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Keynote address explores religious liberty

Former Notre Dame law professor weighs in on constitutional nature of religious freedom

By **CATHERINE OWERS**
Associate News Editor

John H. Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America and former Notre Dame Law professor, delivered the keynote address of the Notre Dame Law Review Symposium on Friday afternoon and addressed the recent shift in focus in the religious liberty debate. This year's symposium is titled "Religious Liberty and the Free Society: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of 'Dignitatis Humanae'" and is part of the 2015-16 Notre Dame Forum.

The ideas of religious liberty as "freedom from" and "freedom to" are not in opposition, but parts of the same idea, he said.

"We can't talk about religious

liberty without invoking both of them," he said. Liberty, in the constitutional sense, is always a right against state interference, a 'freedom from.' Liberty is also always a right to do something, a 'freedom to.' The right to speak, to assemble to practice religion, to get married, to have sex."

Garvey said there have been two phases in the modern debate over religious liberty.

"The first phase [was] in which the opponents of religious freedom focused on freedom from state interference. The argued that religion is an important social and theological good which deserves our utmost respect, but nevertheless, in this particular case the state

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John H. Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America and former Notre Dame Law professor, speaks on the religious liberty debate at the Notre Dame Law Review Symposium Friday afternoon.

Mooney responds to Planned Parenthood controversy

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney responded to the campus controversy surrounding Planned Parenthood in an email to students Thursday.

On Oct. 29, Saint Mary's Feminists United club hosted a display of 1,852 flags, each of

which represented 10 services offered by Planned Parenthood not related to abortion or providing contraception.

Religious studies professor and chair of the department of Gender and Women's Studies (GWS) Stacy Davis told the Observer last week that the display was in response to a

campus visit from the Planned Parenthood Project Oct. 15 during the College's Pro-Life Week. The Planned Parenthood Project focuses on abortion, one service that Planned Parenthood provides, Davis said.

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SMC seniors host Dad's Weekend



Photo courtesy of Katie Morrissette

Senior Katie Morrissette and her dad Steve pose with the traditional Play Like a Champion sign as part of a Notre Dame Stadium tour.

By **NICOLE CARATAS**
News Writer

Saint Mary's senior class invited their fathers to a variety of events at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame this past weekend for the annual Senior Dad's Weekend.

Class president CoCo Craig said the tradition of inviting fathers to campus has been part of the Saint Mary's experience

for decades.

Craig said she spoke with a professor and alumna of Saint Mary's who said when she went to Saint Mary's, dads would come to spend the weekend with their daughters.

"There's always been an event for at least 50 years where dads would come to bond with their daughters," she said.

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GRC promotes inclusion

By **MEGAN VALLEY**
News Writer

Members of the Notre Dame community are coming together for StaND Against Hate Week, which aims to raise awareness of the prevalence of hatred both on and off campus.

Maureen McKenney, assistant director for LGBTQ initiatives for the Gender Relations Center (GRC), said StaND Against Hate Week was originally oriented around the LGBTQ community but has evolved in recent years

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STAND AGAINST HATE WEEK

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- WEDNESDAY** "MAKING CHOICES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE" WORKSHOP IN COLEMAN-MORSE CENTER 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY** "FORGET US NOT" DOCUMENTARY SCREENING IN 140 DEBARTOLO HALL 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY** HOT APPLE CIDER AND DONUTS AT FIELDHOUSE MALL 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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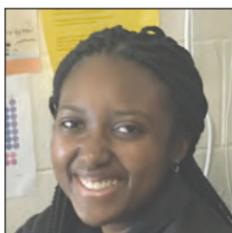
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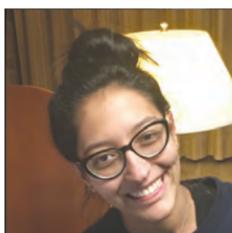
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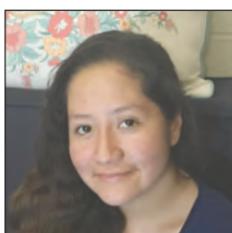
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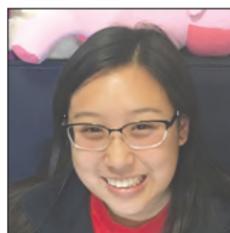
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Students box in the semifinal round of the 13th annual Baraka Bouts. The women's boxing tournament, which benefits Holy Cross missions in Eastern Africa, derives its name from the Swahili word "baraka," which means "blessing, prosperity or opportunity."

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Workshop

Brownson Hall
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Learn how to craft a compelling grant proposal.

Lecture

DeBartolo Hall
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Dr. Richard Jackson will discuss healthy communities.

Tuesday

Tai Chi in the Galleries

Snite Museum of Art
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Relax in the Transitory Waterscapes exhibit.

Lecture

Eck Visitors Center
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Marie Reimers will discuss end-of-life issues.

Wednesday

Veteran's Day Memorial Ceremony

Clarke Memorial Fountain
5 p.m.
Follows 24-hour vigil.

Baraka Bouts Finals

Joyce Center
6 p.m.
Women's boxing tournament benefitting Holy Cross missions.

Thursday

Staff Mass

Log Chapel
10 a.m.
Staff chaplain Fr. Jim Bracke will preside.

Iron Sharpens Iron

Coleman-Morse Center
10 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Weekly praise and worship service.

Friday

Hot apple cider and donuts

Fieldhouse Mall
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Part of StaND Against Hate Week.

Trumpets under the Dome

Main Building
4:10 p.m.
A home game weekend tradition.

Students celebrate Asian cultures at fair

By WEILIN

Assistant Managing Editor

The sounds of samulnori drums echoed throughout LaFortune Student Center on Sunday, ringing from the ballroom, which was transformed into a fair where three cultures came together to celebrate the languages, cultures and diversity at Notre Dame. The language programs of the department of East Asian languages and cultures held its fifth annual "Celebrate Asia!" event to celebrate the unique cultures of China, Japan and Korea.

"Celebrate Asia!" is sponsored by the department of East Asian languages and cultures and the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies.

Students got their creative juices flowing by hand-designing Korean fans called "buchaes" and practicing calligraphy in Chinese, Japanese or Korean. Some got competitive in "wuzi qi," a traditional Chinese board game that resembles Connect Four. Others tested their motor skills by playing "ti jianzi," a game that involves keeping a weighted shuttlecock in the air using their feet.

Yongping Zhu, associate professor and Chinese program coordinator,

highlighted the importance of this event.

"We believe that language and culture cannot be separated," he said. "Students will learn the languages better once they know the cultures. ... Through this event, students will not only learn the culture in their target languages but also other related East Asian cultures."

As for next year, Zhu said he already had some ideas to further improve the event. He said each program replaces an activity or two each year to meet the students' interests. While most booths exhibit traditional cultures of the countries, the planning committee is looking to increase the number of activities that better represent modern East Asia.

Professional specialist Noriko Hanabusa said the event could make the Japanese program and Japanese culture more visible on campus.

"Unlike Chinese and Korean, [the] Japanese program is facing serious challenges: We have very few native speakers or heritage speakers of Japanese on campus and in the South Bend community," Hanabusa said. " ... So, it is difficult for students taking Japanese to use the language in the real-life context. We are actively planning to

have extracurricular activities and events to get [these speakers together, and] 'Celebrate Asia!' is one of them.

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Hanabusa said the faculty members of all three programs spent a lot of time planning to make "Celebrate Asia!" an annual occasion and that it is a testament of the three programs' ability to communicate.

In attendance were language students, international students, Asian Americans and students who just wanted to learn about the East Asian cultures. Students in a Chinese,

Japanese or Korean language class were required to attend this class as part of the course requirements. A pamphlet listing all the ac-

Market.

Qinfeng Wu, an international graduate student, said his favorite aspect of the event was the ability to introduce so many parts of the Asian culture in a fun way and in a short amount of time.

"It's like a crash course, very efficient in raising people's interests in Asia," Wu said.

Wu noted some of the limitations of such an event. He said the activities represented only very small portion of the Chinese culture but also said that the fun activities kept the students engaged and is a good complement to the classroom lectures.

Dennis Zheng, a student enrolled in second-year Chinese, said the event did a good job not only in representing and highlighting his culture, but also in showcasing the cultures of other East Asian countries.

"As a Chinese American, I also caught a glimpse of how the Korean and the Japanese cultures engaged in recreational activities as compared to the Chinese," Zheng said. " ... This event highlights expression of culture through recreational activities."

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More than 425 people were registered for the weekend, Craig said, which was about 50 more people than expected.

Craig said the weekend started with registration and a welcome reception with snacks and beverages. She said that different vendors from the area had stands at the reception and a percentage of everything the vendors sold went to the class.

Saturday started with a tour of Notre Dame Stadium, which included the north tunnel entrance, the locker room and the "Play Like a Champion Today" sign, Craig said. Afterwards, students and their fathers were free to spend the rest of the day on their own, an opportunity which most people took to dine at South Bend restaurants and watch the Notre Dame football game.

The Saturday night dinner was held at the Century Center in downtown South Bend, Craig said.

"President [Carol Ann] Mooney spoke at the dinner," Craig said. "We also had a silent

auction during the dinner. ... It can range from sports game tickets to any kind of goodie basket."

Craig said the weekend is a chance for students to spend time with their fathers while at school.

"[Students] have personal time that they wouldn't normally have at school to hang out with your dad," Craig said. "They also get to meet everyone else's family and their fathers. It's a really fun experience that usually people don't get to do while at school."

Craig said it is important to have Dads' Weekend as part of senior year at the College.

"At that point, you can show your dad all of the activities you do on the weekends and all of the fun places you like to go," Craig said. "At the same time, you have your friend group. You know your friends and by that time, you can bond with everyone. All the dads can bond together and all the daughters can bond together. Basically, everyone can have quality time together."

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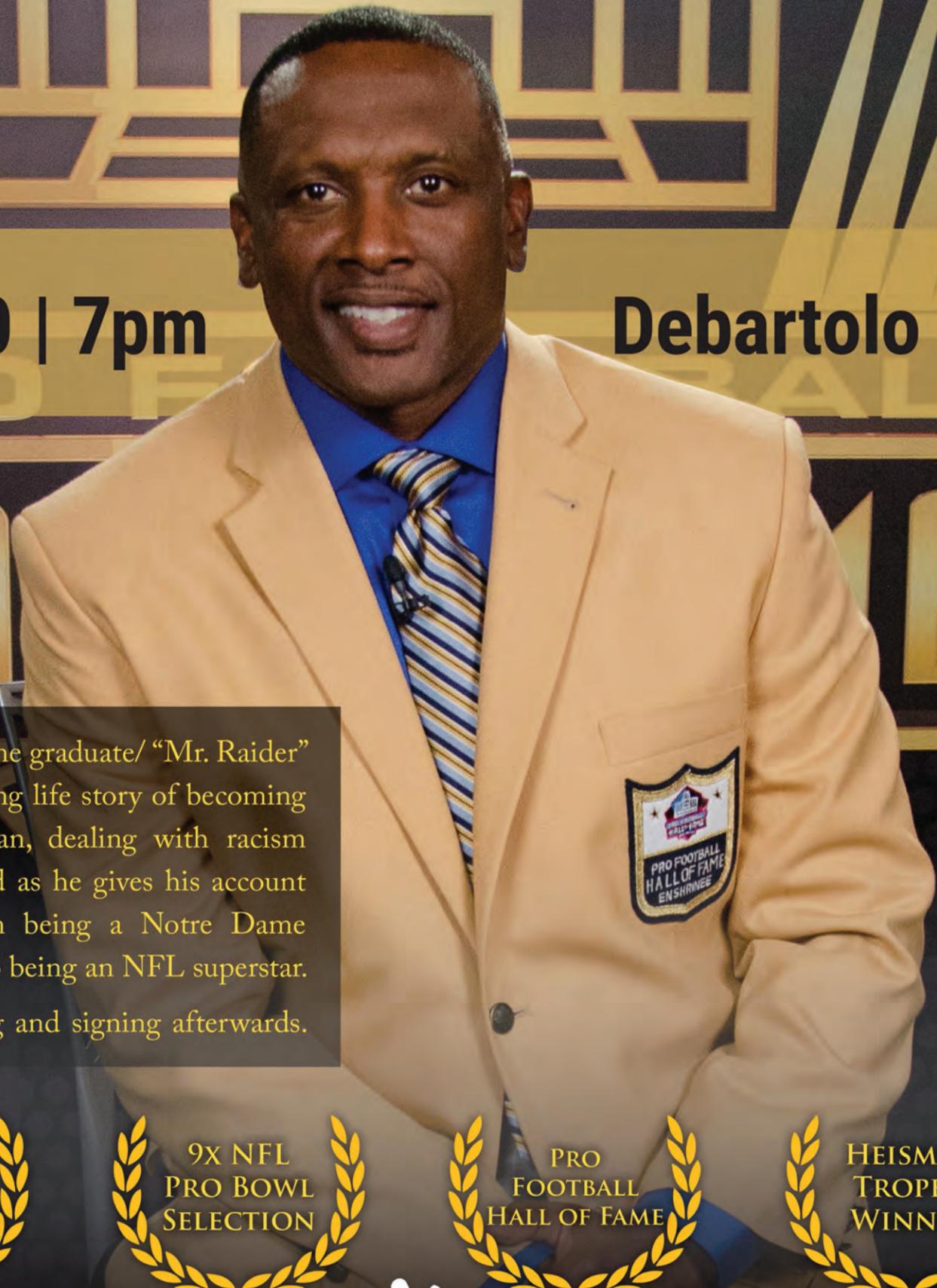
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Mooney

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Mooney said in the email that before fall break, the College student pro-life group, Belles for Life, invited the nationwide Planned Parenthood Project to campus with the aim of bringing to light facts about Planned Parenthood that are contrary to the consistent life ethic taught by the Catholic Church.

After the Planned Parenthood Project visited campus, Feminists United wanted to respond by having an event at which they would display flags representing the non-abortion services provided by Planned Parenthood.

"The Student Affairs Office rightly took the position that a Saint Mary's student group cannot advocate for Planned Parenthood because Planned Parenthood acts contrary to Church teaching," Mooney said.

After extended discussion between Student Affairs and concerned students, Mooney said the students were granted permission to set up a display of unmarked flags standing for the number of non-abortion services provided last year by Planned Parenthood.

"Student Affairs insisted that not only were the flags to be unmarked, but there was to be no sign indicating that the flags had anything to do with Planned Parenthood," she said. "These constraints were placed on this student organization because recognized student groups at Saint Mary's are not permitted to advocate for positions contrary to Catholic Church teaching."

At the display, a small group of faculty members decided to distribute a fact

sheet concerning the number of STI/STD tests and treatments, cancer screenings, contraceptive services, pregnancy tests and prenatal services provided by Planned Parenthood last year, Mooney said.

"The academic administration told the faculty members that the fact sheet could be only that, a fact sheet, and not an advocacy piece," she said. "The distribution of the information by the faculty members was, understandably and unfortunately, seen as being part of the students' display and the whole was perceived as support for Planned Parenthood."

Mooney said the difference between what the student group wanted to do, but was not permitted to do, and what the group of faculty did may not be readily apparent, but there is a difference.

"The student group wanted to stage an openly pro-Planned Parenthood event; they wanted to advocate for an organization that operates, in a number of ways, in contravention of Church teaching," she said. "The faculty distributed information about what Planned Parenthood does."

While some may believe that Student Affairs and Academic Affairs could have been more transparent, Mooney said, both acted in good faith and consistent with the dual roles the College plays in education — which involved free access to information — and in the formation of young people in the Catholic tradition, which prohibits students group from taking advocacy position inconsistent with Church teaching.

Mooney assured students the College remains faithful to its mission and Catholic identity.

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should prevail because its concerns are especially weighty."

We are currently in the second phase of the debate of religious liberty, he said.

"People are arguing that the religion which we are free to practice is a more limited one than we might suppose," he said. "In this phase, it is not a matter of weighing private concerns against public ones and finding the public ones more weighty, but the private concerns simply don't count as 'religious,' so we don't get to balancing them against the concerns of the state."

Garvey said freedom has two aspects, and that assertion of rights is just the beginning, not the end, of a legal argument.

"Because it's a right to act, people can invoke it in any number of instances and ways and cases," he said. "What it does is force the government to justify its interference, but sometimes government's reasons will be important enough that they win and you lose. That doesn't mean that you don't have a right, it just means that your right was defensible — it didn't win in this case."

In constitutional law we describe this process about making judgments on defensible rights as part of balancing private rights against public concerns."

The government balances private rights against public concerns whenever it makes a law, he said.

"But when the private actor has a right, the government must offer an especially good reason for interfering. So the right protects us from state interference, and we might describe this handicap as the 'weight' or the 'value' of the right we're talking about," he said. "For a long time the practice was to ascribe a great weight or value to claims of religious freedom and to rule in favor of the state only if could show, what the lawyers say, is a compelling reason for the prohibition or restriction it wishes to impose."

In 1990, the Supreme Court considerably limited the protection it would offer in cases on religious liberty in the case of *Employment Division v. Smith*.

"It was a case that allowed a government agency to discharge two members of the Native American Church for ingesting peyote," he said. "The Court was willing to assume that taking peyote was a religious act, just like taking wine at a Mass or a seder. The Native American Church, in the Court's mind, deserved just as much protection as Catholics and Jews. ... But the Court said the First Amendment ruled against laws prohibiting the free exercise of religion, but just the laws that singled out religion for special bad treatment."

However, laws that aren't directed specifically at religions and are generally applicable, like those that state no one may ingest controlled substances, can have indirect effects on religion, Garvey said.

"But these effects are unintended and the state doesn't need to offer any special defense of them," he said. "We would, the Court said, be 'courting anarchy' with a demand like that, and the danger of anarchy, the Court said, 'increases in direct proportion to the society's diversity of religious beliefs and its determination to coerce or suppress none of them.'"

In recent years, the attacks on religious freedom have centered on the very meaning of religion, rather than the state concerns that might outweigh them, Garveysaid. Instead, the debate focuses on who is considered a religious actor and what is a religious activity.

"The Obama administration has asserted, for example, that for-profit corporations are not religious actors," he said.

Garvey said the University's lawsuit against the HHS mandate is an example of the conflict over whom can be considered a religious actor.

"My own University, and yours, sued the Department of Health and Human Services in 2013 to challenge the regulations under

the Affordable Care Act. The regulations require a certain group of plans to cover sterilization procedures and prescriptive contraceptives, including some that can induce abortions," he said. "We think, your University thinks, it interferes with religious freedom because it requires it to provide services that we view as sinful. The regulations exempt what they call 'religious employers' from the requirement. These institutions that are viewed as religious employers don't have to provide coverage and their employees don't get it."

"But 'religious employer' is defined very narrowly — it includes churches and religious orders, but not Catholic universities like Notre Dame or the Catholic University of America, not Catholic Charities. Nonprofits like us are classified as simply 'eligible organizations.' We get an accommodation of sorts, we don't have to provide the mandated services ourselves, but we are required to contract with an insurance company, or if we, like you, self-insure, a third-party administrator, who will provide the objectionable coverage."

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Garvey said this shift is a reflection of growing cultural indifference towards religion.

"I think the culture itself less about religion, and because it does, the proponents of religious freedom find themselves asking for protection of an activity that is unimportant," he said. "If we don't care about religion, we won't care about religious freedom."

The only really effective response to the contemporary assault in religious liberty is prayer, Garvey said.

"I don't mean this in a despairing or pious sense. I mean to say that the practice we're defending has to matter to us, above all things. If it does, our institutions will protect it. If it doesn't, the case is lost."

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- Thursday, Nov. 12 (3:30-4:45pm) 131 DeBartolo Hall
- Friday, Nov. 13 (10:00am-Noon) 114 O'Shaughnessy Hall

All First Year of Studies students should see their advisor regarding registration matters.

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to become more inclusive and holistic.

"It was originally and intentionally around support for LGBTQ students within our community," she said. "When it came here, we broadened it to really being about promoting the message of human dignity for all."

StaND Against Hate Week is sponsored by the Gender Relations Center (GRC), as well as Campus Ministry, Multicultural Student Programs and PrismND.

Free T-shirts will be distributed at North Dining Hall, South Dining Hall and LaFortune Student Center on Monday from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. McKenney said the T-shirts should be worn Friday.

Tim Brown, former Notre Dame football and NFL player, is this year's keynote speaker. Tuesday at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall 141, Brown will talk about faith, masculinity

and racism in his keynote speech and sign books afterward.

"Tim [Brown] is coming back to Notre Dame to talk about many of the same topics in his book 'The Making of a Man,' such as faith, how he defines himself as a man, the intersection of masculinity and faith, but also some of his experience with racism within the NFL and how that shaped him as an individual," McKenney said.

Wednesday night, there will be an ethics and leadership workshop called "Making Choices for Social Justice." The workshop will be from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge. McKenney said a large part of the workshop will be devoted to talking through hypothetical situations and examining how ethics determine actions.

"It's being run by Art Munin, who is a diversity consultant and administrator at Illinois State," she said. "He brings different diversity workshops around the country, specifically for college students. The purpose of the workshop is

to challenge those who attend to consider ways in which values and ethics drive the decisions they make and why they make them."

There will be a documentary screening Thursday at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall 140. "Forget Us Not" explores the persecution of the non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

McKenney said the week serves as a reminder that hate and discrimination affect those in our community in many different ways.

"It's really a way for students to dialogue about ways in which hate and discrimination have a negative impact on people within our community but also the community at large," she said. "We use hate and discrimination as a very broad category: class, race, religion, socioeconomic situation, sexual orientation, gender identity — really any aspect of one's personhood is how we define it."

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INSIDE COLUMN

It's not just about the chicken



Selena Ponio
News Writer

After a long day of accomplishing less than I intended, I like to drown my feelings of inadequacy in a warm hodgepodge of chicken poppers, mashed potatoes and vegetables submerged in a pool of gravy.

My wildest dreams came true last Saturday night. I stood in the popper bowl line behind a male student about 6-feet tall of medium build and watched the lady make his bowl. I saw her bury his plate with the goods along with six pieces of the best part of the meal: the chicken poppers. My eyes lit up as I witnessed what I thought was the standard popper bowl.

To my dismay, when I stepped up to receive my popper bowl, I found a single scoop of mashed potatoes and a mountain of peas and corn masking only four chicken poppers. I was disappointed at my measly serving and at the fact that this lady (very wrongly) assumed I could only eat two-thirds of the serving of chicken poppers the man before me received.

I thought maybe I was being irrational until I turned to look at the popper bowl of the male student who was in line behind me. He opted for both types of chicken: grilled and popper. I, once again, mistakenly assumed he would receive less of one type since he asked for both types of chicken. North Dining Hall continued to prove me wrong as the lady gifted him six pieces of chicken on top of the pile of grilled chicken already on his plate.

As I dealt with my annoyance at the fact that this man housed an entire farm on his plate while I tended to a garden of canned vegetables on mine, my friend came up to me with the same complaint. Her popper bowl consisted of only four pieces as well.

We laughed about it for a while and realized next time we would have to just ask for extra chicken in order to receive the male standard of six poppers. However, this seemed ridiculous.

Adopting this worker's mentality that a woman eats a third less food than a man does on average, should my meal plan cost approximately 66 percent of a male student's? Wouldn't it be easier to enforce a default number of poppers across the board, indiscriminate of personal assumptions of how much chicken someone can eat? Is it too radical of an idea to ask someone how much chicken they would like?

Maybe this was an isolated experience and maybe it was just this one worker. Or maybe I've been stressing about this Inside Column for so long that I used it as an excuse to magnify any sort of conflict in my life. Maybe I'm hangry from the two chicken poppers I missed out on. Whatever the reason, I will say this:

It's not just about the chicken, you guys.

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'You do you, bro'

Charlie Ducey
English, Channeled

Comedy Central's "South Park," now in its 19th season, has made a name for itself largely through lowbrow vulgarity and gratuitous violence that constantly pushes the envelope of acceptability. One need look no further than the preponderance of animated feces, vomit and entrails in "South Park" to cast doubt on the cultural value of such a program. However, a biting social commentary has always lurked beneath the ("poorly") impersonated celebrities and the obscene antics of fourth-graders in the fictional Colorado town. This season's fare has been especially cutting, acute and, in this columnist's opinion, mostly correct.

Those who view "South Park" as little more than "smut and vulgarity, chiefly for the sake of smut and vulgarity," (to quote "South Park" character Kyle Broflovski in his assessment of another bit of culture) may be interested to learn of the show's reception in more sophisticated circles. Universities have offered courses on the Emmy Award-winning comedy, the City University of New York among them. Books have been published on such topics as "Philosophy in 'South Park'" — books, indeed, that one can find for sale at Notre Dame's Hammes Bookstore. Some commentators have gone so far as to pin "South Park" as a high caliber, conservative-leaning critique of Hollywood liberalism, as evidenced, perhaps, by the show's frequent thumbing-of-the-nose at famous actors and their social agenda. Nearer to the truth would be the observation that "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone see no boundaries in the realm of social criticism, attacking positions popularly held by pundits of the right and the left. But before one gets the impression that "South Park" promotes some nihilistic chaos in which nothing is sacred and everyone is wrong, it might be worth taking a look at the newest season's oddly consistent stance.

While previous seasons of "South Park" jumped around from one theme to another, operating in what is known as an "episodic" framework, this season has moved more toward a developmental storyline, or "serial" framework, that is highly unusual for an animated comedy. The season begins with the installment of a new principal at South Park Elementary, PC Principal, whose hardline stance on political correctness (PC) and proper nomenclature cause him to beat one student into a coma after he perpetrates "micro-oppressions" against Italian-Americans. His offense? Saying the word "capeesh."

Building on this newfound obsession with being PC, the citizens of South Park desperately petition for the only thing that can save their town from association with the Trump-like bigotry of teacher-turned-political activist Mr. Garrison. That thing is a Whole Foods grocery store, harbinger of all things cheery and politely PC.

Whole Foods persists in subsequent episodes, including the utterly hilarious episode "Safe Space," in which local dad Randy Marsh spearheads a

campaign to create safe spaces in which the negative comments and the demands of personal responsibility are filtered out to leave only "people who support me, surrounded by more people who support me." The episode ends with Reality, as an embodied character in the show, being hanged from the gallows as crowds clap.

The main point of these first episodes is fairly clear: When political correctness is promoted in a very superficial sense that accommodates hypersensitivity over all else, reality ends up distorted and personal responsibility thrown to the wayside. Viewers see this in the presentation of PC Principal as an overgrown frat boy who sees no problem in hosting ragers and bitterly scolding 10-year-olds but will blow a gasket if someone so much as suggests that Caitlyn Jenner is anything but "stunning and brave." In this highly exaggerated PC landscape, responsibility doesn't matter. All that does is personal feelings and safe spaces to house them.

"South Park's" criticism, however, seems targeted more broadly at a mindset best summarized by the mantra: "You do you, bro." The problem with this formulation is twofold. First, it forwards a disinterestedness towards one's neighbor — whether someone is experimenting with hard drugs or pursuing self-destructive ends is essentially written off as "none of your business." All that matters is that the individual has made he/she/their own choices, that he/she/they is/are authentic or, to employ a common phrase, "true to oneself." But authenticity does not account for responsibility, nor does it support interaction with others. This is the second flaw of this mantra. It roots everything in the single individual, basing morality and destiny in whatever the individual chooses. It's right because you choose it to be. You should become whoever you want to become. But what happens when two individual choices, two independent expressions of self, conflict?

"South Park" explores this, too. In the episode "Craig x Tweak," the self-identity of fourth-graders Craig and Tweak is jeopardized when a group of manga-drawing students is given license to display the pair as a gay couple because the group chooses to do so, and who can override their choice? The community passively accepts this portrayal and applauds Tweak and Craig for their bravery of "coming out" and even pays them as a reward. By going along with the hypersensitive, "you do you" mindset, South Park as a town has set aside its critical self-analysis, as all dissenting opinions are cast aside and a pleasant filter that affirms the self — any self you choose — is substituted for the difficulties of reality the responsibility it brings with it. Luckily, "South Park" as a show has kept its actual critical awareness in tact.

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The president is not a celebrity

Jordan Ryan
Words of WisDome

Last week, the women of ABC's "The View" had some not-so-nice things to say about Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina.

Michelle Collins, referring to Fiorina's visage at the most recent Republican debate, said "She looked demented! Her mouth did not downturn one time." Joy Behar, professional as always, added that, "I wish [Fiorina's face] was a Halloween mask. I'd love that." Collins had to add more gas to the fire by responding, "Smiling Fiorina? Can you imagine? It'd give me nightmares." While we have grown accustomed to the tired, obnoxious and quite misinformed comments of the ladies of "The View," these ad hominem attacks crossed a line. Each presidential candidate, Republican or Democrat, deserves respect from the press and the public.

This lack of respect for presidential candidates should not come as a total surprise. President Obama has dramatically transformed the role of the president in the media. Not only is he the leader of the free world, but he is also a common feature of late-night talk shows. In his first term alone, President Obama was fawned over as a guest on shows like "The Colbert Report," "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon," "The Tonight Show" (five times), "The Daily Show" (seven times), and "Late Night with David Letterman" (seven times). Let's not

forget about his appearances on daytime shows. He famously denied a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in order to make an appearance and be served softballs on the very same "The View." He has been featured on MTV and SportsCenter. The holder of the highest office in our country has abandoned what was left of the dignity of the office in the course of being interviewed by comedians such as Zach Galifianakis and dancing to Beyoncé on the Ellen DeGeneres show. These all seem far from presidential.

Unfortunately, this has changed the future of the relationship between the President, presidential candidates and the media. By appearing on entertainment programs that employ crude humor and gross insults, candidates drop themselves to that level of childishness. They become willing participants in the jokes as well as the butt of them. Candidates feel obligated to subject themselves to the immaturity and unprofessionalism of these shows in order to connect with millennials. But what our generation is hearing is not the least bit substantive or helpful in differentiating candidates.

In 1960, on a late-night talk show, JFK eloquently stated how communism was a great danger to America. Unfortunately, this kind of dialogue is impossible to achieve in today's media. Democratic political consultant Jon Macks, who spent 22 years writing for Jay Leno, said, "If a candidate goes on and says, 'Let me tell you about my three-point plan, Mr. Fallon.' That's

a disaster. They want to hear personal stories about who these people are." Presidential candidates are seen as Kardashian-like in the eyes of the American public. They want to hear gossip, not platforms.

Many argue this is the way to connect with millennials. Even if this is correct, it does not change the fact that many millennials fail to demonstrate a depth of caring and understanding about politics. The blame should not be shouldered by politicians alone. Millennials have created an environment where the circus gets attention and the theater of serious debate remains vacant.

Americans need to take our political future more seriously. While presidents do not generally hold the power to legislate, they do have the most power to navigate. The president is not a celebrity, so don't treat him like one. To the women of "The View," show some class. To the American people, start to take these matters seriously. They affect you in more ways than you know. Watch Fox. Watch CNN. Read a newspaper. Find more substantive information about policies, platforms and proposals. If you have not paid attention yet, start now. These are serious issues; it's time for us to be serious people.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why are we still using the box?

Have you ever peed outside? Weird question, we know, but it's a fairly common "criminal" occurrence. Thankfully for us, Indiana is not one of the 13 states where public urination warrants a sex offense charge.

Once you're caught, you're stuck with that stigma for the rest of your life and put on the Megan's Law database. You probably would have a tough time finding new friends when the neighbors find out you're a registered sex offender. That is unless you had a chance to get to know your neighbors personally beforehand so they don't have the chance to stereotype. Seems reasonable, right?

Now, imagine you're a senior in high school who is applying to college but has to categorize yourself as a criminal on an application because you were issued a citation for drawing graffiti on the wall of your school gym. Like the sex offender stigma, it is really hard not to have people judge your worth as a person quickly as soon as they discover one attribute regarding your past.

Basically, that's how college applications work these days, especially at the schools that use the Common App like Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. There's a box you must check if you have a criminal history. Even those that don't use the Common App, like Holy Cross, usually require the same overarching question along the lines of "Have you ever committed a criminal offense other than minor traffic violations?"

Today, a question like this, addressing solely felonies, is usually found on job applications, and there is a movement called "Ban the Box" to end this practice. Recently, President Obama has declared by executive order that federal job applications will no longer require people to answer this question. It varies state by state, but many private and public sector employers

are also now getting rid of the box on their applications. That's not to say people can't know whether they are hiring a murderer, because background checks are easy and accessible.

The banning of the box is simply to prevent the stigma from being a barrier during the first meeting/interview. Studies have shown that waiting to look at the criminal history of an applicant allows the employer to get to know them before prejudices can have an effect, giving the applicant a much better shot at getting hired ("The New Jim Crow").

We believe Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross should all address this issue. Because their applications require this question, they should either get rid of it or include a special response section for people who have checked yes to explain their history. Having the boxes on job applications is one thing, but when they are on college applications, that's another.

There really is no good reasoning behind "the box"; colleges started requiring the question after the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007. According to an article from Vice, colleges felt they had to do something about campus safety (even though the shooter at Virginia Tech had no criminal history) by identifying "threats" before they are actually threats. However, recent research shows that 4 percent of people who commit crimes in college had a criminal history record before college. Furthermore, no research shows colleges that screen for criminal histories are any safer than those that do not.

Education is a chance for young people to overcome their pasts and better prepare themselves for the future. We are not saying to turn a blind eye to criminal pasts; we are merely saying they should have an equal chance, without prejudice, to go to college based on their merit. If applicants truly are

dangerous, only after the application should their criminal record come into play. The punishment was their criminal sentence and shouldn't carry over into one's chances of getting into college.

Many youth detention centers, like the St. Joseph County Juvenile Justice Center in South Bend, do a great job rehabilitating their inmates and getting them the education they need, even prepping some to go to college. When you think about it, if someone has a criminal record, they likely do not have the merits needed to attend a four-year university. But for those who are qualified, why should they face more obstacles if they are trying to get an education? They are not their "box."

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ON 'DEEP THOUGHTS,' GIANT CLAW FORECASTS THE FATE OF MUSIC

By **ADRIAN SANCHEZ**
Scene Writer

Classical Music for Dummies. Or millennials — whichever you prefer.

It's the closest thing to a social statement that can be extracted from Keith Rankin's latest release under the Giant Claw moniker: the LP "Deep Thoughts," a collection of 10 ultra-modern musical movements for whom perhaps "lunge" is a better name. Nothing this blunt could be considered a movement — and, just as likely as not, blunt force trauma is exactly what Rankin has hoped to achieve with his recent output, beginning last year with the dizzying plunderphonics of "DARK WEB" and apotheosized here by the pointillist synths that rain throughout the album before a wide canvas of negative space.

I don't mean to say the confounding lack of subtlety on this album is itself politically charged. Rather, I believe it functions purely as a means to an aesthetic end that — as the cover art stylizes so well — is all about plasticity. But isn't that just what music as a form of artistic self-expression tries hardest

to avoid? Fair enough — it must be why Giant Claw is listed among a growing faction of "anti-music" producers, who discard method in favor of madness. But I actually find the label inadequate, mainly because it presupposes that this is music in the first place, at least as we think of it. I myself would call it "sonic art," insofar as it is less about the gross product and more about the exploration of new ground.

You'll find that on paper the album is just as puzzling as it sounds in life. Plainly put, half of the tracks here sound purely like classical tunes digitized into MIDI files and fed through the drum loop of a toy piano's "DEMO" button. But, in a sinister way, that seems to be the entire point. In fact, I would say the relationship between Wendy Carlos' "Switched-On Bach" (with which this LP in fact shares many sonic traits) and classical music is the same as that between "Deep Thoughts" and music as a whole. In other words, if you thought Carlos' digitization of classical music in the '60s was a blasphemy to the arts, you won't like "Deep Thoughts." But if you thought it was a brilliant reimagining of

old ideas in a medium full of potential, then this album's aesthetic is right for you.

I ascribe to the latter faction. I find that, just as "Switched-On Bach" was less about the music itself (and had it been, it would have constituted a quite unoriginal work) and more about the idea and its potential, "Deep Thoughts" shirks the more straightforward beat-oriented schema of "DARK WEB" in favor of a far more abstract artistic creation. Instead of being a product of its time, it leaps a century ahead through the intestinal tract of fiber-optic cables and stares the future directly in the face.

But this album is less prescient than it is philosophizing. Neither I nor Rankin — I hope — believes this is what music will truly sound like 100 years from now, just as Carlos did not expect that electronic renderings of Baroque compositions would be the radio hits of today. Both cases, rather, constitute a mere contribution to answering a question that continues growing plump like a snowball rolling toward an inevitable demise: What is the fate of music — its past and present — in the chaotic future

before us? Indeed, perhaps its demise?

Spoiler: The question is unanswerable. Otherwise, what was there to prevent composers of the Romantic period from composing jazz? What was there to prevent cavemen from dropping their sick Neanderthal mixtapes?

If you aren't a pop optimist, you may simply think that music as we know it is coming to an end. And that's certainly possible. But though the idea may have a cataclysmic ring to it, it may simply mean it is to give way to something better, entirely new.

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"Deep Thoughts"

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AVETT BROTHERS GIVE SINCERE, AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

By **KELLY MCGARRY**
Scene Writer

The gauge of a quality rock band is the ways they find to surprise the audience in live performances. Even their biggest fans, who have listened to every album and seen multiple live performances, have exciting and new experiences with each show. That's exactly what you get with the Avett Brothers, who performed at the Morris Performing Arts Center on Thursday night. The playful or sentimental folk songs that fill their many albums are easy-listening for all occasions, but their live performance brings in unexpected dimensions.

The event title — "An Evening with the Avett Brothers" — indicates something refined. In a way, it was, but there was also rawness in the performance. The beauty of the violin, cello and double bass were offset by the classic simplicity of the banjo. Fog blurred the ceiling designs of the luxurious venue. The seated

spectators' quiet appreciation contrasted with those compelled to dance and stomp. Both leading members, Seth and Scott Avett, have ditched their long locks for sleeker looks, but no aspect of their personalities was held back, especially Seth's energy and spunk.

The brotherly connection of frontmen Seth and Scott is an obvious component of the band's chemistry. Scott addressed the importance of family in his solo performance of "Murder in the City," emphasizing the lines "There is nothing worth sharing / like the love that lets us share our name." This familial connection extended to all of the band members in Thursday's performance in the fluidity of their movements and jams.

I have noticed a common structure in many good performances. The band performs a few well-written songs essentially as recorded to engage the audience, and the Avett Brothers have a large discography from which to

pull heartfelt numbers. It seems as though there's a distinct point in the show where the band stops playing what the audience came expecting and moves onto showcasing what they want to play. The Avett Brothers are known for bluegrass music, but they don't lean too heavily on that genre when it comes to a live performance. While they stayed true to their folk roots, they weren't afraid to emphasize rap and rock-and-roll styles. Heavy jam sessions, like the jaunty-yet-disturbing "Satan Pulls the Strings" and the emotional "Vanity," were the highlights.

The main focus was on the two brothers: Seth on guitar and Scott on the banjo, sharing vocals with beautiful harmonies. But the talent and energy of cellist Joe Kwon did not go unnoticed. The band also took the opportunity to showcase their touring violinist Tania Elizabeth, and she surprised the audience with a violin and vocal solo.

The band even performed an acoustic

song they've prepared for their upcoming album. The song was called "I Wish I Was" and was filled with clever metaphors and innuendo. It was playful yet emotional and may be a good indicator of what's to come from the Avett Brothers.

Bringing it all together with the sincere ballad "I and Love and You" during the encore, the Avett Brothers pulled off a performance that was extremely relatable and human. It was clear from the performance that the band shared all parts of themselves. They weren't trying to fit into one particular mold. They've had success as a bluegrass group, a genre true to themselves because of their origins, but instead of clinging to the stereotype they explored all aspects of their talent and personality. The result was a sincere, affecting performance.

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Golden connection

Panthers struggle to stop Kizer, Fuller as Irish cruise in Pittsburgh



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Irish junior receiver Will Fuller climbs above Pitt sophomore defensive back Avonte Maddox for his third touchdown reception of the game Saturday at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. Fuller's three scores and 152 receiving yards helped lead Notre Dame to a 42-30 win over the Panthers, its biggest margin of victory in the series in 10 years.

Emphatic victory against Pitt proves ND's merits



Alex Carson
Associate Sports Editor

PITTSBURGH — Could you have asked for anything more?

Forget the last five minutes, after most of the 68,400 fans at Heinz Field had already vacated their seats, and look at the reality of Saturday's Notre Dame win:

The No. 5 Irish completely dominated a quality opponent on the road.

That alone is a reason for Irish fans to celebrate.

There were a lot of different ways Notre Dame could've come out and played today. They could've been overconfident after being ranked fifth by the College Football Playoff committee Tuesday night, or they could've come out sluggish — with a noon kickoff on the heels of a tough game at Temple the week before, few would have been surprised.

But they came out and played like a team with business to take care of.

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By **ALEX CARSON**
Associate Sports Editor

PITTSBURGH — DeShone Kizer accounted for all six Irish touchdowns Saturday as No. 5 Notre Dame used a strong first half to roll to a 42-30 victory over Pittsburgh at Heinz Field.

The Irish (8-1) could not have asked for a much better start, as the sophomore quarterback hit junior receiver Will Fuller for a 47-yard touchdown on the game's third play from scrimmage, putting Notre Dame ahead 7-0 after just 71 seconds.

"It gets us comfortable, it allows us to set our identity against Pitt," Kizer said about getting ahead from the start. "It

also helped us out with understanding that our game plan was completely right ... as a team, we saw exactly what we needed to see early."

The duo connected twice more for touchdowns — one on a 46-yard connection where Fuller carried his defender into the end zone, the other a 14-yard, jump-ball touchdown pass — as Fuller was on the receiving end 152 of Notre Dame's 262 passing yards on the day to move into second on the all-time receiving touchdown chart at Notre Dame, passing Jeff Samardzija and Golden Tate.

Fuller, however, didn't seem too focused on the

accomplishment.

"All I worry about is getting Ws at the end of the day, so whatever it takes to do that is what I'm gonna do," he said.

Fuller entered the game as one of two dynamic playmakers at receiver, but Pitt junior Tyler Boyd was largely held in check through the air until the end of the game; he only hauled in three passes for 84 yards and a score, one that came on a 51-yard pass in the final five minutes of the game.

Pitt (6-3, 4-1 ACC) threatened to tie the game late in the first quarter after a pair of big plays: a 37-yard, career-long

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Irish offense rolls as Adams steps up with Prosisie out

By **ZACH KLONSINSKI**
Sports Editor

PITTSBURGH — While the clock wound down on the first quarter Saturday, the largest part of Notre Dame's rushing attack this season slowly walked up the tunnel towards the Irish locker room.

As senior running back C.J. Prosisie gingerly made his way off the Heinz Field turf in Pittsburgh, taking with him a season total of 975 yards and 11 touchdowns on the ground as well as another 291 yards and a score receiving, No. 5 Notre Dame turned to true freshman running back Josh Adams to fill the void.

Adams proved he was more than up to the task, torching a Pittsburgh defense that had only allowed 138 yards per game to opponents' rushing attacks this season before kickoff Saturday. The Warrington, Pennsylvania, native finished with 147 yards on 20 carries, helping the Irish to 175 yards and one touchdown on the ground.

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PLAYER OF THE GAME

DESHONE KIZER
IRISH SOPHOMORE QUARTERBACK

While there were plenty of Irish players who put on a good show Saturday, it's hard to put anyone here other than Kizer. The quarterback threw for five touchdowns and added another on the ground in his best start yet.

QUOTE OF THE GAME

"Just another day at the office, I would say."

Junior receiver Will Fuller after his three-touchdown performance that moved him into second Notre Dame's all-time touchdown reception leaderboard, passing Jeff Samardzija and Golden Tate.

REPORT CARD

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QUARTERBACKS

Despite somehow finding a way to overthrow Will Fuller not once, but twice, DeShone Kizer put in as good of a performance as Brian Kelly could ask for Saturday against Pittsburgh. He accounted for all six Irish touchdowns, five through the air and one on the ground, and didn't turn the ball over, leading Notre Dame to a perfect 4-for-4 red zone mark.

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RUNNING BACKS

A week after struggling at Temple, the Irish run game bounced back against Pitt. Before he went down with an injury at the end of the first quarter, C.J. Prosise already had 57 all-purpose yards, and Josh Adams filled in with 147 yards on the ground and a receiving touchdown on a sweep.

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RECEIVERS

Will Fuller showed Saturday why he's considered one of the best playmakers in college football. He got behind the defense at the right times for big touchdowns, and the rest of the corps had another solid performance to keep the other Panther defensive backs occupied.

B+

OFFENSIVE LINE

Conceding four sacks is a bit of a concern for the offensive front, but against Pitt's scheme, that's not out of the ordinary — the Panthers average nearly three per game. The offensive line had what Brian Kelly called its "most consistent" performance this season, allowing Josh Adams to have a solid day.

B+

DEFENSIVE LINE

Romeo Okwara got to Nate Peterman for two sacks Saturday, and Sheldon Day added one of his own on a productive day from the front four. Peterman was rarely settled in the pocket, and it showed as he struggled to complete passes.

B+

LINEBACKERS

While he didn't record a sack, Jaylon Smith put some pressure on Peterman, and James Onwualu had a good game. It felt like Joe Schmidt was on the cusp of a big play all day long, but he couldn't pull through with one.

B+

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Matthias Farley's performance, a bit of a mixed bag, was a microcosm of the secondary's as a whole. Farley was out of position on a key jet sweep but then responded with an interception. The secondary generally limited Tyler Boyd's influence, which in itself was a win.

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SPECIAL TEAMS

Tyler Newsome probably had his best game yet with three punts of 50 yards or longer, and Justin Yoon converted all six extra points. The return game didn't do much, but it also didn't need to with the way the offense was performing.

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COACHING

Credit the coaching staff for putting together a game plan that got the Irish on the board quick and exploited Pitt's man-to-man defense at the right times. Notre Dame stuck to its strengths, which was spot on.

OVERALL GPA: 3.63 (A-)

Behind the strength of a good first-half performance, Notre Dame's win over Pittsburgh on Saturday was rarely in doubt. The Irish jumped ahead early, and when the Panthers scored, Notre Dame mounted solid touchdown drives to further extend its lead. While some may find concern with the final five minutes, on the whole, Saturday was still Notre Dame's best performance of the season.

PLAY OF THE GAME

MATTHIAS FARLEY'S SECOND-QUARTER INTERCEPTION

The Irish defense had just given up a big play, and the Panthers looked set to cut Notre Dame's lead from 14-3 to 14-10. But the graduate student cornerback had other ideas, stepping in front of Nate Peterman's would-be touchdown pass to preserve the 11-point advantage.



EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Sophomore quarterback DeShone Kizer drops back to pass during Notre Dame's 42-30 victory over Pittsburgh on Saturday at Heinz Field. Kizer accounted for all six Irish touchdowns in the win.

Comfortable

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rush from Boyd was followed by a 26-yard gain by redshirt junior quarterback Nate Peterman put Pitt inside the Irish 10-yard line. However, the defense held firm, forcing the Panthers to turn to junior kicker Chris Blewitt, who knocked home a 22-yard field goal to cut Notre Dame's lead to 7-3.

It was the closest the Panthers got.

Notre Dame standout running back C.J. Prosise exited the game at the end of the first quarter with an injury and did not return, but Irish head coach Brian Kelly said he expected the senior to return soon.

"It's kind of one where he's going to have to continue to be evaluated," Kelly said. "Shoulder, neck, upper-body [injury]. ... He's doing pretty good right now, but we'll evaluate him, and he'll be a day-to-day situation."

With Prosise out, freshman running back Josh Adams entered to take the majority of the carries the rest of the way, but the Irish offense did not miss a beat. Adams ran for 25 yards on the first play of the second quarter to move Notre Dame into scoring position, and after a third-down conversion, Kizer hooked up with junior receiver Torii Hunter Jr. for a 12-yard touchdown pass.

While Hunter finished with three catches for 37 yards, his contributions weren't solely seen on the offensive side — Kelly and the Irish coaching staff sprung a surprise when Hunter entered the game on defense, as a nickel-back, in the second quarter.

"I've been working on it the last couple weeks, working on the fundamentals and stuff like that, and I guess they thought I was ready this week, and they put me in a couple plays just to get a feel for it," Hunter, who played cornerback in high school, said of his defensive cameo. "I'm sure my reps will increase if I keep progressing."

Hunter's snaps at nickel made him the first Irish player to play both sides of the ball in Kelly's tenure and the first since safety Tom Zbikowski took snaps on Senior Day in 2007.

After each team twice traded three-and-outs, the Panthers were the next to mount a serious threat at putting points on the board. Pitt picked up a first down

on 4th-and-1 from midfield on the ground before Peterman hit senior J.P. Holtz for his third, and final, completion of the half to move into scoring position.

Irish graduate student cornerback Matthias Farley, starting at safety due to senior Elijah Shumate's one-half suspension incurred last week at Temple, had other plans — he jumped in front of Peterman's touchdown-bound pass at the 1-yard line to intercept it, preserving Notre Dame's 14-3 lead.

"What I love about Matthias is he just keeps playing," Kelly said. "He has one play where you want him to be in better position, then in the next play he makes a great interception."

"... That's just the kind of kid he is."

While the Irish weren't able to pick up a first down on the ensuing drive, a successful series of plays, boosted by a 55-yard punt from sophomore Tyler Newsome, saw Notre Dame gain 20 yards of field position.

"Tyler really bounced back after a subpar performance against Temple," Kelly said. "... Three plus-50s today, I thought he was outstanding."

Those 20 yards quickly became important. After Kizer threw incomplete on first down, Adams gained 24 yards on second down to move the Irish across midfield. It set Kizer and Fuller up to connect for their second big touchdown of the day with 1:35 left in the half, pushing Notre Dame ahead, 21-3.

"I knew that we were going to have some opportunities to go deep on them like everyone else does," Kizer said. "And [Pitt head coach Pat Narduzzi] just kind of counts on his front six to eight to get in and get some pressure and get to me. But there was a couple of times they didn't get to me on time, and I was able to air it out."

While Pitt's offense started clicking better in the second half, the Irish offense had an answer whenever the Panthers cut their deficit from 18 to 11.

Panthers freshman safety Jordan Whitehead joined Hunter as a two-way player Saturday when he carried the ball in the first half, and he matched his counterpart's scoring total 3:41 into the second half when he ran from 10 yards to cut Notre Dame's lead to 21-10.

But the Irish responded. Adams carried for a 23-yard gain to push the Irish across midfield, and

a 19-yard connection between Kizer and Hunter got Notre Dame in the red zone. From there, Fuller did the rest.

"I put the ball up there, and he comes down with it," Kizer said of the junior receiver. "... You've just got to get the ball in the playmakers' hands and allow the good things to happen."

Whitehead one-upped Hunter when he scored on a jet sweep with 2:06 left in the third quarter to cut the Panthers deficit back to 11, but once more, Notre Dame answered.

After a sack on the final play of the quarter dropped Notre Dame to a 2nd-and-16, Notre Dame came out of the gates to start the fourth. Kizer hit junior receiver Corey Robinson and Hunter on back-to-back plays to pick up the first down, and three plays later, Adams got his touchdown, a five-yard reception off a sweep.

Notre Dame's defense forced its first stop of the half with a three-and-out, and the Irish put the game away when Kizer notched his rushing touchdown from the 2-yard line, putting Notre Dame up 42-17 with 5:47 left.

The touchdown pushed the Irish to 4-for-4 on the day in the red zone, a week after Kizer threw two interceptions inside the 20-yard line.

"I made sure that I was gonna make some better decisions down there, unlike Temple," Kizer said. "... When you get down there and you put up points, it allows you to have a sense of confidence for the next time you get down there."

Boyd's presence was finally felt a few plays later when a miscommunication between Irish senior cornerback KeiVarae Russell and junior safety Max Redfield left the Panthers receiver wide open deep, as his 51-yard touchdown got Pitt on the board once more.

With the Irish up 42-14 with 1:44 left in the game, Panthers redshirt senior defensive lineman Ejuan Price recovered a fumble by freshman quarterback Brandon Wimbrush for a touchdown, but a failed 2-point conversion and onside kick recovery, Notre Dame's second of the game, meant the contest ended without further drama.

Notre Dame will return to action next Saturday when it hosts Wake Forest for Senior Day at Notre Dame Stadium. Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m.

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Adams

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After the game, Adams said seeing the Irish cycle through options at the quarterback and running back positions all season keeps everyone ready to go if their number is called, as his was Saturday.

"I think we're all prepared for something like that," Adams said. "God forbid someone goes down, but we all have the mentality that we need to do our job, we need to stay focused just in case."

Adams was holding the game ball in his hand while speaking with the media after the game.

"That felt good," Adams said, describing the moment Irish head coach Brian Kelly handed him the honor. "Anytime anyone gets the game ball, that means we did well as a team, and that means whoever got the game ball, that guy contributed. So it just felt good to be able to help my team out and be able to get in there, play hard and play for my teammates."

Adams said the award did not belong to just him, however.

"Our offensive line is just incredible, and they make it easy on me," Adams said. "I just have to go in there and do my job because they're really in there fighting in the trenches for me, so I have to do the best I can. And with all the running backs, they're a big part of our success, so we just have to congratulate

them for working so hard for us, and we just have to do our job as a unit."

In a storyline that has become all too familiar to the Irish this season, a starting skill player went down and the team had to rely on his backup, but Adams said the team has embraced this mentality.

"It was just next man in, and I just did my best to do what I could to help the team," Adams said. "Practice how you play, and just practice hard all week."

Graduate student offensive lineman Nick Martin said the change didn't affect the offensive line's mindset that much either.

"We put a lot of pride up front in doing that," Martin said of paving the way for Adams. "We know if we block ... whoever gets the ball can go run well. C.J.'s a great back, unfortunate that he went down, but next-man-in-mentality."

"At first we didn't really know [Prosis] was out as an offensive line. Obviously after a few plays we did, but next-man-in. That's what we want. People are recruited for this system, and that's what we do."

Martin said the line had full confidence in Adams' ability to pick up where Prosis went off, saying the two are very similar in their running styles.

"Both unbelievable running backs," Martin said. "... They're pretty good at going north-south and making plays."

Sophomore quarterback

DeShone Kizer also said Adams and Prosis resembled each other coming out of the backfield.

"[Prosis is] a little more patient than Josh, but at the same time Josh does some things that C.J. doesn't do," Kizer said. "Josh is an explosive guy that hits the hole and goes hard while C.J. is the type of guy who sees a hole collapse, he's able to adjust in that way."

"There's not a whole lot different about them. They kind of have the same style of running."

Kelly said Adams has all the tools as a freshman and just needs to add more strength to compliment his physical abilities.

"[Adams is] a big, physical kid," Kelly said. "Keeps his feet moving, as you saw, and he's very difficult to tackle. Again, leg drive, physical characteristics of this kid are such that he's only going to get bigger, faster and stronger. It's going to be exciting to watch him develop."

But perhaps the highest praise Adams received following the win Saturday came from someone who has the job of tackling him in practice.

"I call him Eric Dickerson," junior linebacker Jaylon Smith said about the freshman running back. "He's very elusive, and it's going to be even scarier next year when he adds strength to it."

"The sky's the limit."

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unbeaten Iowa and a 7-point loss against 8-1 North Carolina.

The Panthers hadn't been anywhere near dominated by anyone this year, and yet, the last five minutes were a meaningless afterthought, played in front of closer to 6,000 people than 60,000.

When senior running back C.J. Prosis went down with an injury in the first quarter, the Irish didn't flinch. They could've struggled offensively without their star playmaker.

With freshman Josh Adams in the game at running back, the Irish did the complete opposite, scoring 35 points the rest of the way in a rout of Pitt's subject secondary.

Notre Dame was smart, chipping away on the ground and underneath before taking smart, calculated risks — if you can even call them that — against a Panthers defense hell-bent on playing man coverage.

When opposing teams are foolishly hell-bent on covering junior receiver Will Fuller one-on-one all game with less talent, they deserve to pay the price. The Irish made Narduzzi and his staff pay — mightily — for the error.

Notre Dame still sits with a loss, and nothing it can do the next three weeks will rectify that situation. Regardless of how it all plays out, the Irish still don't control their own destiny.

And Notre Dame knows this. When asked after the game what the Irish can do to make

their case for the playoff, Irish head coach Brian Kelly had a simple response: win three more games.

But if chairman Jeff Long and the playoff committee were looking for vindication of their decision to slot the Irish fifth in the country despite that loss, they sure got it.

In Will Fuller, the Irish have the best playmaker this side of the Mississippi, and in DeShone Kizer, Notre Dame has a quarterback capable of getting him the ball when it's the right time.

With a pair of matchups on the horizon against offensively inept Wake Forest and Boston College teams, Fuller alone should be enough to get Notre Dame to 10-1, playing for its playoff lives against No. 11 Stanford on Nov. 28.

If you've got concerns about this squad, relax.

The Irish have completed a five-game sequence against five damn good football teams. And they're a dropped pass and a couple rain-soaked yards against the No. 1 team in the nation away from having run that gauntlet.

Let things take care of themselves.

Because this team looks ready to hold up its end of the bargain.

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SCORING SUMMARY

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NOTRE DAME 7, PITTSBURGH 0

Will Fuller 47-yard pass from DeShone Kizer (Justin Yoon kick)

 13:49 remaining

Drive: Three plays, 75 yards, 1:11 elapsed

NOTRE DAME 7, PITTSBURGH 3

Chris Blewitt 22-yard field goal

 2:48 remaining

Drive: Eight plays, 75 yards, 3:16 elapsed

2

NOTRE DAME 14, PITTSBURGH 3

Torii Hunter Jr. 12-yard pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)

 12:48 remaining

Drive: 10 plays, 75 yards, 5:00 elapsed

NOTRE DAME 21, PITTSBURGH 3

Fuller 46-yard pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)

 1:35 remaining

Drive: Three plays, 70 yards, 0:22 elapsed

3

NOTRE DAME 21, PITTSBURGH 10

Jordan Whitehead 10-yard run (Blewitt kick)

 11:19 remaining

Drive: Eight plays, 77 yards, 3:41 elapsed

NOTRE DAME 28, PITTSBURGH 10

Fuller 14-yard pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)

 7:53 remaining

Drive: Eight plays, 75 yards, 3:26 elapsed

NOTRE DAME 28, PITTSBURGH 17

Whitehead 3-yard rush (Blewitt kick)

 2:06 remaining

Drive: 13 plays, 75 yards, 5:47 elapsed

4

NOTRE DAME 35, PITTSBURGH 17

Josh Adams 5-yard pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)

 12:30 remaining

Drive: Nine plays, 50 yards, 4:36 elapsed

NOTRE DAME 42, PITTSBURGH 17

Kizer 2-yard rush (Yoon kick)

 5:47 remaining

Drive: 10 plays, 62 yards, 5:32 elapsed

NOTRE DAME 42, PITTSBURGH 24

Tyler Boyd 51-yard pass from Nate Peterman (Blewitt kick)

 4:44 remaining

Drive: Three plays, 76 yards, 1:03 elapsed

NOTRE DAME 42, PITTSBURGH 30

Ejuan Price 32-yard fumble recovery (Peterman pass failed)

 1:44 remaining

Drive: 10 plays, 62 yards, 5:32 elapsed

STATISTICS

RUSHING YARDS



PASSING YARDS



Carson

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It took three plays for the Irish to score, and Pittsburgh's offense didn't punch it in the end zone until the second half — when Notre Dame had already built a sizeable enough lead to put Pitt head coach Pat Narduzzi's clock-draining team out of serious contention.

And when the Panthers attempted to claw back in the game, Irish sophomore quarterback DeShone Kizer stepped up, leading touchdown drives to stretch Notre Dame's advantage back to 18.

Nitpick the little things all you want — the blown coverage on Panthers junior Tyler Boyd's 51-yard touchdown reception, the seemingly-haphazard on-side kick recoveries, etc. — but remember those are the little things.

Don't listen to the talk about that: This was Notre Dame's most complete performance of the season.

Sure, the one against Texas was maybe a little sexier on the scoreboard, but at least this one was against a team with a beating pulse, one that will be bound for a bowl game, one that's still in with a (slim) chance to win its division.

With five minutes left, Notre Dame led Pitt 42-17 on the road, a Pitt squad that entered Saturday with two losses — a 3-point defeat at No. 9,

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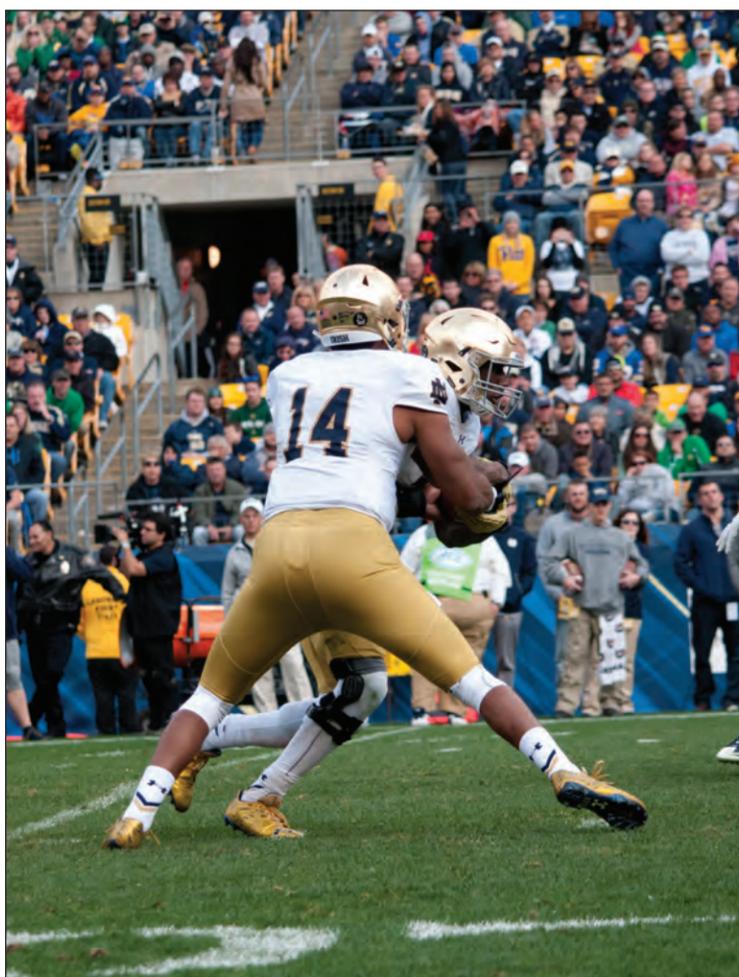


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Irish graduate student cornerback Matthias Farley comes down with a second-quarter interception during Saturday's 42-30 win over Pitt at Heinz Field. Down 14-3, the Panthers were driving to cut into Notre Dame's lead, but Farley's interception of Panthers redshirt junior quarterback Nate Peterman at the 1-yard line kept the Irish two scores ahead.

PUTTING AWAY THE PANTHERS

After receiving a surprise No. 5 ranking from the College Football Playoff committee Tuesday, Notre Dame headed back on the road Saturday at Pittsburgh. Sophomore quarterback DeShone Kizer made sure it wasn't a difficult trip, tossing five touchdowns and rushing for a sixth, as the Irish distanced themselves from the Panthers in a dominant win at Heinz Field on Saturday.



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Sophomore quarterback DeShone Kizer, 14, and freshman running back Josh Adams run the read option Saturday in Pittsburgh.



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Junior linebacker James Onwualu engages a Pitt offensive lineman during Saturday's Irish win.



EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Irish junior linebacker Jaylon Smith pursues Pitt redshirt junior quarterback Nate Peterman.



EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Freshman Josh Adams breaks through the line during Notre Dame's 42-30 win over Pittsburgh on Saturday at Heinz Field. Adams rushed for 147 yards on 20 touches to lead the Irish ground game.

SCENE TAKES ON: 'STAR WARS'



Miko Malabute
Scene Editor

“Scene Takes On” is a brand new feature in which our staff takes a look at and offers their different takes on some of the most devoted fan bases across pop culture. In this edition, I take on all of the dedicated fans of a certain film series from a time not so long ago, in a galaxy far, far away — the ever-popular “Star Wars” series.

Fans of the films are some of the most diverse and atypical among science-fiction fanbases I have ever encountered. Whereas the following of other sci-fi franchises, such as “Star Trek,” have an esoteric, closed-off feel to their fandom — and membership requires a certain level of proficiency in Klingon, or at least the ability to do the “live long and prosper” hand sign

— “Star Wars” fans, in general, don’t truly care if you know the intricacies of their intergalactic universe. It doesn’t matter if you speak Mandalorian or even care what lightsabers are made out of, you can still be a fan.

“Star Wars,” as opposed to “Star Trek,” doesn’t need the witty dialogue or even the plausibility of the physics of the latter; just ask anyone who has watched the prequel trilogy — they’ll mention how much they cringe at Hayden Christensen’s dialogue delivery or how the Force might as well be the equivalent of Harry Potter’s magic. But they don’t care at all about those kinds of things, because what they do care about are three things: the transcendent story and themes to which anyone can connect, the superior musical score and, most importantly, the action. Thus, it doesn’t take someone with a deep understanding

of the laws of physics — or, more relevant, how a franchise can violate them — to appreciate the films. The series thus becomes so much more popular and inviting, which explains its pervasiveness across the wide spectrum of society. Effectively, “Star Wars” is kind of like the cool, popular kid in high school of the science-fiction genre.

Unfortunately, it is because the film series is so cool and popular that the fanbase is a tad bit unbearable. “Star Wars” fans seemingly like to think that they are the bad boys of science-fiction. As previously mentioned, with the lightsabers, blasters and all the Force one could handle, it’s easy for the franchise to simply draw casual fans in without asking them to think too hard. But “Star Wars” fans love to assert dominance over each other and prove they are bigger fans than each other; precisely because one doesn’t

need to understand how lightsabers are built or how the Force works to appreciate the films, fans will cram this knowledge into their minds just to prove how much more fanatic they are than the “casual fan” (as if that term had a negative connotation attached to it).

For those who have yet to give it a chance, the “Star Wars” franchise is cool, and it is easy to join the fanbase because of how transcendent the qualities of the film series are. Just try not to be too intimidated by the other long-time fans studying the Jedi archives in hopes of one day mastering the Force. It just comes with the territory.

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The mid-major dream dies again



Alex Carson
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We'll have to wait another year to see if college football's doomsday scenario ever plays itself out.

This could've been the year. Even with the fluky number of undefeated teams left at this stage of the season — seriously, well done to the conferences for back-loading each contender's schedule — there still seemed to be a path possible.

But alas, the great dream died Saturday.

A lot would have had to go right for No. 13 Memphis to make the College Football Playoff, there's no doubting that, but it seemed like it could have been in the cards.

Everything the Tigers needed for their résumé was there. Not only could the Tigers have had a big nonconference win over a Power Five school, they could have had a big nonconference win over the SEC champion, Mississippi.

And not only did the Tigers have another Power Five win (well, I don't think you can really call Kansas a "Power Five" school, but that's beside the point), they were on course for a slew of quality conference wins. In the resurgent American Athletic Conference, the Tigers would've had to run the table with Navy, Houston and Temple, all before likely having to down the Owls once more in the conference title game.

For anyone, but especially a "mid-major" team, that was a tough November slate.

But it all so gloriously fell apart Saturday.

Ole Miss, ranked 18th, had what looked like a pretty pedestrian showdown with Arkansas. Sure, anything can happen in the best conference in the universe™, but the Razorbacks have just been bad this season.

Then the Rebels gave up 45 points, allowed a fourth-and-25 conversion in overtime and lost 53-52 when Arkansas converted a 2-point try.

That alone — Memphis' result against Navy notwithstanding — was probably enough to toll the death knell for the Tigers' dreams.

The idea was this: An 11-2, conference-champion Ole Miss squad wouldn't have had a case for inclusion over a 13-0 Memphis team that had defeated the Rebels. And if the Pac-12 champion also had two losses, there was at least an argument to be made that they should be amongst the four teams in the College Football Playoff.

But that died when Mississippi inexplicably lost a

shootout to a team coached by Bret Bielema.

That's bad.

Of course, the Tigers proceeded to pour gasoline all over the situation by falling behind against Navy, eventually getting blown out to the tune of a 45-20 score.

At home.

There have been a lot of instances of fun runs by small schools coming to an end in a disastrous way over the years, but this may be the biggest disaster since Boise State kicker Kyle Brotzman blew 26- and 29-yard field goals at Nevada while the Broncos were still relevant in college football.

And that's the thing — during the 2000s, there were plenty of teams who could've benefited from a playoff system. Boise State was consistently putting together good teams, while TCU, Utah and Hawai'i each popped up with BCS-crashing teams.

Of course, two of those schools are now in power conferences, and the Rainbow Warriors just fired head coach Norm Chow midseason. So they're not looking too hot right now.

But in the modern-day setup, it's hard to find too many viable candidates for a four-team playoff that come from outside the power conferences — Notre Dame and, to a lesser extent, BYU could certainly get there as independents, but it's compelling to put together a scenario that sees anyone currently affiliated with a smaller league getting there.

Rule out anyone who isn't from the AAC from this discussion instantly. Just do it. There's never going to be a deep enough field of good teams in any other "Group of Five" conference to impress the committee, which seems to value strength of schedule and quality wins pretty highly — look at how they (rightly) treated Marshall last year.

So then that takes us to a few select schools that could get the job done.

One year, one of them may just do it. Cincinnati seems like a good candidate, as are UCF and Connecticut, if the Huskies could ever get their stuff together.

But until then, we wait for our saviors to break through.

Because Memphis, you were far too beautiful to be our great hope.

Sweet dreams, Tigers.

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NFL | PANTHERS 37, PACKERS 29

Newton's 4 TDs lead Panthers past Packers

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Cam Newton was determined to protect the Carolina Panthers' house on Sunday at all costs.

That meant the fifth-year quarterback tearing down a large Green Bay Packers banner before the game that was hanging over the inside wall of the stadium — and later taking down the Packers by throwing for three touchdowns and running for another in a 37-29 win.

Newton threw for 297 yards as the Panthers (8-0) took an important step toward securing home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs. Every other NFC team has at least two losses, including the Packers (6-2).

Carolina has now won 12 straight regular-season games, including seven straight at home.

"There was a Green Bay banner in Bank of America Stadium — and that just doesn't match," Newton said. "... We take pride in having an edge and playing in Bank of America Stadium and playing in front of the Carolinas every week, and it's something that I feel it was my due diligence to protect" the stadium.

Carolina led by 23 points

in the fourth quarter before Aaron Rodgers rallied Green Bay and nearly gave the Packers a chance to extend the game into overtime.

Rodgers threw for 369 yards and four TDs, but couldn't take advantage of one of Newton's few mistakes: an interception with 3:38 left in the game that gave the Packers the ball at the Carolina 22. Down by 8, Rodgers fourth-and-goal pass from the Carolina 4 was intercepted by linebacker Thomas Davis.

It capped a frustrating day for the Packers. Rodgers was so annoyed he threw his tablet on the ground on the sideline after watching the replay.

"We had an opportunity for a pitch-and-catch touchdown, and I got scared by something," Rodgers said. "I can't explain. It was a mistake for me, and something I'll think about on the ride home. I don't know who was in my face; all I know is I had Randall (Cobb) wide open for a touchdown."

Earlier in the game, Julius Peppers refused to give the ball back to Newton after the quarterback scored a touchdown, instead electing to toss the ball down the field in the opposite direction. Newton retrieved the ball and gave it

to a fan.

And, down by 37-14 in the fourth quarter, Ha Ha Clinton-Dix began jawing at Peppers, who was seated on the bench. Peppers stood up and talked back before B.J. Raji stepped in, shoving Clinton-Dix backward.

"It doesn't concern me," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "It's football. Things happen on the sidelines. It's a product of us not playing to our standard. Sometimes things like that happen. I have no concerns."

It was the second straight game the Panthers nearly surrendered a commanding fourth quarter lead. Carolina lost a 17-point lead on Monday night to Indianapolis before rallying to win 29-26 in overtime.

"We make it tough, I don't know why," Panthers tight end Greg Olsen said. "It's almost like we like torturing ourselves."

Coach Ron Rivera said the Panthers can't put themselves in that position.

"When you have somebody down you have to make plays and put them away," Rivera said.

Carolina outscored Green Bay 24-0 in the second period to open a 27-7 halftime lead behind three Newton scores.

NFL | VIKINGS 21, RAMS 18 (OT)

Vikings beat Rams in OT, lose Bridgewater to injury

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Angered by a hit to Teddy Bridgewater's head that knocked the quarterback out of the game, the Minnesota Vikings kept their composure and steered their feelings toward another steely victory.

Then they let the St. Louis Rams have it.

Adrian Peterson rushed for 125 yards and a touchdown on 29 carries, helping set up Blair Walsh's 40-yard field goal in overtime that gave the Vikings a 21-18 victory over the Rams on Sunday.

"We're a disciplined football team. We do things right. That's why we are the least-penalized team in the league because we play by the rules," said Vikings coach Mike Zimmer, who had a hard time holding back.

In a predictably grind-it-out game between similarly constructed teams, the Vikings (6-2) ended Todd

Gurley's streak with 125-plus yards rushing at four straight games. Gurley gained 89 yards and a touchdown on 24 attempts for the Rams (4-4), who took the overtime kickoff at Zimmer's deferral but quickly went three-and-out.

Marcus Sherels tiptoed along the sideline for a 26-yard return of Johnny Hekker's 63-yard punt, and Peterson ran the ball well into Walsh's range to give the Vikings their seventh straight win at home.

Greg Zuerlein made four field goals for the Rams, including a 53-yarder with 17 seconds left in regulation to make up for the 48-yarder that went wide right a few minutes before.

"It wasn't pretty, but it doesn't have to be," Vikings left guard Brandon Fusco said. "As long as we have more points than the opponent at the end, that's all we care about."

With Green Bay's loss at Carolina, the Vikings forged

a tie for the NFC North lead, taking momentum into a tough second-half schedule. Bridgewater greeted his teammates as they ran through the stadium tunnel after the game, clapping and slapping their backs.

On a 5-yard scramble early in the fourth quarter, Bridgewater slid to protect himself when cornerback Lamarcus Joyner dived at him shoulder-first. Bridgewater appeared to be out cold, before walking slowly off the field and eventually jogging to the locker room for evaluation.

Asked if he felt the Rams played dirty, Zimmer said simply: "Yes."

"If we were out on the street," he said, "we probably would've had a fight."

Zimmer's postgame handshake with Rams coach Jeff Fisher was rather icy, but both Fisher and Joyner expressed regret about the play and wished Bridgewater well.

WOMEN'S TENNIS | ILLINOIS MIDWEST BLAST

Irish see mixed results in team competition



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Senior Quinn Gleason prepares to hit a backhand during Notre Dame's 6-1 loss to Stanford on Feb. 6 at Eck Family Tennis Pavilion. Gleason won all three of her singles matches this weekend.

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame had a rare fall-season opportunity to compete as a team this weekend, as it took on Illinois, Missouri and Purdue at the Illinois Midwest Blast in Urbana, Illinois.

The three-day event allowed the Irish to compete in both singles and doubles, where they had varying levels of success against the field.

Notre Dame opened Friday with a pair of doubles matches, falling 2-1 to Purdue before beating Missouri by the same margin in its second contest.

Junior Jane Fennelly and sophomore Allison Miller won 8-6 at No. 3 doubles against the Boilermakers, but the Irish lost at both No. 1 or No. 2 singles. Senior Quinn Gleason and sophomore Brooke Broda fell 8-3 at No. 1 doubles, while junior Mary Closs and senior Julie Vrabel dropped an 8-4 decision at the No. 2 flight.

The Irish rebounded in their next match against the Tigers. Gleason paired up with Closs to win 8-1 at No. 1 doubles and Vrabel partnered with freshman Rachel Chong to secure the win at No. 3 doubles, 8-4.

To cap off Friday, Notre Dame contested a singles match with Illinois, tying the Fighting Illini 3-3.

Gleason, ranked 93rd nationally, won a tight three-set match 7-5, 5-7, 7-5, while Broda and Fennelly won at Nos. 4 and 6

respectively to secure a split with the hosts.

Saturday's play yielded more mixed results for Notre Dame, which beat Purdue 5-1 in a singles contest before falling 3-0 to Illinois in doubles play.

Only Miller dropped a singles flight, at No. 2, against the Boilermakers, and the remainder of the Irish squad won in straight sets, led by Gleason's 6-2, 6-2 victory. Closs, Vrabel and Chong each picked up their first singles victory of the weekend, at Nos. 3, 4 and 6 respectively.

It was a different story for the Irish in doubles, however, as they failed to record a win. Closs and Gleason fell 8-5 at No. 1, while Broda and Miller dropped their own 8-5 decision at No. 2.

The tournament closed Sunday with Notre Dame defeating Missouri, 5-1, in singles action.

Once more, Miller was the only Irish player to see defeat, as she fell in a tightly-contested No. 2 singles match 12-10 in the third-set tiebreaker.

Gleason completed a perfect singles tournament with a 6-2, 6-0 win, while Closs also secured a 3-0 singles weekend with a 6-2, 6-2 triumph at the No. 3 flight.

Notre Dame will close its fall season when it heads to Lakewood Ranch, Florida, to compete in the Lakewood Ranch Invitational this weekend, with play at the three-day event starting Friday.

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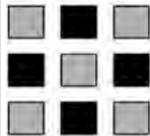


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Junior Kevin Bradley dives into the pool at the start of a race during Notre Dame's 161-139 loss to Purdue on Nov. 1, 2014.

MEN'S SWIMMING | VIRGINIA 237, ND 131; ND 214, PITTSBURGH 150

Irish top Panthers, fall to Hokies in tri-dual meet

By **MICHAEL IVEY**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame finished second in a three-team meet over the weekend hosted by Virginia Tech at Christiansburg Aquatic Center in Christiansburg, Virginia.

The Irish faced two conference opponents, the Hokies and Pittsburgh. The Irish fell to Virginia Tech, 237-131, and defeated Pittsburgh, 214-150.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of freshman Daniel Speers, junior Kevin Bradley, sophomore Justin Plaschka, and freshman Tabahn Afrik finished second in 1:22.63, while the relay team of freshman Daniel Fujan, senior Michael Hudspith, junior Trent Jackson, and sophomore Robert Whitcare finished in 1:25.27 to place fourth.

In the 400-yard individual

medley, Bradley led the Irish in fourth place with a final time of 4:01.55, while in the 200-yard backstroke, Whitacre won in 1:48.04.

"The 200 back was a good event for us on Friday night," Irish head coach Matt Tallman said. "Rob Whitacre had a great race. I don't think we struggled anywhere. We had some decent swims that we came up on the short end related to scoring points, but our times were right where we expected to be at this time of the year."

"We were a little sharper on Saturday. Thursday was a long day of travel and it took us a little while to get into the meet."

In the 200-yard butterfly, Grauslys won in 1:49:69 and Bradley finished second in 1:51.83, while in the 400-yard freestyle relay, the team of Bradley, Speers, Plaschka, and Afrik took home the win in 3:00.85.

"Our 400 free relay should be one of our strengths this season," Tallman said. "We have more than four capable guys for that event this year and are excited for the results at the end of the season. Justin is a big part of that relay and his individual events are very important. He knows the impact he has on our team and that he is capable of big things this season."

The Irish are back in action in two weeks when they will compete at the Boilermaker Invitational from Nov. 20 through Nov. 22.

"The Purdue Invite will be a good test for us," Tallman said. "There will be quality competition led by the host. We will be up for the challenge and hope to continue improving toward our end of season goals."

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING | VIRGINIA TECH 208, ND 162; PITTSBURGH 188, ND 182

Notre Dame struggles with conference foes

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame participated in a two-day meet this past weekend in Christiansburg, Virginia, hosted by Virginia Tech, where it lost to both the Hokies, 208-162, and Pittsburgh, 188-182.

While the Irish did not find success in the pool at the end of Friday and Saturday's competition, they did find success on the platform, taking the first two spots in the 3-meter diving competition.

Seniors Lindsey Streepey and

Emma Gaboury finished first and second with scores of 316.70 and 301.75, while sophomore Annie Crea took fourth place with a 284.55 score.

The 1-meter diving competition was less kind to Notre Dame, however, as Gaboury and Streepey only managed third- and fourth-place finishes for the Irish.

Notre Dame was able to grab just one win in the pool, as freshman Alice Treuth took first place in the 200-yard backstroke, taking top honors in 1:58.79.

The Irish relay teams were stymied over the two days by Virginia Tech, finishing second to the Hokies in four of the five relay events. Junior Catherine Mulquin, senior Catherine Galletti, freshman Tayde Revilak and freshman Ella Moynihan finished just three hundredths off the win in the 200-yard freestyle relay, while the 200-yard medley relay squad — featuring Mulquin, junior Danielle Margheret, Galletti and Revilak — finished less than a second behind Virginia Tech's first-place squad.

The trend continued in the 800-yard freestyle relay, where Notre Dame's 7:32.51 time wasn't quick enough to take first, finishing four seconds off the pace, and wrapped up in the 400-yard freestyle relay, where the Irish finished 1.18 seconds behind first — though this time the Panthers' squad took the win.

The relay squads weren't the only ones to see themselves finish second in events Friday and Saturday, as the Irish got a quartet of second-place individual finishes: Revilak placed second in the 100-yard butterfly, Mulquin did the same in the 100-yard freestyle, while Galletti (50-yard freestyle) and Moynihan (200-yard freestyle) garnered runner-up finishes as well.

After competitions on three consecutive weekends, Notre Dame will have next weekend off.

The Irish are set to return to action Nov. 20 at the Boilermaker Invitational, a three-day event that will be held at Purdue in West Lafayette, Indiana.

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Gormley, but the forward's header was blocked and cleared. The Irish came close several more times, as a shot from senior midfielder Evan Panken and a Hodan free kick both went wide before a wild scramble in the Virginia six-yard box saw Ueland beat Caldwell, but not the Virginia defender who waited on the line.

Notre Dame continued to have most of the ball in opposing territory in the second half, but it was the Cavaliers who had the first serious chance after the break. Opoku broke free of the Irish defense and hit a shot that had Hubbard beaten to his near side, but it bounced off the post and out of play.

When Gallagher and Farina returned to the game in the 59th minute, the Irish put the pressure back on the Cavalier defense. Farina flicked a pass into Gallagher's path, but Caldwell got just enough of the forward's shot to see it wide. Minutes later, the ball fell to Farina inside the box, but his powerful shot was tipped over.

Gallagher had another chance as the ball dropped to him at the penalty spot, but he couldn't make clear contact, and the onrushing Caldwell got his hand to the shot. Klekota was the next Irish player with a chance to beat the

Cavaliers goalkeeper, after a skillful touch to take the ball down and beat his marker, but Caldwell took the ball from his feet. Hodan had a look at the goal from the corner of the box, but despite an impressive shot, Caldwell got one hand on the ball and pushed it wide.

With just over seven minutes left, the Irish could have been forgiven for thinking they would never beat Caldwell. Aubrey unleashed a powerful curling free kick placed perfectly into the top right-hand corner of the goal, but Virginia's goalkeeper dived the length of the goal to tip it over the bar. From the resulting corner, Klekota had a chance from point-blank range, but again Caldwell answered. Clark credited Caldwell for keeping the game level, but also his defenders for preventing any attacks at the other end.

"It was always in doubt," Clark said. "When it's 0-0, and they've got so many talented players, the game is always going to be in doubt until the goal went in. I would have liked to have seen more goals, but you've got to give plaudits to their goalkeeper. Their goalkeeper had some fantastic saves. He had seven saves and some of them were really top-drawer saves, so great job from their goalie.

"But it was great for us that we stayed focused throughout the whole game, because it's very easy when you are having a lot of the play to keep the back door bolted,

as I always say. So I think the back four did a very good job, Aubrey and Habrowski and our midfield and our fullbacks deserve a lot of credit. Hubbard only had one save to make, so I think that was just as important."

With just three minutes left, Hodan's corner was met by the high-rising Aubrey, who headed the ball low where neither Caldwell nor the Cavaliers defenders could reach it. The goal proved to be the winner, but Clark said he knew his team needed to stay focused.

"I just immediately thought about getting back," Clark said. "There were three minutes left, so I just thought about getting organized for those three minutes, that's me. I don't get over-excited until the final whistle. Once the final whistle goes and you've won the match, you can relax, but up until then, you're always working. It's always a difficult time. The minute or two after you score a goal, you've got to really keep your focus because that's a time — if you look at statistics — that teams often lose a goal. They score a goal, and then they'll be so excited that suddenly they'll lose a goal. So you've got to be very careful that that doesn't happen.

"That was the lesson: to keep focused."

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Hockey

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overtime, netting the winning goal with a couple minutes left to play in regulation to seal the 4-3 victory.

"We were telling the guys on the bench to stay positive, and once we killed the five-minute major we said to attack and try and get it back in regulation," Gross said. "I saw the forward covering me was puck-staring, and Jake [Evans] had a wide open lane coming up the slot, so I went to the back door and he made an unbelievable pass to me."

Sophomore goaltender Cal Petersen recorded 31 saves Friday, with 17 coming in the third period alone to secure the Irish victory.

When the Irish returned to the ice Saturday night, the game unfolded quite differently. Notre Dame struggled throughout the game to generate scoring opportunities, with its lone goal coming from senior center Thomas DiPauli near the end of the second period.

"We were flat, and it's up to us to try to figure that out," Jackson said. "They had more jump, they had more juice and we didn't. We were really sloppy with the puck,

which is always an indicator to me that we were not mentally sharp.

"We missed the net a lot. I think we had 14 shots miss the net and 14 shots that were blocked."

DiPauli, responsible for the only Irish goal of the night, said he was disappointed with the complacency the Irish showed right out of the gate.

"I think we had a comfort level that is just not acceptable when we play such a good team like Minnesota," DiPauli said. "Obviously they got yelled at [Friday] because they came out flying tonight and we just came out a little too comfortable. We're a young team, and I think this is going to teach us a valuable lesson."

The Gophers responded to DiPauli's tying goal with three third-period goals to earn a 4-1 victory. Minnesota freshman goaltender Eric Schierhorn finished the night with 28 saves, compared to Petersen's 22.

The Irish will look to rebound this weekend as they host Northeastern on Thursday and Friday at Compton Family Ice Arena.

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W Bball

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she didn't get that last rebound," McGraw said. "Of course, she didn't play as much in the second half, but she's somebody that is going to be the glue to our team."

In the second half, the Irish offense performed more consistently. McGraw said that playing without pressure was the key to the reduced turnover count.

"In the second half we were relaxed, went out and played more freely," McGraw said. "I know we had 11 turnovers at halftime. I didn't keep count in the second half, but I knew we did better there."

A key to the second-half performance of the Irish was the performance of freshman guards Marina Mabrey and Arike Ogunbowale. Mabrey was the top scorer on the day, with 22 points, while Ogunbowale added 14. McGraw said she was particularly impressed by their performances.

"Both freshmen played really well," McGraw said. "It was great to have them both out there. Arike came into the game and gave us a huge lift in the first half. She did some really good things and drove the ball well. Then, in the second half, Marina came alive."

For Mabrey, it was her first

action playing alongside her sister, senior guard Michaela, since they were in high school. The pair linked up effectively in the fourth quarter, with Michaela assisting her younger sibling for a score three times, including a lob pass to make the score 88-43. The freshman said the play was one the sisters had worked on for years.

"We actually used to do that one a lot in high school, so I was expecting her to throw it," Mabrey said. "After the play she said 'I knew you were going to catch that.' I was ready for it."

Notre Dame was able to give every healthy player on its roster time on the court, including junior forward Kristina Nelson, who hadn't seen action for a year due to a shoulder injury. Nelson chipped in with eight points and four assists, and McGraw said she was impressed with how she played in the wake of the injury.

"She's been playing that way in practice," McGraw said. "She's got a really soft touch around the basket, she's got that mid-range jumper, she can pass. Defensively she tried to take a charge, which I think was great to see."

Ogunbowale put the finishing touches on the scoreline, bringing Notre Dame into triple digits with nine seconds left. Despite the early mistakes, McGraw said the game was a good tune-up for



Observer File Photo

Graduate student guard Madison Cable looks to pass during Notre Dame's 63-53 loss to Connecticut in the NCAA championship game in Tampa, Florida on April 7. Cable scored 12 points in Saturday's win.

the Irish.

"I thought we did some good things today," McGraw said. "We struggled a bit on offense when Lindsay went out of the game, I think that's something we have to work on. Defensively, we could

have done a little better. I thought we rebounded the ball well, and we got the break going. It was a good first game for us. We have a lot of things to work on, and this game showed us some of those things today."

Notre Dame begins regular season play at Purcell Pavilion on Sunday, when it will face Bucknell.

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MEN'S SOCCER | ND 1, VIRGINIA 0

Late goal lifts Notre Dame to semis

By DANIEL O'BOYLE
Sports Writer

With 85 minutes played in the latest clash between No. 9 Notre Dame and No. 17 Virginia, the Irish appeared to have no way past Cavaliers sophomore goalkeeper Jeff Caldwell in an ACC quarterfinal that seemed destined for overtime.

But as senior midfielder Patrick Hodan whipped in a late corner kick, junior defender Brandon Aubrey rose above all others and forced Caldwell to pick the ball out of his net, as he scored the game's only goal and sent Notre Dame (10-3-5, 4-2-2 ACC) past the Cavaliers (9-4-3, 4-2-2) and into the next round.

The Irish came out slowly, struggling to keep the ball and having difficulty containing Cavaliers freshmen Derrick Etienne and Edward Opoku. Despite an early opportunity with a Hodan free kick that curled wide to the right, Notre Dame struggled to truly get going until Irish head coach Bobby Clark made his usual first-half

substitution, bringing freshman forward Thomas Ueland and junior forward Mark Gormley on for sophomore forwards Jon Gallagher and Jeffrey Farina. Clark said the change allowed his team to begin to take control of the game.

"They pressed us fairly hard to begin with," Clark said. "It took a while to get a rhythm at the beginning. Then I thought the two young strikers came on and did a great job. The energy they gave us in the last five minutes of the first half and the first 15 minutes of the second half was terrific. They gave us so much energy and they did a fantastic job. Sometimes when they don't get a goal you might think they just came on, but they really pressed and harried and worked. It was very good."

The 32nd-minute substitutions had an impact almost immediately, as a well-executed free kick maneuver allowed Hodan to find senior midfielder Connor Klekota, who flicked the ball to

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EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Junior defender Brandon Aubrey goes up for a header during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Virginia on Sept. 25 at Alumni Stadium.

HOCKEY | ND 4, MINNESOTA 3; MINNESOTA 4, ND 1

ND splits series with Minnesota



CAITLYN JORDAN | The Observer

Sophomore defenseman Jordan Gross controls the puck during Notre Dame's 2-0 loss to Boston College on Feb. 27.

By DAISY COSTELLO
Sports Writer

No. 18 Notre Dame, coming off a two-game sweep of Connecticut over Halloween weekend, welcomed Minnesota to Compton Family Ice Arena this past weekend, splitting the series with a 4-3 win Friday and a 4-1 loss Saturday.

The Irish (4-2-2, 2-0-0 Hockey East) got off to a quick start Friday, leading the Golden Gophers 3-1 going into the third period of the game. Freshman left wing Dylan Malmquist and sophomores left wing Anders Bjork and defenseman Jordan Gross all tallied goals heading into the final period of

play for Notre Dame. Irish head coach Jeff Jackson said he thought his team got off to a hot start but played with less urgency in the third period.

"I thought we were a little bit flat footed to start the third, but we had been playing well up until that point," Jackson said.

The Golden Gophers (3-4-0, 0-0-0 Big Ten) refused to relent and quickly took advantage of a five-minute major penalty on Malmquist with two power-play goals, tying the game at 3-3 with just under four minutes to play in the game. Gross rose to the occasion for the Irish to avoid

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 101, WAYNE STATE 52

Irish dominate in exhibition win

By DANIEL O'BOYLE
Sports Writer

It wasn't a perfect performance for No. 3 Notre Dame, but the Irish still had no trouble dispatching Wayne State in their sole exhibition game at Purcell Pavilion on Saturday, emerging victorious, 101-52.

Notre Dame started with some mistakes, turning the ball over only seconds after sophomore forward Brianna Turner won the tipoff and again on its second possession. The Irish soon got on the scoreboard thanks to a free throw from junior guard Lindsay Allen, and Allen's distribution helped Notre Dame extend its lead, as she added five first-quarter assists, bringing the score to 18-8 at the end of the first period. Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said her team's early mistakes could be attributed to nerves.

"In the first half, you're in your uniform for the first time; you're excited to be out there," McGraw said. "I think we were all trying a little too hard. There were some easy shots available that we weren't looking for. We were trying to force it inside because we thought

we had an advantage in there, we kept talking about getting the ball inside, and we passed up some shots because of that."

The Irish offensive mistakes continued early in the second quarter, particularly when Allen was off the court, but the team cut down on them towards the end of the half, allowing the Irish to take a 46-25 lead into the half.

Defensively, the Irish looked more convincing and forced the Warriors to shoot from 3-point range. Most of the Warriors' offense came from the perimeter shooting of senior guard Brittany Streetman, who made five 3-pointers in the first half and seven of her nine total attempts, all in the first three quarters. Graduate student guard Madison Cable played a key part in the Irish defense, with six rebounds and four steals in the first half. She ended the game with nine boards as well as 12 points, narrowly missing out on a double-double. McGraw said Cable's defensive performance was a sign of her importance to the Irish this year.

"It was disappointing that

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FOOTBALL

Kelly gives Prorise update

By ALEX CARSON
Associate Sports Editor

No. 5 Notre Dame is hopeful of having senior running back C.J. Prorise back in the mix Saturday when it hosts Wake Forest on Senior Day, head coach Brian Kelly said.

"He's going through the concussion protocol," Kelly said. "He landed on his shoulder and kind of whiplashed his neck. He got down to the ground and a player landed on him."

"He was better today. He'll go through a physical conditioning tomorrow. If he obviously passes that, then we'll move to the next stage. But we're hopeful that if he takes the steps necessary, we'll have him back out on the practice field this week."

Prorise, who left the game at the end of the first quarter with the injury, had started the game brightly, gaining 57 all-purpose yards, including Notre Dame's first 29 of the contest.

The senior running back is just 25 yards shy of reaching the 1,000-yard mark for the season and has been involved in the receiving game as well, notching 291 yards through the air on 25 receptions. After scoring at least one touchdown in six consecutive games, Prorise has now failed to score in consecutive games, struggling against Temple on Oct. 31 and exiting after just five carries and two targets Saturday.

In Prorise's absence, freshman running back Josh Adams shouldered most of the carries Saturday, racking up 147 yards on 20 touches and adding a receiving touchdown on a sweep pass in the fourth quarter.

If Prorise is unable to go Saturday, Adams would likely become Notre Dame's third starting running back of the year, after junior Tarean Folston tore his ACL in the season opener against Texas on Sept. 5.

Kelly said even if Prorise can play, he expects Adams to get a higher volume of carries against the Demon Deacons.

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