on its roster.

At the end of last season, three of the UNC-Wilmington's top players, redshirt junior guards Jessica Freeman and Brittany Gamby and sophomore center Jovana Mandic, were dismissed from the team. Last year, Freeman led the Seahawks with 36.8 minutes per game and was second on the team in scoring with 10.6 points per game. Freeman also ranks third on the program's all-time steals list with 202, and is fifth in school history in 3-pointers made with 121.

One of the few returning players is junior guard Kelva Atkins, who was named a First-Team Preseason All-Colonial Athletic Association selection last month. Atkins

finished last season as the Seahawks third-highest scorer, averaging 10.4 points per game. She also finished second on the team in assists with an average of 2.6 per

"It's very difficult to scout a team that has so many new but you never know with freshmen."

UNC-Wilmington will be Notre Dame's only regularseason test before the Irish host No. 20 Michigan State on Monday. Last season, Michigan State finished with 29 wins and only five losses,

"It's very difficult to scout a team that has so many new players. They have a lot of new faces from last year."

Muffet McGraw Irish coach

players," McGraw said. "They have a lot of new faces from last year; we weren't able to get a lot of film on them, so we're really going into this without knowing a lot about them. I think it will be good for us to have to adjust in the game situations and figure out our matchups as we go along."

McGraw said that despite her team's experience, she still expects some first-game jitters from the Irish.

"You never know," she said. "We have veterans with Kayla McBride and [sophomore guard] Jewell Loyd, certainly we expect to have some poise,

though all five of their losses came on the road.

"Michigan State is a great team; they're so talented," McGraw said. "We've just got to focus on us. At this point in the season, we don't have a lot of stuff in. We're going a little slower than we have in the past to accommodate the freshmen, so I think for us, it's really about taking care of ourselves."

The Irish will face the Seahawks on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Purcell Pavilion.

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Irish freshman guard Demetrius Jackson sizes up a free throw against Indianapolis on Oct. 28. The Irish won the exhibition opener 95-69.

M Basketball

under Dean Smith, and Brey said Cooper's teams have a trapping style indirectly influenced by Smith, which could cause difficulty since the Irish have rarely played against it.

"[The RedHawks are] kind of rebuilding," Brey said. "They're going to scramble you. ... Trapping, running, jumping. This is a true test of us taking care of the ball, because they're going to really try and make it chaotic and not let us play at our pace. They're going to speed us up and trap us, so our decision making with the basketball is really going to be challenged, and then they've got some speed that you've got to stay in front of."

The trick to finding success

lie in athletic freshman guard forward Will Felder, and senior Demetrius Jackson. Friday's game guard Quinten Rollins, who benwill mark the collegiate debut for the blue-chip product from Mishawaka.

"The one thing about Demetrius with his strength is he's great in traps," Brey said. "He's more equipped to take on a trap maybe than Eric and [senior guard] Jerian [Grant] over time because he's just so darn strong. He got caught in one yesterday [at practice] and just kind of stepped through it like a man and made the play. But it will be a new level for him again. It's not exhibition teams. And there's some physical, older guards coming after him, so [it will be] a challenge."

Miami lost last season's leading scorer, Allen Roberts, but returns its second-leading scorer and its

against Miami's defense could top rebounder, redshirt senior efited from the trapping style to average 1.87 steals per game last

> As the Irish open the season, the status of sophomore forward Cam Biedscheid remains unclear. Biedscheid, who played in 34 games as a freshman, sat out Notre Dame's exhibition wins over Indianapolis and Tusculum. Brey said he would meet with Biedscheid to discuss the possibility of the sophomore redshirting this season. The decision should be known today.

> The Irish tip off their season tonight against Miami at 7 p.m. in Purcell Pavilion.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Carroll and Fisher meet in clash of undefeateds

By MATT GARCIA Sports Writer

After tying in the regular season, No. 3 Carroll and No. 6 Fisher will both seek to play one more game when they meet in this playoff battle of unbeaten teams.

Carroll (3-0-1) is going back to the basics this week, according to senior captain and offensive lineman Mike Russell.

"We are just going through fundamental stuff for the most part," Russell said. "We are pretty much ready, just keeping mentally sharp."

The Vermin failed to make it to the postseason last year, which makes this year even more important, Russell said.

"We missed the playoffs last year, so everyone is excited to get back and make a run at the stadium," Russell said.

Since the Vermin have already faced the Green Wave (2-0-2) this season, Russell said his team has a better idea of what they need to do

"Winning the turnover battle is key," Russell said. "We had a few turnovers that really hurt us the last time we played Fisher."

On the other side of the ball, Fisher junior captain and linebacker Matthew Nagy said the Green Wave have the last matchup against Carroll in their minds.

"We played them earlier in the season, and they like to pass a lot,

so we are making sure our pass defense is good," Nagy said.

With experience on its side, the Green Wave will be ready this week, Nagy said.

"We have a lot of seniors on our team, so we would like to have them leave on a good note, but we are just taking it one game at a time for now," Nagy said.

Fisher and Carroll meet Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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Siegfried vs. Keough

By BRIAN PLAMONDON Sports Writer

No. 4 Siegfried and No. 5 Keough will look to rely on their stingy defenses as they prepare to clash in a quarterfinal matchup Sunday.

Siegfried (3-1) enters the game having allowed only three points to opponents, while Keough (3-1) has surrendered just a single touchdown all season.

Siegfried senior captain and lineman John Moore emphasized the importance of keeping the other team's offense off the field, allowing the Ramblers offense to dictate game speed and tire out defenses.

"We're continuously working on all aspects of our game, preparing for whatever Keough might throw at us," Moore said.

Moore said he believes the game may come down to which team turns the ball over more. Siegfried freshman safety Derek Gauthier will look to add to his three season interceptions, Moore said.

"Derek has a great nose for the ball," Moore said.

The game plan will be very similar for Keough, who has relied on its defense all season. Shying away from individual accolades, Donegan keyed on the whole defense as the unit to watch.

"Our defense is best when every guy plays together," Donegan said. "When they do that, it takes pressure off of the offense."

Keough and Siegfried will square off this Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle

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Keenan vs. Dillon

By CHRISTINA KOCHANSKI Sports Writer

No. 8 Dillon will take on undefeated No. 1 Keenan in the quarterfinals of the playoffs Sunday.

The two teams matched up during the regular season, with the Knights (4-0) earning a 6-0 victory over the Big Red (2-2).

"We played Keenan in the regular season, and it was a very good game, very hard-fought," Dillon senior captain and lineman Nate Steele said. "We lost and we're definitely going to learn from that, and hopefully get a better result."

Steele said the Big Red have doubled the number of practices to fine tune the team's offense.

"On offense, we need to be a little more consistent, so we can string together first downs and get a solid drive," Steele said.

Dillon's offense will face the Keenan defense, which Keenan senior captain and wide receiver Jeremy Riche listed as one of the Knights' greatest strengths. Keenan has yet to allow a single point all season.

"Our team's strength is defense and has been all year," Riche said. "Getting sacks, getting turnovers, playing together as a unit and trusting each other translates into good field position and a good game."

Riche said he believes that the matchup will be even and hard-fought.

"I think it'll come down to the fourth quarter and whoever pulls it out there will come out on top," Riche said.

Only one team will advance to the semifinals when Keenan and Dillon face off Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Alumni vs. Knott

By RENEE GRIFFIN Sports Writer

No. 2 Alumni and No. 7 Knott will kick off their postseasons Sunday in a rematch of the Dawgs 3-0

victory over the Juggerknotts.

Dawgs senior receiver and captain Jeff Kraemer said Alumni (4-0) achieved a spotless record behind relentless defense and contributions from players like freshman running back Alex Alcantara.

"Defense as a whole is what's gotten us here, so if we can keep that up we should be good," Kraemer said. "The defense stayed strong the whole season, and our rushing game showed up every week, so it's nice to have that consistency."

Meanwhile, Knott (2-2) was able to turn its season around after losing its first two games. Senior captain and defensive end James Hodgens said the Juggerknotts are excited to play Alumni again.

"We lost to Alumni in the first game of the season, so we know it'll be a tough game," Hodgens said. "But this is the team we wanted to

Knott's offense, led by junior quarterback David Taiclet, will have to face the formidable Alumni defense, which has allowed only seven points all season. The Dawgs' running game will go up against a similarly strong Knott defense, led by Hodgens and junior linebacker Mike Rotar, that has allowed only 10 points this season.

The two teams face off Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Chaos look to best Phoxes and diverse offense

By ALEX CARSON Sports Writer

No. 3 Pangborn and No. 6 Cavanaugh will compete for a spot in the semifinals when they meet in Sunday's quarterfinal matchup.

The Phoxes (5-0-1) rode a twoquarterback system throughout the regular season. Juniors Caitlin Gargan and Elizabeth Quinn split time this year calling the signals.

"We've had a lot of success using [Gargan and Quinn] and spreading the ball around," senior captain and offensive lineman Mary Kate Veselik said. "We have a lot of great receivers and offensive weapons."

While the Pangborn offense might be flashier, its defense is just as strong, having only surrendering 20 points all season.

"Defensively, we've had success using some different schemes," Veselik said. "[Sophomore] defensive lineman Molly Cullinan has been a big part of that success."

The Chaos (3-3) will enter the game looking to pull off a bit of an upset over undefeated Pangborn.

'We're just focusing on looking at all different kinds of special plays or formations we might see and ways to combat those strategies," Avers said. "We're looking at things outside of our comfort zone."

Cavanaugh's charge to the playoffs has been a team effort, Ayers

"We've had lots of freshmen step up after some injuries, and everyone has been playing her part," Ayers said. "Junior quarterback Samantha Flores will continue to be a key part of our offense."

Pangborn and Cavanaugh will meet Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Lyons vs. Ryan

By ZACH KLONSINSKI

The excitement of playoff football arrives this Sunday, as No. 7 Lyons and No. 2 Ryan meet to move one step closer to Notre Dame Stadium.

The Lions (3-3) had to wait almost a full month since playing their last game to see if they would even make the playoffs.

"Everyone's been asking every day, 'Did we make playoffs?"" senior receiver, safety and captain Christina Bramanti said. "I was really happy to send out that email saying, 'Yes."

The Lions are a young team led by the play of freshman quarterback Kristen Lombardo and freshman cornerback and receiver Taylor Sears.

"We've got some strength in the freshmen," Bramanti said. "They get

out there and take care of business both offensively and defensively."

The Wildcats (5-0-1) are led by freshman twins Kathleen and Clare Conaty at quarterback and running back, respectively, and a defense that did not allow a point until the fourth game of the season.

Senior captain and receiver Maddie Swan said she believes the team is ready for playoff competition.

"I think that the atmosphere will be a little bit more intense, but I think that we'll be able to handle it," Swan said. "Our closest game of the season was with Pangborn, and that was definitely a high-strung, intense game, so hopefully that gave us a little taste of more important games."

Both teams look to stay alive in the title chase when they meet at LaBar Fields on Sunday at 5 p.m.

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Pasquerilla East vs. Howard

By ANDREW EISENREICH Sports Writer

With its first winning season in over three years, No. 4 Pasquerilla East heads into the quarterfinals of the playoffs eager to gain a win versus No. 5 Howard.

Lead by junior dual-threat

quarterback Macy Mulhall, the Pyros (5-1) will face off against the defensively sound Ducks (4-2). With Mulhall at the helm, Pasquerilla East features a diverse offense, complete with a solid run game, an electrifying passing attack and Boise State-like trick plays.

Senior co-captain Caroline Kuse said she is simply happy to be in the playoffs for the first time.

"The season has been phenomenal," Kuse said. "I never would have expected we would be so successful."

Plagued by injuries during the to regain full strength and play a solid game Sunday.

On defense, the Ducks have been dominant, senior captain Claire Robinson said, thanks to the contributions from several players.

"Everyone pitches in," Robinson said. "I think that is what's made Howard so strong so far."

Competing in separate divisions, neither team has much insight on the other, but both captains said they expect formidable challenges. Despite the two teams' differences, each has agreed to sing the Alma Mater if it loses.

The Ducks and Pyros will duel Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Pasquerilla West vs. Welsh **Family**

By MEGAN WINKEL Sports Writer

As the season comes to an end, the championship is in near sight for No. 1 Pasquerilla West and No. 8 Welsh Family.

Welsh Family senior captain and linebacker Carissa Henke said she believes the Whirlwinds (2-4) can hold its own if it plays to its full potential.

"[Pasquerilla West] is going to be a tough battle because it hasn't lost regular season, Howard is looking a game yet, but we have potential to surprise some people," Henke said. "We plan to come out and show what we're made of, and hopefully play our best game yet and get a win."

> The Purple Weasels (6-0) enter the playoffs as the top seed.

> "It feels good coming out of the season undefeated, but every game is a new game, and we can't just focus on our past wins," senior captain and linebacker Breezi Toole said. "We have to take it one game at a time and hopefully make it all the way to the championship."

> Pasquerilla West and Welsh Family will meet 4 p.m. Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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Happy Birthday: You have more options than you realize. Take a deeper look into what's being offered and you will find a way to expand your interests. Your connec tion to the past will include people and places you used to frequent. Taking a different approach to something you've wanted to do for a long time will help you reach your goal. Your numbers are 3, 8, 15, 21, 34, 36, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Concentrate on the lesson. Go through the motions but don't give in to manipulation. Discipline will be required and a need to gauge your time carefully a must. Do your best to get things done. There is no room for error.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Knowledge is key to making the right choice. Ask questions and discuss your concerns. A partnership will help you see things from different angles. The moves you make now will determine how successful you will be in the future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You thrive under pressure. The chance to multitask and diversify allows you to show off and challenge others. Your ability to leap from one thing to another and to find solutions will keep you busy and out of trouble. ★★★

 $\textbf{CANCER (June 21-July 22):} \ You'll\ do\ well\ if\ you\ join\ in\ the\ fun\ and\ participate\ in$ unusual activities that broaden your outlook and bring you in touch with all sorts of interesting people. Express your desires and you'll make a connection that will keep you occupied. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may not want to take care of domestic chores, but complaints will be made if you fall behind. Pick up the slack if someone else is to blame and you will end up in control and out of trouble.★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Choose what works best for you and follow your basic instincts. Making contact with people who share common interests will bring you new opportunities. Network and combine business with pleasure. Romance will result in a better love life. ★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Extravagance, overindulgence and taking on more than you can handle will lead to relationship problems. Work hard, produce the most and the best you can and refrain from letting emotional matters slow you down. Protect your health and wellness. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): People from your past will surface or you may make contact with someone you miss. Reconnecting will bring new opportunities, as well as memories, that will influence what you do in the future. Love is highlighted and a trip is apparent. ★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a serious and conservative approach to what ever you do. Being hotheaded or pushy will work against you. It's time to make some positive alterations at home that will make your life easier and less stressful. ★★★

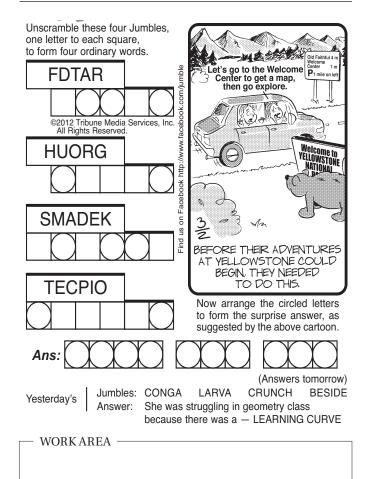
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HOCKEY

Compton's challenger

In a top-five matchup, Notre Dame hosts Minnesota for the first time in over 30 years

By ISAAC LORTON

Sports Writer

The No. 4 Irish will play host to unbeaten No. 1 Minnesota tonight and Saturday night in a premier matchup between two of the country's top teams.

The Gophers (5-0-1) have not played at Notre Dame (6-2-0, 1-1-0 Hockey East) since Feb. 29, 1980.

In their most recent meeting Jan. 8, Notre Dame lost 4-1 to then-No. 1 Minnesota. This time around, Irish coach Jeff Jackson said the team would look to overcome the dynamic Gophers.

"They are a great program for us to play," Jackson said of the Gophers. "I would expect both games to be at a high tempo. Two skating teams. It's just a matter if our depth can handle theirs."

Minnesota coach Don Lucia, a 1981 Notre Dame graduate, was on the Irish roster when Minnesota last played in South Bend. Irish sophomore center Mario Lucia chose to play for his dad's alma mater, rather than the team his dad coaches now. This will be the second meeting between father and son. Last season, Mario Lucia, a Plymouth, Minn., native, played in front of his home crowd after a 12-hour flight and a week of playing for the United States Under-20 National Team in Russia.

"There is going to be pressure for [Mario Lucia] in this game no matter what," Jackson said. "But I don't think it is going to be as bad as last year."

Notre Dame enters tonight's game riding a 10-game home winning streak. Jackson credited the new atmosphere and enthusiasm at the Compton Family Ice Arena for the team's home success.

"We have this beautiful new building now," Jackson said. "When our students are all here,

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MICHAEL YU | The Observe

Irish sophomore center Steven Fogarty attacks the Guelph defense in an exhibition game on Oct. 6. In the 5-2 Notre Dame win, Fogarty tallied an assist on the third Irish goal.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish seek ACC regular season title



KEVIN SONG | The Observer

Irish freshman defender Mark Mishu looks to transition against UNC on Sept. 8. The Irish tied the Tarheels 1-1 in the ACC matchup.

By KIT LOUGHRAN Sports Writer

The Irish aren't playing for just any conference win today — they're playing for the ACC title.

No. 1 Notre Dame will conclude its regular season play for the 2013 season and play for at least a share of the ACC regular-season title when it faces Pitt tonight at Alumni Stadium.

The matchup between the Irish (10-1-5, 6-1-3 ACC) and

the Panthers (1-10-4, 0-8-2) marks the 18th meeting between the programs. The Irish lead the series 11-3-3, which includes a 7-1 victory over Pitt last season.

The Irish are currently tied for first place in the ACC with No. 5 Maryland, who tied the Irish, 1-1, on Oct. 8, and are looking to lock up the ACC-regular season title with a win over Pitt. If Maryland falls to Virginia

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame hosts Miami

By SAM GANSSports Writer

After a nearly eight-month hiatus following its NCAA Tournament loss to Iowa State, No. 21 Notre Dame returns to the hardwood tonight when it welcomes Miami (Ohio) to Purcell Pavilion for its season opener.

The Irish will do so led by senior guard Eric Atkins and junior forward Pat Connaughton, who were announced as captains Wednesday. As a result, Atkins became the first three-time captain in program history.

Miami is coming off a rough season in which it went 9-22 overall and 3-13 in the MAC. But Irish coach Mike Brey said in his press conference Wednesday he has been careful not to overlook the RedHawks.

Notre Dame has won 14 straight season openers. Its last defeat was a 76-65 home loss to the RedHawks on Nov. 13, 1998, two years before Brey arrived in South Bend. The RedHawks also won in South Bend in Brey's first season before the Irish took a one-point victory in Oxford the following year.

"I just look at the history of the

thing," Brey said. "My first year here, [the RedHawks] come in here and beat us. ... They were good. And then one of our great wins my second year was winning at Miami of Ohio. ... That was a great win for us. But we're 4-4 [in our history], and they've won three of the last four and they've won in this building, so I'm anxious."

Miami is led by second-year coach John Cooper, who played for Eddie Fogler at Wichita State in the 1980s. Fogler spent his college days at North Carolina

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish begin regular season

By BRIAN HARTNETTSports Writer

No. 6 Notre Dame will look to embark on its path to a fourth consecutive Final Four when the Irish tip off their regular season against UNC-Wilmington on Saturday at Purcell Pavilion.

The game will mark Notre Dame's second appearance in front of its home crowd this season. Last year, the Irish finished the season with only one loss at Purcell Pavilion. So far this fall, the Irish have played only one exhibition game, a 118-49 victory over Division II

California (Pa.) on Oct. 30.

Notre Dame's three seniors, guard Kayla McBride and forwards Ariel Braker and Natalie Achonwa, all did not play against the Vulcans. Irish coach Muffet McGraw said McBride and Braker would both play Saturday. Achonwa will be out a few more weeks after she had surgery last month to repair a torn meniscus in her right knee. Last season, Achonwa set a school record with 19 double-doubles on the season, including eight against ranked opponents. Achonwa averaged 13.8 points per game and 9.4 rebounds per game.

Freshman forward Taya Reimer and freshman guard Lindsay Allen will both see plenty of playing time Saturday, as McGraw named them starters for the season opener. Reimer scored 27 points against California, while Allen had 13 points and nine assists against the Vulcans. As seniors in high school, both Reimer and Allen were 2013 USA Today All-USA First-Team selections and 2013 MaxPreps Second-Team All-America picks.

"They'll both get a lot of time," McGraw said of the

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