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## Jenkins asks for exemption in health care act

By SARAH MERVOSH  
Managing Editor

University President Fr. John Jenkins wrote to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on Wednesday, asking that the University be exempt from a condition of the new health care act that requires employers to provide contraceptive services in their minimum health insurance packages.

"This would compel Notre Dame to either pay for contraception and sterilization in violation of the Church's moral teaching, or to discontinue our employee and student health care plans in violation of the Church's social teaching," Jenkins wrote in his open letter to the HHS. "It's an impossible position."

The Institute of Medicine

(IOM), an arm of the National Academy of Science that operates outside the government to provide unbiased advice on medical matters, reviewed preventive services important to women's health and released its findings in July 2011. The organization recommended the full range of FDA-approved contraceptives and sterilization services be included in the minimum health insurance package, according to the IOM website.

Under the law that becomes

effective in August 2012, only "religious employers," which includes houses of worship such as churches but not religious universities, are exempt from providing services that go against their consciences.

Law Professor Carter Snead said the decision to include contraceptives in the minimum health insurance package was expected, but the narrow definition of religious employers who are exempt was surprising.

"They had a very, very narrow religious conscience exemption," Snead said. "You wouldn't require the Holy Cross priests to cover contraception for the brothers [but] any entity that is not a church itself is not exempt from the mandate."

Jenkins asked HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius in his letter

to change the definition of "religious employer" to include Catholic universities, such as Notre Dame.

"I am writing to urge you to broaden the proposed definition of 'religious employer' to ensure conscience protections that will allow this university to continue its work as 'a Catholic academic community of higher learning' — words taken directly from our mission statement," he wrote.

Jenkins suggested the law be changed to use the tax code's definition of religious employers, which is broader and would include organizations that share "common religious bonds and convictions with a church."

Under the University's current health insurance plan, oral contraceptives and contraceptive devices are not covered unless a

physician requests them based on medical needs or for purposes other than contraception, according to its 2011 Medical, Dental and Vision Plan.

The law will not require Notre Dame to provide contraceptives on campus as part of its health services at Saint Liam Hall, University Spokesman Dennis Brown said.

Brown said presidents of other Catholic universities are also writing to HHS. Today is the final day HHS will receive open comments on the law.

After today, Snead said it will be "a waiting game" to see if the Obama administration chooses to change the law.

If the government does not accommodate Jenkins' request, the

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Jenkins

## Palestinian author promotes nonviolence

By CHRISTIAN MYERS  
News Writer

Even in countries torn by long-term conflicts and stifled by oppression, Palestinian author and peace activist Jean Zaru said nonviolence is the only acceptable counter to oppression.

Zaru delivered a lecture titled "A Journey of Transformation: Nonviolent Resistance to Structures of Domination" at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies on Thursday morning.

"Non-violence is a way of opposing evil without becoming evil in the process," Zaru said.

Zaru addressed the need for non-violent resistance to oppression, especially in her native Palestine.

In Gaza and the West Bank,

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Jean Zaru delivers a lecture at the Kroc Institute for International Studies titled "A Journey of Transformation: Nonviolent Resistance to Structures of Domination" on Thursday.

## Renowned critic visits campus

By SARA FELSENSTEIN  
Associate News Editor

For three weeks each semester, Notre Dame humanities students can interact with one of Britain's most influential literary critics and a man who is the author of more than 40 academic books on topics ranging from the God Debate to Shakespeare to Marxist literary criticism.



Eagleton

Terry Eagleton, Notre Dame's Excellence in English Distinguished Professor, visits the University twice a year to teach a miniature graduate course and deliver lectures on campus.

Despite his prestige in the literary world, Eagleton called himself "a bookseller's nightmare."

"I've long since forgotten what field I'm supposed to be in," Eagleton said. "I started out in literature, and in some ways I still am. Literature is an open-ended field, it continually merges into surrounding areas [and] a lot of my work is [in] the intersection of different fields."

This semester, Eagleton will

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## SMC student bikes across country for charity

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY  
Saint Mary's Editor

For one Saint Mary's student, biking is much more than a sport.

Senior Olivia Kilian uses her bike to help eliminate poverty housing through the Fuller Center for Housing.

This summer, Kilian joined Notre Dame graduate Ryan Iafigliola and other bikers for a 3,600-mile trip across the country. The group rode from Seattle, Wash., to Washington, D.C.

Kilian said the group easily attracted spectators' attentions. A newlywed couple rode a tandem

bike, and a bike mechanic traveled on a bike that rode six feet off the ground.

"We looked like a circus coming into town, but it was actually cool because more people were interested in what we were doing, and we got to tell them about the organization," Kilian said.

The trip began June 10 and ended Aug. 14. As she rode across the country, Kilian stopped at seven different locations across the country to perform housing renovations for community members.

"We did a lot of renovating,"

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Photo courtesy of the Fuller Center for Housing

Saint Mary's senior Olivia Kilian biked from coast to coast to raise money for the elimination of poverty housing.



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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF A TURTLE LOSES ITS SHELL, IS IT HOMELESS OR NAKED?



Zach Stackhouse

senior  
off campus

"Not a question.  
It would be  
nothing."



Alec Macdonnell

sophomore  
Sorin

"Pineapple."



Rebecca Holmberg

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Welsh Family

"It's frightening."



Adam Joslyn

sophomore  
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"Homeless."



Grace Foster

sophomore  
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"Poor, because  
he has no home  
or clothes."



Katie Suarez

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"Awkward."

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



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Former U.S. Representative Bob Inglis, a representative from South Carolina, delivers a lecture late Thursday evening in McKenna Hall. Inglis discussed the reason for the populist rejection of the science of climate change and a solution that could work for conservatives and liberals alike.

OFFBEAT

Insurance broker launches pizza parlor policy

CALIFORNIA — In the world of insurance, this one takes the cake. A new policy called "SLICE" specifically designed to protect the owners of pizza parlors.

California insurance brokerage EPIC Programs Group said the "Safety, Loss Control, Insurance, Coverage, Expertise" program would address liabilities pizza parlor owners face from their delivery drivers.

The program, available in 40 states, includes mandatory driver training and other risk control measures.

As unusual as it may seem, "pizza business insurance" is actually an important line

of coverage in the food service industry.

Some of the world's best-known insurers and insurance brokers offer specialized pizza programs.

According to industry websites, delivery drivers' own insurance policies usually will not cover them when they are delivering food on their employers' behalf, leading pizzerias and other restaurants that employ drivers to take out excess coverage on them.

Cat born with 2 faces lives 12 years, sets record

WORCESTER, Mass. — Frank and Louie the cat was born with two faces, two mouths, two noses, three eyes

and little hope for a future.

Now, 12 years after Marty Stevens rescued him from being euthanized, the blue-eyed cat is not only thriving, but has also made it into the 2012 edition of Guinness World Records as the longest-surviving member of a group known as Janus cats, named for a Roman god with two faces.

"Every day is kind of a blessing; being 12 and normal life expectancy when they have this condition is one to four days," Stevens said. "So, he's ahead of the game; every day I just thank God I still have him."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The third annual International Law Society Symposium "Terrorism After bin Laden" will be today in Biolchini Hall room 1315 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Boardroom InSights Lecture Series is today from 10:40 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The speaker will be Alice Martin, the Vice Chair and CPO of NIBCO, Inc.

The tenth annual Pantinga Fellow Lecture, entitled "Emotions and Moral Judgments," will be held today from 3 to 6 p.m. in the auditorium of the Eck Visitors Center. The speaker is Robert C. Roberts of Baylor University. The lecture is presented by the Center for Philosophy of Religion.

Rave for the Brave is tonight in the Stepan Center from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets cost \$5 and proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. The event is sponsored by Stanford Hall, Lewis Hall and the Trident Naval Society.

The tenth annual Michiana Walk for Down Syndrome tomorrow will be held at the Stepan Center. Live music, a silent auction and carnival games will start at 9 a.m., and the walk will begin at 12 p.m. For more information, contact Anne Revell at 574-243-3808 or artrevell@aol.com

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# Run to raise alcohol awareness

By VIENNA WAGNER  
News Writer

The residents of Lyons Hall will honor a former Lyonite killed by a drunk driver with its signature event, the Mara Fox Run, on Saturday morning.

Lyons Hall president Vivien Devaney said the dorm established the event to educate students about the consequences of driving while drunk.

“The run was established as a memorial for Mara, who was killed by a drunk driver during her freshman year [in 1993],” Devaney said. “It’s the culmination of the week when we educate girls about alcohol use and drunk driving.”

The 5-k event also raises funds for a scholarship in Fox’s name.

“The proceeds go to the Mara Fox Scholarship fund that goes toward any Lyonite who wishes to study in Toledo, Spain, because Mara wanted to study there,” Devaney said.

Lyons residents also sold purple hair feathers in the dining halls and LaFortune Student Center this week to benefit the scholarship fund.

Sophomore Rebecca Rossi said the run connects current Lyons residents with Fox’s legacy.

“The Mara Fox Run is about keeping her spirit alive,” Rossi said. “I feel like I know Mara even though I never met her.”

Fox’s parents will have dinner with Lyons residents Friday evening, Rossie said.



ASHLEY DACY/The Observer

**Students can sign up at North Dining Hall to participate in the Mara Fox Run on Saturday morning.**

Freshman Allison McKown purchased a hair feather Wednesday.

“I want to participate because it’s a good cause,” McKown said. “I want to raise awareness about drunk driving.”

As part of the Mara Fox Week events, Lyons hosted a PILLARS gathering about “Women and Alcohol” on Wednesday night.

Freshman Antoinette Chan, who attended the event, said the entire week encourages students to think about all types of wellness.

“The run promotes both physical and mental well-being,” Chan said.

Freshman Alexa Vega said she was excited to participate in the run Saturday morning.

“It’s my first 5-k at Notre Dame, and I get to help a good cause at the same time,” Vega said.

Devaney said the race

would also feature music and free giveaways for participants.

“The music’s supposed to be really good this year, and we have a lot of people participating,” Devaney said. “We encourage people to come out. The race is at 10 a.m. on Saturday, and the registration is at 9 a.m. outside of Lyons. If you participate, you will get a bib for a buy-one, get-one free entrée at Chipotle.”

*“The run was established as a memorial for Mara, who was killed by a drunk driver during her freshman year [in 1993].”*

**Vivien Devaney  
president  
Lyons Hall**

“Through the event planned by Lyons Hall and her parents, Mara’s memory lives on,” Devaney said. “Hopefully the weather holds out this year, so that it can be a good event.”

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# Rave for the Brave to benefit injured soldiers

By CHRIS BARNES  
News Writer

Glowsticks. Three DJs. Free pizza. T-shirts.

While students will be able to find all of these things at the Rave for the Brave tonight in Stepan Center, senior Chris Luboja said the event has a deeper meaning.

All the proceeds from the Rave will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, an organization that supports severely injured members of the military as they transition back to civilian life.

“Rave for the Brave is ... a great way to celebrate the lives of those men and women who sacrifice so much for us everyday,” Luboja said.

The Rave is co-sponsored by Stanford Hall, Lewis Hall and the Trident Naval Society.

“This event is really the first major dance on campus that is open to all students, not just those from a particular dorm,” Luboja said. “Stepan is ready for Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students to have a night filled with music, lights and smoke.”

Standford assistant rector Andrew Balhoff said advertising for the event has already been met with success.

“It will be amazing,” Balhoff said. “This is an inaugural event, but even so, we have over 1,100 people attending.”

The Rave will begin at 10 p.m. tonight in Stepan Center. Balhoff said the venue would be transformed for the event.

“We purchased 30,000 glow sticks, and 1,200 lasers will also be in use tonight at Stepan,” Balhoff said. “In addition, a smoke machine will emit 13,500 cubic feet of smoke per minute ... We’ll have as much free

pizza as you can eat.”

Luboja said the organizers booked three DJs for the event.

“Two of our DJs, Stanford’s own DJ Thayer and DJ ROC, come from the Notre Dame community, and the third, Vico Ono, is a Los Angeles native who has performed at locations like the Roxy Theater, Delicious Vinyl and Geisha House,” Luboja said. “He has had multiple tracks atop the HypeM [Hype Machine] Top 20 list.”

Luboja said tickets would cost \$5 and include the cost of pizza and glow sticks.

“Further donations may be made for t-shirts and additional glow sticks,” he said.

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**Chris Luboja  
senior**

*“Rave for the Brave is ... a great way to celebrate the lives of those men and women who sacrifice so much for us everyday.”*

**Andrew Balhoff  
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# New art exhibit arrives at SMC

By REBECCA O'NEIL  
News Writer

A new exhibit at the Saint Mary's Moreau Center for the Arts calls students to study humanity's interaction and manipulation of the environment, according to artist Marilyn Propp.

Propp and her husband, artist David Jones, will display their work at the center beginning today. The exhibit, titled "Industrial Reconstructions," will be open until Nov. 4.

The collection includes oil paintings on wood panels, as well as pen and ink drawings. Propp, a professor at Colombia College Chicago, said their works are meant to provoke thought about the environment.

"You seduce people with color, lines or form," Propp said. "Then, you get them to think."

Propp said she finds inspiration in every injustice to the natural world.

"I was very upset about the gulf's oil spill because my family lived down there for a number of years," Propp said.

"The rape of the earth has been bothering me for 30 years."

Her sequence features a mixture of animal fossils, human body parts, marine life and the remnants of old



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

**An exhibit titled "Industrial Reconstructions" will be on display at the Moreau Center for the Arts until Nov. 4.**

machines.

In one piece, a blue lobster's body is indistinguishable from a whirling propeller. In another, titled "Paradise Lost," the tentacles of jellyfish are entwined in netting and trash.

Propp said her work does not always revolve around the environment though.

"[My earlier art was] much more interior," she said. "There was more symbolism. It was more psychologically pat. I've spent the past few years looking outwards."

The connected pieces of her col-

lection reflect "our interdependence, interconnectedness and continuity."

"There is ongoing movement, morphing and interaction between the organic and the metal shapes tools, hardware, pipes and conduits."

Jones worked mostly with photos for the past 10 years, but his display shows some of his recent sketches.

He uses his art to reflect on his "obsession with mechanical things ... specifically the automobile," according to his website.

"Machines are ubiquitous in the landscape," Jones said on the website. "I see the drawings as a metaphor for our relationship with things, filling up our space and numbing our senses."

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*"The rape of the earth has been bothering me for 30 years."*

**Marilyn Propp  
professor  
Columbia College Chicago**

## Lecture

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Zaru said the current situation is one of suppression by the government, military and media.

"Normal life for Palestinians living in occupied territories has ended," Zaru said.

She added that withdrawal from the problem will never solve the crisis of oppression. Palestinians who withdraw from public life or move overseas are too distant from the problem to bring about change.

"Withdrawal cushions us from the full impact of our situation," Zaru said. "Our perceptions are lost."

He added that non-violent resistance, however, achieves the kind of change that will eventually bring peace to the region, and to resist is to be human.

"We continue to resist because something is more sacred to us than comfort and convenience," Zaru said. "That something can be anything. It could be God, love, respect for human life, a sense of justice or many other things."

Zaru defined resistance as the refusal to obey structures of control.

"We need to mobilize people not with fear, anger or blame and not through a sense of shame," Zaru said. "We need to move them to act from a feeling of hope in service of things that they love."

She said people must avoid feeling morally superior and must recognize that oppressors are often driven by fear.

"Oppressor and oppressed both live in fear and do not have peace," Zaru said.

She said she believes that to solve the problems of the outside world, one must look inward and act justly toward others.

"Let us look into ourselves," Zaru said. "The outward experience is a reflection of inward

state ... God's reign cannot just be inner or outer. It must be both or neither. Where I am in my inner struggle, I am in my outward actions."

Zaru said she has faced structures of domination and injustice throughout her life, but her religious beliefs have sustained her.

"My experience was rooted in and filtered through my identity as a Palestinian Christian Quaker woman," she said.

Recognizing God's presence in the enemy is an everyday challenge, Zaru said, but God's will makes loving her neighbor necessary.

"I recognize the divine in everyone, all without exception" Zaru said.

Upon reflection, Zaru believes her travels have showed her that the modern world is all intertwined.

"Common needs, desires, fears and hopes bind us together," Zaru said.

In a similar vein, he added that all people should recognize the universal values of mutual trust, compassion, ethical priorities and justice.

"We cannot live a single day without deciding between yes and no, life and death, war and peace," Zaru said. "There is no escaping the question, and answering it is our challenge."

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## Ride

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Kilian said. "We would be split up into different houses working on odd jobs everything from redoing the floors and the roof, painting, and doing siding ... anything that needed revamping."

Each rider attempts to raise one dollar per mile throughout the trip, Kilian said. The money benefits the Fuller Center for Housing.

After his graduation from Notre Dame in 2007, Iafigliola worked as the special assistant to Millard Fuller, the Fuller Center's founder and president.

"The Fuller Center tries to take the teachings of Jesus seriously by incarnating them into our lives," Iafigliola said. "Our specific mission is to provide opportunities for people around the country and the world to improve their own shelter and lives. We offer helping hands, not hand-outs."

While working for Fuller, Iafigliola proposed the idea for the ride.

"At the time [I began working with the Fuller Center], it was only two years old and growing quickly, but it still faced enormous challenges - to spread the word about our work, to raise money and to form new local volunteer organizations to be our hands and feet," Iafigliola said. "I proposed the Fuller Center Bike Adventure to Millard as an annual even to help meet those needs, and he jumped at it."

The event kicked off in 2008 in San Diego, and riders have been raising funds ever since. Along the way, bikers also spread the word

about the Fuller Center.

"The ride's mission is friends-raising and fund-raising," Iafigliola said. "Everywhere we go, we speak to church groups, civic clubs, reporters from TV, newspapers or radio and anyone that will listen."

"We tell them about how we are a faith and volunteer-driven ministry changing lives around the world, and we're looking for people to join us."

While she said the ride was fun, Killian said the trip requires both mental and physical strength through early 4 a.m. wake-up calls, temperature fluctuations and days with more than 50 miles of biking.

"When it's dark outside [at 4 a.m.], your body can't move because you're so sore, and you're trying to wake up putting on your spandex," Killian said. "How am I supposed to ride 90 miles today?"

However, Killian said the event's mission motivated her to keep going every morning.

"It wasn't about me," Killian said. "It wasn't even about the biking after a while. The biking was amazing, but at the end of it, I think you realize the whole trip wasn't about the bike, it was about the organization and meeting people along the way."

Iafigliola agreed the group's cause is the driving force for the riders.

"We're on a mission to end poverty housing in the whole world, but we can't do that until everyone gets involved and it becomes a matter of conscience for each of us."

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**Bikers participating in the Fuller Center Bike Adventure gather at the finish of their race in Washington, D.C.**

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law will go into effect in August 2012. If Notre Dame does not comply with the law, Snead said the University would be fined \$100 a day per person per infraction. Snead added that the law has prompted a rare glimpse of agreement among Catholics on both sides of the political spectrum. He said most seem to agree that Catholic institutions, such

as universities and hospitals, should not be legally required to provide contraceptives as part of its insurance plan and should be included in those exempt under the conscience clause. “It’s about religious freedom, it’s not about contraception,” he said. Jenkins posted a copy of the letter on his website, which can be found at [http://president.nd.edu/assets/50056/comments\\_from\\_rev\\_john\\_i\\_jenkins\\_notre\\_dame\\_3.pdf](http://president.nd.edu/assets/50056/comments_from_rev_john_i_jenkins_notre_dame_3.pdf)

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# Eagleton

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be in residence at Notre Dame from Sept. 19 to Oct. 7. Chris Vanden Bossche, director of undergraduate studies in English, said Eagleton began traveling to the United States to teach in 1970. Since then, he has taught at more than 100 universities across the country. “The opportunity to hear from and interact with somebody of that stature is really valuable for our students, especially our graduate students,” Vanden Bossche said. Eagleton was a Visiting Professor at Notre Dame before his current title as the Excellence in English Distinguished Professor was created specifically for him, Vanden Bossche said. Eagleton became a distinguished professor in 2009, and the position will last for five years. “We created this [position] particularly because there was an opportunity to have Professor Eagleton join us,”

Vanden Bossche said. “He has historically had some connections [with Notre Dame, and] he’s been here to give talks in the past, so there was an existing relationship between him and the department.” Eagleton is also a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Lancaster University, where he teaches for a few days a semester, and until recently was also a visiting professor at the National University of Ireland, Galway. He is currently working on a book called “The Event of Literature,” which he said deals with “pure literary theory” and will be released next spring. Eagleton said he think the most interesting academic work crosses boundaries between disciplines. Throughout the 1990s, he focused on Irish Studies, but has since returned to an area he explored in the beginning of his career — theology. Eagleton recently completed a book on evil called “Reason, Faith and Revolution,” which focuses on the God Debate and the interconnection of religion and politics. “I wrote about theology in my early 20s at the time of the Second Vatican Council when things were very exciting in the Church, but over the years I’ve become sort of interested in political theology,” he said. Vanden Bossche said Eagleton is one of just three main influential figures in the area of Marxist criticism and literary theory, the other two being American literary critic Frederick Jameson and Raymond Williams, a Welsh academic, critic and novelist who died in 1988. “The leftist perspective has obviously been a consistent thing throughout his career, but in the broadest sense,” Vanden Bossche said. This year, Eagleton will teach his graduate course on psychoanalysis. He delivered a public lecture called “Jesus & Tragedy” Wednesday night, and will give an undergraduate lecture, “The Contradictions of Oscar Wilde,” on Oct. 5. “They’re on big topics, big questions that fit his strength as a thinker,” Vanden Bossche said. “He just always has something interesting to say that’s really useful for our stu-

dents.” While Eagleton said forming relationships with students and colleagues may be slightly more difficult while he’s only on campus for three weeks, he said those three weeks are “terrific.” “It means I don’t have to spend a year in South Bend, it means I don’t have to be [away from] my children,” Eagleton said. “Whenever I go anywhere, I like to have an escape. I would like to have a way out rather than feeling I have been marooned.” Eagleton said his short-term stay actually has advantages for teaching. “One of the advantages of dipping in and out is it means my relationship to the place is a purely educational one. What I do is pure teaching,” he said. While the individual departments of universities restructured over the last 20 years, Eagleton said he believes humanities departments could be developed even further. Vanden Bossche said the Department of English at Notre Dame has been working towards a more interdisciplinary focus for a number of years. “I think that’s true [at Notre Dame] as well as elsewhere. People use various disciplines in their study of literature philosophy, for sure, history, and so on ... We tend to see literature in an interdisciplinary context,” Vanden Bossche said. “That’s definitely been the general trend in literary studies.” Not all of the writing Eagleton has published is academic. He has also written plays, film and television scripts, a memoir and a novel over the course of his career. “Writing for the theater is okay, writing for film is dreadful,” he said. “Actors don’t regard the writer as the most important person. The writer takes very much the back seat in the theater [and it] causes problems if he or she intervenes,” Eagleton said. Eagleton calls himself a “chameleon” when it comes to writing. “In some ways I think I’m just a writer what I write is really not important to me,” he said. “I like to write in different styles. I just enjoy the act of writing so much.”

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## INSIDE COLUMN

## Notre Dame is a “bro” school

Meeting someone new at Notre Dame is almost always accompanied by an obligatory string of “getting to know you” questions. Students ask each other where they’re from, what they want to study, what hall they live in and, if they’re really short on conversation topics, why they chose to attend Notre Dame.



Marisa Iati

News Writer

I couldn’t tell you how many times someone has posed me that last question. I’ve subconsciously developed a cookie cutter response in which I explain that my first visit to campus was on a beautiful, warm spring day (clearly the exception to South Bend weather, not the rule) that also happened to be Holy Thursday. I relate how I was captivated by my brief sojourn and grew to love the school even more as I learned about it. And if I feel really comfortable with someone, I tell them that not long before that Holy Thursday visit, Notre Dame wasn’t even on my radar.

When I began the dreaded college application process, I compiled a list of a whopping 138 colleges that I could potentially be interested in — if the campus had Romanesque architecture and the theater professors taught Oscar Wilde and I visited on a partly sunny Wednesday in October. My dad looked over the list and told me to add one: the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. I raised a metaphorical eyebrow in confusion and distaste.

Wasn’t Notre Dame that football-crazed institution buried in the dense cornfields of the Midwest? How could my Jersey-bred self possibly fit in there?

I called Notre Dame a “bro school” and envisioned a student body made up entirely of 6 foot, 6 inch brawny males in Minnesota Vikings jerseys (No, I don’t know why I picked the Vikings. Maybe I just liked that they wear purple). I assumed that the only campus activities were attending football games and tailgates, interrupted by the occasional class. I imagined Indiana as a vast sea of virtual emptiness with Notre Dame as a giant football cult in the center, never mind that I was completely unaware of South Bend’s location within the state.

Needless to say, my dad convinced me to give Notre Dame a chance, and I’m now proud to have survived almost two and a half semesters here. I have to say, though, my initial perceptions of this school were not far off the mark.

Notre Dame is definitely a “bro school.” The student body as a whole is extremely athletic, most guys seem way taller than average, football is practically a religion and love for the Fighting Irish pervades virtually every aspect of campus life. But hey, I’m not complaining. I guess I’ve been indoctrinated.

Love thee, Irish football — I mean, Notre Dame.

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## Health insurance issue calls Notre Dame’s identity into question

Sometimes, the smallest details can raise the biggest questions.

Fr. Jenkins wrote an open letter to Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on Wednesday. Jenkins’ request was simple, but requires some background.

The Affordable Care Act signed by President Obama in 2010 to reform the American healthcare system placed a number of regulations on insurance companies, including a requirement that every plan cover a minimum package of basic benefits with no additional cost beyond the monthly premium. As is standard practice in lawmaking, the broad brushstrokes of the package were outlined in the bill, but the specific details were delegated to Sebelius and HHS.

Sebelius asked the Institute of Medicine (IOM), a non-governmental organization that works to provide unbiased advice on biomedical issues, to review the issue of women’s health based on existing research. After one year, the IOM recommended that contraceptives be included in the “basic benefits package.” HHS accepted the recommendation and it became a regulation with an exception for religious employers — but the exception on religious grounds was too narrowly defined to include Notre Dame, and, for that matter, Saint Mary’s.

As it stands now, Notre Dame will be required to provide insurance plans to students and faculty that pay for contraceptives as of August 2012, a position Jenkins finds untenable. He therefore asked Sebelius to redefine the religious exemption to broaden the requirements and move it in line with the tax code’s more expansive definition of “religious employer” before the final version of the rule is released.

Jenkins is right. Notre Dame should not be legally required to pay for insurance plans that contain contraceptives if it feels that to do so would be immoral.

But this is not about the morality of contraception.

This issue strikes at a balancing act Notre Dame has been trying to manage for years. What does it mean to be a “Catholic university”? Are Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s educational institutions that happen to be Catholic, or are they Catholic institutions that happen to teach? Recent trends suggest education takes precedence over religion. Though Notre Dame continues, in the words of its mission statement, to be informed by the Catholic faith, it has established itself as first and foremost a university. No statement of faith is required to attend or teach here. There is no doctrinal control over what is taught in the classroom. Faculty,

staff and students are encouraged to seek the truth in whatever form it takes, including that of scientific research.

Yet despite its insistence on being a research university, Notre Dame clings to its Catholic identity in inconsistent ways. In this case, the Jenkins administration that has vociferously supported scientific research has now asked to be exempt from a rule based on the recommendation of America’s premier scientific researchers. This inconsistency in identity is at the heart of the matter.

This issue is even more salient for Saint Mary’s as a women’s college. This regulation was designed to improve women’s health across the nation — the reason the religious exemption is defined so narrowly is so as many women as possible can benefit from the scientific consensus on women’s health.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s must make a choice. Either they must commit to being modern universities and accept all that entails, or they must commit to being primarily Catholic. They cannot split the difference forever. To do so is inconsistent and smacks of political opportunism.

So while on the surface, this may be a technical question about a small paragraph in one rule drawn from a 2,000 page bill, it is far more than that. It is an issue that forces all of us in the Notre Dame community to ask one question: when the rubber meets the road, who are we?

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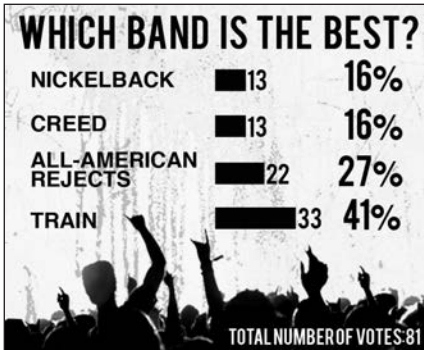
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## WEEKLY POLL RESULTS





## The government’s not-so-insensible “conscience clause”

This week, Notre Dame president, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., publicly commented on the Obama administration’s proposed health regulations governing women’s preventive services. In a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius — “the daughter of a distinguished Notre Dame alumnus and faculty member,” as Jenkins noted to strengthen his case — Jenkins referred to President Obama’s 2009 commencement address at Notre Dame. While speaking about abortion rights at that time, the president spoke of his agreement with Jenkins for “a sensible conscience clause” exempting religious institutions that oppose abortion procedures from such mandates. Unfortunately, Jenkins now muddies the issue with an attempt to equate contraception with abortion.

At the heart of Jenkins’ objection is the definition of a “religious employer.” Jenkins prefers to use a broad “church plan” financial-based IRS definition that purposely encompasses the widest latitude in separating church-state conflicts. This view is exactly the approach the bishops in Illinois are using in court to challenge the state equality clause that requires Catholic services to place foster children in households with same-sex partners. Regardless, such a view on social issues always conflicts

Gary Caruso  
Capitol  
Comments

with a democracy’s equality doctrines. To the dismay of Jenkins — and more specifically the Catholic Church’s hierarchy — the HHS definition is a narrow one defining religious employers as organizations that “primarily serve persons who share its religious tenets.” However, the federal government is correctly proceeding with just that approach.

For Notre Dame to primarily serve those who share its religious tenets, both in academic content and national entertainment value, the university would need to become a seminary. The university would at that point need not offer alternative theological views. It would not need to invite pro-choice advocates like President Obama or former New York Governor Mario Cuomo to speak openly about their pro-choice constituencies to whom they are accountable. It most certainly would be a closed, narrowly teaching institution rather than one that pursues open discourse.

Women’s preventive health services — more specifically, that politically charged “c” word — is not, and does not deserve to be classified with abortion services. Yet religious hardliners view contraception as vile as abortion. How preventing A from uniting with B to create C equals D, “death,” is a stretch when considered within the public health arena. It puzzles liberal Catholics when mentioned in the same breath with the AIDs epidemic in Africa and

the Catholic Church’s gradual softening of its stance. It mystifies Domers who recall hardliners cleansing their own board of trustees when a trustee was seemingly forced to resign this past summer merely because she supported a “known” pro-choice organization. Such actions move Notre Dame towards seminary status and away from an open university.

The Catholic Church holds a mix of opposing positions as doctrine that filters down to its learning institutions. Some Catholic universities recognize gay students while others do not. Some offer co-ed dormitories while others dare not. Notre Dame at one time never thought to become co-ed until society almost passed it by. While these are the more silly of contradictions, other dogma is not.

American bishops are eager to deny communion to Catholic elected officials who represent their majority pro-choice constituencies rather than the Pope, as John Kennedy loudly proclaimed his independence from the Church in 1960 to assuage fears of electing a Catholic puppet president. Yet those same bishops turn a silent blind eye on death through execution when, for example, Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell (ND-’76) executed a woman with a 72 IQ. In the end, McDonnell solely held that woman’s life in his hands, but puffed his macho bravado through the execution rather than choose life. Therefore, it is easy for church leaders to conveniently

lump their perceived seriousness of contraception with that of abortion. Such dichotomies, however, push Catholics to move away from the church.

Jenkins’ eloquent plea to Sebelius is an attribute to the quality education Notre Dame offers its students. His rhetorical cadence makes for a compelling argument, although his content may not stand on its merits. But in the end, whenever the various social mores of all religious thought are considered, democratically free societies must treat everyone equally.

That may be a hard pill to swallow, especially when some overact; for example, using logic like their public freedoms to keep “Christ” in Christmas over others’ freedoms to ignore Christ in favor of Moses. The Illinois constitution’s definition of equality of opportunity and the HHS narrow definition of a “religious employer” are the sensible conscience clauses of our time. Religious institutions need to adjust in a way that casts off ancient and outdated traditions whose time to end is upon us.

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## Hip-hop night education

If you ask a relationship expert what comprises a healthy sexuality, s/he will most likely talk about the qualities of respect, trust, mutual benefit, etc. If you ask someone in the general public this same question, research indicates that s/he would either 1) have no clue or 2) believe that it means the absence of STD’s.

Our culture has a profound lack of information and understanding when it comes to healthy sexuality. Like the laws of Physics that say air will expand to fill any non-vacuum space, the popular media has expanded its influence to fill the void left by our inability or unwillingness to engage our society (and each other) in substantive conversation about this area of human development. In what could be called benign neglect, we have allowed the media to determine the types of normative behavior one should expect in any given social environment.

This was no more obvious to me than when I attended Hip-Hop Night at Legends over the weekend. It was an experience that encompassed multiple layers of meaning. Present was the full range of human interaction: desire, fear of rejection, physical connection, extreme acting out, the need to be accepted/liked, individuals with privilege, social adroitness and awkwardness, fun, sensuality, oppression, autonomy, freedom of expression, etc. It was an experience I will not soon forget. No need to go into details. If you’ve ever attended this event and stood by the water coolers, you know exactly what I am talking about.

When I asked a group of about 30 Notre Dame students (male and female) to educate me on the rationale behind this method of social interaction, they responded with many voices: It’s fun; It’s a boost in self-esteem; It’s nice to

feel wanted; I don’t go to grind, I go to hang out with my girls; If you don’t want to be approached by a man, don’t go inside; This is a stressful environment and this is an easy way to blow off steam; You should know what to expect when you get there; Why should I have to push guys away all night?; How people dress says something about why they came; This kind of dancing is everywhere, not just Hip-Hop Night; You see it in high schools; You see it in night clubs; It can be worse in dorm room dances.

As I listened to the sometimes heated dialogue, it became obvious that “grinding” as a form of social interaction had never been discussed in a meaningful way. In spite of the disagreements, there were some areas of common ground: the desire to be accepted and liked; the realization that grinding is so popular because it’s easy; the one who grinds the best gets the most attention; the discomfort both men and women feel in terms of negotiating the sometimes confusing expectations of these interactions; and the fact that when alcohol is added to this sexually charged, physically permissive, boundary amorphous activity, it can become a recipe for disaster.

To put it plainly, given this type of sexual expression in our social interactions, I am not surprised by the presence of sexual violence on our campus. When physical permissiveness is combined with media driven social expectation, an environment is created that becomes kindling for the flame of abusive alcohol consumption. It is an environment where the line between flirtation and sexual assault is often blurred in the eyes of those participating.

So what is a healthy sexuality and how is it developed? I think this is a topic worthy of extensive dialogue between the brightest minds of this generation ... you. It is a question that will

bracket your development as a young adult and determine your ability to form meaningful, intimate and lasting relationships.

Although physical intimacy is just one aspect of a healthy sexuality, our culture has made it of paramount importance in how we relate socially. There are 14 steps in the progression of physical intimacy. It begins with a look, continues with hand to hand contact, a hug is somewhere in the middle, and the final step is sexual intercourse.

Popular media has glamorized the need to skip as many steps as possible, and by doing so we fall prey to the mirage of intimacy. True to form, the mirage never fulfills or satisfies the thing we thirst for. We are told to go farther, faster and harder with many partners, but in the end there is still something missing.

If you poll married couples, they would tell you that the most intimate, meaningful and profound moments of their marriage had nothing to do with sexual activity. I am a witness to this fact. The true nature of intimacy is commitment, empowerment, security, selflessness, mutual gain, sacrifice, personal growth and a desire to pull the best out of those you care deeply for.

In the conversation I mentioned earlier, one student talked eloquently about the desire to hold each other to a higher standard. I’m not sure what that is supposed to look like, but I do think it’s time we move towards the Notre Dame we claim to be.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## More than winning

Winning matters at Notre Dame, but it is not all that matters. Christopher Lilly (“The football coaching internship continues,” Sept. 29) has that much right. What Lilly has wrong is his argument that Brian Kelly feels differently. Kelly undoubtedly wants to win, but he assuredly knows other things matter as well.

Yes, Kelly has said the coaching life at Notre Dame is different than it is at Cincinnati. There, he needed to win in stylish high-scoring affairs in order to draw fans. Here, an old-fashioned 7-0 scrum will still sell out Notre Dame Stadium. All Kelly has to do on the field to sell tickets is win.

But Kelly has never indicated cutting corners off the field as well is good practice. His actions thus far speak of “integrity, loyalty and player development” — the very things Lilly alleges Kelly forgoes. Kelly only recruits players he deems the “right kind of guys.” His team spends as much time performing service in the summer as it does playing football. This is not a man seeking to win at all costs.

Benching senior quarterback Dayne Crist was not a move driven by “win at all costs.” It was a move driven by winning. Tommy Rees is 6-1 as a starter. Debate his stats and athletic ability all you want, but the sophomore wins.

I have no inside sources, but I suspect the team appreciates winning. I suspect the players also appreciate the education Kelly insists they get and the degrees they are headed toward.

Peter Elliott  
senior  
Siegfried Hall  
Sept. 29



## LOCAL FAMILY DINER makes for cozy, delicious lunch 🍏



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By ADRIANNA PRATT  
Assistant Managing Editor

You might need to lie about its distance to convince your friends to head to the Apple Dumplin' Inn, but once there, they'll thank you for your crafty deception.

The warm, cozy tastes and smells of this restaurant just north of Peru, Ind., envelop not only the senses, but also the heart. It's impossible not to smile as you snuggle in for some toasty cider and tasty delights.

When you walk in the door, an old woman greets and seats you, just as you would expect. Cliché sayings and decorative ornaments coat the restaurant's walls. Apple pickers walk past the tables in jean overalls and flannel shirts. A pickup truck pulls up and unpacks supplies. Time freezes for an hour as you enjoy the sweet delicacies prepared by the McClure family, who own the place.

Start with a few rounds of biscuits and apple butter, the perfect warm-up to an apple-centered meal. The homemade Chicken Salad Croissant and Pork BBQ Sandwich, both served with homemade applesauce, were hits. The Orchard Salad was a little lackluster, but the sweet cider and indulgent desserts quickly put it out of mind.

The apple dumpling, the restaurant's namesake, was especially delicious served with a heaping scoop of cinnamon ice cream. Nothing could top the apple crisp, though. As the apples sizzled in brown sugar and cinnamon, vanilla ice cream melted all over their crunchy crust.

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The perfect fall dessert.

The homegrown treats go beyond the restaurant. The Apple Dumplin' Inn is part of the McClure Orchard, where visitors can pick Jonathon, Yellow Delicious or Ida Red apples. The family also sells other fresh produce including berries, seasonal vegetables and pumpkins perfect for carving.

Though an omnipresent rain cloud guided our visit, sunnier days guarantee a chance not only to pick apples, but also to pet small animals at the farm zoo. At Christmas-time, the restaurant offers breakfast with Santa and a Christmas open house.

The inn and orchard are accompanied by a special building up the hill called the "Apple Barn," where homemade wines and ciders are tucked next to fall décor. Sneak upstairs and enter a Christmas fantasyland that exists year-round. There are enough flashing lights and porcelain villages to cover the North Pole.

A trip to the Apple Dumplin' Inn and McClure Orchard is well worth the hour and a half drive, and fall is the perfect time to go. Make sure to pick up some souvenirs, like their jarred jelly, apple butter or cider.

In fact, I'm eating a bowl (or maybe three) of the McClure's

Orchard applesauce as I write this review. Indiana might not have much going on beyond its cornfields, but there's something special about its charming farming ways. Take advantage of what it has to offer this fall by heading to the Apple Dumplin' Inn.

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A family lives in a house. They have British accents. They seem perfect. Then disaster strikes.

When Will (Daniel Craig), his wife Libby (Rachel Weisz) and their two daughters move from Manhattan into a picturesque New England home, they revel in its beauty and enjoy its comfort.

Everything seems wonderful, until the family learns that their humble abode was once the scene of a brutal and gory murder.

Will confronts his new neighbor Ann (Naomi Watts) about the rumors and learns that a mother and her children were shot, but the father survived. He heads to an institution to find the suspected father, Peter Ward, but encounters a

startling revelation: he is Peter Ward. Or, at least that's what the doctor tells him.

The doctor also tells him that he lived in the ward for five years and was released just seven days ago.

Will realizes that what he thought was his reality, might actually be a dream. At least that's what the trailer makes you think.

As Will relives the past and tries to discover exactly what happened in his home years ago, both suspense and tension increase.

The film was not shown to critics before its release, so it's difficult to tell what twists the plot will take. See it in theatres today and solve the mystery of the "Dream House."

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## “Secret” brings surreal, creepy approach to familiar tales on stage

By BRENNA WILLIAMS  
Scene Writer

Tell your fairy godmother you'll be late and leave Hansel and Gretel at home. The Department of Film, Television, and Theatre (FTT) is producing a play that puts the Grimm back in fairy tales.

Opening Friday, “The Secret in the Wings,” written by Mary Zimmerman and directed by FTT faculty member Siiri Scott, is sure to give audience members shivers while changing the way they look at children's stories.

The show presents a group of obscure tales, all notable for their gruesome or unsettling plots. “Most people won't recognize a lot of the stories,” sophomore cast member Katie Mullins said, “although Beauty and the Beast is one that runs throughout. It's not the Disney version we all know, though.”

Each tale starts out like the fairy tales we're used to, but they get dark very quickly.

In 70-minutes, you will see hints of incest, murder and cannibalism, among other disturbing events.

Nine actors in the ensemble cast play various roles in each of the stories.

“We're basically on stage the whole time. If we're not in the scene, we're somewhere else adding to what is happening on stage,” freshman cast member Katherine Dudas said.

“Since we're all in every scene, we had to come to every rehearsal,” senior cast member Kevin Barsaloux said.

That amount of time and preparation together has made the cast work together extremely well, helping them bring the non-traditional stories to life.

“The thing that has really impressed me about the way Siiri has directed this show is that there's so much detail,” Dudas said.

Scott's direction, with Assistant Director Carolyn Demanelis's help, and their colorful choices have also added depth to

the performance.

“The Secret in the Wings” is the type of event that Notre Dame doesn't often see, senior cast member Kevin Argus said.

“The last show that was unrealistic like this was ‘Guernica’ a few years ago, and only seniors will remember that,” he said. “Everyone else is definitely in for something they haven't seen here.”

Most audience members will not have heard of the play. It has only had limited performances in major cities, and its performance at Notre Dame offers students a chance to see the kind of theatre without having to drive to Chicago.

“This show is great because it definitely looks at fairy tales in a unique way,” cast member Jimmy Stein said. “It's something you'll be talking to your friends about afterward.”

The entire tone of the performance is something theatergoers don't often encounter.

Several cast members described the play as “creepy,” and Scott instructed them to be “immense and intense,” characteristics that definitely shine through.

The technical design of the show only adds to the disturbing plot. The Philbin Studio Theatre in the DeBartalo Performing Arts Center has been transformed into an abstract world somewhere between a forest and an archeological dig, complete with enough spooky sound effects to make any haunted house jealous.

The most notable part of the design is that it is in-the-round, a feature that the actors have enjoyed thoroughly.

“It really gives us an opportunity to interact with each other in a natural way while still being open to the audience,” Dudas said.

The in-the-round staging demands that something constantly be going on for everyone to see, so there isn't a bad seat in the house.

The actors and crew are positioned in different off-stage areas of the theatre throughout the performance, surrounding the audience and overwhelming the senses from every direction.

“The Secret in the Wings” is certain to change the way you think about nursery rhymes, playing dress up, and bedtime stories. It will leave you questioning whether fairy tale characters can really have the “happily ever after” our parents always told us about. It's the perfect event for the pre-Halloween season.

It runs tonight through October 9 in the Philbin Studio Theatre in the DeBartalo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$7 with the new student ticket rate, \$12 for seniors and \$15 for the public. They can be purchased online at [perfarts.nd.edu](http://perfarts.nd.edu) or at the DPAC box office.

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Wild Card Wednesday

Wednesday night, I watched regular season baseball for the first time in about two months.

A few weeks before returning to campus for fall semester, the Mets were on Fox Sports Ohio playing the Reds (in case you're wondering how there's a Mets fan in Columbus, Ohio, both my parents are from Long Island). I watched the series knowing the Mets were out of the playoff race as the Phillies were on a whole other planet and no one was catching the Braves for the wild card and I probably wouldn't get to see them on television again. With a four-game sweep effectively eliminating the Reds from an NL Central-title repeat, I was content to end my 2011 baseball viewing on a high-note.

The truth is my interest in baseball had been waning for a few years now. I used to love watching the game but it just wasn't that appealing to me anymore. In April and May, schoolwork and the NHL and NBA playoffs consumed most of my time. Same thing in September, and even October, except with football taking the place of hockey and basketball. Only from June to August could my attention be devoted fully to baseball, and with 162 games remaining in the dog days of summer, it starts getting repetitive.

I had been in denial about my lack of interest, but I had to accept it after last year.

It was Nov. 1, around 11:30 p.m., and I was in a quad in my dorm watching some TV show with friends. In the back of my mind, I knew I was forgetting to do something. It instantly hit me that it was game 5 of the World Series that night, with the Giants up on the Rangers three games to one and aiming to clinch the Commissioner's Trophy.

I rushed to my room and turned on FOX, just in time to see the Giants spraying champagne all over the locker room and missing the final out and Brian Wilson's subsequent want to rage ... right now, in the process.

Amazingly, shockingly and sadly, a huge self-proclaimed sports fan like myself had completely forgotten about



Sam Gans  
Sports Writer

a championship-clinching game in one of the four major sports.

I went back to watching the show with my friends all of whom are at the minimum mild sports fans. When another member of the section from Northern California barged into the room in celebration, he was greeted by a collection of, "Oh, they won? Congrats."

I didn't hear any other buzz about the game in the entire dorm that night. Perhaps I wasn't the only one who had lost interest in America's pastime.

Flash-forward to last night. After what seemed in early September to be a very mediocre postseason chase, all of a sudden there were two ties atop the wild card standings entering the final day. The Braves and Red Sox had collapsed. Could the Cardinals and Rays complete the comebacks?

For whatever reason, though I didn't watch the final game of the World Series last year, I watched Wednesday. Part of it was probably due to the infamous 2007 Mets collapse and wanting to see it happen to someone else (especially the Braves). Maybe some of it was due to the fact I had more interest in the teams involved than the Giants or Rangers. And maybe it's just the natural excitement of four games having an impact instead of one.

Whatever the reason, I watched as three of the games came down to the wire. I went crazy as Philadelphia — who it hurt to cheer for — pulled a double-play to send Atlanta home. I cheered when, just minutes after Jonathan Papelbon's meltdown had occurred in Baltimore, Evan Longoria sent the Rays to October baseball.

And in both cases, numerous other people in the dorm were going crazy as well. Baseball will never die. It's America's pastime, the second-most popular sport in our country and its attendance and TV ratings are still very solid. But it seemed that perhaps overall, as in my case, people were losing interest.

Hopefully, Wednesday changed that.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Schwartz

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team," Schwartz said. "We have improved a lot over the last two weeks and now we're ready to play."

Starting off the day with a team breakfast, Keenan (2-0) is poised heading into the O'Neill match.

The Knights made a statement last Sunday by proving that the talent on the team doesn't stop at the starting lineup, but rather goes deep through the bench.

"After seeing how our guys stepped up last Sunday to fill some slots, I feel that we're prepared for O'Neill," junior captain Andrew McDonough said. "We are going to have our regular lineup out there, and we'll be running the ball with full strength."

Keenan and O'Neill go head-to-head Sunday at Riehle at 3 p.m.

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Fisher – St. Edward's

By JAMES SOUTHARD  
Sports Writer

Fisher and St. Edward's will clash Sunday, with Fisher hoping to improve to a winning record, while St. Edward's looks for its first win of the year.

Fisher (1-1) had a big shutout win over Carroll last week, making big plays on the ball defensively with two interceptions.

"We came up with two picks, which was very important, as it got us the ball back for our offense," junior captain Matt Hart said. "We definitely want to keep up our defensive intensity."

In preparation for Sunday's game, the Green Wave want to cut out the mental mistakes and improve their offensive balance, Hart said.

"Giving up big plays is what kills interhall football teams," Hart said. "We also want to expand our passing game and rely less on our running game."

St. Edward's (0-1) had a bye last week. The Gentlemen lost in the first week to Carroll (1-1) due to a combination of offensive stagnancy and costly penalties. Not only will the Gentlemen be looking for their first win of the season, but they will also attempt to score their first points after being shut out, senior captain Jay Mathes said.

"We were watching some teams last week, and that gave us a better sense of how to play the field," Mathes said. "We also want to improve our special teams, particularly our kickoff game."

St. Edward's is looking forward for a chance at redemption this weekend.

"It'll be great to keep having fun, put on the pads and hit someone," Mathes said.

Fisher and St. Ed's will clash Sunday at 1 p.m., with each team eager to strengthen its chances at a postseason berth.

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Stanford – Dillon

By ANDREW CARDOZA  
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Stanford and Dillon will battle it out Sunday looking to add to the win column.

The Big Red (1-1) are coming off a tough loss to Keenan, but have made a lot of adjustments and cleaned up the mistakes they made last week, according to junior captain Will Salvi.

"We were very sloppy last week and we just need to fine-tune the mistakes," Salvi said. "I expect our team to bounce back from our loss last week and play smarter."

The Big Red have a variety of athletes that can play multiple positions, but Salvi said this weekend's game is going to be a battle of quarterbacks.

"Turnovers will be the difference maker," he said. "It's going to be a battle between our quarterback [sophomore] Kevin Fink and Stanford's quarterback." Salvi said.

Stanford (1-0) is coming off a win over Keough. Junior captain Paul Babiak was satisfied with the results, but he knows there is room to grow as a team and remove the mistakes.

"We are looking to improve on our huddle," Babiak said. "Last week our huddle was extremely sloppy, and that is simple inexcusable. Every part of our game needs to be perfect," Babiak said.

Babiak said the Griffins are enthusiastic for their upcoming game.

"Our mentality is Bart Scott's 'Can't Wait,'" Babiak said.

Stanford and Dillon square off at 3 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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Morrissey – Duncan

By PETER STEINER  
Sports Writer

Morrissey and Duncan will meet Sunday with both teams looking to win its first game of the season.

Duncan (0-2) has lost both of its games this season by seven points or less, and according to junior captain Neil Eveld, the Highlanders view this Sunday as a must-win game.

"We have to get a win," Eveld

said. "It's now or never."

As their defense has been solid through the first two games, Eveld said that the key to the Highlanders' success will be how well they can run the ball.

"If we can get our run game going, we feel like we can win," Eveld said.

Meanwhile, Morrissey (0-1) had a bye last Sunday, but lost to Alumni on Sept. 18 in a game where the Dawgs completed a 26-yard touchdown pass with 22 seconds remaining to take the lead.

Despite the loss, junior captain Alex Oloriz said the Manor were able to take some positive things from the game.

"Our defense played well," Oloriz said. "We only had one bad play."

In addition to playing well defensively, Oloriz said Morrissey hopes to increase its offensive production by simplifying the game plan.

"Now we have one offense that we are going to stick with," he said.

Morrissey and Duncan will play at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields on Sunday with both teams hoping to get into the win column.

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Zahm – Carroll

By ALLY DARRAGH  
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Both Zahm and Carroll are hungry for a victory coming off defeats last Sunday.

"This week in practice we have focused on eliminating mental mistakes to keep from beating ourselves like we did against Fisher," Carroll junior linebacker Keith Marrero said. "Our mentality is to come out with a set game plan, but to be able to make adjustments on the field is necessary, which is something we didnt do well last week."

"Eat Pizza, Play Football, Eat more Pizza," is the motto for the Zahmbies (0-1) going into their matchup against Carroll after a season-opening loss.

"This week we focused on offensive line play. Our defense played one heck of a game last week, and as an offense we let them down," Zahm senior center Ryan Costello said. "As a line, we really need to give our skilled guys the opportunity to make the plays that we know they can make."

The Zahmbies will be looking to senior linebacker Greg 'Bus of Fun' Bennett for experience and leadership, as well as junior defensive end Brian Salat.

Zahm and Carroll face off Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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being their last game, the Lyonites' season hangs in the balance Monday.

Lewis (1-1) faces an uphill battle with a shot at the playoffs based on its two games this upcoming week. The Chicks come off this past weekend with an even record after beating Welsh Family 6-0.

"Our last game was a great game for us defensively," Lewis senior captain Libby Redline said. "We had really big excitement going into the game."

Lewis and Lyons face off at 9 p.m. Monday, a quick turnaround after both teams play Sunday.

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## Badin – Farley

By NICK BOYLE  
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Badin and Farley both look to carry momentum from big wins onto the field when they square off Tuesday night.

The Finest (2-0) have kicked off their season with a flying start, with a close win over defending champion Howard in week one and another over Breen-Phillips last weekend. Farley has relied on a stiff, dominating defense that has yet to yield any points on the season.

"Communication coupled with our depth have been the keys to our success defensively," Farley senior cornerback and captain Analise Althoff said.

On the other side of the ball, Badin (1-1) hopes to build off last week's performance, when it edged out a 7-6 win over defending champion Howard.

"Last week's win was huge for us after we came out a bit shaky in our opener," Bullfrog senior quarterback and captain Sylvia Banda said. "It's been a great boost in confidence and has allowed us to really come into stride as a team."

Going into Tuesday's game, the Bullfrogs know they need to be prepared for a strong Farley defense.

"We understand that [Farley] has a great defense. Our offense needs to make sure we execute from the start on Tuesday," Banda said. "We may even have a couple tricks up our sleeves."

Farley and Badin face off Tues-

day night at 7 p.m. at the Flag Football Fields.

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## Cavanaugh – Pangborn

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Cavanaugh's defense looks to continue its domination this Tuesday against Pangborn, which hopes to improve from .500 to a winning record.

Cavanaugh (2-0) has ridden its stellar defense to victory in two games against Badin and Pasquerilla West. The offense has averaged 20 points per game, but two shutouts have been the catalysts keeping the Chaos undefeated.

"Our defense has played absolutely phenomenal," senior captain Maggie Fahrenbach said.

Cavanaugh has not played since Sept. 20, so the team would like to avoid the rust that typically accompanies long periods between games.

"We want to keep doing what we're doing," Fahrenbach said. "There's room to improve in our offensive sets and our extra-point conversions."



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**Teams huddle at Riehle Fields despite inclement weather Monday. The poor conditions caused all Tuesday games to be canceled.**

Pangborn (1-1) is coming off a tough loss to Pasquerilla West in which the team allowed a touchdown as time expired.

"We definitely made a lot of mistakes that cost us the game," senior captain Liz Pawlak said. "We had difficulty connecting on passes because of drops and our defense allowed a few breakthroughs."

The Phoxes intend to cut out unnecessary mistakes and focus on their strengths, which include

a defense that forced two three-and-outs and a 70-yard interception return for a touchdown.

"We are a very talented team," Pawlak said. "We beat ourselves last week, and if we're playing our best, we can beat anyone."

Cavanaugh and Pangborn will square off Tuesday at 7 p.m., both squads seeking a key victory to contribute to their playoff pushes.

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## SMC SOCCER

# Belles accept hard loss, look to rebound against Hornets

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
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When the Belles take the field against Kalamazoo on Saturday, they will look for a strong performance to put the memory of Wednesday's late-game loss behind them — but so will the Hornets.

Kalamazoo (5-4, 4-2 MIAA) yielded a goal to league-leading

Alma (9-1, 5-1) just 15 seconds into its match Wednesday, and spotted the Scots another goal in the 17th minute. The Hornets rallied in the second half when junior forward Jackie Short scored in the 74th and 78th minutes to tie the game at 2-2. But the Hornets' comeback was ruined when Alma scored twice in the last 10 minutes, earning a 4-2 win.

The Belles' loss was more demoralizing. After sticking with a tough Calvin squad for 89 minutes, Saint Mary's (5-3, 2-3) watched a dribbler from a scrum in front of the goal went into the net with 11 seconds left, giving the Knights (4-5, 4-1) a 2-1 win.

Although disappointed by the loss, Belles assistant coach Tony Rompolo was impressed by how

well his team played against the 2010 MIAA tournament champions, and said he wanted to see the same fight from his team Saturday against Kalamazoo.

"[Kalamazoo] will be another quality opponent," Rompolo said. "It'll be a good opportunity for us to take the next step. In terms of how we performed [against Calvin], if we have that kind of per-


formance on Saturday, I think we'll do fine."


Kalamazoo sits in fourth place in the MIAA conference standings with 12 points, while the Belles rank sixth with six points.

The Belles look to defend their home turf at noon Saturday.

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## MEN'S INTERHALL

# Dawgs seek perfection, O'Neill aims for first win

By SCOTT FRANO  
Sports Writer

Alumni and Siegfried will meet Sunday in a battle of undefeated squads. Unless the game ends in a 0-0 tie, at least one team will be scored on for the first time this season.

Alumni (2-0) has not surrendered a point through two games this season. The Dawgs defeated Duncan last week 6-0 to preserve their perfect defensive record. Senior running back and captain Dan Dansdill said the key to containing the Ramblers (1-0) will be quick defensive substitutions.

"Siegfried is physically a powerhouse, and I think they're looking to outman us," Dansdill said. "So we're going to try to rotate our defensive players in faster than their offense."

Dawgs sophomore quarterback Will Cronin remains questionable to play with an ankle injury, but freshman Tyler Baron filled in admirably last week. The Dawgs have run the ball well, lessening the burden on the signal-caller. Dansdill credits his offensive line.

"Our offensive line works really together, and we've got a few guys on the line who are definitely leaders on the team," Dansdill said.

Siegfried (1-0) defeated rival Knott 9-0 Sunday in its opening game. Senior running back and captain John Aversa said his team is ready for the challenge of the Alumni defense.

"We know Alumni is a good team. We know Alumni has a great defense. They were hard-hitting last year, too," Aversa said. "We're just looking to run our offense as best we can."

Alumni and Siegfried will battle Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Riehle Fields.

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## Keenan – O'Neill

By MEGHAN RODER  
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Keenan and O'Neill will meet Sunday with each team looking to solidify its playoff chances.

O'Neill (0-1) is ready to get back on the field as the Mob were short a couple of players during their first game against Dillon. But now the team is strapped up and looking to snag a win, senior captain Guy Schwartz said.

"We have a good, balanced



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between the first and second game,” senior captain Libby Redline said. “Our defense was able to make some key plays that were the difference for our team.”

The Chicks feel their team, especially the defense, is gaining momentum and has more to prove against Pasquerilla East.

“I’m very confident about our performance so far,” Redline said. “We have a good dynamic and are playing well. We want to make it to the playoffs.”

The Pyros and Chicks will meet Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields with playoff hopes on the line.

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## Ryan – Welsh Family

By BRENDAN BELL  
Sports Writer

Ryan and Welsh Family will each look to earn a win when they face each other at a pivotal point in the season this Sunday.

Ryan (2-0) is coming off a bye week, but has a lot of momentum stemming from its previous two victories. The Wildcats’ senior captain and running back Brianna Curtis is hoping that they can continue their winning ways.

“We had a bye this weekend, but we’re hoping to stay ready for Welsh Family this Sunday,” Curtis said. “We just want to work on our defense and clean up our plays to stay sharp.”

Welsh Family (2-1) is preparing for Ryan with full knowledge of the quality team it is facing. Coming off a tough defeat to Lewis last week, senior captain Charlotte Seasily realizes that this will be another great test for the Whirlwind.

“Defensively, we know Ryan has a prolific running and passing attack, so we are hoping to shut down both of those and limit their yards,” Seasily said.

Seasily also noted senior receiver Natalie Baldasare as one player who could have a big impact.

“[Baldasare] will definitely have an impact on the outcome of the game,” Seasily said.

The Wildcats and Whirlwind face off Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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## Breen-Phillips – Cavanaugh

By BRIAN HARTNETT  
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Breen-Phillips looks to pull off an upset and earn its first win of the season when the Babes face off against undefeated Cavanaugh.

Breen-Phillips (0-3) has experienced a rocky start to its season so far, as the Babes have scored one touchdown and given up an average of 27 points. However, the team has seen its margin of defeat reduced in each game and has received a stronger effort from its defense, which made two interceptions last game.

“The pieces are really coming together for this team in practice,” senior captain Maria Lynch said. “We just need everything to come together in the game.”

Although Breen-Phillips may be a major underdog this week, the team looks to catch Cavanaugh (2-0) by surprise.

“We will definitely look to play off our underdog status and come out with a few trick plays,” Lynch said.

Cavanaugh’s strong offensive and defensive production may lead

some to conclude that it should earn an easy win Sunday, but senior captain Maggie Fahrenbach is not buying any of the talk.

“I’ve instructed the team to keep its mind fresh and prepare for Breen-Phillips like we would prepare for any other team,” Fahrenbach said.

Still, the Chaos come into the game with a powerful offense that has averaged 20 points per game and a stifling defense that has yet to allow a point.

This matchup of North Quad dorms takes place at 6 p.m. Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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## Lyons – Walsh

By STEPHANIE BANTA  
Sports Writer

Walsh and Lyons meet this Sunday in what could be a crucial game for both of their seasons.

The Wild Women (0-2-1), coming off of a disappointing 14-7 loss to McGlinn, are looking to regain their confidence this coming Sunday.

“We played well for most of the game but struggled to keep it together under the pressure of the last minute,” junior captain Lindy Navarre said. “It is situations like those that are going to make us a better team, for those are the moments that are hard to practice and must be dealt with in a game situation.”

Working under pressure and as a unit is something the Wild Women are looking to perfect as they move forward in the season, especially in their upcoming game.

“We are focused on the talent of the team as a whole,” Navarre said. “Walsh is not about having star players, but rather harnessing talent all across the board.

The Lyonites (1-2), after a slow start on Monday, dominated their game against Pasquerilla East, gaining a strong victory.

“Our defense on Monday was essential to the win, with extraordinary secondary coverage by [seniors] Carolyn Henderson and Caroline Maroney,” senior quarterback Kat Rodriguez said.

Walsh and Lyons face off at 6 p.m. Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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## Badin – Pasquerilla West

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Coming off wins, the two teams will do battle when Badin takes on Pasquerilla West this Sunday.

The Bullfrogs (1-1) got a much-needed 7-6 victory over Howard last Sunday, as the win places Badin’s expectations back where they were in the preseason.

“Our goal is always to be in [Notre Dame Stadium for the championship], so nothing has changed,” senior captain Sylvia Banda said.

To get its first win, Badin complemented its consistently stout defense with a balanced offensive attack.

“We definitely found our running game [against Howard],” Banda said. “The ability to have a running game and a passing game that are effective is difficult for a defense to pick apart.”

The emergence of a rushing attack, led by freshmen running back Dionne Sandoval, has brought the offense into balance. Sandoval scored Badin’s lone touchdown of the year against Howard.

Pasquerilla West (1-1) came up with a touchdown as time expired to beat Pangborn 18-14 Sunday.

Leading the charge on offense

was junior Alice Yerokun, who scored all three touchdowns. Yerokun played the whole game at running back until the final drive, when she took over at quarterback.

“Against Pangborn we ran a new offense that proved to work really well,” senior captain Alison Lindeen said. “Against Badin you’ll be seeing more of [junior] Kirsten [Danna] or [Yerokun] in the quarterback spot compared to our usual starter [freshman] Lauren [Vidal].”

Moving forward, Pasquerilla West is hoping to limit mistakes and find consistency.

The Bullfrogs and Purple Weasels square off Sunday at 7 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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## Farley – Pangborn

By PETER STEINER  
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Pangborn’s high powered offense will square off against a tough Farley defense Sunday as both teams try to get one step closer to the playoffs.

Farley (2-0) is coming off a decisive 14-0 win over Breen-Phillips, while Pangborn (1-1) is looking to use its heart-breaking loss to Pasquerilla West as motivation to succeed.

The Phoxes lost in the final seconds of their game Sunday, but senior captain Liz Pawlak recognizes that even though mistakes cost them the game, the Phoxes had set themselves up to win.

“We are hoping to fix those mistakes because we were in the right position to win,” Pawlak said.

To beat Farley, Pangborn hopes they can avoid those errors, while also recreating big plays, like a 70-yard interception return for a touchdown.

“We had a couple of bright moments on offense and on defense,” Pawlak said. “Hopefully our offense will be able to work together well as a team and play our own game.”

In addition to allowing zero points in two games, the Finest are building up their offense weekly, having scored six points in their first game and 14 in their second.

Senior captain Analise Althoff said there is always room for improvement.

“On the offensive side, we want to try to string together our completed passes and not have to rely on the big plays,” Althoff said.

Farley’s success so far has largely been the result of the strong play of the team’s 10 seniors.

The matchup between Pangborn’s potent offense and Farley’s solid defense takes place Sunday at 7 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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## Ryan – Pasquerilla East

By ISAAC LORTON  
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Ryan looks to keep its winning streak alive Monday night against Pasquerilla East as the Pyros seek their first win of the season.

The Wildcats (2-0) are rejuvenated and refreshed coming off their bye week following wins over Lyons and Walsh.

“The bye week gave us some time to recover and make sure we have no injuries,” senior captain and running back Brianna Curtis said.

Although they are coming off strong wins, the Wildcats still want to improve their game with the extra time.

“We worked on tightening up our defense in general,” Curtis said. “The offense is ready. We’re expecting sophomore wide receiver Maddie Swan to have a big game.”



KEVIN SONG/The Observer

Ryan sophomore receiver Maddie Swan evades Walsh defenders during a 28-21 victory Sept. 19.

Swan had two touchdown catches and 90 reception yards in Ryan’s win over Walsh.

Ryan seems to have everything in place and is prepared for contention this year.

“There’s a great deal of teamwork,” Curtis said. “Everyone shows up to practice, works hard and works together.”

On the other hand, coming off a hard fought draw with Walsh, the Pyros (0-1-1) are seeking their first win of the season.

“We are working on not beating ourselves with penalties or turnovers,” senior receiver and captain Kristin Mannion said.

The Pyros have been practicing on both sides of the ball this week.

Offensively, the Pyros are unique due to the fact that they use two quarterbacks, freshman Macy Mulhall and sophomore Emma Haduch.

The Pyros look to ignite a blaze, while the Wildcats hope to squelch the fire Monday at 9 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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## Lyons – Lewis

By ERNST CLEOFE  
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The Lewis versus Lyons game features two teams looking to keep up the momentum from last week’s victories.

Lyons (1-2) earned a victory last week against Pasquerilla East after losing two straight to open the season. The Lyonites won 21-6 by holding on after a first-half lead.

“Last week, we went and took care of business,” Lyons freshman captain Christina Bramanti said. “We had good energy and we recovered from the past weeks.”

After winning last week with an early lead, Lyons wants to continue that trend by starting early with a lot of energy.

“We want more of what happened Monday,” Bramanti said. “We just need to keep up the positive momentum and keep going hard.”

With the matchup against Lewis

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# Nature

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mimicking in practice all week. “We’ve worked all week on the turf inside Loftus [Center],” Clark said. “We want to get the team used to playing on field turf. The ball bounces a little better on the turf, it’s much livelier, it’s a little harder and the game plays faster. You have to make decisions a little better.” Each team will be fueled by recent wins when Saturday’s kickoff arrives. Notre Dame’s win against Louisville put them at 1-0 in the Big East.

“They pressure you. You won’t have a lot of time with the ball.”

**Bobby Clarke**  
Irish coach

Although the Red Storm (6-2-1, 1-1) lost their Big East conference opener to No. 2 UConn on Saturday, they followed the loss with a 3-2 overtime win over Princeton on Wednesday. “They pressure you. You won’t have a lot of time with the ball,” Clark said. To compensate for potentially less possession of the ball, the Irish will depend on their defense to provide support. The Irish have excellent leadership on defense, including the last two Big East defensive players of the week in junior defender Grant Van De Casteele and most recently senior defender Greg Klazura, who was key in the shutout win over then-

No. 3 Louisville on Sept. 24. “It has been nice for Greg [Klazura] and Grant [Van De Casteele]. They deserve to get recognition,” Clark said. “But I think all four of the defenders have done very well.” On offense, senior midfielder Adam Mena established himself as an integral part of the Irish offense, playing a key role in each of Notre Dame’s last five goals. Mena contributed three assists and two goals, the only two scores in Notre Dame’s 2-1 overtime victory over Michigan on Sept. 16. “[Mena] was very good for us in the spring season and during the summer,” Clark said. “I’m confident Adam will keep scoring goals for us.” The Irish and Red Storm will kick off at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. John’s.

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TOM LA/The Observer

Senior defender Greg Klazura advances the ball upfield during Notre Dame’s 1-0 victory over Louisville on Saturday.

# Bearcats

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match, and Cincinnati prevailed 3-0 (25-20, 25-20, 25-15). The Irish will take on Cincinnati first Saturday. The Bearcats (10-6, 2-0), who knocked out Notre Dame from last year’s Big East tournament, boast an impressive offense led by senior Missy Harpenau, whose 197 kills at the clip of 3.52/set puts her at sixth in the Big East through two conference matches. The Bearcat offense is also as efficient as it is prolific. Cincinnati’s .220 hitting percentage puts it tied with Notre Dame at fifth in the 15-team conference. The Irish look to counter with the defense of freshman Toni Alugbue and junior Hilary Epink, who lead the team with 32 and 43 blocks, respectively. Louisville (10-4, 2-0), coming off of straight-set victories over St. John’s and Connecticut, is led

by Big East player of the week Lola Arslanbekova. The Uzbekistan native — one of two on the team — leads the Big East with 239 kills, contributing to Louisville’s .265 team hitting percentage. For the Irish, a top opponent like Louisville is an opportunity to show that they really belong among the best in the Big East. “Performing well against them is absolutely imperative for us,” Dealy said. Though the Irish might be tempted to indulge in the pressure and excitement that surrounds a big match, Dealy said that the team has maintained an even keel. “We like to have a string of good practices leading up to a big match,” Dealy said. “We’ve had that this week. We’re focused and ready.” The Irish take on Cincinnati at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Louisville at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Joyce Center.

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## SMC CROSS COUNTRY

# Belles prepare for Chicago races

By WALKER CAREY  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will compete this Saturday at the Sean Earl Invitational hosted by Loyola University in Chicago. Saint Mary’s will compete this Saturday at the Sean Earl Invitational hosted by Loyola University in Chicago. The Belles are part of a strong field, which consists of 53 teams including Illinois, Iowa, Michigan State and Wisconsin of the Big Ten Conference. Heading into the final 5-kilometer race of the season, the Belles are eager for the race, but realize that they need to make some strides within their conference as the season progresses. Senior Joanne Almond, who led all Belles runners with a 20th place finish in


last Saturday’s MIAA Jamboree, didn’t downplay the importance of Saturday’s event, but realizes that the rest of the conference season is where the team needs to direct its focus. “Our team is excited to race in Chicago,” Almond said. “We are looking forward to the last 5-k [of the season], but right now our focus is on racing well later in the season.” Junior Julia Kenney, who finished second among Belle runners with a 32nd place finish at the MIAA Jamboree, backed up Almond’s sentiments regarding the remainder of the season. “Over the next few weeks, we will continue to improve,” Kenney said. “We have to

prepare to meet our [conference] competition again at the conference championships.” The MIAA championships are unique in that they determine two-thirds of the team scores that will decide the conference champion for the season. The other third was determined at the MIAA Jamboree, at which the Belles finished in seventh place. With four weeks remaining before the MIAA championships, the Belles look to continue the improvement process Saturday and carry that success forward as the regular season winds down.

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# Carlson

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will consist of eight ranked schools. No. 3 Stanford, No. 10 Florida State, No. 12 Princeton, No. 14 Brigham Young, No. 21 New Mexico, No. 23 Notre Dame, No. 25 Ohio State and No. 26 Eastern Kentucky. This meet will mark the first time the Irish have faced this level of competition this year. “Something we can work on is definitely being more of a team,” Carlson said. “Not that we aren’t right now, but I think that is something that can always use a work because you can’t have a nationally competitive team if it’s just a group of individuals.” Junior Jeremy Rae and senior Johnathan Shawel are both listed on the Irish roster for the race. Neither has seen action so far, but both are two of Notre Dame’s top runners. Also listed are sophomores Martin Grady

and Walter Schafer, along with Carlson. Grady and Schafer both finished in the top five during the National Catholic Championships. “Martin Grady and Walter Schafer are two guys that have been real solid for us so far,” Carlson said. “[Senior] Kelly Lynch is another guy who has made huge strides and will definitely have a strong impact on the team this year.” Carlson believes the meet will give the Irish a fair gauge of how they measure up to top teams. “This is one of the most competitive races we run outside of nationals,” Carlson said. “There are a lot of ranked teams, which will give us a good chance to test our strength against theirs.” On the women’s side, the Irish welcome six ranked foes to campus for the Blue 5-kilometer race. Highlighting the competition are No. 2 New Mexico, No. 7 Florida State, No. 18 Arkansas, No. 22 Princeton, No. 28

“ND Invite has traditionally brought a lot of top-ranked schools to race on our course. This year is no different, but we are ready to compete against these teams.”

**Rachel Valverde**  
senior captain

Penn State and No. 29 Brigham Young. “This is our first major competition of the season. All of the meets from this Friday onward will be very competitive,” senior captain Rachel Velarde said. “ND Invite has traditionally brought a lot of top-ranked schools to race on our course. This year is no different, but we are ready to compete against these teams.” Junior Jessica Rydberg was spectacular in her last outing, winning the National Catholic Championships with a 17:16 finish. She will try to duplicate that success Friday. Sophomore Alexa Aragon and senior Molly Hirt also return to anchor the Irish. “I think we have a lot of talent and hard work on this team, and if we can show that during a race, I have no doubt that we will be a very successful team,” Velarde said. “We have been working on keeping together during workouts and not [letting] people fall off, and we need to continue doing that, especially during the race.” The Gold division races begin at 2 p.m. while the Blue division competition starts at 4:15 p.m., both at the Notre Dame Cross Country Course.

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SMC GOLF

Invitational postponed due to rain

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Sports Writer

The Belles had to play through inclement weather once again Thursday, until the MIAA jamboree was suspended due to rain mid-way through the event's only round of golf.

The event, hosted by Albion at the Medalist Golf Course in Marshall, Mich., began at 1:00 p.m. but was interrupted around 3:30 p.m. when players were forced to leave the course. No plans have yet been announced regarding a concluding date for the third of four regular season MIAA matches, or even if Thursday's results will be officially recorded in the conference standings.

"We are checking with the commissioner of the conference to see how we proceed," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "The scorecards were collected, so we may go back and start again at a later date [to complete the round], we might start over 18 holes totally or it might be a scratch. So those are our three options."

The match was the second consecutive event on Saint Mary's schedule to be affected by rain, as the final round of the DePauw Small College Classic was shortened to nine holes on Sunday.

Because play was stopped in the middle of play and scorecards were collected, the Belles never got the chance to see how their team score stacked up against the rest of the competitors on the day. Through the nine holes before play was suspended, Saint Mary's had tallied a card of 169. Freshman Janice Heffernan was leading the Belles with her score of 40, followed by senior Natalie Matuszak at 42, senior Christine Brown at 43 and junior Jessica Kinnick at 44. Had the Belles been able to keep their pace through 18 holes, they would have completed the round with a score of 338, which would have been their lowest score in conference play this year.

Whether Thursday's scores will eventually factor into the conference standings or not, Hamilton said he was pleased with how his team performed.

"Actually we weren't playing too badly, considering the conditions were quite horrible," he said. "We were hitting better shots, playing better today and making some birdies."

Not factoring in Thursday's results, the Belles were 22 strokes back of conference leader Hope and sitting in third place behind Olivet.

The Belles are set to resume play Saturday when they travel to Kalamazoo for the final conference match of the season before the MIAA championships begins Oct. 7.

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Waldrum

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are really on exactly the same page."

Notre Dame will take the field in a Sunday matinee against the Friars (4-4-4, 2-2 Big East), a matchup that always proves to be a challenge for the Irish. Providence runs a system that the Irish are not very familiar with, Waldrum said.

"Providence is an up-and-coming program, and [its] coach, Jim McGirr, has come in and really started to turn the program around," he said. "It's always a tough game to play because of the style. They are not nearly as [focused on possession] as Connecticut, but they have to fight a little and be more disruptive. For as good of a team that we were last year, they gave us a really tough time."

Friars' senior goalkeeper Caitlin Walker will challenge the Irish offense, as she has only allowed 10 goals in 12 games for the Friars this sea-

son.

Waldrum said the key to a victory will be scoring early and often against a strong Providence defense.

"I think we have got to be more efficient in scoring goals. We are not scoring enough goals. If we can do that, it helps the other end," he said. "We are averaging a goal against us. It takes a lot of pressure off the team defense if we can get back to attacking. We just have to attack, attack and continue to attack, and that's going to be the mantra for this weekend."

Notre Dame's five losses this season mark just the second time the team has recorded five losses in a season since 2002. The Irish lost their fifth game in 2007 against Florida State in the NCAA semifinals.

Despite the rocky start to the season, Waldrum said plenty of time remains for the defending national champions to turn their fortunes around.

"I told them that there are probably a lot of people who have written us off already, but there are still enough games left that if we can turn it around and get it right, we



ALEX PARTAK/The Observer

Junior defender Jazmin Hall passes the ball to a teammate against Tulsa on Sept. 2 at Alumni Stadium. The Irish defeated Tulsa 7-1.

would be an incredible story," he said. "If we get into the Big East tournament and NCAAs, we have enough talent to make a deep run and make an amazing story. Nobody will care that we lost five games if we make it to the College Cup."

The Irish will host Connecticut on Friday at 7:30 p.m. before returning to the pitch against Providence on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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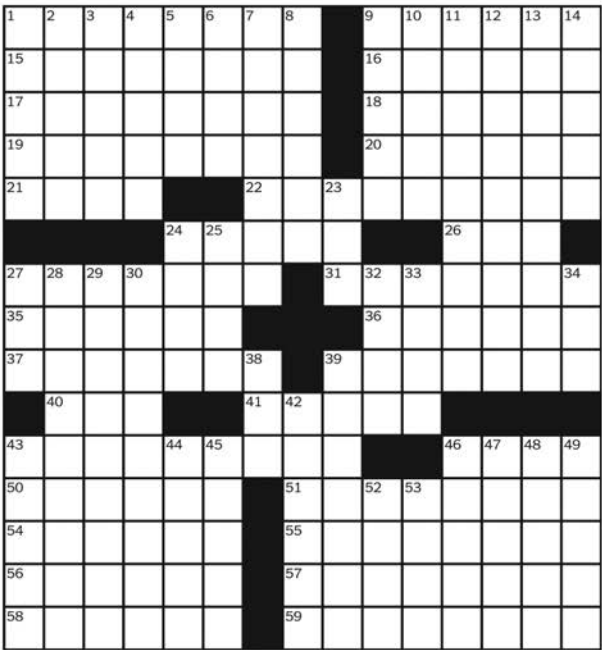
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**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take a break or delve into unfamiliar territory. A change will revitalize you. Getting together with people will encourage you to move forward with a goal. Don't allow someone with whom you have an emotional attachment ruin your day. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Reliving the past may hinder your ability to move forward. You have more opportunity than you realize and must focus on learning and expanding your ability to take on greater responsibility. Focus on raising your earning potential. ★★★★★

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**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** As long as you are sincere, you will be able to get your way. Anger never solves anything, and it certainly won't convince others to help you. Give what you can and you will be positioned to ask for what you want in return. ★★★

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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Get your personal papers in order and focus on contracts that can help you prosper. Don't let emotional matters slow you down or cause you to make a mistake. Timing is essential. Avoid anyone trying to tamper with your game plan. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Easy does it. You have a lot riding on the choices you make right now. Look at your current relationships and consider how best to utilize those connections. Prepare to re-evaluate in order to shape a prosperous and happy future. ★★★★★

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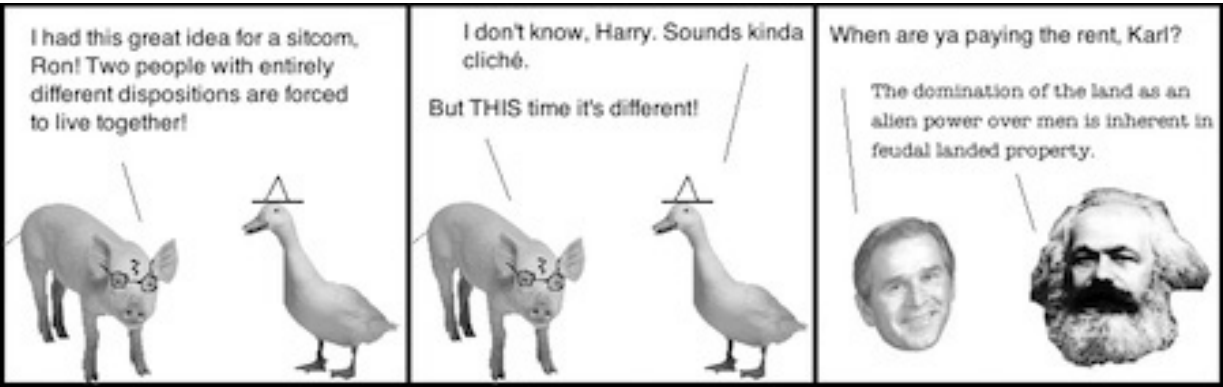
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## MEN'S SOCCER

## Eye of the Storm

*No. 10 Irish look for first conference victory on the road*

By MOLLY SAMMON  
Sports Writer

The Irish broke into the top ten this week after a 1-0 victory in this season's Big East opener against Louisville, and they want to keep it that way. Notre Dame looks to continue its conference success against St. John's at Belson Stadium in Queens, N.Y., on Saturday.

"[St. John's is] one of the top teams in the Big East, and one of the top teams in the country right now," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

The No. 10 Irish (5-1-2, 1-0 Big East) will travel to No. 15 St. John's for the first time in six years, last appearing on Red Storm turf in a 1-0 loss in the 2005 Big East quarterfinals. The matchup will be the 21st contest between the



TOM LA/The Observer

**Junior forward Ryan Finley settles a pass during Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Louisville Sept. 24 at Alumni Stadium. The Irish are 0-7-1 all-time when playing at St. John's.**

two programs, and St. John's leads the overall series 11-4-5. Luck at St. John's has been elusive for the Irish. With seven losses and one tie on Red

Storm turf, this game could mark Notre Dame's first away win against the conference rival in program history. The nature of the field will be

different as St. John's plays on turf, which changes the game in a way the team has been

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## CROSS COUNTRY

## Rivals to meet at ND Invitational

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS  
Sports Writer

Fresh off two victories in the National Catholic Championships, the Irish men's and women's squads will compete against some of the top squads in the country at the Notre Dame Invitational on Friday.

The 56th annual race will feature 21 ranked teams and four varsity races, split into the Gold and Blue divisions.

"I think the team as a whole is very confident right now heading into this next race," Irish senior captain Jordan Carlson said. "We had a lot of guys run solid races, and with the addition of a few more in this upcoming meet, we should look to do very well."

The men's Blue five-mile race

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

## Irish welcome opportunity for conference separation

By CONOR KELLY  
Sports Writer

From the season's onset, Irish coach Debbie Brown has expressed her team's desire to win the Big East. Though only two games into the conference season, the Irish will get a chance to show that they belong at the top when they host Cincinnati and Louisville, the 2010 Big East runner-up and champion, this weekend.

"This is the biggest weekend of

the year for us so far," senior outside hitter Kristen Dealy said. "If we can take these two matches, we'll really be ahead in the standings."

The Irish (8-4, 1-1 Big East) sit at .500 in conference play, good enough for a share of fifth place. Cincinnati and Louisville are both 2-0 and tied at the top of the table. The pair met up last November in the 2010 Big East championship

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

## Notre Dame to begin uphill battle



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

**Sophomore midfielder Rebecca Twining fights for the ball against a Tulsa defender during Notre Dame's 7-1 win Sept. 2 at Alumni Stadium.**

By MEGAN GOLDEN  
Sports Writer

With the most losses of any Irish team since 2007, Notre Dame looks to get back in the win column as it hosts unranked Connecticut and Providence over the weekend.

The Irish (4-5-2, 1-2-1 Big East) will open the weekend on national television against Big East rival Connecticut (4-4-2, 1-1-2 Big East). The Huskies execute the same 4-3-3 system as the Irish.

Connecticut enters the matchup 0-1-2 in its last three games, all of which were settled in overtime. Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he views the contest as a perfect opportunity for the Irish to bounce back from their recent heartbreaking finishes on the road.

"Based on what I've seen,

the strength of their team is they're good at keeping the ball and passing. It's always a good rivalry because us and UConn are historically the best two teams in the Big East," Waldrum said. "Every year we play them. It's down to who makes the last mistake, and I think that's how it's going to be. They're kind of having a year similar to us, so it's a big game for both of us."

Like Connecticut, the Irish have struggled to close out tight games, with four of their five losses coming in games decided by one goal.

Waldrum said the Irish must change their mentality in order to eliminate a big play by the opposition in the final minutes.

"I think you can work on [closing out games] in training," he said. "You can talk

about it and keep them focused. It's a work-in-progress, and it's something you have to keep in front of them and keep talking about it and get that phase of them turned around."

Irish senior forward and captain Melissa Henderson said she is confident the team has learned from its mistakes and is anxious to get back on the field.

"What's in the past is in the past. We have had problems closing out games, but I think we've learned from it, especially the end of this weekend," she said. "We're building off of it, and I really think we're going to execute it and make things a lot better than they were. I think we just need to get on the same page — just get focused and make sure we

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## WOMEN'S INTERHALL

## Pasquerilla East seeks first win against Chicks

By JONATHAN WARREN  
Sports Writer

Aiming to keep their playoff hopes alive, Pasquerilla East and Lewis will face off Sunday in a matchup that could shape both teams' postseason chances.

Pasquerilla East (0-2-1) is off to a rough start, but the Pyros still have playoffs on their minds.

"Our goal is really just to win," senior captain Kristin Mannion said. "We need to win all of our last games to stay in any kind of playoff contention. We're really going to have to prove ourselves and make

these last two games count."

Though the Pyros have yet to win a game, they remain positive about the rest of the season.

"We've worked the ball up the field really well," Mannion said. "We don't beat ourselves. I think we've done a lot of things really well, even though our record doesn't reflect it."

Lewis (1-1) is coming off a defensive-laden 6-0 win over Welsh Family, who beat the Pyros 13-0 earlier in the season.

"Our defense really improved

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