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Michigan State gameday smoother than last

Few arrests, ideal weather and Irish win lead to more successful home game weekend than USF

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Associate News Editor

Director for Game Day Operations Mike Seamon said he "couldn't be happier" with the way the past home game weekend turned out.

Seamon, also the associate vice president of Campus Safety, said over 82,000 people attended the sold out Michigan State game Saturday.

Seamon called the second game day of the season a stark improvement from the afternoon of the USF game,

when severe weather resulted in the first stadium evacuation in Notre Dame history.

"Compared to the first week, talk about total opposites," he said. "It was good to get back to a regular game and not have to be worrying about weather. It went extremely well."

Police made seven arrests Saturday, director of Notre Dame Security Police Phil Johnson said.

He said one man was ar

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GAMEDAY STATS



>82,000
attendees
in stadium



15,000
fans attended
pep rally



3,000
fans visited
tunnel

ARRESTS

- 5 for public intoxication (1 inside, 4 outside)
- 1 for disorderly conduct and false informing
- 1 underage drinking ticket

LISA HOEYNCK | Observer Graphic

ND director wins Holy Cross award

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

Director of Student Financial Strategies Joseph Russo has dedicated his 33-year career at the University to increasing the accessibility of higher education to more students.

Last week, Russo learned he was being presented with the 2011 Spirit of Holy Cross Award. Russo and eight other honorees were chosen for the award for embodying the mission of the Congregation in their work, a press release from the Congregation of the Holy Cross stated.

"Receiving the award was very surprising and extremely humbling," Russo said. "To get recognition for my work like this is very pleasing, but at the same time I feel like I'm just doing my job."

The press release also cited Russo's work outside the University, which includes publishing books on financial aid, testifying before Congress and sitting on federal committees. Russo said receiving the award enhanced his appreciation of the variety of experiences his career has afforded him.

"It reinforces in my mind how truly blessed I am to be here at Notre Dame and to have had the opportunities I've had," he said.

As financial aid policy evolves and the University's endowment is strengthened, Russo said the ability to attend Notre

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STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

University President Fr. John Jenkins gave his annual faculty address Tuesday. Jenkins drew parallels between new students and new faculty becoming more talented each year.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Council discusses pep rally

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

The Council of Representatives discussed the successes and shortcomings of the Michigan State pep rally at its Tuesday meeting.

Billy Wardlaw, chair of the Hall Presidents Council (HPC), which has a leadership role in pep rally programming, said the event's execution was unproblematic.

"It was successful on the HPC-end. The walkover went smoothly," he said. "I thought the pep rally was great, [former Notre Dame head coach] Ara [Parseghi-

an] did a great job, and it was great to have a [former] Notre Dame team, the '66 team there."

Senior Class Council president Anne Huntington said she thought the pep rally went well, but student attendance was lacking.

"It was really awesome, really fun. [Former Secretary of State] Condoleezza [Rice] was great," she said. "But it looked like there were zero students from where I was standing."

Wardlaw said publicizing Rice's attendance at the rally might have increased student turnout, but prematurely releasing the infor-

mation would have risked disappointing students.

"They don't want to say Condoleezza is going to be there and then she's not ... these people are really busy," he said. "They are really hesitant to release the speakers."

Pasquerilla East senator Katie Rose said some students skipped the rally because of a history of lackluster rallies on Irish Green.

"I know a lot of my friends, and myself included, don't have much motivation to go to Irish Green pep rallies since they haven't been so

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New course will meet at prison

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

When Professor Ed Kelly began a week of intensive training for the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program — three days of which he spent in an actual penitentiary — he found his preconceived notions of prison inmates shaken.

"I was tremendously moved by my week long experience in Dearborn, [Mich.] with three full days spent in prison," he said. "I was so struck by their humanity, their brilliance, how articulate some of them were, and how engaged they were."

The training was in preparation for Kelly's class next semester, co-instructed by Professor Susan Sharpe, called "Rethinking Crime and Justice: Explorations from the Inside-Out."

The course will add Notre Dame to the list of 125 colleges and universities participating in the Exchange Program. The program was established in 1997 at Temple University with the mission of facilitating dialogue between inmates and outside students on topics of social problems and the legal system.

The class will pair 15 Notre Dame students with 15 "inside" students. The group will travel 45 minutes to Westville Correctional Facility each Monday night to meet with their partner students.

Sharpe hopes students in the course will receive a transformative experience similar to

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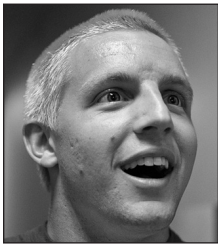
QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Marc Ackerman

freshman
Carroll

"Flying."



Mitch Speer

senior
Carroll

"To see into the future."



Bob Park

freshman
Duncan

"To know all the test answers."



Neils Seim

junior
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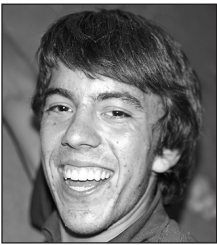
"The power to fast-forward."



Sarah McCroy

senior
off campus

"The ability to rock climb all day."



Shawn Steurer

junior
Stanford

"Super climbing power."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



JAMES DOAN/The Observer

Seniors Erin Scott and Natalie Baldasare lead the first meeting Tuesday of the Notre Dame chapter of "College Mentors for Kids." College Mentors for Kids is a mentorship program that pairs Notre Dame students with local elementary school kids.

OFFBEAT

Hero rabbit saves owners from house fire

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A pet rabbit is being credited for saving its owners from a house fire in southeastern Alaska before it died of smoke inhalation, fire officials said on Friday.

The rabbit woke up the homeowner early on Tuesday morning by scratching on her chest, the Ketchikan Fire Department said in a statement.

The homeowner realized that the house was full of smoke, woke up her daughter and fled the house.

The fire was brought under control fairly quickly, with four engines, a ladder truck and 33 firefighters re-

sponding.

Damage to the house from flames, smoke and water was considered moderate.

While there were no injuries to the mother or daughter, the rabbit was not so lucky. The animal succumbed to smoke inhalation and did not survive, the fire department said.

Guinness ruled U.S. woman world's shortest

CHICAGO — A 27-inch tall (69 cm) college student whose hobbies include dancing and cheerleading is the world's shortest woman, Guinness World Records said on Tuesday.

Bridgette Jordan, 22, and her younger brother Brad,

who measures 38 inches (98 cm) tall, were also named the "shortest living siblings" by the record-keeper.

The siblings, who attend Kaskasia College in central Illinois, were both born with Majewski osteodysplastic primordial dwarfism type II. "I believe that everyone should be confident in themselves," Bridgette said in a statement.

Jordan's record may not stand for long as 2-foot-tall (70 cm) Jyoti Amge in India turns 18 in December when she would qualify as the world's shortest woman, a Guinness spokesman said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Every Wednesday from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. join trainers at Rolfs Sports Rec Center for low impact fitness classes in RSRC Meeting Room 129. Register via Rec-Register.

This afternoon from 2 to 3:30 p.m. the Fall Town Hall Meeting will be held in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center in Leighton Auditorium. This is a campus-wide information session shared by Fr. John Jenkins and John Affleck-Graves. There will be updates on the Advancing Our Vision initiative.

Learn to use citation searching to find high impact articles, journals, and track your h-index in Hesburgh Library today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Tonight from 5 to 8 p.m. there will be a meeting for the Staff Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program. This session will review the details of the program, the retiree benefits available and other information to be considered about retirement. The session will be held in 101 DeBartolo Hall. Call the askHR Customer Service team at 631-5900 to RSVP.

Melanie Rae Thon, author of The Voice of the River, Sweet Hearts and several other novels and short story collections, will be reading from her work tonight from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd@gmail.com

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TODAY



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TONIGHT



HIGH
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THURSDAY



HIGH
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FRIDAY



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SATURDAY



HIGH
LOW

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45

SUNDAY



HIGH
LOW

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48

Senior writes play on San Luis

By MADELINE MILES
News Writer

Saint Mary's senior Emily Schmitt was intrigued when Professor Susan Baxter first told her the story of what happened in San Luis, Colo. in March of 1989, when a federal raid on alleged poachers led to controversy as residents claimed the poaching was encouraged by the government.

Schmitt and Baxter traveled to San Luis to get the local perspective through the College's Student Independent Study, Teaching and Research (SIS-TAR) program.

"It was such an interesting story," Schmitt said. "We knew there were questionable government motives behind it."

Schmitt, a theater and philosophy double major, hoped to collect information to ultimately develop into a play.

"I've always been interested in the convergence of playwriting and journalism," she said. "It seems news providers are doing theater, and as a response the playwrights are returning to journalism."

Schmitt's research inspired "San Luis, 1989," a fictional play based on stories from residents the pair met. The ongoing project reached a milestone in its development when the Actors' Ensemble of South Bend, a semi-professional theater group, presented the play through a reading at the Little Theater Tuesday night.

The play depicts the experience of Clyde Montoya, a struggling farmer who takes an offer to make "easy money" selling illegally poached antlers, meat and feathers. Montoya and his fellow townspeople are faced with deception



COURTNEY ECKERLE/The Observer

Senior Emily Schmitt presented her play with the Actors' Ensemble of South Bend Tuesday at the Little Theater.

and economic pressures as they live through the fallout of the poaching controversy.

Baxter said Schmitt wasted little time in engaging the locals the first time they visited San Luis this summer.

"Emily just started walking around San Luis," Baxter said. "Anyone she bumped into, she started asking questions."

Schmitt said a chance meeting with an individual with first-hand experience of the raid pushed her investigation forward.

"I just happened to run into someone who wanted to talk to me about the raid," she said. "From there, I just kept digging."

While the role of the government in the alleged manipulation or mistreatment of the accused poachers is unclear, Schmitt said she hopes the play will encourage viewers to

take a closer look at possible violations of social justice.

"My goal with the play would be to get people thinking about justice issues," said Schmitt. "I want to make people question some of their assumptions about not only the Hispanic community, but the history of the United States and raise the question of what is just."

As Schmitt applies to graduate schools for both playwriting and philosophy programs, she said she will continue to work on the play.

"If 'San Luis, 1989' gets picked up, the best thing would be that this play exposes the issue of government manipulation and corruption to the wider community," she said. "It's a story that needs to be told."

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Arrests

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rested for public intoxication inside the stadium. Outside the stadium, four people were arrested for public intoxication, one for disorderly conduct and false informing and one was ticketed for underage drinking, Johnson said.

Campus was packed the entire weekend, Seamon said, with 15,000 people attending the pep rally on Irish Green Friday and over 3,000 visiting the tunnel.

Seamon said Michigan State's close proximity to Notre Dame played a part in

the high number of visitors.

"That always adds to it — whenever you play Michigan or Michigan State, or even Purdue, whenever it's a driving distance game [we tend] to have more people on campus," he said.

Seamon said special events like former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's appearance at the pep rally and honoring the 1966 National Championship team also contributed to the influx of excited visitors.

"It's safe to say it was a successful weekend both on and off the field," he said.

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Prison

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Kelly's, and will gain a different perspective on the law and prison system.

"This course will force you to think in new ways about crime and justice," Sharpe said.

Kelly said the demands on students will exceed just the commute. He said the course's emphasis on interaction over external study will require students to fully commit themselves.

"This is not a human research kind of course," he said. "And we're not serving them either. We're not going there to offer some charity."

While extensive one-on-one interaction is at the core of the class, the safety of the outside students is still a concern, Sharpe said.

"The inside students are being screened in two ways. There will be no inside students who have any kind of sexual offenses on their record," she said. "Be-

yond that, we won't know what they're in [prison] for."

As a further precaution, students will be on a first-name basis and are restricted from any contact outside of the weekly class time. Students will also be required to sign a limited-anonymity contract.

"This is so when they get out, they can't go looking for you, and when you get home to the Internet, you can't look for them," Sharpe said. "This commitment states you are not there to build a long-term relationship."

Beyond the screening for criminal history, the inside students will be required to pass a reading test. Still, Sharpe said a lack of education will not inhibit the inmates from benefitting from the nontraditional class.

"They don't have to have a GED, they don't have to have had college courses work," she said. "We know from lots of experience that people without those credentials can do well in a course like this."

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Who will win Best in Show? Type-A trainer Christy Cummings (Jane Lynch) and her odds-on favorite Rhapsody in White? Harlan Pepper (Christopher Guest) and his bloodhound Hubert? Gerry and Cookie Fleck (Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara) and their upstart terrier Winky?

➤ **WAITING FOR GUFFMAN** (1997)
Thursday, September 22 at 9pm
The residents of Blaine, Missouri celebrate their sesquicentennial with a community theatre production looking back on the town's history. Director Corky St. Clair (Christopher Guest) rallies his amateur troupe to give their all with hopes of a visit from Broadway producer Mort Guffman.

➤ **MIDNIGHT MOVIE**
THIS IS SPINAL TAP (1984)
DIRECTED BY ROB REINER
Saturday, September 24 at Midnight
Spinal Tap, the band behind such classics as Intravenous de Milo and Shark Sandwich, plans their worldwide tour in support of their latest album, Smell the Glove. Ticket sales drop and the band is forced to play airplane hangars rather than arenas. Will they survive?



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successful in the past,” Rose said.

Freshmen Leadership Experience chair Ricky Bevington said some students regretted their decision not to attend the pep rally after hearing about it from students who went.

“A lot of people feel like they missed out at this one,” he said. “I know a lot of people who didn’t go are planning to go to the next one.”

Junior class president Kevin Doherty said the rallies should return to their original focus on students.

“I know one of the concerns I’ve heard at least from some students is that they think the pep rallies are more geared toward alumni coming in for the game, rather than students,” Doherty said.

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Russo

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Dame is becoming a reality for more applicants.

“My goal is to make Notre Dame affordable for all who are accepted”, Russo said. “We’re in a position here where I may soon be able to look any student in need of financial aid in the eye and tell them, ‘We can make this happen. We can make your dream come true.’”

While Russo’s work is largely guided by rules and consistency standards, he said there is still room to incorporate the Holy Cross mission into the financial aid process.

“We create good financial aid policy here at Notre Dame through a tension between science and art. Much of what I do in deciding how to allocate financial aid is driven by regulations,” he said. “However, I also recognize that an art portion consisting of compassion, common sense, honesty and the courage to make exceptions when appropriate must balance this science out.”

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Accused Tenn. killer released on bond

Associated Press

GALLATIN, Tenn. — A young Tennessee woman accused of killing her newborn twins has been released from a jail in Gallatin on a \$250,000 bond, walking out in the company of her father.

Twenty-five-year-old Lindsey Lowe left jail in Tennessee’s Sumner County with her father escorting her, his arm draped about her shoulders. Broadcaster WTVF-TV reported that the woman’s family had secured a property bond set earlier by a judge and she was released into the custody of her parents (<http://bit.ly/qWaLF9>).

Police have said Lowe hid her pregnancy and then suffocated her twin boys last week to keep her parents from hearing their cries at her home in Hendersonville.

Calls by The Associated Press to the woman’s home were not immediately answered.

The woman’s supporters had packed a court hearing Mon-

day and several testified on her behalf, describing Lowe as a sweet and humble person who is widely loved and respected. That testimony came during a bond hearing for the woman, who was arrested last week after authorities reported her father had found the body of one of the baby boys in his daughter’s laundry basket.

On Monday, Mark Lowe defended his daughter in court, saying, “Lindsey is a model daughter and we love her very much. She’s as good as it gets.”

Lowe said in that hearing that his daughter had lived at home since graduating from Western Kentucky University and had only gotten her first fulltime job about two months ago, working in billing at a dental office. She spent much of her time taking care of her mother, who had a brain tumor several years ago that had re-occurred in April.

Lindsey Lowe hung her head through much of Monday’s testimony, hiding her face with her hair.



Lindsey Lowe, front, is escorted from the courtroom after her bond hearing Monday. Lowe was released on a \$250,000 bond.

The woman told Hendersonville Police Det. Steve Malach she delivered the babies at home on the toilet and killed them so that her parents would not hear their cries, according to Malach’s affidavit filed with the court.

Police have said they are

working to determine the father’s identity.

Lowe’s attorney, John Pelleggrin, said the woman was engaged to be married, but he was waiting on the autopsy report to say anything definitive about who the father of the children was.



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Officers indicted in beating

Associated Press

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — Two police officers were indicted Tuesday in the beating of a University of Maryland student during a rowdy celebration that was caught on video after the school's basketball win over Duke last year, prosecutors said.

Prince George's County Officers Reginald Baker and James Harrison, both of the department's special operations division, were indicted on charges of first- and second-degree assault and misconduct in office, said County State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks.

Police arrested more than two dozen students who took to the streets to celebrate Maryland's 79-72 win over Duke on March 3, 2010. A video, taken from a dorm room window, later surfaced showing officers in riot gear beating student John McKenna with batons. Charges were later dropped against many of those arrested that night, including McKenna.

The video shows McKenna half-dancing, half-jogging down the sidewalk in celebration. He stops when he is cor-



A student filmed two Prince George County officers beating a University of Maryland student March 3, 2010.

nered by two officers on horseback. Then, three officers in riot gear approach McKenna, and he is slammed into a wall and struck repeatedly with batons. McKenna suffered a concussion, cuts and other injuries, his attorney has said.

Harrison and Baker were

placed on administrative leave soon after the beating. The names of their attorneys were not immediately known, and Vince Canales, the leader of the county police officers' union, said he had no immediate comment.

Alsobrooks said the decision to charge the officers was not made lightly.

"But when there is evidence of potential wrongdoing by a police officer, it would never be appropriate for me to look the other way," she said in a statement. "If I did so, the residents of Prince George's County would be right to question my ability to be fair and impartial no matter the type of job or the standing a suspect or defendant may have in our community."

US military repeals ban on gays serving openly



Marine Reservist Capt. Sarah Pezzat speaks about not being able to talk openly in the past about being gay Tuesday.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military passed a historic milestone Tuesday with the repeal of the ban on gays serving openly in uniform, ending a prohibition that President Barack Obama said had forced gay and lesbian service members to "lie about who they are."

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta pledged not to allow other issues of equal opportunity, such as allowing women to serve in combat roles, to be ignored or set aside.

"I am committed to removing all of the barriers that would prevent Americans from serving their country and from rising to the highest level of responsibility that their talents and capabilities warrant," Panetta told a Pentagon news conference. "These are men and women who put their lives on the line in the defense of this country, and that's what should matter the most."

Repeal of the 18-year-old legal provision — commonly known as "don't ask, don't tell," under which gays can serve as long as they don't openly acknowledge their sexual orientation — took effect Tuesday at 12:01 a.m. EDT.

Appearing with Panetta for what was probably his final news Pentagon conference as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retiring Navy Adm. Mike Mullen said that with the new law allowing gays to serve openly, the military is a stronger, more tolerant force with greater character and honor.

"I still believe that it was first and foremost a matter of integrity, that it was fundamentally against everything we stand for as an institution to force people to lie about who they are just to wear a uniform," Mullen said. "We are better than that."

Some in Congress still oppose the change, arguing that it may undermine order and discipline, but top Pentagon leaders have certified that it will not hurt the military's ability to recruit or to fight wars.

Obama issued a statement saying he is confident that lifting the ban will enhance U.S. national security, that henceforth "our armed forces will no longer lose the extraordinary skills and combat experience of so many gay and lesbian service members."

Later Tuesday, at a New York City Democratic fundraiser, the

president said he had met backstage with some young Americans who had been discharged from the military because of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

"As of today, that will never happen again," Obama said. "As of today, no one needs to hide who they are to serve the country that they love."

The head of Pentagon personnel policies issued a memo to the work force at a minute after midnight Tuesday. "All service members are to treat one another with dignity and respect regardless of sexual orientation," the memo from Clifford Stanley said.

Gay advocacy groups celebrated across the country.

At a San Diego bar, current and former troops danced and counted down to midnight. "You are all heroes," Sean Sala, a former Navy operations specialist, said. "The days of your faces being blacked out on the news — no more."

A lingering question is whether disciplinary procedures are adequate to deal with any future instances of harassment of gays in the ranks. Michael Corgan, a professor of international relations at Boston University and a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, said it's mainly a matter of leadership.

"Discipline problems that might arise from gays serving with an overwhelmingly straight population in the military should be able to be handled the way any other disciplinary problems are, if commanders are up to their jobs," Corgan said.

In Iraq, a spokesman for U.S. forces put out a statement noting that all troops there had been trained for the change.

For weeks the military services have accepted applications from openly gay recruits, while waiting for repeal to take effect before processing the applications.

With the lifting of the ban, the Defense Department published revised regulations to reflect the new law allowing gays to serve openly. The revisions, such as eliminating references to banned homosexual service, are in line with policy guidance that was issued by top Pentagon officials in January, after Obama signed the legislation that did away with the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The lifting of the 18-year-old ban also halted all pending investigations, discharges and other administrative proceedings that were begun under the Clinton-era law.

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Georgia man awaits execution, maintains innocence



Troy Anthony Davis enters a Savannah courtroom on Aug. 22, 1991 during his trial for the death of police officer Mark MacPhail.

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Yet another appeal denied, Troy Davis was left with little to do Tuesday but wait to be executed for a murder he insists he did not commit.

He lost his most realistic chance to avoid lethal injection on Tuesday, when Georgia's pardons board rejected his appeal for clemency. As his scheduled 7 p.m. Wednesday execution neared, his backers resorted to far-fetched measures: urging prison workers to strike or call in sick, asking prosecutors to block the execution — even considering a desperate appeal for White House intervention.

He has gotten support from hundreds of thousands of peo-

ple, including a former FBI director, former President Jimmy Carter and Pope Benedict XVI, and a U.S. Supreme Court ruling gave him an unusual opportunity to prove his innocence last year. State and federal courts, however, repeatedly upheld his conviction for the 1989 killing of Mark MacPhail, an off-duty police officer who was working as a security guard in Savannah when he was shot dead rushing to help a homeless man who was being attacked.

Davis' attorneys say he was convicted based on flawed testimony that has been largely recanted by witnesses, but prosecutors and MacPhail's relatives say they have no doubt the right man is being punished.

"Justice was finally served for my father," said Mark MacPhail Jr., who was an infant when his father was gunned down. "The truth was finally heard."

As Davis' attorneys considered filing another appeal, his supporters planned vigils and rallies around the world. Nearly 1 million signed a petition seeking clemency, according to Amnesty International.

"We've been praying about it and with God on our side anything can happen," DeJaun Correia-Davis, the condemned man's 17-year-old nephew, told a rally of hundreds in front of the Georgia Capitol late Tuesday. "Let this be a case that not only highlights the death penalty but will hopefully be a big part in bringing it to an end."

Georgia initially planned to execute Davis in July 2007, but the pardons board granted him a stay less than 24 hours before he was to die. The U.S. Supreme Court stepped in a year later and halted the lethal injection just two hours before he was to be executed. And a federal appeals court halted another planned execution a few months later.

This time, state officials are confident this lethal injection will be carried out. Georgia's governor does not have the power to grant condemned inmates clemency. Davis supporters are calling on Chatham County District Attorney Larry Chisolm to block the execution. But the prosecutor said in a statement Tuesday he's powerless to withdraw an execution order for Davis issued by a state Superior Court judge.

"We appreciate the outpouring of interest in this case; however, this matter is beyond our control," Chisolm said.

Spencer Lawton, the prosecu-

tor who secured Davis' conviction in 1991, said he has no doubt he is guilty.

"What we have had is a manufactured appearance of doubt which has taken on the quality of legitimate doubt itself. And all of it is exquisitely unfair," Lawton said.

MacPhail was shot to death Aug. 19, 1989, after coming to the aid of Larry Young, a homeless man who was pistol-whipped in a Burger King parking lot. Prosecutors say Davis was with another man who was demanding

that Young give him a beer when Davis pulled out a handgun and bashed Young with it. When MacPhail arrived to help, prosecutors say Davis had a smirk on his face when he shot the officer to death.

Witnesses placed Davis at the crime scene and identified him as the shooter. Shell casings were linked to a shooting hours earlier that Davis was convicted of. There was no other physical evidence. No blood or DNA tied Davis to the crime and the weapon was never located.

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Pa. school pulls play after 9/11 complaints

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A Pennsylvania school district has decided not to stage a Tony Award-winning musical about a Muslim street poet after community members complained about the timing so soon after the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The Richland School District in Johnstown had planned to stage "Kismet" in February, but Superintendent Thomas Fleming said Tuesday that it was scrapped to avoid controversy.

"We're not saying there's anything bad about the musical. We may potentially produce it in the future," Fleming told The Associated Press. The Tribune-Democrat of Johnstown first reported on the district's decision.

Music director Scott Miller said the district, not far from where hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed, last performed "Kismet" in 1983 — to sold-out audiences.

The play has no inappropriate content, Miller said, but he and other members of the performing arts committee decided to switch

to "Oklahoma!" after hearing complaints.

"Kismet" is an Aladdin-style love story set in Baghdad more than 1,000 years ago. It won the Tony for best musical in 1954, and a Hollywood movie was made the next year.

Ahmed Rehab, a spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said that literature and the arts are some of the best ways to bridge gaps between people.

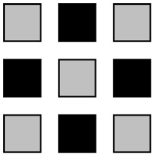
"And those in education ought to know that more than anyone," Rehab said. "We're a country of immigrants. It's doesn't stand true to our legacy as a nation. I think they need to reinstate the play."

An unscientific online poll in the Tribune-Democrat suggested some locals are questioning the decision. Asked whether the school made the right call, 174 said no and 116 said yes.

Fleming said sensitivity about the play is understandable because of Flight 93's demise in nearby Shanksville, and because the sudden death of a drama student in a car crash affected students last year.

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Air race crash kills
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Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — They came from every corner to the Nevada desert to watch the nation's premier air race, a daring competition between speed-hungry pilots that pushed the limits of safety. They all had one thing in common: a deep affection for aviation.

One was a recent college graduate in a wheelchair who was thrilled to be at the races. Another was a former airline pilot who owned a vintage airplane. Still another was at his first race, attending it at the urging of his father and brother.

They were among the 10 people who died when one of the planes in the race, a World War II-era P-51 Mustang fighter called The Galloping Ghost, plunged into the VIP section. The 74-year-old stunt pilot also died in the nation's deadliest air racing disaster.

Shrapnel from the crash sprayed the crowd, leaving dozens more with severed limbs, including fingers, legs and arms.

Since the crash, authorities in Reno have been flooded with calls from around the country, as relatives and friends worried about the whereabouts of spectators. Medical officials used fingerprints and DNA to identify victims' remains.

"We've had some emotional calls, and it's because of the uncertainty," said Kathy Jacobs, ex-

ecutive director of the Crisis Call Center in Reno. "It's terrifying for those individuals not to know what has happened to their loved ones."

A Kansas family saw four of its members taken to a Reno hospital for serious injuries after the crash.

The matriarch, Cherie Elvin, has been missing since the plane hit the ground.

The injured include her husband, Chuck Elvin, their two sons, Bill and Brian Elvin, and Brian Elvin's wife, Linda. Each had lost some part of a leg, according to a website used by the family.

Gary Umscheid, whose daughter, Rachel, is married to Bill Elvin, described Cherie and Chuck Elvin as "very typical Midwestern folks who love family."

"The family has a distinct love of aviation," Umscheid said.

The National Championship Air Races draw thousands of people to Reno every September to watch various military and civilian planes race. Local schools often held field trips there, and a local sports book took wagers on the outcomes.

During the races, planes flew wingtip-to-wingtip as low as 50 feet (15 meters) off the ground. The competitors follow an oval path around pylons, with distances and speeds depending on the class of aircraft. Pilots reached speeds of up to 500 mph.

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Elizabeth Cochran was sitting in her office when her computer suddenly sounded an alarm.

Beep. Beep. Beep.

A map of California on her screen lit up with a red dot, signaling an earthquake had struck. A clock next to the map counted down the seconds until shock waves fanning out from the epicenter north of Los Angeles reached her location in Pasadena: 5-4-3-2-1.

Right on cue, Cochran felt her chair quiver ever so slightly from a magnitude-4.2 that rumbled through Southern California on Sept. 1.

"If I hadn't known it was an earthquake, I would have thought it was a truck going by," she said.

After years of lagging behind Japan, Mexico and other quake-prone countries, the U.S. government has been quietly testing an earthquake early warning system in California since February. Cochran belongs to an exclusive club of scientists who receive a heads up every time the state shakes.

The alert system is still crude and messages are not yet broadcast to residents or businesses.

With more testing and funding, researchers hope to build a public warning system similar to the Japanese that has been credited with saving lives during the March 11 magnitude-9 disaster.

Since earthquakes are un-



Anthony Guarino Jr., a seismic analyst at the California Institute of Technology, demonstrates an earthquake warning system.

predictable, supporters of early warning say it's the next best thing to prepare people and the commercial sector before the ground rocks. Even a 5-second advance notice can be precious, they contend.

"You want to get under a sturdy table before things start falling off the wall," said University of California, Berkeley seismologist Richard Allen, a project participant. "We don't want people to start running out of buildings."

Early warning is designed to sense the first pulses of energy after a fault breaks and estimate the magnitude based on limited information. This is possible because of the different speeds at which seismic waves travel.

A sprawling web of underground sensors can detect the faster-moving and less damaging primary or "P" waves before the secondary "S" waves that can cause buildings to pancake. A warning is issued ahead of the arrival of the stronger waves.

How much warning — a few seconds to tens of seconds — depends on the distance from the epicenter. The farther away, the more lead time.

Project chief Doug Given of the U.S. Geological Survey ticked off actions that can be taken: Trains can be slowed or stopped. Air traffic controllers can halt takeoffs and landings. Power plants and factories can close valves.

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The A&L blues

I'm all out of the obligatory "congratulations" to each of my friends who have accepted job offers at some of the world's top corporations. They've been wooed by companies offering them \$60,000 starting salaries with full benefits and the chance to live in the trendy areas of America's biggest cities. Lately, these congratulations I've dished out are accompanied by an equally obnoxious eye-roll, the kind you can see from 20 feet away. I'd like to offer them another deep and heart felt congratulations, a congratulations that they've befriended a lowly Arts and Letters major who might need some transition housing for a year.

Molly Sammon

Sports Writer

Each job accepted by my accounting major friends is the promise of another Potterybarn leather sectional somewhere on the Upper-East Side where I can sleep when my downtown studio apartment's heating breaks down or the place becomes infested with mutant cockroaches. Congratulations on your new job and your new roommate, my newly rich friends.

I will not be the good roommate, either — I'll be the annoying one. I'll ask to be everyone's plus one to all the fancy cocktail parties after hours just so I have an excuse to change out of sweatpants. I will wake up at 10 a.m., only to eat cereal and watch Regis and Kelly, specifically looking for inspiration from Regis (a fellow social science major from Notre Dame) and wondering how he got his big break that pays the bills. Maybe around noon, I will start my shift at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

I have already picked out which of my dear friends I'm going to have accept an offer of friendly sponsorship while I find my own way without the name "Mendoza" on my diploma.

My friend Matt just accepted a job working in New York City, with a starting salary that will probably allow him to buy his own Rolls Royce by his 23rd birthday. He's guaranteed Brooks Brothers suits and a leather briefcase, full of papers that look important, and probably are. Years from now, when he's married to his third Swedish supermodel wife, if he's feeling particularly charitable and wants to leave Park Avenue for the day, hopefully he'll be able to reach out to my children and take them to the Central Park Zoo or to Yankees games, because I certainly won't be able to spoil them as he could. When they ask me why Uncle Matt is so rich, I'll tell them the truth.

"Well, children, Uncle Matt majored in Finance, like all good Domers should. He resisted the promise of a beautiful arts education where you can throw away the graph paper and the calculator used for playing games in high school biology. Where instead of doing accounting problems and natural logs, you get to read really great books by the world's most fascinating people that expand your mind and then write papers about them. How could you resist something like that?"

Hopefully, they will decide to major in whatever they like most, but I should start saving now to show them someone can make money and be an Arts and Letters major. But just in case, I better check if the Bed, Bath, and Beyond down the street from Matt's potential apartment is hiring a new night-shift manager starting this May.

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Manipulation

I had served as a teaching assistant in philosophy for some time before it occurred to me to wonder what it was, exactly, that I was teaching. The answer, when I finally found it, was rather more sinister than I had expected.

Alasdair MacIntyre, in his *After Virtue*, reminds us that "some of the college-educated public are haunted by vague cartoon-like memories of Philosophy 100" — and, for this, we teachers are surely to blame: full of a drunken glee, we frighten our students with brains in vats and exhort them to embrace their inner Cartesian demons — without bothering to teach them the context that would make these fantasies more than intermittently unsettling. For better or worse, however, we occasionally sober and insist that our discipline is serious business: MacIntyre admits that "professors of philosophy do from time to time seek to wear the clothes of relevance" — and these clothes are those of the moral philosopher.

But moral philosophy is hardly a discipline that has reached anything like a consensus. "The most striking feature of contemporary moral utterance is that so much of it is used to express disagreements," writes MacIntyre, "and the most striking feature of the debates in which these disagreements are expressed is their interminable character." And so — after mentioning Kant and Mill — we introduce our students to the moral debates that rock our society: those over abortion, euthanasia, gay marriage, health care reform and the like. And because these debates have proven both profound and interminable, we do not pick sides: Reveling in our impartiality, we marshal what we take to be the very best arguments on each side of each debate, leaving our students to decide for themselves.

And our students love this: After months grappling with the present King of France, they finally recognize something that just might have bearing on their lives. They throw themselves into these debates: In discussion, they shout at one another with obvious delight as they hurl utility or autonomy across the room. And we teachers swell with pride in our students and in ourselves: they are no longer chained to the suburbs in which they were raised — no longer chained, that is, to the lessons of their parents — for we have forged them into men and women eager to think for themselves, to question all that had, until now, seemed unassailable. Soon, no doubt, they will even be driving hybrid cars.

Standing behind this method of teaching — a method especially typical of courses in applied ethics — is the implication of objectivity: We teachers

present the arguments on both sides without evaluation — a task left to the students themselves. Because we do not force them to take one side or the other, we assume that they will seek the better side: With enough discussion — in the classroom at first, though later in politics — they will make salient points, invent new arguments and, sooner or later, find the truth.

That this method is problematic, however, should strike us immediately: Even if our students do seek the better side — rather than, say, the side that would benefit them most were it victorious — our society lacks an impersonal moral criterion that would allow our students to compare the arguments of the two sides in a way that is not utterly arbitrary. "There seems to be no rational way of securing moral agreement in our culture," writes MacIntyre — an insight that is as profound as it is, in hindsight, obvious.

Moral concepts — right and wrong, for example — seem to present impersonal obligations: To say that some action is right or wrong is not just to command or forbid it — that is, to express a subjective will — but also to offer some reason for commanding or forbidding it — that is, to state an objective fact. Consider the example of abortion: If I say to you that "I would not have you abort your child," I have offered you only an expression of my subjective will — one which, if our wills differ, you will blithely ignore — but, if I say to you that "abortion is wrong," I have implied that there is an objective reason for anyone to avoid abortion — and you may ask me, with either curiosity or anger, what the reason is. Even if you ignore me, however, you will not do so blithely: You will have recognized that my words make a claim upon you — and that your defiance of my words contradicts them. The difference in meaning between the two statements is as obvious as the difference between your responses to them.

If you do ask me the reason that abortion is wrong, I will likely answer that "it ignores the dignity of your child" or that "it shows no courage" or even that "it violates the law of Almighty God" — but your response is likely to be that these reasons do not matter to you, that you can make no sense of them. That, whatever I say, you have the right to do with your body what you will. What I implied were objective reasons — ones that would convince everyone — were subjective after all. Whether intentionally or not, I was using moral language in order to express my subjective will — in order, that is, to cause you to act in a certain way even though I could not offer you a convincing reason to do so.

We live, MacIntyre argues, in an emotivist society — one in which the loss of an impersonal moral criterion has caused moral language to degenerate from the statement of objective fact into the expression of subjective emotion. In such a society, all moral language is fundamentally manipulative: "[E]valuative utterance can in the end have no point or use but the expression of my

own feelings or attitudes and the transformation of the feelings and attitudes of others. I cannot genuinely appeal to impersonal criteria, for there are no impersonal criteria. I may think that I so appeal and others may think that I so appeal, but these thoughts will always be mistakes. The sole reality of distinctively moral discourse is the attempt of one will to align the attitudes, feelings, preference and choices of another with its own." The moral language of an emotivist society is manipulative because its meaning — which promises one an objective reason to act in a certain way — has become detached from its use — to cause one to act in that way despite there being no such reason. When I use moral language, in other words, I control your actions by promising a reason that does not, in fact, exist. And this is true whether I think such a reason exists or not.

This argument woke me from my dogmatic slumber. If it is sound — and I confess that I know of no other way to explain the interminable and profound moral debates that rock our society — then we, as teachers, have deluded ourselves: All of our impartiality cannot yield objectivity. In shouting at one another across the room, our students do not find the truth: They merely shout at one another. If they do forge a consensus, its foundation is not reason but force: Whichever side shouts louder wins — for there is, as MacIntyre reveals, no other criterion for victory.

In teaching our students of the moral debates that rock our society, we are teaching them to manipulate one another: Since we possess no impersonal moral criterion, none of the arguments that we teach our students can actually deliver the reasons that they promise. And so, if one student uses an argument to convince a second who previously disagreed with her, the first student merely overwhelms the second by sheer force of will — even if the second does not realize it.

This logic is the beginning of wisdom, not the end: We should ultimately teach our students to change the very questions that they ask, to rebuild their society and themselves upon a genuinely impersonal moral criterion — not upon how they subjectively feel, that is, but rather upon who they objectively are. In the meantime, however, our duty is clear: If we should not teach our students to manipulate one another, we should not teach them applied ethics. We should teach them instead to guard themselves against manipulation — to see, that is, the fundamentally manipulative character of our society for what it is. To do less is to fail them as teachers.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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It's time for Palestinian statehood

Just this week, Palestine announced that it would seek full membership in the United Nations. If accepted, this move would force the international community to recognize their right to exist as a sovereign state from Israel.

I am well aware of the arguments against recognizing Palestine as a state. Their government is made up of two political parties — Fatah and Hamas, which the United States classifies as a terrorist organization. Though the two have technically joined forces, many expect them to continue to fight against Zionism. Some would also argue that this would strain our relationship with Israel, which opposes the Palestinian statehood. They believe Israel is America's most strategic ally, and rightfully so. While these are genuine concerns, I believe they are blown out of proportion.

The most fundamental reason why America should recognize Palestine is simply that they deserve it. The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), which is recognized by Israel as the official representative of the Palestinian people, has quite literally spent

Brian Kaneb

Guest Columnist

decades fighting for freedom from Israel. Since the 1970s, they have been undergoing a general transformation for the better. One of the best examples of this was the 1993 Oslo Accords. This meeting was unprecedented — not only was it the first true act of diplomacy between the two governments, but it also resulted in then-PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat “recognizing the right of the State of Israel to exist in peace and security.” Your average Westerner takes Israel's existence for granted. Israel is surrounded by Muslim countries, most of which are not its allies. The fact that someone as influential as Arafat recognized Israel's right to existence was a humongous positive step.

Just a few years later, in 1998, they were able to convince the United Nations to allow them to participate in General Assembly debates. Though the jury is still out on the reconciliation between Hamas and Fatah, the PLO application to the United Nations seems to represent progress.

The biggest indication of this is their flexibility with Palestine's potential borders. They are not seeking the destruction of Israel, but rather the ability to govern both the Gaza Strip

and West Bank. By doing so, the PLO is affirming Arafat's words and holding true to its promises. Even in the midst of general political turmoil in the Middle East, they recognize the necessity to approach this situation with a balanced approach. Of course, fighting will go on even if we do recognize Palestine. One simple vote will not change millennia of history, but it can help set the stages for that relative peace.

Ironically, America's current policy toward Palestine is making the situation worse. On one hand, we attempt to portray ourselves as impartial mediators. On the other hand, our officials have always sided with Israel over Palestine. In reality, we play favorites. As necessary as this may have been in the past, it is time for America to change its approach. Ignoring the voices of Palestinians only incites more hatred and violence; just put yourself in their shoes.

While unprovoked violence is never justified, it is still necessary to search for the motivations behind terrorist attacks in the region. In my opinion, much of the violence stems from the fact that the Palestinian people feel oppressed. If Israel and its allies could learn to compromise on Palestinian

statehood, I genuinely believe there would be a decrease in tensions.

Another obvious concern is Israel's reaction, which obviously will not be positive. They have a mutual distrust of one another which often leads to intense violence and sometimes even war. The Israeli government fears being perceived as soft. In this way, voting for Palestinian statehood will not help our relationship with Israel. Unfortunately, this is a necessary concession. Though Israel will obviously be dissatisfied, they will remain a strong ally for years to come. Wavering away from Israel on one decision will not kill our relationship. We currently provide them with billions of dollars in foreign aid each year; they are dependent on us. It simply is not in Israel's best interest to clash with America.

Although the decision is undoubtedly difficult, Palestinian statehood is inevitable in due time. The only question left is, “How will history remember us if we vote for Palestinian statehood?”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ND to the ACC

Conference realignment's coming in hot this week, and once again, Notre Dame's the best-looking girl at the high school dance. For the sake of the University, we need to end up in the ACC over the Big Ten.

It's much more exciting as a Notre Dame fan to envision an ACC schedule. Michigan and Michigan State are iconic, and Wisconsin's enticing, but I would rather get dragged naked over a cactus than get forced to watch low-energy games against mediocre state school programs (see Illinois, Minnesota, Indiana, etc.). On the contrary, we could stoke the fire against perennial powers Miami, Florida State, Clemson and Virginia Tech, while keeping in touch with familiar foes Pitt and BC. FSU? The U? We'd forget Sparty and Purdue real quick and never look back.

Let's not forget that behind this whole circus are actual universities where real people go to get authentic degrees. If Notre Dame wants to associate with universities that share a similar commitment to academics, the move needs to be to the ACC. U.S. News rankings show that as it stands, the new ACC has seven top 40 universities. The new Big 10 only has two. Where it matters — in the classroom — that's like Tyson fighting an infant.

We can hide under a rock in the Midwest, where everyone already knows we're an elite academic institution, or conquer the entire Eastern seaboard. Out there, some absurd people actually consider Georgetown our Catholic equal. Trust me, I had to deal with it growing up. But seriously, the Notre Dame name rings much louder out here in fly-over states than it does in civilized America (the East coast). Let's go raise our visibility and enlighten the unenlightened.

Jack Swarbrick and Fr. John Jenkins, if improving the energy of our program, the academic quality of our opponents and the long-term reputation of our beloved institution are wrong, then I don't wanna be right. Also, a jumbotron wouldn't hurt, either.

In Notre Dame,

James Kachadoorian
senior
off campus
Sept. 19

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Please contact Brittany Dunn-Pirio, at 571-451-6996 or bdunnpir@nd.edu

Brittany Dunn-Pirio
junior
Walsh Hall
Sept. 19

A true Victory March

In response to “Rally All of Notre Dame” (Sept. 19) I could not agree more with Ms. Wargel and Mr. Gaffney about the necessity to change the lyrics of the Notre Dame Victory March in order to keep with the Catholic values and mission of this University. However, I would take the modifications several steps further.

In one of the verses, for example, it states “we will fight in every game.” The act of fighting is contrary to Catholic values of peace and love of neighbor. What is more, to say that “Old Notre Dame will win over all” denotes an oppressive attitude toward athletes and students at other universities, who are all still children of God.

In fact, as a Catholic university, should our victory march even be centered on a football game? Shouldn't it instead be a Salvation March, the true victory in life? And speaking of football, a violent game by nature, this seems contrary to the values of peace

and love previously mentioned. Instead, I believe we should show greater support for more peaceful sports such as badminton and kite flying.

For all you slow readers out there, keep the Victory March as is. After all, it is our sons — football players — marching on to victory, and last time I checked, the roster is just a bit male-oriented. Not everything needs to be politically correct, not every word needs to be approved by every special interest and tree-hugging group. Appreciate and respect tradition, plain and simple.

Instead of complaining about song lyrics, how about we start focusing on what it takes to have a 10-2 season with a bowl win on top of that?

Godspeed,

Brett Uhl
sophomore
Fisher Hall
Sept. 20

While her loyal sons and daughters ...

Following the largely negative response to our Sept. 19 letter (“Rally all of Notre Dame”), we feel we must clarify several points:

1. We love the Notre Dame Victory March, and yes, we sing it — loudly. We are simply suggesting a way to make it better.
2. We do not find the Notre Dame Victory March to be harmful to or marginalizing of women per se. Nonetheless, it does not reflect the totality of the student body or its athletic teams, which is the purpose of a fight song.
3. We recognize that we are not creating world peace or addressing the plethora of gender issues that pervade Notre Dame's campus. This does not mean that the gender-exclusivity of the Victory March is unimportant. Like we stated in our original letter, updating

the fight song is an opportunity for the University to move forward on these issues.

4. For those who think the lyrics to the Victory March are a non-issue, we submit that the hostility towards our letter proves otherwise. Both the online comments and printed responses consisted almost entirely of insults, not legitimate counter-arguments.

5. For those who are apathetic to updating the lyrics of the Victory March: Instead of asking “Why change?” ask “Why not?”

Cody Gaffney
senior
Keough Hall
Kyla Wargel
senior
Lyons Hall
Sept. 20



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Maija Gustin
Scene Editor

Subkirke is a bright spot in South Bend's musical landscape. The resident concert venue at the South Bend Christian Reformed Church (SBCRC) has been growing steadily since it began in 2009 and now brings small, mostly indie, bands in nearly every week.

Yes, Subkirke is held in a church. But don't be fooled — just because it's a church does not mean that only Christian rock groups come to perform.

Subkirke has hosted notable acts such as Horse Feathers, BowerBirds, Bon Iver's S. Carey and Maps & Atlases. You may not often see people from the iTunes Top 10 playing at Subkirke, but the venue has so far brought in some of the most popular and well-regarded indie acts from around the country.

The team at the SBCRC considers Subkirke, derived from the church's acronym, a part of their ministry. In this case, though, the ministry is not meant to preach to people, but rather to provide the local community with top-notch music in a welcoming environment at a great price.

They believe in a commitment to the arts, generally, and the power of the arts to open your eyes and move your soul. In addition to bringing in these bands to play for the community, SBCRC also frequently hosts art exhibits in its building, which you can check out before or after the concert.

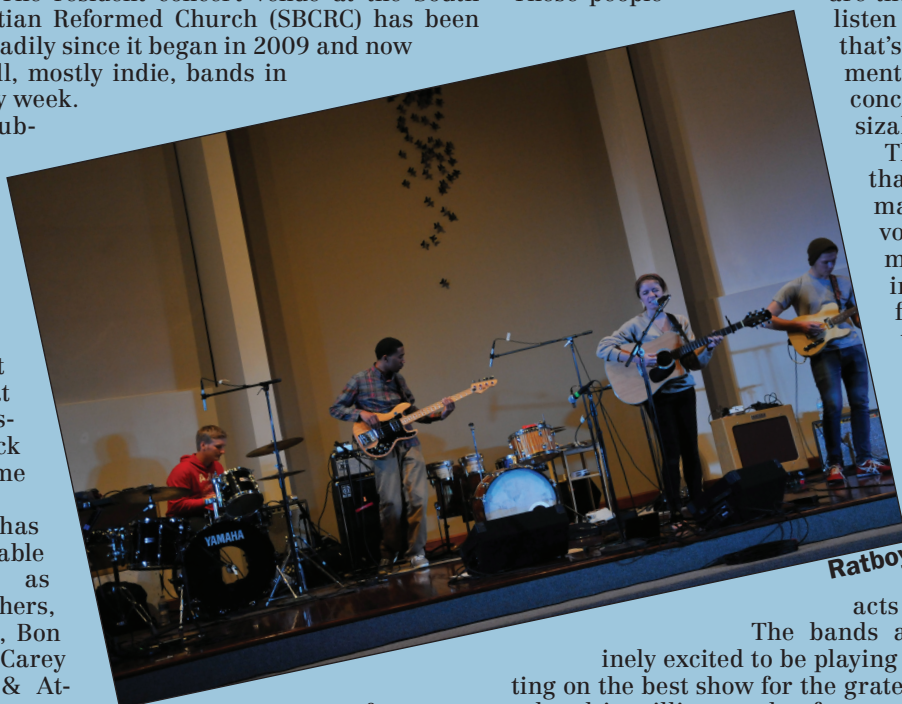
Concerts are held in the church's sanctuary. The room is spacious yet intimate and has great acoustics for the artists. The room is full of chairs and pews to accommodate large crowds, but it is not un-

common for the masses to move to the stage and stand mere feet from the band for a good show.

When you walk into the church, you can immediately tell how dedicated everyone is to being there. These people are there to have fun and listen to great music, and that's it. The environment is electric, and the concerts always attract sizable crowds of fans.

Though the bands that visit Subkirke may not be radio favorites, the venue makes sure to bring in a variety of acts, from folk-inspired to alternative, that hail from all parts of the country. The Subkirke team knows its music and always manages to find the best-hidden (and not-so-hidden) acts around.

The bands always seem genuinely excited to be playing and devoted to putting on the best show for the grateful audience. When a band is willing to play for a small, intimate audience like at Subkirke, you know they really want to be there. Being so close to the band as they perform, you



Ratboy



Maps & Atlases

open for the Chicago-based "math rock" band. As soon as Maps walked onto the stage, the crowd surged forward and spent the entirety of the set standing so close to the band that you could practically touch them. Fans were dancing to the music and singing along with their favorite songs, completely wrapped up in the performance.

Most of Subkirke's acts inspire this kind of passion from the crowd, be they old fans or newcomers to the music, and the \$12 (\$10 if ordered ahead of time) ticket is a small price to pay for that experience. Whether you know the band or not, Subkirke is worth checking out — you won't find anything quite like it in the rest of South Bend. The team at Subkirke is there to provide a great night of music for the crowd and they deliver every time. So take a chance on an unknown band, or look to see if your favorite indie band will be making its way there soon. Coming up is popular Michigan band Breathe Owl Breathe on Sept. 30 and Frontier Ruckus on Oct. 28.

Subkirke is located at 1855 N. Hickory Road in South Bend. Check out subkirke.com for upcoming acts, tickets and more information on the venue.

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SCENE *Selects*

1 "Suits"

USA Network has been on a roll with their original TV shows. From "Psych" to "Covert Affairs," the network can do no wrong and their newest show, "Suits," proves they still have it. "Suits" follows Mike Ross (Patrick J. Adams), a brilliant college dropout who goes to work for one of New York City's best lawyers. The show exudes the smart, sharp wit that USA has become known for and was just renewed for a second season.

2 "Archer"

The animated comedy on FX started its third season last Thursday. Three episodes will air to wrap up the end of the last season, with the rest of the third season finishing in 2012. Often described as "Arrested Development meets James Bond," this TV show is not for kids, although it is animate. The show follows a dysfunctional group of incompetent spies and their desk jockeys. Smart, quick-witted and adult-minded, "Archer" is one of the most original — and best — comedies on television today.

3 Stand-Up Comedy

This is an entire genre of entertainment, but certain advances in technology make this form of entertainment especially appealing today. Making a Pandora station for Mitch Hedberg to hear that late comedian's spot-on delivery, as well as comics with similar styles, or using Spotify to listen to Aziz Ansari's album "Intimate Moments for a Sensual Evening" are just two of the ways that time-honored, laughter-inducing techniques can be enjoyed via information age technology. Also try watching stand up specials on Netflix, and be on the lookout for professional or student comics performing on campus. And remember, comedians are important for more than roasting Charlie Sheen.

4 Jo Malone

This fragrancier known for her elegant and fresh perfumes is admittedly a current obsession. With the launch of their new Wild Bluebell perfume, the company is receiving plenty of buzz. Its real moment in the sun occurred when Jo Malone candles were chosen to scent Westminster Abbey for the royal wedding. Ladies, find your signature scent from their wide collection and who knows, maybe you'll snag a prince too.

5 "What Though The Odds"

Into reading and looking for some motivation in life? No need to look very far, just check out "What Thought The Odds," a motivational book written by Notre Dame alumna Haley Scott, which can be found in the Hammes Bookstore. Haley Scott was a freshman at Notre Dame when she was involved in a bus crash that nearly took her life and almost rendered her paralyzed. In this book, she tells the story of her difficult journey of faith and perseverance. Even if you are not into reading, this book is a must-read.



I am a big fan of ease and efficiency. My motto is "if you can get there faster, why not?" This is probably a result of my constant miscalculation of the time it takes to get places and always needing to make up time, but it works for me.

This is why the black metal fences that have sprung up across campus have really been killing me.

Aside from the fact that they really hamper my walking, they're also just not very attractive. They stick out like sore thumbs on a campus that loves to build with yellowish sandstone bricks. I know people always say that black goes with everything, but on this count, I can't agree. Their black metal spokes are jarring and seem so out of place to me every time I see them.

But aesthetics aside, the barriers cramp my style constantly. I returned from abroad to find myself unable to cross the grassy knoll in front of McGlinn Hall to return home. When I walked with my friends to South Dining Hall from Duncan Hall, I had to reroute myself in order to avoid the new black blockade.

I was stunned. I didn't understand why these new black fences were keeping me from my intended destinations. I just wanted to crash in my room and take a quick nap in between classes or make myself a delicious wrap at SDH while catching up with my friends. And sure, the fences didn't really add much time to my walk, but they did add some time. And when you are trying to beat the dinnertime rush or catch up on lost sleep, every second counts.

And then, I returned to school this year to find even more fences blocking my paths. I tried to round the corner of Alumni near Main Circle, but found my way blocked. I tried to walk to Ryan Hall and found a fence in the grass directly in front of the door. These new fences dot campus sporadically, yet always seem to find me when I am in a rush.

I'll paint you a picture. Last Thursday was a busy day for me, or at least busy end of the day. I had class in Debartolo until 4:45 p.m., which usually runs late, then a meeting in CoMo at 5 p.m., and then a mass in Ryan Hall at 5:30 p.m. which I had to attend as an Andrews Scholar. I had planned

my routes to and from each event and was ready to speed walk.

I'll admit, I'm a pretty good speed walker — I once made it to Debartolo from McGlinn in 2.5 minutes because I woke up at 9:35 a.m. for a 9:35 a.m. class. I can weave my way through a crowd with ease, but I need good momentum. One roadblock can take my hare's pace down to that of a tortoise. A tortoise that won't win that footrace.

And so, as I crisscrossed campus that day, I was a woman on a mission. I had deadlines to meet. I was making it to mass on time because I had not worn a dress all day for nothing. But as I cut across the lawn in front of Ryan Hall with a minute to spare, I found my way unexpectedly blocked. Black metal stood in between me and an on-time mass arrival.

Luckily, mass started late that day. But this has not always happened. Those pesky fences have made me late for more than one meeting, always cropping up at the worst times.

I understand that footpath traffic can create ruts in the grass that my landscaping uncle would probably cry over. But they don't always. Also, this is a college campus, students walk places. The thing that really gets me, however, is that the majority of these fences can be found on or near South and West Quads. Are we just that unruly over there that you need to contain us?

Also, the fences don't prevent me walking on those grassy patches, just in one direction. I can walk across the grass from McGlinn to Pangborn, but not from Duncan to South. Is this a subtle message to the Highlanders that they spend too much time at South?

Whatever the answers to these questions, I just would like to lodge my opinion about our new landscaping ideas. If you just didn't want people walking on the grass on West Quad, I would like to offer a different solution from these fences.

Have you ever noticed how pristine the grass on God Quad is? That's because everyone is terrified to walk on it. Next year at Frosh-O, start telling the freshmen that if they step on the lush green lawns of South Quad, the football team won't finish with a winning record.

Give it a few years and no one will touch that grass, with or without a fence.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

It's Tiger postseason

Amidst all the talk of World Series contenders, one American League team is consistently omitted from the discussion. They have an ace who is as easy a pick for the AL Cy Young award as you will ever see and has a serious shot of becoming the first non-position player to win the AL MVP since Dennis Eckersley in 1992.



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They have a perennial MVP candidate at first base who, for the first time during his stint with the club, has protection in the slot behind him in the lineup. They have a closer who has converted 46-of-46 save opportunities to highlight a bullpen that has held leads as well as anyone during the second half. The players? Justin Verlander, Miguel Cabrera and Jose Valverde, respectively.

The team? The Detroit Tigers. The 2011 AL Central champions are often left out of World Series predictions because they are in the worst division in baseball (since the 2006 NL West) and they are not the Yankees or Red Sox.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland recently lambasted a member of the national media who questioned the legitimacy of the AL Central heading into October.

"You're looking for something to take something away from [the team]," Leyland said. "I don't want to talk about that. That's [expletive.] That's total [expletive.]"

Sounds like a manager with a chip on his shoulder and a team with something to prove, doesn't it?

While the Tigers are unlikely to enter the playoffs with the league's best record (they trailed the Yankees for home-field advantage throughout the AL playoffs by 4.5 games entering play Tuesday), they are arguably the most dreaded team to compete against in a short series.

With Verlander, the winner

of 12 consecutive starts (not decisions, starts) dominating the league with a 24-5 record and 2.29 ERA, it would be an extremely stiff challenge for an opposing lineup to beat him in a play-off game. In a five-game series, he would pitch twice, and in a seven-game series, he could take the mound three times.

The argument against the Tigers all season was that someone outside of Verlander needed to step up. Behind their ace, it was hard to find consistent starting pitching.

Detroit found its No. 2 starter in July when it acquired Doug Fister from Seattle. Cleveland was praised for making a bigger splash when they added Ubaldo Jimenez, but Fister has been much more effective since the deals were made. Fister is 6-1 with a 2.12 ERA in nine starts with Detroit, compared to Jimenez's 4.56 ERA since joining the Tribe.

Surrounding Cabrera's name in the Tigers lineup are former Twins leftfielder Delmon Young, an August addition after Brennan Boesch suffered a thumb injury that has since proven to be season-ending, and former Indians designated hitter Victor Martinez and shortstop Jhonny Peralta.

Young is hitting .285 with five home runs and 21 RBIs since joining Detroit, while Peralta is currently hitting .302, which would be a career-high, with 19 home runs and 81 RBIs. Martinez has shown why the Tigers chose him over Adam Dunn in the offseason, as he has hit .324 with 11 home runs and 94 RBIs, compared to Dunn's .165, 11 and 41, respectively.

In the postseason, the two most important keys are strong starting pitching and timely hitting. Many do not realize it yet, but the Tigers have both.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Illini prove to be threat in Big Ten

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Illinois is 3-0 for the first time since 2001 and looks like a team to be taken seriously in the Big Ten.

The No. 24 Illini entered the Top 25 this week for the first time in three years after their 17-14 victory over then-No. 22 Arizona State.

A win over Western Michigan this week would give Illinois its first 4-0 start since the 1951 national championship season, and the Illini have a chance to be 6-0 when Ohio State comes calling Oct. 15.

"They've caught my attention," Wisconsin coach Bret Bielema said Tuesday on the Big Ten coaches' call.

Wins over Arkansas State and South Dakota State to start the season didn't raise any eyebrows. The win over Arizona State was impressive because the defense, a major question mark entering the season, carried the day while Illinois' offense generated just 240 yards.

"There's no question, you play a Pac-12 opponent and beat them, it was great for our program," Illini coach Ron Zook said. "Our guys went into that game knowing they could win if they did the things the coaches asked them to do."

Illinois beat a ranked non-conference team for the first time in 10 tries and is on a four-game win streak that started with a 38-14 victory over Baylor in the Texas Bowl.

Bielema said the win over Arizona State, a team the Badgers beat 20-19 in Madison last year, showed Illinois is a legitimate Big Ten contender.

"We beat (ASU) on a blocked extra point, and I think they had a good team a year ago," Bielema said. "It speaks volumes about how good Illinois is at this point."

An Illinois defense that lost three players to the NFL draft sacked Sun Devils quarterback Brock Osweiler six times and intercepted two of his passes. Sophomore linebacker Jonathan Brown was named Big Ten defensive player of the week after making seven tackles and 1.5



AP

Illinois quarterback Nathan Scheelhaase runs during the Fighting Illini's 17-14 victory over Arizona State on Saturday.

sacks. He also had an interception and forced another.

Glenn Foster has made a smooth move from end to tackle to help compensate for the loss of first-round pick Corey Liuget.

The defense, allowing under 11 points a game, hasn't been scored on after any of Illinois' four turnovers and has forced eight takeaways that have led to 24 points.

"I knew defensively we'd be a lot better than people would give us credit for," said Zook, who is 54-59 in seven seasons at Illinois and has spent some years fending off speculation about his future with the Illinois. "We lost guys who were good players, but we knew we had some pretty good players replacing them. The biggest question I had was how soon the defense would come around."

Sophomore quarterback Nathan Scheelhaase has im-

proved as a passer. He's completed 33 of 46 passes (72 percent) for 504 yards. He's thrown 16 touchdown passes against two interceptions the last 10 games.

"The defense lost good players, but they're big-play oriented," Bielema said. "And their quarterback makes special things happen."

A.J. Jenkins, who caught Scheelhaase's game-winning 16-yard touchdown pass against Arizona State in the fourth quarter, is second in the Big Ten with 7.3 catches and 107 yards a game.

Jason Ford and Scheelhaase lead a rushing attack averaging 223 yards a game.

Illinois has a favorable conference schedule, with home games against Northwestern, Ohio State, Michigan and Wisconsin at home and Indiana, Purdue, Penn State and Minnesota on the road.

"Of the eight Big Ten games, four at home, you probably would pick the four that we have at home if you have your druthers," Zook said. "I'm not going to apologize for our schedule after the one we played the last five or six years."

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Wisconsin coach

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NHL

DeBoer joins Devils with hopes of restoring order, success

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The Peter DeBoer era with the New Jersey Devils is officially only three practices old. But so far, the returning Devils like what they see in their new coach.

“Obviously, it’s still pretty early, but we all like the type of style that he wants us to play,” said veteran defenseman Andy Greene, who re-signed with the Devils after testing the free-agent market. “It’s fast paced

and up tempo, and that’s a style I really like. It encourages us to play freer and that’s a plus.”

For the first time since 1996, the Devils, who have won three Stanley Cup titles since 1995, did not make the postseason last year.

DeBoer is here to restore order.

“It’s only been a couple of days, but so far, I like it,” second-year forward Jacob Josefson said. “I like the high-tempo practices. I like the fast pace. It

makes you feel like you’ve been on the ice for a long time, but you really haven’t. Obviously, he has a gameplan that he believes in and it’s up to us players to get into it.”

Josefson likes DeBoer’s style, because it encourages more open ice skating, something that the 20-year-old Swedish player feels is his strength.

“There’s a lot of skating and skating is a big part of my game,” said Josefson, the Devils’ first-round draft selection

in 2009 who had three goals and seven assists in 28 games last season. “I really like it. It’s been good, even this early, with the skating and conditioning. He runs good practices.”

Greene likes the way DeBoer is utilizing the full 40-man contingency in the early stages of training camp, breaking each day up into different sessions.

“He wants you to be involved right away and that’s a good sign,” said Greene, who had four goals and 19 assists last

season. “The attitude is good. The intensity is good.”

That’s a good sign. Because starting the way they started last season isn’t going to sit well with DeBoer or upper management.

Under first-year coach and former player, John MacLean, the Devils stumbled to a 9-22-2 mark. Team president and general manager Lou Lamoriello seemed to give MacLean, at one time the all-time leading scorer in franchise history, a longer leash than usual. But by December, he had no choice but to make a change. MacLean was fired, and was replaced by Jacques Lemaire, who led the Devils to their first Stanley Cup in 1995.

The team played well for Lemaire, winning 28 of 48 games down the stretch. But the late charge couldn’t stop the Devils from missing the playoffs.

After some thought, Lemaire ultimately decided to retire once again, paving the way for DeBoer, who was previously the coach of the Florida Panthers from 2008-2011. DeBoer led the Panthers to a 30-40-12 record and was dismissed at the end of the season.

“We all know how the first half of the season went last year,” Greene said. “We’ve put it all behind us and we’re starting new. It’s a fresh new year with a new coach. I know we’re all motivated and hungry. The playoffs are a long way away.

“But, we’re determined to get back there.”

Greene said that he encourages DeBoer’s positive energy and personality.

“You can see the intensity from the first day,” Greene said. “You know what he wants and he demands the energy. I think it’s a good way to be. Of course, winning helps and makes things easier. We know we have to win this year.”

But that’s a tough task. The Devils are tenants in a difficult Atlantic Division, where the Flyers made wholesale changes, and the Penguins expect to be healthier. Both teams finished with 106 points last season, and the Rangers also made the postseason out of that division last year, with 93 points.

The Devils, thanks to the slow start, finished with just 81.

“Things are definitely looking up this year,” Josefson said.

The Devils spent most of Tuesday’s practice sessions working on penalty killing and their power play attack. The Devils’ lack of prowess in the power play was one of the main reasons for their horrendous start.

“Today was totally dedicated to special teams,” DeBoer said. “It was really our third practice day of camp. We did go at it early. That was the plan coming out of our coaching meetings this summer. It’s obviously an area that we red-flagged as something we want to improve at and we wanted to spend some time on it early.”

Veteran goaltender Martin Brodeur, who missed Monday’s intrasquad scrimmage with some hamstring soreness, returned to practice Tuesday.

However, Brodeur skated with the minor leaguers from the American Hockey League instead of the main club. Brodeur will not play when the Devils begin their preseason schedule Wednesday night against the New York Rangers in Albany, N.Y.

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MLB

Floyd surrenders 3 home runs in 4-3 loss to Indians

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Gavin Floyd is still looking for his first win in September, and that's bad news for the sliding Chicago White Sox.

Floyd gave up three home runs Tuesday and the White Sox lost 4-3 to Cleveland in the opener of a day-night doubleheader. Chicago has lost eight of its last nine games.

Asdrubal Cabrera's leadoff homer in the fourth gave the Indians a 3-2 lead. Travis Hafner hit a two-run homer in the first and Kosuke Fukudome added a solo shot in the fifth.

"I didn't think they were terrible pitches, they just got the right part of the bat on the ball," said Floyd, who is 0-2 with a 5.16 ERA in four September starts. "They could have just as easily been fly balls, but today they weren't."

Though he didn't like the result, Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen liked what he saw from Floyd, who gave up four runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

"Gavin threw the ball very good," he said. "He got hurt by the long balls, but it was a good

outing for him. Obviously you can't be happy when you lose the game, but he pitched well."

Floyd (12-12) struck out seven and walked none.

Cleveland and Chicago, which were eliminated from the AL Central race last week when Detroit clinched the division, are battling for second place. The Indians lead the White Sox by 2½ games.

Guillen has mixed feelings about playing for the runner-up spot in the division.

"I think when you're not in first place, everything else is overrated, but I look at second place for motivation and work for pride," he said.

Cleveland starter Fausto Carmona (7-15) allowed three runs in six innings and won for the first time since Aug. 17.

Hafner's two-run homer in the first gave Cleveland the lead, but the White Sox tied it in the second.

Chicago's first four hitters reached in the inning. Singles by A.J. Pierzynski and Alex Rios started the rally. Adam Dunn, batting .165 when the game began, slapped a double down the

third-base line that scored Pierzynski. De Aza's single to right tied the game.

De Aza added a run-scoring groundout in the sixth.

Dunn doubled to left again later in the game, and Guillen said he likes how his designated hitter is ending the season.

"I think he's been swinging the bat good lately. He's made good contact and he's not trying to hit home runs," Guillen said. "I'm happy. I don't like to see someone suffering all season long. I think he's having more fun. Some people might say it's too late, but for him it's good to see him go out there and finish."

Cabrera hit a drive to right on an 0-2 pitch to put Cleveland in front again. Cabrera has connected in consecutive games to give him 24 on the year, tying the Cleveland record for shortstops set by Jhonny Peralta in 2005.

Cabrera, who entered Saturday's game against Minnesota in an 0-for-20 slump, has eight hits in his last 13 at-bats.

Joe Smith, Vinnie Pestano and Chris Perez, who recorded his 35th save, blanked Chicago over the final three innings.



AP

Chicago White Sox pitcher Gavin Floyd delivers a pitch to the plate in a 4-3 loss to Cleveland on Tuesday.

NFL

Giants prepare for Vick, Eagles

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants' defensive gameplan for the Philadelphia Eagles is going to have a major section on stopping Michael Vick.

As far as Tom Coughlin was concerned Tuesday, the elusive Eagles quarterback is going to play, concussion or not.

"I expect Michael Vick will play and if he can't play, I am sure he will," Coughlin said on a conference call a day after the Giants (1-1) knocked off the St. Louis Rams.

Vick was knocked out of Sunday night's game against Atlanta with a third-quarter concussion, forcing Mike Kafka to finish. Philadelphia coach Andy Reid has not said whether Kafka or

Vince Young would start if Vick can't.

Either way, Coughlin isn't developing two gameplans for the Eagles, one with Vick and one without.

"I think if Michael Vick can play, he will play," Coughlin reiterated when asked about Vick a second time in his conference call.

Defensive end Justin Tuck would like to see Vick play on Sunday in Philadelphia.

"I mean, that guy is a tremendous athlete," Tuck said after recording 1½ sacks on Monday night in his season debut. "Obviously — as he goes, that offense goes — you always want to beat teams at their best. Me, personally, I would love for him to play. I think he brings out the best in us, too."

Tuck said the Giants might suffer a letdown if Vick isn't in the lineup.

"If he's playing, we know we have to be on our toes," Tuck said. "We all know that Philadelphia is a great football team. We're going to have a great game regardless of if Vick plays or not."

The Giants came close to turning in a great game against Vick in December, building a 31-10 lead with less than eight minutes to play.

One of the most memorable meltdowns in NFL history followed as Vick rallied the Eagles for three touchdowns to tie the game and then watched from the sideline as DeSean Jackson scored on a 65-yard punt return on the final play to basically give the Eagles the NFC East title.

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MLB

Harden chased early as Texas beats Oakland, 7-2

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Rich Harden retired the first two batters of the game and needed one strike to get the third. Back-to-back singles and a three-run home run by Adrian Beltre later, the Athletics' right-hander was headed toward his shortest outing of the season.

Harden was long gone before teammate Michael Taylor's first major league home run in the fifth. By then, Oakland's veteran pitcher was just trying to figure out how things got out of hand so quickly.

Coco Crisp also homered but AL West-leading Texas built a four-run lead against Harden then coasted to a 7-2 win over the A's on Tuesday night behind 15-game winner Derek Holland.

"They don't swing at a lot of bad pitches and they work the count a lot," Harden said of the Rangers. "They foul pitches off and try to work the count in their favor and look for a pitch to hit. A similar approach that the Yankees take. That's a tough lineup."

Harden (4-4) lost consecutive starts for the first time this year, done after a season-low three innings in which he was tagged for six runs — five earned — on seven hits, struck out three and walked one.

Harden, who pitched for Tex-

as last season, is winless in five straight outings since beating the Blue Jays on Aug. 19.

"Just not his best stuff and when he missed he missed over the plate," said Oakland manager Bob Melvin, who appears close to signing a new deal to remain in Oakland through 2014. "They made him pay for it. It didn't look like his velocity was down or anything was wrong physically."

Beltre drove a 1-1 pitch over the center-field wall with two outs in the first as Texas immediately jumped ahead on an uncharacteristically warm night in the Bay Area. First-pitch temperature was 74 degrees.

The slugger had batted just 2 for 16 against Harden before connecting for his 28th home run of 2011. It was Beltre's 20th career homer against Oakland and seventh in as many games. The last eight have come off seven different pitchers.

A wild pitch in the second allowed Nelson Cruz to score after he doubled leading off the inning.

Texas scored twice more in the third to make it 6-0 and chase Harden, whose start was his shortest since the Rangers knocked him out after only 2 1-3 innings on Aug. 7, 2010.

"The pitch to Beltre was in, maybe not enough," Harden said. "He was looking for that.

I don't know, I'm disappointed in my performance tonight."

Michael Young hit an RBI single in the third that gave him 200 hits for the sixth season and drove in another run in the eighth, Mike Napoli also singled in a run and Texas won for the seventh time in eight games and eighth in 10.

The first-place Rangers maintained their five-game division lead over Los Angeles after the Angels won 10-6 at Toronto. Reigning AL champion Texas is 12-5 in September. The Rangers magic number to win the AL West is down to four.

Taylor hit his first major league home run in the fifth — his 18th career at-bat — for Oakland's lone run against Holland (15-5), who won his fourth straight decision.

Elvis Andrus singled in the eighth to extend his hitting streak to 13 games for Texas, which moved to 24 games over .500 for its best mark since sitting 31 over in 1999.

Texas is 90-65 for its second-best record in franchise history through 154 games. The '99 team was 91-63 at this stage.

Holland allowed one run and two hits over seven innings. He struck out seven and walked three while earning his second win in three starts against Oakland this season.

Crisp homered in the ninth for the A's against Michael



Texas Rangers Josh Hamilton, Adrian Beltre and Michael Young, from left, celebrate during their 7-2 win over the A's Tuesday.

Kirkman.

Texas came out swinging a night after Rangers manager Ron Washington attended the "Moneyball" premiere and reminisced about his special days as Oakland's third base coach.

Cruz remained in the designated hitter role while he

nurses a strained left hamstring.

Washington said Cruz would likely DH again Wednesday night and then the manager would decide whether to use him in the outfield as soon as Thursday's series finale with the A's or wait until back home in Texas.

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Cavanaugh routs PW in another shutout victory

Welsh Fam, Ryan roll to 2-0; Breen-Philips scores first touchdown in two years but loses to Howard

By JONATHAN WARREN
Sports Writer

Cavanaugh continued its stout defensive play in a 12-0 victory over Pasquerilla West Tuesday.

The Chaos (2-0) have not allowed a score yet, recording two shutouts in their first two games.

Cavanaugh took the lead for good midway through the first half with an 18-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Rebecca Cink to senior receiver Megan Robertson. Senior captain Brittnei Alexander rushed for a 15-yard touchdown to seal the victory in the second half.

"I think we played awesome," Alexander said. "I'm so excited for our team. We did really well."

Alexander hopes the Chaos will continue to show the amount of energy they have in the first two games.

"Our energy the whole game and our communication [were the keys to our victory]," she said. "We came out and did exactly what we practiced."

Pasquerilla West (0-1) failed to achieve offensive consistency throughout the game, as the Purple Weasels were kept out of the red zone the entire contest.

"We made some big penalties on offense and defense that killed our momentum," senior captain Alison Lindeen said. "We're going to look to control those in the future."

The Purple Weasels are hoping to improve by their next game.

"We're disappointed in the loss," Lindeen said. "We just have some first game kinks and jitters we need to work out."

Pasquerilla West looks to recover Sunday against Pangborn, while Cavanaugh has a bye before taking on Breen-Phillips Oct. 2.

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Welsh Family 27, McGlinn 8

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

Welsh Family looked virtually unstoppable in its 27-8 win over McGlinn Monday night at the Flag Football Fields.

Coming off a 13-0 win over Pasquerilla East Sunday, the Whirlwind (2-0) utilized a potent spread offense that racked up 253 total yards, routinely coming out in the shotgun with multiple receivers and no running backs.

Junior quarterback Vicky Moreno showed her accuracy, completing 23 of 27 passes for 249 yards and four touchdowns. Junior receiver Kirsten Groody and senior receiver Natalie Baldasare each had one touchdown reception while senior receiver Charlotte Seasley contributed a pair of scores. The trio combined for 21 receptions and 236 yards.

"We came into the game with a lot of energy," Moreno said. "We got protection from the offensive line and I just let

the receivers do the rest of the work."

Meanwhile, the Shamrocks (1-1) had a tough time moving the ball on offense, thanks in large part to a swarming Welsh Family defense. McGlinn managed just two first downs in the entire first half. The Shamrocks picked it up in the second half, managing to score on their final possession, a seven-play 66-yard drive that culminated with a three-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Lauren Miller to senior receiver Kate Tucker.

"Their defense was stout," Miller said. "They really contained our offense."

McGlinn, who beat Lewis 24-14 Sunday, hopes to get back to its winning ways next week.

"[Next game] we'll look to improve," Miller said. "We still have a lot to learn."

Welsh Family will try to remain undefeated Sunday against Lewis while McGlinn squares off against Lyons.

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Ryan 28, Walsh 21

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

It was a wild Monday night game with the Wildcats topping the Wild Women 28-21.

Junior quarterback Maya Pillai led Ryan (2-0) and served as a powerful dual-threat force in the win over Walsh (0-1). Pillai ran for 58 yards and passed for 135 yards with four passing touchdowns, going 12-for-16.

Pillai looked mainly to sophomore receiver Maddie Swan who finished with two touchdowns and 90 yards receiving. Senior captain and running back Brianna Curtis also ran for 79 yards and had 43 reception yards with one touchdown.

"The power of the offense comes from the mustache," senior coach Ryan Quillard said.

Quillard has one of his players draw on a mustache with eye black before every game. This tradition is one that keeps the Wildcats having fun, and will be continued throughout the season.

On a more serious note regarding Ryan's offensive prowess, Swan gave all the credit to her quarterback.

"Maya threw some incredible passes up for me and it made my job easy today," Swan said.

Ryan's defense also forced some key turnovers, including two interceptions and two turnovers-on-downs.

The Wild Women credited the Wildcats for their relentless attack.

"Pillai had a great game," junior captain and quarterback Kat Leach said. "They came up with some successful plays and we were unable to adjust."

Though Leach started to lead a late game offensive surge of her own, the clock ran out too soon.

"We showed in the end that our offense and defense can play," Leach said. "We just

need to put it all together sooner."

The Wild Women look to reorganize against Pasquerilla East on Sunday, while the Wildcats have a bye week and look to keep their 'stache streak rolling against Welsh Family Oct. 2.

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Howard 28, Breen-Phillips 7

By STEPHANIE BANTA
Sports Writer

Howard found redemption from its Sunday loss by snagging a victory over Breen-Phillips 28-7 Tuesday evening.

"We definitely took a hit last week," Howard senior captain Jenny Gassner said. "But after losing, [the team] has shown more energy and dedication, especially the freshman players."

That energy and dedication were reflected on the field as the Ducks (1-1) scored on their first drive, led by freshman quarterback Lauren Gabel.

Gabel, a newcomer to the Ducks squad, led the team to two touchdowns in the first half. Junior quarterback Katharine Mack helped to rally the Ducks to two more scoring drives in the second half.

"[The team] is really happy with how well our new quarterbacks filled in and performed under pressure," Gassner said. "After losing key players, we need that leadership on the field again. I think we will be able to ride the energy from winning into practice and the next game."

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Breen-Phillips (0-2) did not go down without a fight, though. The Babes were able to pressure the Howard offense to six incomplete passes and two punts.


The Breen Phillips offense had some weaknesses, throwing four interceptions throughout the game. But senior captain Maria Lynch was able to find the end zone in the last minute giving the Babes their

first touchdown in two years.

"[The team] hasn't scored since our freshman year," Lynch said. "So, this truly is a new beginning for the team. It's a personal victory."

Breen Phillips looks to rebound as they face Farley this Sunday, while Howard looks to continue its trek to the stadium as it takes on Badin.


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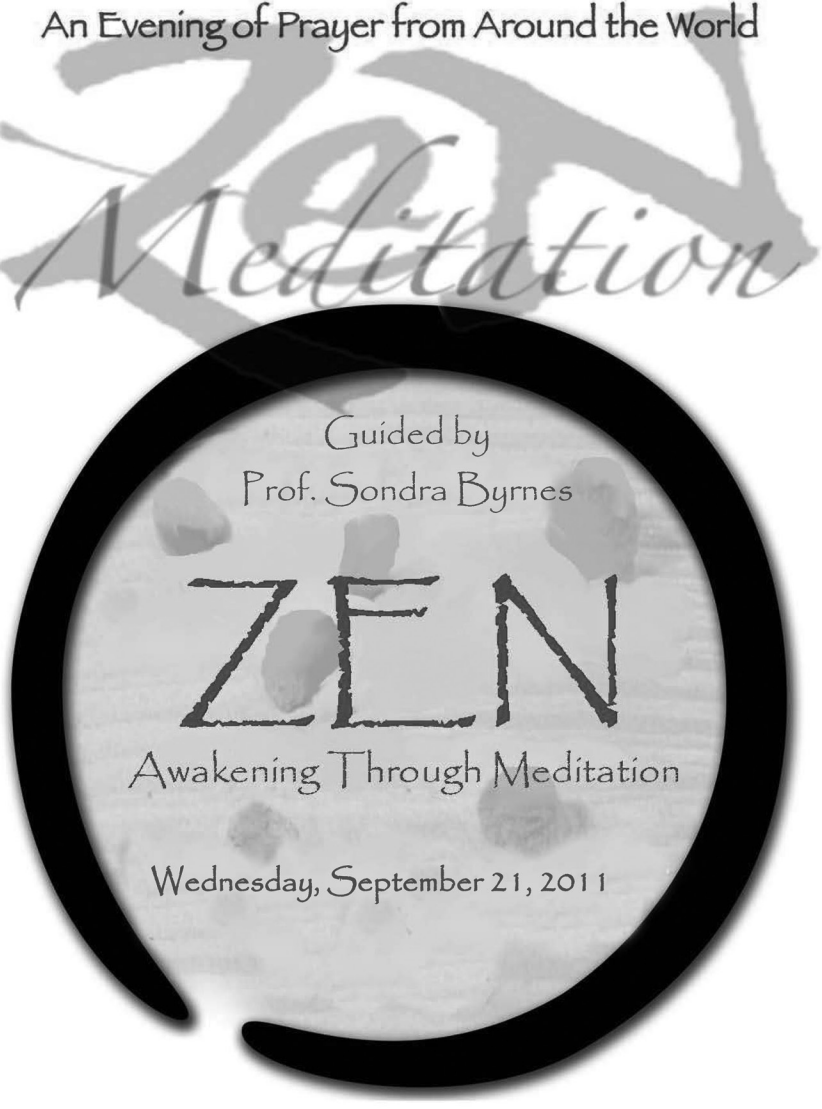


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can catch the ball coming out of the backfield, he can lineup as a wide receiver.”

Shembo returns to the field

Irish sophomore linebacker Prince Shembo practiced with the team Tuesday after missing Saturday’s contest due to a family emergency. Kelly said he expects Shembo to play this weekend.

“That family matter that we talked about has really turned out to be quite remarkable, so we’re happy for Prince and his family,” Kelly said.

Big 10 referees admit mistake

After Irish sophomore wide receiver T.J. Jones caught a 26-yard touchdown pass in the win over Michigan State, the team was penalized 15 yards due to an unsportsmanlike conduct infraction.

Jones had lifted his gloves to the crowd and put them together to show off the leprechaun logo. Kelly said the Big 10 informed Notre Dame that a penalty should not have been called.

“We got a clarification that it, in fact, is not a penalty ... Now, if he does that and puts it in somebody’s face or jumps into the Michigan State band, then that would be an unsportsmanlike penalty,” Kelly said.

Kelly said he received assurances from the NCAA before the season that such a player holding up the gloves to the crowd would not receive a penalty.

Scouts admire Lynch

Several NFL scouts were impressed with freshman defensive end Aaron Lynch’s performance Saturday, Kelly said.

“He’s a pretty good looking kid,” he said. “I mean, I think we had about 11 scouts in, and they said that he physically looks like an NFL player right now. He’s got a lot of work to do as it relates to all the other little things that come with being a great player. He’s certainly not there as an everyday player yet. He can’t play every down yet, but he’s getting better.”

Lynch recorded five tackles, including a sack and a forced fumble of Michigan State quarterback Kirk Cousins.

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Junior running back Cierre Wood turns the corner in Saturday’s game against Michigan State. The Irish won 31-13.

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in my knee,” Van De Castele said. “I had a couple procedures done on it before, which [the doctors] had hoped would fix it but they didn’t so then they had to operate on it in April. I missed pretty much the entire spring season.”

At the time of that April surgery, it was unclear when Van De Castele might be ready to retake the field with the Irish. With limited time before the Aug. 27 opener, Van De Castele underwent intensive rehab to try to expedite the recovery process.

“It was pretty slow and steady, slow and agonizing, really,” he said. “When I had the surgery, they didn’t know if I was going to be ready for the start of the season or if I would even be playing in the season. I was getting treatment at least once a day pretty much the whole summer and I was able to recover pretty quickly.”

Although he said he is not yet back at full strength, Van De Castele is content to be able to take the field.

“I’m still getting my strength back and still working on my endurance, but I’m definitely in a good position right now, possibly better than I was at this point last year,” he said.

Van De Castele has played all 685 minutes of Notre Dame’s season thus far, as has senior defender Aaron Maund, who combines with Van De Castele to make up the core of the Irish defense.

“Me and Aaron have a pretty good playing relationship,” Van De Castele said. “I think we work well together and our skills kind of complement each other.”

Van De Castele was recently named the Big East Defensive Player of the Week after helping the Irish limit their opponents to only one goal in 181 minutes of weekend play against Michigan (2-6-1) and Michigan State (1-5-1).

A student in the Mendoza College of Business and a member of the Dean’s List, Van De Castele has also been named a Big East Academic All-Star in each of his first two seasons.

Moving forward, Van De Castele will attempt to continue his domination of the air space around the goal, but will do so with the support of a group called the “Dancing Gumbies,” a collection of roommates and friends who attend the soccer games dressed as the green cartoon character.

“They made their debut on Friday, and since then we are 2-0,” Van De Castele said. “They’re behind the goal just kind of dancing around, joking, having a good time. There are five of them right now and there’s a Pokey on the way.”

“Pokey,” Gumby’s sidekick in the cartoon, may make an appearance when the Irish host Louisville Saturday at 7 p.m.

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those errors were physical rather than mental was encouraging to Kuschel.

“Our hitters were making the right decisions and the right reads,” Kuschel said. “But the balls kept sailing just long or just wide.”

While Kuschel might have feared her squad would wilt in the fourth set after its performance in the third, she expressed the utmost confidence in her team going into the last set.

“We were very confident going into the fourth,” Kuschel said. “It was more about playing as well as we knew we could.”

Freshman Katie Schneider led the Belles offensively as she notched 15 kills on the day. Junior Stephanie Bodien added 12 and junior Allison Zandarski 8.

“Getting one-on-one opportunities for our outside hitters was a big emphasis of ours in practice this week,” Kuschel said. “Their percentages

might not have been as high as they have been, but that was mostly due to errors in the third set.”

Junior Danie Brink once again proved to be the engine behind the transition from offense to defense for the Belles. She finished with 16 digs and 35 assists.

“Brink played very well,” Kuschel said. “She did a great job adjusting to what Trine was doing and executing the plays that we had worked on.”

The most encouraging signs for the Belles were defense and timely plays. Trine hit just .051 on the match, and the team consistently won points in big spots.

“We played very composed today, especially on defense,” Kuschel said. “Whenever the play seemed to be over the ball just kept getting back over the net. Our hitters played very well, and our serving accuracy was amazing. They made big plays at the right time.”

The Belles resume action on the road against Hope College at 7 p.m. Friday.

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JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Belles freshman defensive specialist Annie Bodien prepares to serve against Alma on Sept. 14. Saint Mary's lost 3-1.

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tered the season's second conference match trailing Olivet by four strokes before capturing the match by 10 strokes, propelling them into a lead they would maintain for the rest of the season.

“There is a little bit of urgency to cut down on our total score as a team so we can either move up into first, or remain comfortable in second by cutting the lead down,” Kielty said.

Aside from improving their position in the conference scoreboard, the Belles are viewing the match as yet another opportunity to improve their play.

“Some goals for this match are to cut down on our total score, apply what we have been practicing for the past few weeks to our rounds and, most importantly, stay focused.”

Cara Kielty
Belles junior

other opportunity to improve their play.

In the season's first MIAA match, senior captain Christine Brown led the Belles with an event-high four birdies en route to earning a score of 80, a mark that was the field's

second lowest. But Saint Mary's turned in a team score of 342 for the round, an inflated score the team attributed to loss of concentration, among other things.

The Belles aim to minimize those mistakes the second time around.

“Some goals for this match are to cut down on our total score, apply what we have been practicing for the past

few weeks to our rounds and, most importantly, stay focused,” Kielty said.

In their championship season in the fall of 2010, the Belles recorded a team score above 342 only once, when they scored 343 in the third MIAA match of the year. The team ended the season with an average score of 326.5 in conference matches.

But the more immediate standard for this Saint Mary's team is that set by Hope, the host team for this round of play.

“Hope is hosting this tournament so I'm sure they will be ready to perform just like they did at Trine [in the first match], but the pressure of maintaining their lead could pose some problems, so it is our chance to take advantage of this tournament and improve our standings,” Kielty said.

The match is at the Ravines Golf Course at Hope, with players scheduled to tee off at 1 p.m.

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Holt

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trouble catching Oregon, second place remains within reach as three teams sit just seven strokes ahead of the Irish in a tie for second.

“We just need to show up and play the kind of golf we're capable of playing,” Holt said. “We need to put ourselves in better positions on the greens to create more birdies and eliminate high scoring holes.”

The Irish will look to move up the ranks as the Golfweek Conference Challenge wraps up Wednesday in Colorado.

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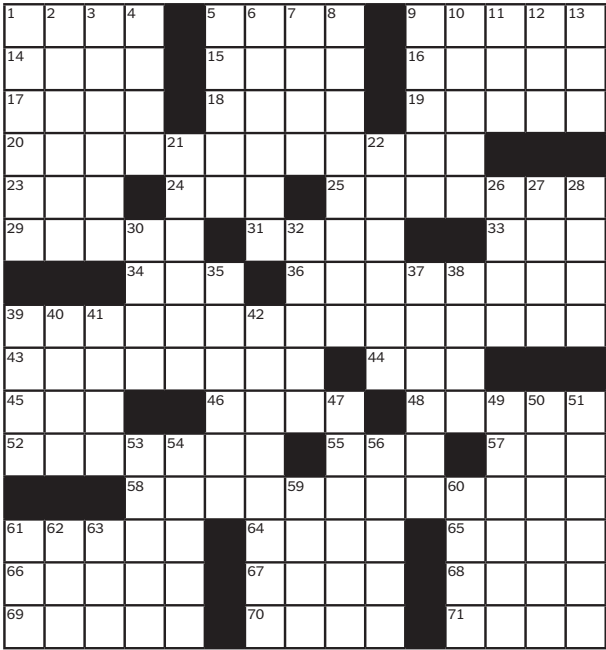
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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be reasonable when dealing with domestic issues to avoid opposition. Resolve existing problems; don't magnify them. Strive for equality. An older friend or relative will offer you sound advice. Don't withhold information. ★★

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be walking a fine line when dealing with peers. Word your questions carefully and avoid meddling in others' concerns. A joint venture will become a costly affair. Experience can prevent a mistake. Network to obtain valuable information. ★★

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Charm may initially work to get what you want, but eventually you will have to put your money where your mouth is and produce. Don't promise what you cannot deliver when honesty and the willingness to change will suffice. ★★

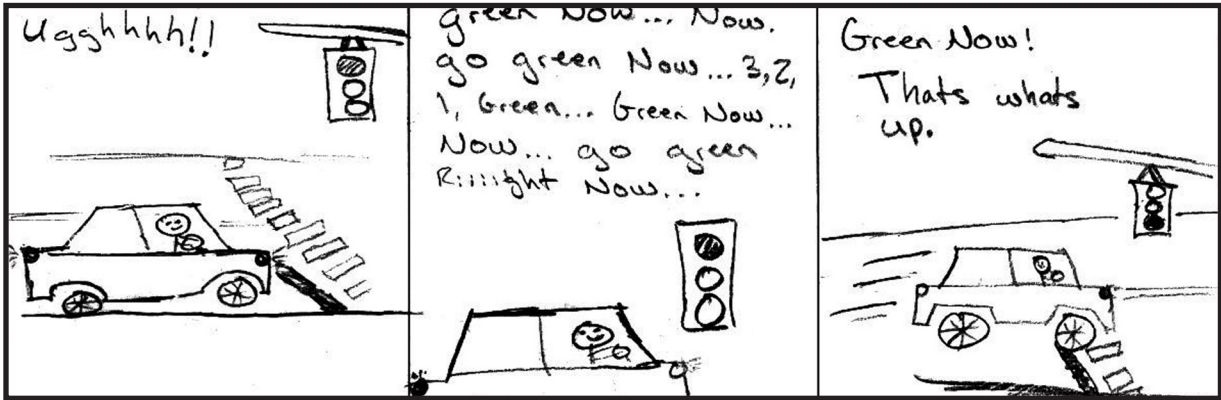
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Expect opposition. People will not see things your way and will put restrictions or demands on you if you want something. Focus on your home, family and personal life. Stabilize your financial situation by making the right choice. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Good things come to those who wait. Greater stability will ensure that you have what's required to make the necessary changes. You have the power to set the stage for victory and the support system to help you reach your goals. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Talk is cheap, but it can make a difference. It's up to you to decide what you will put up with. Take control, or someone else will dictate what lies ahead. Focus on home, family and relationships now to avoid a bigger problem later. ★★★★★

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SMC GOLF

Belles will try to track down Hope

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

After emerging from the first conference match of the season in second place, the Belles are hoping to simultaneously distance themselves from the pack and begin hunting down front-runner Hope in their second conference match Wednesday.

No. 5 Saint Mary's sits 17 strokes behind Hope, but three strokes ahead of third place Olivet. Despite the large deficit, the Belles realize they still have plenty of time to overtake Hope.

"We feel okay about the conference standings, and are looking to make up some strokes tomorrow," junior Cara KIELTY said. "Typically we come back from behind so we are going to approach tomorrow with confidence and the knowledge that we can improve on our standings."

Last year, the Belles en-

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FOOTBALL

Prep for Pitt



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Irish freshman running back George Atkinson returns a first-quarter kickoff for a touchdown in Saturday's 31-13 win over Michigan State.

By ANDREW OWENS
Associate Sports Editor

After beating rival Michigan State 31-13 last weekend, Irish coach Brian Kelly and his squad will face a familiar opponent under a first-year coach when they travel to Pittsburgh Saturday.

Panthers coach Todd Graham is in his inaugural season at Pittsburgh (2-1), but defeated Notre Dame in 2010 when he coached Tulsa to a 28-27 victory at Notre Dame Stadium. Kelly said the team has

watched film of that game to prepare for Graham's squad.

"He knows us quite well from last year," Kelly said. "We're familiar with his system. Now he essentially put in his philosophy and his system of offense and defense at Pittsburgh. When you're watching film, you're seeing a lot of similarities to his Tulsa club."

"We've done a lot of film study on their games this year, but we've also looked at last year as well in terms of how the games played out, and also the thing things that we need

to do better than last year."

Pittsburgh junior running back Ray Graham has rushed for 419 yards and six touchdowns in three games this season. The Panthers will attempt to utilize the talented back against an Irish defense that allowed only 29 yards rushing to Michigan State.

"Looking at Pittsburgh, obviously the first guy that stands out is Ray Graham," Kelly said. "Outstanding running back, multi-dimensional in that he

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

SMC gets early win over Trine

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

The Belles traveled to Trine University in Angola, Ind. Tuesday and emerged with a four-set victory, 3-1 (26-24, 25-20, 13-25, 25-23). The win pushed the Belles (3-6, 2-3 MIAA) into sixth place in the MIAA.

The match showed the Belles at their best and their worst as the first, second and fourth sets saw Saint Mary's gut out close victories while it was trounced 25-13 in the third.

Belles coach Toni Kuschel saw both positives and negatives in her team's play.

"I was very happy with our play overall this match," Kuschel said. "But we gave them the third set by making too many errors. We weren't making them earn their points. At one point I believe we made seven errors in a row."

However, the fact that

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Armstrong goes low again in college debut

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

The second round of the Golf-week Conference Challenge saw Notre Dame and nearly every other team in the field struggle in the strong winds and tough course conditions at the Red Sky Golf Club in Wolcott, Colo.

Notre Dame posted a 23-over-par to drop to 37-over-par for the tournament. The Irish will enter the final round in ninth place out of 18 teams, sitting 12 strokes behind tournament-leading Oregon.

Though Monday's conditions were far from ideal, Irish coach Susan Holt said she would have gladly taken the weather Tuesday, as yesterday's round left the entire field with an average three strokes higher than the day before.

"The pin placement was difficult, the greens played extremely fast and the winds were quite strong," Holt said regarding the playing conditions. "All three of those factors made golfing [Tuesday] for every team difficult."

The Irish youth continued their strong play. Freshman Ashley Armstrong tied for the team lead Tuesday, shooting a five-over-par 77, following her impressive opening round one-

over-par.

"Ashley has played pretty solid over the past two days, but she just had a tough back nine today, where she recorded multiple bogeys," Holt said.

Meanwhile, freshman Kelli Oride posted a six-over-par 78. Her score over the first 17 holes was an even more impressive three-over-par, but on the 18th hole Oride landed in a bunker and proceeded to shoot a triple bogey.

In another impressive performance, senior Katie Allare shot a five-over-par for the second day in a row, holding steady even with the worsening weather conditions.

However, senior captain Becca Huffer continued to struggle, shooting a team-high 81, following a 79 in the first round. Despite an unusually high round for the senior, Holt said he was encouraged by Huffer's play Tuesday as she hit 15 greens in regulation.

"Becca had three or four three-putts, leading to a couple bad holes," Holt said. "Otherwise, she was hitting the ball well and will be fine if she improves on the green."

While the Irish will have

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MEN'S SOCCER

Defender rises above his peers



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Notre Dame defender Grant Van De Castele sends the ball out of the back Sept. 11 against Bucknell. The Irish won 2-1.

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Grant Van De Castele has fought through persistent injury and uncertainty in his career, but now he does all his fighting on – or more accurately above – the field.

At 6 feet 2 inches, the junior defender has been nicknamed "Too Tall" by his teammates, a reference to a recent GEICO commercial. The nickname reflects Van De Castele's style of play, which relies on his ability to stand out in – or

jump out of – a crowd.

"I'd like to think of myself as a center back with a better touch and that I'm good with the ball at my feet," Van De Castele said. "But [Irish] coach [Bobby Clark] always, always gives me a hard time when I miss a header or don't win a header, I guess because he thinks I'm so tall there's no reason I shouldn't win every header."

"It's definitely an important aspect for me as a center back to win the aerial battle with forwards, especially on set

pieces."

The junior defender, roughly four months removed from knee surgery, is a key part of the stalwart Irish defense that has allowed only two goals during No. 17 Notre Dame's current three game winning streak. After starting every game of the 2010 campaign for the Irish (4-1-2) on an ailing knee, Van De Castele is now on the mend after a busy off-season.

"Last year I had tendinitis

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