

## FOOTBALL FRIDAY FEATURE

# Collins to announce his 200th home game

Notre Dame's public address announcer doubles as friendly South Dining Hall greeter three days a week

By ZACH KLONSINSKI  
News Writer

For many students in college stadiums across the country, the voice resounding through the stadium's public address system is the most exposure to the public address announcer they'll ever have. Rarely does the average student meet the person to whom that voice belongs.

Let alone have him swipe their ID cards to get into the dining hall.

But Mike Collins, entering his 34th season as Notre Dame's public address announcer for football games,

does just that.

Monday through Wednesday every week, Collins sits at the entrance of South Dining Hall (SDH) doing a job he started six years ago.

"I was bored [during the week]. I had a couple of offers to do something, and I heard about this," Collins said. "It's just a joy for me to be on campus and around the students. It's rewarding to me."

Saturdays, however, Collins occupies quite a different post, wearing a set of headphones, sitting in front of a microphone and perched in the press box

high above the field in Notre Dame Stadium.

When Notre Dame and Texas meet Saturday night to kick off their respective seasons, Collins's voice will sound throughout the stadium for the 200th time, 30 more games than any other PA announcer in Notre Dame history.

"[Two hundred] means a lot to me. It really does," Collins said. "It's a milestone. I would imagine there can't be too many Division I college PA announcers who have done more."

Collins's first game was

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Mike Collins sits at his other desk at the entrance to South Dining Hall. Collins has welcomed students to their meals for six years.

## SMC fair to offer service options



JANICE CHUNG | The Observer

By NICOLE CARATAS  
News Writer

Saint Mary's will host a service fair in the Student Center Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., which will feature different organizations offering a variety of volunteer opportunities for students.

The director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) Erika Buhring said she started the Service Fair in the fall of 2014 to provide "an environment for students and community agencies to connect with one

another."

"The primary reason a service fair was started was to draw volunteer-minded students, staff, and faculty together in order to connect them with organizations that were in need of their assistance," she said.

According to Buhring, organizations that will be present at the fair include Hannah and Friends, St. Margaret's House, She's the First, Students Supporting Autism, the South Bend Center for the

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## Alumnus gifts \$20 million

Observer Staff Report

The University announced Friday the creation of the Fighting Irish Initiative, made possible by a \$20 million donation to Notre Dame by 1988 graduate Sean Cullinan and his wife Sue, according to a University press release.

The Fighting Irish Initiative will be a "groundbreaking" program to fund fully the education of students coming from

low-income households making less than \$50,000 annually, the press release stated. The program will also create a "comprehensive enrichment program" to help students glean the most from their time at the University.

University President Fr. John Jenkins stressed in the press release the importance of making the Notre Dame education available to all students regardless of socioeconomic status.

"We want to ensure that the talented students who are admitted to Notre Dame are able to attend and find a supportive home here," Jenkins said in the release. "We are tremendously grateful to Sean and Sue for their willingness to fund an initiative that will make a Notre Dame education a reality for those who are in need of financial assistance, and then to make the

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## Campus holds AA meetings

By RACHEL O'GRADY  
News Writer

Amidst the seemingly countless activities and programs of a home football weekend, the Alumni Association and the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) have teamed up to create a safe meeting space for recovering alcoholics on football weekends.

"We all know that there

are many among us who suffer from alcoholism or problems with alcohol," Bill Norberg, Notre Dame class of 1987, said. "These Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings are an extension of the groups around South Bend and those members who happened to be alumni. Alcoholics Anonymous deals with the life-threatening disease. For those who are truly addicted, it provides a way out of a

merciless enslavement."

Norberg said he helps lead the AA meetings on campus, and has done so off-campus in the past.

"You can safely say that the meetings have been on campus for over 20 years," he said.

He has personally led the on-campus gatherings for five years now, and said he enjoys the service aspect of

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**EJ Smith**  
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O'Neill Hall  
"Sweet potato chips."



**Weronika Kaczmarczyk**  
sophomore  
off campus  
"Candy wall."



ROSIE BIEHL | The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame Bagpipe Band stroll around God Quad after practicing for Notre Dame's first football game of the season. The Irish will take on the Texas Longhorns Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Stadium.

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### Friday

#### Heaney, Place and Property

Hesburgh Library  
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Memorial lecture by Christopher Morash.

#### Men's Soccer vs. USF

Alumni Stadium  
7:30 p.m.  
The Irish take on USF in the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament.

### Saturday

#### Football vs. Texas

Notre Dame Stadium  
7:30 p.m.  
The Irish take on the Longhorns in the first game of the season.

#### Changing American Voter in 2016

Snite Museum of Art  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Part of Saturday Scholars Series.

### Sunday

#### Men's Soccer vs. UAB

Alumni Stadium  
2 p.m.  
Notre Dame vs. University of Alabama at Birmingham.

#### Rejoice! Mass

Dillon Hall  
8 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Mass rooted in the African-American tradition.

### Monday

#### Labor Day

Campus-wide  
All day  
Administrative offices closed, all classes in session.

#### Intramural Registration

Rolfs Sports Center  
6 a.m.-11 p.m. Tuesday  
Register online for intramural teams.

### Tuesday

#### MSPS Welcome Back Picnic

North Quad  
4 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Photo booth, music, prizes and free food.

#### Film: "The Girl Can't Help It" (1956)

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center  
8 p.m.-9:40 p.m.  
Free for ND students.

# SMC to host state officials

By ALEX WINEGAR  
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

The Saint Mary's College Women's Entrepreneurship Initiative (WEI) and the Career Crossings Collegiate Speaker Series will host Indiana Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann and her chief of staff Tonya Brothers-Bridge Tuesday Sept. 8 for a panel discussion titled "LeadHER." The panel will take place between 7 and 9 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium, and consist of local community leaders who will direct the conversation and ask questions of Ellspermann and Brothers-Bridge.

According to the Saint Mary's website, the discussion will center around topics such as "fearless leadership, transitions in life and the power of women mentorship." Associate project director for the WEI Joan McClendon will moderate the event.

McClendon said female leaders from the community including president and CEO of the YWCA North Central Indiana Linda Baechle, president and CEO of Michiana Partnership Regina Emberton and Saint Mary's students Eleanor Jones and Ambar Varela will compose the panel.

Brothers-Bridge visited Saint Mary's May 27 for an entrepreneurial leadership event and asked if she and the lieutenant governor could return, McClendon said.

"She really enjoyed her time

here and asked if they could come back to visit, including touring the campus and meeting the students," McClendon said. "We are an all-women's college so it is a natural fit for them to come."

Ellspermann's and Brothers-Bridge's experience working together will be a key component of the talk, College director of media relations Gwen O'Brien said.

"Part of the reason we even asked Tonya to come was because she had an opportunity to share her relationship with the lieutenant governor," O'Brien said. "She talked a lot about her relationship with the lieutenant governor [on her previous visit] so I think that will be important. I want and hope that women can take away that women can come together in a professional and in a personal level."

McClendon said when she spoke to Brothers-Bridge, she asked what Ellspermann and Brothers-Bridge could bring to Saint Mary's, and what they wanted to discuss.

"Obviously they work together and have worked together before," McClendon said. "They thought these three topics of leadership and transitions in life were great. They can speak to college students, either coming from high school into college, college students leaving and women making transitions in their careers and lifestyles."

"We have more in common

than we do differences so you have this beautiful opportunity to have these two very influential women to come in and share their very influential experiences," she said. "The third thing is mentorship and the importance of really having someone to be able to come along side of you."

Women of different generations will be represented at LeadHER, O'Brien said. People will get different things out of LeadHER depending on where they are in their life.

"To me this talk is another example of how women help women," O'Brien said. "We just do, we don't hesitate with 'what if.' We're talking to a couple different generations but wherever they are in their life, they could use a pep talk on how to make that transition in life or how to be a mentor."

"There are some awesome women in the community that need to meet these awesome women inside Saint Mary's College," McClendon said. "And let's not just meet, but let's develop synergy and relationships. That's my passion and I believe that is the passion of the lieutenant governor and her chief of staff, as a matter of fact I know that that is their passion and that's why they're coming here."

A photo booth and refreshments will be available at the talk, McClendon said. The event is free but ticketed.

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# Cyber Cafe unveils new layout



CAITLYN JORDAN | The Observer

Students sit in the newly remodeled Cyber Cafe. The cafe's new layout has increased seating capacity and overall revenue.

By NICOLE CARATAS  
News Writer

As students returned to Saint Mary's campus, many noticed the new arrangement of Cyber Cafe. The cafe went through a remodeling over the summer to help improve efficiency, to better meet the needs of students, and to further Sodexo's goal towards sustainability.

Barry Bowles, director of Dining Services, said the new configuration of the cafe is actually the same set up the cafe had a number of years ago. He said the College had a need for more seating in the Student Center, especially since Rice Commons holds more and more events each year and thus cannot be utilized by students.

"We need seats!" Bowles said. "We need a comfortable space for students. ...I've seen professors doing small groups in [Cyber] this year. Professors meeting with students in there, that type of thing. I think it's serving its purpose to what we wanted it to do. I still am excited about what we're doing."

Another change is the absence of the iMacs that used to line a wall of the cafe. Bowles said those computers were the most underutilized computers on campus, so IT moved them to other buildings on campus. However, the IT department increased the strength of the wifi in the cafe, and they are working on including charging stations so students can still use their personal devices, Bowles said.

Not only did the cafe switch its market area and seating area, but other changes have also been made. Two programs the Cafe are focusing on this year are options from Starbucks and sustainability.

"Our biggest concern coming back was sustainability issues," Bowles said. "All those little creamers and sugar packets and everything else. You'll notice everything now is self-contained. We're trying to reduce the amount of waste we have in that area. ...It may not seem like much to have

the bulk liquid creamer and the bulk sugar, but every little bit is helping."

Starbucks options will also increase in the Cafe, Bowles said, and those changes are expected to happen in the near future.

The new look of the Cafe also helps wait times for ordering food and helps the employees work better, Bowles said. People no longer have to crowd the cash registers because there is more open space to wait for orders.

"We are busier, but students don't wait as long, and now the wait is actually tolerable because not everyone is standing right there. There's places to go and sit down and wait for you to be called. It's a lot more comfortable, and there's not that big congestion."

"What that did was ease the stress on the staff. It has this mental effect for employees that they are doing a good job and they are moving fast. Before, they couldn't really tell."

As for the market, Bowles said that switch helped make everything look more organized. The new area made shelves a more viable option, and the products are better spaced out.

The market also increased its selection, Bowles said.

"We're carrying more products that students were looking for. What's nice about how it's laid out now is that it looks more organized and it looks a lot better kept than what we've done in the past."

Some products were discontinued, such as two-liter bottles of soda, because those were not selling at the prices Sodexo was required to have, Bowles said. The chip section has been reduced, but the overall aesthetic of the market makes this less noticeable.

Students and employees have welcomed the changes within Cyber Cafe, Bowles said. He has received positive feedback, and the Cafe made \$1000 more in the first week of school than it had in previous years.

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## Saturdays with the Saints

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Cyril O'Regan, Huisking Professor of Theology, Notre Dame

September 5

10:30-11:30 am

Andrews Auditorium  
Lower Level, Geddes Hall



## Collins

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September 19, 1982: the first-ever night game at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish defeated Michigan, 23-17.

"And here I am doing this with no previous experience as a football PA announcer," Collins said.

### Getting his start

"I really got the job because, and I'm not kidding when I say this, there really wasn't time to interview anybody else," Collins said. "My predecessor retired 48 hours before kickoff of the 1982 season. They called me up out of the blue."

Collins had never called a football game before that night, but he was previously the PA announcer for the Irish hockey team.

The spot for hockey opened up some years before his transition to football, and Collins, who was already at the games keeping stats, decided to inquire about the position.

"I went to the coach at the time, Lefty Smith ... and I said, 'Hey, I'd like to have a shot at that,' and I don't think Lefty wanted to spend any time finding a PA announcer so he just gave me the job," Collins said. "It was like he got it off his desk."

So, a few years later when former Notre Dame sports information director Roger Valdiserri asked Collins to announce the Michigan game in 1982, Collins said he "got all unnerved."

"I was so stunned when Roger Valdiserri called me up," Collins said. "When he said can you do the game Saturday, my mind kept telling me, 'Why are we having a hockey game in September?' And he told me, 'No I mean the football game.'"

Originally Collins said it was only a one-game deal, meant as a place-stop to buy the University time to find a new announcer. Eventually, one game turned into one year and then another. Now, 34 years and 199 games later, he's still at the helm.

### Preparing from a young age

Most elementary-age boys dream about becoming an astronaut, a firefighter, an elite athlete or a superhero. Not Collins.

"I'm the only person I know who, when they were seven years old, actually wanted to be a PA announcer," Collins said. "My dad took me to my first baseball game, and there are a lot of things that a kid can be fascinated with at his or her first baseball game, but I was stunned by this voice that seemed to come out of nowhere."

From that moment, Collins said, he was hooked.

"I used to go into my basement in Pittsburgh and read starting lineups out loud for baseball. That's how much it meant to me."

A member of Notre Dame's class of 1967, Collins spent his first two years in Cavanaugh Hall and Morrissey Manor before landing a room in the old Fieldhouse.

"There I was hanging out with all these athletes, so I thought I was a big shot even if I wasn't," Collins said.

Collins said he owed everything to two men: sports information director Charlie Callahan, who got Collins his first two jobs in broadcasting, and Valdiserri, the man who hired him as the PA announcer that day in 1982.

He also got his first job in the press box during his time as a student.

"My job was getting the writers their cigarettes and booze and delivering it to them," Collins said, laughing at the thought of his former position.

"When you consider what the media was like then, I thought it was a very important job."

### His own personal touch

Collins lays claim to starting a couple of his own Irish traditions, including announcing the home team's charge out of the tunnel before each game. He said the tradition began against Florida State at the start of a No. 1 vs No. 2 matchup in 1993.

"I'm all pumped up, and the team came out of the tunnel and I just opened up the microphone and went, 'Here Come the Irish!'" Collins said. "After the game my wife said, 'I really liked that,' and I had no idea what she was talking about. ... She said, 'You have to do that for every game.'"

"I haven't gotten any kick-back on the T-shirts that say 'Here Come the Irish,'" Collins joked. "I should have taken out a copyright on that."

Matching the theme to the game, weather or time of day, Collins also reads off song lyrics before the pre-game weather report, varying from Bruce Springsteen's "Thunder Road" to Earth, Wind and Fire's "September."

"Now I have people who stop and ask me what I'm going to do, so now I've put this incredible pressure on me," Collins said.

Although he could recall a number of lyrics over the years, one particularly stands out to Collins: Van Morrison's "Moondance" before the night game against USC in 2013.

"It's a marvelous night for a moondance 'neath the cover of an October sky,'" Collins said. "And I swear to God, in the first quarter a full moon came over the

stadium, and I hadn't even checked the phases of the moon."

### New developments

The Campus Crossroads project is now radically reshaping the traditional picture of Notre Dame Stadium. Collins is far from the least affected, but he's taking it in stride. He's also already envisioning how to pair himself with a video board for the team introduction pregame.

"The team's now gathered in the tunnel, before they burst out. But right before that, on the video board we have that video we have of Knute Rockne in the locker room going, 'Boys, you gotta fight, you gotta go, you gotta do this, you gotta do that!' And then they burst out of the tunnel and then I say, 'Here come the Irish!'"

"I'm telling you, people will be dancing in the aisles. Their tears will be flowing. ... The video board ... is going to be a great asset. I think Notre Dame is going to use it wisely, not like the debacle I saw in Dallas with their video board."

Collins got to live out one

of his other lifelong dreams this spring: being an announcer for his hometown Pirates at their spring training park in Florida. Again, though, he said just happened to walk right into the opportunity.

"It was a case of being in the right place in the right

**"I'm all pumped up, and the team came out of the tunnel and I just opened up the microphone and went, 'Here come the Irish!'"**

Mike Collins  
PA announcer

time and not enough time to interview anyone else," Collins said.

He had sent an email a few months prior asking to be kept in mind if the Pirates needed any help in the spring.

"Eight days before the start of the spring season I got an email from them and it said, 'Are you still interested in interviewing? The other guy just quit.'"

Collins said he enjoyed his time with the Pirates, and got what he described as "a lot of swag" from the organization: all sorts of different articles of Pirates apparel. He also got an offer to come back next spring.

"As far as I'm concerned, I'm a kid in a candy store with his parents' credit cards," Collins admitted. "I have my two dream jobs: the Pirates spring training and Notre Dame football."

As for his gig at SDH though, Collins again returned to the students.

"My wife and I have made lifelong friends of students over the years," he said, also mentioning the Thanksgiving dinner the couple hosts each year with students primarily from overseas.

What's more, Collins said, there's another, expected perk of working in a dining hall.

"I get a free meal," Collins said.

"Never underestimate the value of free food or beer."

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## Service

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Homeless, Food Bank of Northern Indiana, Take Ten, the American Red Cross and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps among others.

"Integrated within the mission of the OCSE is the notion of developing a bridge for the Saint Mary's community to connect with the Michiana area while also fostering a sense of social responsibility towards others as they participate in civic engagement," she said. "The Service Fair certainly promotes these ideals."

Buhring said the Service Fair differs substantially from the Involvement Fair, which was held earlier this year by the Office of Student Involvement.

For one thing, she said the Service Fair is held the second week of school as opposed to the first week so that students have a chance to become familiar with their schedules before signing up for volunteer opportunities. Additionally, Buhring said the Service Fair focuses on bringing outside agencies to campus instead of exclusively promoting on-campus groups.

However, she said together the Service and Involvement Fairs serve to help students become involved on campus.

"The OCSE sees that the Service Fair and the Involvement Fair are

complementary towards one another. By having both, individuals have the opportunity to learn about so many different types of activities and volunteer work available to them."

Buhring said the Service Fair also encourages faculty and staff as well as students to participate and find opportunities to volunteer.

"This fair constructs the space for fostering conversations that in turn allow each participant to learn more about opportunities that might be a solid fit for them," she said. "Volunteer placement success rates are increased due to interactions at the Service Fair."

Saint Mary's stresses the importance of service and provides students with opportunities to get involved, Buhring said. She said through the Service Fair, students can conveniently learn and follow through on making connections with the community and with post-graduate organizations.

"The design of the fair is to assist students in making a strong match to an opportunity that they might otherwise not be aware of," Buhring said. "The size of the fair allows for students to be able to talk individually to the representatives from the organization, but also allows them to see the breadth of choices available to them."

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## Meetings

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his position.

The CSC, located in Geddes Hall, provides the space for the meetings, while the requests for the meetings formally go through the Alumni Association.

"For many years, the Alumni Association has sought to support our alumni and friends who value the opportunity to attend AA meetings during home football weekends," Dolly Duffy, Notre Dame class of 1984 and executive director of the Alumni Association, said.

Duffy, who is also the associate vice president for

University Relations, said the meetings are aimed at fostering fellowship amongst alumni struggling with addiction. She said by sponsoring the meetings, the Alumni Association seeks to provide a comfortable territory for these individuals.

"We hope the fellowship of these meetings provides a welcome respite during these busy weekends," Duffy said.

Norberg said that alcoholism is an issue millions face nationwide, and therefore it is important to focus on recovery everywhere.

"With the national scope of Notre Dame and the number of visitors we have on game day weekends we like to provide this service," he said. "It

provides a chance for people to come back annually and catch up just like people do at tailgates. It is just a safer environment.

"In its simplest terms there are some of us who can't drink ... and AA provides not only a way out but a safe haven. Notre Dame recognizes this need in its alumni and students and provides these meetings to give them a safe place to go."

The meetings will be held in Geddes Hall in room 304B. For 3:30 p.m. kickoffs, the meetings will be held at 12 p.m., and for night games, meetings will be held at 4 p.m.

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years they spend here on campus as successful and rewarding as possible."

The initiative will cover all official costs of Notre Dame, including tuition and fees, room and board, books and transportation but will also cover less obvious expenses such as winter clothing, study abroad expenses and tickets to

athletic and dorm events, according to the release. The Cullinans' donation will also fund the hiring of a full-time staff to lead the program.

Don Bishop, associate vice president for undergraduate enrollment, said a diversity of students provides an asset to the University.

"Notre Dame has established itself among the top 15 national research universities for the quality of

its student body," Bishop said in the statement. "In the past five years we have added more students from the lowest-income households and have strategies in place to continue to find and cultivate even more of these top scholars."

"Adding more support and enhancements in programs to elevate their educational, professional and personal development is an exciting prospect for us as well as our students."

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There is a lot of talk about the way demographic change—caused by an aging population, increased ethnic and racial diversity, and growing income disparities—might affect American politics. Which of these trends are likely to make a difference in the 2016 Presidential election? How do they affect the Republican and Democratic Parties? What implications do these demographic changes have for the future of politics in America?

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**The Changing American Voter in 2016 and Beyond**

Luis Fraga, Arthur Foundation Endowed Professor of Transformative Latino Leadership; Professor of Political Science; Co-Director, Institute for Latino Studies

9.19.15 (vs. Georgia Institute of Technology)

**Sparkle: Contemporary Girls' Media Culture**

Mary Celeste Kearney, Associate Professor of Film, Television, and Theatre; Director, Gender Studies Program

9.26.15 (vs. University of Massachusetts)

**What's Posterity Ever Done For Us?: Literature and the Future**

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Father Thomas Blantz, C.S.C., Professor Emeritus of History  
Nancy Haegel, Center Director, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, Colorado

Father Edward A. "Monk" Malloy, C.S.C., President Emeritus  
Timothy Matovina, Professor of Theology; Co-Director, Institute for Latino Studies

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**How Our Siblings Shape Us: Evidence from Economics**

John Sitter, Brian and Jeannelle Brady Associate Professor, Department of Economics

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**1916: Screening the Irish Revolution**

Thomas J. and Kathleen M. O'Donnell Professor of Irish Studies; Concurrent Professor of Film, Television, and Theatre

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## INSIDE COLUMN

# Students are ND

Catherine Owers

News Writer

For the past three seasons of football games I've attended in Notre Dame Stadium, I never really liked the "We are ND" cheer. Pushups after touchdowns? Yes. Dancing to "Rakes of Mallow" on shaky wooden bleachers? Love it. Singing the Alma Mater after games? Always. But cheering "We are Notre Dame" didn't make sense to me, maybe just because it seems like stating the obvious. Of course our school is Notre Dame, I would think to myself as I cheered.

It was not until last spring, when I studied abroad in Dublin, that I began to think about the phrase differently.

My semester in Ireland was fantastic: It was fun and stressful and interesting and challenging. Going into the experience, I knew a significant part of study abroad is learning on a campus that isn't in South Bend, eating food that isn't from South Dining Hall and embracing cultures with rhythms different from the ones I had grown comfortable with here. And from midnight-stargazing in Northern Ireland, to getting rained on for three straight hours while waiting for Easter Mass with Pope Francis, to being told by an Italian priest to "Love Jesus, love each other, change the world," I was certainly able to expand my worldview.

Yet in the midst of all of these adventures, I still had a very distinct sense of connectivity to the University because of the other Notre Dame students with whom I was living and learning for five months. I wouldn't trade the memories from that semester for anything, and more importantly, I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to make these memories with. I realized that while I love stepping out the door onto God Quad every morning, going to class in O'Shag, walking around the lakes, visiting the Grotto and eating monogram waffles, these things don't define my Notre Dame experience.

At the end of the day, Notre Dame is not about the buildings or campus landmarks. They do play a role in bringing our community together, but if they no longer existed, Notre Dame still would. For me, Notre Dame is about the students — the brilliant, funny, ambitious and kind people I am blessed to call my peers. Whether we're in the football stadium or 3,000 miles away in Dublin, we, the students, are Notre Dame. We are ND.

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**Editor's note:** In a letter to the editor in Tuesday's edition, Kyle McCaffery quoted Prof. Tim O'Malley without permission and unintentionally misrepresented his views. McCaffery apologizes for the unethical writing and any confusion he caused.

# Love is enough

Dash Holland

Guest Columnist

*Editor's note: This column is the second in a two-part series. The first was published on Thursday, Sept. 3.*

I have always considered myself a good liar. I can tell jokes without cracking a smile, and I can remain outwardly composed when the situation makes it difficult. However, for 19 years I lived a lie that was anything but harmless. I denied myself the right to be myself, and I lied to myself about myself, followed by repeated and brutal mental abuse if I dared reject the lie.

I am gay. My ability to speak this truth proves I have left that duplicitous part of my life behind me. I chose truth over lies. I chose myself over what my inner monologue told me to be. Even a year after I made this choice by coming out, the past can still be painful. The abuse I subjected myself to is unlike other forms of pain such as jamming a finger or even breaking a leg. Those are accidents that can heal. The pain I made myself feel was filled with malice and hatred. Like foot binding, I tried to contort myself into something else, breaking and crushing the parts of me that stood out.

After coming out, I relished the opportunity to be honest. Even something as simple as walking to class seemed to triumph over the lies I had told myself because with every step I took and person I passed, I knew the truth, and I could accept it. However, I was still uneasy with myself. The truth was imperfect in my eyes. I was fine with it, but part of me still wanted to change it and to change myself. I believed that simple walks meant I was at last living my life differently and honestly, yet I returned to the wish to be different. The same wish that began all my lies. My hateful abuse left wounds infected with poison, and they were not healing.

I am writing this because something has changed. I cannot say exactly what or why. Maybe it is the passage of time or the constant support from my family and friends. It

could be that traveling by myself in Europe made me confront my issues and put them to rest. Perhaps it was reading Virginia Woolf this summer. All these factors probably helped, but I cannot give a recipe for achieving self-acceptance. However, I can say I feel a peace that leads to a deep satisfaction. It is a peace to accept things as they are.

Out of this peace, I have reached a hope that overcomes the problems and worries I faced before. Alright, I don't know how I will have kids. I may break the bloodline of men named William Holland. This and other parts of my future remain unclear. However, I get to love someone. To love someone else is simultaneously to give of yourself and to receive another. At this point in my life, I am talking about a love I have never personally felt. I may be naïve and overly optimistic, but I finally have so much hope that I do not care. To love like this seems so beautiful, and, better still, it seems so natural. As long as I can hope for something that great, why would I care about anything else? Love is enough. Happiness and love, these are what I want to find in my life. It may sound like I am speaking in dull platitudes, but I believe there is so much truth in them. Consider it: Love is enough.

To me, being gay is more than loving a man. It's about loving myself. It is recognizing I am not damaged, and I am not disadvantaged. I assume I will experience many things in my life to come: moments of sheer happiness and despair, accomplishments and embarrassment, pain and wonder. I may not know much about what I'm talking about, but I have hope and trust I will find happiness in my life and love will take its place somewhere in there. I don't know what my future holds, but I'm going for it. If I can say I am blessed with anything, it is that I have the opportunity to love, and for me love is enough.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# 'Be a voice for change'

Like many in our community, I was very excited when I heard Justice Sonia Sotomayor was coming to visit Notre Dame in early September. As one of the very few Puerto Rican faculty members at this University, this represented a moment of pride. You see, for a long time Puerto Ricans in this country have received bad press. Think about how the media typically portrays Puerto Ricans — the stereotypes that are perpetuated — and you can see where I'm heading. We can count on the news to report the "bad stuff" that's going on in Puerto Rican communities across the U.S. (or on the Island), but we hardly ever hear the "good stuff" that's happening. And, something really good happened here at Notre Dame on Sept. 2 and 3. Thanks to some of the most generous people I have met in my life, Puerto Rican Trustee Emeritus José E. Fernández and his wife Mary Jane — who made Justice Sotomayor's visit a reality — many of us were able to listen and learn from an incredibly inspiring person. I had never met a Supreme Court Justice before, so I wasn't sure what to expect. However, I did not expect to meet someone who despite her status and position treated everyone with such warmth and dignity. I also didn't expect to struggle trying to keep up with her as I jotted down every phrase or sentence I found inspiring. Although she far exceeded my expectations, I did have the feeling her message would resonate profoundly with our University's mission and values. I'd like to share some of the most powerful quotes that I was able to capture in writing during the events I was lucky to be able to attend. Here are a few:

"You make choices about the kind of person you want to be."

"What is it that you want to do in this world?"

"The bad will always exist around you, but in the end the choice is yours."

"You can't change the world in big ways, but you can change it in small steps."

"Do what's right."

"No job is worth your conscience."

"Be a voice for change."

About underprivileged kids, especially those who have lost a parent: "Take an interest in the child."

"The greater obstacle to success is the lack of knowledge of what's available."

Justice Sotomayor didn't tailor her message to Notre Dame; these are the guidelines she has followed to become the person she is today. The essence of her message, especially to our students, was to follow your heart and your conscience because they will lead you to a place where you'll be able to make a difference in this world. She emphasized the importance of using college years wisely: take courses about topics you know nothing about; befriend people who have different backgrounds from you and learn their stories; sit at different clubs' meeting and learn from their conversations; get out of your comfort zone; study what you love; inform yourself and become a better person. Have fun. She also emphasized the privilege we all have or have had to go to school and that it's our responsibility to help children, especially underprivileged children, reach that goal. Notre Dame students can play an important role through community outreach. Students can "take an interest in the child" and help them build their dreams. As she put it, "The greater obstacle to success is the lack of knowledge of what's available." Notre Dame students can show children in this community what their options are for the future. We can "be a voice for change" as she has urged us. For that reminder and her down-to-earth wisdom, we'll forever be grateful.

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Sept. 3

# We're as mad as hell

## THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

It took one week, five hours and 44 minutes.

Not fully eight days after the first Notre Dame freshmen began moving into their new homes, we received the year's first alert of a sexual assault on campus.

Two days later, Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) sent the year's second email, this time informing students of two reported acts of sexual violence.

With three reports of sexual assault or battery in fewer than two weeks — the first two weeks — frankly, we're as mad as hell, and we're not going to take it anymore.

Those words, which come from the 1976 film "Network," are just about the only way we can accurately express our reaction to last weekend's reports. Everyone — students, faculty, staff and all members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community — should have been deeply and personally offended and enraged to learn of these attacks on campus.

We should still be mad, too. When any act of sexual violence occurs on campus, we, as a community, have failed. And with the timing considered, a few short months after the release of "The Hunting Ground" and the productive dialogue it generated, these most recent failures are particularly infuriating.

We can only hope the increased discourse on sexual assault that began last semester is part of what empowered the survivors of these recent assaults to come forward and report the attacks. If it is, then our community has made some progress in cultivating an environment in which survivors of sexual assault feel safe enough to seek the justice they deserve.

And we should continuously strive to build our community as a safe, empowering space, but we should work for more, too. We should live in a community where survivors feel safe, but we should also create a community safe enough to prevent future attacks.

In our final staff editorial of last school year, we as an editorial board vowed to continue the conversation on sexual assault. Now, at the beginning of a new year, it has quickly become apparent that this conversation is still needed, perhaps more than ever. Accept this, our first staff editorial of this school year, as a tangible sign we have not given up on this conversation or the issue of sexual violence in our community.

It has become apparent, too, that a conversation about sexual assault is not

sufficient. Discussion is illuminating and emboldening, but it can only go so far. The current situation — characterized by media across the nation as a campus sexual assault epidemic — demands action from all members of the community, particularly from the bottom up.

The unfortunate truth is there is no single solution to the egregious problem of campus sexual assault. Nor will any combination of solutions work overnight.

In the days since NDSP's emails, we have seen a bevy of proposed solutions on these pages and elsewhere. Some have been more outlandish than others, but with such a persistent and troubling issue, we are open to new ideas, and the beginning of this year has brought with it many promising solutions.

Saint Mary's resource groups utilize Green Dot training, a national program designed to empower bystanders to take action and prevent violence before it happens. This year, Green Dot has partnered with student government at Notre Dame. Practices of active bystander intervention and the importance of consent play an important role in the new Moreau First-Year Experience courses. Notre Dame's student government is continuing its involvement in the White House's "It's On Us" campaign to prevent sexual assault.

Participating in established programs like these is an excellent step in fighting the campus sexual assault issue, but we still urge all members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities to do more. Don't just sign a pledge for "It's On Us"; take its message to heart and make sexual assault a deeply personal issue.

Get mad when an act of sexual violence occurs on campus and use that anger to take real, tangible steps — no matter how small — to prevent the next attack. Refuse to take part in a culture that passively allows sexual assault to happen in our campus community.

That sounds like a massive task, and it is. But we must start with small steps that work against what many scholars and activists call the rape culture that exists on college campuses and beyond. Talk to your friends, or anyone who will listen, about the issue. Introduce it as a topic of class discussion. Point out when others around you make insensitive or harmful jokes about rape and articulate why such attitudes are legitimately harmful. The way we talk about the issue matters.

There is no one big, end-all-be-all solution to the campus sexual assault crisis. Rather, there are a multitude of smaller solutions that, put together, will work towards a true cultural shift and a campus community that can last much longer than two weeks without a report of sexual assault.

## Some lives don't matter

**Gary Caruso**

Capitol Comments

My first column each semester usually exudes a "what happened to me" summer recap of excitement and enjoyable experiences. This year's should lead with my highlight of the summer — coaching a charity congressional baseball team that plays annually at the Washington Nationals field. To everyone's surprise, President Obama appeared in our dugout rolling a cooler behind him that contained White House Brew beer and said, "I brought the beer!"

But this summer has been an angry, deadly affair replete with raucous rhetoric and community activism that dwarfs much of any one person's warm-weather pleasantries. Police-involved deaths in Baltimore, New York City and Ferguson ignited the demand for evenhanded procedures throughout the law enforcement ranks nationwide. Through a series of similar but unrelated incidents in diversely differing communities, the "I can't breathe" slogan swelled into the "Black Lives Matter" cause.

Sadly, some sought revenge upon any law enforcement figure despite that officer's personal distinction or honorable character. Officers were senselessly gunned down in a patrol car in New York. The hunt for three men this week is still ongoing in the Chicago area for allegedly ambushing an officer. Most notably, Harris County, Texas Sheriff Ron Hickman pointedly told the nation it was time to cool the hate-filled rhetoric because all lives matter, including those of cops.

Speaking of how the national rhetorical crusade has gone beyond control, Sheriff Hickman described how his assassinated deputy, Darren Goforth, was cold-bloodedly murdered execution-style from behind and then shot again while laying on the ground. The sheriff said, "We've heard 'black lives matter' [and] 'all lives matter.' Well, cops' lives matter too. So why don't we drop the qualifier and just say 'lives matter,' and take that to the bank?"

Nationwide, communities are struggling.

Eventually, all of our law enforcement communities will work through and adjust to being aggressively vigilant in our era of terror threats while evenly administering their arrest duties. But many who seek "Black Lives Matter" changes are also the first to angrily confront law enforcement officials when told to comply with police orders. Conversation instead of confrontation is key to changing cultures who believe the other is overstepping its boundaries.

There's no denying many law enforcement enclaves throughout the United States need improvement. It is wrong for any officer on any level to waver from strictly enforcing the law, in favor of behavior that gins up unfounded charges for financial gains in the town budget or due to personal prejudices or for political reasons. I work with officers of color who tell stories of being stopped in small communities for what they consider are not legitimate reasons. One described his journey as "driving while Hispanic" in Georgia. After immediately identifying himself as a federal official who was carrying a weapon to the local policeman, the conversation turned to how they both trained at the same facility in Georgia. My co-worker refers to such an irresponsible local officer as "Barney Fife."

How do we end a Barney Fife mentality? Together, we Americans of all backgrounds from every corner of our nation need to be open-minded and gracious toward our neighbors. Our society will only achieve our goal of a perfected balance between respecting personal rights and administering law enforcement duties when, as Sheriff Hickman says, all lives matter and are respected. Moreover, healing begins by changing religious canon and political pretense.

Pope Francis, our refreshingly humble Catholic leader, embraces rather than condemns. This week he shattered another rigid practice by embracing those within our Church who were previously shunned — remorseful women who had sought atonement for their abortions. As the Pope oftentimes affirms, we

are not the ones to judge, we are to serve and accept others.

Ironically, many continue to use scripture as their authority to denounce others. Many so-called "pro-life" politicians rationalize away their bona fides in the name of religion while they Scripture-thump through Bible passages. If a political candidate opposes abortion, it matters little to political supporters whether that politician favors death through war or capital punishment. Former Virginia governor and Notre Dame alumnus, Bob McDonnell (class of 1976), who was recently convicted of several corruption felony charges, is a case in point. Portraying himself as pro-life against abortion, McDonnell favored the death penalty when other Christians may have prayed the condemned might find Jesus while serving life in prison.

In 2010, McDonnell refused a clemency request by 41-year-old grandmother, Teresa Lewis — judged with a 72 cognitive Full Scale IQ — making Lewis the first woman executed in Virginia since 1912. McDonnell's statement clearly showed all lives did not matter to him. He said, "I find no compelling reason to set aside the sentence. ... Accordingly, I decline to intervene."

We Americans have what others around the globe admire and desire. Authority maintains our civil and calm society — so long as it is just. Respect for all other lives and the law maintains our peace. Yet we still have a long journey because, tragically, in both our political and religious circles, some lives still don't matter.

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**Adam Ramos**  
Scene Writer

Earlier this year, comedy legend Jerry Seinfeld made comments regarding his refusal to perform on college campuses. Blaming the environment of hyper-sensitive political-correctness, Seinfeld is not alone in his dislike of our demographic, as both Larry the Cable Guy and Chris Rock avoid performing at colleges. Seinfeld professed that college students “don’t know what the hell they are talking about” when using words like racist, sexist and prejudice.

While political correctness is an essential part of our community at Notre Dame, we may be going too far. With the Student Union Board’s (SUB) recent announcement about Comedy on the Quad, we must ask ourselves: is sensitivity beginning to mitigate free speech and, if so, can comedy exist in such an environment?

On Tuesday, SUB announced this year’s Comedy on the Quad stars Saturday Night Live head writer and “Weekend Update” anchor, Colin Jost. Jost boasts an impressive resume: After graduating from the prestigious Regis High School in New York City, he was admitted into Harvard where he went on to become president of Harvard Lampoon, the school’s famous humor publication. At the mere age of 22, Jost became part of the SNL writing team before working his way up to head writer. After Seth Myers landed “Late Night,” Jost found himself next in line and happily obliged.

Employing a very clean-cut approach to comedy, Jost tends to stay on the safe side of many of his jokes. Michael Che is Jost’s co-anchor on “Weekend Update,” which makes sense, as Che usually delivers on the more risqué and controversial jokes. While Jost fits the role of “Weekend Update,” conjuring past anchors like Norm McDonald, Colin Quinn and of course his predecessor, Seth Myers, Jost has yet to attain the same success. Many critics have knocked Jost for a

lack of charisma, which — for a comic — is an essential quality in connecting with the audience.

However, it’s important to remember Jost is still in the process of transitioning from a writer to an entertainer, and with his track record as precedent, we have a lot to look forward to in his career. Jost’s form of sharp, shrewd comedy works well for him and his standup can be closely compared to some of John Mulaney’s routine who, like Jost, came from higher education, began writing for SNL and slowly transitioned to standup.

SUB’s decision to go with Colin Jost makes a lot of sense. The high sensitivity levels on campus coupled with the location of the show on South Quad all point to Jost’s style of comedy. While a comedian with more success at standup would have been great, a subdued comedian modifying his routine in order to fit the parameters of the show would have been disappointing. Jost will be able to present most of his jokes and no one will leave the show offended (well, hopefully not a lot).

As a final PSA, I urge anyone going to see the show: please, for the sake of preserving one of my favorite pastimes, don’t take the jokes too seriously. Look, everybody has a line for what’s appropriate and what’s not, but don’t put yours next to every single controversial issue. Society runs smoothly when we can all take a step back and take a moment to find the humor in those touchy subjects we tend to avoid discussing. Jost’s aim will not be to offend the student body, but he may say some jokes that make you a bit uncomfortable, and that’s just the nature of the beast. Comedy on the Quad is already shaping up to be a great show for everyone at Notre Dame to enjoy — try your hardest to make that the reality

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By **JOHN DARR**  
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Dust is tucked into the grooves of “Poison Season.” Singer/songwriter Dan Bejar, stage name Destroyer, has a habit of spinning his lyrics with the aged beauty of faded paintings and yellow-paged narratives. The scenes and characters in Bejar’s work are alternately personal and historical, his perspective alternatively romantic and cynical. The music he makes as Destroyer always seems to be reaching back towards faded cities, only to grasp them as they vanish. It’s this moment of loss that Bejar captures so well in his understated, orchestral compositions — one that seems to simultaneously embody and long for what is gone.

“Sounds, Smash Hits, Melody Maker, NME ... all sound like a dream to me,” Bejar sang on his last full-length record, “Kaputt,” listing off the (mostly) defunct music magazines he read as a kid. It’s a devastating line draped over a gorgeous yet sterile smooth jazz groove. While Bejar’s lyrics have always balanced nostalgia and realism, the production on Kaputt was blindingly clean and accessible.

The clash between the one-dimensionality of Kaputt’s sound and its nuanced lyrics is enthralling. Yet “Poison Season” boasts a sonic palette that meshes, rather than coexists, with the subject matter of its lyrics — one that sounds, well, dusty. A subtle wave of distortion blurs and ages the trumpets, drums, saxophones and other instruments that populate the record. It’s a welcome touch of depth: where Kaputt was cloudless, “Poison Season” sits in a light fog. The name of the album itself, ominous and airy, seems to linger in the dissonance and fuzz that roll in and out of each arrangement on the record.

As for the arrangements, each is spectacular. Immaculately written and performed strings and winds cloak Bejar’s compositions in breathtaking beauty. Yet for all the immediate beauty in the arrangements, the actual songs on “Poison Season” tend to veer unpredictably. Street-rock stomps erupt from midnight meditations. Runs of dissonant notes slink out of seemingly straightforward chord progressions before blooming into new progressions altogether. Bejar’s piano and vocal work clearly sit at the heart of the ballads of “Poison Season,” guiding the tempo

through skips and pirouettes without missing a step. It’s the sort of music that’s so well-constructed that it comes off as both capricious and inevitable.

Thankfully, Destroyer’s attention to detail does not stop at the notes on the page. Bejar’s lyrical content is standard for the singer songwriter. “Poison Season” spends its fifty-minute runtime illuminating societies old and new, collapsed or collapsing. Yet his penchant for concise and affecting phrasing is stronger than ever. “Dinosaur on the ice / buffalo on the plain,” Bejar hums on “Sun in the Sky,” “I left my keys on the kite / left my violin on the trolley.” It’s an astonishingly effective, and wholly American, reminder that all of history — no matter how distant it seems — is simply a tally of each day and place as they pass into legend.

The shining star of the record, however, is “Times Square,” which acts as both the bookends of the record and its centerpiece. Performed in three different ways, it deftly introduce (and reintroduce) a set of classic characters while complicating our ideas about them. “Jesus is beside himself / Jacob’s in a state of decimation / The writing on the wall wasn’t writing at all / Just

forces of nature in love with a weather station,” sings Bejar in the opening lines. Bejar has a striking ability to construct figures that are familiar, troubled and human, stuck both in the past and in the present; in short, he brings to life characters that are real, just like the refreshingly tangible instrumentation that surrounds them. “Poison Season” is an incredibly human record, marked by the touch of a masterful musician who paints a beautiful yet convincingly deteriorating portrait of America as we know and knew it. Even as “Poison Season,” too, gathers dust, it will be worth turning to if only to touch something that feels true.

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## “Poison Season”

Destroyer

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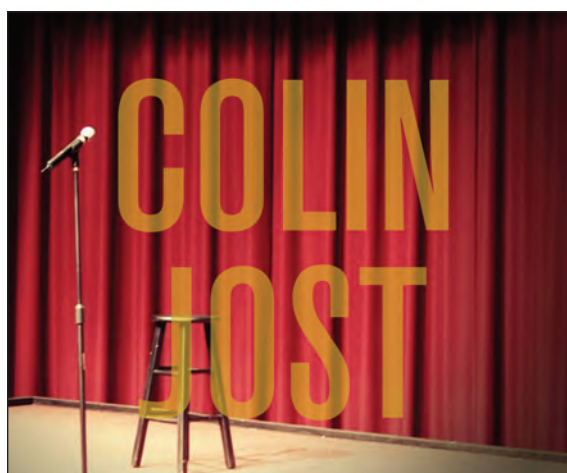
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# WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

## FRIDAY



### Comedy on the Quad

Come out on South Quad for a great atmosphere, stay for a night filled with laughs on top of laughs. Courtesy of SAO, Colin Jost will be coming to Notre Dame to take students into the first football weekend of the year. Jost is the head writer of Saturday Night Live and is the co-anchor of Weekend Update. Take a load off and enjoy the night. Jost performs at 10 p.m. and the event is free to all students.

## SATURDAY



### Football: Notre Dame vs. Texas

Football is back. Notre Dame takes on the Texas Longhorns in the season opener. This marks the beginning of a season filled with promise, interesting storylines and high expectations.

The season opener begins at 7:30 p.m., and is a lock to be a night chock-full of excitement.

## SUNDAY



### Men’s Soccer

More sports! Come support the Irish men’s soccer team as they take on the University of Alabama at Birmingham Blazers. The Irish are fresh off a thrilling double-overtime victory over the Indiana Hoosiers, and look to continue to build momentum at home.

The game begins at 2 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

## SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Young quarterbacks given no chance

**Ben Padanilam**  
Sports Writer

When news of Robert Griffin III's removal from the starting quarterback spot hit the wires four days ago, I couldn't help but feel sorry for him. His story is emblematic of the unfair expectations and mismanagement that are far too prevalent in the NFL today, and it's a shame the best player at the position for the Redskins is sitting on the bench because of it.

Drafted just four years ago, Griffin took the league by storm. He set rookie records for quarterback rating and touchdown-to-interception ratio. He won NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year honors, was named co-captain by the team midway through the season and led the team to its first playoff appearance in six seasons. His meteoric rise led to his being tabbed the "savior" of the Washington Redskins organization.

Then came the playoffs, when Griffin faced his first true obstacle: an ACL injury. Despite having not been cleared to return to game action following a previous knee sprain, Griffin was put back on the field by then-Redskins head coach Mike Shanahan in the NFC wild card game. This decision only exacerbated the injury and, ultimately, started Griffin's downfall.

Throughout the offseason, Griffin made immense strides to get back on the field by Week 1 of the 2013 season. However, the rust and lack of a full recovery were evident in his play, as the superstar that had blossomed just the year before failed to make an appearance. Soon, tension between Griffin and Shanahan became public, and Shanahan effectively gave up on Griffin and benched him for the last three games of the season.

Then, at the start of the 2014 season, the Redskins hired Jay Gruden to replace Shanahan as head coach. Yet nothing changed, as Gruden soon made it clear that he was far from a fan of Griffin's, calling him out through the media and benching him for several games in what became a season-long mess at the quarterback position for the Redskins. And now, before this season has even begun, he has been benched yet again for a quarterback in Kirk Cousins he has proven to be better than.

The evidence speaks for itself. All three seasons he has been in the league, his

quarterback rating has been higher than Cousins. In the two seasons he was benched for Cousins, he had a higher completion percentage. And by the way, his career 40-23 touchdown-to-interception ratio is vastly superior to Cousins' 18-19 mark. This doesn't even account for the mobility Griffin has — albeit limited since his injury — and Cousins simply does not.

While Griffin's story is certainly paramount in the mismanagement of young quarterbacks in the NFL, it is far from the only one. Look at Johnny Manziel, Brady Quinn, Colt McCoy or any one of the 20 quarterbacks the Browns have started since 1999. What about Blaine Gabbert in Jacksonville or Jake Locker in Tennessee? They were first round picks by bad teams who failed to improve at other positions. Then, failing to experience immediate turnaround, these teams made those young quarterbacks the scapegoats and immediately moved on.

Undoubtedly, the immediate success of Griffin played a significant role in the unfair expectations that resulted in his mismanagement. In addition, the success of young quarterbacks like Andrew Luck and Russell Wilson have created a perception around the NFL that success comes immediately and, if it does not, then it is time to move on. They fail to realize these players are either once-in-a-generation talents (Luck) or very good players finding themselves on an already very good team (Wilson). They have all but forgotten that elite players at the position such as Tom Brady and Aaron Rodgers did not even start in their first seasons, let alone shine. Peyton Manning's Colts went 3-13 his rookie season.

Quarterback is the toughest position to play in all of sports. You receive the credit for the wins and bear the blame for the losses. Yet expectations continue to bury young quarterbacks in a hole that they are never even given the chance to recover from. Robert Griffin III has shown fans and opposing defenses that he can be a star in the NFL. It's a shame Jay Gruden and the Redskins won't give him a fair chance to prove it to them too.

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## MLB | WHITE SOX 6, TWINS 4

# Samardzija ends losing streak in win over Twins

## Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — J.B. Shuck's two-run, pinch-hit triple in the seventh inning sent the Chicago White Sox over Minnesota 6-4 Thursday, the Twins' last home game before beginning a key road trip.

Eddie Rosario hit a grand slam for the Twins, who fell 1½ games behind idle Texas for the second AL wild-card spot. Minnesota now starts a nine-game swing to division leaders Houston and Kansas City and wraps up at the White Sox.

Shuck's liner off reliever Casey Fien (4-6) made it 5-4 and helped Chicago win for just the second time in 10 games at Target Field this season. Shuck scored later in the seventh on Adam Eaton's sacrifice fly.

Jose Abreu had three hits for the White Sox.

Rosario's slam in the third put the Twins ahead 4-1

against Jeff Samardzija (9-11). The White Sox starter ended his six-game losing streak.

David Robertson got his 28th save in 34 chances.

The White Sox trailed 4-3 when Alexei Ramirez led off the seventh with an infield single that Fien kicked with his leg when it looked as if shortstop Eduardo Escobar already had a play on the ball. Geovany Soto walked, Carlos Sanchez sacrificed and Shuck delivered.

Shuck hasn't started a game since Aug. 19 and had just five plate appearances in that stretch. He had been 6 for 26 with three RBIs as a pinch-hitter this season.

Samardzija managed to earn his first win since July 28. He has an 8.33 ERA in his last seven starts and has allowed nine home runs during that span.

Fien has allowed runs in back-to-back outings after going 12 straight innings without allowing a run. The

Twins bullpen had allowed just 11 earned runs in its last 45 2-3 innings for a 2.17 ERA.

Rookie Miguel Sano didn't start for Minnesota as he's dealt with a hamstring injury. He pinch-hit in the eighth with one runner on base, but flied out to end the inning.

**Trainer's Room**

Twins: Closer Glen Perkins was unavailable and won't leave on the upcoming road trip with the team as he deals with back spasms. ... RHP Phil Hughes threw in the bullpen for the first time since going on the disabled list on Aug. 14 with lower back inflammation.

**Up Next**

White Sox: Chicago heads to Kansas City and will start LHP John Danks (6-12, 4.82 ERA) in the first game of the series against RHP Kris Medlen (3-0, 3.51). Danks has lost four straight decisions, allowing two runs and seven hits in six innings against Seattle on Aug. 28.

## NFL | EAGLES 24, JETS 18

# Tebow, Eagles best Jets as starters rest

## Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — It was Tebow Time again. At least for one more night.

Tim Tebow threw two touchdown passes and an interception in his final opportunity to make Philadelphia's roster, and the Eagles fell to the New York Jets 24-18 on Thursday night.

Tebow, competing with Matt Barkley for the No. 3 quarterback job, flashed some of the playmaking skills and maddening inconsistency that have made him such a polarizing player throughout his NFL career. Tebow, who last played in a

regular-season game with the Jets in 2012, finished 11 of 17 for 189 yards and added 32 yards rushing on four carries.

Chip Kelly must decide whether it's Barkley, who was 4 of 9 for 45 yards and an interception, or Tebow behind Sam Bradford and Mark Sanchez for the Eagles (3-1).

Both teams rested most of their regulars, although linebacker Kiko Alonso made his debut for the Eagles and had two tackles in his one series. Alonso, acquired from Buffalo for LeSean McCoy, tore his anterior cruciate ligament last summer, dealt with a concussion

during training camp and was scratched last week with tendinitis in his surgically repaired knee.

Matt Flynn and Josh Johnson each made their debuts for the Jets (3-1), trying to make a case for a backup job behind Ryan Fitzpatrick. Flynn was 10 of 14 for 136 yards with two TDs and an interception, while Johnson was 7 of 12 for 82 yards and had 76 yards rushing on seven carries.

Darrin Walls had the first of his two interceptions on Barkley's second pass of the game, intended for Josh Huff and setting up the Jets' first score, an 18-yard TD catch by Chris Owusu from Flynn.

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

# At Seton Hall for tourney, Irish seek to improve

By **HUNTER McDANIEL**  
Sports Writer

After salvaging a win at the Blue Raider Bash last weekend, the Fighting Irish look to fix some mistakes and create a winning streak as they travel to the Seton Hall Classic in South Orange, New Jersey this weekend.

Last weekend, the team suffered two Saturday defeats before turning it around Sunday with a strong showing against Middle Tennessee State to give first-year head coach Jim McLaughlin his first win with the program.

"What I saw when we studied the film was less repeated errors [as the weekend went on], more good movements in place, being in the right place at the right time, staying more focused on the things they were told to do," McLaughlin said. "I saw better movement patterns. I saw better aggressiveness. I saw us improve, and I think we also understand that there's other stuff that have to continue to

make progress in, but for sure we need to move forward. That's the most important thing, we have to move forward again this weekend. It's another test, and we have to pass it."

Now Notre Dame (1-2) turns its attention to Seton Hall, Temple and Hofstra, the three teams the Irish will face at the Seton Hall Classic on Friday and Saturday.

As the Irish turn their attention from one tournament to another in consecutive weekends, McLaughlin said it's less about individual talent and more about the team playing together as one.

"They all have their own individual battles, and they're learning that," McLaughlin said. "We're all in the same situation, and we're studying to see who's winning in terms of making changes. That's the first part of winning. I thought everybody contributed when we played well, so nobody really stood out. I thought that [junior middle blocker Katie] Higgins had good

numbers, and so can she repeat that and keep getting better? That's the deal. I thought collectively, the contribution changed a little bit [from Saturday to Sunday]."

This weekend, the Irish face Seton Hall (1-2) on Friday before squaring off against both Temple (2-1) and Hofstra (4-1) on Saturday.

"We need to move forward, to get better, more consistent in what we do," McLaughlin said. "We have a higher understanding of what we need to do and we'll invest in it and deal with the adversity along with improving, which is hard. But it's nothing magic, we'll just keep making progress."

After coming home from their second road tournament in two weekends, the Irish will again have to refocus and prepare for the Golden Dome Invitational, which will be held at Purcell Pavilion next weekend.

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at home for a bit, so we're excited to play on somebody else's field and make sure we're playing the same style and still doing the same things that we can do at home." In addition to playing on the road, Romagnolo said the weather will challenge each team's mental toughness.

"One of the challenges will be that it's going to be hot, as we're playing at 4 [p.m.] and [noon]," Romagnolo said. "It's something both teams are going to have to deal with, and you'll see the mental toughness factor."

And while the weather is out of their control, their strategy is not. In order for the Irish to continue their undefeated season through this weekend, they will have to balance possession and aggression in a way that opens up opportunities to score, Romagnolo said.

"We need to move the ball," Romagnolo said. "We need to move the ball really well and be aggressive in the attack. I think

finding the right combination of when to take players on and when to possess to open up opportunities for ourselves [will be key]."

Olmsted said this has been a significant focus of the team throughout practice this week in order to ensure success on the field when the first whistle is blown.

"We're working on settling the ball, passing, trying to be more of a dynamic team and being more patient in front of goal and outside wide," Olmsted said. "We're working on getting around players and taking people on but knowing when to take them on and when to pass, and moving off the ball I think is the biggest thing."

The Irish will take the pitch this weekend when they battle Western Michigan on Friday at WMU Soccer Complex at 4 p.m. before traveling again to play Michigan State on Sunday at noon at DeMartin Soccer Complex.

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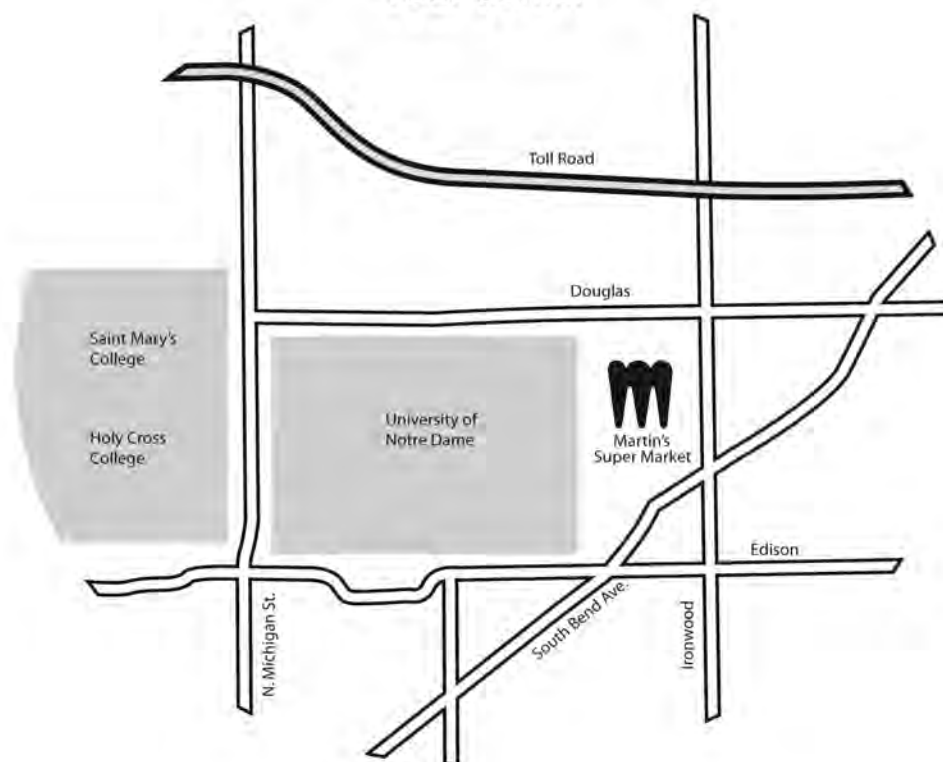
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## Rugby

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field sessions as units, and then a field and a bit of gym, using the ice hockey gym which is pretty awesome," McMahon said. "The facilities there are really great, and it was good to work there."

Although the team has spent most of its time in practice as the World Cup approaches, McMahon said he and the rest of the team did have a chance to see some of the sights around campus.

"It's been a really busy week here training," said McMahon. "It's been really hot and the humidity makes things difficult, but Notre Dame's been unreal. We've been biking around campus on the bikes from the hotel having a look around campus, getting to see Touchdown Jesus, Notre Dame Stadium and all the other sites. It's been awesome."

"I didn't know too much about Notre Dame, I just knew that they had a pretty good football team, so I was pretty excited to come to the stadium and all that, which was pretty cool."

Wallabies head coach Michael Cheika said he was similarly impressed with the facilities, and he also mentioned the school's culture

has created the perfect situation for his team.

"It's been brilliant really," Cheika said. "I couldn't have imagined everything would be as good as it's been. The whole set-up here at Notre Dame is so conducive to excellence. I think that especially being here the week before they play Texas really let us see Notre Dame at its best."

"We've mostly managed to get all of our work done without much distraction. There have been some times when we've gone into Starbucks in fluorescent jerseys and got some funny looks, but things have really been ideal here."

The game against the Eagles — the U.S. national team — will be the last match for the Wallabies before the World Cup begins in England and Wales later in September, and McMahon said he believes the game will be important for everyone involved.

"It's a very important match," McMahon said. "With the World Cup around the corner, it's very important to focus ourselves and get ready for the World Cup so we can dominate our pool, and as I've said before, the important thing is we've just got to execute our game plan."

McMahon also said he was particularly excited to receive

his first ever start for the Wallabies in the United States and at Soldier Field.

"I'm super excited to finally get a start this year," said McMahon. "It's a great place to finally get a start in, at Soldier Field. It's also the first ever game where I'll get to play 15-a-side in America, so I'm really excited about that."

With the game serving as a last opportunity to try something new before the World Cup begins, Cheika said the Wallabies may look a little different than the one that won the Rugby Championship, but will still be very strong.

"What we did was just pretty much take a look at the guys who've already accumulated a lot of time in the Rugby Championship and give them a little time off," said Cheika. "They've already played a good amount of rugby before this World Cup starts, and we've got a few guys that I have in mind for the first game that I want to see play together, and then a few guys who I just want to give an opportunity to, so I think that this team is a really good mix."

The Wallabies take on the United States on Saturday at Soldier Field in Chicago at 6:30 p.m.

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Graduate student defender Mark Lachowecki goes for a header during a 1-0 loss to Virginia on Nov. 30 at Alumni Field.

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week's adidas/IU Credit Union Classic with a 1-0-1 record, Lachowecki said the Irish understand they will have to hone in on their offensive abilities to beat the Bulls.

"We come off a big win at IU, so hopefully we keep the momentum going and figure ourselves out even more as the season progresses," Lachowecki said. "Hopefully we can get some more goals ... and keep a clean sheet just like we did last week. This week we're focused on being super-efficient in front of the goal."

Freshman midfielder Thomas Ueland, who scored the game-winning goal against No. 14 Indiana in the team's last contest, said he believes the Irish need to keep their intensity level high and not get look past either team.

"Especially after a big win,

it's easy for the level of play to drop," Ueland said. "As a team, we let it drop sometimes, so we need to be careful we don't do that and keep it high."

"This is a huge tournament," Clark said. "[South Florida is] coming off a huge win. They beat Georgetown so they'll be feeling pretty good about themselves, and this is a good opportunity for them as well."

For a team that has had a significant amount of success recently, Clark practices what he preaches about not looking past any opponents.

"I haven't even thought about the ACC," Clark said. "The only thing we're worried about is South Florida."

With its focus honed in on facing South Florida, Notre Dame will seek to improve to 2-0-1. The Irish will kick off their matchup against the Bulls at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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## Football

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to say Malik's a veteran, he's still not. He played really in one game for us last year, and he didn't play the whole game.

"Malik is gonna have his moments where he's got to settle into the game, and emotion versus enthusiasm is big for him. He can be emotional at times, and we have to transfer that into being just enthusiastic."

### First-year action

Of the 33 true freshmen listed on the Irish roster, five will have the chance to see playing time against Texas on special teams, Kelly said: receivers Equanimeous St. Brown and C.J. Sanders, running back Josh Adams, cornerback Nick Coleman and kicker Justin Yoon.

Two of them are slated to start for Notre Dame, Sanders as punt returner and Yoon at kicker.

Two other freshmen are also listed as second-stringers on the team's depth chart: Jerry Tillery on the defensive line behind sophomore Daniel Cage, and Alizé Jones at tight end alongside three other players. Kelly said Tuesday both of them should play this

weekend.

### Injury report

Freshman cornerback Shaun Crawford underwent surgery Thursday for a torn ACL suffered Aug. 19 in practice.

"It came out great, great reports from Brian Ratigan, our team [orthopedic surgeon]," Kelly said. "He is resting comfortably at St. Liam's, and we feel really good about his recovery."

Crawford drew praise from his coaches and teammates during the preseason and was making a push for immediate playing time before the injury.

Kelly said there were no other injuries to report before Saturday's matchup. He added senior running back C.J. Prosise, who was sidelined earlier in the preseason for a hip flexor injury, is fully recovered.

"He's had two solid weeks of practice to get where we need him to be, so we have no concerns or issues with his health," Kelly said.

### Long-awaited returns

Two cogs of Notre Dame's defense will hit the field against the Longhorns after long absences from competition: senior cornerback



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**Senior cornerback KeiVarae Russell takes a break during practice Aug. 21 at Notre Dame Stadium. Russell will make his first appearance for the Irish in more than a year against Texas on Saturday.**

KeiVarae Russell and graduate student linebacker Jarrett Grace.

While Kelly said he always believed KeiVarae would inevitably lace up again for either the Irish or another team, he was less optimistic with Grace. However, the head coach said Grace will

lineup with the kickoff team Saturday.

"I just didn't know if Jarrett was ever going to play football again because of the injury and the severity of it," Kelly said. "Probably been in his hospital room more than any one player that I've coached, so I can say that firsthand that

there were doubts in my mind after, about leaving him with no doubt that he would play, but I doubted it myself when I was leaving that he would ever play again, so that's going to be great to see him."

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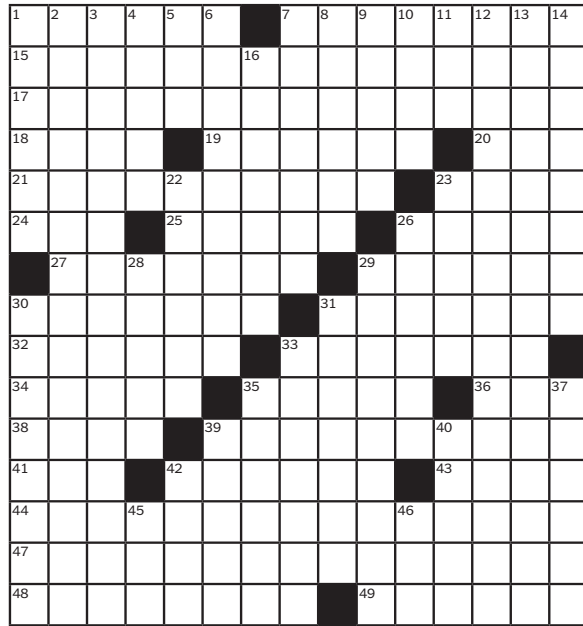
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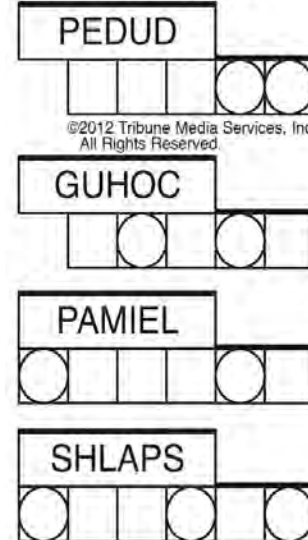
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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



Answer:

(Answers Monday)  
 Yesterday's Jumbles: CEASE DATED POUNCE INHALE  
 Answer: Record stores selling Beatles albums in 1965 were full of people who — NEEDED HELP

WORK AREA



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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## FOOTBALL

## Notre Dame makes final tweaks before Texas

By **MARY GREEN**  
Assistant Managing Editor

Junior quarterback Malik Zaire will enter a high-pressure situation Saturday when he begins his first season as Notre Dame's starting quarterback, but head coach Brian Kelly doesn't want Zaire believing he has to put the whole team on his back.

"As I told him, you don't have to be the reason why we won. You can't be the reason why we lost," Kelly said in his press conference Thursday. "You've got 10 other guys around you who are really good playmakers. Get the ball to them, get it to the right play. If he does that, he's going to do very, very well for us."

Just like many of the 80,000-plus fans crammed into Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday, Kelly said his gaze will be focused on his new quarterback.

"Eyes are still going to be centered on the quarterback play," he said. "As much as we'd like



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*Junior quarterback Malik Zaire tries to find an open receiver during a practice Aug. 21 at Notre Dame Stadium.*

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## MEN'S SOCCER

## Berticelli tourney set to kick off

By **MANNY DE JESUS**  
Sports Writer

Coming off an overtime victory on the road and looking to build some momentum, No. 4 Notre Dame hosts the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament this weekend at Alumni Stadium.

Notre Dame (1-0-1) has made its mark on the college soccer landscape as of late, consistently placing among the best in the country year after year. In the last three years, the Irish were the first, third and first seeds in the NCAA tournament, respectively. They kick off their first regular season home games of the year this weekend against South Florida and the Alabama-Birmingham (UAB).

The Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament has been held at Notre Dame every year since 2002, with the exception of 2013. Berticelli coached the Irish from 1990 to 1999 and compiled a 104-80-19 record. In 2000, he died from a heart attack at the age of 48.

"It's always a nice way to

remember someone who was a good friend of mine, a coach and colleague," Irish head coach Bobby Clark said. "He was someone who did a great job at Notre Dame as a coach. It's a nice thing that we've done every year remembering 'Bert' for who he was. It was very sad, I remember the morning I heard the bad news. It was tragic. He was just 48 years old. A young man."

In addition, Notre Dame alumni come out every year and get together in Berticelli's honor to support the Irish.

"It's a nice weekend for alumni to come back to town and honor him," graduate student defender Max Lachowecki said. "For us it's a good weekend. We have a banquet, and our parents come into town. Everyone's family comes in, and the older kids' parents meet the younger kids' parents. It's a good thing for all of us."

Friday night, the Irish will take on South Florida (2-0-0), which defeated No. 3 Georgetown, 2-0, on Monday. Despite leaving last

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## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

## Irish to square off with Spartans

By **BEN PADANILAM**  
Sports Writer

This weekend, No. 6 Notre Dame will hit the road for the first time this season when it takes on Western Michigan on Friday and Michigan State on Sunday.

The Irish (4-0-0) are coming off a four-game stretch at home in which they outscored opponents by a combined total of 13-1 en route to an undefeated start. More impressively, they scored more goals than they allowed shots during that stretch (13-5).

However, they are now set to hit the road to face their two strongest opponents of the year thus far. The Broncos (2-1-0) are coming off two straight wins following a double-overtime loss to Wisconsin to open the year. The Spartans (3-0-1) have yet to drop a match this season, or allow more than a goal in any one of their games. Irish head coach Theresa Romagnolo said she believes both teams will be as strong as their records indicate.

"I think they'll both be really

organized," Romagnolo said. "I think they're going to defend well. Both have good records. They're both winning, so they believe in themselves, too."

Irish junior forward Kaleigh Olmsted said the team needs to approach both games with the same aggression they have in all their other contests this season.

"I feel as though our team needs to take these games like any game and go at them the same way we went at Portland, Santa Clara and the other two games as well," Olmsted said. "I think the challenge will be going in knowing that we have a good record and trying to stay focused."

These two matches also represent the first time this season the Irish will take the field outside of the friendly confines of Alumni Stadium. Romagnolo said the team is excited to face the test of a hostile environment.

"We're getting ourselves out of our comfort zone," Romagnolo said. "We've been

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## RUGBY

## Wallabies visit campus in prep for World Cup

By **DANIEL O'BOYLE**  
Sports Writer

Students might have seen some new faces and accents from down under in the past week, as the Australia National Rugby Union Team held practices at Notre Dame in preparation for its World Cup warm up game against the United States on Saturday at Soldier Field.

Fresh off a victory in the Rugby Championship earlier this summer, the Wallabies — two-time World Cup champions and among the favorites for this year's competition — practiced on Riehle Fields, adjacent to the Stepan Center.

The Australian kickers held a clinic Monday, teaching some students how to kick a rugby ball before engaging in a series of practices. Twenty-one year-old flanker Sean McMahon — set to make his first start for the Wallabies in Chicago — said he was very impressed by the facilities at Notre Dame

"We come out, we run two



EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

*Wallabies winger Joe Tomane slides to the turf after being taken down in a practice Sept. 1 at Stinson Rugby Field.*

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