

## ‘American Ride’ episode features Notre Dame

*BYUtv program explores founding, academic rigor and unique traditions of University*

By **NICOLE McALEE**  
News Writer

On Monday night, Notre Dame was featured on the Emmy Award-winning TV show “American Ride,” a journey through some of America’s most historically significant places hosted by former history teacher and Harley Davidson enthusiast Stan Ellsworth.

“American Ride” is a production of BYUtv, a television network featuring programming from and funded by Brigham Young University (BYU) and its sponsoring institution, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Terri Pappas, supervising producer of “American Ride,” said

the Notre Dame episode was the brainchild of BYUtv managing director Derek Marquis.

“[The team] was struck by Notre Dame’s beauty, rich historic heritage and its position as a symbol of American culture, where faith, fellowship and football converge,” Pappas said.

“Derek Marquis and the ‘American Ride’ team felt that the University’s powerful story would fit well with the overall concept of the series and envisioned an episode in which host Stan Ellsworth would chronicle Notre Dame’s story from its initial founding to today.”

Pappas said she initially reached out to the University last year with the idea of filming the episode. She also worked with

Vineyard Productions, the producers of “American Ride,” to determine the episode’s content.

“BYUtv shot the episode last October during the BYU-Notre Dame football game with the intention to air it around the BYU-Notre Dame game the following year,” Pappas said.

Pappas said the “American Ride” team was welcomed to film the episode on campus last fall.

“The crew worked with Dennis Brown, Notre Dame’s [spokesman and] assistant vice president, who was very gracious in helping with the logistics, and was also featured on camera as a spokesman for the University,” Pappas said.

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Photo Courtesy of Emily Showgren

**Stan Ellsworth, host of BYUtv’s “American Ride,” visited Notre Dame’s campus last October to film an episode for the award-winning TV show.**

## Construction worker killed

By **MEGHAN THOMASSEN**  
Managing Editor

The St. Joseph Co. Coroner said 22-year-old Mark Ellsworth of Mishawaka was killed Thursday at about 10:40 a.m., according to the South Bend Tribune.

The worker died after being struck by a tree near the intersection of Bulla Road and Twyckenham Drive, University Spokesman Dennis Brown said.

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KEVIN SONG | The Observer

**A worker died at a construction site yesterday morning near the intersection of Twyckenham Drive and Bulla Road.**

## Seniors start tailgate tradition

**MJ JOHNSTON**  
News Writer

For seniors at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s there is a strong desire to create a legacy before the end of their last football game, and seniors in O’Neill Hall have found a way to leave their mark.

Led by senior Calvin Hemington, a group of 23 seniors purchased a renovated school bus in Michigan to welcome tailgaters at all the home

games and at the away games against Purdue and University of Michigan this season.

“We just wanted to do something legendary for our senior year,” senior Danny Winnike said. “Something crazy.”

Born from a sophomore year joke, senior Ben O’Neill said the owners took the bus to a mechanic, purchased insurance and registered themselves as a corporation that “specializes in catering light beer.”

Senior Patrick Callahan said

the O’Neill bus throws tailgates to bring together both Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame students on football Saturdays.

“It’s something that we all wished we would’ve thought of and something that we all benefit from,” said Callahan said. “One of my favorite tailgates was at the Michigan game. Basically the entire senior class was together at the bus.”

Senior Mike Lucente said the

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## ‘Bless each one individually’

By **TORI ROECK**  
Associate News Editor

Fr. Mark Thesing, the Notre Dame football chaplain, began his relationship with the team as an undergraduate seminarian in 1979.

A 1981 Notre Dame alumnus, Thesing said he used to run the movie projector that would screen a film for the players in the Moreau Seminary auditorium when they used to sleep in the building Friday nights before home football games.

“Actually the football players, I think, got a little freaked out by the seminary,” Thesing said. “It was too quiet over there, and it was an unfamiliar place and there were expectations over there. The rooms are extremely small, and there was nothing for them to do. They were shown a movie in the auditorium and then went up to their room to go to bed.”

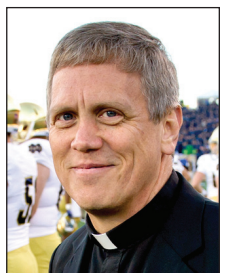
The players’ Friday night accommodations have since changed, and so has Thesing’s role with the team, he said. Thesing said he became a chaplain for away football games in 2008 and assumed the role for

all games this season when Fr. Paul Doyle stepped aside as home game chaplain.

Thesing said his responsibilities begin Mondays of game weeks when he attends the team’s weekly “Mental Monday” meeting.

“I sit in the back and I take notes, and part of it is to kind

**Mark Thesing**  
Notre Dame football  
chaplain



of understand where Coach [Brian] Kelly sees the team and where he wants the team to be going, the way he speaks to them and what he focuses on, what he comments about, what he provides to the team in terms of images to focus on, of thoughts to consider — that sets the mood for the team,” he said.

Thesing said he delivers Mass for the team every Friday before

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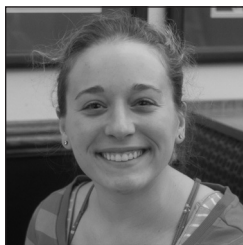
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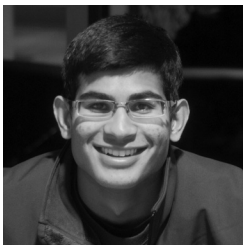
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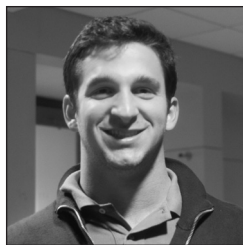
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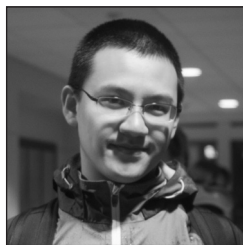
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“Indian jokes that my professor makes.”

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“Lake Effect.”

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“This weather.”

**Catherine Hermeling**

sophomore  
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“Alarm clocks.”



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**Notre Dame Football**

Notre Dame Stadium  
3:30 p.m.-7 p.m.  
The Irish take on the Cougars for Senior Day.

**Sunday****Men’s Basketball**

Joyce Center  
2 p.m.-4 p.m.  
The Irish take the court against the Army Academy.

**Men’s Soccer**

Alumni Stadium  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Support the Irish in their second-round game in the NCAA tournament.

**Monday****ACMS Colloquium**

127 Hayes-Healy  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Dr. Kuznetsov on regulatory genetic oscillations.

**John Ochsendorf Lecture**

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4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Dr. Ochsendorf gives talk on vaulting.

**Tuesday****Women’s Basketball**

Joyce Center  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
The Irish take on the DePaul Blue Demons.

**Germany Awake!**

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center  
8:00 p.m.  
Leiser’s documentary on Nazi Germany.



# Lecturer discusses state of post-war Uganda

By JACK ROONEY  
News Writer

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies visiting scholar Shannon Golden presented her research on land conflict in post-war northern Uganda on Thursday at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The lecture was titled "The War Within the Community: Land Disputes in Post-war Northern Uganda."

Golden earned her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Minnesota earlier this fall after completing her thesis on community reconstruction in Northern Uganda. During the course of her research, she said she found

land disputes to be one of the most significant aspects of reconstruction.

She quoted a Ugandan interviewee who said, "When I compare the life before the war and this life then I say that this life is the most painful life I've ever experienced. While the war of the rebels, the rebels terrorizing the people, has ended, another war has started up. That is the war within the community members, the war of rivals over land."

Golden said the Ugandan civil war displaced millions of people, and when they returned to their original land, land disputes arose.

"The war in northern Uganda resulted in massive

forced displacement," Golden said. "In the region where I conducted research, 95 percent of the population was displaced, most for over 10 years. Many people described land disputes as extremely rampant and a lot of people said they were daily occurrences."

Though her specialty is sociology, Golden said social scientists could have more of an impact on international peace issues through work like hers.

"In general, I feel a bit like social scientists are a little silent on this issue despite the fact that I think we can make some significant contributions in understanding things like group identity, world group identity, collective memory, inequality, solidarity, these sorts of things," Golden said. "So I'm trying to contribute a social science perspective to make sense of this issue."

Using this lens of social science, Golden concluded that conflict can be constructive if there are proper means of resolving it.

"Conflict isn't necessarily bad," Golden said. "From sociology we know that conflict among people can actually benefit solidarity and stability if it provides a space to solidify social norms, rules and relationships in a non-violent

way, if there are institutions to resolve these disputes."

Golden said land in Uganda is important economically and socially.

"In a subsistent agriculture-based society, land is very central in a material way and a physical way," Golden said.

***"In a subsistent agriculture-based society, land is very central in a material way and a physical way. It's a crucial resource for livelihoods, for people to support their families, for their physical survival."***

Shannon Golden  
visiting scholar

boundaries of the community," Golden said. "It's ancestral land. You only have land in these communities if you're from here," Golden said.

She said the post-war context in Northern Uganda intensified the importance of land.

"Land is just this very essential thing that sets up a potential for very contentious social interaction," Golden said. "And all of this becomes even more important in the post-war context."

"The post-war context is unique because it's a period of very dramatic social change, and the transitional period has really caused the emergence of these prolific land disputes because of this social change."

Northern Uganda has state-run and community-based structures for land dispute resolution, but neither is effective, she said.

"Despite having these multiple layers of dispute resolution possibilities, there is not an institution or a strategy that residents fully trust to deal with land disputes," Golden said. "That is why it makes violence look like a necessary or legitimate means for resolving these conflicts."

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"... Stan Ellsworth and the crew were warmly received by all they encountered across faculty, students, administration, clergy and sports fans. Filming the episode was a wonderful, positive experience and the network and production team are delighted with the episode."

Marquis said it was not just Notre Dame's football prowess that inspired the episode of "American Ride," but the school's reputation for strong, positive values.

"Notre Dame is a powerful force for doing good in the country and the world, and

that mission resonates with BYUtv," Marquis said. "Of course, there's also a common love of football, but BYU wanted to connect in a way that went beyond the playing field."

The Notre Dame episode of "American Ride" features Ellsworth discussing the University's founding, academic rigor and unique traditions. It is available to view online at [byutv.org](http://byutv.org), and will also be shown on BYUtv at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time tomorrow, directly preceding and following the game between the Irish and BYU.

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## Death

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"A worker with a local excavating firm suffered fatal injuries when he was struck by a tree while working on a project to clear trees for a parking lot expansion on the east side of campus," Brown said.

A University press release stated the man died at the scene, despite efforts to resuscitate him. The release said work at the construction

site has been suspended.

In the press release, University President Fr. John Jenkins said Notre Dame extends its condolences to the man's family and to everyone involved in the accident.

"Reminded how precious and fragile life is, we pray for strength and peace for all who are suffering as a result," Jenkins said.

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## Bus

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University of Michigan tailgate was the largest and most memorable out of the entire season. He said over 500 people attended the tailgate at Ann Arbor.

"We just kept hearing everyone talking about the bus, and meeting at the bus, so we went," Anna Sullivan, who is a junior at Saint Mary's, said. "It seemed like everyone was there. It wasn't just a Notre Dame thing, or an

O'Neill thing, or a senior thing, it was an Irish thing."

As the season draws to a close, the bus owners said they are looking for future O'Neill men to continue the tradition. O'Neill said juniors of O'Neill Hall have already approached the current bus owners to purchase the bus for next year, and are hoping to garner alumni attention to endow the bus in the years to come.

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*A group of O'Neill seniors stand in front of the bus they purchased to use for tailgating at Notre Dame football games this season. The bus travelled to the Purdue and University of Michigan away games.*

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## Chaplain

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a game and at this Mass he gives each player a medal with a particular saint he has chosen for the week. Thesing said he has a list of all the saints commemorated in these Masses since 2007.

"I'm a very systematic guy, so what I decided to do was that I didn't think we should repeat any saint medal within a five-year period," he said. "There are enough saints for us to go 50, 60 saints without having to repeat from year after year."

"I decided that the four evangelists and St. Paul would be a good way to represent scripture and the foundational background of scripture. I also realized that we want to keep to the tradition of Notre Dame, so this year the tradition of Notre Dame was represented with St. Edward, the patron saint of Fr. Edward Sorin. I also want to

keep within that the concept of the Congregation of Holy Cross ... so this year to represent the Congregation of Holy Cross is the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

Team Mass before home games moved from Saturday to Friday this year, and Thesing said the switch makes Mass feel less rushed. He said the first time he served as away chaplain at Michigan State University in 2008 he was shocked by the quick succession between Mass and travel to the stadium.

"[After Mass] we're handing out the saint medals as they're heading to the bus, so everyone's left the area," he said. "I'm back there and they're going, 'Father, you need any help?' 'No, no. I can take care of this.' I put everything away. Five minutes later I walk down and everyone is already on the bus, the police escorts are already there, and I'm going, 'Oh, they're all waiting for me.'"

"As they move closer and closer to game time, everything gets tightly scheduled."

On gameday, Thesing said he stays with the team, blesses them and leads them in prayer.

"I'm always one of the first back into the locker room," he said. "Before the game during warm-ups and at the end of the first half and at the end of the game, I'm there and welcome them back into the locker room with a blessing."

"I try to bless each one individually, often in pairs as they're coming on my right and on my left, moving quickly into the locker room, and then immediately before they move out to the field at the beginning of the game, I lead the team in a prayer. At the end of the game, after Coach has spoken a few words, he says, 'Let's pray,' and then I lead them again in prayer at the end of the game."

As football chaplain, Thesing said his job is to be supportive of the players at all times.

"What it involves, first and foremost, is to be there with the team in a routine basis and also in crisis moments," he said. "When I say crisis moments, it doesn't all have to be disaster, but it's those unprecedented and unexpected events. One of which that comes to mind is Declan Sullivan's death."

Sullivan, a student videographer for the team died Oct. 27, 2010 at age 20 when he was thrown from a hydraulic scissor lift by strong winds during

football practice, according to an Oct. 27, 2010 article in The Observer.

Thesing said he received a call the evening of the accident while preparing to lead a reflection in Farley Hall. He went straight to the Guglielmino Athletic Complex to counsel the players and coaches, he said.

"As it turned out, the real difficulty and challenge wasn't as much the football players but Declan's fellow workers with the video crew," Thesing said. "There were times, since I was the away chaplain, during the home games ... I went and just stood with them as they're video taping from their isolated spots on the south scoreboard and up on the photo deck of the press box, just to be with them and let them know that they're not walking this journey, this challenge by themselves."

After supporting the team through many challenges, Thesing said his favorite part of being chaplain is participating in the locker room celebration after a win.

"It's exciting; it's fun," he said. "It's the realization that they've done a great job and especially our hard-fought wins, when we're the underdog. Part of it is because you're also there at the times of loss. You're there in Pittsburgh when there wasn't a word spoken in the locker room, other than the coach. You know how much time and effort and energy these players devote to what they're doing. [You] marvel at their ability to balance student life with the expectation of being a football player at Notre Dame."

"It's important to them, it's fun for the fans, the students and the alumni, and it's a great experience."

Thesing said his full-time job as director of finance and administration for the Mendoza College of Business' Office of the Dean prevents him from attending practice regularly, but he still has developed a rapport with the players.

"I don't interact with the players as much as everyone would think I do, but there are the opportunities in which we chat and talk," he said, "and there are those people who engage me in conversations — theological, philosophical or just about sports."

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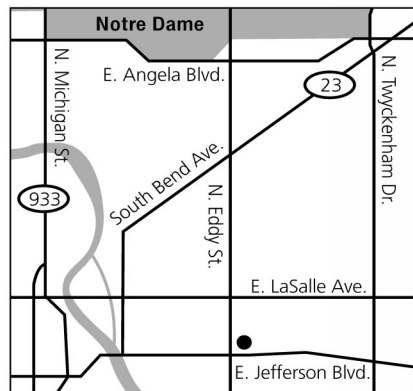
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## INSIDE COLUMN

## Unrealized potential

**Rebecca O'Neil**  
News Writer

"As some people prepare for their old age, so I prepare for my 20's."

I've just had the incredible pleasure and made the horrible mistake of reading "An 18-Year-Old Looks Back On Life." Joyce Maynard's essay, published on April 23, 1972 in The New York Times, is 8,202 words of complete gold — and completely depressing for someone about to embark on a column on turning 20.

If I could relay any coherent thought on modern culture in 450 words, this would be my chance. What a joke.

You can laugh, but exposure to a series of transcendentalist authors and psychedelic musicians had me self-realized at 15. Convinced that the best music and the most beautiful minds were lost after the 60s, I would spend the next four years as one of those people, who believes they were born in the wrong era — an idealist in a perpetually disillusioned state.

Up until this semester, I was sure my emotional and intellectual development had peaked because the world had nothing worthy left to offer. Philosophy, politics and religion were a bore because my thought processes were cyclic and mundane.

This summer was something else though. David Foster Wallace, Kelly Konya and Junot Diaz instigated theories in language I was once unable to breach in my head. When Clockwork Orange, Rudimental and Alvin Risk layered melodies smothered in synth, even my ear-drums had epiphanies. My internship at Los Angeles' KIIS-FM and my job at the Santa Anita racetrack provided opposite spectrums of "the real world" which simultaneously shocked and fascinated me.

Now I am 15 again, minus the sense of nostalgia but plus the sense of childlike wonder — three inches and 20 pounds. Electronic dance music, contemporary writers and new friends challenge me. I have realized that I am, in fact, extremely far from self-realization but that the journey to that state inspires.

Nineteen has been a solidly awkward year of self-discovery and 20 I expect will be a year of world-discovery.

As Maynard said, "So where are we now? Generalizing is dangerous. Call us the apathetic generation and we will become that. Say times are changing, nobody cares about prom queens and getting into the college of his choice any more — say that (because it sounds good, it indicates a trend, gives a symmetry to history) and you make a movement and a unit out of a generation unified only in its common fragmentation. If there is a reason why we are where we are, it comes from where we have been."

My peers and I are capable of more than society has imagined for us.

We are fragmented but possess unrealized potential.

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## THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

Marshmallows — the devil's work, or the devil himself?

It happens every year. The air gets colder. The nights get darker. The sins get graver.

Sins and sinners may come in all shapes and sizes, but this Saturday should strike fear in the hearts of every God-loving man and woman on Earth, for on this most fateful and treacherous of almost-Sabbaths, a fourth of this storied institution will join together at Notre Dame Stadium in the most heinous and defiling act mankind has ever seen: The senior class marshmallow throw.

Yes, we, the Editorial Board of The Observer, the sole unifying voice of moral authority for all things Notre Dame, can hear your gasps of shock and shame.

You might ask "What prompts this act of aggression most evil?" Fun, for one thing. A sense of unity as a senior class, for a second. And third, how could we forget that most vile of nouns: tradition. Shudder.

Fun, unity and tradition — when did these crimes become a part of Notre Dame? When did it become okay for any student to do anything that hasn't been pre-approved by SAO, the pope and the Holy Spirit?

The Bible clearly states that Jesus handed out fish and bread. He didn't just lightly and aimlessly toss them into the air for the fun of it. Who are the seniors to presume that they're better than Jesus? Shame, shame, shame on them.

Imagine the horror.

Notre Dame seniors are seeing their last-ever home game as undergraduate students. Halftime comes. Suddenly, out of nowhere, hundreds of light, fluffy bits of sugar and gelatin go flying tens of feet into the air before

floating back to the earth at the acceleration of gravity, not taking wind resistance into effect. It's truly a shock that there haven't been more marshmallow-related concussion incidents reported in recent years.

And, lest you be tempted by Satan himself to take part in this immoral deed, remember that you're not supposed to actually have fun, or celebrate unity and tradition. Any marshmallows found on students at the stadium gates will be confiscated, in order to prevent the weak of spirit from further staining their souls.

This policy leads to a lesser, but still terrifying, sin — deception. Students will attempt to smuggle marshmallows into the game at any cost, whether the act requires filling flasks full of marshmallow fluff, forcing freshmen to act as marshmallow pack mules or even using rope-and-pulley systems to haul bags of the fluffed and puffed evil over the stadium walls.

So, seniors, with your dirty shoes to prevent ruining good ones and your tied-up or covered hair to prevent finding congealed marshmallow in it during your post-game festivities, we leave you with this final admonition, this final rebuke, this final measure of moral authority:

Don't take part in the so-called marshmallow throw, for if you do, history will certainly remember you as the worst people ever and your soul will be damned to the deepest depths of hell for all eternity.

In all seriousness, we do have two small requests from the seniors. One, don't be the dingus who ruins it for everyone by sticking a coin or a rock in a marshmallow, because that could really hurt somebody. Second, remember that we are creating a sizable, sticky marshmallow mess that has to be cleaned up. Please do your best to clean up what bags and trash you can to help our wonderful stadium staff.

Otherwise, let thy marshmallows fly.

## No choice but to grow up

**Mike Collins**

Public Address announcer

The basement of Cavanaugh Hall could use a make-over because it doesn't look much different than it did 50 years ago today. I know because I was studying in the basement at mid-day, the only one there, when a bulletin came on the Motorola radio that had been left on in the assistant rector's small office: President John F. Kennedy had been shot in Dallas.

I don't think there was or has been since a day in my life, especially that long ago, where the next few hours and the weekend that followed have stayed with me with such resonance.

Maybe there was a gene in me that eventually led to a career in journalism, but my first reaction was to rush out of the basement to the first floor and beat on the door of our rector, Fr. Matthew Miceli (he just recently passed away) and then up to my room 251 to tell anyone around what I had just heard. Suddenly, you could hear radios being turned on one after another, as if my dorm mates thought what I was telling them had to be a mistake. I wished the same, but we all knew within a matter of minutes, that it was not.

Cavanaugh was an all-freshmen hall back then and the school calendar was a lot different as well. We had barely been on campus two months by Nov. 22, many of us still unsure if we had made the right choice or if we were prepared for the rigors of a Notre Dame education. Some things don't change.

At first, the University decided to keep everything

business as usual, but the decision was a failure. Instead of students going to class, many of those already in a class just left so they could get back to their dorms and gather around the lone television, like the one we had in the basement of Cavanaugh. And it wasn't too long, with the room packed, when Walter Cronkite broke in with the news, his voice choking, that JFK was dead. Classes were cancelled, within hours the final football game of a terrible season was also cancelled. No one cared. The only thing we could think to do seemed to be unanimous, one by one, dozens by dozens, we left our dorms and went to Sacred Heart Church and prayed through our tears.

Right or wrong, many of us believed in the JFK Camelot because of our pride in having the first Catholic to be elected President and his call to young Americans to serve their country in many different ways. Suddenly, we felt important, and even more suddenly, it felt as if our hopes and dreams had been quashed.

Two days later we poured back into the basement of Cavanaugh to watch the live coverage of Lee Harvey Oswald being led to his arraignment. When the shots rang out from Jack Ruby's gun, there was stunned silence. Our adolescence was over, we knew now there was a real world out there, and sometimes it is very difficult to understand. We would have no choice but to grow up.

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# Break the silence

**Mia Lillis**

We are ND

Seventeen of my Notre Dame friends have come out to me as sexual assault survivors. Of these 17 survivors, five are men. Three of the 17 were assaulted by a woman. Nine were assaulted while attending Notre Dame. Eleven of the assaults involved alcohol. Three survivors have explicitly spoken to me about feeling suicidal following the assault, but six others have struggled with the aftermath to the extent that it interfered significantly with their daily lives. Seventeen may sound like a high number, but I guarantee you that whether or not you know it, the same is true for you. Of course, my friends are not simply numbers. I could tell you about the problems they've had with recurring nightmares of their sexual assaults, of their inability to go to parties without being reminded of their assault, of their struggles with intimacy. But this column is not about the survivors. This is about the perpetrators. This column is about us.

As Domers, we often like to quote Corinthians and say that when one of us hurts, all of the Notre Dame family hurts. I'd like to take that a step further. When

one of us is guilty, we are all guilty. When one of us commits sexual assault, we are all to blame. Before you try to shy away from this guilt, keep in mind the pain of the survivors on this campus. Keep in mind the cliffs they wished to dive from, searching for the peace that has been ripped away from them. Keep in mind that good intentions do not excuse our wrongdoings, ought not shield us from blame. With this in mind, entertain the possibility of your guilt.

Our society and our media are built on rape culture. This rape culture is gifted to us, wrapped in a deceptively pretty bow. Consider this: How many movies have you seen in which the instigator of romantic or sexual contact has asked for permission before leaning in for a kiss? Or for going beyond that? We have been socialized by our culture to believe that our "reading of body language" is adequate consent, or worse, that we as instigators can go ahead with whatever sexual or romantic contact we wish to make, and the burden of actively denying consent lies with the receiver of that instigation — in which case, often times the unwanted contact has already occurred.

Essentially, we have been socialized to think that not speaking during a hookup

is romantic, that not needing to acquire verbal consent is sexy. It's not. It's sexual assault. If we are narcissistic enough to believe without a doubt that our ability to read body language is 100 percent reliable, then we need a reality check. Scientists, sociologists and virtually all academic fields will tell us that nothing is ever 100 percent reliable. And if that is the case, if our ability to read body language accurately is reliable only 99 percent of the time and we decide to go ahead and hook up with someone without asking for verbal consent because "talking ruins the mood," we are risking that one percent. We are risking sexually assaulting someone, simply because we "don't want to ruin the mood," simply so we can get off.

Besides, do you really want to hook up with someone that's not into it? Is your self esteem so unbelievably low that you must receive false affirmation by hooking up with someone that doesn't really want to hook up with you, that will only hook up with you when they're wasted and their standards are lower, or they are more susceptible to your "persuasion"? Stop using other people so violently in order to deal with your own self esteem issues.

But once again, we are all guilty. We are guilty for saying, "That exam raped me," to

our friend on South Quad, forcing the person walking behind us to remember and relive their rape experience. We are guilty for blacking out with our friends and not watching out for them, allowing them to throw themselves onto someone else and sexually assault them. We are guilty for questioning victims based on their level of intoxication.

If someone didn't want to have sex, they didn't want to have sex. Consent is absolutely not acquirable when alcohol is present. We are guilty for not acknowledging that thanks to our socialization, we are all potential rapists. We are guilty for shying away from that label, for trying to escape this guilt. It is only once we are able to acknowledge this guilt that we can work towards creating a better campus environment, free of sexual assault. We are guilty for not asking someone before we kiss them. We are guilty for finding silence romantic.

Break the silence.

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# Inspired by Kennedy

**Gary J. Caruso**

Capitol Comments

We barely knew John F. Kennedy during his thousand days in office. His noble call asked us to be better people, to do better for others and to seek better for our nation. He told us that we could go to the moon, and we believed him. He was our first sleek, handsome, modern visionary leader who transcended American culture by exuding youth, confidence, grace and charm. He represented everything we strived to be. He gave each of us a dream. His World War II generation saw in Kennedy what they thought of themselves — the best of the best. We were an honorable and proud, yet innocent and naïve populace.

Today, those of us who lived through the assassination look back exactly 50 years to the day. That Nov. 22 evokes memories of our overwhelming nationwide shock and grief that grew into a dark watershed moment of national unity. Nothing would quite be the same again. It was the Pearl Harbor of that era only to be matched by Sept. 11, the type of event that should never assail any lifetime, let alone assault my generation twice. A half-century has yet to damper events so branded in our collective memory that no American alive on that day can ever forget hearing, "It appears that something has happened in the motorcade route. Something is terribly wrong."

That time ironically mirrors today with American fashion trends sporting tight skinny pants and thick Italian-made black, horn-rimmed glasses. It was an age when we believed what others told us — our government, our employers, our neighbors and especially authoritative CBS News anchorman Walter Cronkite

who also wore black, horn-rimmed glasses. So we believed the unbelievable when he removed those glasses to wipe a tear as he announced, "The flash, apparently official. President Kennedy died at 1 p.m. Central Time, some 38 minutes ago."

My morning began as routinely as any — not unlike today — simply another school day set on the calendar as the Friday before Thanksgiving. Wearing a pale green zipper sweater, skinny pants and black horn-rimmed glasses, I awkwardly blended with fellow seventh-grade nerds at Cecil Junior High School. My group, randomly assigned Section 7-5, ate lunch last. At 1:15 p.m., we climbed three stairwells to our reading comprehension class where I sat in the third seat along the outside wall directly under the portrait of President Kennedy.

My teacher, Mrs. Scarton, a more senior, but unpopular, teacher who married our principal, was a strict disciplinarian. She barely began teaching when someone entered to whisper into her ear. Running from the classroom she yelled, "The president and governor of Texas have just been shot." In her absence I tried to recollect who was the president of Texas. Texas did not have a president. What was she talking about?

She quickly returned carrying a radio that detailed the assassination attempt as bits trickled from Dallas. My classmate Bruce Engel who sat directly on my right infuriated me with his smart-alecky comment. He looked up at President Kennedy's portrait above me asking in a snide tone, "Oh, did you go and get yourself shot?"

Mrs. Shearer, my favorite teacher who taught English the following period next door, entered and huddled with other teachers around the radio. When two priests unofficially announced that the

president had died, she burst into tears and departed. She, Mrs. Scarton and I were all from immigrant Catholic families who stood politically united to elect the first president from among us — the grandson of Irish-Catholic immigrants — much like African-Americans stand today for President Obama.

Until Kennedy broke the era that routinely barred Catholics from the presidency, newspaper headlines questioned if a Catholic could be loyal to both the pope and our democracy. Critics claimed that JFK would take orders from the Vatican. In fact, surveys showed that fully one-quarter of all Americans flat out would not vote for a Catholic. Despite watching droves of diehard Protestant Democrats abandon Kennedy in 1960, we Catholics proudly rallied politically against anti-Catholic sentiments — from the likes of my classmate Bruce — whose families voted systematically throughout our nation's history to prevent Catholics from such high office. Now, Kennedy had given his life for that job. In an instant, he was gone, but for us, his death was most shockingly personal because he was one of us. Kennedy was family.

Sitting stunned and mesmerized beneath Kennedy's portrait, I hung onto every utterance emanating from the radio. Despite being only a 12-year-old, the day's events personally astounded me because Kennedy had spoken to me the previous year during a campaign visit in our area, unbeknownst to us at the time, amid the Cuban Missile Crisis. I once stood a yard away from him when my father said, "Hi Jack," and I blurted, "JFK!" Kennedy nodded at me and replied, "Hello son," as his convertible began to move. That fond memory of his greeting and strikingly chestnut-red hair was now my monument to a moment in time.

Time wearily crawled until finally the bell to change classes rang. Students silently walked zombie-like through the hallways — a uniquely eerie walk only witnessed once afterward when droves of my neighbors trekked home together after the Sept. 11 attacks. My youth died with JFK that day much like my adulthood soured on Sept. 11. Yet, I take heart when oftentimes reminded of Kennedy's words and inspiration, especially while serving as a lector at St. Matthew's Cathedral where I march over the exact spot upon which "the remains of President Kennedy lie at a requiem mass" as inscribed in the floor before the altar.

This column exists because of Kennedy. No higher honor could be bestowed upon me than in 50 years from now be here to write a centennial recollection as the last living American to have heard his voice. Like many, I owe my government service career to his influence and call. I developed my quick, sharp wit to imitate his dynamic charm and grace. Perhaps another like Kennedy may someday exude that same energy, but thus far only Kennedy encouraged our nation to feel young, invincible, confident and proud — so proud that we would "pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship ... to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

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# gabriela's DOUBLE DOG DARE

Climb  
TREE

By **GABRIELA LESKUR**  
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I remember when I was little, my cousins and I would play tag all the time. It's probably one of my fondest childhood memories. The tree in their front yard was base and we had to climb the tree to be safe. We would climb higher and higher, smiling and laughing to make room for each other, as the person who was "it" was stuck down below.

This week's dare brought me right back to those days.

Late this Tuesday night, I made my way to the big tree right outside of LaFortune Hall and, with the help of a friend, hoisted myself up into a wooden wonderland. As uncoordinated as I am, I was terrified even though I was only a few feet off of the ground. Despite my fear, sitting and chatting in that tree was one of the high points of my year.

I honestly had completely forgotten that aspect of my childhood — the thrill of climbing a tree — until I climbed that tree again this week.

Climbing back down, I wondered why I don't play tag with my cousins anymore, why I don't climb trees anymore.

And then it was clear: because I'm an adult now.

What does that even mean?

A French children's book by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry I read in high school provides an answer.

In this book, "Le Petit Prince," the main character talks about how when he was a little boy he made a drawing of a boa constrictor eating an elephant. He was so proud of his drawing but when he showed the picture to adults all they saw was a hat. They made the little boy feel bad and encouraged him to find pleasure in practical things.

In college, we are on the brink now between adulthood and childhood. We see responsibilities, careers and families in our future: practical things. The days of climbing trees and drawing boa constrictors seem to be in our past. Or at least, that's what we're told.

I remember last year, walking with a friend and seeing the huge inflatable obstacle course on South Quad. I got really excited about it.

"Ah! I wish I could go on that," I said, considering I was on my way to class and couldn't. My friend looked at me and scoffed.

When I asked why, he said, "I always wondered what type of person would get excited about those kind of stupid things," as if there was something wrong with me. He, obviously, was a practical grown up, and I, a silly child.

Saint-Exupéry says in "Le Petit Prince": "I have lived a great deal among grown-ups. I have seen them intimately, close at hand. And that hasn't much improved my opinion of them." I have to agree with Saint-Exupéry.

We spend most of our childhood wanting to grow up. We see the adult life as the ideal life, full of the freedom to do whatever we want. But what if what we want to do is climb trees, draw pictures and play on inflatable obstacle courses?

At times, we seem to lose ourselves in this "grown-up" version of the world, the version of the world where climbing a tree is supposedly beneath us.

This version of the world is missing something. We shouldn't look down on those who marvel at double rainbows. Even if we claim to be adults, partaking in the simple joys and wonders of climbing a tree are not beneath us at all. In fact, they are quite literally above us and we should strive to join them.

As I climbed up a tree this week, I was filled with a sense of joy and wonder that I haven't felt in a long time. I remembered when I first read "Le Petit Prince," my high school French teacher, Mr. Langa, said, "Never stop wondering at rainbows or smiling at butterflies."

Growing up doesn't mean growing old. It isn't as much about holding on to ignorance or innocence, as much as it is holding out against cynicism. We should try to climb higher above and find happiness in reclaiming our childlike wonder for the little things, even while we take

on responsibilities and careers and families.

Saint-Exupéry described how he would treat the people who looked at his drawing of the boa constrictor eating the elephant and saw a hat instead. He said, "I would never talk to that person about boa constrictors, primeval forests or stars. I would bring myself down to his level. I would talk to him about bridge, golf, politics and neckties. And the grown-up would be greatly pleased to have met such a sensible man."

While I think Saint-Exupéry got a lot of things right, that's one thing I would revise. Instead of bringing ourselves down from the tree, down to their level, I say we should instead continue to climb higher. We should look in the eye all the people who walk by on their way to LaFortune, and as they look up at us incredulously, we should wave hello.

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## A CHANCE AT GLORY

ALUMNI AND KEOUGH FIGHT  
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# Alumni, Keough take final step into stadium

By **ALEX CARSON**  
Sports Writer

Players on both No. 2 Alumni and No. 4 Keough have learned over the last few years what it feels like to fall just short of the men's interhall championship game. However, after Sunday, these teams will finally know what it feels like to play for the title at Notre Dame Stadium.

The Dawgs (6-0) used a strong second-half performance last week against No. 3 Carroll to come back from a 9-0 halftime deficit and win 13-9. A goal-line stand to end the first half kept Alumni in the game and allowed sophomore quarterback Trevor Hurley and senior captain and receiver Jeffrey Kraemer to turn the game around and connect for a

pair of touchdown passes.

"We came together as a team last week and our team camaraderie really brought us back in the second half," Hurley said.

In addition to the team spirit, Kraemer said Alumni owes its arrival at the championship game to playing true to its brand of football.

"We played Dawg football to get here," Kraemer said. "Dawg football is physical. We finally got the run game going and set the tone at the line of scrimmage."

Advancing to the championship game has special significance for Alumni's senior class, which suffered defeat in both the 2010 and 2011 semifinals by a single point.

"For our class in particular, this was the goal from day one,"

Kraemer said. "Having been a point away twice, it means a lot."

Of Alumni's five touchdowns in the playoffs, Kraemer has been responsible for four of them, recording three receiving touchdowns from Hurley and returning one interception for a touchdown.

"[Kraemer] really tells me what to do and makes it easy [to manage the game]," Hurley said. "I just come to the line and see what's available."

The Kangaroos (5-1), who lost in last year's semifinals by two points, advanced to the championship game behind a balanced offensive attack. Their first round victory came via three touchdown passes from senior captain and quarterback Seamus Donegan, while

their semifinal victory saw two rushing touchdowns from freshman running back Conor Kinasz.

"[Our balanced attack] makes it harder for teams to play us as they can't just say, 'Let's take away this guy,'" Donegan said. "This is the best team I've been on at Notre Dame in terms of playing together."

In their 16-13 semifinal victory over No. 1 Keenan, the Kangaroos avenged a loss from earlier in the season, though Donegan said his team approached the semifinal round with the same focus it will strive for heading into the championship game.

"[Last week's game] was just another game for us and this week we're focusing on executing and making sure we're

prepared to do what we do," Donegan said.

In addition to Kinasz's two rushing touchdowns, sophomore receiver and defensive back Mitchell Patin recorded an interception and a safety to aid Keough's victory.

"Playing in Notre Dame Stadium and the championship game was our goal all year," Patin said. "To play there is something we all dream of and to be playing on the same field Division I players do is pretty awesome."

Alumni and Keough will battle for the crown and the fulfillment of a season-long goal Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame Stadium.

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## Shutting out distractions and opponents

By **CHRISTINA KOCHANSKI**  
Sports Writer

No. 1 Alumni and No. 4 Keough will run out of the tunnel at Notre Dame Stadium on Sunday and straight into a collision with another defensive powerhouse. The Dawgs (6-0-0) shut out the opposing team in three of their six games leading up to the championships. The Kangaroos (5-1-0) shut out their opponent in four games this year.

Both teams have fallen just short of making it to the stadium in recent years and each lost by less than a touchdown in last year's semifinals. This year, Alumni and Keough rode the strength of their defenses to berths in the championship game.

Keough senior Patrick Hickey, who plays cornerback and kicker, said consistency is what makes the Kangaroo defense so effective.

"Defense is really what has kept us in it," Hickey said. "We've had a couple low-scoring games and a couple blow-out games, but defense has been consistent every game."

Hickey joined the Kangaroos' football team this year with no football experience and will be starting at cornerback in the

Stadium on Sunday. He said he attributes his personal growth and the overall strength of the defense to strong leadership.

"For the seniors, taking on that leadership role meant making sure everyone comes to practice, making play calls for both defense and offense, and basically managing the whole team," Hickey said.

A total of 20 points have been scored against the Keough defense over six games. Thirteen of those points were scored by Keenan in the semifinals. The Kangaroos held Dillon, Stanford, O'Neill and Siegfried to zero points.

This same consistency cannot be seen in Keough's interhall football performance in previous years. Until last year, the Kangaroos had missed out on the playoffs for several consecutive seasons. Keough made it to the semifinals in the 2012 season, but lost by two points to eventual-champion Keenan.

Senior captain and quarterback Seamus Donegan said he attributes the Kangaroos' recent success to young talent as well as to defensive strength.

"We've got a pretty young crew with a lot of freshmen and sophomore talent, so the years ahead are looking pretty good as well," Donegan said.

The Dawgs have also experienced frustration in previous years' semifinal games.

"My freshman and sophomore year we went to the semifinals both years and lost by one point both times," Alumni senior captain and receiver Jeffrey Kraemer said. "We've achieved our goal in reaching the stadium and now it's time to finish."

As with Keough's success, defense is at the heart of Alumni's path to the stadium. Opposing teams have only scored a combined 23 points against the Dawgs. The defense recorded shut-outs against Knott, Duncan and Morrissey.

Kraemer, who also plays safety, said the defense's strength is founded in physicality and skill.

"We emphasize playing physical," Kraemer said. "Our defense doesn't give up big plays ... and we're doing well forcing turnovers."

Alumni senior offensive lineman Tom O'Sullivan said that aggressiveness is at the core of Alumni's game on both sides of the ball.

"That's what we like to call Dawg football: being big and physical on offense and defense," O'Sullivan said.

Neither team plans to change its game plan or its mentality for



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*Alumni's defense (left), shown here during its 19-0 victory over Duncan Sept. 29, has three shutouts on the season.*

Sunday's battle. Although both sides are coming into the championships for the first time in recent years, the excitement will not overwhelm their composure.

"We don't want to change too much," Kraemer said. "We got here doing what we do and we're going to ride that all the way through."

O'Sullivan said the excitement of playing at the stadium, while intense, will not impact the Dawgs' mentality.

"Everyone's going to be 10 times more psyched-up than usual, but besides that we're taking it as a normal game," O'Sullivan said.

The Kangaroos are taking a similar approach to the stadium showdown.

"We take every game one game at a time," Donegan said. "It's just another game, but we're happy to be at the stadium."

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**Mary Green**  
Interhall Editor

There's the old adage that defense wins championships. That may be true, but what happens when two teams bring in relentless defensive fronts that combine to post seven shutouts during the season?

Offense takes over, and offense is what will lead Keough to the championship Sunday.

After a first-round win over Siegfried, the Kangaroos knocked off defending-champion, top-seeded and undefeated Keenan to advance to the final game. Even more, it rode its playoff wins not just on the arm of quarterback Seamus Donegan but also on the legs of running back Conor Kinasz. With that type of balanced attack, Keough should be able to wear down Alumni and take any openings the Dawgs give them en route to the win.

**FINAL SCORE: Keough 14, Alumni 7**



**Casey Karnes**  
Interhall Editor

Alumni will finally have its day in the stadium Sunday, advancing to the final after losing in the semifinals the previous two seasons. The Dawgs rode the stellar play of senior receiver Jeffrey Kraemer and a shutdown defense to an undefeated season.

Keough, however, is unlikely to be intimidated, as they already have some experience beating undefeated teams. Senior quarterback Seamus Donegan and the Kangaroos upset the previously-undefeated defending champions Keenan, 16-13, in the semifinals.

In what will likely be a closely-contested defensive match-up, look for Keough to continue its winning streak over unbeaten teams and force Alumni to wait another year for a championship.

**FINAL SCORE: Keough 13, Alumni 6**

No. 2  
**Alumni vs. Keough**  
(6-0) (5-1)

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# Top two seeds face off in battle of unbeatens



AMY ACKERMANN | The Observer

*Pasquerilla West was the only team to win ever game it played this season, including the victory shown here against Lyons on Sept. 29.*

By **EVAN ANDERSON**  
Sports Writer

When No. 1 Pasquerilla West and No. 2 Ryan take the field Sunday at Notre Dame Stadium, each will place on the line an undefeated record and, for the many seniors that are key to each side, one last chance to be called champions. And yet, the magnitude of the title matchup barely seems to faze

either squad. For the Weasels (8-0), the stadium is hardly uncharted territory. Three years ago, then-freshmen Breezi Toole and Rachel Rogers played in a gut-wrenching loss to Howard in the 2010 championship game. On Sunday, they will lead the Weasels out of the tunnel as senior captains. For them, Sunday's game reeks of unfinished business. "We have so many important

seniors on this team," Toole said. "Maria Harmon, our safety, Megan Raden and Elaine Rousseau on the offensive line, Sara Dryden and Paige Melinis on the D-Line. ... P-Dub flag football means the world to us. Hopefully everyone will be ready to step up to the plate." Rogers had similar thoughts. "We're back with a vengeance," Rogers said. Rogers will quarterback interhall's most consistent offense against perhaps its strongest defense. The Weasels have scored at least 25 points in each game this season. Sunday they face their toughest opponent yet in the Ryan defense, which tallied five shutouts in eight games and yielded opponents just 3.3 points per contest on the season. Rogers said her team would be prepared but ceded Ryan (7-0-1) would present a unique challenge. "I think PE [last week] was a really good opponent for us," Rogers said. "They challenged us, and we were able to work out some kinks. We have watched [Ryan] play, and I think we have a pretty good insight as to what they are going to try to do defensively. I think we will be

ready to go." For its part, the Ryan defense said it was every bit as confident and perhaps more so. "We are not going to do anything to adjust to the [Pasquerilla West] offense," freshman linebacker Shawn Hall said. "We are going to make them adjust to our defense." That type of self-assurance is spread across the entire Ryan team, whose collective calm might be atypical of a team whose first stadium experience will come Sunday. However, the Wildcats have backed up their confidence with their play this season. Behind a dominant defense and explosive offense, they launched a tour de force of their own. The Wildcats topped 40 points four times and recorded five shutouts this season. They finished the regular season unbeaten and largely unchallenged, with one notable exception. Ryan's only regular-season blemish was a 7-7 tie against division-rival Pangborn. Fittingly, the Wildcats arrive in the championship game on the heels of a 19-13 that seemed destined for another deadlock — the score was locked

at 13 late in the fourth quarter — before freshman quarterback Kathleen Conaty threw an eight-yard touchdown pass with under two minutes remaining to take a lead it would not yield. "When we played Pangborn the first time, and when they scored on us, ... we did not keep our cool," senior captain and wide receiver Maddie Swan said. "I think [last week], we showed that we learned from that experience. This week will be an even more intense game. ... [Pasquerilla West] is a great team." The Wildcats' other captain, senior offensive lineman Andrea Carlson, said her team would be ready to go come Sunday. "We are ready for that intensity," Carlson said. "We just have to continue to play our game. This team is so deep and so talented. ... I fully believe that we are ready." Ryan and Pasquerilla West will meet Saturday at 2 p.m. on hallowed grounds at Notre Dame Stadium to try to stay unbeaten and become the undisputed 2013 flag football champion.

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## Experience, youth drive championship teams

By **BRIAN PLAMONDON**  
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When No. 1 Pasquerilla West and No. 2 Ryan clash Sunday, it will be a battle of two undefeated squads that have had their sights set on Notre Dame Stadium all season. Both teams are confident due to past success — Pasquerilla West has made the semifinals the last two seasons, though they were cut short of the stadium, while Ryan lost to eventual champion McGlinn last year in the playoffs. The makeups of Pasquerilla West (8-0) and Ryan (7-0-1) are strikingly similar. A core group of seniors leads each team, but a wealth of freshmen also contribute. Both teams have quarterbacks playing the position for the first time. The Purple Weasels rely on senior quarterback and co-captain

Rachel Rogers to direct the offense. Rogers said it was a challenge for her to transition from receiver to quarterback. "I was a little nervous at first," Rogers said. "But I have some great receivers and lineman that really protect me. Really the whole offense has been awesome in helping me make the transition." The Wildcats, on the other hand, entrusted their quarterback duties to freshman Kathleen Conaty. "After we lost a four-year starter at quarterback, [Kathleen] has just been great," senior receiver and co-captain Maddie Swan said. "All of the freshmen have been unbelievable, really a huge asset to our team." Playing in such a big game, nerves might be a factor. However team chemistry also plays an important role, which is something Pasquerilla West does not lack. Five of the Purple Weasel seniors

met through flag football their freshman year, and now they all live together off campus. "Flag football has been the glue that has held us together," senior offensive lineman Megan Raden said. The seniors said they are eager to get back to the stadium, where they played as freshmen. "Playing there is unbelievable — there's nothing quite like it," senior linebacker and co-captain Breezi Toole said. "Just to be on the field, where so many amazing people in Notre Dame's history have played. It's the closest a girl will ever get to being on the Notre Dame football team and definitely the coolest thing I've done since I've been at this school." While Pasquerilla West's road to the stadium has been rather easy, winning by an average of 22.5 points, Ryan's has been more of an uphill battle.

After a tie with Pangborn in the regular season, the Wildcats found themselves down in their semifinal game against them. In the end, Ryan pulled out a 19-13 victory. "We were really able to stay calm the whole game," senior offensive lineman and co-captain Andrea Carlson said. "The first game against [Pangborn], we got a little flustered after they scored on us, but [Tuesday] we were really able to come back." Players on both teams said their semifinal games were far and away their favorite moments so far this season. "Coming off of a tie with Pangborn was very frustrating," Swan said. "We really came out with a vengeance and showed we could succeed." For the Purple Weasels, their semifinal had a single season-defining moment.

"We had a one-armed catch by freshman receiver Monica Busse," Toole said. "Just a huge play that reminded me of why I love playing flag football so much." All of the Pasquerilla West seniors said they agreed their flag football careers had been a fun ride. "Playing with these girls and watching the freshmen experience this great of a season has been inspiring," senior safety Maria Harmon said. "It has been such a blessing." While both teams have enjoyed the season, they did not forget they are playing for a championship Sunday. "Pasquerilla West is a great team," Conaty said. "We need to focus on what we're going out there to do and play to our strengths."

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**Mary Green**  
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No doubt, this matchup will be hard-fought, intense and down-to-the-wire. Each yard will have to be earned for one team to prevail over the other. But who will win? You could look at this game and say Ryan will because it was the only one of the two teams that has been tested throughout the season in a win and a tie with Pangborn. But that does not mean Pasquerilla West is any less of a team. An experienced senior core, one that has played in the championship before, leads the Weasels, and none of their four seasons have stopped short of the semifinals. Rachel Rogers and Breezi Toole captain the team, and their leadership at quarterback and linebacker, the two most important positions on each side of the ball, will bring Pasquerilla West confidence, composure and the long-awaited victory.

FINAL SCORE: Pasquerilla West 21, Ryan 15



**Casey Karnes**  
Interhall Editor

Behind senior quarterback Rachel Rogers and a talented pack of freshmen, Pasquerilla West emerged as favorites early in the season, going undefeated behind a defense that allowed just 13 points all regular season. It is difficult, however, to call Ryan an underdog in the championship. New blood revitalized the Wildcats' this season, as freshman quarterback Kathleen Conaty added versatility to an already-talented Ryan offense and led the Wildcats to a 19-13 semifinal victory over Pangborn after a regular-season tie with the Phoxes. Championships come down to who best handles adversity, and Ryan's experience in bouncing back from disappointment will enable it to hand Pasquerilla West its first loss.

FINAL SCORE: Ryan 27, Pasquerilla West 19

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West  
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No. 2  
(8-0-1)

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## ONLY ONE WILL REMAIN

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By **JIMMY KEMPER**  
Scene Writer

With “Surrender to the Fantasy,” Magik Markers take us to the nonsensical, artistic realm of noise rock with drifting psychedelic vibes, crashing dissonance and ingenious creativity that could only come from an underground American hipster band.

It’s been a long time since they’ve rocked-and-rolled or whatever it is they do. Four years, in fact. Magik Markers’ last release was 2009’s “Balf Quarry,” before which they bombarded the music industry with a steady stream of 40 releases in the form of CD-Rs, 7-inch records and singles. Since then, the group has largely been silent, dispersing from their former Connecticut home base and starting families. That is, until “Surrender to the Fantasy,” by far one of the most unconventional albums of this year.

“Surrender to the Fantasy” is a unique piece, combining modern effects, mind-bending psychedelic energy and traditional noise rock in a bizarre whirlwind of emotions. The album kicks off with “Crebs,” a quirky piece submerged in distortion and lingering trails of static. Singer Elisa Ambrogio croons, “Everything about me feels so free,” a testament to how the rest of the album goes. Liberated of traditional notions of tonality, harmony or high production value, “Surrender to the Fantasy” gives Magik Markers a chance to explore deeper, fantastical music than normally afforded on the modern album.

After “Crebs,” the Magik Markers jump into “Acts of Desperation,” a track with a fun psychedelic groove and a wandering heart. Following this up is “Bonfire,” a rather strange reflection of the American bonfire party, filled with rocking dissonance and a hearty drumbeat.

From this opening trio, the tone of “Surrender to the Fantasy” quickly shifts to a darker, mind-warped, lackadaisical mood with “Mirrorless,” one of my personal favorites on the album. The guitar on this track echoes against the grainy distortion and makes for a song that is almost catchy on this record without rules. Another highlight from the album includes “American Sphinx Face,” a song featuring a heavy bass line and a hypnotic drone that creates a darkly psychedelic environment and a sublime atmosphere. This song also has some of the most prominently strange, political lyrics, such as “In America every man is a king/ There is no good king except for a dead king,” and “I’m American, like the dream.”

“Young” is by far one of the biggest standouts on this number. It’s a stripped down, acoustic ballad that exposes a more raw, emotionally expressive type of creativity than what is found on the

rest of the album.

Overall, I’m not entirely sure how I would recommend this album. “Surrender to the Fantasy” definitely is not a record for mainstream audiences, but it was never really meant to be. If you are curious and looking for something different from the typical albums released these days, give it a listen or two. It’s not an album that you will immediately fall in love with, but rather one that grows on the listener over time. The band does at times feel similar to its noise rock predecessors, but Magik Markers have developed a sound that is an evolution of the genre, thanks to the incorporation of modern technology. If you are an advocate of this very niche subgenre of music, definitely give “Surrender to the Fantasy” the attention it deserves.

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## THE KICKBACK



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There are several definitions of “new music.” For the most part, “new” means the project was just released, as in “it just came out this past Tuesday and I had to refresh my browser at midnight because I couldn’t go to sleep without listening to it.”

“New” is a relative term for radio DJs across the country, as in “check out this new song from J. Cole coming up next.” No sir, “Crooked Smile,” is not new. It’s in fact, far beyond the point of starting to get old.

But to me this past week, “new” is something that I just discovered. To everyone else, an album that came out in

2012 is not even close to new. A lot of Tame Impala fans have had their latest album on repeat since its release, but for me it might as well be new. I came across it this week, and therefore to me, it’s new.

But man how I’ve missed out.

I’ve always had a soft spot for the psychedelic/surfer/space rock and this hits the spot. The Australian band, led by do-it-all frontman Kevin Parker, sounds like it’s something straight out of the ‘60s with their newest release. It’s Parker who practically recorded the entire album on his own — bass, guitar, vocals, drums, keys.

Think MGMT or Surfer Blood or even the “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds” Beatles

but stripped down and more chaotic. It just sounds like it belongs on the latest FIFA soundtrack. I’d imagine it’s the music Forrest Gump is partying to for nearly half the movie.

The sound is pretty out there, I’ll admit. But you can’t really hate it. It’s easy to vibe to or to have on in the background and, if you listen closely, the lyricism isn’t bad either. It’s even hit the mainstream a bit over the past year. The 12-track project was voted as 2012’s Album of the Year by “Rolling Stone” and “NME” among a few others.

One of the more popular songs is “Elephant,” which has been featured on the hit show “Girls” as well as that Blackberry commercial that plays during ad breaks of

football games. It’s pretty different than the rest of the album with a bassline that sounds like it comes from the Black Keys, but nonetheless it has turned into an album favorite.

My personal favorite from the album is the upbeat, yet melancholy “Why Won’t They Talk To Me?” Simple and fluid, the track is one of the more bare-bone tracks on the album, but transmits a nice vibe with a hypnotizing chorus and a Vampire Weekend-esque back beat.

A ‘60s-sounding album is new? Yeah, to me and hopefully to you when you give it a listen.

*Ch. H. H.*



### “Lonerism”

**Artist:** Tame Impala

**Record Label:** Modular Recordings

**Genre:** Psychedelic Rock, dream pop





## SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Freshmen revamp college hoops



**Casey Karnes**  
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College basketball has been in a slump the last few years. Last season was the lowest-scoring in the sport since 1952, the one-and-done rule has led to a lack of consistent stars and conferences have been torn apart due to decisions made with football in mind. Even the NCAA itself acknowledged its product needed a boost by making rules this offseason that restrict contact on defense in an effort to increase scoring.

While it's too early to tell if the new rules will be a success, one factor has already helped this season become one of the most entertaining in recent memory: an outstanding freshman class. Traditional powers like Duke, Kentucky and Kansas are all spearheaded by diaper dandies who have thus far more than lived up to the hype.

Some basketball players, like LeBron, blow you away with their athleticism and physical domination, while others get by on guile and hard work. Some players work quietly like Kevin Durant, not always wowing you, but always putting up shockingly big numbers in the box score. Duke freshman forward Jabari Parker's style seems to be to have the most fun possible.

Parker has been the most impressive freshman thus far, not only because he can do everything, but also because he looks like he enjoys doing everything. With 22.4 points, 8.8 rebounds and 2.0 blocks per game, Parker has immediately become Duke's alpha dog.

If the Blue Devils need a rim protector, Parker can get six blocks like he did against East Carolina on Tuesday. Need a three-point shooter? Parker is shooting 65 percent on the season and making almost three per game.

And best of all, he does it all with a smile on his face. Even in Duke's loss against Kansas and fellow freshman phenom forward Andrew Wiggins, Parker was the most impressive player on the court, scoring 27 points before fouling out.

Whether or not Parker can keep up this pace the rest of the season remains to be seen, but he's already achieved the impressive feat of making Duke likable, so anything is possible.

Over at Kentucky, one-and-done players have been routine the past few years, but never to the extent they are this year. On Sunday against Robert Morris, the Wildcats started five freshmen for the first time in school history, and almost all those freshmen promise to be high draft picks.

Of all their young stars, forward Julius Randle has carried the bulk of the burden so far. A stout 6-foot-9, Randle only has one mode when he's on the court: attack. Unlike Parker, he doesn't seem happy to be playing. He seems angry, chasing after the ball like it stole from him. His relentless tenacity has allowed him to average 20.8 points and 13.4 rebounds per game, but has also led to over three turnovers per game for the big man.

But the reward is well worth that extra risk, as Randle showed when he nearly singlehandedly led Kentucky to a comeback win with 27 points and 13 rebounds in a 78-74 loss to now-No. 1 Michigan State last week. In an age when the stretch-four is replacing the traditional post player, Randle has a refreshing throwback style similar to power players like Moses Malone.

Finally, there's Wiggins. After an offseason where he was hyped as the next LeBron and the no-brainer first overall pick, Wiggins has had a quiet start to the season. He's averaging "only" 17.0 points and 6.0 rebounds per game, and hasn't stood out as much as the previously-mentioned freshmen. Unlike Parker or Randle, no emotion encapsulates his on-court demeanor, and this has led some to question Wiggins' motor.

Anyone who declares him overhyped, however, is clearly overreacting, because Wiggins' performance thus far has been just as impressive as any other player's in the nation. Wiggins' raw numbers may not be off-the-charts like the other top freshmen's, but unlike Parker and Randle, he is not being asked to be a ball dominator, because the Jayhawks have enough returning firepower to run a diverse offense.

Furthermore, Wiggins beat Parker head-to-head, scoring 22 points and holding Parker to just eight points in the second half. While Wiggins may not have grabbed hold of the nation's attention yet like we expected at the start of the year, I have a feeling he'll be at center stage in March.

All of these players would have been the No. 1 pick in most drafts in the past decade, so it will be interesting to see who is eventually selected first. For now, everyone should sit back and enjoy the show that is this college basketball season. It may be a while before we see another season like this.

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## ND CROSS COUNTRY

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Looking to build off the success the team sustained at last week's Great Lakes Regional championships, the Irish wrap up their season at this weekend's NCAA championships in Terre Haut, Ind.

Men's coach Joe Piane said the regional meet was his team's best performance of the season. The men came in third overall thanks to two top-10 finishes by graduate student Jeremy Rae and senior Martin Grady, and the women took fourth behind senior Kelly Curran's third-place finish.

"The goal every year is to get to the NAAs and the objective at that meet is to do whatever it takes to get qualified, and we did that," Piane said.

Only the top two teams receive the automatic bid to the NCAA championships, but both the men and the women's teams qualified for an at-large bid. While this was no guarantee, women's head coach Tim Connelly said that his girls expected to qualify.

"I don't know that [the girls were] happy because they expected it," Connelly said. "We've gotten to the point — and it's like that at every sport here — where the expectation is you're going to the NCAA meet. Some teams put it on their schedule hoping to get there, and teams like us put it on the schedule expecting to be there."

Connelly has his lineup set with Curran, senior Alexa Aragon, juniors Gabby Gonzalez, Emily Frydrych and Hannah Eckstein, and sophomores Molly Seidel and Sydni Meunier. Running on the men's side are Rae, Grady, graduate student J.P. Malette, junior Jake Kildoo and sophomore Michael Clevenger, but Piane said he is still deciding between seniors Pat Lesiewicz, Walter Schafer and sophomore Tim Ball for the final two spots.

Regardless of who runs on Saturday, Piane has high expectations for his team.

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# Irish to race at NAAs



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*Irish sophomore Michael Clevenger strides during the Notre Dame Invitational at Notre Dame golf course on Oct. 4.*

He wants a top-15 performance from his team and believes Rae and Grady have the potential to be named All-Americans.

"They know now that they can do it," Piane said. "What would be equivalent to being third at regionals would be maybe top-15 [at NAAs] and that would be a great performance. There's over 310 Division I cross-country teams, to get [to NAAs] you have to be in the top 10 percent. Now we're talking about being in the top half of that elite group, the top five percent of all Division I cross-country teams. That's pretty good."

While Piane was very pleased with the men's performance, Connelly said the women will need to continue to improve in order to be successful in their final meet of the season.

"We have to do a better job of running together and tightening up from two to four," Connelly said. "[Curran] had a great race and she's been racing that way most of the year, so she expects to go into nationals and run just as well. Where we need to improve is two, three, four and five. We need to have a tight group. Friday things were spread out and we weren't quite as strong as we expected to be."

In addition to pointing out improvements his squad

needs to make, Connelly also laid out the training plan for the week.

"We want to make sure they're sharp and fresh," Connelly said. "We'll leave [Wednesday night], we'll run [Thursday], jog the course on Friday and then race on Saturday. We're trying to keep it the same as the rest of the season. When you go into any big championship meet, the more normal you can make it, the better."

After what Connelly described as a roller-coaster season filled with subpar performances and a myriad of injuries, he is thankful the team gets one more shot to pull everything together and right the ship.

"You're going somewhere and you look on a map, and you get in the car and you decide you're going to use the GPS, and somehow you get there, even if it wasn't the way you expected to get there on the map," Connelly said. "That's how this season's been for us. We're there, so we've got one more opportunity."

The Irish will conclude their 2013 season at the NCAA championships on Saturday at noon and 1:15 p.m. at the Wabash Valley Family Sports Center in Terra Haute, Indiana.

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than it's ever been, we've come so far since that day, and I thought I loved you then. And I remember taking you back to right where I first met you. You were so suprised. There were people around, but I didn't care. I got down on one knee right there. And once again I thought I loved you then. But now you're my whole life. Now you're my whole world. And I just can't believe the way I feel about you, girl."



ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish embark on first regular season road trip

By **SAMANTHA ZUBA**  
Sports Writer

The No. 6 Irish travel Saturday to Penn for a game in the iconic Palestra gymnasium.

Notre Dame (3-0) rarely plays the Quakers (0-1), but Irish coach

Muffet McGraw said Penn's location and its famous gym are huge draws.

"We played them here [in South Bend] two years ago," McGraw said. "We're returning the team for the chance to go east close to where [junior guard] Madison Cable and [freshman guard] Lindsey Allen are from and for a chance to see the arena. It is such an iconic arena in basketball."

The Palestra stands on Penn's campus in Philadelphia and has hosted more college basketball games than any other gymnasium in the country since it opened in 1927. The Palestra frequently hosts NCAA tournament games, and a Greek professor at Penn named the arena after a Greek term for

athletic spaces.

The Irish and Quakers last played on Dec. 2, 2011, a 69-38 Irish win at Purcell Pavilion.

"I thought it was a pretty good game," McGraw said. "They gave us a really good game, and they've got some of those players back. They've got a veteran team and a lot of really good guards."

One of those guards, senior Alyssa Baron, averaged 16.9 points per game as a sophomore in the 2011-12 season, but the Irish held her to seven points. The Quakers have only played one game this year, a 56-51 loss to St. Francis Brooklyn, and Baron scored nine points in that game.

Freshman center Sydney Stipanovich and junior forward Katy Allen provide size for Penn, and each scored 12 points in Penn's season opener.

The road game is Notre Dame's first of the season, and it will be the first regular season collegiate road

trip for the freshmen.

"I think it's always interesting to see how freshmen react to their first road game," McGraw said. "The veterans have done it before, so we expect them to know."

Though the Penn matchup is a non-conference affair, this season marks the first time the Irish travel for an ACC schedule. But McGraw said she does not anticipate drastic changes or new challenges due to travel.

"It's almost identical to the Big East," McGraw said. "For the Big East schools, it was about an hour-and-15-minute flight to each school. In the ACC, we have to go to Florida State and Miami, so we have that one long trip, but the average is about [90 minutes]. It's about the same travel time-wise."

But there have been changes for the Irish. Allen has been asked to step up at point guard for Notre Dame and is one of the team's vocal leaders in her freshman season.

So far, Allen has shot 61.9 percent from the field and averaged 11.0 points per game. She has complemented her own scoring with nine assists, and McGraw said she sees only upside in the young guard.

"[She is] way ahead of schedule," McGraw said. "She has exceeded my expectations already in terms of her ability to pick up the offense and understand the offense and be able to run the team. I think she's doing a fantastic job. The upperclassmen help her a lot. It's great having four starters out there that have experience. I'm really pleased with her shot selection, her defense and her leadership. ... She gets better every game. I'm looking forward to seeing what she'll do this season."

Notre Dame and Penn take the court Saturday at 3 p.m. at The Palestra in Philadelphia.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

## ND prepares for Virginia

By **KATIE HEIT**  
Sports Writer

After defeating Virginia Tech 3-1 on Wednesday, the Irish will try to continue their momentum against Virginia today at 4:30 p.m.

at Purcell Pavilion.

With only one day between matches, Irish coach Debbie Brown said the transition would be a tough one for the Irish.

"I think you just ride the good feeling," Brown said. "It's going to be a lot of mental things, looking at film from how they played last weekend and seeing the adjustments we can make and hopefully there's some momentum to carry us into [tonight]."

Though Virginia Tech (21-10, 9-8 ACC) and Virginia (15-13, 8-8) have different strengths, Brown said she thinks the level of competition between the two teams will be very similar.

"I think they're pretty close," Brown said. "It's going to be a high level and it's going to be fun."

Against Virginia Tech, the Irish (12-16, 6-11) fought hard for their victory. After dropping the first set 25-20, Notre Dame was able to rally and take the win.

"I think we just knew it was time to fight," freshman middle blocker Simmone Collins said. "We wanted this home court win, we knew that we deserved it and we practiced hard for it. I think it was just something that we owed ourselves

and we just went out there and got it."

In the final three sets, the Irish won only one by a margin greater than three points. The Irish used much of their bench and gave several players a chance to contribute to earn the win, and Brown said having so many people participate drives the team forward.

"You get more people involved and they feel good about their contribution to the team," Brown said. "We did have good contribution really from everybody [Wednesday]."

The last time they faced Virginia on Oct. 27, the Irish took the first set 25-23 before dropping the next two by eight and 10 points, respectively. Notre Dame battled in the fourth set but couldn't pull through, taking a 25-23 hit and losing the match 3-1.

The Cavaliers have split their contests with three wins and three losses, all against conference opponents, since their first meeting with Notre Dame. Entering today, they are on a two-match losing streak after falling to both NC State and North Carolina last weekend.

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**Irish sophomore Toni Alugbue passes the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Virginia Tech on Nov. 20 at Purcell Pavilion.**



## HOCKEY

# Irish scramble to fill holes in lineup

By ISAAC LORTON  
Sports Writer

With a depleted roster, the No. 6 Irish look to overcome reigning Hockey East conference champion No. 13 UMass-Lowell in a two-game weekend series at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, Mass.

Notre Dame (8-3-1, 2-1-1 Hockey East) will travel to Lowell missing five of its regulars, including four forwards. On the offensive side, freshman Vince Hinostroza, sophomores Thomas DiPauli and Stephen Fogarty and junior Mike Voran will be unable to play. Junior Eric Johnson will be the sole blueliner missing the game.

"We are at the bare bones right now," Jackson said. "We are traveling with everyone that is healthy. ... We played three lines all Friday [against Merrimack], it's not going to be possible this weekend. We can't. There are no TV timeouts Friday night, so we're going to have to play four lines because there is not time to take a breather."

Jackson said freshman defenseman Ben Ostlie practiced this week at right wing, freshman left-wing Ali Thomas will play at left wing, while junior walk-on Joe Aiken will get the chance to play

at center on Notre Dame's fourth line.

"Ben Ostlie, at least he has had a week to practice at forward," Jackson said. "Ali Thomas, I am fine with. I think he has shown some positive signs. We are just going to have to see if Joey Aiken can handle the pace. That's the biggest question."

For the past two years, Aiken has played interhall hockey and Notre Dame club hockey. Aiken tried out for the Irish his freshman and sophomore years, but did not make the team. This year Aiken had more success and Jackson said he plans to have Aiken play against the River Hawks (8-4-0, 2-1-0).

"[Aiken] made the team for a reason," Jackson said. "Our thoughts [on Aiken making the team] were for exactly the situation we're in here. We're going two forwards short from having lineup right now. ... Joey Aiken was a guy that never I anticipated would probably play for us. But I never say never because you never know how a kid will develop over time."

In addition to the thin roster, the Irish will be up against a physical UMass-Lowell team. The River

Hawks made it to the Frozen Four last season and began this season ranked No. 1. UMass-Lowell returned 21 of its letter winners from the 2012-2013 season.

"They're very strong and they're very physical in the defensive zone," Jackson said. "They are very difficult to play against. ... So I expect that it will be a real challenge for us."

River Hawks sophomore forward Adam Chapie and junior forward Scott Wilson share the team lead with nine points apiece. Chapie has tallied six goals and three assists this season, while Wilson has two goals and seven assists. The River Hawks have nine players with two or more goals on the season.

"In the offensive zone, they cycle the puck really well," Jackson said. "They are kind of like a half-court team that plays real solid defense. They are hard to play against."

In a Hockey East matchup of ranked opponents, Notre Dame looks to take the two-game series at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, Mass. on Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 4 p.m.

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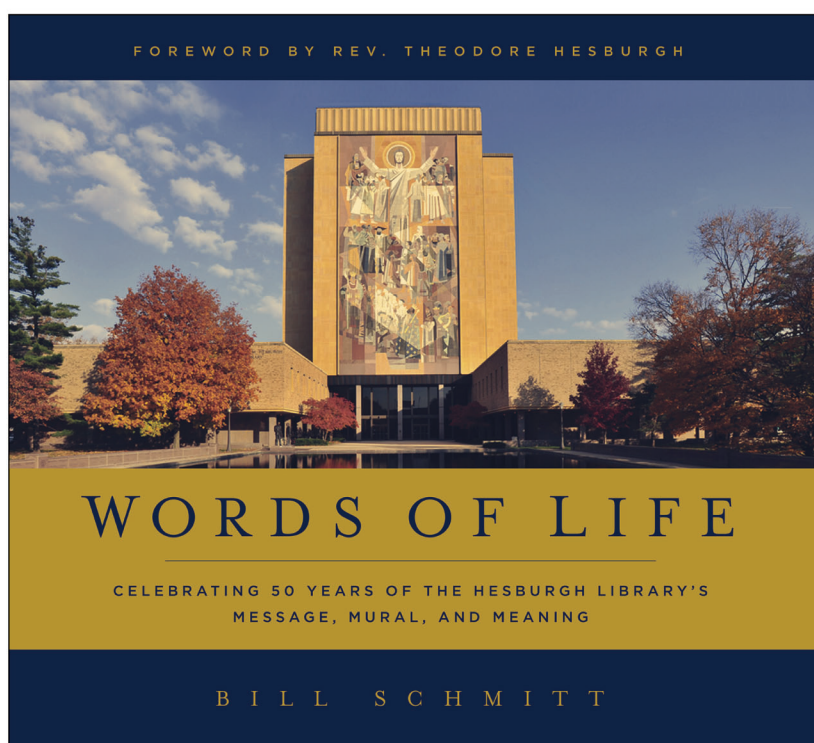


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## M Basketball

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to town following an 86-73 loss to Cal State Fullerton on Saturday. Through three games, Santa Clara has averaged 82 points and nearly 20 3-point attempts per contest.

"That 3-point line is the great equalizer in this game," Brey said. "Sunday was a great example where we couldn't control it and we got our backsides beat. Santa Clara is scoring the basketball. If you look, they're scoring in the 80s. That scares me."

Freshman guard Jared Brownridge leads Santa Clara in scoring at 20.3 points per game. Brownridge, who hails from Aurora, Ill., also leads the team in minutes, while shooting at an efficient 52.9 percent clip. From beyond the arc, the 6-foot-2, 195-pounder is 11-for-23.

"They've got guys that can make shots. So if it's one of those nights, we have to be aware of the arc," Brey said. "Sometimes your help-side defense suffers because you're so aware of the arc. We're going to have to pay attention to detail on 3-point shooters. I thought we were a step slow challenging 3-point shooters, even early in the game [Sunday]."

Offensively, Brey said the Irish need to cultivate more of an interior presence. Graduate student center Garrick Sherman and graduate student forward Tom Knight combined to play 24 minutes and score four points against the Sycamores. Reserve sophomore forwards Zach Auguste and Austin Burgett notched six

and three points, respectively.

"We have to have a post presence," Brey said. "We didn't get enough of a consistent one from any of our bigs on Sunday. But we can't abandon it. We have to keep coming back because throwing it down there is part of how we play basketball."

Brey said he has been pleased with the responses from Sherman and Knight during the week in practice.

"They've been pretty good and played with a little edge about them that I don't think you could create without a loss," Brey said. "They need to get started on Friday night and not look over at the bench, not look over at me. They can't be under the quick hook thing."

Brey added the best way for the big men to garner more minutes is to rebound effectively. The Irish have an average rebounding margin of +2.7 through the first three games.

Brey also said he still doesn't know who will start in the frontcourt Friday night. As a team, all 10 players in the rotation will get a shot, he said, thought not necessarily every night.

Army (1-3) is coming off back-to-back losses to Delaware and NJIT. Sophomore guard/forward Kyle Wilson is the only Black Knight scoring in double figures. The reigning Patriot League Rookie of the Year averages 17.5 points per game.

Notre Dame hosts Santa Clara at Purcell Pavilion on Friday at 9 p.m. and returns to square off against Army on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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## Nix

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full mobility, won't even be able to end his year on the sidelines.

"I can't go out to practices, doc said it's not good for me to be standing around," Nix said. "So I'll just go into the locker room and wait around, communicate with my guys and just be there for them."

"I mean, that's tough too because I love being on the sideline. I love being in Notre Dame Stadium, and a lot of people do. Just being out there is exciting and it won't be the same in the locker room. But my guys know and everybody knows the reasons why, and I'm with them in spirit."

Nix's parents will still travel to South Bend to participate in senior day ceremonies before the game.

"I'm happy for them because they get to share something special with me, just being at this great university, 'cause they know it turned my life around," Nix said. "I had a lot growing up, a lot of issues, a lot of things that could have happened to me and it didn't. And I chose to come here and it changed my life for the best. So that's a special moment for my

family."

Nix has one year of eligibility remaining but will complete his degree in December. He is ranked among the top 15 draft-eligible prospects by multiple sources, but Nix said he is not yet ready to make a decision regarding his future.

"I don't know what to consider," he said. "This is a great place, a great university and it's done a lot for my life. I feel like if I did come back it would still do numerous things for me and it would help me out. So there's a lot of choices on both sides, but at this time, I'm not even thinking about it."

"I don't think either decision is wrong. ... This is a great place, and I enjoy all my experiences: my highs, my lows, here."

Nix will most likely not be able to travel with the team for its final regular-season game at Stanford on Nov. 30, but will do his best to make his presence felt in the limited way he can.

"I battle for my teammates, and I play hard for them," Nix said. "And this hurts me because I can't do anything, but at this point I'm just going to try to be the biggest cheerleader and support my guys on the sidelines."

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Irish senior forward Vince Cicciarelli pushes the ball forward during Notre Dame's 1-1 (20T) tie with North Carolina on Sept. 8.

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The Badgers bring great talent to the field, and though playing against that talent is a concern for the Irish, it is not their primary focus heading into Sunday.

"After the successful season, winning the regular season championship and a let down in ACC tournament, we are mainly just concentrating on our strengths and not worrying about our opponents as much," Cicciarelli said.

Focusing on its core strengths all season, Notre Dame earned not only the third seed in the tournament, but also home field advantage.

"The nice thing about a top-four seed is you get to play all your games at home, granted that you win," Clark said. "There's no class missed, all your familiar things for practice are available, and the home fans are there to watch. There are a lot of advantages of being a home team.

"The tricky thing is you have to win the games," Clark said with a

laugh.

The Irish entered the NCAA tournament last season ranked as the No. 1 seed, and unexpectedly lost to No. 16 seed Indiana (8-11-2) in the third round at home.

"I think last year being ranked No. 1 was such an accomplishment that we kind of overlooked how good every team was in the tournament, so I think this year coming in a lot more humble even though top four and home field," Cicciarelli said. "These teams we are going up against did not have bad seasons, and I think we are very humbled from last year and we know that now heading into the tournament this year."

That sense of humility is the full force behind the Irish as they head into their first game of the NCAA Championship.

"We are taking it one game at a time," Clark said.

The Irish face Wisconsin in the second round of the NCAA Championship on Sunday at Alumni Stadium at 7 p.m.

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## W Soccer

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too slow or too casual, they really come after you with pressure."

The Western Michigan defense allows just .859 goals per game, which will challenge an Irish offense that has struggled in the latter half of the season, averaging only 1.22 goals per game since September. Waldrum said the team spent most of their week off preparing for this challenge.

"We've just tried to continue to get better and work on the attacking third," Waldrum said. "We've really struggled all season in that area. In the Iowa game we were quite good at creating attacking opportunities for ourselves, so we're trying to build on that and work on our set pieces. The deeper we get in the tournament the more important free kicks and corner kicks will become as the defenses get better. Even though we scored four against Iowa, I think we can still get more out of our forwards."

In particular, Waldrum said he wants his team to avoid digging an early hole for themselves. Against Iowa, the Irish fell behind 1-0 in the first five minutes off a free kick.

"Western Michigan is a team like Iowa," Waldrum said.

"They bring pressure in the first 20 minutes. If you give up an early goal, it's hard to play down. We need to come out with speed early on in the game."

Waldrum said his team is not taking Western Michigan for granted, but they have are aware of a looming matchup with No. 3 seeded Michigan should they win. Michigan (16-3-1, 9-1-1 Big Ten) plays Illinois State immediately following Notre Dame's match.

"It's the first time in a few years that we've been to Michigan," Waldrum said. "They've built a new facility, so no players of ours have ever played here before. Friday's game is at a neutral site so that shouldn't be a problem, but if we're lucky enough to get to Sunday, depending on who advances, we could be dealing with a home-field advantage for them. Mostly though, we're taking the approach that Friday is another game and another job."

The Irish take on Western Michigan on Friday at 4 p.m. in Ann Arbor, Mich. in the second round of the NCAA championships. Should they win, they will advance to play the winner of the Michigan-Illinois State game on Sunday.

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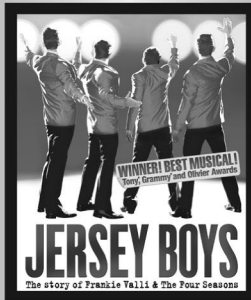
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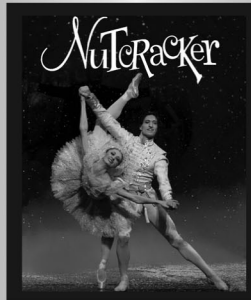
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## FOOTBALL

## Nix out for the season

By **JOSEPH MONARDO**  
Associate Sports Editor

Irish senior nose guard Louis Nix will miss the remainder of the season after undergoing surgery on a torn meniscus yesterday morning, Irish coach Brian Kelly said in his media briefing Thursday.

"Louis Nix had surgery today to repair a meniscus that is one that has been troublesome for him," Kelly said.

The 6-foot-2.5, 342-pound defensive lineman played in Notre Dame's most recent contest, a 28-21 loss to Pittsburgh, but had missed the two previous games, wins against Air Force and Navy. Team surgeon Dr. Brian Ratigan performed the surgery after a second opinion from noted orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews confirmed the necessity of an intervention.

"I didn't think my week would go this way," Nix said. "Throughout the week, my leg was just painful and then [I] was just communicating with the doctors, and told them how I felt, got treatment and we kept going and going. But it continued to hurt."

Nix has 27 tackles on the season, two tackles for loss and two passes batted at the line. The



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*Irish senior defensive lineman Louis Nix rushes the quarterback during Notre Dame's 17-13 win over Michigan State on Sept. 21.*

Jacksonville native has 90 tackles and 2.5 sacks for his career and has compiled a number of honors and awards throughout his career. A third-team All-American last season, Nix entered 2013 on the Maxwell and Bednarnik awards watch lists, given annually to the most outstanding player and the top defensive player, respectively.

"Suffice to say that he battled through this knee injury and just could not answer the bell," Kelly said "... Very disappointing

for him, but again, I think what he's done for our program and what he has battled through, we'll remember him as a great teammate and what he's tried to accomplish here these past few weeks in trying to get out on the field. And we all know what he's accomplished in helping us build success on the field."

Now the outstanding senior, whose recovery time will last at least six weeks before he resumes

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## MEN'S SOCCER

## Notre Dame sets sights on Wisconsin

By **KIT LOUGHRAN**  
Sports Writer

After earning the No. 3 seed for the 2013 NCAA Championship and a first-round bye, the No. 1 Irish (12-1-6) take on No. 19 Wisconsin (13-4-2) in the second round of the tournament Sunday at Alumni Stadium.

Notre Dame heads into the game after a tough 4-3 loss in penalty kicks to No. 10 Virginia (10-4-5) in the ACC semifinals, following the 3-3 draw in regulation Friday.

"The game [against Virginia] was officially a tie, but it really felt like a loss because we were in a position to win the game on several occasions," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "I think that the result of that game will spur us and drive us on all the more for the tournament."

Despite the disappointing finish for the Irish in the ACC tournament, the team took the early loss as learning experience as they face Wisconsin.

"We've watched the game from Virginia, and we have gone through and picked out what we did well," junior forward Vince Ciccirelli said. "We need to

stick to what we do well [against Wisconsin]. We know what works for us, and we are focusing on playing our game."

The Badgers face the Irish after a first-round 1-0 win over Milwaukee (15-2-2) on Thursday and a preceding 2-1 loss to Northwestern in the quarterfinals of the Big 10 tournament on Nov. 13. This is Wisconsin's first appearance in the Big Dance since winning the national title in 1995.

"The biggest challenge in facing [the Badgers] are them coming to South Bend," Ciccirelli said. "The environment and weather are usually an advantage here for us, but they are coming in as outsiders used to the cold."

"We need to stick to them early and show them it's our home field."

With that attitude, the Irish prepare to combat the Badgers' midfield and attack, which is led by redshirt senior midfielder Tomislav Zadro, junior midfielder/forward Jacob Brindle and redshirt sophomore midfielder Luc Kazmierczak, as well as the Badger defense, guided by senior defender Paul Yonga.

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## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

## ND charges into second round

By **GREG HADLEY**  
Sports Writer

After a dominant 4-1 win over then-No. 25 Iowa at home on Nov. 15, No. 23 Notre Dame travels to Ann Arbor, Mich. this Friday to square off against an upset-minded Western Michigan in the second round of the NCAA championships.

The Irish (12-7-1, 7-5-1 ACC) exploded offensively against the Hawkeyes, reaching their highest output since a 5-0 victory over Maryland on Sept. 26. Irish coach Randy Waldrum credits the deluge to the week's worth of training the Irish had to prepare for the Hawkeye defense. The squad has had another week off since the first round, which gives Waldrum confidence heading into Friday.

"Our training [this week] has been as great as it was before Iowa," Waldrum said. "[Wednesday's] practice in particular was phenomenal. It reminds me a lot of the 2010 [NCAA] championship team.

We seem to hit our stride once the tournament starts. Our practices have been so consistently good and we feel really confident heading into this game."

The Broncos (11-5-5, 10-2-2 MAC) are also coming off an impressive first round. Playing on the road, they took down second-seeded Marquette 1-0, making Marquette the highest seed to be eliminated in the first round. Waldrum said his squad cannot afford to focus too much on any individual player on the Broncos.

"They're more of a collective team," Waldrum said. "In the past month we've played some teams with some really talented star players. From what we've seen, Western Michigan has had their success based on their organization. They work together and press the ball very well. We have to be very good in our ball movement and our speed of play. If we come out

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Irish host Santa Clara, Army

By **MIKE MONACO**  
Sports Editor

After losing Sunday for the first time at home during the month of November in the Mike Brey era, the Irish return to Purcell Pavilion on Friday night to square off with Santa Clara. Notre Dame will close out the weekend at home against Army on Sunday.

Notre Dame (2-1) fell to Indiana State, 83-70, on Sunday afternoon, dropping them out of the AP top 25. The loss snapped a 48-game home winning streak in November with Brey at the helm of the Irish program. Notre Dame, which hadn't trailed at any point in its first two games of the season, only led the Sycamores (2-1) for three minutes and 37 seconds.

"I think your sense of urgency goes up when you get beat like that," Brey said. "I think we've got guys that have been around a while and we've got guys that have taken punches before. These veterans have taken punches. One of the things you talk about on Monday is what is our



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*Irish senior guard Eric Atkins drives down the court during Notre Dame's 74-62 win over Miami (Ohio) on Nov. 8 at Purcell Pavilion.*

bounce-back mode? We've never had to really deal with it in November. But now we do. Let's use it as a teaching moment to see how we respond."

The Irish responded this week with a pair of early-morning workouts — the first coming at 6:30 a.m. on Monday. Brey said he has tried to be less vocal and let the players' leadership

— including that of captains senior guard Eric Atkins and junior guard/forward Pat Connaughton, as well as other upperclassmen — take over.

"What I like this week is we've played pissed off, which is a good trait to have after a loss," Brey said.

The Broncos (2-1) come

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