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Muslim students fit into life at Notre Dame

Students say differences in religion do not inhibit college experience, enjoy spiritual atmosphere on campus

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

Editor's note: This is the second and final installment of a two-part series about Muslim students who attend the University of Notre Dame.

At the beginning of the school year, junior Yasir Malik

woke up around 4:30 a.m. every day to scarf down some breakfast before falling back asleep until classes began.

Despite the inconvenience, those five minutes were crucial to his day. That granola bar and bottle of water would be the only thing he consumed until the sun set later that evening — around 16 hours later.

Malik and other Muslim students who practice Ramadan, which took place from Aug. 11 to Sept. 10 this year, abstained from food and drink from sun up to sun down. Despite fasting during a full schedule of classes and homework, Malik said it was a “fun month.”

“The only time I ever really noticed it is when I got thirsty,” he said. “I never had problems with food. I watch the Food Network while I fast all the time.”

According to the Office of Institutional Research, only 12 undergraduate students identify themselves as Muslim at Notre Dame, a university with an undergraduate student body that is 84 percent Catholic.

Yet, Muslim students said it was Notre Dame's focus on religion, in part, that attracted them to attend in the first place.

Sophomore Sadaf Meghani said she never wanted to go to a religiously affiliated school, but when she visited Notre Dame and saw the presence of religion on campus, she changed her mind.



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Junior Hiba Ahmed takes notes during an Islamic Science class. Ahmed said she felt welcomed on campus as a Muslim.

“I came here and there were crosses in all the classrooms and statues everywhere,” she said. “You would think it would turn me against coming here, but everywhere you went there was the reminder of faith and religion.”

Malik also said the religious

presence on campus was a positive factor for him.

“I've always been a fan of just spirituality in itself,” he said.

Junior Hiba Ahmed said Catholicism and Islam share

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Junior Yasir Malik pauses to reflect on his experiences practicing Islam as a student at a Catholic university.

Two dorms subject to robberies

Observer Staff Report

Burglars entered Lyons and Dillon Halls Sunday and stole computers, cell phones and personal items, said Dave Chapman, assistant director for Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP).

The incidents were reported within two hours of each other, and the burglars did not force their way into the dorm or into rooms, he said.

“How they got in [the dorms] is somebody had to let them in,” Chapman said. “They didn't force their way in any of the rooms. The rooms were unlocked.”

NDSP was not able to identify or catch the suspects, and Chapman said he believes it to be an isolated incident.

“Every once in a while we have this happen,” he said.

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Career Center hosts Arts & Letters week

By MIKE BOCK
News Writer

The Career Center is focusing on internships, graduate schools and jobs for students in the College of Arts & Letters this week.

The “What's Next Week” events are geared helping Arts & Letters majors learn

what they could do with their majors, said Rose Kopec, associate director of the Career Center.

“We have something for everybody,” she said. “It doesn't matter what year you are in school or what major you are pursuing, all Arts & Letters students are welcome to attend.”

Compared to last year, the

Career Center moved “What's Next Week” from the first week of November to the first week of October so the students can take full advantage of the program, Kopec said.

“[Applying to jobs, internships and graduate school is a] very time consuming process and the sooner students getting started, the better,” she said.

On Monday, the Career Center hosted an information session about the internship search.

The next event is a Wednesday session about graduate and professional school, Kopec said. She said it is aimed at sophomores, juniors and seniors who want

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MCOB prof. Mish embraces diverse spirituality

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

For Jennifer Mish, a Mendoza College of Business marketing professor, working at Notre Dame allows her to apply her interests in both spirituality and sustainability to her job.

Now in her second year at Notre Dame, Mish said she focuses her research and teaching on sustainability. In addition to teaching a survey marketing class for all business majors, she also teaches an elective course about mar-

keting and sustainability.

“Sustainability is often defined as living today in such a way that future generations are not compromised. Consumption rates are increasing, yet the earth's resources are finite,” Mish said. “We know that our current market system isn't sustainable, and that our future system must become sustain-



Mish

able. What we don't know is how we will get there.”

Mish said both her research and her elective course focus on how marketing will change and play a role in a sustainable future.

“Almost every company is grappling with some aspect of this issue, but it's so new that we don't yet understand it very well,” she said.

Mish said she finds Notre Dame to be a great atmosphere for generating the type of vigor needed to approach these questions.

“Notre Dame is a wondrous and unique place, where big,

challenging questions are asked regularly and sincerely, and where the great ND family network reaches around the world,” she said. “I am honored to be a part of the ND tradition, and the Mendoza College of Business.”

She also said that Notre Dame was a good fit for her spiritually, even though she personally does not restrict her spiritual life to Catholicism.

“I love being at a Catholic university that is so embrac-

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU WERE A NATURAL DISASTER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE AND WHY?



Kim Gaughan

junior
Cavanaugh

“A blizzard for poppin’ bottles in the ice.”



Nick Eastman

junior
off campus

“Drought because I have a dry sense of humor.”



Jackie Bowe

sophomore
Pangborn

“A tornado because I love my body like a cyclone.”



Andrew Ofsonka

junior
Keenan

“An earthquake because I shake things up.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



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A local resident gets her face painted with a flower by a volunteer from McGlinn Hall at the West Quad Kids’ Carnival on Saturday. The event was put on by the service commissioners from Duncan, O’Neill, McGlinn, Keough, Welsh Family and Ryan Halls.

OFFBEAT

California prison bans visitor hugging and kissing

BAKERSFIELD — A minimum security prison in California has banned hugs and kisses because authorities fear visitors are sharing a lot more than affection. Concerns about contraband have prompted officials at Lerdo Minimum Facility in Bakersfield to stop allowing inmates and visitors to share one brief hug and kiss.

Sheriff’s Sgt. Ian Silva tells the Bakersfield Californian that in August, four visitors were found with contraband, including a knife, a handcuff key, marijuana, methamphetamine

and drug paraphernalia.

The touchy, feely times ended Friday. From now on, guards who see an inmate give a hug or a smooch will end the visit.

Federal inmate sues over discarded sandwiches

LORETTO, Pa. — An inmate of a federal prison in central Pennsylvania is suing, saying he was wrongly punished for “theft” when all he did was take about 30 sandwiches that a vendor threw in the garbage while restocking a dining hall machine.

Thirty-five-year-old George Crute III, is suing

officials at the Federal Correctional Institution-Loretto over the Feb. 5 incident.

Crute says he wrongly lost his “good conduct” time that would have shortened his sentence and his job as a clerk.

Prison officials contend Crute took the sandwiches out of the machine.

The Tribune-Democrat of Johnstown says a guard claims Crute ran away with a garbage bag when an officer tried to question him. Crute’s lawsuit says the sandwiches were fair game after the vendor tossed.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The seminar “Specifics of Ocean Turbulence Influenced by Topography” will take place today at 11 a.m. in Fitzpatrick Hall Room 258. It is a part of the Environmental Fluid Dynamics Series sponsored by the Department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences.

The seminar “Micropatterned Surfaces for Manipulation and Monitoring of Cells” will take place today at 3:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall Room 138. Alexander Revzin, associate professor of biomedical engineering at the University of California at Davis will present.

The lecture “Sudan: Peace in the Balance” will take place today at 4:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Three representatives of the Catholic bishops of Sudan will speak on peace and justice in southern Sudan. It is free and open to the public.

Free seasonal influenza vaccines will be available Oct. 5-7 through University Health Services. Students, faculty, staff, retirees and spouses of retirees are encouraged to get these at Stepan Center. Today, the shots will be available from 1 to 9 p.m.

The lecture “Bridging the Church and the Academy” will take place today at 7 p.m. in the Geddes Hall Coffee House. John Cavadini, professor of theology will present. The event is sponsored by the Notre Dame Echo Program.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

CLC addresses culture of students and alcohol

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Campus Life Council (CLC) members shared updates on how the various recently established task forces have been progressing in their efforts to improve the Notre Dame student experience at Monday's meeting.

These task forces, new for this year, are dedicated to culture shift, discipline and residential life at Notre Dame, respectively.

Student government president Catherine Soler began the dialogue with a status report on the culture shift task force.

"We discussed a lot of the data from the improveND survey," Soler said. "One idea that we had ... is to have some sort of frosh-o, beginning of the year ... mandatory presentation about alcohol."

Sr. Carrine Etheridge, rector of Farley Hall, suggested modifying existing programming, such as the "College HAS Issues" orientation presentation and Students

Preventing Acquaintance Rape (SPAR), rather than starting from scratch.

"Maybe there's not a need to reinvent the wheel, we can work with them [the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education] on what we already have," Etheridge said.

Corry Colonna, Zahm Hall's rector, said it may be more effective to deal with the topic of alcohol apart from sexual assault, hookups and other issues.

"Those are both great ... but I think alcohol should maybe be

pulled out separately," he said. "The quality of the programming and the way they're marketing it to get people there will make a difference."

Knott Hall senator Alex Kasparie began the dialogue at Notre Dame, saying that most of the work done thus far involved clarifying existing rules rather than discussing modification.

could be some potential conflicts there."

Chief of staff Nick Ruof introduced the topic of residential life. Ruof said the task force is concentrating on maintaining the level of events on campus during the winter months.

"We're going to try to put together a working plan for next semester, because there's typically less programming in the winter," he said.

Soler followed the task force updates with a discussion of an upcoming presentation to the University's board of trustees, which CLC will give in joint efforts with the Office of Public Affairs.

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Nick Ruof
student body chief of staff

Fr. Tom Gaughan, rector of Stanford Hall, said the two issues they looked into recently were how long the University holds onto disciplinary records and why rectors are not given discretion with off-campus first offenses.

The University holds onto records for seven years following graduation, "based on a federal guideline mandate," Gaughan said.

Regarding rector discretion in infractions off-campus, Gaughan said it is an issue of inconsistent enforcement and conflicting interests for rectors.

"There was concern amongst students about discrepancies in how different rectors would handle it," he said. "The primary role of the rector is pastoral, not law enforcement ... so there

which CLC will give in joint efforts with the Office of Public Affairs.

"We'll be part of a larger conversation about what's going on, what happened earlier this semester and going forward," Soler said.


Commenting on a decrease in off-campus socializing, Soler said students being scared to go off campus is not a feasible long-term fix for police incidents.

"We feel right now there's a fear of going off campus," she said. "And we don't know if that's a sustainable solution."

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COFFEE AT THE COMO

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BRIGHT OUT

WEAR NEON OCT. 6th

On Wednesday, October 6th, Notre Dame will be celebrating the ReadyU Extra Cred Cheer "Bright Out" Day throughout the campus community. Product samples and giveaways will be handed out to students wearing neon clothing.

ReadyU will also be showcasing Cheer's "Be Bright and Recite" challenge to lucky students across campus. The selected students will be asked to shout school cheers and spirited chants to show their passion for Notre Dame while being video recorded by a campus ambassador. The Cheer chant videos will be uploaded to ReadyU.com for national viewing. Students who participate in the chant videos will receive a free voucher for a 50 Oz. Cheer detergent bottle.

For more information on Cheer "Bright Out" Day and the "Be Bright and Recite" contest, please visit www.readyu.com.

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"I love being at a Catholic university that is so embracing of diversity," Mish said. "My spiritual life is eclectic. I have found great benefit from practicing a number of faiths and spiritual traditions, including Buddhism."

She also said her spirituality inspires her to use integrity and inquiry in her research and teaching.

"I love the truth, and it is sometimes mysterious," she

said. "I feel immeasurably blessed to be able to pursue truth using the scientific method in my work, and also to pursue truth within, using methods from many times and cultures."

Mish studied geography as an undergraduate at the University of Arizona, and went on to earn her MBA at the University of Montana and her Ph.D at the University of Utah.

Yet learning in the classroom only scratches the surface of Mish's educational experiences. She said her love of learning came from her family.

"My grandmother was a psychology professor at a time when her employment contract said that she couldn't marry or have children," she said. "My mother established a recycling center when most people thought it was a ridiculous idea. It takes courage to trust our truest perceptions and values. This courage is so needed now in the world."

These examples from her family, paired with her passion for education and for the earth, led Mish to take time off after her high school graduation to work on fire crews for two years for the United States Forest Service.

Mish said her most important message to students would be to find challenging experiences for themselves.

"Find ways to have experiences and learn about the parts of life that take you out of your comfort zone, that you will not encounter otherwise," she said. "Honor your deepest truths. Ask yourself every day how your life helps or hinders the lives of those to come."

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Kozol talks on segregation

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

The need for social reform within the education system was the main theme of best-selling author and former educator Jonathan Kozol at his sold-out lecture in Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium on Monday night.

The Office for Civil and Social Engagement (OCSE) at Saint Mary's sponsored the lecture.

Kozol, who has been involved with the education system for more than 40 years, said segregation is back in American schools and he's witnessed it "from both sides."

"Inequalities are unmistakable to anyone who walks into our public schools, but even more disheartening, black and Hispanic children — in the present moment, in the present year, 2010 — are more isolated mentally and more segregated physically than in any time since 1968," Kozol said.

Kozol, who has written several books on segregation in the public school system, discussed the state of education in America using his own experiences. A Harvard graduate and former Rhodes scholar, Kozol started his teaching career in

what he said was the poorest area of Boston, teaching fourth grade.

According to Kozol, the conditions of the school were poor, and he taught class in an auditorium he shared with another fourth grade class.

"My students had had a string of 12 different teachers in the previous two years," Kozol said. "This string of instability of faculty is still the case today in far too many of today's inner-city schools."

Kozol also discussed his frustrations with the standardized testing that is the driving force of most public school curriculums.

"All year long, everything is driven by the test. It excludes everything that won't be tested, robbing urban children of the entire richness of curriculum and capaciousness of culture that won't be on the test," Kozol said.

Kozol said the arts, and even recess, have been dialed back or removed from some schools that struggle to maintain student test scores. He said some schools in Atlanta no longer build playgrounds for their elementary schools.

Kozol also said his "rich white friends" and politicians do not want to talk about these issues. He said many people do not like to hear what he has to

say, but that isn't going to stop him.

"I'm too old to bite my tongue, and I don't really care what happens to me now and no matter what the price I have to pay, I intend to keep on fighting in this struggle to my dying day," Kozol said.

During the lecture, he discussed his work with one first grade teacher whose class was made up of low-income, minority students. He said she was not going to always center her class on the standards, but rather try to make learning enjoyable.

"It was of consummate importance to give her children opportunities to speak their minds, indulge their curiosities so that they would think of learning as an exciting pilgrimage rather than a forced march to a pre-established destination," Kozol said.

Schools with students who are what Kozol referred to as privileged youth allow for a much less rigid education, he said.

"If it's good enough for the son of a president or the daughter of a rich CEO, then it's good enough for the children of the poorest mother in South Bend," Kozol said.

Kozol ended his lecture with a lesson he said he's learned as time goes on.

"Life goes so fast — use it well."

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"Inequalities are unmistakable to anyone who walks into our public schools."

Jonathan Kozol
former educator

Badin hosts challenge for poverty awareness

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Freshmen Angie DiNinni and Margo Kurtzke of Badin Hall are making poverty awareness a hall-bonding event.

The 15-day challenge involves doing one thing each day to better understand poverty, Kurtzke said. Twenty Badin residents began the challenge on Friday by giving up comfort and sleeping on the floor without pillows or blankets.

"I just wanted to get wrapped up in a blanket and crawl in my bed, but I couldn't," Kurtzke said.

DiNinni had the idea to do this challenge because she had previously done a 30-day version of the same thing.

"My cousins did this at their church, and then I did it with my family," DiNinni said.

Kurtzke decided to get involved when she heard DiNinni talk about the experience.

"We're roommates and I thought it sounded cool," Kurtzke said. "We decided to get Badin to do it."

On Saturday, participants performed three random acts of kindness.

"I was headed to the dining hall wearing shorts. It was cold outside, so Ashley, a girl doing the challenge, gave me

her sweatpants," Kurtzke said. "It was really funny."

Other challenges include going without shoes, carrying a bucket of water around for the day and a 30-hour fast from food.

Many of the girls taking part of the program are not looking forward to the day without shoes, however, that is the day DiNinni and Kurtzke said they are looking forward to the most.

The challenge also includes a fast from options, which involves wearing the same clothes two days in a row.

"When I was in high school and did this, the fast from options was on a Friday and Saturday. I had to wear my school uniform skirt and polo on a Saturday," DiNinni said. "Everyone kept asking me what I was wearing."

DiNinni said the challenge makes participants think about what it would be like to live in poverty.

"You think of people who live this way every time you're inconvenienced," she said.

The challenge is also a bonding experience for the participants, DiNinni said.

"When I did it with my family it was a bonding experience. The same thing is happening in Badin," she said.

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Lecture analyzes border deaths

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Death is a powerful and interesting thing, according to Lawrence Taylor, vice president of international affairs and professor of anthropology at the National University of Ireland.

Taylor gave a lecture titled "Death in the Desert: Conflicting Moral Geographies on the U.S. Mexico Border" Monday at the Vander Venne Theatre in the Saint Mary's Student Center.

Taylor said death is often used as an event to promote certain ideas to bring about change.

In his lecture, Taylor discussed two such examples in which death encouraged new legislation pertaining to the U.S. Mexico border.

The first event was the death of 14 people who were lost in the desert in an attempt to cross the U.S.-Mexico border in May 2001.

"All you have to do is get lost, and that's what happened," he said. "These were people entering the United States without papers."

Taylor said an inexperienced smuggler was leading the

immigrants, believed he saw the headlights of a border patrol car and led them off course.

The second event Taylor discussed was the death of Kris Eggle, a U.S. park ranger who was killed in August 2002 while in pursuit of a Mexican hitman who had crossed the border to escape the Mexican police.

"Park rangers in this part of the world are very often trained in enforcement," he said. "The enforcement that they're looking for is not somebody who is lighting illegal campfires, but drug smugglers."

According to Taylor, different groups involved in border issues used these deaths in an attempt to gain support for their causes. One such group was Humane Borders, an activist group that places water tanks in various locations in the desert so immigrants who cross the border do not die of thirst. A rival group, Taylor said, is the Minutemen, seeks better border patrol to prevent immigrants from entering the United States.

Taylor said Humane Borders attempted to use the 14 deaths as a way to gain per-

mission to make water tanks available in the desert.

"With the 14 who died ... a group of local activists, including some attorneys, who are pro-immigrant, decided to sue the Department of the Interior for the deaths," he said. "The argument for that was that Humane Borders, had previous to the deaths by about a month, a month and a half, had gone to the ... refuge people who directly control that, and asked for permission to put water tanks out, and were turned down."

According to Taylor, this tactic was unsuccessful in its attempt to gain support for the pro-immigrant cause.

With the other death event, Taylor said Eggle's parents visited the border and spoke with a number of anti-immigration groups. The story gained media attention, and eventually, legislation was passed to pay for a Kris Eggle Memorial Fence, which would be erected on the border.

"Some people say 'I now know or believe my child died for a purpose,' and that purpose is often legislative," he said.

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Junior Mairij Uddin, president of the Muslim Student Association (MSA), visits a mosque in South Bend Friday.

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many beliefs, including the creation stories, the idea of giving to the less fortunate, and the belief in prophets. Muslims recognize Jesus as a prophet, but not as God.

"We believe that everything he did, he actually did except he's not God," Ahmed said. "All those miracles he did, they are miracles for us too."

Malik said the similarities between Islam and Catholicism make it easy to relate to other students.

"The whole idea of just being a good person everywhere you go," he said. "It's definitely not hard to relate to people here."

Meghani said she enjoys Notre Dame students' interest in religion, even though it is not her own religion.

"My roommates and my friends, they go to [dorm] Mass and they celebrate Easter and they do things like that," she said. "We're all really faithful. I think it's more about faith than it is about religion."

Meghani said other students often question her belief in the prophet Muhammad — some ask because they are curious and others ask to attack her belief. But she said this has made her a stronger Muslim.

"It puts my faith on the spot where I have to reason through things, and that's really helpful," she said.

In general, Meghani said Notre Dame students are tolerant of her religion.

"I think people here are pretty open-minded. It would be better if people were a little more open-minded," she said. "But at the same time, you can only ask so much."

For Malik, his religion and the associated behavior — fasting during Ramadan and abstaining from alcohol and dating — have not been an issue at Notre Dame.

"[Notre Dame students] are the most tolerant college students you'll find anywhere because religion is so important to them," he said.

Malik told his friends that he doesn't drink once when he first met them and "it's never

come up again."

Despite Islam's strict rules regarding alcohol and dating, Ahmed can enjoy going to parties with her friends and said she is not offended that other students drink or date.

"I think anything related to how you spend your time on the weekends and what you do is a very personal choice," she said.

But being Muslim, and a minority, at Notre Dame is not without its drawbacks.

"Before I came here, I was hoping there would be a closer knit Muslim community because that's how my parents were raised and that's how I was raised," Meghani said. "Then I come here and it's like, oh my gosh, ... what am I supposed to do?"

Though the Muslim Student Association (MSA) exists on campus, it has only three active members, including Malik and Ahmed.

"We're all juniors," Malik, vice president of MSA, said. "Next year is our last year here. I don't know what we're going to do."

Another issue is that the dining halls do not provide halal meat, which is the Muslim version of kosher meat, Ahmed said. It is slaughtered in a way that causes minimal pain to the animal and a prayer is said before the animal is killed.

As a result, Malik consumes a vegetarian diet when on campus. He said he does not expect the dining hall to accommodate the very few Muslims on campus, but he misses his mother's spicy, traditional cooking.

"I've never regretted a day that I come here, except for the days I have nothing to eat in the dining hall," he said with a laugh.

Ahmed recognized that she stands out as a Pakistani and a Muslim at this predominantly white, Catholic university, but said that doesn't mean she doesn't fit in.

"I feel really, really welcome," she said. "I look back on it and I know this is where I'm meant to be for my college experience."

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to learn about the application process from a panel of experts.

Several companies — including AT&T, Cummins and Target — will be at a Thursday networking event. These companies value Arts

& Letters majors who want to go into business, Kopec said.

"Students should come prepared with employers who already recognize the importance of their skills and background," Kopec said.

In addition to this week's events, the Career Center had funding opportunities dedicated to Arts & Letters students. Last year, the

University distributed over \$300,000 to students for various paid and unpaid internships through the Rogers Arts and Letters Internship Program, the Global Internship Initiative, INC @ ND, Alumni Legacy Fund and the Gluck Pioneer Internship Program.

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Robberies

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Chapman encouraged students to report anyone who suspiciously attempts to enter a dorm or is seen inside.

"If someone tries to get in their dorm they don't know or looks like they are tailgating them in, they should ask

them, 'Who are you here to see? Why are you here?'" Chapman said. "Things like that."

He also encouraged students to call NDSP if they see anyone in dorm hallways that seems unfamiliar or out of place.

"That's what we're going to need to catch these people," he said. "We need the students' help."

INSIDE COLUMN

Sweater weather

While lounging beside the pool in the middle of July, autumn is viewed with longing. Being welcomed back to our gorgeous campus by our best friends consumes the minds of many Notre Dame students. We look forward to “sweater weather” with all the enthusiasm of our beloved cheerleaders.

Courtney Cox

*Assistant
Scene Editor*

Autumn is upon us and it is full of awkward moments that many may have forgotten in the process of idolizing fall in South Bend. We may have entered the season of fall, but many of us are still clinging to the last days of summer.

Before leaving in the morning I must stop and contemplate, do I really need a jacket? Mornings at Notre Dame are freezing, but many suffer through the 15-minute walk across the quad without a coat and reap the benefits when they are able to show off how comfortable they are in the afternoon sun.

Classrooms are decidedly hit or miss as well. When contemplating wearing a skirt, I must actively think through the buildings I will enter. Entering DeBartolo can be an arctic tundra one day, but a stifling desert the next, hence the diversity of clothing seen as appropriate during this season of transition. Sitting in class, surveying the shoes of my fellow students, I notice the stark contrast between one girl sitting in shorts and flip-flops and another in jeans and Uggs. When will the day come that all students collectively decide that it's too cold to be considered Summer.

It's perhaps even more awkward for freshmen. Before they set foot on campus for the semester they are told not to bring too many clothes. In the heat of summer it can be easy to believe that summer will undoubtedly last until fall break and a sweatshirt will suffice for the time leading up to break.

Clothing is not the only aspect of student life that suffers through an awkward period of transition. This being the beginning of October many students wonder if it is too early to begin relying on the dorm heating. Old dorms become permeated with the smell of ancient radiators, but the windows remain open so as not to truly give in to the idea that summer is truly over.

While kids from Texas bundle up and try their best to deal with the cold, New Jersey folks leave their windows open in the hopes that it might somehow beckon summer back to our welcoming campus.

Whichever camp you fall into it is clear that there is an awkward divide between those willing to accept fall in all its glory and those who choose to deny its coming. In the weeks leading up to fall break we will collectively play limbo between the two seasons. When returning after a week away, it will become undeniable. It will be time to close our windows, crank the heat and truly embrace sweater weather.

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Go ahead and judge me

Here is a cold, hard truth about college: everyone judges. People judge others while walking on the quad, while eating in the dining hall, while studying and while sitting in class. In fact, someone is probably judging you right now as you're sitting and reading this.

Andy Ziccarelli

*Moment of
Inertia*

Most of the time, snap judgments are based on petty, superficial things like what you're wearing, or a really short quote that someone overheard out of context. Now, a lot of the time, those snap judgments are right (isn't that the best when you finally meet someone who is exactly like you pictured in your mind?), but sometimes they're not. Obviously, we can't stop this from happening, as there is no way that you could truly get to know everyone that you come in contact with. It's just not possible. But the fact that people will always be making silent decisions about personality and character frightens some, and that causes them to act or dress differently than they normally would.

For a while, as a freshman, I was one of those people. I was terrified of what people thought of me and, because of that, I was extremely careful with how I acted and tried not to let my true quirky, engineer self come out. Things changed, though, one day as I sat in my 8:30 a.m. Physics I class taught by the goofiest, most painfully awkward professor I've ever had. Somewhere in between his terrible physics puns (that only I laughed at), I

looked to my left and to my right and realized that I was the only one in my row that was even awake. And not only was I awake, I was thoroughly engaged. I thought what we were learning was awesome. And at that point, I realized that it was worthless to try and fight who I really was and to try and obscure it from other people.

In hindsight, there were obvious signs that I could never be anything but an engineer. More specifically, I am a huge structures nerd. Buildings are awesome. While most middle schoolers bought the new college football video game every year, picked the best team and worked for countless hours searching through the playbook for the few plays that were completely unstoppable, I did something different. I would go to the team selection screen and choose the “preview stadium” option. That would take you to a mode where the camera would be stationed at midfield and you could move and rotate all the way around the virtual stadium, just looking at the cool things like how big the press boxes were, how many scoreboards there were and whether or not there were double decked stands in the end zone or on the sideline (those were the best). I would spend hours on the game not even playing it, just looking around at the all of the different styles of stadiums. Naturally, I picked favorites (Penn State and Texas A&M, in case you were wondering). But it's no wonder why I always got destroyed when I decided to challenge my friends in an actual game. I was too

busy being a nerd to practice.

And now that that little nugget is out for all of campus to read, I might as well own up to everything that people would judge me for. I have never read the Harry Potter books. I actually love cold weather. Jon and Kate Plus 8 is one of my favorite TV shows of all time. I've never left the country and, frankly, don't have any desire to. Oh, and I love Kelly Clarkson and would totally go to one of her concerts if it wasn't really creepy to go alone as a 21-year-old male.

Look, everyone here is a nerd in some way or another. This is Notre Dame. But that doesn't have to have a negative connotation. I may be a structures nerd, but other people may be finance nerds, or music nerds or philosophy nerds. Whatever people find that sparks their interest and drives them to learn as much as they can about it (even outside of class) is a good thing. Being quirky is even better. People's slight little tweaks and habits are what keep us from all being cut out of the exact same mold. You would be foolish to try and obscure your quirks from the world. Face it, people are going to judge you whether you want them to or not. But at least, when they do, make sure that it's the real you.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The question should be, is it worth trying to do, not can it be done.”

Allard Lowenstein
American Politician

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A preoccupation with the future not only prevents us from seeing the present as it is but often prompts us to rearrange the past.”

Eric Hoffer
American Author and Philosopher

Cloud Machines

There is a cloud machine that rises up behind what was my one-room apartment this summer in Mannheim, Germany, a factory belching out fluffy whiteness into the blue expanse above. It doesn't rain much during the summer in the Rhine Valley, so one begins to question if the clouds whose only purpose is offering the occasional, passing shade onto a lazy Sunday nap along the river, really are clouds. Walking back home in the early afternoon, I would watch the wispy cotton puffs progress slowly past overhead and smile at the smoke-stack from which they came.

William Stewart

Guest Columnist

This smokestack, though, and its many other brothers planted throughout the skyline like a series of fence posts truly define Mannheim, both in marking the geographical edge of the city and being the primary shapers of the area's economy. With the European industrial headquarters of John Deere, a large Mercedes-Benz bus plant, as well as the national headquarters of BASF just across the river in Ludwigshafen, the metropolitan region created at the crux of the confluence of the Rhine and Neckar

rivers in western Germany is unabashedly blue-collar. The stock markets and skyscrapers are half an hour north in Frankfurt, while the tourists flock to the picturesque Altstadt in Heidelberg, twenty minutes to the east. But in Mannheim, the rent is low, the architecture functional, the downtown modest, and the life completely routine. My study abroad offered few postcard views or historical monuments with which to associate it.

But did I really need (or want) that? We live in such a marvelous capsule here of picturesque quads and landmarks recognized by the majority of Americans, it can be refreshing in a way to leave it behind for a few months to experience how the other 99.9 percent exists. If I wanted my summer to be a time of escape, then I had to separate myself from this perceived perfection here if I wanted to claim with any honesty that I achieved a removal from what I experience during the rest of the year.

Simply put, during my two months in Germany, I lived in a situation that was truly mundane. But I use the word mundane to mean something slightly different than the often-negative connotation that it carries. I use

mundane here to mean 'worldly', 'routine,' 'normal.' True, my weekend excursions this summer to other, larger cities often devolved, just like the days during a previous vacation to Italy, into a collage of tourism and a checklist of clichéd landmarks. I do not doubt that any experience traveling abroad holds value, even if the that picture taken while preventing the leaning Tower of Pisa from crashing to the ground gets counted among the high points of the trip. But the time in Mannheim revealed something that no visit to the Berlin Wall or the Vatican could: a taste and understanding of real life in Europe. True, if I ever find myself vacationing in Germany later in my life, I will probably stop in Mannheim only to change trains. Yet the summer experience in this middle-sized, middle-class, middle-aged metropolis taught me more about the daily routine, the neighborhood cafes, the four stores in all of downtown open on Sunday, the blue-collar regulars at bar on the corner, the absolute stillness that fills the streets between 4:00 and 5:00 a.m., what it truly means to be a citizen of Germany, of Europe, than any double-decker tour bus could ever offer.

Mannheim, with its proud fence of

smoking white towers, offers its visitor an unadulterated, non-masqueraded snapshot of the German life, a picture wholly unconcerned with upholding appearances, impressions and reputations. The society I joined for two months is far from high, but rather, about as average as they come. And though, as students at this university, that word may have been crossed-out again and again in our mental lexicon, I couldn't think of a more inviting description for last summer's home: average, maybe, but without a doubt, real. There is invaluable worth in the experiences generated from an environment of normalcy, of reality.

The cloud machines behind my window are the paradox that they symbolize: enormous pipes of exhaust and waste from the dirtiest labor transformed into the transcendental objects of lazy day dreams, reveries that float past slowly for all the city to gaze upon. It doesn't take an Eiffel Tower or a Statue of Liberty to build a city of dreams.

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'When The Breaks Are Beating The Boys ...'

Look, upperclassmen, I understand. I know that I wasn't here for the 3-9 season; I know that I have not lived through the disappointment of the past three years from the student section. I don't know what, if anything, I could reasonably expect from you in terms of confidence in or enthusiasm for our football team. But that doesn't mean that anything less is expected of you in terms of being Notre Dame students.

Sienna Combs

Guest Columnist

Being a Notre Dame student means that you understand that you are a part of something bigger than yourself: you are a part of this University and the spirit of this University in a way that nobody else can be. Especially since you are upperclassmen, I can barely imagine how much this place means to you. Even if you continue to be unsupportive on Saturdays, I won't question that. But I honestly just don't understand how you can be so vitally linked to this University and then come out to the stadium for the game and completely miss the point.

How can you still be operating under the delusion that "Notre Dame Football" (or more accurately, the Notre Dame football experience) has anything whatsoever to do with football?!? It's not about the football! It's about the unity, it's about the spirit, it's about the love that people all over the country (and certainly all over this campus) feel for this University. It's about being crazy, being unrelenting, it's about being stubborn and biased and Irish. It's about making the stadium go nuts every week simply because everyone there is crazy for Notre Dame. That is what makes this place so unique, and we students are responsible for maintaining it.

It's not about football. But just for a second, let's talk about football. Do you have any idea how much your

lack of enthusiasm is a self-fulfilling prophecy? Every time you don't cheer, it is that much easier for an opposing team to come into our house and go about their business as usual. Every time you don't encourage the team, there is an Irish football player looking up and seeing that you don't care. Every time you leave early, there is a football recruit sitting along the sideline seeing that the students here apparently aren't going to support him, and that maybe all the talk about the intangibles of Notre Dame stadium were just more delusional talk on the part of our fan base. That is a recipe for football disaster.

I only ask two things of you. No. 1: Thank Brian Kelly. He and the entire football staff have so far assembled a recruiting class good enough to be ranked 5th in the nation even without the usual game day atmosphere. In addition, he has managed to motivate the team without the insane level of student support that any Irish coach should be able to expect (and that every previous Irish coach has had). Forget the wins and losses for a second — this is, and always was, a team in the process of a major rebuild. Coach Kelly has already bailed out the entire Notre Dame student population on two massive fronts. No. 2: Think about yourself as a Notre Dame student. You don't have that many home games left. And after that last home game, you will never again stand in the student section and sing the Alma Mater. The years will pass, and I think you will come to realize that it doesn't matter whether you were singing after a win or a loss. It matters that you were there, that you were a part of it, and that you sang.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame's Coming Out Day

As you may or may not know, National Coming Out Day 2010 is next Monday, Oct. 11. This is an internationally recognized day of civil-awareness that encourages discussion of GLBT issues. And recently, there has been much to discuss. (Just to name a few: Nationally, the recent disappointment in repealing Don't Ask, Don't Tell, and on campus, AllianceND was again denied club status while the non-discrimination clause still excludes homosexuality.)

Due to midterms week, the Progressive Student Alliance is establishing the celebration of Notre Dame's Coming Out Day on Friday. Wear your ALLY pin and join us on South Quad to celebrate. Activities include decorating a closet, eating rainbow baked goods, learning more about campus resources, signing the Ally pledge and engaging in discussions on improving acceptance here at Notre Dame and throughout the

nation.

To clarify, this is not a rallying-cry to expose those closeted on campus. We want Friday to be a day to celebrate self-identity, and we encourage anybody who wants to participate to "come out" of our closet in your own way. "Come out" as an Art History major, as a pacifist, as a cat-person, as gay, as straight, as a chef, whoever you are! Whether you're a member or a supporter of the GLBT community, be proud of who you are and show your support for equality next Friday.

To learn more about Coming Out Day — www.hrc.org

For more about the Progressive Student Alliance, find us on Facebook.

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Under the Radar: MOVIE SCORES



Stephanie DePrez

Scene Writer

The Situation: Music hunters seek, read, blog and cull music from radio, print and most often, the interwebs. Music gatherers collect mix CD's, free digital downloads and whatever their friends happen to be listening to. If you are a gatherer, this space is for you. If you are a hunter, e-mail me your latest find, and I promise you'll find it written up here. (Seriously. E-mail. Even if you're not a student.)

Let's face it. Right now, academia is sucking all the joy, motivation and warmth out of our lives. (Yes, I blame school for the weather suddenly taking a sharp turn into the neighborhood of "horribly cold"). The leaves may be looking lovelier every day, but they only herald the inevitable: fall break is coming, and that means midterms. So don't pack up your floppy floppies just yet, because first you must survive the backbone of the education system: Midterm Week of Frustration and Hell.

Though the only desire for music anyone has right now is to blast Katy Perry and dance around like a mindless fool, that doesn't exactly facilitate focused study (at least, for most). For your listening pleasure, I present a slew of movies that have scores perfectly fitted to keep your head in your laptop.

Michael Nyman, "The Piano"

Nyman coined the term "minimalism." (No, seriously, he used the word in a review in the sixties.) Since then, Minimalism has become a term embodying the most recent major movement in "classical" music. And where does today's "classical" music live? The movies, of course. This soundtrack not only features solo piano pieces that will send your brain into overtime (writing that paper) but also orchestral movements that are compelling without being distracting.

Thomas Newman, "Wall-E"

Right now you're thinking, man, I can't believe I haven't listened to that yet! Want to know how to make a successful movie with zero talking for the first 45 minutes? Get Newman to write the music. Not only will it keep your mind on your work, it will lift your heart just a little bit with every musical "ha!"

Danny Elfman, "Alice in Wonderland"

Pretty much anything this man has done is prime- pickings for good study music. His latest endeavor is a fair balance of signature Tim Burton choral creepiness and strong woman power "movie music." As Elfman's list of films grows, his sound matures. The music of "Alice in Wonderland" is tightly knit and refreshingly cohesive.

Hans Zimmer, "Inception"

I'm pretty sure everyone was too busy thinking, "Woah, woah, woah!" during this movie to pay specific attention to the music, but it is not to be missed. Lots of deep throbbing bass and low, brassy horns ground this score as a sweeping epoch of sound. The ominous pulsing horns will keep you awake without shocking you every three minutes, as most action film scores are want to do. Just don't listen to it at 2 a.m. in the darkest corner of the library.

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MUSIC
UNDER THE Radar



By DECLAN SULLIVAN
Scene Writer

Just to get these things out of the way upfront, "Let Me In" is a vampire movie, and it's a remake of a Swedish-language movie "Let the Right One In" released two years ago. The plot of "Let Me In" does not stray too far from that of its Swedish predecessor. Even some of the scenes are shot and choreographed very similarly, and it does carry many tropes of the vampire genre: forbidden romance, fatal weaknesses and a desire to be normal, but at least they left out the sparkles.

That being said, even if your affinity for vampire movies is lacking, this is still a must-see movie. Everything that made the Swedish version so awesome is amped up and focused in this version, allowing the central themes of the plot to shine through: a juxtaposition of violence and love, and the tender, innocent relationship of two outsiders of society.

One of the most jarring aspects of the movie is the juxtaposition of violence and sweet-as-sugar romance. In one particularly disturbing scene, for

example, Abby (Chloë Moretz) attacks and feeds on a random man she finds — a spine-chilling moment.

However, in the next scene she is at Owen's (Kodi Smit-McPhee), slipping in through the window and falling asleep next to him in one of the most tender moments of the movie. She also won't let him look at her, not because of her modesty, but because she is still covered in blood. It's that last bit that makes these scenes so intriguing and makes them something unseen in any other movie — excluding to a lesser extent "Let the Right One In," of course.

The other major theme ties right in with the first: the common kinship of two outsiders. Owen is a shrumpy, whimpy kid who gets bullied at school and appears to have no friends or significant relationships with anyone except his parents,

and even those seem weak at best.

Abby is a vampire, which pretty much sums up her feels of isolation. It's clear from the start these two kindred souls will end up together; however, how that'll happen is the journey of the movie. The power in the relationship switches dramatically from

the start to end of movie, with Owen starting out as the sad, moepy kid looking for love in the mysterious girl next door, and ending with Abby trying to get Owen to overlook her vampyric tendencies. The film climaxes in a pivotal scene with her begging

Owen to just say, "You can come in."

There are definitely times where this movie can feel a bit melodramatic, and it can slip into the absurd in places. However, for a movie about vampires in love with humans—a plot

line that definitely doesn't have the best cred recently—it navigates the waters skillfully with equal focus on the innocence of the relationship between Abby and Owen and the animalistic brutality of Abby's concealed nature.

Moretz and Smit-McPhee are superb in this movie, traversing heavy adult themes with the naivety of tween puppy love that comes across as totally genuine.

Matt Reeves, directing his first feature since "Cloverfield," does imitate many of Tomas Alfredson's (director of "Let The Right One In") shots and angles during the most powerful scenes. Yet he adds enough of his own to touches—including an excellent use camera focus and image blurring throughout the film—to both make this movie his own and prove that he is capable of more complex filmmaking than "Cloverfield"'s handheld camera gimmick. It is an awesome movie and definitely worth checking out, regardless of whether you've seen the original.

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'Let Me In'

Directed By: Matt Reeves
Starring: Chloe Moretz, Kodi Smit-McPhee





The second trailer for “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” is two minutes and 28 seconds of Harry Potter magic that will tide fans over until they cram the theaters at midnight on Nov. 18.



In Natalie Portman's most profound role to date she plays an uptight ballerina desperate to get her break and willing to suffer for her art in the psychological thriller “Black Swan” out Dec. 1.



The mastermind director behind “Slumdog Millionaire” brings to life the tale of Aron Ralston, the man who survived having his arm trapped under a boulder in the film “127 Hours,” which comes out Nov. 5.



Disney's newest venture into the medieval world of princes and princesses is in fact the story of Rapunzel and the man who set her free. “Tangled” comes to theaters Nov. 24.



“How Do You Know” starring Reese Witherspoon, Paul Rudd and Owen Wilson is the romantic comedy about a dysfunctional couple and the sweet friend who enters their life. It comes to theaters Dec. 17.

By MADELINE ROE
Scene Writer

OK Go is coming back to campus Oct. 9 at Legends, this time to play for Notre Dame students after playing with them. In 2004 they played at Legends as an up-and-coming band and in 2007, OK Go headlined “The Show” with Lupe Fiasco.

Last fall, the band visited campus to film its characteristic one-take video with the Notre Dame Marching Band for the single “This Too Shall Pass.” According to Aaron Perri, manager of Legends Nightclub, OK Go will be playing with the marching band at half time for the Pittsburgh game, too.

OK Go is anything but your typical pop rock band. While its creative energy takes foundation in its music, the forms of artistic expression jettison into unconventional emotional and political spheres. Their projects include collaborative albums benefiting the restoration of New Orleans musicians displaced by Hurricane Katrina, as well as music videos involving dancing on treadmills, getting blasted with paint in a gigantic Rube Goldberg machine and stop-motion animation. Their latest music video features trained puppies dancing with the band in a snappy, mesmerizing fashion.

Bassist and vocalist Tim Nordwind spoke with The Observer about the band's style of making music and how OK Go's work celebrates life.

How did OK Go get started?

We met at a summer camp in northern Michigan and really bonded over music. So after college we all decided to meet up in Chicago, where a lot of us were going to school, and we started OK Go. We all have an interest in music videos or art projects in the pursuit of making things to create really cool reactions in the world. That's what we've been doing ever since: touring and making records and videos and a lot of things you wouldn't expect, one of which would be performing our music video with the Notre Dame Marching Band. That's what makes getting out of bed in the morning exciting for us, living our wildest and craziest dreams.

Would you say your artistic inspiration is more musical or visual?

I would say it's an emotional one. Our inspiration comes from our experiences that make us feel something, and we want to share that feeling with people. That being said, a lot of our work is anchored in the records that we make. Our projects wouldn't exist without the music. We probably wouldn't be together if we hadn't formed in the context of a band first.

But, we really are obsessed with making things in general. We don't think it's limited to the music. If we had to just be a band, just recording music and playing shows, I don't know if it would be enough for us. We're interested in so many different things in the context of music.

The last time you played at Notre Dame you played at the Joyce Center, a much bigger venue than Legends. Which size of venue do you prefer?

I think somewhere between 1,000 and 5,000 people, but small enough that you can see everyone's face and have a connection. The smaller, the more intimate feel — I enjoy that. We've played bigger shows, and it's its own kind of fun, but it's a much different experience than when you can see everyone.

How has your music matured with your latest album, “Of the Blue Colour of the Sky?”

It's a lot dancier, a lot groovier and it's also a bit more introspective and melancholic than our first two records. It celebrates joy and pain all at the same time. It was a very reflective process for us.

We started with a much more primitive song writing process: making beats, putting sonic information over beats, and if that made us still feel something, we kept going until we had something that felt emotional. And because songs started from a rhythmic foundation, the record sounds much dancier, like Prince, “Purple Rain” or something. It was a much more intense writing process. Dave Fridmann, the producer of the record, brought a three-dimensional sound to the recording process, which resulted in a very different soundtrack.

You did some benefit tracks for NOLA recovery. What is your connection to the city?

We do a lot of political works with the Future of Music Coalition. They do a lot of work in New Orleans and deal with issues in the music world that intersect with the political world.

We thought, “Why don't we help raise money to bring displaced musicians back home so they can play again?” We helped Al Johnson — the Godfather of Soul in New Orleans. We were able to get him a house back in the city. We did a bunch of covers with this amazing brass band Bonerama as well.

Can you say anything about making your latest music video for “White Knuckles”?

It was a really, really fun experience to spend that much time with that group of dogs and the dog trainers. We made real friends not only with the humans but also with the dogs.

I'm super proud of that video, and I don't normally say this, but it might be my favorite of the ones we've done so far. Playing with dogs for a few weeks — that's pretty awesome. It's getting an amazing response in the last 24 hours, so I'm psyched about it. I think everyone truly had a good time on the set.

Do you incorporate the theatrical quality of your music videos into your live shows, or are they more spontaneous?

I think there's more spontaneity in the live show. The main thing we're trying to do is connect all sorts of different emotional levels. At first, we only wanted live shows to be frenetic and high energy. Playing a show that is multi-dimensional has become important to us. We want to connect with the audience and be on the same wavelength with them.

If the question is how do our videos inspire the live show, I think everything we do shares the same spirit, but ultimately the live show is a different thing from the video, from the record. I think it generally comes out as a celebration.

On campus

What: OK Go Concert
Where: Legends Nightclub
When: Saturday, Oct. 9, 10 p.m.
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WOMEN’S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Turnovers lead Finest to blowout win over Lions

Tate leads the way again for Phoxes in shutout victory against Pyros; Lewis moves closer to playoffs after defeating Bullfrogs

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Before their team’s critical game against Lyons Sunday, the Farley coaching staff offered players a deal — return an interception for a touchdown, receive a trip to Dairy Queen. Farley’s defense did that and more in a dominating victory over Lyons (1-3) Sunday evening at LaBar Fields.

Farley junior linebacker Katie Smith intercepted Lyons quarterback Christina Bramanti just before halftime and ran 25 yards down the sideline untouched to the end zone to put her team up 19-0 — and earn herself some Dairy Queen.

Smith’s takeaway was the first of three in a row forced by Farley (3-1). The Finest capitalized on three interceptions, scoring 20 points off turnovers.

The Farley offense, however, was not overshadowed by its outstanding defense. Senior quarterback Emily Murphy threw for three touchdowns and ran for another, helping the Finest to a season-high in points scored.

“Our offensive line blocked really well and was able to give me time and our receivers were really fast in their routes so they blew past the defense,” Murphy said.

Senior wide receiver Kelly Weber was Murphy’s favorite target on the day, catching two touchdown passes and moving the chains throughout the game.

Senior captain and wide receiver Molly Casanova caught the other touchdown pass from Murphy, who said her team is in a good frame of mind for a playoff run.

“I think that we have a lot of momentum now,” Murphy said. “We’ll carry that over to the playoffs and hopefully make it to the Stadium finally.”

The Lions offense didn’t click until it was too late. Late in the second half, after getting only their third first down of the game, Bramanti threw a 45-yard touchdown, breaking up the shutout. Despite finishing the season 1-3, the Lions will look back at a 2010 season in which they scored 38 more points than 2009 and won their first game in two years.

While Lyons’ season has ended, Farley will rest up with a bye week before beginning playoff competition.

Pangborn 19, Pasquerilla East 0

Pangborn senior quarterback Gabby Tate looked nearly unstoppable in a win over Pasquerilla East.

Tate threw for 154 yards and ran for another 87 with two passing touchdowns and one rushing score, leading the Phoxes (2-1) to a shutout victory.

“We had a really good week in practice this week and we can definitely attribute our performance to the coaches,” Tate said. “It’s good to get our confidence up, especially knowing how important this game is to our season.”

From the first snap the Phoxes dominated, opening the game with a quick rushing attack that concluded with an eight-yard passing touchdown from Tate to sophomore wideout Kristin Ruekert. After being held on their second drive, the Phoxes rallied behind their quarterback, scoring on a 10-yard rushing touchdown by Tate.

Meanwhile the Pasquerilla East (1-2) offense, which has no offensive points in its last two games, was dormant throughout the game, only accumulating two first downs and 10 total yards. The Pyros punted six times and turned the ball over once, hardly ever venturing into Pangborn territory.

“Our offensive focus was missing today and it affected us on both sides of the ball,” junior captain Kristin Mannion said.

The Pyros, who have relied heavily on their defense this season, struggled to find a way to stop the relentless Pangborn offense that accumulated 241 yards of total offense. The Phoxes put the game away early in the second half, with Tate connecting with junior receiver Liz Pawlak for a 40-yard touchdown.

The Pyros will look to revive their playoff hopes next week against defending champions Howard while the Phoxes will face Lewis in the final week of the regular season.

Lewis 25, Badin 6

Led by its talented offense, Lewis improved its playoff hopes and sealed Badin’s season as winless in a decisive victory.

The Chicks (2-1) marched down the field on their first drive to score a touchdown on a long pass play to freshman wide receiver Colleen Haller, her first of three touchdowns on the day. Haller scored her second touchdown off a toss from sophomore quarterback Connaught Blood, and her third touchdown came early in the second half off a long pass from Blood.

The Bullfrogs (0-4) struggled in the beginning of the game, turning some successful plays into long gains, but failed to convert them into points. However, they came back after halftime more energized and ready to score.

Freshman wide receiver Katie Martinez scored a touchdown on a

controversial play that left the Lewis defense puzzled. Badin’s quarterback threw the initial pass to a different wide receiver, who then tossed the ball to Martinez at the same time a Lewis defender grabbed her flags, so the Chicks thought the play was dead. Nevertheless, Martinez ran in for the touchdown from midfield without any defenders pursuing her to give the Bullfrogs their only points of the game.

Although they ended their season without any victories, the Bullfrogs still enjoyed their last game.

“We are disappointed in our season, but we had a lot of fun,” Badin junior captain and offensive lineman Melissa Guinan said. “We goofed around in this game. After the score, our offense played defense and our defense played offense.”

Guinan looks forward to next season and hopes to start early and be consistent in pursuit of playing in the Stadium.

The Chicks’ hopes for reaching this year’s championship game are still alive because of their triumph over Badin.

“We put our plays together and used our offensive talents to win,” Haller said. “We have a good shot at getting to the playoffs, and in the next game we can prove that we’re a good team.”

The Chicks will take on Pangborn next Sunday, while Badin’s season is over.

Pasquerilla West 32, Ryan 7

After dominating the competition all season, Pasquerilla West defeated Ryan to successfully complete its bid for a perfect regular season.

The Purple Weasels (4-0) wasted no time as they opened the game with an interception. Under the leadership of senior quarterback Simone Bigi, Pasquerilla West scored three unanswered touchdowns in the first half. “We were missing a few players, but made some last-minute adjustments that ended up working out great,” senior linebacker and co-captain Libby Koerbel said. “Our defense started the game with an interception and our offense picked up momentum in regards to both running and passing, so the tone of the game was set from the beginning.”

The Purple Weasel defense refused to give Ryan (1-2), led by sophomore quarterback Maya Pillai, a chance to show its prowess, and held the Wildcats to only a few first downs in the first half.

The second half began with another interception and Pasquerilla West quickly scored two touchdowns. The Purple Weasels appeared to be on the



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A Badin Hall offensive player carries the ball while trying to avoid Pasquerilla East defenders during a loss on Sept. 26.

verge of a shutout victory in their final game.

Despite the score, Ryan’s defense and offense came out stronger in the second half.

With little time left in the game, Pillai connected with junior slot receiver Brianna Curtis for a long touchdown to break the shutout. In the end, Pasquerilla West put the finishing touch on a perfect regular season and Ryan was left to look forward to the next game without being discouraged.

“It was a tough loss, but we were glad to finish strong,” Pillai said. “We would like to bounce back from this and put up a win against Welsh Family next week.”

With its regular season completed, Pasquerilla West will prepare to take on new teams in the playoffs and attack each game with the same determination and skill showcased this season.

“Going into the playoffs undefeated was our first goal,” Koerbel said. “As we prepare for the playoffs, we’ll have our second goal of winning the championship in mind. We are pumped for the playoffs. We are confident in our abilities and will play each game with the intention to win.”

Ryan takes on Welsh Family next week, while Pasquerilla West has a bye before beginning its playoff run.

Welsh Family 20, Walsh 6

Fresh off a disappointing and controversial loss due to a forfeit, Welsh Family defeated an equally motivated Walsh team Sunday to put itself back in playoff contention.

After a tough loss the week before, Walsh (0-3) started off the game with spirits high, yelling enthusiastically while on defense

and making every attempt to gain an early lead. But the defense had trouble defending the Whirlwinds (1-2) passing game led by senior quarterback Vicky Moreno. Welsh Family scored two quick touchdowns in the first half, taking an early lead.

After battling for the rest of the first half, the Wild Women managed to score a touchdown just before halftime, but were unable to complete the extra point, bringing the score at the break to 13-6.

Welsh Family began the second half of the game with the ball and, with the help of three long throws from Moreno, managed to score its third touchdown of the matchup. In the end, the Walsh defense was no match for the prolific passing attack.

“We’re definitely disappointed,” senior captain Lindsay Schanzer said. “We had a lot of girls missing today, which was hard, but we gave it our all.”

Whirlwinds senior captain Cari Pick was happy with the obvious improvement in her team this week, especially with Moreno playing in her first game since an injury at the beginning of the season.

“We are honestly really happy with our win,” Pick said. “We really feel like we’re getting back into the swing of things and this is where we should have been at the beginning of the season.”

Walsh will next meet McGlinn while Welsh Family takes on Ryan Sunday.

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Jim Halpert: False. Black bear.
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"We played with heart, and no one has more heart and dedication than our co-captain Collin Casey," sophomore quarterback Alex Bowman said. "He really helped the team keep our spirits up and lose with class."

Zahm continues to search for their first win against Carroll next week while Sorin takes a break with a bye.

Carroll 10, Fisher 0

Undefeated Carroll shut out Fisher in a physical win Sunday, using precise offensive execution to get by the Green Wave.

"We ran what we wanted to run [on offense]," Vermin coach Nick Ruof said.

Ruof said that Fisher's defense was tough from the first drive to the last.

"Their blitz was strong throughout the game," Ruof said. "But we adjusted — that's what football is all about."

On the other side of the football, Fisher (1-2) was unable to make anything happen on offense, partly due to the absence of head coach Eric Prister. The Green Wave

repeatedly went to the ground but struggled to find running lanes.

"Last week St. Ed's was pass heavy, this week Fisher was run heavy," sophomore Vermin captain Keith Marrero said.

Carroll (2-0) was prepared to defend the run, but Marrero said there is still work to be done defensively to prepare for next week's game against Zahm.

"We hit them at the line pretty well," Marrero said. "But we definitely have to work on stopping them from gaining extra yardage after contact."

Vermin freshman quarterback Jack Gardner stood out for the second week in a row, and freshman Bobby Dorman had the team's only touchdown and made several other key plays both on offense and defense. The young guns were just two of the top performers from Carroll.

"Everybody stepped up this week," Ruof said.

Next Sunday, the Green Wave will take on St. Ed's while Carroll looks to keep its perfect record against Zahm.

Stanford 27, Keough 9

Stanford rolled to a victory over Keough Sunday behind a three-touchdown effort from junior receiver Griffin Naylor.

Each team got off to a slow start, but the Griffins (2-0) found their rhythm during the second half and took advantage of the opportunities they got against the Kangaroos (0-3), who are still searching for their first win.

Keough took a 3-0 lead with a field goal during the second quarter. Stanford responded on their very next drive, when senior quarterback Tony Rizzo drifted to the left of the field and launched a pass to Naylor in the corner of the end zone to give Stanford a 7-3 lead.

"We got off to a slow start on offense, and we made some mistakes on defense giving up short routes, which we never do," Naylor said. "We really stepped up in the second half."

Keough regained the lead before halftime, but failed to hold on thanks to an inability to close out drives.

"Our receivers ran good routes and caught the ball well," Kangaroos freshman quarterback Aaron Grinsteiner said. "We just need to finish our drives. We didn't do that today."

The Griffins took the lead for good in the third quarter when Naylor ran an end-around to the right side of the field and leaped across the goal line. Though



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Sorin sophomore quarterback Ted Spinelli evades a defender during action against Fisher on Sept. 26. Sorin defeated Zahm 26-0 Sunday.

Stanford was happy to earn the win, Naylor said the team must continue to work to realize its potential.

"Our offensive line was great, we had a lot of big blocks in the second half," he said. "We need to be more consistent and play all four quarters. When this team is firing on all cylinders, we can beat anyone."

Stanford's final touchdown was the icing on the cake, when junior defenseman Dan Mulligan intercepted a Keough pass and began returning it before pitching it to Naylor, who returned the turnover all the way to the end zone. The star of the day credited the Kangaroos with providing a challenge that was not reflected in the final score.

"Credit to Keough's defense. They brought it," Naylor said. "Their quarterback was accurate, and their offense was competing."

The undefeated Griffins face Dillon next, while Keough has a bye.

Dillon 14, Keenan 6

The sound of helmets hitting helmets echoed from Riehle Fields Sunday afternoon as Dillon defeated Keenan in a matchup of two extremely physical teams. The Big Red (2-0) remain undefeated after a strong second-half effort against the Knights (1-2).

Keenan started out strong and led 6-0 at halftime after a 20-yard run touchdown run by sophomore quarterback Trevor Yerrick. After Dillon intercepted a Keenan pass in the last moments of the first half, though, the Big Red gained momentum and began to control the pace of the game.

Sophomore running back Terry Howard ran the ball 15 yards for a touchdown to put Dillon up 7-6 early in the second half, kick-starting a Big Red second-half resurgence.

"We really stepped it up in the second half," Howard said. "Our offensive line played leaps and bounds better than it did in our last game."

The Big Red continued their solid second-half play, going up 14-6 after freshman quarterback Kevin Fink found sophomore receiver Will Salvi in the end zone. An interception by junior defender Eamon El-Sawaf sealed the victory for Dillon.

"We're planning to work hard in practice again this week and hope to get a win against Stanford on Sunday," Howard said.

The Knights are also planning a difficult practice after evaluating their weaker points from Sunday's game.

"We played a solid first half, but we really struggled in the second half," senior defensive back Jamie Koepsel said. "Our defense failed to make adjustments to Dillon's strong running game."

Keenan will try to bounce back from the loss in its game against O'Neill Sunday, while Dillon looks to continue its two-game winning streak against Stanford.

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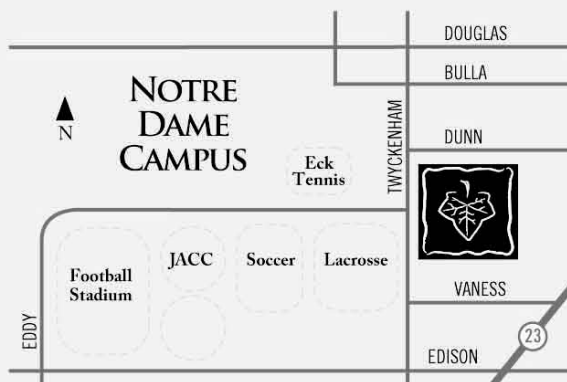
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ball,” Kuschel said. “We know we have been improving every day in practice. We need to see that improvement during our matches this week.”

The Belles will face Hope, and each of the other teams in the MIAA, once more in the second half of the season. A win tonight could jumpstart a change in play

for the closing stretch, Kuschel said.

“We need to cut out our unforced errors and be smart with the ball,” she said. “We have been preparing for this match the way we have for any other: by focusing on what we need to improve on in practice to bring our game to the next level.”

The Belles will host Hope tonight at 7 p.m.

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stuck,” Kellner said.

Since those first lessons, Kellner has qualified for the high school state tournament in New York multiple years and was named Long Island’s Player of the Year. She joined the Irish from Hauppauge High School in Smithtown, N.Y., where she won the 2008 state championship.

Throughout high school, Kellner had college tennis on the agenda, but the location was always an unknown. That changed when she visited Notre Dame, and as so many before her, knew she had found her school.

“After visiting Notre Dame I knew it was where I wanted to be for the next four years. I loved the campus spirit, the school, the religious environ-

ment and the girls on the team,” Kellner said. “I could really see myself being there.”

As a freshman, she is just starting to get in the swing of college tennis and college itself — the balance of work and play.

“The most difficult part about adjusting has been balancing my schoolwork with tennis by basically using every minute that I have,” Kellner said.

Despite the workload, Kellner knows she is in a good place, surrounded by teammates and coaches who can always help.

“I like how we are such a small team and give each other motivation during both practice and competition. I like how the coaches can talk, help and motivate us during the matches,” she said.

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WOMEN’S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Cavanaugh drops Babes with big win

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Cavanaugh displayed its proficiency on both sides of the ball as the Chaos completed their perfect season with a 14-0 win against Breen-Phillips.

Having shut out Breen-Phillips (0-4) en route to a win in the first week of the season, Cavanaugh (4-0) did so once again in the season’s final week to secure a playoff bid.

Both teams relied heavily on their defenses, as both offenses were unable to consistently move the ball in the first half. Fittingly, the first big play was a defensive one, as Cavanaugh senior linebacker Mo Mathias intercepted a pass from Breen-Phillips senior quarterback Gabriela Moriel. Following the interception, junior running back Brittini Alexander took a direct snap and broke multiple tackles on a long touchdown run for the first score of the game.

The Chaos added their final score of the game later in the second half on a touchdown pass from junior quarterback Megan Robertson to senior wide receiver and captain Holly Hinz. Cavanaugh used a

variety of play types to give Breen-Phillips a lot of different looks.

“We just have a lot of plays in our book,” Hinz said. “We just try to use the ones that we think are going to work on a given day.”

After wrapping up their perfect season, the Chaos wait for the playoffs.

Hinz knows that if her team continues to execute, they could very well wind up playing for a championship.

“We had a great season, 4-0, so we are super excited about that,”

Hinz said. “We are just ready to get going with the playoffs.”

On the opposite end of the winning spectrum sits Breen-Phillips, who closed out a winless season. Despite their inability to win games this year, the Babes appreciate the season they had.

“It was definitely a lot of bonding, a lot of fun,” senior defensive lineman Megan Skinner said. “But we also played really hard and played really strong the whole time.”

Breen-Phillips will look to come back stronger next year, while Cavanaugh awaits their first playoff game.

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Freshman Zhang makes early mark

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Freshman Nicole Zhang made Irish history when she competed in the 2010 U.S. Women's Golf Open at the nationally acclaimed Oakmont Country Club in Pittsburgh, Pa., during the summer, becoming the first member of the Irish program to do so. And she did so before ever stepping onto campus as a student or competing at the collegiate level.

Ranked the No. 10 national recruit by Golfweek, Zhang, a Calgary, Alberta native, was one of four Canadians competing in the U.S. Open. She shot two rounds of 78 for a 14-over total of 156, which missed the cut by a mere four strokes.

Zhang brings much more experience to the team than just the U.S. Open, although it was probably one of her toughest competitions yet. Irish coach Susan Holt referred to Zhang as "not your typical freshman" because of her extensive experience in playing at an elevated level. She has played in numerous major USGA Amateur Golf Championships as well as in multiple other events as an amateur, while also having the opportunity to beat professional golfers on more than one occasion. Zhang's experiences have helped mold her into the strong player she is today, making her a valuable weapon the Irish team has already benefitted from in winning their first two tournaments.

"On the course she is very focused and has an aggressive style of play which allows her to have many birdie chances during each round," Holt said. "When she is on she is tough to beat. Her teammates have a great deal of respect for her and he game. I have players that have asked to play with Nicole during practice so they can watch her and learn from her. I think that is the ultimate compliment one teammate can give to another."

Holt also has been impressed with how Zhang continuously handles the

pressure of a large tournament.

"I don't think she feels pressure. She just plays the game the way she knows how," Holt said. "She is very even-tempered on the course which is a great attribute to have to play good golf. I never know how she is playing because she carries herself the same all the time. She is very confident in her ability and I don't think she ever doubts her ability. For this I am glad she is on our team because as an opponent she is tough to beat."

Golf has had a larger role in Zhang's life than what is reflected in her achievements and the effect she has already had on her teammates.

Zhang and her older brother Dustin, a senior on the Irish men's golf team, grew up on a golf course in Calgary. Once Dustin started playing, Nicole simply followed, beginning to play at age six. Dustin's role on the men's team also influenced Nicole's decision to attend Notre Dame. Multiple visits over the past few years and an introduction to the Irish coaches drew Nicole in and helped her make her decision.

"We got lucky to have her really want to come here," Holt said. "Obviously we hoped that she would as she is a wonderful young lady and a great golf talent."

Although a successful athlete in her own right, Zhang never stops caring about her teammates during a match, often asking her coaches how everyone else is playing.

"She cares about the team aspect and wants her teammates to play well," Holt said.

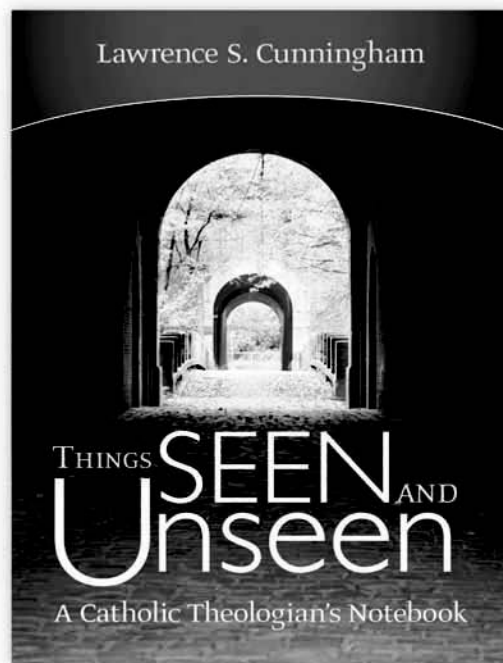
Zhang and the Irish have taken first in both of their tournaments this fall, most recently winning the title at their own William K. Warren Invitational, where Zhang took second overall. Notre Dame will return to the golf course this weekend at the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championship on Oct. 8-9 in Knoxville, Tenn., where the Irish will look to secure their third straight win.

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Bayliss

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the first time that he has shown the ability to handle the pressure and scrutiny needed to win consistently at the top of the lineup."

After their strong showing in Massachusetts, the Irish sent senior Dan Stahl, junior Casey Watt and sophomore Blas Moros to the ITA All-American tournament that began Sunday.

"Dan Stahl and Blas Moros are playing today [Monday] in Tulsa," Bayliss said. "Each has a very tough first round match, as Blas plays a returning

starter from Virginia, probably the country's best team this year, and Dan plays one of Florida's better players. The idea in sending them to the qualifying rounds was to expose them to high national level competition and give them the opportunity to see where they are ... Obviously in an event like the All-American any win is a good one and that is what our guys are seeking. All of the best players in the country will be there."

As a team, the Irish will take some time off before competing in the Midwest Regional Championships on Oct. 21.

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while Knott has a bye next week.

Alumni 14, Duncan 6

Alumni got the better of the vaunted Duncan defense, scoring two touchdowns in a victory.

The Highlanders (1-2) took an early lead with a running touchdown from freshman quarterback Josh Whelan, though the extra point attempt was blocked. The Dawgs (2-0) rallied in the second half, scoring in the third quarter on a run from freshman quarterback Will Cronin and in the fourth quarter courtesy of junior running back Barrick Bollman.

"I thought the team showed a lot of heart," senior Alumni line-backer Sean O'Brien said. "We were down early but kept fighting and made some changes on defense. Our offensive line really won the game for us."

The time of possession greatly favored the Dawgs, who ate up the clock with two long, methodical drives and a strong running attack. The Highlanders sealed their fate with sloppy play late in the game, committing several costly penalties and losing two offensive possessions to interceptions.

Although disappointed by the final result, Duncan still had some reason for optimism. The early touchdown was the first offensive touchdown in Highlander history, and the offense showed much

more movement than in their first two games.

"I think our running game was there," Whelan said. "We played much better as a team."

The Highlanders will be looking to increase intensity and consistency in coming weeks.

"We broke down in the second half," Whelan said. "They wanted it more. We need to work on passing game synchronization, and fighting for all four quarters."

Alumni will next face Siegfried, while Duncan's next challenge will come against Morrissey.

Sorin 26, Zahm 0

A tough, spirited Zahm defense wasn't enough to contain Sorin's prolific offense in Sunday's game. With a mix of long throws and wildcat running, Sorin (2-1) managed to score three passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown while holding Zahm (0-3) scoreless in the victory.

Zahm's defense started out strong with sacks coming from junior lineman Luke Lennon, a drum major in high school turned into one of Zahm's most dangerous defensive weapons.

"He's like a character in a Disney channel movie, going from playing trombone to being one of the best athletes out here," Lennon's junior roommate Jordan Rincon said.

Sorin's offense quickly fell into a rhythm, spreading out the Zahm secondary with long receptions; quarterback Ted Spinelli connected with sophomore receiver Ryan Robinson for massive gains and two touchdowns.

Spinelli connected for a third touchdown with senior receiver Jon Beckerle before the Otters switched offensive styles and began to run the wildcat with senior captain Michael Browder taking snaps.

"Sorin rides Browder to victory is the best way to describe how essential he is to our team," freshman Kevin Timperman said.

Browder chipped in another touchdown after a long running drive behind the blocking of a strong offensive line led by senior Matt Gamber.

Though short on subs and plagued by injuries, Zahm fought to the very end of the game.

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Alumni freshman defensive back Brandon Nwannunu attempts to tackle a Duncan ballcarrier during the Dawgs' 14-6 win Sunday.

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juniors in high school and beginning the process of choosing a school. In addition, that 2005 squad was the last to not advance to the College Cup, falling a game short in a NCAA quarterfinal loss at then-No. 1 Portland. In the last five years, the Irish have won 68 times and tied with their opponent three times, with the most recent coming at Pittsburgh on Oct. 4, 2009. The average margin of victory during the streak has been 2.92 goals per match, indicating that the Irish have not just won games, but have often dominated them.

Though the Irish are looking to continue the streak over the six remaining regular-season conference games and four conference tournament games, the team is not using the record as a motivational factor.

"To be totally honest, I didn't know we were at 71," junior forward Melissa Henderson said. "I don't really think we're thinking about that right now. We're really just trying to focus on game after game, and our ultimate goal, a national championship."

Irish coach Randy Waldrum has used the streak to continue to lure recruits to South Bend, but once he brings players here, he tries not to mention it ever again.

"Those kind of things are things that you sell. Those conference wins are all things that you want the outside players that you want to bring in, that you want to talk about it," he said. "Within the team, we really don't use that as our focus, we just try to use that next game, and so far so good. We have not once ever talked about it."

The Irish acknowledge that the streak will not last forever but are only concerned over its ending insofar as it involves their quest for yet another Big East championship.

"The record's going to be broken at some point in time," Waldrum said. "I think it's more important that they just realize that we just need to keep getting wins to win the conference championship."

Notre Dame will look to extend its streak this weekend with a pair of home dates against Seton Hall and Rutgers.

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- Across**

1 Nosh

5 Only O.T. book that never mentions God: Abbr.

9 Jack who could eat no fat

14 Certain charge card, informally

15 Aria, typically

16 Ragú rival

17 Tiffany creation

18 Ones ranking below cpls.

19 Conger catcher

20 Bit of derring-do

22 Here and now

24 Alpha's opposite

26 "Swan Lake" swan

27 Put the tape back to the start

30 French actor Alain

32 Cremona craftsman

33 Pastoral poem
- 34 Big mouth, slangily

38 ____ Pinafore

39 Lincoln's famous one was just 272 words

42 Photo blowup: Abbr.

43 When doubled, a food fish

45 Oboe or clarinet

46 Less than 90°

48 Big tournaments for university teams, informally

50 Fled to wed

51 Nickelodeon's parent company

54 Anglo-____

56 Aromatic sticks

58 Home entertainment centerpiece

62 Producer of sweat and tears, but not blood

63 "Go ahead!"

65 Done
- 66 Painting surface

67 Auto on the autobahn

68 In the cellar

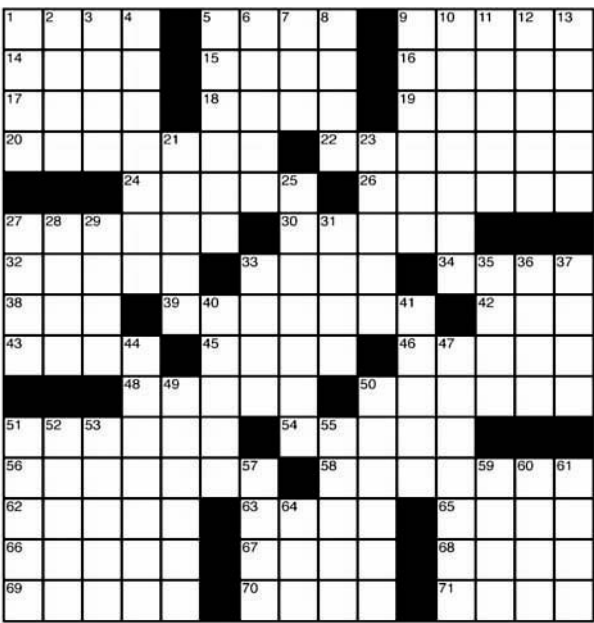
69 Web-footed mammal

70 Catchall abbreviation

71 "What ____?"

Down

- 1 Unit of cotton
- 2 Supersized movie screen format
- 3 Short-term worker, for short
- 4 Take advantage of
- 5 Spotted
- 6 Start of either syllable in "ginger"
- 7 An attentive doc gives it to a patient
- 8 Doctor's place: Abbr.
- 9 Swimwear brand
- 10 Show, in a show-and-tell
- 11 Lease to a new tenant
- 12 15-percenter
- 13 Rich cake
- 21 ____ vincit amor
- 23 Status symbol car, familiarly
- 25 Prepare to drive, as a golf ball
- 27 Obama adviser Emanuel
- 28 Austen novel
- 29 Get the grime off
- 31 Gave the once-over



Puzzle by Paula Gamache and Ed Stein

- 33 Invention starter

35 Sign on for another tour

36 A chip or two to start with

37 Said "Not guilty!," e.g.

40 Small amounts

41 Permanent provider
- 44 Make boiling mad

47 Say "There, there" to, say

49 Flier with a 10-foot wingspan

50 Wonderfully foreign

51 "The Road" star Mortensen

52 Fjord, e.g.
- 53 "With ____ of thousands!" (movie ad boast)

55 They turn litmus paper red

57 Cheese with a red coat

59 Ellipsoid

60 Minus

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64 Non's opposite

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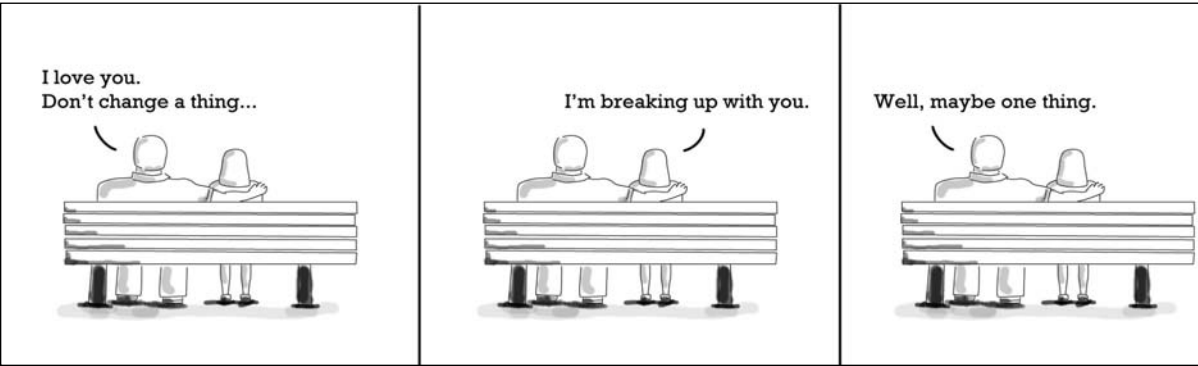
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Happy Birthday: You have to be smarter and more efficient to come out on top. Opportunities are heading your way, so recognize what's being offered and don't fear what needs to be done to get where you want to go. It is an interesting year ahead so don't miss out or fall behind because you are waffling. Your numbers are 2, 11, 15, 23, 28, 37, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): As soon as you become too serious, you will end up in a dispute over something that doesn't really matter. Mishaps or injury due to impatience, lack of tolerance or being careless will cause emotional stress. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't be fooled by anyone making big promises. You have as much to offer without all the unnecessary fluff and you should be proud that you are so efficient. Someone important will recognize your talent. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get the edge by going to an event you feel will contribute to your productivity or inspire you to develop a talent. Don't waste your time working toward someone else's goal. You'll interest someone in a partnership that can change your status. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have the energy to create something special for your friends and family. A conversation you have with someone you respect will bring about a higher income or cash. Don't let your pride stop you from accepting what you deserve. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't get sidetracked by all the things on your to-do list. You should be enjoying the moment, the space you are currently in, the people around you and the relationships you are developing. It's a great day to put aside for pampering and pleasure. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put yourself on the line. No matter what you do it will turn out in your favor. Your insightful and practical way of dealing with people will ensure that you will be happy with the outcome. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The moment you meddle in the affairs of others, you will be chastised. Now is not the time to point the finger but it is a perfect time to work on one of your creative projects, or self-improvement or updating your look. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A change in the way someone treats you will come as a surprise. Reciprocate and consider partnering at some future date. Taking on a challenge together will make the task at hand much easier.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Not everyone will think the same way you do and this can lead to an embarrassing situation. Stick close to home or with people who know you well and share your opinions. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let trivial matters ruin your day when you have so much going for you. A little ingenuity and hard work will help you turn your home into something spectacular. Spend a little time and money on yourself and your appearance. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your memories will push you to find a way to include the things you used to enjoy into your busy schedule and help you avoid the people and old habits that influenced you negatively. Your intuitive insight will lead to an enriching, disciplined lifestyle. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't change your plans because someone has opted to go in a different direction. It may be time to make a few changes in your personal life and to surround yourself with people with whom you have more in common. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are intuitive and resourceful. You take everything you do seriously and will always do more than required. You win friends easily.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Mean streak

Irish look to continue conference win streak

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Record-setting streaks are part of the sports landscape. For the last five years, the Irish have been compiling one of the most impressive streaks in college sports, and each time they add to it, they quietly extend an NCAA Division I record.

After two dominating wins this past weekend, the Irish have now played in 71 conference games without losing, with only three ties in that span.

The streak dates back to Oct. 2, 2005, when the Irish rebounded from a loss at Marquette with a 4-0 win at South Florida in what was Notre Dame's 100th Big East game. At the time, Notre Dame's current seniors were

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Freshman forward Adriana Leon chases after a loose ball Oct. 1 against Syracuse. Leon and the Irish have won 71 straight conference games in the Big East dating back to 2005.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles face ranked foe at home

By KATHARINE MACK
Sports Writer

A win over a top-20 opponent is one way to end a six-match losing streak. Tonight Saint Mary's (3-13, 1-6 MIAA) hopes to do just that against No. 14 Hope (10-4, 6-1).

"We have played a lot of tough nationally ranked competition this season, and we have been successful," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "Hope is another great team and we will need to bring our best effort to beat them."

The Flying Dutch enter the matchup on a three-match winning streak, all by a margin of 3-0, compared to the Belles who have lost eight of their last nine.

"[We need] to play aggressive and consistent volley-

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Siegfried bests Knott in battle of rivals to retain 'Cup'

By SAM GANS, VICTORIA JACOBSEN, JACK YUSKO, LUCIE GORDON, LAURA COLETTI and SARAH CRIPPIN
Sports Writers

The Flanner Cup initially seemed it would come down to the wire but ended up a rout, as Siegfried dominated rival Knott 17-0.

After a field goal gave Siegfried (2-0) a 3-0 lead, sophomore half-

back David Whitmore put a dagger in the hearts of the Juggerknotts (0-3) with a two-yard touchdown run on the final play of the first half to put the Ramblers up 10-0. That capped a 12-play, 52-yard drive in which Siegfried only ran the ball, taking advantage of its physicality.

"We started pounding the ball more and more," Whitmore said. "By the end of the half, they just couldn't tackle us anymore. We were hitting them too hard."

Siegfried added to the final

score in the third quarter when senior quarterback Matt Meinert found the end zone from two yards out.

Whitmore, who ran for 80 yards on 16 carries, was pleased with the improvement from his team's opening 3-0 win, but knows that the team must keep getting better.

"Our line has been playing a lot better and we're very happy about that," Whitmore said. "[But] we realize Knott's 0-3."

Knott had a new starting quarterback against Siegfried in sopho-

more Jake Coleman. Coleman had initial success, leading the Juggerknotts deep into Rambler territory on the opening drive. The drive stalled, though, leaving Knott with no points.

After Coleman struggled in the next two quarters, former starter sophomore Dylan Walter was put back in the game, and found Coleman, now at receiver, on a 41-yard pass to the 20-yard line. Yet again the Juggerknotts were stymied when threatening to score.

"We couldn't score ... again," Knott captain Dan Shaffer said. "Offensively we drove to the redzone and just died there."

Knott, which has no touchdowns this season, will try to figure out how to punch the ball into the endzone.

"This offense works until the redzone," Shaffer said. "I don't know if there's some magic we can do once we're down there."

Next up for Siegfried is Alumni,

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Freshman Kellner debuts

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

At the age of six, Jennifer Kellner took a lesson that led her down a path that eventually landed her on the Irish tennis team.

Twelve years later, the freshman began her college career this past weekend at the Eck Classic.

Kellner's mother, who played tennis for Fordham University during her college days, saw an ad in the newspaper for a free tennis lesson years ago, which she decided might be a good fit for her daughters.

"After that we began to play more and more and ever since then tennis has just

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Senior Kristen Rafael hits a forehand at the Eck Classic on Oct. 3. Rafael and her teammates started their season on Oct. 1.

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish send three to All-American event

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Irish finished this past weekend with an impressive 32-7 record at the Chowder Invitational and will now look to three of their top players to perform well at the ITA All-American Tournament in Tulsa, Okla.

"I felt that this was the best weekend we have had in a fall event in some time," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "From top to bottom we played with intensity and poise. [Senior] Stephen Havens was named the tournament's outstanding player, but he had a lot of our guys

nipping at his heels."

Havens finished with an undefeated record in both singles and doubles. Bayliss said Havens proved strong throughout the tournament this weekend instead of having a letdown after some major wins, as he had done in the past.

"He had good wins and then backed them up with solid performances, something that he had previously been unable to do. We have always known that he had great potential because of a number of spectacular, but sporadic and limited, good wins," Bayliss said. "This is

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