

Tibetan Buddhist monks create mandala

Group constructs colorful sand artwork in Jordan Hall of Science during final stop on national tour

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
News Editor

A group of Tibetan Buddhist monks will spend the week in Jordan Hall of Science constructing a peace sand mandala, a sacred part of ancient Buddhist tradition.

Arjia Rinpoche, director of the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center in Bloomington, Ind., will spend time in communion with and seven monks from Labrang Tashi Kyil Monastery in Dehra Dun, India while they complete the mandala. They will be in the Reading Room of Jordan constructing the mandala from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Dominic Vachon, director of the Hillebrand Center, said he hopes the monks and their faith will help people to maintain compassion while encountering suffering and difficulty.

"While Arjia Rinpoche and the monks will not be talking directly about medicine, I believe that their intense practice and study of compassion will spark each of us to consider our own personal practices of cultivating compassion in all our helping work," he said. "Even though the focus of the Hillebrand Center is on the science of compassionate care in medicine, we also study and reflect on

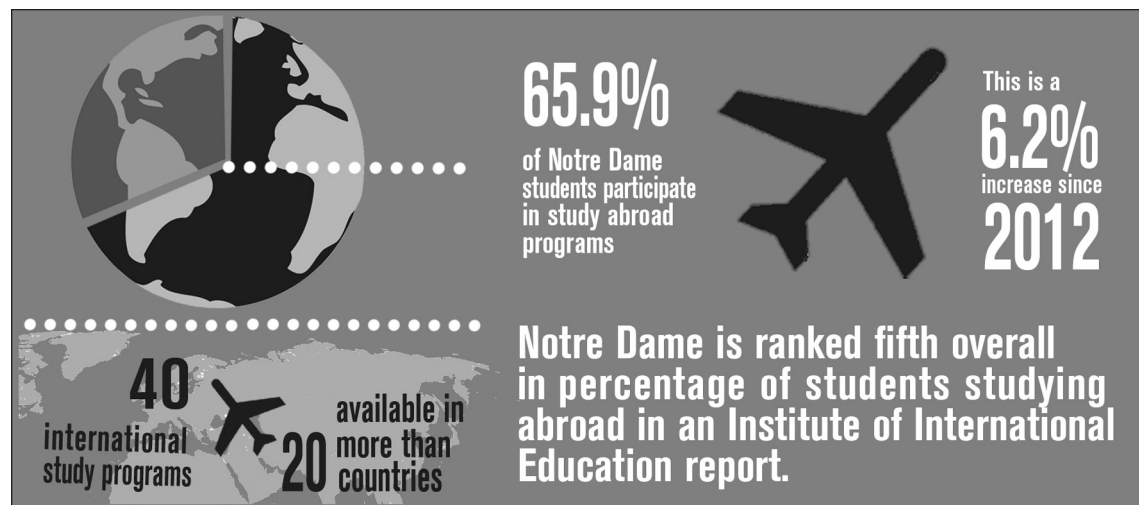
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A peace sand mandala created by a group of Buddhist monks in the Reading Room of Jordan Hall of Science will be built all week and dismantled on Thursday, in accordance with Buddhist tradition.

ND ranks fifth in study abroad participation



EMILY DANAHER | The Observer

By MEG HANDELMAN
News Writer

The opportunity to spend a semester of college taking classes in a foreign country, visiting new places and forming strong relationships with other students to many seems too good to pass up, and Notre Dame students are taking advantage of study abroad opportunities at higher rates than ever before.

According to the Open Doors report released by the Institute of International

Education (IIE), Notre Dame ranks fifth nationwide in percentage of undergraduate students participating in study abroad programs among U.S. doctoral and research institutions. The story focused on the 2011 to 2012 academic year.

The United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, France and China ranked as the top five destinations for American students, and the IIE reported a steady increase in students pursuing academic semesters in foreign countries over

the past decade.

According to the report, 65.9 percent of Notre Dame students participate in study abroad, a 6.2 percent increase from 2012. Last year, the University ranked ninth in the survey.

The Notre Dame website states that the mission of International Studies is "to enable international learning and research experiences that enhance the academic,

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Gary's first female mayor delivers leadership lecture

By HALEIGH EHMSSEN
News Writer

Karen Freeman-Wilson, the first female mayor of Gary, Ind., and the first African American mayor in Indiana spoke about her leadership experience in a lecture at Saint Mary's Monday evening. Junior Brooke Fowler and her classmates in an Intercultural Leadership Development course invited Freeman-Wilson to speak as part of an assignment to reach out to an influential female leader.

"In class we talk a lot about leadership styles. The style I most admire is servant leadership in which the leader focuses directly on the needs of the people and places [herself] among the people to serve and work towards a common goal," Fowler said. "This is what Karen is doing."

Freeman-Wilson is currently in her second term as

Gary's mayor. She said it was not her successes but rather her failures that got her to where she is today.

"I have a firm belief that God puts where he wants you to be," Freeman-Wilson said.

Despite having lost more city elections than she has won since 1987, Freeman-Wilson said she successfully gained the mayoral seat after a group of people urged her to run again.

"I ran in 2003 and 2007 unsuccessfully for mayor of the city of Gary and after my loss in 2007, [I] decided that the voters [were] not interested in [my] service," Freeman-Wilson said.

"So in 2011 when some guys came to me and said 'we have a poll that shows that you're the only person that can beat the incumbent and we think that it's your time,' I said no, but they kept pressing the

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In the Nov. 17 issue of The Observer, the article "Department of Education workshops inspire creativity" misattributed information about negativity in education to Chris Higgs-Coulthard when Kathy Higgs-Coulthard actually said it. The article "SMC reaches out to underprivileged schools" also should have said that Erin Gruwell's lecture took place Saturday, not Friday. The Observer regrets the errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

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"Peppermint hot chocolate."



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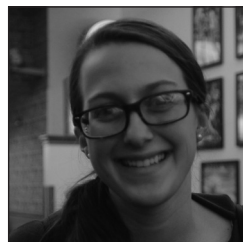
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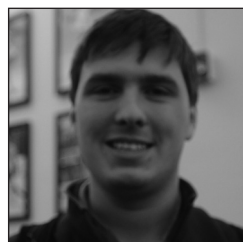
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This week, a group of Tibetan Buddhist monks are creating a sand mandala in the Reading Room of Jordan Hall of Science. The construction process takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until Thursday and is open to the public.

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Tuesday

'I was Born, But..'
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.
Classic Japanese film.

Four: 7 Catholic Fellowship
Cavanaugh Hall
8:15 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.
Student-led Catholic discussion.

Wednesday

Mass of Remembrance
Pasquerilla Hall West
9 p.m.- 10 p.m.
Memorial mass.

Laird Hunt Reading
Eck Visitors Center
7:30 p.m.- 9 p.m.
Reading by award-winning short story author.

Thursday

"Figure it Out"
Snite Museum of Art
5 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.
Figure drawing session.

Film: "Oh Boy"
DeBartolo Performing Arts
7 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.
Director Jan Ole Gerster will attend.

Friday

Laughter Yoga
St. Liam Hall
1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
Part of stress-buster Fridays.

Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Fall concert.

Saturday

Concert on the Steps
Bond Hall
2 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
ND Band performs 90 minutes before kickoff.

Vigil Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Music by Women's Liturgical Choir.

SMC hosts foreign language celebration

By **REBECCA O'NEIL**
News Writer

Saint Mary's students shared in the native languages of six women from five different countries Monday through "Writing Across the World," an event sponsored by the Saint Mary's English Language School.

At the event, which also marked the beginning of International Week, the women translated and transcribed students' names into their native languages.

She designed the event to promote dialogue — in English or otherwise — between students, Terra Cowham, assistant director for International Student Scholar Services at the English Language School, said.

"During International Week, we want to highlight all the diversity in the international students on our campus," Cowham said. "We thought it'd be really awesome if they wrote some themes or sayings while sharing their native language with us."

"This event begins a cultural festival," Ethiopian student Neima Mohammed said.

Mohammed's ability to speak English fluently is a result of five months of language classes from Saint Mary's, she

said. The Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership offers a rigorous program in the English Language School to non-native speakers, and Cowham said the four-week program is open to anyone.

"We have a program for anyone, [from] adult women [to] students just out of high school, if they want to come and learn English they come here, live on campus and they take classes that are non-degree but focused on learning the English language," she said.

Cowham said many women come for additional practice or instruction before they enter another college.

"I am extremely passionate about making students global citizens and connecting the world every day," Cowham said. "I want to help all of campus see what wonderful resources we have, all the wonderful students that come here from across the world."

Noemy Siles-Alvarado, a Costa Rican student, said she feels the strong sense of community that Cowham has tried to foster for international students at Saint Mary's.

"The professors are really, really good. All the girls are friendly," she said. "I have enjoyed it, it feels like family."

Siles-Alvarado said she found

her role at the writing event amusing.

"It's interesting for me because I'm from Costa Rica. It's not that amazing and for most people it's the same name in English as it is in Spanish," she said. "For the other girls, I think it's really cool because they can write in their own language."

Siles-Alvarado said she chose to attend the English Language School to improve her grammar before she begins pursuing a pre-medicine degree at Goshen College.

Maha Alshahrani, a student from Saudi Arabia, said she chose Saint Mary's to study among pupils of her own gender and aspires to receive a Master's degree from Notre Dame.

Mayumi Oda and Misa Inaba are both studying abroad from the same college in Japan, which Inaba said was "kind of a sister school to Saint Mary's." This semester they live with two American roommates in Le Mans Hall.

Oda said as much as they miss home now, when they leave they will miss Saint Mary's as well.

"It's beautiful to communicate with another country's people," Oda said.

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Former SEC lawyer discusses ethics

By **EMILY McCONVILLE**
News Writer

Gary Aguirre, the lawyer who "blew the whistle" on Pequot Capital's illegal insider trading activity and catalyzed a 2007 investigation on the hedge fund, delivered a lecture Monday night as the final installment of Mendoza's John A. Berges Lecture Series in Business Ethics.

At the beginning of his lecture, Aguirre told his audience at DeBartolo Hall to raise their hands if any of them planned to become a whistleblower. Nobody did.

"That's the point," Aguirre said, showing pictures of Edward Snowden, Daniel Ellsberg and others who had leaked government secrets. "No one plans on becoming a whistleblower. It's a choice you make when you're faced with options."

Aguirre, a former lawyer at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) blew the whistle on his previous employer's preferential treatment of some business executives Aguirre said his first assignment with the SEC involved Pequot Capital CEO Arthur Samberg. In July 2001, Pequot had bought a large amount of stock in a company called Heller Financial, seemingly for no reason, he said.

At the end of that month, Heller Financial was purchased by General Electric, which sent its stock up and earned Pequot millions of dollars. The problem, Aguirre said, was there was no way Pequot could have known about the purchase so far in advance, a red flag for a case of insider trading.

Aguirre said his team soon found similar cases involving the hedge fund and investigated further.

"I went to the New York Stock Exchange to ask about one of the cases, and they said, look, this hedge fund is being perennially referred to and perennially coming up on our radar for insider trading," Aguirre said. "We're constantly sending referrals to the [SEC]. They're way too lucky, and there are 200 other companies that are just as lucky as them. We're sending referrals over, and nothing happens."

Aguirre said the Pequot investigation next needed Credit Suisse CEO John Mack to testify. Credit Suisse managed Heller Financial.

Mack, he said, had spoken with Samberg on the phone shortly before Pequot started buying stock and later made \$5 million in four months. Aguirre said his supervisors at the SEC were "excited" about the findings and wanted proceed with the investigation.

Then, he said, the news hit that Mack, whose testimony Aguirre needed for his investigation, was about to become CEO of Morgan Stanley, one of the biggest financial firms in the world. Mack suddenly had too much "political clout" to be investigated, Aguirre said.

"There was a phone call [that] came one week after I got the case

elevated to a criminal case," he said. "... Within a few days, the word came down that there would be no testimony coming from John Mack. He was off bounds."

Aguirre said he expressed his concerns about Mack's preferential treatment to several supervisors and was eventually told to go on vacation. Before he came back, Aguirre received word he had been fired.

Aguirre said he decided to go to the U. S. Senate with some records from his investigations and evidence against Pequot and the SEC. As he worked on his report, he said the SEC threatened him with criminal prosecution, attacked his character in the media, sued him and opened their own investigations, saying he had acted outside the law.

"This is the government striking back at a whistleblower," Aguirre said. "[In] my situation, I was a lawyer, I was a smart lawyer, I was an experienced lawyer, and when I became a whistleblower, I stayed within what I perceived to be the law."

Spearheaded by Senator Charles Grassley, two Senate committees investigated the issue and subpoenaed several high-ranking SEC officials, he said. After 18 months of hearings, in August 2007 the Senate sided with Aguirre, saying the SEC had fired him improperly and given preferential treatment to Mack.

Aguirre said while the ruling was important, the SEC had missed its chance to get Mack to testify and "squandered" an opportunity for meaningful reform. Because he still wanted to pursue his investigation of Pequot, Aguirre requested the rest of the SEC records under the Freedom of Information Act. Those, along with a series of anonymous phone calls and emails proving that insider trading occurred in a similar case involving Microsoft stock, confirmed in 2009 that Pequot had broken the law.

Aguirre said his subsequent letter to the SEC prompted it to reopen its own investigation, leading to a \$28 million settlement with Pequot, which then closed down.

"Mine was, in a sense, a happy story," Aguirre said. "It was five years, [and] it was at times anguishing to think the government is coming after me, to know that you've done nothing illegal, that in fact, it's the government that's illegal ... and yet the government felt comfortable in threatening prosecution."

Aguirre, who now represents other whistleblowers, said his decision to become one was not a big choice, but a "series of small decisions" that built up.

"I wouldn't have raised my hand either," Aguirre said, referring to his opening remarks. "You face these moments where you are either a part of it or you're not ... I took an oath at the SEC to enforce securities laws without that kind of bias."

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Freeman-Wilson said she wanted to talk about her fail-

"[Women] always want to find a win-win ... we want everybody to be okay with the resolution, where they feel comfortable with it, and that's not always the case with men."

Karen Freeman-Wilson
mayor
Gary, Ind.

ures because it's something that few leaders highlight. She learned that it's important to show people how much you care.

"People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care," she said. "Without fail, I believed I had the best credentials in the races that I lost, but it was only when I became a caregiver that realized the

importance of compassion in leadership."

Freeman-Wilson said after her mother suffered from multiple strokes their relationship was changed and her mother depended on her for care. This experience taught Freeman-Wilson the importance of service especially in public office.

"[Public service] means that in every decision you that you make, when you have been given the public trust, that you make it with the people in mind," she said. "I know that every time I make a decision it isn't always the right one, because none of us are infallible, but what I can tell [the public] ... is that every time I make a decision it is for the right reason, [and] I can walk you through my thinking as to why I thought that decision is in the best interest of the majority of the city."

Perseverance, patience and good teamwork are important qualities all leaders should possess, Freeman-Wilson said. However, she said working together as a team will get students further than any individual effort.

"At the end of the day, it's not about you," she said. "It's not about us as individuals, but it's about what our legacy is and what our service is.

"It's been said that service is the rent that we pay for our time on earth and I believe that."

Freeman-Wilson said women have a unique quality that lends itself to leadership.

"[Women] always want to find a win-win ... we want everybody to be okay with the resolution, where they feel comfortable with it, and that's not always the case with men," she said.

Being comfortable with responsibility and authority are important in leadership Freeman-Wilson said. She urged students to be confident in themselves and recognize the importance of their own leadership skills.

"I'm counting on you all to continue the effort that we started and the only way you can do that is if [leaders] set an example," she said.

Freeman-Wilson said she hopes that her work as mayor is setting that standard for what citizens of Gary should expect from their public servants.

"I understand there is a generation behind me that can do better than me," Freeman-Wilson said. "And I'm cool with that."

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Toronto mayor's power stripped

Associated Press

Amid cries of "Shame! Shame!" scandal-plagued Toronto Mayor Rob Ford was stripped of the last of his meaningful powers Monday after a heated City Council debate in which he argued with members of the public, charged hecklers and knocked a councilwoman down.

Ford called the move a "coup d'etat" and vowed an "outright war" in next year's mayoral election.

"What's happening here today is not a democratic process, it's a dictatorship process," the 44-year-old mayor declared.

The council lacks the power to remove Ford from office unless he is convicted of a crime. Instead, members sought the strongest recourse available after recent revelations that Ford smoked crack cocaine and was drunk at public events.

Ford later said in a TV interview Monday night on the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. that he was "finished" with alcohol, acknowledging that his drinking had resulted in "excessive,

stupid, immature behavior."

Earlier Monday, the council voted overwhelmingly in favor of slashing Ford's office budget by 60 percent and allowing his staff to move to the deputy mayor, who now takes on many of the mayor's former powers. Ford now effectively has no legislative power and no longer chairs the executive committee, although he retains his title and ability to represent Toronto at official functions.

The debate became raucous after Ford paced around the council chamber and traded barbs with members of the public. The speaker asked security to clear the gallery and a recess was called, but not before Ford barreled toward his detractors, mowing into Councilor Pam McConnell.

Another councilor asked Ford to apologize. Ford said he was rushing to the defense of his brother, Councilor Doug Ford, and accidentally knocked McConnell down.

"I picked her up," he said. "I ran around because I thought my brother was getting into an altercation."

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intercultural and spiritual formation of our students; enrich their global and cultural awareness and help to develop engaged citizens in our increasingly interconnected and interdependent world.”

Junior Kate Friedli said she chose to study abroad in the United Kingdom during the past summer for a variety of reasons.

“I think more and more people are going abroad for two reasons,” she said. “First, it’s incredibly fun. Second, you have the opportunity to learn things you wouldn’t in a normal, domestic class.”

Friedli said her favorite part of the experience was forming friendships with the other Notre Dame students in her program.

“What I found most rewarding about studying abroad was the people,” Friedli said. “The people from Notre Dame who I went abroad to London with will be my lifelong friends, and my interactions with true Londoners were very rewarding and fun.”

Junior Sara Reyes also said studying abroad offered an opportunity to branch out and meet Notre Dame students she has yet to interact with on campus.

“Studying abroad is the perfect medium to get out of your comfort zone,” Reyes said. “It was a great experience for me because I met a lot of Notre Dame students that I may never have had the pleasure of being friends with had I not met them during my time abroad.”

Junior Katharine Maheras said she valued the opportunity to experience new cultures with other Notre Dame students who share a similar background to hers.

“I not only got to have a new cultural experience but also was able to strengthen friendships with Notre Dame students through doing so,” Maheras said.

Junior Kevin McMannis said by offering study abroad programs over the summer, Notre Dame International

allows even more students to take advantage of the opportunity to study in a foreign country.

“The summer abroad let me experience new and different parts of my Notre Dame and college career without missing a semester on this amazing campus,” he said.

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Living in a metropolitan city and absorbing the culture were highlights of the summer program, McMannis said.

“London’s city life and culture was one of the most amazing experiences I’ve had so far, and I am super blessed to have been able to spend it with my college friends, new and old,” he said.

Notre Dame boasts more than 40 international study programs in more than 20 nations, including Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Russia, Senegal, South Korea, Singapore, Switzerland, Uganda and the U.K., along with a domestic program in Washington, D.C.

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ISABELLA BIANCO | The Observer

The Tibetan Buddhist monks are selling merchandise as they construct the sand mandala to raise money for Labrang Tashi Kyil Monastery in Dehra Dun, India. They will be in Jordan Hall of Science until Thursday.

Monks

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the ways our religious traditions, spiritualities and philosophies of caring help sustain anyone involved in helping work.”

The event at Notre Dame marks the end of the monks’ seven-month tour around the United States, a trip aimed at raising awareness of their culture and money for their monastery. Vachon said the goal of this week’s event is not conversion but rather to catalyze people’s thought processes on compassion.

“We want all people to think about ‘how am I compassionate’ and ‘how can I be more compassionate, how is my religion making me more compassionate?’” he said. “Notre Dame is very committed to the mission of connecting with other faiths internationally, and I think it enriches all of our religious lives when we interact with other religions. My own Catholicism is deepened by learning from [Buddhism].”

Tenpa Phuntsok, one of the monks in the group, said the main goals from their point of view are to preserve their culture, to raise funds for the monastery and to share what they’ve learned from the mandala-building process.

“The word ‘mandala’ means ‘circle’ in the Sanskrit language, which means harmony,” he said. “We are making a mandala for the people here so they can understand what it is and what it means.”

The Notre Dame iteration is a peace sand mandala, which is a specific type with its own design and colors, Phuntsok said. His faith holds that all phenomena are interdependent, and he said he believes medicine

and healing depend very much on the ideas within this particular mandala.

In a closing ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, the art will be dismantled and a portion of the sand will be given to guests. Phuntsok said some of the sand will also be released into a river, according to their faith tradition.

“It takes a lot of time and effort to create that beautiful mandala, so when we’re done we’ll dismantle it and put it into a river with many things in it, like fish,” he said. “The mandala has been blessed and so we bless the river by putting the sand into it so the fish can be blessed and be reborn like human beings.”

More broadly, deconstructing the mandala helps convey a message about the impermanence of the material world, he said.

“We dismantle the mandala because of the impermanence of nature, but not to scare people about life being impermanent,” Phuntsok said. “We do it to understand the natural law and to appreciate that law and our own impermanence, not to ignore it but to understand that all life is born and aging and ending.”

“This sand mandala is very beautiful art, but you have to dismantle and destroy it because everything is impermanent.”

Phuntsok said his family is Tibetan in origin but he is one of about 120 monks in the monastery in India.

“Some of the older monks are from Tibet and many of the young ones are from India,” he said. “Some are orphans, some are poor. We come here to raise funds.”

Notre Dame’s Ruth M. Hillebrand Center for Compassionate Care in Medicine, the College of Science and Harper Cancer

Research Institute have partnered to sponsor the group, with collaboration also from the Department of Art, Art History and Design; the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies; the Office of Information Technologies and the Snite Museum of Art.

Vachon said the different sponsors of the event each have different reasons for becoming involved, but the enthusiasm at Notre Dame has been “amazing and wonderfully supportive.”

“Arjia Rinpoche is not at the monastery, but he is a very respected Buddhist teacher in Bloomington,” Vachon said. “The Harper Cancer Research Institute was interested because he’s raising money in Bloomington for a children’s cancer hospital in Mongolia, and they want to develop a relationship with that hospital.”

The Department of Art, Art History and Design became involved based on their interest in the 1,000-year-old art, as did the Snite Museum of Art, he said. The Kroc and Notre Dame Institutes participated because of the event’s cultural exchange value, and the College of Science because of their interest in promoting appreciation for worldwide diversity.

The monks will speak Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo Hall on “The Power and Practice of Compassion: Taking in Harshness and Giving Out Kindness.” The construction of the mandala is being filmed and streamed live by OIT via the College of Science website.

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This summer, I embarked on the ultimate rite of passage for generation Y: I started watching “Girls.” I was hooked from the first episode, which chronicles life of the main character, Hannah, as she is cut off by her parents and forced into the reality of providing for herself. While so many television shows set an unreachable standard of how we should look/feel/act/dress/live, “Girls” stands apart by offering an accurate portrayal of our generation.

Why is “Girls” so good? Because it’s so real. Lena Dunham, the writer, creator and producer of the HBO comedy, focuses on the good, bad and ugly of friendships between women in their twenties. Her decision to emphasize the dynamic between strong female characters brought a refreshing change from the plethora of programs that focus on standard male-female relationships.

The series chronicles the lives of four recent college graduates living in Brooklyn Heights. Dunham plays Hannah, the self-centered, wannabe writer. Then there is Marnie, the uptight planner, Jessa, the free spirit, and Shoshanna, the naïve 22-year-old virgin.

Dunham dives into the complexity of an all-female group dynamic head-on, depicting the intricate tensions, jealousies and anxieties that arise between girl friends. She highlights the lonely transition into adulthood and is not afraid to address embarrassing emotional, sexual and personal realities of a twenty-something girl that Hollywood rarely addresses.

Storylines comprised of roommate troubles, jealousy between friends stemming from success at work, judgments about each other’s love lives and the fundamental support that they provide each other day-in and day-out are unnervingly relatable. Twenty-something women share strong connections with their best friends, and these intimacies come alive with each storyline on “Girls.”

“Girls” realistic portrayal stands out against aspirational programs that glamorize female friendships as platonic and easy (the obvious one being *Sex and the City*). The relationships between the four main characters on “Girls” are relatable precisely because they are difficult and troubled.

It doesn’t hurt that Dunham’s snarky humor and courageousness to talk about anything and everything adds endless entertainment value to the show. For these reasons, I will be eagerly awaiting the season three premiere this January.

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Thankful Thursday, not Black Friday

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Ask the GreenMan

Every year, as Thanksgiving rolls around, I get a little sappy — in the tree as well as the emotional sense. I can’t help but marvel at all there is around me to be thankful for and appreciate. I live on a beautiful and wondrous planet. I have a warm and welcoming family to celebrate with (let me tell you that GreenMom’s tofurkey is a pure delight). And, I have loyal readers like you with whom to share my thoughts and dreams.

As you all get ready for the seasonal migration back to your family and friends, take a look around your dorm room. Are there things you aren’t really using or that would be better enjoyed by a friend, sibling or relative? I know I’ve already packed up a beach ball and pom-poms for my sister and a Frisbee for GreenDog just from what I have in my room. When you get home, I challenge you to take a serious look at the inventory of stuff you have in your room, the basement or the attic. Do you need everything you have? Would you be able to give an underused/underappreciated item new life by giving it to someone else?

There are some great alternatives to flocking to stores in the wee-hours the morning after Thanksgiving, often adopting a “get out of my way or get run over by this cart” mentality in the hopes of snagging a discounted iPad Air. As stores challenge each other to open earlier and earlier (some even opening on Thanksgiving) in order to provide opportunities for sales and big savings, take a step back and think about all the more rewarding ways you could be spending your day off.

On Black Friday, cars are on the road earlier than they would be on a normal day and stores are open hours earlier than usual. Some stores don’t even close, and the amount of print advertising sent out in preparation for this event is jaw dropping. We’ve all heard that the 17 percent of the world’s population that lives here in the United States consumes nearly 80 percent of the world’s resources, but it’s pretty scary to see it happening before your eyes.

So before you pack a snack to eat at 4:30 a.m. in a box-store parking lot, think about how grateful the planet would be if we all slept in, ate leftovers and had a gift making party on Friday instead. You know that reindeer sweat-ier grandma made you six years ago

that you’ve never removed from the box? Repurpose it into a throw pillow that will surely start a conversation on your futon, or even get more creative and make it into coasters (really, Google it).

I challenge you — instead of shopping on Black Friday — to extend your Thanksgiving celebration with your friends, family and loved ones by continuing to spend time together. Be an active participant in the “Buy Nothing Day” movement and buy absolutely nothing the Friday after Thanksgiving. Shop for gifts in your own closet or at resale shops and give new purpose to items that would otherwise be lifeless in a cabinet. And, if you can’t think of a way to repurpose something, drop it off at a local Goodwill or Salvation Army and they’ll do it for you.

Email your predicaments to The GreenMan at askthegreenman@gmail.com and let him answer you with a sustainable twist. The GreenMan will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on until now.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An important clarification

First, thank you to Ms. Castaneda for covering the lecture hosted by St. Mary’s on Nov. 12, Transgender 101. Her article (“Lecture presents transgender issues,” Nov. 13) highlights many of the difficulties faced by transgender people. There is one point, though, that needs clarification.

Ms. Buell’s quotation at the end of the article is truncated and thus the context of her final statement is missing. At the talk, she was clear to say that “Being transgender is not an easy way to go through life,” but that accepting this facet of your identity (here I paraphrase her words) is a choice. The choice

lies in how a person deals with this aspect of themselves, not in having a transgender identity itself. Given the amount of discrimination and suffering that transgender people can face, it’s important to understand that being transgender is no more a choice than being cisgender is.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“For the great mass of mankind, the only saving grace needed is a steady fidelity to what is nearest to hand and heart for the short moment of each human effort.”

Joseph Conrad
Novelist

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The commercialization of the holiday season

Carter Boyd

God, Country, Notre Dame

It has already started. Many people are starting to play Christmas music again, and some never even turned it off from last year. As Thanksgiving approaches, Christmas lights, ornaments, trees and decorations are popping up in dorms on campus and in towns across the country. It's only November and people apparently are already looking forward to the date commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.

This in essence seems to be the problem. A growing number of people seem to look forward to Christmas for the food, the gifts and social parties rather than because of a deep-rooted appreciation of the real reason for the season. The commercial materialism that has absorbed the American holiday season has gotten to the point of no return. But with society's expectations, what do we honestly expect? We chase that almighty dollar by keeping stores open all hours of the night, even on Thanksgiving Day. But has our economy pushed us into these decisions, or is that an excuse by the retailers?

Last week, with the release of the PlayStation 4, many parents drove to the store and obtained gifts for Santa Claus to bring on Christmas morning. And for those parents waiting to actually shop in December, they can forget about purchasing the most coveted gifts for their children. This trend will only get worse as commercial materialism continues during the holiday season.

The development of this commercial materialism has degraded, if not destroyed, much of the value of one secular holiday and another liturgical season.

The secular holiday, Thanksgiving, is often affected in the hustle and bustle to get ready for Dec. 25th. Of course, Thanksgiving does have religious roots, with tradition often traced back to early Pilgrims in the new land. It was also a day of Thanksgiving that was publically upheld by President George Washington, who proclaimed the day as a way for Americans to "acknowledge the providence of the Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits." This tradition continued annually with deep roots in religious thought until twentieth-century, politically-correct America removed these roots and declared Thanksgiving a secular holiday that would occur annually on the fourth Thursday of November.

Thanksgiving exists today as a secular holiday, but many believers still take this time to give thanks to God for his blessings on this day. Non-believers and believers alike can share in the day's spirit of solidarity as Thanksgiving still grants us a time to reflect on our blessings, living in America with liberty and justice for all. I am sure many of us have fond memories of Thanksgiving dinners with family and friends when we were younger. Attending Mass has always been a part of my family's Thanksgiving Day.

It is also rather odd that the excessive commercialism of a religious holiday, Christmas, inhibits us from properly celebrating a secular holiday, Thanksgiving. Black Friday, a day of shopping for deals with stores opening in the early hours of the morning, brings all the materialism of Christmas without the real reason for the season. But where should it all begin and end? Do we even know? Maybe the buying and selling is not really the problem, but rather our focus should be on each person's level of responsibility and sincerity in giving. It is important for Catholics in particular to

remember the true meaning of the season.

For Catholics, the excessive commercialism of Christmas and the Christmas season has also strongly degraded the liturgical season of Advent, a time of waiting in hopeful expectation for the coming of Christ Jesus the Messiah, Lord God incarnate. Technically, the Christmas season begins on Christmas itself and continues for the following eleven days, commemorated in popular culture by the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." It seems that the secularized American retailers and shops are ready to start the after-Christmas sales already on Dec. 26.

With a materialistic Christmas, we have to obtain and receive first before we can give, but in the true spirit of Christmas, we should first give (what we already have, talents or time volunteering) and then later receive (blessings and love in return). The most important quality of giving a gift is that it comes from our hearts unconditionally and without expectation.

As we progress further into November, let us first celebrate with friends and family what we have to be thankful for before we enter the Advent season, so that we can properly prepare for the celebration of the birth of the Savior of the world on Christmas. Let us somehow try to maintain a good balance, a balance in which we can prepare for the Lord in a loving, joyful and thankful way. Continue the spirit of true generosity and compassion. Kindle the fire at Thanksgiving, building it into the season of Advent.

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Minimum wage and the fast food fight

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Reason Will Prevail

All across American, fast food workers have mounted a campaign to demand a so-called living wage. Workers fed up with low wages in the fast food industry from Durham, NC. to San Diego, CA. and New York City, NY. all share one common goal: To have their wage increased to \$15 per hour. Fast food workers believe they are entitled to higher wages because the companies they work for make billions of dollars in profit. This might seem like a practical argument for fast food workers to make, but they miss one key ingredient in doing so. If you pay people for what they are worth as opposed to what they need, then clearly they would get a better job if their work were worth more than what they were currently being paid. It's simple economics.

The issue is that the fast food workers are objecting to the operation of basically a classic case of supply and demand. If one has little to no education, fast food jobs can often be all an individual can get. These individuals are thus easily replaceable and consequently will not be paid well. However, if one becomes a doctor or lawyer, acquiring a specialized skill as a result of years in school, then they are not easily replaceable and will be substantially economically rewarded. If a fast food worker thinks that they are entitled to more money than they should simply seek to acquire skills that will merit a higher wage. It is very counter-intuitive to burden American businesses with individuals' indolence towards working hard and by demands for unearned and unrealistic wage increases.

It is not incumbent upon business to simply dole out more money to people who either did not earn it or whose work does not merit that distinction. The amount a company can pay its employees is a function of the productivity of its business model and the productivity of its employees. To assume that companies can pay much more than they already are paying their employees in wages is pure magical thinking, a prevailing trait among workers in the fast food industry as evidenced by their insistence on higher wages for menial work.

It is highly unlikely that anyone will pay for a fast food item whose price is inflated enough to cover a \$15-an-hour workforce. Even if a business tries to pay that much and charges more to offset the costs of those wages, they will likely face bankruptcy, thus leading to an erosion of jobs and massive unemployment. Likewise, with today's market, with unemployment at a persistent seven percent and with millions of Americans looking for a job, there will no doubt be someone who will be willing to work for less than \$15 an hour.

Those advocating for a high wage in the fast food industry would have the American people believe that these workers are being disadvantaged somehow while being paid so little. According to the Census Bureau, 80 percent of poor households have air conditioning. More importantly, 92 percent of poor households have a microwave. Two-thirds have at least one DVD player and nearly 75 percent have a car or truck. 31 percent have two or more cars or trucks. With this in mind, clearly those that work in the fast food industry and who are considered to be "living in poverty" have substantial means.

Most Americans enter the labor market through

low entry jobs such as fast food positions that pay minimum wage. As a result of having little experience in the labor force, young people make up a significant percentage of low, entry-level workers. However, when a price floor is set, it is young people — those benefited by such entry-level positions — who are often priced out of the market, thus leading to higher youth unemployment. Not only have young people lost what they could have earned with a low paying job, but they also lost the opportunity to work their way up from the bottom, which would in turn lead to experience necessitating a higher wage.

When the minimum wage is raised, businesses cannot afford to hire as many new employees. While some workers benefit as a result of the increased wages, many do not fair as well. As a result of the government increasing wages, companies are forced to lay off workers or to make them work part-time. In addition to this, many companies are finding new and innovative ways to deliver the best possible produce while reducing costs. With such technological advances, many minimum wage-workers, specifically fast food workers, will face displacement. The best remedy to this problematic conflict, to fast food workers who are protesting against their employers, is for them to simply acquire skills that will merit the wages they want to be paid. Protesting and rioting for higher wages is often done in vain, especially for a job as menial as burger flipping.

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It is the long-overdue end of an era. In a move that surprised no one, save for those of us who were not even aware that Blockbuster was actually still in business, the once-great giant of the home video industry announced that it would be closing its last 300 U.S. stores earlier this month.

This final shutdown comes after a steady, precipitous decline since the company's peak back in 2004, when it had over 9,000 stores and 60,000 employees. Since then, Blockbuster has been through many tough times, even filing for bankruptcy in 2010 and subsequently being taken over by Dish Network.

Nov. 9 was the final day customers could pick up a movie from the rental chain. In an incredibly bizarre development, the final movie rented from Blockbuster overall was "This is the End," the apocalyptic comedy starring Seth Rogen, Jonah Hill, James Franco and a plethora of other stars. Either it's an astounding coincidence that Blockbuster's last rental was a story about the end of the world or that customer has a cruel sense of humor.

Perhaps Blockbuster deserved such an unremarkable death. After all, it did manage to ruthlessly shut down almost every single mom-and-pop video store in America

singlehandedly. Blockbuster's demise, for the most part, was brought upon itself by failing to keep up with the times. It seems that the video store titan practically ignored the rise of competitive streaming services like Netflix and Amazon Instant Video, certain that people would always be happy paying tragically high late fees.

Netflix managed to revolutionize the video industry in ways that Blockbuster could have never imagined. The initial offering of DVDs through the mail was simply outstanding. Who wouldn't enjoy the ability to rent DVDs without ever having to leave their own home? And their movie offering was just simply better than what one could find at their local Blockbuster. Plus, the lack of late fees was every lazy customer's dream. But then Netflix absolutely blew everything out of the water with the introduction of their streaming service and the promises of unlimited movies and shows whenever you want. You would have been lucky to find all of the discs for just one season of a show at Blockbuster.

Despite all of Netflix's increasing success, Blockbuster did next to nothing in order to fight back against competition in an industry in which it was at one point the only player. Sure, they tried to introduce automatic rental kiosks, but Redbox was already light-years ahead of them in that realm and even managed to do it without late fees. Netflix even offered to sell themselves to Blockbuster at one point for only \$50 million. The

dinosaur of a company refused the offer, however, confident that things would never change.

The changes in the home entertainment industry have been absolutely wonderful for the consumer, for the most part. While I absolutely love binge-watching all of my favorite shows for days on end, there is a certain something lacking in the experience. Blockbuster actually managed to be a sort of social experience, a chance to get out of the house for a while on a quest to find something new. Browsing through the shelves, hoping to find the newest superhero movie, but ending up going home with a cheesy 80's horror movie that you knew you were going to hate was a special kind of interaction with the outside world, a kind that future generations are never going to understand. Should all of this be left behind?

Perhaps so. Perhaps there is no going back. Perhaps streaming is simply the way of the future, the way entertainment was meant to be viewed. Or maybe not. Nostalgia always has a way of kicking back in, and maybe one day communities will band together to support local video stores again, where more classic and hard-to-find titles could be found. Until that day comes, it looks like we're going to be spending a great deal of time in the dark, binge-streaming our shows.

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A CAPELLA FEST HITS ALL THE RIGHT NOTES



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Last Saturday night, eager students packed the Carey Auditorium in Hesburgh Library to see Notre Dame's various a capella groups perform. Students sat in the aisles and stood in the back rather than miss the A Capella Fest hosted by Halftime, Notre Dame's "premiere co-ed a capella group."

The Undertones, a select group of dashing young men from Glee Club, performed first. This charming ensemble set the tone for the evening, with soloists more fit for American Idol than a college a capella group. The Undertones performed classic tunes that have been in their repertoire since the 90's, though the material seemed fresh with their improvised choreography. The girls sighed in disappointment when one of the emcees for the evening joked that every member of the Club was married.

Next up was Harmonia, Notre Dame's entirely female a capella. The girls were dressed à la Pitch Perfect, with pearl necklaces and pearly white smiles. They step-touched and bopped their hearts out, but the audience seemed to feel that the group was not as comfortable on stage as the Undertones were. Their numbers were well

rehearsed, but their repertoire was challenging because their pieces were set in high keys. While the girls clearly had vocal talent, they did not have the Undertones' stage presence.

Unchained Melodies, Notre Dame's sole Christian a capella group, came next. Freshman Scott Moore nailed his solo in "Baba Yetu," tackling the challenging African lyrics with his powerful voice. The group performed a version of "This I Promise You," explaining that the love Justin Timberlake expresses in the song is comparable to the love God has for His people. Amanda Ly, a senior who co-directs the group, said, "Being the only Christian a capella group really allows us to focus on living out the Gospel and sharing the light of Christ through music without worrying about having compete with another of the same genre."

The group sings at nursing homes, elementary and middle schools and Theology Club events. It is clear that the group wants their music to be a ministry, not just entertainment.

Bellacapella hit the stage next, literally. They stomped their feet in perfect unison, proving that they could not only sing, but dance. With their exaggerated dance moves, they showed their collective confidence and humor. Unlike the other groups, Bellacapella had multiple

girls sing duets throughout their slower songs instead of having one soloist perform the entire piece. So, the audience was engaged during their set, because they were constantly listening to a new voice. This staging technique also demonstrated the talent of the entire group, because almost every member was showcased in some way.

Next, the Echoes, Notre Dame's newest a capella group, surprised the crowd with a cherished Disney melody. As soon as the crowd realized they were singing "Be Our Guest," they started clapping. The soloist in "Be Our Guest" had a surprisingly convincing French accent, and those who sang "I'll Make a Man Out of You" paid tribute to Shang from Mulan by executing some of his power moves.

Closing up the show was Halftime, dressed in black, white and royal blue. The crowd swayed along to their rendition of "Brown-Eyed Girl" and couldn't help but enjoy one of their middle school favorites, "Shut Up And Drive." The ensemble was extremely well put together in regards to dress, choreography, and voice. They deserve kudos for successfully planning and publicizing the event. The great turnout suggests that Notre Dame students may love a capella as much as they love free food and football.

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Just in case fans aren't quite satisfied with nine entire seasons of the hit CBS show "How I Met Your Mother," creator Carter Bays has just confirmed the rumors about a spin-off series, "How I Met Your Dad." This new series will follow the same outline as the original, only it will be told from a female perspective. The mother presumably will be talking to her kids, telling them the long and detailed tale of how she met their father. If it's anything like "HIMYM," it will take her approximately eight years to complete.

Details on the new show have yet to be released, but Bays did announce that none of the characters from the original show will appear on the spin-off, except for in random cameo appearances. He also included that the new characters will not hang out at MacLaren's Bar in New York like before; they will establish their own signature meeting place so as not to infringe on the classic tradition.

I would just like to ask Mr. Bays when he has ever seen

a spin-off series become even remotely as successful as its predecessor. Granted, "Grey's Anatomy" spin-off "Private Practice" is still airing, but I know exactly one person who still watches the show. The spin-off of "Friends," "Joey," garnered a negative fan reaction and has been long since forgotten. Even "The Office" tried a spin-off that failed after one episode. Even though it wasn't a TV show, the sequel to "Mean Girls" was quite honestly the most terrible idea on the planet. It didn't even make it to theaters — it was that bad.

The bottom line is, spin-offs are never a good idea. No matter how hard it is to let go of a beloved series after so many years, everything eventually must come to an end. Reruns will also be popular late night entertainment, so the show itself will never fully die out. Especially when the spin-off idea is the mirror image of the original and doesn't have any of the same characters, how many viewers are really going to tune in for more than the pilot episode? I think Carter Bays just has separation issues; he has been working on this show since 2005 and is struggling to let it go.

Quite simply, nothing will ever live up to the iconic series that is "How I Met Your Mother." Especially

keeping in mind how awful season nine has been so far compared to the previous eight, I doubt the writers will be able to come up with much fresh and funny material. I can already see the first pilot episode of "HIMYD" (that just looks wrong), with clichés left and right and attempts to reference the original, which will make no sense because the cast will be completely new. And if they try to have a replacement Barney who attempts to be equally suave and suited-up, I will consider starting a protest. No one can play Barney like Neil Patrick Harris.

The future cast has some large shoes to fill; fans of the show have formed such a bond with each character that any attempt to replicate them will feel contrived and sub-par. The team would have to work a miracle in order to impress me with their new series. And lastly, if it's really a parallel show, why isn't it called "How I Met Your Father?" Mistake number one out of many, I am sure.

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With all the Indie music we write about in Scene, sometimes I feel like film, especially Indie film, gets the short end of the stick. But for every weird Indie band whose album we give five shamrocks because we know you've almost definitely never heard of it and therefore can't tell us we're wrong, there's an Indie movie with which we could do just the same thing. If you want to start getting into independent film and are looking for some good options to get started with, this list of recent Indie films isn't too bad a place to begin.

"Primer" (2004) / "Upstream Color" (2013)

For a lot of independent films, the experience of watching the film comes as much from the story behind the scenes of making the movie as the plot itself. "Tiny Furniture" was Lena Dunham's 2010 feature film writing, directing and acting debut, and it's a film that draws fans and attention now not just as an enjoyable and celebrated independent film, but also as the work that launched her into the mainstream as it gave her the opportunity to make HBO's "Girls." The same can be said for "Primer" and "Upstream Color,"

both films written by, directed by, edited by, produced by, scored by and starring Shane Carruth, a former software engineer who just decided one day to start making films all by himself.

"Primer" is a complicated story of time travel, hailed by many critics as the best ever film depiction of the concept. It's a mind-bending thriller from start to finish and was made for a reported budget of \$7,000. "Upstream Color" is a much stranger film, and one that I saw in an art-house theater in New York with an audience of just me and what looked to be a homeless man. It deals with identity and illusion in bizarre and fascinating ways that leaves much for discussion after the credits roll.

"Animal Kingdom" (2010)

David Michod's crime drama "Animal Kingdom" isn't just an independent film, it's foreign, too ¾ the film was made in Australia. The film stars some recognizable faces from Hollywood cinema, including Joel Edgerton ("The Great Gatsby," "Warrior") and Guy Pearce ("Memento," "L.A. Confidential"), but has a distinctly Australian feel. The story follows a dysfunctional crime family in Melbourne, Australia, after the youngest member, a 17-year-old high school boy, is forced to move in with his estranged

grandmother and uncles after his mother dies of a drug overdose. The film is undoubtedly dark and ultimately not really uplifting at all, but it is a fascinating, car-crash-like look at the rapid decline of a family and a young man as their lifestyles combine.

"Pi" (1998)

Harvard-educated Darren Aronofsky showed off his smarts in his feature film-directing debut, "Pi." The director would go on to win great acclaim for films like "The Wrestler" and "Black Swan," as well as scaring a generation of teenagers away from heroin with "Requiem for a Dream," but his first film was a grainy, black and white mathematical and psychological thriller. A number theorist who believes everything in nature can be explained through numbers accidentally discovers a pattern based on a random 216-digit number, leading to obsession, paranoia and a number of intense encounters with Hasidic Jews and mysterious Wall Street agents. As with most Indie films, the film remains ambiguous and full of enigma, but the thriller is as exciting as any in the last decade of Hollywood films.

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The 100-point “player”



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I have never scored 109 points. Actually, I've never scored any points.

I never played on a basketball team in grade school, in high school and definitely not in college. So maybe Jack Taylor is a little better at basketball than me.

But can we even call what Taylor plays basketball?

In case you have not heard, Taylor has once again reached the 100-point mark in a game. This time, he dropped 109 points for Division-III Grinnell in a 173-123 victory over Crossroads on Sunday.

Almost exactly a year ago, he poured in an NCAA-record 138 points in a 179-104 win over Faith Baptist Bible. Taylor also set records for field goals made (52), field goals attempted (108), 3-pointers made (27) and 3-pointers attempted (71) a year ago.

“What Arseneault and the rest of the Grinnell team are masquerading as basketball, would make James Naismith roll over in his grave...”

But he also had zero assists, six turnovers and unreachable amounts of selfishness while his teammates attempted just 28 total field goals. That's right, the rest of his team had one more field goal attempt than Taylor had 3-pointers made.

But on Sunday, it appeared that Taylor learned to share the ball a little more.

In this year's 100-point performance, Taylor was 35-for-70 from the field, 24-for-48 from behind the arc and 15 of 17 at the free-throw line. To put his Sunday stats in perspective, he had as many attempts as Notre Dame had points on the

same day (70).

Wait, you mean he only needed 70 shots to reach triple-digits and not 108 shots to reach triple-digits? That right there is maturity, self-sacrifice and efficiency. He even had two assists and four rebounds. What a well-rounded player that Jack Taylor is.

Except that none of his stats really matter.

Grinnell won Sunday's game by 50 points against a school whose name sounds like a bad country band. So naturally, the Pioneers took all of their starters out early to show some form of mercy, right? Wrong.

Taylor stayed in the game until there was 5:32 left in the second half and Grinnell up by only 60 points. And, oh yeah, Taylor attempted a 3-pointer three seconds before leaving the game, even with a fairly sizeable lead.

But it's not Taylor's fault that coach David Arseneault left him in the game late. But he was part of the squad that gave up 123 points to a team that is 0-9 this season. The Knights came into the game averaging less than 79 points per game but managed to put up 44 more points on a Grinnell team that was just interested in chasing stats.

So can we call what Taylor plays basketball? No.

Basketball has passing and ball movement.

Taylor has 37 career assists, and 20 career rebounds.

Basketball has defense.

What Arseneault and the rest of the Grinnell team are masquerading as basketball, would make James Naismith roll over in his grave and knock the next Taylor shot into the 15th row of the gym.

It would be the first form of defense Taylor has ever encountered — which would be one more than me.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Michigan State moves to No.1 in AP poll

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State is No. 1 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll for the first time in 13 years.

The Spartans were The AP's top-ranked team for two weeks during the 2000-01 season — the year after coach Tom Izzo helped the program win its second national title — and twice in the 1978-79 season when the Earvin “Magic” Johnson-led team went on to claim the NCAA championship.

“I think it's a privilege,” Izzo told The AP on Monday, several hours before Michigan State hosted Portland. “If we handle it well, we'll see how long we can hang on. And if we don't, we'll learn something from that. We don't get a banner or a ring for this, but it's good for our program. It's also good for the guys on this team to add to their collection of accomplishments.”

The Spartans were easily No. 1 with 51 first-place votes from

the 65-member national media panel. The Spartans earned the top spot by beating then-top-ranked Kentucky last week 78-74 in Chicago in the earliest matchup of the top two teams in the country.

“We've been in the top five a lot, but we haven't won a big game early quite like we did last week,” Izzo said. “We've earned this, but I know Kansas or Louisville could be No. 1 right now. Duke and Kentucky are really good, too.”

Kansas, which beat Duke in the other game in the big doubleheader last week, moved from No. 5 to No. 2 and received seven first-place votes. Louisville stayed third and got the other seven first-place votes. Kentucky dropped to fourth and was followed by Arizona, Duke, Oklahoma State, Ohio State, Syracuse and VCU.

Michigan State might have still been celebrating its victory over the young and talented Wildcats a few days later when it needed to close a game strong

to pull away and avoid getting upset at home by Columbia.

“Being No. 1 now gives us a chance to see how we'll handle our goal of being No. 1 at the end of the season,” Izzo said. “We have to learn how to deal with the pressure and status of being where we are right now. But I don't think by any means this will be like playing with a 40-pound weight on our shoulders.”

So far, the Spartans have lived up to high expectations with four returning starters and six of their top seven scorers from last year's team that won 27 games, finished a game out of first place in the Big Ten and advanced to the NCAA tournament's round of 16.

After playing the Pilots of West Coast Conference on Monday night, Michigan State will play Virginia Tech on Friday night in Brooklyn, N.Y. and then Oklahoma or Seton Hall the following night. The Spartans' next marquee game will be Dec. 4 at home against No. 24 North Carolina.

NHL | PITTSBURGH 3, ANAHEIM 1

Penguins erupt with three in 3rd, slip by Ducks 3-1

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH—Sidney Crosby capped a third-period outburst with his 10th goal of the season, and the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Anaheim Ducks 3-1 on Monday night.

Brian Gibbons scored on the first shot of his NHL career and Brandon Sutter chipped in his fourth goal of the season as Pittsburgh's struggling offense found a rhythm late against the Pacific Division-leading Ducks.

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 26 shots for Pittsburgh, which won for only the second time in six games. Crosby's goal was just his second in 11 games.

Ryan Getzlaf scored his 11th goal for the Ducks, who earned just one point during a four-game East Coast road trip. Viktor Fasth made 24 saves but struggled in the final 20 minutes.

Gibbons took a slick backhand pass from Evgeni Malkin to break a scoreless tie 3:56 into the third.

Malkin did most of the work. He skated across the blue line and then did a 360-degree tour of the Anaheim zone with two

Ducks chasing him before finding Gibbons in the slot. The 25-year-old Gibbons beat Fasth over the shoulder to put the Penguins in front.

The Penguins needed just 62 seconds to make it 2-0, as Sutter deflected a shot from the point by Olli Maatta.

Anaheim responded immediately when Getzlaf scored his fifth goal in four games by anchoring himself in front of the net. He patiently waited for Fleury to slide out of position before tucking the puck past the sprawled goaltender.

Fleury recovered to make a pair of acrobatic saves on an Anaheim power play.

Crosby pushed Pittsburgh back in front by two when he took advantage of a screen from Chris Kunitz to sneak a shot from the right circle past Fasth and cap the Penguins' three-goal outburst in a span of 4:04.

The goals came after Penguins coach Dan Bylsma shuffled lines during the pregame skate, hoping to spark an offense that had scored only one goal in four of its last five games — losing those four.

Pascal Dupuis moved from the top line with Crosby to the second line with Malkin. Jussi Jokinen, second on the team in goals, was bumped down to the third line to give Sutter a little help.

The initial results were underwhelming.

Then again, Anaheim had a little something to do with it. The Ducks, in the midst of their first rough patch following a brilliant start, dominated the first 20 minutes. They clogged passing lanes, gave Pittsburgh's talented forwards little room to freelance and controlled play for long stretches.

Pittsburgh didn't record a shot on Fasth until 2:02 left in the first period, when Bennett managed to redirect a pass from Crosby into Fasth's chest. The arena roared in mock celebration, though for all of the Penguins' offensive issues, things remained scoreless thanks to Fleury.

Starting for the 19th time in Pittsburgh's 22 games, Fleury turned aside several early scoring chances, including a pair of opportunities by Getzlaf.

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NBA | DALLAS 97, PHILADELPHIA 94

Mavs hold on for win over 76ers

Associated Press

Monta Ellis scored 24 points, including 13 in the third quarter when Dallas took its first lead, and the Mavericks beat the Philadelphia 76ers 97-94 Monday night.

Dirk Nowitzki and Shawn Marion had 20 points apiece for the Mavericks, who began a stretch of seven out of nine games in Dallas. Nowitzki had 10 rebounds, and Marion chipped in seven.

Ellis had 19 points in the second half and added a game-high 10 assists and two of Dallas' 11 blocked shots.

Two nights after a 37-point loss in New Orleans, the Sixers held the Mavericks scoreless for the first 5 minutes and led by 10 in the first half.

Even after losing its lead for good late in the third quarter, Philadelphia stayed close behind Evan Turner, Tony Wroten and some late 3-pointers from James Anderson.

Turner had 26 points, nine rebounds and seven assists while Wroten had 19 points and five steals.

The Mavericks pulled even twice in the third quarter before finally taking their first lead when Vince Carter knocked the ball loose as Hollis Thompson was going up for a layup.

Jae Crowder ended up with the ball on a breakaway but gave it up to Marion for the dunk and a 70-69 Dallas lead with 1:44 remaining.

Philadelphia had the ball down just 90-87 in the fourth, but Samuel Dalembert had one of his three blocks on a drive by

Turner.

Jose Calderon was wide open for a short jumper on the other end but passed before getting the ball back beyond the arc and hitting for a 93-87 lead. Calderon had 14 points and was 4 of 10 from long range.

Anderson finished with 14, including 3-of-7 shooting from 3-point range. Thaddeus Young struggled from the field at 6 of 18 but still finished with a double-double at 12 points and 11 rebounds. Spencer Hawes had 10 points and 11 boards.

The Sixers held the Mavericks to a season-low 43 points in the first half. Wroten frequently found his way into the lane and matched Turner with 12 points before halftime.

Wroten and Turner combined to make 10 of 17 from the field before halftime while their teammates were just 10 of 34. Philadelphia shot 39 percent as a team in the first half.

Ellis, who has the most games of at least 18 points to start a Dallas career at 11, didn't get his first basket until the 2:12 mark of the second quarter. But it wasn't because he was missing. He was just 2 of 4 from the field before halftime.

Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle changed his lineup for the first time this season, inserting forward Jae Crowder for Dalembert, who was the starting center for the first 10 games. But the move backfired.

Crowder went 0 for 5 with two turnovers while Dallas went scoreless before Nowitzki hit a baseline jumper exactly 5 minutes in after Marion rebounded a missed 3-pointer by Crowder.

NFL | CAROLINA 24, NEW ENGLAND 20

Panthers rally past Patriots for sixth straight win

Associated Press

Cam Newton threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Ted Ginn Jr. with 59 seconds left and the Carolina Panthers held off the New England Patriots 24-20 Monday night for their sixth straight victory when officials picked up a penalty flag on the final play.

Stephen Gostkowski's 26-yard field goal put the Patriots up 20-17 before Newton drove Carolina 83 yards on 13 plays for the go-ahead touchdown. The speedy Ginn escaped Kyle Arrington along the left sideline and outraced Logan Ryan to the left pylon for his third touchdown of the season.

The Patriots appeared on the verge of making an improbable comeback when Brady moved New England to the Carolina 18 and fired into the end zone on the game's final play.

The pass was intercepted by safety Robert Lester, but officials threw a flag after it appeared linebacker Luke Kuechly had interfered with

tight end Rob Gronkowski by grabbing him with both hands. But officials quickly gathered together and waved off the flag.

An angry Brady sprinted over to two officials to argue the call as they walked off the field. Meanwhile, the Panthers celebrated.

"We had good pressure and our safety Robert Lester was in good position to make the play," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said.

Brady was 29 of 40 for 296 yards and one touchdown.

Newton completed 19 of 28 passes for 209 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran seven times for 62 yards in what will go down as one of his best games a pro.

After the game, Rivera called it a "gutsy effort."

"It wasn't our best defensive effort, but it was one of our better offensive efforts," Rivera said. "It was good for our guys to win a game like this."

Carolina's win came eight days after a 10-9 victory over reigning NFC champion San

Francisco.

The Panthers entered the fourth quarter with a 17-10 lead, but Stevan Ridley made up for an earlier fumble with a 1-yard touchdown run and the Patriots took the lead with 6:32 left in the game when Gostkowski slipped a 26-yard field goal just inside the left upright.

Newton gave Carolina a 17-10 lead in the third quarter on an 81-yard touchdown drive that took more than 8 minutes off the clock and featured a scramble in which the third-year quarterback avoided four tacklers and turned a potential 20-yard sack into a 14-yard gain and a first down.

Newton completed all seven passes on the drive for 77 yards finding Greg Olsen at the right pylon with 2:10 left for his second touchdown pass, putting the Panthers back in front.

"Cam did the things he needed to do to put us in position to win the football game," Rivera said. "It has a lot to do with his maturity that we have talked about."

NBA | GOLDEN STATE 98, UTAH 87

Warriors roll past Jazz

Associated Press

Stephen Curry scored 22 points, Klay Thompson and Harrison Barnes had 17 apiece and the Golden State Warriors beat the struggling Utah Jazz 98-87 on Monday night.

Curry had eight assists and made four 3-pointers before

leaving in the fourth quarter after Utah's Marvin Williams landed on his head in a scramble for a loose ball. After a couple of minutes to gain his bearings, Curry got up and left the court under his own power with a towel draped over his head.

Curry is expected to be ready for Wednesday's home game

against Memphis.

The Warriors made 12 of 22 attempts from 3-point range and led by as many as 28 points.

Gordon Hayward scored 18 points and Williams had 16 but the Jazz (1-11) dropped their third straight after earning their lone win of the season.

In their first game without Jermaine O'Neal, David Lee had 14 points and 14 rebounds while Andrew Bogut added 13 rebounds and three blocked shots to neutralize Utah's inside presence.

What the Jazz lack (and the Warriors have in spades) became apparent in the fourth quarter. After clawing within striking distance, Utah missed eight of its first nine shots in the fourth quarter.

The Jazz are among the worst shooting teams in the league, converting less than 41 percent of their attempts. They were even worse against Golden State, finishing at 39.5 percent despite an abundance of clean looks at the rim.

On the other end, the Warriors heated up in the final period to put the game away. Thompson's layup with 7:56 to play extended the lead to 92-69. Utah did have one strong stretch in the third quarter. Diante Garrett, who was just signed last week, checked in and promptly scored eight in a 17-2 spurt. Garrett dished to Williams for a 3 that made it 70-57.

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Saint Mary's splits opening weekend



Observer File Photo

Belles senior guard Shanlynn Bias defends the basket during the Belles' 103-49 loss to Hope on Feb. 13.

By A.J. GODEAUX
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's tipped off its season this weekend at the Saint Norbert Tip-off Tournament in Green Bay, Wis., falling 107-61 to No. 2 Wisconsin-Whitewater on Friday before rebounding with a 83-33 win over Northland on Saturday.

"It was a crazy weekend," Saint Mary's coach Jenn Henley said. "The first night we're playing one of the top teams in the country, and less than 24 hours later we play a team who only travelled six members of their squad. From a coaching standpoint, I didn't exactly get a good impression of where our team is at."

In the opening game, the Belles (1-1) committed 20 turnovers in the first half, and the Warhawks (2-0) didn't fail to capitalize, scoring 25 of their first-half points off of Belles' mishaps as they went into the break up 52-22.

"I thought Wisconsin-Whitewater certainly exposed some of our weaknesses, especially in the first half as it pertains to turnovers and handling defensive pressure," Henley said.

After shooting only 31 percent in the first half, the Belles shot 51 percent from the field in the second half, but were unable to cut into the Warhawks' lead. The Belles were 1-for-4 with 3-pointers and 4-for-8 from the free-throw line. UW-Whitewater shot 49 percent from the field, adding five 3-pointers and sinking 10-for-14 from the charity stripe.

"All in all, I thought we played with them better in the second half," Henley said.

Sophomore forward Eleni Shea led the way for the Belles with 15 points and six rebounds, while junior forward Ariana Paul added 14 points and seven rebounds.

In the second matchup of the tournament, the Belles took on

Northland in the consolation round.

The Belles jumped out to a 22-0 lead to start the game and were not threatened by the Lumberjills (0-2), as they carried a 41-19 lead into halftime. Senior guard Shanlynn Bias and freshman center Kelsey Ronan sparked the Belles with 10 points each in the opening half. The Belles continued to control the game on both ends of the floor in the second half, forcing 12 Lumberjill turnovers, while shooting 54 percent from the field. The Belles dominated the glass, outrebounding Northland 57-19, while putting up 18 second-chance points off of 28 offensive rebounds. Ten Belles saw playing time.

"We saw a lot of zone against Northland, which forced us to attack the gaps and open things up for our post players," Henley said. "We were also able to find holes in the zone to get offensive rebounds."

Bias, who was named to the all-tournament team, finished with a game-high 16 points, while sophomore forward Krista Knapke tallied 12 points and 16 rebounds en route to her first double-double of the year.

Despite playing two teams at opposite ends of the competitive spectrum, Henley said the tournament still helped her team.

"At the end of the day, all of our non-conference opponents are used to get us ready for MIAA play," Henley said. "I felt like Whitewater has helped us in that regard. The Northland game gave us the opportunity to play a lot of different combinations on the floor with our roster."

The Belles take the floor next in a matchup against Buena Vista on Friday at 5 p.m. in the opening round of the Wheaton Tournament, held in Wheaton, Ill.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY | SMC 14/39

Belles end year at regionals

Observer Staff Report

The Belles closed out their season with a 14th place finish at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional meet on Saturday.

Saint Mary's claimed 14th place out of 39 teams with a team score of 419. The Belles' 14th place finish is the team's best appearance at the NCAA Regional in the program's history.

No. 5 Calvin hosted and won the meet with an overall score of 54.

Senior Jessica Biek paved the way for the Belles with a 23rd place finish out of more than 240 runners. She ran a personal record time of 22:35.8, just one tenth of a second short of taking 22nd place.

Biek's top-25 time earned her All-Region honors. Biek is the first Belles runner to earn the distinction since Julia Kenney did so in 2010.

Right behind Biek was freshman Brittany Beeler. Beeler claimed 47th place with a time of 23:08.2, matching the pace of her MIAA Championship run time.

Crossing the finish line within a few seconds of one another, Junior Samee Chittenden and sophomore Katelyn Dunn took 112th



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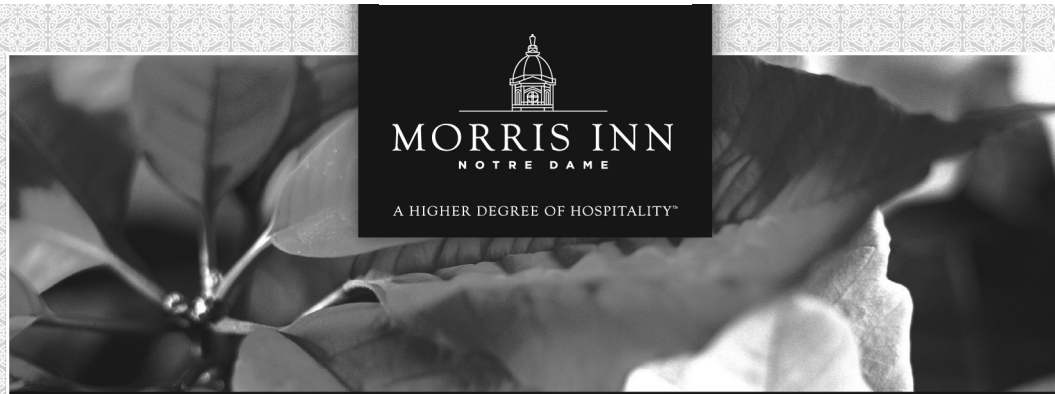
Saint Mary's races together with former Belles runners during the Alumnae 5-kilometer on Sept. 7.

and 114th place, respectively. Chittenden ran a personal record time of 24:23.2 and Dunn finished with a time of 24:27.9.

Junior Erin Knauf, senior Colette Curtis and freshman Kaitlyn Alessi closed

out the competition for the Belles. Knauf concluded the overall team score with a 24:45.7 time for 127th place. Curtis finished 132nd with a time of 24:57.6, while Alessi ended with a 25:28.2 time to take 151st.

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ND sweeps Crusaders, Badgers over weekend



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Irish freshman Danielle Margheret swims the breaststroke during the Dennis Stark Relays at Rolfs Aquatic Center on Oct. 11.

By **KIT LOUGHRAN**
Sports Writer

The Irish dominated the pool this weekend with back-to-back wins over Valparaiso on Friday and Wisconsin on Saturday at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The Irish (4-3) opened the weekend with a clean sweep over in-state competitor Valparaiso (0-6). The Irish won all sixteen events to defeat Valparaiso 219-60. Notre Dame took down No. 24 Wisconsin (3-3) in a 171-126 win Saturday to close out the weekend.

"I am very pleased with this team," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "We performed very well this weekend."

Against Valparaiso, the Irish had the opportunity for several of their swimmers to compete. Notre Dame had 13 swimmers win the 14 individual events with junior Emma Reaney earning the top spot in the 200-yard butterfly (2:03.51) and the 100-yard freestyle (52.60).

"It felt really nice to get an easy win in while still being able to swim some of our off events," Reaney said. "I was in the 200 fly which I never swim, and it's always fun to mix it up a little. I think it gave our team a little bit of a confidence boost as well."

Juniors Erin Foley (1,650-yard freestyle) and Courtney Whyte (200-yard individual medley), and sophomores Catherine Galletti (100-yard backstroke) and Genevieve Bradford (100-yard breaststroke) all earned their first individual wins of the season.

In addition to individual events, the Irish also secured wins in the two relays. Notre Dame won the 200-medley relay in 1:46.22 with seniors Kelly Ryan, Lauren Stauder and Christen McDonough, and sophomore Genevieve Heidkamp. Ryan, Stauder, McDonough and senior Mikelle Masciantonio also took the 200-free relay with a time of 1:37.25.

After a successful team performance Friday, Barnes said the Irish were ready to take on the Badgers the next morning.

"The team was feeling good about things heading into Saturday," Barnes said. "We saw some good swims Friday, and we faced Saturday confidently to face a ranked opponent."

"We knew [Wisconsin was] ranked and that we weren't yet, which was a little intimidating, but I think we really wanted to prove we could beat them," Reaney said.

Taking 10 out of the 16 events, the Irish proved that they could in

fact beat the Badgers.

Notre Dame opened up Saturday with a victory in the 400-yard medley relay (3:44.10), consisting of freshmen Catherine Mulquin and Katie Miller, Ryan and Reaney.

Reaney led the Irish with wins in three events, while Miller and junior Allison Casareto followed closely behind, each tallying wins in two events. Reaney won the 100-yard freestyle (1:50.42) as well as the 100-yard (1:02.04—NCAA B cut) and 200-yard (2:17.22) breaststroke. Miller claimed the 100-yard backstroke (56.36) and 400-yard individual medley (4:21.40). Casareto dominated the diving boards with a score of 321.07 on the one-meter and 329.40 on the three-meter.

"During the meet on Saturday, we were winning race after race and our depth was finally starting to show, and I could really see our confidence grow as the meet progressed," Reaney said.

After winning four consecutive dual meets, the Irish have three weeks to train for the Hawkeye Invitational in Iowa City, Iowa, at University Aquatic Center on Dec. 6.

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Irish qualify for NCAA Championships

By **A.J. GODEAUX**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame punched its ticket to the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind., with third and fourth place finishes at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional meet this weekend from the Irish men and women, respectively. In the selection process for the Championship meet, the top-two finishers in each region earn automatic bids, normally leaving teams outside the top two on the bubble about their National Championship prospects. Irish coach Tim Connolly said that was hardly the case.

"You're always worried a little bit, just based on what happens in other regions," Connolly said. "Given how the selection process works, though, we knew we'd be alright as long as we finished in the top four. There were a lot of regions where we'd be beaten the teams that got the automatic bids, so we knew we were set up pretty well."

Senior Kelly Curran led the way for the Irish women with a third-place finish, crossing the finish line at 20:14. Senior Alexa Aragon (20:49) finished 20th, while sophomore Molly Seidel (21:11) and junior Gabby Gonzales (21:18) finished seconds apart in 33rd and 37th place, respectively.

"We had a couple girls run good races," Connolly said. "Kelly, of course, ran a really good race. She's been probably our most consistent runner ... I was also impressed again with how Molly ran, considering she was out for a month with a training injury. She keeps getting more and more fit."

However, Connolly said the team as a whole will have to run a better race if the Irish want to be competitive at the NCAA Championships.

"There are just a few girls right now who aren't where we thought they'd be," Connolly said. "That, and we need to do a better job of finding each other early in the race and then fighting over the last half. This weekend we did a decent job of finding each other, but I was a little disappointed with how we finished."

No. 14 Michigan and No. 9 Butler earned the automatic bids with their first- and second-place finishes, while No. 6 Michigan State, which also earned an at-large bid, took third.

For the Irish men, the race was exceptionally close, with the top-three finishers separated by just four points.

"[The race] was our best team race of the season," Irish junior Jake Kildoo said.

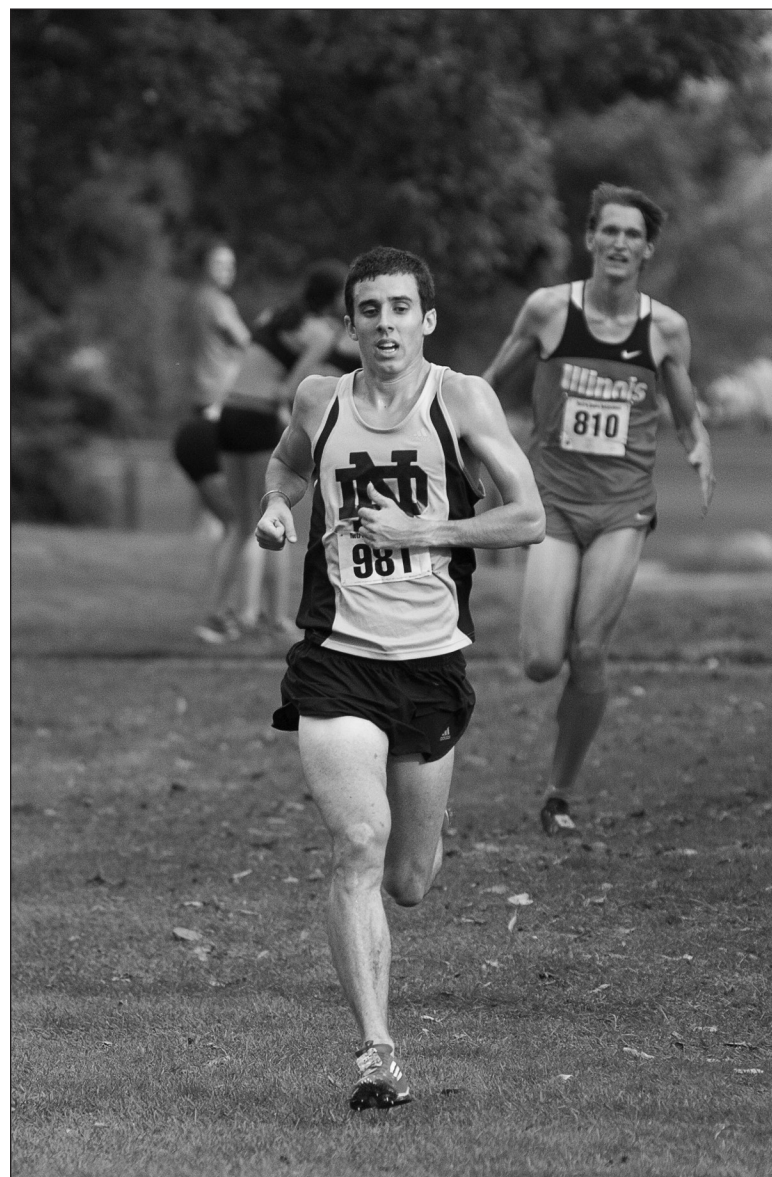
No. 16 Michigan joined its women's team atop the podium with 70 points, while No. 19 Wisconsin and 21st-ranked Notre Dame finished with 73 and 74 points, respectively, for second and third place. "We very well could have won," Kildoo said. "Still, this will definitely give us some momentum through the next week of practice and going into NCAA's. If we can turn in a race like this, we'll be able to compete for a top-10 to top-15 finish."

The Irish had five finishers in the top 30, led by graduate student Jeremy Rae's (30:22) fifth-place finish and senior Martin Grady's (30:27) sixth-place effort. Graduate student J.P. Malette (30:42) followed in 15th, while sophomore Michael Clevenger (30:55) finished 22nd. Kildoo (31:10) rounded out the top Irish finishers with a 27th place effort.

"I think we all just ran very focused and tough, which made the difference," Kildoo said. "We were confident if we did that we'd be able to get into NCAA's."

The Irish travel to Terre Haute, Ind., on Saturday for the NCAA Championships meet, held at the Lavern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course.

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GRANT TOBIN | The Observer

Irish graduate student Jeremy Rae keeps up the pace during the Notre Dame Invitational on Oct. 4 at Notre Dame Golf Course.



CHARITHA ISANKA | The Observer

Irish senior libero Andrea McHugh readies for the serve during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Bowling Green on Sept. 6.

Volleyball

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"Even though we had some good hitting percentages, we're still not generating enough kills," Brown said. "We're not being terminal."

On Sunday, the Irish fell in straight sets to the Seminoles (13-3, 20-7), recovering slightly after being trounced 25-13 in the first game. Florida State took the second and third sets by scores of 25-21.

"We tried running a 6-2 offense in the first set and just got stuck in a rotation," Brown said. "Then the rest of the match was quite competitive, and we were ahead for a lot of game two."

Once again, the Irish struggled offensively, hitting just .167 on the match. Smith and junior outside hitter Meg Vonderhaar led Notre Dame with nine and eight kills respectively.

Despite the two losses, Brown said that her team's mentality has remained unaffected.

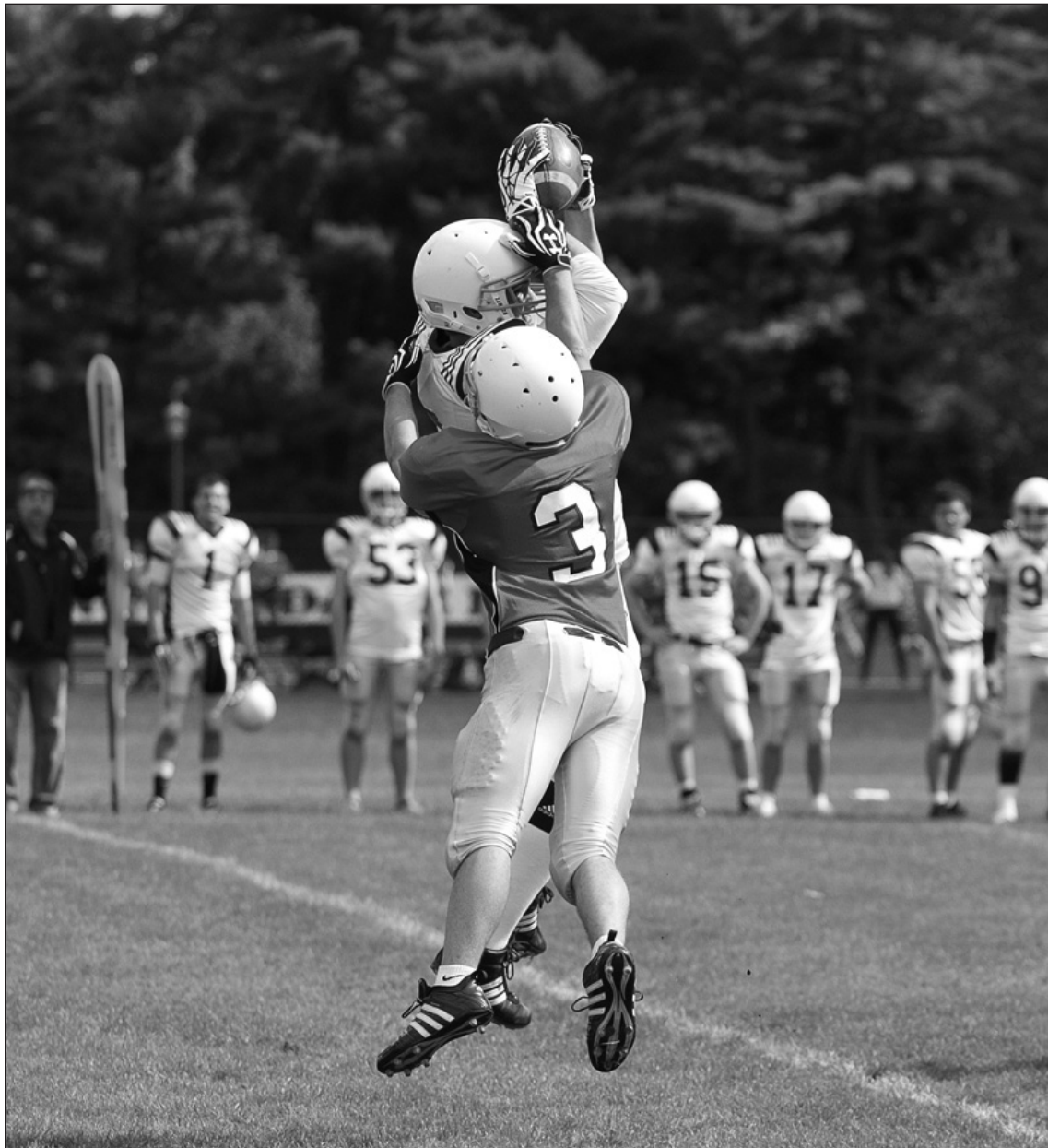
"The character that the team has shown has been very positive," Brown said. "We got beat badly in that first game and then came out with much more resolve in the last two."

The losses leave the Irish in 12th place in the ACC, 10 games behind Duke and out of contention for the conference crown. The NCAA tournament is also out of reach for the Irish, who currently sit 97th nationally in RPI. Still, Brown said that her team will remain motivated heading into its last four games, all at home.

"Our focus now is on doing what's best for the team, not necessarily what's best for the individual," Brown said. "That continues to be our emphasis. We're playing to win, and whoever's called upon is going to play."

The Irish next take the court against Virginia Tech on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Purcell Pavilion.

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ZACHARY LLORENS | The Observer

A Keough defender blankets a Dillon receiver during the Kangaroo's 22-6 victory over the Big Red on Sept. 29. The Kangaroos advanced to the title game with a 16-13 victory over Keenan on Monday night.

M Interhall

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"Sometimes I feel like I could close my eyes and throw it up to [Kraemer], and he would come down with it," Hurley said.

The Carroll offense tried to respond, but replacement senior quarterback Jacn Gardner's fourth-down pass fell incomplete, and Alumni never gave the ball back.

Although the finish was not what he would have liked, Carroll senior captain and lineman Mike Russell said he was proud of his team.

"We played hard, and we left everything on the field," Russell said. "We played our hearts out, but I don't have any regrets."

Alumni will battle for the interhall football championship with Keough on Sunday.

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Keough 16, Keenan 13

By MANNY DE JESUS
Sports Writer

In a rematch from the regular season, No. 4 Keough defeated No. 1 Keenan 16-13 in Monday's semifinals, sending the Kangaroos to the championship at Notre Dame Stadium.

The first quarter favored the Knights (5-1) as sophomore quarterback Patrick Corry connected with senior receiver and captain Jeremy Riche on a 55-yard touchdown to take the

early lead. Senior receiver and kicker John Garry hit the point after to make it a 7-0 game after the first quarter.

Although Keenan had the lead, the running game for the Kangaroos (5-1), led by freshman running back Conor Kinasz, broke through the Knights' defense and scored a rushing touchdown five yards out from the end zone. Kinasz converted the two-point conversion to give the Kangaroos an 8-7 halftime lead.

The rest of the game was a defensive struggle between the two teams, as they each turned the ball over twice. Keough sophomore receiver and defensive back Mitchell Patin made a key interception, which could have sealed the victory for the Kangaroos until Kinasz fumbled the ball later in the third quarter on the Knights' one-yard line to give Keenan another chance at a comeback.

Keenan's opportunity to drive 99 yards for a score was abruptly ended when Patin forced a safety on the very next play with a tackle for loss in the Knights' end zone. Kinasz then rushed for his second touchdown of the night to give Keough the 16-7 lead. Midway through the fourth quarter, Keenan freshman defensive back Mikey Koller intercepted Keough senior captain and quarterback Seamus Donegan, which eventually turned into six points for the Knights when Corry hit Riche once again in the end zone from six yards out.

Garry's point after attempt

was blocked by the Kangaroos' special teams unit, and Donegan took a knee to end the Knights' season.

"We got to this point last year, and now we have one more win to take care of," Donegan said. "If we bring this kind of energy and come together like this it's going to be fun [playing for the championship]."

The Kangaroos' rushing attack dominated this matchup, picking up 103 yards and two touchdowns. Kinasz accounted for the two rushing touchdowns, but he said he gave the credit to his teammates for his success.

"Seamus, our captain and quarterback, leads us well, and our line pushed me through holes for me to be able to run through," Kinasz said. "I need to work on holding on to the ball, but my teammates will pick me up, and I will have their back."

Despite the loss, Riche said he believed his team played with heart and pride throughout the game.

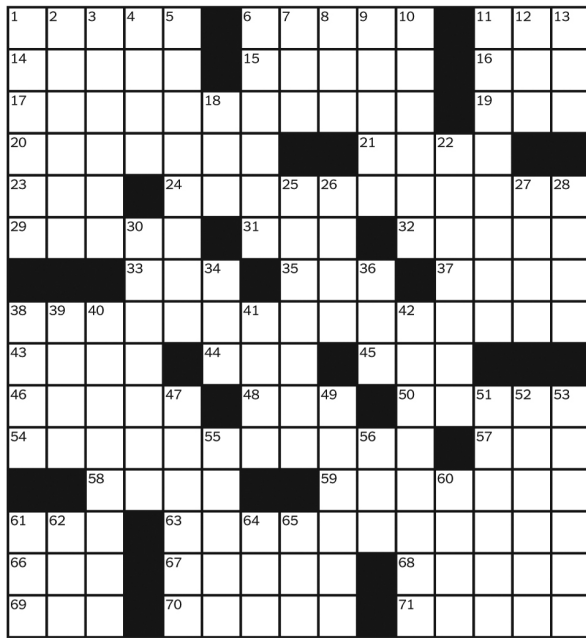
"It was our first time being down this entire year, and for us to respond the way we did, fighting through it all, I couldn't be prouder," Riche said. "We've had a great run, and it won't stop with me as the younger guys will take over the program and make it better for the future."

The Kangaroos head to Notre Dame Stadium on Sunday to take on Alumni for the championship.

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CROSSWORD | WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Verdi duet "Madre, non ___?"
 - 6 Gucci rival
 - 11 Wheelwright's tool
 - 14 Cousins of foils
 - 15 Strange
 - 16 Narrow inlet
 - 17 Cows, pigs and chickens
 - 19 Equivalent of about seven cases of beer
 - 20 Watery
 - 21 Deep-toned instrument
 - 23 Sister
 - 24 Location of Mount McKinley
 - 29 Mural surface
 - 31 ___ the Lip (major-league nickname)
 - 32 Buddy of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
 - 33 UPS delivery: Abbr.
 - 35 See 26-Down
 - 37 Masculine side
 - 38 One can be found in each of the answers to 17-, 24-, 54- and 63-Across
 - 43 Gen. Robt. ___
 - 44 Otto's vehicle on "The Simpsons"
 - 45 Italian article
 - 46 Frighten
 - 48 Do a voice-over for
 - 50 Out of touch with reality
 - 54 A.M. or F.M. news dispatch
 - 57 Baseball scoreboard letters
 - 58 Cream-toned
 - 59 Certain sedatives
 - 61 Gun, as an engine
 - 63 Sprain, say
 - 66 Alcindor : Abdul-Jabbar :: Clay : ___
 - 67 Direct (to)
 - 68 French square
 - 69 Inits. on a bottle of Parisienne
 - 70 Tin Pan Alley output
 - 71 Aikman and Donahue
- Down**
- 1 Render harmless, as a snake
 - 2 Impossible to see through
 - 3 "Seinfeld" episodes, now
 - 4 Idea that may spread via the Internet
 - 5 Japanese-born P.G.A. star
 - 6 Former Saudi king
 - 7 Blight victim
 - 8 Actress Vardalos
 - 9 The Mississippi has a big one
 - 10 Cover, in a way
 - 11 Bill Clinton, by birth
 - 12 Go out, as a fire
 - 13 Turn back sharply
 - 18 Void, in Versailles
 - 22 Where one might get one's first pair of overalls
 - 25 Lampoons
 - 26 Bryant of the 35-Across
 - 27 There's one for curly hair
 - 28 56-Down grad: Abbr.
 - 30 Ball-like
 - 34 Hunk
 - 36 Tempe sch.



Puzzle by Bill Thompson

- 38 Be frightened
- 39 Teatro ___ Scala
- 40 Manta
- 41 Like the athletes in the ancient Olympics
- 42 You might not think to use it
- 47 Quagmire
- 49 Pro wrestling fans, frequently
- 51 Conductor Toscanini
- 52 Sundae topper
- 53 "You're right, absolutely"
- 55 Total
- 56 Upstate N.Y. sch.
- 60 Like a door that doesn't afford complete privacy
- 61 Manta, e.g.
- 62 Loop transports
- 64 "Brainiac" author Jennings
- 65 Calf's place

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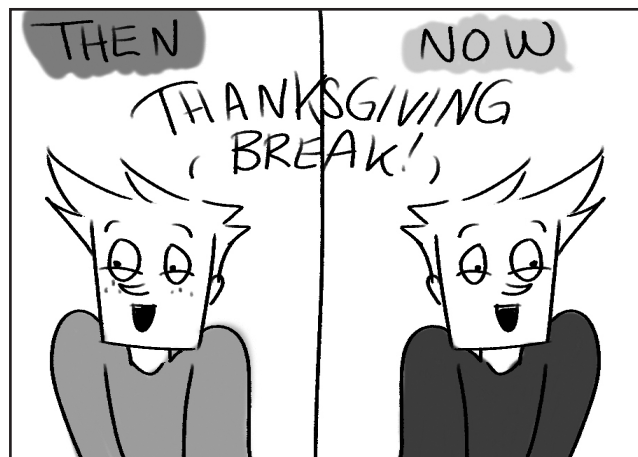
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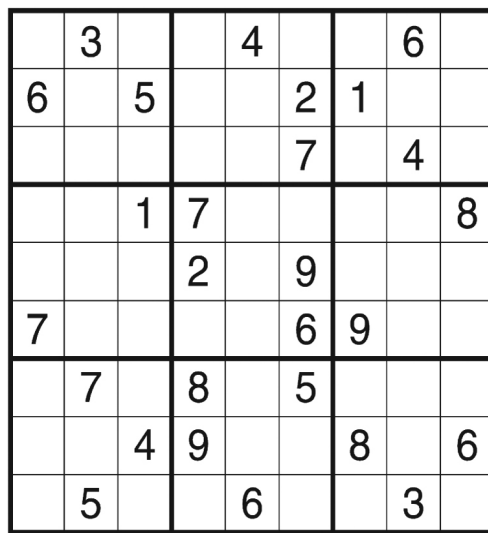


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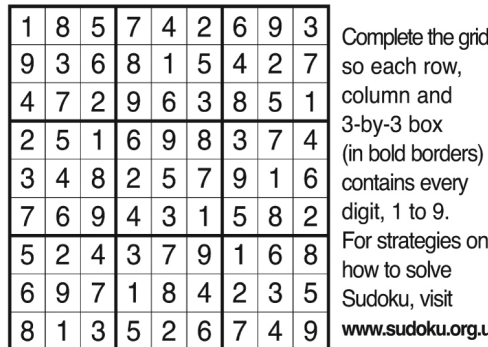


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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE 11/20/12



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Allyson Felix, 28; Denny Hamlin, 33; Chloe Sevigny, 39; Owen Wilson, 45.

Happy Birthday: You'll question things you've done in the past as you look for answers that will help you move forward. Learn all you can about unique ways to lower stress and to enjoy life more. Say no to those who limit you and venture toward a way of life that is more conducive to obtaining your dreams, hopes and wishes. Your numbers are 6, 11, 15, 26, 35, 37, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Observation will be a telltale sign of what's to come when dealing with both personal and professional relationships. Let your keen perception guide you and help you make choices based on your findings. Don't let a love affair lead you astray. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Strive for perfection. Show your capabilities and don't be afraid to brag a little. Your charm will attract attention and enhance your love life. Put aside time for a little romance in the evening to ease your stress. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your emotions will dictate the way you react to situations that arise between you and your peers. Don't make promises you cannot keep. Bragging will leave you in an awkward position. You are better to understate than to exaggerate. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you make a professional move, do it for the right reason. An impulsive move will not end well. Ask questions that will give you insight to what's unfolding around you. Prosperity will be based on your values and attributes. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Personal problems can be expected if you have taken on too much. Don't bend to the demands being put on you at home. Looking at a situation from a different perspective will help you make a decision that can lead to positive alternatives. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Call in favors and re-address unfinished business. You can finally get answers and make positive plans. Communication will be your ticket to success, and you'll get all the help you need to accomplish your goals. Don't let emotional misperceptions interfere. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid overspending and consider ways to budget better. Avoid emotional and impulsive purchases. Concentrate on how you can best use your skills and intelligence to bring in more cash. Charm can help you secure a better position. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Lighten up and spend the day doing things that make you happy and bring you additional satisfaction and the promise of an interesting encounter. Romance will put an interesting spin on a relationship that needs a boost. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will find it necessary to figure out a way to secure your position. Holding on to what you have will take patience and understanding on your part. Showing emotion or anger will work against you. Stick close to home. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't wait to see what someone else is going to do. Be a leader, not a follower. Your forthright, aggressive approach to work and getting ahead will pay off and bring you added respect. An increase in revenue looks positive. Plan to celebrate. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have to pay close attention to what others say or do. Protect your interests and hang out where you feel safe and secure. Make a last-minute change if you don't feel comfortable with the way a situation is developing. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Set up meetings, attend functions that are conducive to gathering information and develop a plan that will further your interests. Personal and financial matters can be dealt with favorably. Negotiate and you will get what you want. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You meet challenges head-on. You are charismatic, mysterious and unique.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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

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MEN'S SOCCER

Breezing on 'bye'

Irish earn No. 3 seed, first-round bye, could face coach's son, Washington in semifinals

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame earned a No. 3 overall seed and a bye to the second round when the NCAA Championship bracket was announced Monday. The Irish (12-1-6, 7-1-3 ACC) will play their first game of the tournament at home Sunday, facing either Wisconsin (13-4-2) or Milwaukee (15-2-2), who will play their first-round match Thursday.

Notre Dame is the lone non-Pac-12 team among the top four seeds. UCLA claimed the No. 1 overall seed in the 48-team draw. The Bruins (11-3-4) and Irish tied, 0-0, in Notre Dame's first game of the season on Aug. 30.

Washington (14-1-4) took the second seed after winning their first Pac-12 championship since 2000. The Huskies' only loss came at the hands of conference opponent UCLA on Oct. 27. Washington is coached by Jamie Clark, the son of Irish coach Bobby Clark. Should both father and son win their first three games in the tournament, their teams will meet in the semifinals.

No. 4 California (12-4-2) rounds out the top four seeds. The seeded teams in Notre Dame's branch of the bracket are No. 6 Georgetown, No. 11 Michigan State and No. 14 Wake Forest. The Irish beat Wake Forest (9-5-5) 3-1 in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Nov. 2 and beat Michigan State (12-5-3) 2-0 in East Lansing, Mich., on Nov. 5.

This will be Notre Dame's 16th appearance in the NCAA Championship bracket and its eighth time as one of the 16 seeded teams. During Clark's 13-year tenure, the Irish have made 12 appearances with a 10-10-1 overall record.

The Irish have outscored their opponents 33-14 this season. Senior forward Harrison Shipp leads the team with nine goals and eight assists on the season, while sophomore midfielder Patrick Hodan chipped in six goals and five assists.

The Irish begin NCAA tournament play Sunday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Stadium. They will host the winner of Thursday's Wisconsin-Milwaukee first-round matchup.



ZACHARY LLORENS | The Observer

Irish sophomore midfielder Patrick Hodan looks to pass the ball downfield during Notre Dame's 2-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Nov. 8 at Alumni Stadium. The Irish are the No. 3 seed in the NCAA tournament.

ND VOLLEYBALL | MIAMI 3, ND 0; FLORIDA STATE 3, ND 0

'Canes, 'Noles sweep ND

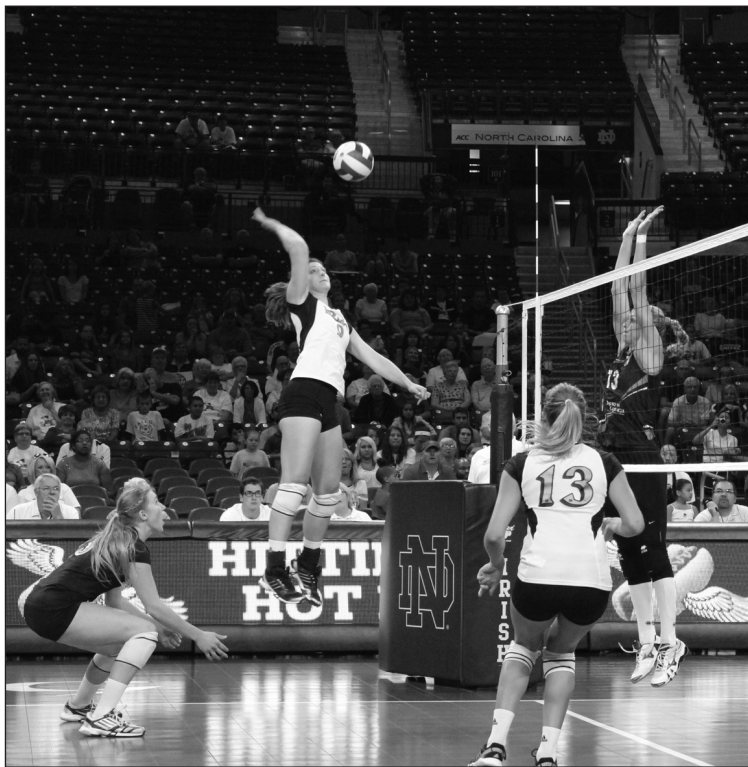
By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame concluded the away portion of its ACC schedule this weekend with a visit to the Sunshine State, falling to Miami on Friday night and No. 22 Florida State on Sunday afternoon.

The Irish (11-16, 5-11 ACC) earned their first ACC home win over Miami back on Oct. 18 but found the going tougher in Coral Gables. The Hurricanes (16-10, 9-7) dropped the Irish in straight sets (25-20, 25-14, 25-22).

"When we got them at home we were much more comfortable," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "You have to put pressure on a team in volleyball, get them to make mistakes, and that's not something we were able to do."

Many of Notre Dame's problems stemmed from an inability to control Miami's powerful attack, Brown said. Junior outside hitter Savannah Leaf led the Hurricanes with 17 kills, and two other teammates reached double digits as



CHARITHA ISANAKA | The Observer

Irish senior outside hitter Nicole Smith spikes the ball during Notre Dame's 3-0 loss to Dabrowa (Poland) on Sept. 8 in the Purcell Pavilion.

the hosts racked up a .357 hitting percentage.

"We really didn't have answers on the defensive end," Brown said. "They got off to a great start and never really let up."

Offensively, the Irish were led by junior outside hitter Jeni Houser, who knocked home 11 kills,

senior hitter Nicole Smith with six and senior setter Maggie Brindock with four. As has been the case for much of the season, Brown said that her team's problems lay in not producing a sufficient volume of kills on offense.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Alumni and Keough advance

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
Sports Writer

After coming within a point twice in the last three years, No. 2 Alumni finally earned its way to the hallowed grounds of Notre Dame Stadium, advancing with a come-from-behind, 13-9 win over No. 3 Carroll on Monday.

"This is why we play," Dawgs senior captain and receiver Jeff Kraemer said. "That was one of our slower starts ... but the guys answered the bell and played some Dawg football in the second half."

The Dawgs (6-0) struggled in the first half, giving away the first points of the game, as a snap sailed over junior punter Ryan Buckley's head for a safety on the first play of the second quarter.

The Vermin (4-1-1) then drove 45 yards in five plays before Vermin senior quarterback Bobby Dorman broke a tackle and barreled into the end zone from five yards out. Dorman tacked on the extra point to give Carroll a 9-0 lead.

Late in the half, the Vermin marched deep into Dawg

territory. With the ball on the Alumni 13-yard line, Dorman took a hard hit from an Alumni defender. The senior left the game and never returned.

Alumni then stuffed freshman running back Zach Dodd from the one-yard line as time ran out in the half, preventing Carroll from adding to its lead.

The Dawgs opened the second half with a 65-yard drive, capped by sophomore quarterback Trevor Hurley's pass down the right sideline to Kraemer, who dove inside the pylon to secure the score. A missed extra point by Buckley kept the Vermin lead at 9-6.

The Alumni offense got the ball back at the Carroll 39-yard line after its defense forced a three-and-out. Twice on the ensuing drive, Alumni was forced into fourth-and-long situations and twice Kraemer came up with huge, first-down receptions. The senior then hauled in a one-yard touchdown reception to give Alumni the lead for good, early in the fourth quarter. Buckley's extra point made the score 13-9.

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