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## Professor reflects on son's mayoral victory

English faculty member Joseph Buttigieg discusses son's political career, youth engagement in politics

By EMILY SCHRANK  
News Writer

For Notre Dame English professor Joseph Buttigieg, Tuesday's mayoral election was personal — his son, Pete, was the winner.

Even though he had shown an interest in politics in the past, Buttigieg said he never expected his son would run for office.

"I know Peter has been interested in politics for a long time," he said. "At home we always discussed government affairs, but never in that way."

Buttigieg said his son became involved with Harvard's Institute of Politics as an undergraduate at the university and worked on politi-

cal campaigns, including U.S. Sen. John Kerry's bid for the presidency in 2004.

"I'm sure he learned about the mechanisms of electorate politics through that," Buttigieg said.

After current mayor Stephen Luecke announced he would not seek reelection, several people suggested Pete consider running, Buttigieg said.

"It's been a slow process," he said. "I'm very pleased because he's doing something he genuinely likes."

Buttigieg said he was pleased with the number of young people involved in his son's campaign and

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Newly elected South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg delivers a speech to his supporters Tuesday night. The mayor is the son of Notre Dame professor Joseph Buttigieg.

## Woo delivers latest Last Lecture installment

By MARISA IATI  
News Writer

Dean Carolyn Woo's contribution to the Last Lecture Series — which asks faculty members to prepare a lecture as if it were their last — was especially timely Thursday night, as Woo enters the final months of her fourteen year career at the helm of the Mendoza College of Business. Woo will leave at the end of the Fall Semester to take over as CEO of Catholic Charities.

As Woo faces major change and uncertainty in her own life, she advised audience members to face adversity with faith, not to fear hardship or responsibility and not to underestimate the value of education.

"I choose to say that because I think, right now, the economic environment worries everyone," Woo said. "When I was growing up, I was in a pretty comfortable

family, except that my father had a few issues. So even when I was younger, I had a sense of not having security. I also decided that my way of responding to that was to go to school."

Challenges followed Woo to Purdue University, where she began her undergraduate education with only enough money for one year's expenses. Woo said she was fortunate to receive a scholarship, which was both a blessing and a reminder to appreciate her education.

"I was able to be given a scholarship that covered the rest of my years," Woo said. "As a result, I never took any opportunities for granted. When you're in the middle of [adversity], it's very difficult, but work your way into that adversity and work your way out of the adversity and don't be afraid of responsibility. I think adversity really shapes us and it's a gift in its own ways."



MIKE FERNANDEZ/The Observer

Mendoza College of Business Dean Carolyn Woo discusses her journey as part of the Last Lecture Series.

Always maintain faith, Woo said. "You may feel like you're all alone, but you really are not," she said. "I think God is always with

us. At Purdue, I started going to daily Mass, and it was an incredible

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## Veteran faculty member recalls Vietnam era

By ADAM LLORENS  
News Writer

As the United States celebrates Veterans Day today, Peace Studies professor and 1968 alumnus David Cortright said he will remember his unique experience as a Vietnam-era soldier actively involved in the anti-war movement.



David Cortright

"I became strongly opposed to the war effort while I was in the Army," Cortright said. "I came to believe the Vietnam War was unjust, which brought me to a crisis of conscience."

While Cortright was never deployed to Vietnam and instead remained stationed in the United States from 1968-1971, he was far from inactive during the war.

"I joined the underground anti-war movement while inside the Army, which was called the GI Peace Movement," Cortright said. "I organized soldiers, as there was an active opposition to the war even among those inside the military."

Cortright said the movement gave him a sense of purpose while he served.

"I found my involvement in the GI Peace Movement to be personally liberating and fulfilling," Cortright said. "It gave me a sense that I was doing something that was necessary and I felt like I was serving my country more nobly by speaking out against an unjust war, rather than remaining silent about something that I felt was wrong."

Cortright said his experience in the Army during the war inspired him to study public policy.

"Once I began to speak out against the war and learned more

about the nature of militarism and the need to work for peace, I decided to dedicate my life to it," he said.

He completed his doctoral studies in 1975 at the Union Institute in residence at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., where he received a Ph.D. in History.

"My dissertation was on the U.S. military during the Vietnam War, especially on the anti-war sentiment within the military in those days," Cortright said.

Cortright returned to his alma mater in 1989 as a professor at the

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## Fr. Jenkins surprises Philbin

Observer Staff Report

As 1953 alumnus Regis Philbin prepares to retire from his popular morning



Regis Philbin

show, two Notre Dame faces surprised him on "Live with Regis and Kelly" Thursday

morning. University President Fr. John Jenkins and former Irish coach Lou Holtz appeared on the talk show to congratulate Philbin on his long career in television.



Rev. John Jenkins

Holtz praised Philbin for the entertainment and joy he has brought his viewers over the years with co-host Kelly Ripa.

"You two have just made a great team, and you've had a positive impact on so many

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE SNOW?



Rachel Talley

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"Half excited,  
half resentful."



Christina Dollar

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"I was kind  
of hoping fall  
would hang  
around, but if  
it's going to be  
cold, it might as  
well snow!"



Mary Frances  
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junior  
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"Snow dance!"



Eddie Flood

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Morrissey

"It gets me  
excited for  
Christmas."



John Ning

sophomore  
Morrissey

"I hate it."



Jake Frego

sophomore  
Fisher

"I'm ready for  
snow football."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email [obsphoto@gmail.com](mailto:obsphoto@gmail.com)



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Members of ROTC remember and venerate those who have served America during a 24-hour vigil honoring veterans at Stonehenge. One person will face North, South, East and West for the entire 24 hours.

OFFBEAT

Stolen wedding album returned 17 years later

LONDON — A wedding album which went missing when a caravan was stolen in Northern Ireland 17 years ago has mysteriously reappeared at the home of its owners.

Nigel and Gillian Stewart had long given up hope of seeing their wedding photographs which were inside the caravan when it was stolen, but on Tuesday the album was left at the gate to their home in a plastic bag, the BBC reported.

"I thought I was seeing things," the BBC quoted Gillian as saying this week. "I was absolutely stunned. Speechless."

The couple recently celebrated their 25th wedding

anniversary and the album's reappearance at their home in Gifford, County Down, has been a revelation for their children.

"It's lovely for the children — they only know their dad with grey hair," Gillian joked.

Paris stores drops Christmas carols for rock tunes

PARIS — Live rock and roll is replacing recorded Christmas carols in the windows of Galeries Lafayette as the Parisian department store seeks to drum up curiosity, and client numbers, for this year's gift-buying season.

True to tradition, the shop is putting on a dazzling show for shoppers and tourists alike in the countdown to Christmas, but this year it

is seeking to strike a chord with music-mad teenagers as much as fairytale fans young and old.

With a debt crisis forcing much of Europe into austerity, consumption has dropped in recent weeks, making crowd-pullers all the more important, even for upmarket stores that can count on a large tourist contingent in the heart of the French capital.

Rock legend Iggy Pop, bare-chested as always, has helped Galeries Lafayette get the show on the road, posing for photo fliers in red Santa hat and matching shoes in addition to his signature electric guitar.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Boardroom InSights Lecture Series will continue today in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture will be from 10:40 a.m. to 12 p.m. and will feature the Honorable Sven Holmes, Executive VC, Legal and Compliance, KPMG LLP.

There will be a Labor Research Workshop called "The Struggle Against Child Labor and the Working Class Construction of American Childhood" today from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room (2nd floor) of the LaFortune Student Center. The workshop will be led by Paul Mishler, associate professor of Labor Studies at Indiana University-South Bend.

There will be a Department of Accountancy Workshop today from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 122 of the Mendoza College of Business. The speaker will be Mark Peecher of the University of Illinois.

Hesburgh Libraries and the CSE Student Club will host National Gaming Day in the Current Periodicals Room of the Hesburgh Library today from 6 to 10 p.m. There will be a variety of gaming activities including board games, role playing and tournaments.

The 2010 Worldview Film "Life, Above All" will be shown tonight in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3.

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# Catholics urged to uphold faith



JAMES DOAN/The Observer

Fr. Robert Barron delivers a lecture on the importance of defending the Catholic faith Thursday. Barron showed part of his documentary series, “The Catholicism Project,” at the event.

By AUBREY BUTTS  
News Writer

Catholics need to defend their faith in an increasingly secularized society, Fr. Robert Barron said at the Jordan Hall of Science on Thursday.

Barron screened part of his documentary series, “The Catholicism Project,” at the lecture and said it was important that Catholics share their knowledge with the world.

“Always be ready to defend the facts and show that faith in God makes sense,” Barron said. “It’s very important that we go out to meet an increasingly skeptical world with the wealth of our own knowledge tradition.”

Catholicism is more than up to the challenge of lasting in an increasingly skeptical world, but needs to adapt to a society dominated by social media and technology. Barron said these are avenues of evangelism the Church has not adequately explored.

“I was always interested in preaching and reaching out to the culture more broadly,” Barron said. “I saw how behind the curve we were as Catholics in using the new media technology.”

Barron sought to fill part of this void with his documentary series, which uses media to expose viewers to Catholic tradition across the globe.

He said he sees God’s active presence in today’s secular

and scientific world and wants to engage the topic in a more modern context.

“I looked out at the culture and tried to find the seeds of the Word,” Barron said. “If everything in the universe has been created by the pattern of God’s word, and if every human searches for God as St. Augustine explains, then you’re bound to find the Logos operating throughout culture.”

After Barron began his media-based evangelist campaign on WGN radio, Cardinal George, director of the Mundelein Seminary where Barron serves as professor of faith and culture, encouraged him to expand his efforts.

Barron took to YouTube to engage a new and more diverse audience, hoping to reach viewers who may not attend traditional religious gatherings.

“Before I knew it, view counts were going up and comments were flowing in,” Barron said.

“Through this means, I was able to draw people in who would never have come to the church otherwise. I reached out to the culture,

and the culture reached back to me.”

It was this early success that sparked Barron’s aspiration to produce “The Catholicism Project,” he said.

“Throughout the whole media campaign, I dreamt of a big project,” Barron said. “We’re

a smart religion, but more to it, we are a beautiful religion and we have such a global texture. Wouldn’t this be a great way to explore Catholicism?”

Even though it was a departure from their usual programming,

the Colleges of Science and Engineering offered to host Barron’s presentation. College of Engineering Dean Peter Kilpatrick said Barron’s project incorporated the missions of both colleges.

“Engineering and science are all about reason, about using our intellect to make arguments for the faith,” Kilpatrick said. “As Saint Peter said, ‘Always be ready to give a reason for the faith that is in you.’”

Barron encouraged audience members to follow his lead and seek to spread the faith in new ways.

“God insinuates himself into every nook and cranny of everything he has made” Barron said. “Go and invade the society. Evangelize from the inside.”

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College of Engineering

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documentarian

# Farley Hall hosts Taste of ND event



DILLON WEISNER/The Observer

Students sample dorm foods at the Taste of ND event Thursday night at the LaFortune Student Center.

By EMMA RUSS  
News Writer

Students were given the chance to sample a variety of residence hall fare Thursday night at Farley Hall’s second annual Taste of ND.

A dozen campus halls brought offerings from their food sale shops for students to sample and to compete in a tasting contest, sophomore Erin Killymurray, a coordinator of the event, said.

“Taste of ND is a great opportunity for every dorm food sale to show off their own unique food,” she said. “People should know that these places exist. Everyone has access to other dorms’ foods. A lot of people just don’t know about it.”

Besides offering students the opportunity to get a taste of hall eateries, Farley took the opportunity to give back, Killmurray said. Free to students last year, the hall decided to charge \$2 per person, with proceeds benefitting the Northern Indiana Food Bank.

“There was a great turnout last year,” she said. “We completely ran out of food. With such a great turnout from last year’s event, we decided to charge \$2 a person and donate the proceeds ... It’s a great way to give back to the community.”

Some of the participating dorms included Keough Kitchen, Zahm Pizza, McGlinn Snack Shack and St. Edward Hall’s shop, Ed’s.

Senior Toph Stare of Zahm’s Pizza said he was happy to get the word out about his hall’s food sales.

“Finding ways to market food for dorm sales is difficult since a lot of people just don’t even know these food sales exist,” Stare said. “This event is a great opportunity

for us to market our products and let people know what’s out there.”

Senior Dana McKane, representative for McGlinn’s Snack Shack, agreed that Taste of ND could be helpful for future food sales.

“Every dorm has something different to offer,” she said. “Now that more people can see and taste other dorms’ products, hopefully sales in each dorm will increase. Last year was the first year for the Taste of ND and also the first year that McGlinn Snack Shack was in business, so it was great for us to get some attention right away.”

Each attendee had the opportunity to vote on their favorite foods from the event, and guest judges also had input in the selection of the winning foods. Guest judges included Leprechaun Michael George, men’s basketball guard Joey Brooks and student body vice president Brett Rocheleau.

The judges’ top selection was Ed’s, Killmurray said. Representatives from Ed’s brought paninis and, the local favorite, smoothies.

“The St. Ed’s smoothies are great,” Brooks said. “I’m not going to lie, I might go to ‘Sted’s’ to get a smoothie once in a while.”

George said tasting food from around campus might encourage hesitant students to venture to other dorms for late night snacks.

“I think a lot of people don’t like to leave the comfort of their dorm when they are studying late at night,” George said. “Hopefully that will change with this event.”

Other judges’ picks included Zahm Pizza and McGlinn Hall Snack Shack.

“You can taste the love and care in every cupcake,” George said.

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# SMC Theatre Dept. performs adaptation of Greek myth

By MADELINE MILES and REBECCA O'NEIL  
News Writers

Saint Mary's Theatre Department offered audience members a new twist on an ancient myth with its rendition of Sarah Ruhl's "Eurydice," which opened Thursday night at the College's Little Theatre.

The play is based on the classic Greek tale of lyrist Orpheus' attempt to rescue his lover from Hades. Ruhl's adaptation turns the story around and presents it from the perspective of the fallen lover.

Theatre professor Katie Sullivan, who directed the play, said Ruhl's adaptation gives theatre

goers a unique experience of the story.

"I am fascinated by her technique of sketching the story in broad, poetic strokes," Sullivan said. "Ruhl leaves it to music, sound, movement and visual imagery to fill in the nuances and to make us feel the experience of the play."

The reimagining, Sullivan said, refreshes the story while staying true to its original message.

"Primarily, though, the play resonates with the age-old message that love will always be what we must hold onto and that loss is, indeed, life's most exquisite pain," she said.

The play's ensemble was

drawn from Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's students.

Senior theatre major Eva Cavadini led the cast as Eurydice; history professor Bill Svelmoe plays her father; Orpheus is played by Notre Dame freshman Kincaid Schmitz and the Lord of the Underworld is played by Holy Cross junior Nick DeDario.

Kincaid said his first play at the Little Theatre was worthwhile.

"It was difficult to get emotionally ready for it," he said. "[The best part] is the wonderful cast I've gotten to work with. I think I'll do another [play] here."

Sullivan said the play elicits a variety of reactions from different viewers.

"You may find yourself laugh-

ing, crying or being caught up in the strange and beautiful visual imagery we have created for our Underworld," she said.

The effects that went into the Underworld and other scenes made the tech day during which rehearsals are done with full costume, props, sets and effects especially difficult, Svelmoe said.

"It was the most technically complicated show I've ever been in," he said. "We had four tech days and probably put in a total of 25 hours into coordinating our movements with special effects."

First year Tessa Mitchell, part of the play's "chorus of stones," said the fulfillment of the final product outweighed the demands of the stage.

"It was hard work and stressful, but definitely worth it," she said. "It's so great to see it come to fruition on stage."

Junior Dilan Yuksel said she appreciated the play's altered point of view.

"It was definitely cool to see the other side of the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice," she said. "It was a really interesting play. I really enjoyed it."

The play will be performed tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Little Theatre.

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# Biology prof. argues for both 'Faith and Reason'

By ABIGAIL FORNEY  
News Writer

While science and religion often clash in today's headlines, each has limitations that leave more than enough room for the other, biology professor Tom Fogle said at a lecture titled "Faith and Reason: A Quest for Intersections in a Modern Scientific World," held at Saint Mary's library Thursday.

"Science is unequipped to enter into the metaphysical world of religion," Fogle said. "The Bible is not designed to be a science book."

While evolution is perhaps the most hotly debated issue between the scientific and religious com-

munities, Fogle does not see an inherent conflict between the explanations.

"They're two different explanatory devices," he said.

A teacher of genetics, Fogle focused much of the lecture on the discovery of DNA and eugenics, or what he called science's attempt "to discover the blueprint of life."

Fogle raised the case of Indiana in 1907, when it was the first of 31 states to legalize human sterilization to eliminate genes perceived as contributing to social ills.

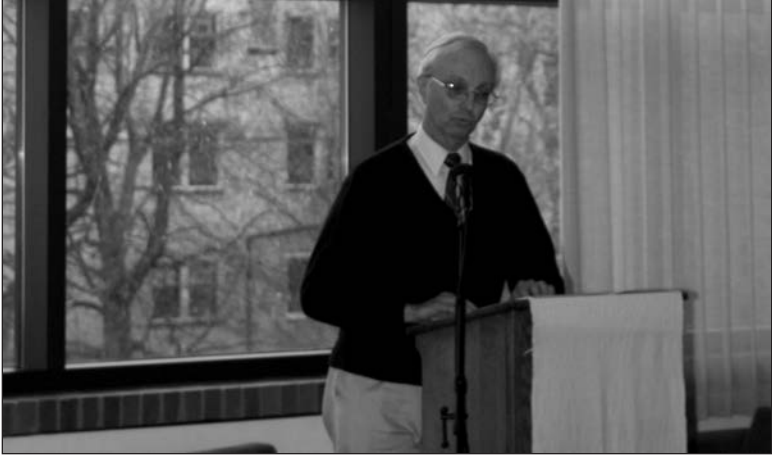
"These scientists were not doing bad science they were unaware of the limits of their analytic tools," he said. "The in-

teraction [between nature and nurture] is messy and hard to untangle. The more we know, the harder it is to untangle"

It is mistakes such as this, Fogle said, that make it important to be mindful of science's limited explanatory power and to allow religion to enter the conversation.

"Biology is still a long way from thinking beyond," he said. "Biology is discovering what the Bible has known all along."

"Faith and Reason" is the latest installment in the Believing Scholars Series, sponsored by the Center for Spirituality.



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Biology professor Tom Fogle discusses the need for both logic and faith when explaining difficult concepts.

## Woo

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sense of peace and comfort. Out of whatever [the challenge] is, something comes through."

While the College of Business has risen to the top of BusinessWeek's undergraduate business school rankings, Woo would not take full credit for the college's success.

"A number one ranking has some randomness in it," she said. "You can't just earn a number one ranking. There is an element of the [Holy] Spirit with us."

Relationships with others are gifts, Woo said. If someone stands up for those in need, others will support that person in turn.

"I think it is really important that you do not set up barriers where you look at other people by their titles or by their achievements," Woo said. "Those things are really irrelevant. Never look down on people."

Woo recounted the advice of a speaker at her graduation from Purdue's MBA program.

"Charisma is the ability to take people as you find them, to like people for what they are and to

not despise them for what they are not," she said. "In other words, it is a person who has the capacity for other people. And if you have the capacity for other people, you will draw people to you."

Set high standards and perform to your potential, Woo added.

"It's about the respect you give for the responsibility someone has put in your hands," she said. "It's about your way of honoring the people that are on the receiving end of that work. Along with that, it is very important to not let people down. And the thing is, if you don't work at [a high] level, you have no right to expect other people to work at that level for you."

Even in the face of difficulty, find the good and remember to laugh, Woo said.

"I think laughing is the best way to acknowledge that whatever difficulties we are facing, that indeed, there is a better day, that we are not alone struggling in this, that there is joy," Woo said. "If we believe in God, we know that there is hope. If the only prayer you ever say in your life is 'thank you,' that would be sufficient."

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MIKE FERNANDEZ/The Observer

Dean Woo shares advice with faculty and students at Thursday's lecture. Woo will leave Notre Dame at the end of December.

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# Buttigieg

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election. “That is always what impressed me the most,” he said. “People grumble about young people not getting involved in politics and I don’t think that’s true.” The level of political engagement among South Bend and college youth is encouraging in today’s political climate, Buttigieg said. “We’re living through a period where political discourse is very

cheapened and vulgar,” he said. “Seeing young people engaged is very hopeful.” Buttigieg said he also hopes his son can address some of the “very serious problems South Bend has.” “I know he will handle [the problems] in an inclusive manner ... through discussion and the engagement of more and more people who see this as a common cause,” Buttigieg said. He also expects the relationship between South Bend and the University to improve over his son’s time in office. “South Bend and Notre Dame are linked and I think he will be

able to successfully carry a dialogue with Notre Dame,” he said. “They can form a good partnership, and looking back at his campaign, I have good reason to think it is possible.” Buttigieg said he is proud of his son’s accomplishments and willingness to take on the challenges and responsibilities of public office. “The ultimate thing is that he is fulfilling his civic duty,” he said. “My wife and I wish the best for him and South Bend.”

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# Tweets impact GOP debates



Republican presidential candidates debate Oct. 11 at Dartmouth College. The social media tool Twitter has been a source of political coversion for users during the election season.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rick Perry had barely gotten through his gaffe in Wednesday’s Republican primary debate when a rolling commentary on the TV screen declared his campaign on life support. “Perry is done,” came a Twitter posting from a viewer called (at)PatMcPsu, even while the Texas governor struggled to name the third of three federal agencies he said he would eliminate as president. Another, called (at)sforini, messaged, “Whoa? Seriously, Rick Perry? He can’t even name the agencies he wants to abolish. Wow. Just wow.” Perry insists his campaign isn’t over and has vowed to move on from his meltdown. One used to have to wait for several minutes after the debate ended for analysis of the 2012 presidential contest. But if Wednesday’s exchange is any indication, social networking has become the instant punditry. The 140-character messages known as tweets came from ordinary viewers and prominent campaign strategists alike. Social networking sites like Twitter and Facebook have long been hotbeds of political conversation, largely for an insider crowd of activists and news junkies. But CNBC, which aired the debate, took things a step further, featuring an onscreen crawl of tweets from viewers reacting to what was transpiring onstage. That allowed ordinary viewers to chime in on the political conversation and an even larger audience. Social media provides “a real time citizen voice,” according to Matthew Nisbet, an associate professor of communications at American University who studies politics and digital media. “It’s no longer a passive au-

dience experience, watching commentators and political strategists discussing what is being seen on the screen,” Nisbet said. “Now people can hear it from a more diverse range of voices, and potentially from their peers.” CNBC spokesman Brian Steel said the network, which specializes in business and financial news and runs a continuous stock ticker, viewed social media as a natural partner for the debate. “During business hours CNBC is focused on providing real-time data analysis and information, so social media was a great way to work in real-time reaction to the debate. It’s very consistent with what we do,” Steel said. The network had chosen a mix of citizen tweets to feature onscreen along with those from “influencers” like former General Electric Chairman Jack Welch and Larry Sabato, a University of Virginia professor and well-known political commentator, Steel said. CNBC even posted a tweet from (at)BarackObama, the president’s re-election Twitter feed, where campaign staff tweeted their reactions to the debate. “‘Obamacare’ and ‘repeal’ are tied for the most mentions at the second commercial break,” the post said. To be sure, there were far more tweets and mentions of the debate on other social media than those that actually appeared on TV. Bluefin Labs, a Cambridge, Mass., social analytic company that tracks digital chatter around television, found there were almost 275,000 social media mentions of the CNBC debate as it was underway. That was second only to the October 18 CNN debate, which drew more than 548,000 mentions. By comparison, the Fox com-

edy Glee, which draws more social media commentary than any other show on television this season, averages about 189,000 mentions per episode. The Perry blunder, approximately one hour and 19 minutes into the debate, received by far the most Twitter attention. Approximately 21,000 tweets were generated at that moment, with several going straight to the CNBC display. Those numbers, of course, represent a tiny fraction of the voting population. For that reason, Nisbet said it’s important not to overstate a tweet’s importance even when it appears on television. “The voices that are posting to Twitter are not only the people most engaged in politics, they’re also strongly correlated with ideology,” Nisbet said. “Whether during a Republican debate or a Democratic debate, you’ll get the two tail ends of the spectrum offering their views.” Nisbet also predicted eventually tweets that are sponsored, or paid for, by campaigns are likely to show up in a television crawl — further diluting it as representative of citizen chatter. Adam Sharp, who handles politics and policy for Twitter in Washington, acknowledged that the Twitter audience couldn’t be considered a cross section of the voting population. But he said Twitter’s engaged, motivated users were an important barometer for reaction to a debate. “Everyone involved in campaigns is trying to get to the same concept: What is the voting population responding to?” Sharp said. “With Twitter, you don’t need these proxies of pundits or a focus group to give you a sample idea of how the voting population is reacting because they are doing so in a very public, searchable way.”

# Cortright

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Kroc Institute for Peace Studies. Today, he is the director for Policy Studies at the institute. Cortright said his experience as a soldier during the war enables

him to bring a unique perspective to his teaching and research. “I made some of the most important decisions of my life during the Vietnam War,” Cortright said. “It has shaped my passions as I search for the truth in a profound and distinct way.”

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# Philbin

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people’s lives,” Holtz said. “I can’t thank you enough for all you both have done for this country, for the people, the fun, the joy. A lot of people can be successful, but you’ve helped a lot of other people be successful. I’m here not as Lou Holtz. I’m here on behalf of the millions of people that say thank you for the sacrifice you’ve made.” Holtz said he is grateful for the relationship he built with Philbin throughout his career. “When the bank asks me to list my assets, I start with my friendship with Regis Philbin,” Holtz said. Later in the show, Jenkins presented the host with a statue depicting the Visitation

before Jesus’ birth sculpted by Holy Cross priest Fr. Tony Lauck. “We are so proud to call Regis an alum, and we are so proud of everything you have accomplished,” Jenkins said. “I had to come out on behalf of the whole Notre Dame family to tell you how much we love you and how proud we are of you ... We expect to see more of you now.” Jenkins recognized Philbin’s contributions to the Center for the Homeless in South Bend and other non-profit organizations. “These people know what a great entertainer you are and how much happiness you bring to people’s lives, but you also have done so much privately and in a low key way to help others,” Jenkins said. “[This statue is] an image of the love and hope you have shared with so many people in your life.”

# Unusual date brings hope of good luck

Associated Press

Friday is the 11th day of the 11th month of 2011, and around the country, many people are planning to mark the triple convergence of 11s with a splash, hoping it will bring them good fortune or at least amuse them for a day. Marjaneh Peyrovan, who just moved to New York, plans to buy 11 lottery tickets (each, of course, including the number 11). She will check out apartments she has been eyeing. And precisely at 11:11 a.m., she will walk into the office of Diane von Furstenberg, the fashion designer for whom she has long dreamed of working. “People say on 11/11 things happen, things will come true,” she said. “You never know.” Twins Betsy and Katie Overman of Madison, Wis., will celebrate their 11th birthdays with sweet bread topped with a buttercream number 11. Their mother, Julie Overman, plans to put 11 candles in their meals and snacks. And the twins will wear socks festooned with 11s. “They also found the 11 date is supposed to be lucky for relationships, but they still think boys are gross,” their mother said. In Atlantic City, N.J., some restaurants are advertising \$11.11 meals and the Trump Taj Mahal is planning drawings every 11 minutes for up to \$1,111. The Riverwind Casino is Norman, Okla., prepared for an onslaught of gamblers eager to roll the dice or double-down in blackjack. “Gamblers are a superstitious

bunch,” said Jack Parkinson, the casino’s general manager. In Las Vegas, Clark County Clerk Diana Alba got ready for an onslaught of weddings, with some 3,200 applications already filled out, more than three times the normal number. She is expecting the number of couples to surpass the crowd on 08/08/08 and equal the throng on 10/10/10. It may not, however, reach the turnout seen on July 7, 2007 — a date that consists of three lucky sevens. “That was like the granddaddy of all dates,” Alba said. Bryan Savage of Oklahoma City is among those tying the knot on 11-11. He said the number 11 is meaningful to him and his fiancée, Tara Melton, because his birthday is in November and they met in November. “It’s just kind of cool and we didn’t really want Valentine’s Day or a holiday, but we just wanted something memorable,” he said. Plus, he added, it will be easier to remember his anniversary. In Des Moines, Iowa, Dr. Ross Valone, an obstetrician-gynecologist, will refund any fees he collects from delivering babies Friday. In Bellevue, Wash., Jason Brown will open his new grocery store at 11:11 a.m. Fans of the movie “This Is Spinal Tap” plan celebrations honoring Nigel Tufnel, the heavy-metal guitarist whose amp’s volume knob went up to 11, while lovers of corduroy planned a smattering of events on the theory that the fabric’s ridges resemble lines of ones.

*“People say on 11/11 things happen, things will come true.”*

Marjaneh Peyrovan



# Perry owns up to debate blunder



Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry speaks during a debate against Ron Paul at Oakland University in Auburn Hills, Mich. on Wednesday.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential hopeful Rick Perry tried Thursday to convince the country he was in on the joke after his disastrous debate performance while even his supporters worried aloud about the damage to his already hobbling campaign.

Perry didn't try to sugarcoat the fallout from his minute-long stammer that crystalized concerns that he is not up for the job. Instead, he spent the day on a media blitz trying to laugh about the Wednesday evening debate where he struggled embarrassingly to remember one of the three federal departments he wants to abolish, ending with a grinning, "Oops."

He even appeared on The Late Show with David Letterman to offer the night's Top Ten List of excuses for the debate.

"Hey, listen. You try concentrating with Mitt Romney smiling at you. That is one handsome dude," Perry chuckled during his segment with the comedian.

The minute-long exchange was replayed throughout the day and into the evening on television, and it has already been labeled one of the worst debate blunders in recent memory.

"That's pretty brutal isn't it?" Perry said on Fox News, blitzing the airwaves hoping to provide alternative video. "I stepped in it. I think some of it is still stuck on my feet."

He doesn't have much time to clean up. There are fewer than eight weeks until the first nominating contests start and voters are looking for the best candidate to go head-to-head against President Barack Obama.

"It's something he needs to address pretty quickly," said uncommitted Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, an early primary state. But he said Perry has time and a key survival tool: money.

Perry reported some \$15 million banked during his most recent fundraising period. His advisers said they had enough cash on hand to get them through South Carolina.

If Perry isn't able to log some victories by that point, he's got bigger problems than a 54-second piece of an otherwise forgettable debate.

Perry acknowledged it was a tough moment as he flailed

during the televised debate. In the episode, Perry said he would eliminate three federal agencies, starting with Commerce and Education. He struggled to name the third and had to point to Energy later in the debate to round out his trio. Perry squirmed while his opponents and the audience laughed and debate moderator John Harwood incredulously said, "You can't name the third one?"

"It wasn't even on the tip of my tongue," Perry said.

Perry has been the first to acknowledge he's a terrible debater but has hoped he would improve.

"I hate debates," he said in Des Moines last week. "I used to hate spinning in aircrafts. ... Finally I did it, and I did it enough that I finally got pretty good at it. So hold on, maybe I'll get better at debates, too."

Maybe it won't matter.

Perry is a tough campaigner. He has never lost and election — and has avoided debating in state races — and is the longest serving governor of Texas. He is a has proven a charismatic campaigner in smaller settings common in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina — three states that start the nominating process and three states where he must do well.

Yet some Republicans, even prominent Perry supporters, were wondering whether the Texan can survive his latest misstep.

"As far as his character, I haven't waived on that," state Rep. Peter Silva, a member of Perry's New Hampshire steering committee, said Thursday, but added: "You can't say this is a good thing. He shot himself in the foot."

Others weren't as generous.

"It's over for him," said Steve Schmidt, a Republican political strategist who ran Sen. John McCain's 2008 campaign.

But in an interview with The Associated Press early Thursday, Perry said the moment wouldn't force him

from the race.

"Oh, shoot, no," Perry said. "This ain't a day for quitting nothing."

Still, the extended exchange will provide easy fodder for attack ads.

On Capitol Hill, Perry's brain freeze was widely regarded as a grave development for his already struggling campaign. In private, Republicans were wondering if they had just seen the beginning of the end for Perry.

Sen. James Inhofe, a Perry backer, phoned his colleagues to downplay the exchange and called Perry's supporters to try to stop an exodus.

"He's a human being, he just proved that last night," the Oklahoman said. "Right now, he's joking around about it and it seems to be favorably received from a lot of people I've heard from."

Yet Inhofe was still cringing.

"It was very embarrassing to Rick Perry and to others who certainly supported him, and I'm sure that many of his Republican opponents are rejoicing," said Inhofe.

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**James Inhofe**  
Oklahoma senator

Perry did even worse in an informal straw poll at a debate hosted by prominent New Hampshire conservative, Jennifer

Horn, a recent Republican congressional candidate who previously backed former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty's now-abandoned bid.

Horn said that of about 40 Republicans at the party, only about four said they supported Perry before the debate began. That already-small number was cut in half after the debate.

"That's not a scientific sample. But that does show that people are influenced by what happens at these debates," Horn said. "That was highly unfortunate, especially for people in New Hampshire who know how strong he can be in person. It was difficult to watch."

# Storm tears through Alaska's western coast



A city crew cleans a street in Nome, Alaska. High winds and surging waves pummeled Alaska's western coast Wednesday.

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A massive storm that battered Alaska's western coast with hurricane-strength winds and towering sea surges has passed out of the region in a much weaker state, but it left behind widespread damage and worries that a man may have been swept out to a churning sea.

So far, 37 communities have reported some form of damage, said Jeremy Zidek, spokesman for the state's emergency management agency. Most of those communities have opened emergency community shelters, Zidek said.

The strongest storm to hit the state's western coast in almost four decades also left behind tales of human endurance.

In one remote village that lost heat and power early Wednesday, about 20 vehicles lined up along an airstrip and used their headlights to guide in a plane carrying repair workers.

Other residents there came together and did traditional Eskimo dances used during whaling season to seek good weather.

On Thursday, rescuers searched for a 26-year-old man who authorities said may have been washed into the Bering Sea during the storm.

Kyle Komok, of Teller, was last seen at 4 p.m. Wednesday as he headed toward a jetty where waves were cresting as high as 10 feet, Alaska State Troopers said.

Komok's sister, Maggie Christofferson, of Kodiak, told The Associated Press that her brother is an experienced mechanic.

"We're hoping he's just stuck somewhere, and we're just praying that he's safe."

Emergency responders called the storm an epic event that displaced residents, flooded the shoreline, ripped up roofs and knocked out power in many villages.

The process of gauging the full extent of the damage will begin soon, officials said Thursday. They noted some of the hardest-hit communities are in areas where winter daylight comes late in the day and mornings are in pitch darkness, which slowed down inspections.

Another storm stepped in to replace the tempest, but forecasters said the new storm was much weaker and expected to begin dying down later Thursday. It brought winds ranging from 20 to 40 mph, said National Weather Service meteorologist Don Moore.

In comparison, the storm that pounded the Bering Sea coast this week carried gusts of nearly 90 mph and created tides as high

as 10 feet above normal.

Though far less powerful, the new storm contributed to already high water levels and kept them from receding as quickly, Moore said.

Communities hard hit include the northwest Alaska villages of Point Hope, built on a large gravel spit, and Kivalina, one of the most eroded communities in the state.

Point Hope Mayor Steve Oomittuk said homes in the Inupiat Eskimo community have been without electricity and heat since early Wednesday, after winds gusting at 80 mph slammed an old wooden shack into a power pole with five main lines, cutting it in half. The building then broke apart, sending wood flying.

"There's a lot of debris in that area," Oomittuk said Thursday morning, soon after repair workers landed at the airstrip.

With the lights out, vehicles lined up along the runway to guide the plane with their headlights.

Oomittuk said the winds were too strong during the storm to get a full picture of the damage around the community.

More than 500 of Point Hope's nearly 700 residents have been staying at the village school, which has its own generator. Principal Greg Wilbanks said the school would remain a community shelter Thursday night if power was not restored as quickly as hoped. That would mean classes would continue to be canceled for the rest of the week.

Among those seeking shelter at the school was Nellie Sears, the school librarian. She said every classroom was full of residents seeking shelter.

For a while there was a warning Wednesday that the barreling storm could get worse. So villagers started performing the traditional Eskimo dances they do during whaling season, when they are seeking good weather. Just before 10 p.m., they got word that the warning had been canceled, Sears said.

"We dance to get help," she said.

Kivalina, 75 miles down the coast, got a "good surge from the ocean," said village spokeswoman Colleen Swan. But mornings are very dark and the extent of flooding was not immediately known beyond water washing over the village dump site and onto the beach, she said.

She later toured the area and said there was no damage to the dump even though water reached a part of it. She said the beach was stressed and the ice lagoon cracked by the huge waves clocked in at 25 mph. At first glance, the village escaped with minimal impact.



## INSIDE COLUMN

# Ryanair

For those of you who have studied abroad in Europe, or those headed there in the future, the following is a plug for Ryanair, the Ireland-based airline that is famous for it's low fares (15 Euro flights from Dublin to London?) that are perfect for the college student studying abroad. As a seasoned customer, with eight Ryanair flights taken during my junior semester studying in Rome, I have compiled a list of the best attributes of the airline:

**Lauren Kalinoski**  
*Graphic Designer*

10. Customer comfort is a priority  
Everyone always wants to get up and walk around on airplanes, and if Ryanair had its way, you could! Standing-room only tickets were a great idea.
9. Enforced diets  
European airlines are huge fans of giving you food, even if it's only an hour-long flight. Ryanair, however, recognizes that not everyone wants the temptation of free Swiss chocolate while onboard. They sympathize with your calorie counting and refuse your cravings for sustenance, even after 3 hours on the runway followed by a 3-hour flight.
8. Conveniently located airports  
Why fly directly into Lake Como when you can fly into Bergamo, Italy, which is only a bus ride, shuttle ride, second bus ride and an hour and forty minutes away?

7. Entertainment on board  
Ryanair solves the problem of boredom on long flights by installing brightly colored safety placards on the back of every seat for the customer to view at his or her pleasure. The ever-entertaining game of counting how many of each letter appears on the sign is always enjoyable (if you get a final count on the 'E's let me know, we could never come up with the same number twice ...).
6. Beautiful decor  
The University of Michigan colors are beloved by all Notre Dame students, so it's lucky that Ryanair thought they were the perfect soothing color palette to cover their seats with (bring Advil).
5. Win the lottery while flying!  
You will be reminded, often loudly, that for some reason, the stewards can also sell you lottery tickets along with the beverage of your choice.

4. Smoking will not be tolerated (... unless we don't speak the same language as the smoker)  
Italians smoke everywhere, and they are apparently very difficult to remove from planes.
3. Safety and information  
I appreciate keeping the customer informed, but the phrase, "We now have the minimum legal requirements to take off," is better left unsaid, especially if I'm already concerned because by the time the de-icing machine finishes one wing, the other one is already frozen again.
2. Pack (lightly) like a champion  
Do you always over pack? If you're like me, then Ryanair can help you with this problem. If you can't fit all your luggage in the shoebox-sized carry on allowed, you can always unpack your belongings in front of everyone on your flight and proceed to put on as many articles of clothing as you can. Try to avoid packing wool sweaters in this situation.

1. Maximum security  
Through security and metal detectors twice with a wine-opener in my bag = yes. Five-ounce sealed container of peanut butter = nice try, but that stuff's dangerous.  
In all honestly, Ryanair saved me hundreds of Euro over my semester abroad (and clearly, I survived all the flights). Fear-ing for my life a few times only allowed me to have that much extra money for gelato: a fair trade in my opinion.

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# Professionalism & integrity above all

Sometimes, football becomes the smallest thing. At schools like Notre Dame, Penn State and Ohio State, the football team and its head coach often transcend their simple athletic role. They become symbols of a university, its students and alumni — the successes and failures within the football program are magnified beyond the sidelines. In times of struggle, tragedy and scandal, the heat of the spotlight burns even hotter. But it is during times like these that students of such universities feel an irresistible urge to protect their home, their coach, their alma mater. The riots at Penn State this past week have shown in an unprecedented way how far students will go to protect their own leaders and mentors — even in the face of overwhelmingly negative public opinion toward those leaders.

At times of crisis, the student newspaper becomes a unique case study in conflict of interest and mixed loyalties. Like all other students, those who report on their classmates' athletic, academic and personal achievements yearn to protect those they know best. However, these same individuals have made a commitment to uphold their responsibility as unbiased reporters of the news. Their sole mission, as The Observer's original staff editorial stated, is "to uncover the truth and report it accurately." In this respect, the Editorial Board of The Observer would like to recognize the staffs of The Lantern of Ohio State University and, more recently, The Daily Collegian of Penn State University for their outstanding and balanced reporting of the scandals which have rocked their schools. By utilizing journalistic tenets such as tenacious sourcing, broad coverage and nearly-instant breaking news updates, the students who double as writers and staffers at these papers have

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shown a commendable willingness to separate their dual identities. As Penn State students marched by the thousands up and down their campus, many shouted vulgar slurs at the scores of media members who had descended upon Happy Valley. A local TV news van was knocked onto its side and its windows were shattered. At least one ESPN reporter had rocks thrown in his direction. When a salacious event occurs like the one that upended the Nittany Lion landscape this week, the media firestorm surrounding it naturally attracts reporters from around the world. The student reporters are among those who have spread themselves thin throughout the campus in an attempt to cover the various press conferences and protests over the past week, and therefore are also targets of attacks of their peers. These attacks, whether warranted or not, risk belittling the effort that coverage of these kinds of stories demand and diminish the thanks in an already thankless job. Student reporters were on the scene years before the news crews from CNN and The New York Times rolled in, and they will be there long after as the coverage fades away from the national scene. But in many ways the intimacy with which students are allowed to report on and write about the actions of their peers and their mentors cannot be rivaled by media conglomerates. Therefore we at The Observer want to take our time to recognize those student journalists who, when confronted by stories that challenge their identity and loyalty, continue to put professionalism and integrity above all else. We look to their staffs as an example for the future, and we will always strive to live up to our highest calling, expressed in that 1966 editorial: to uncover the truth and report it accurately.

# Feeding 7 billion: trick or treat?

Oct. 31, 2011, was a scary day, and not just because Frankenstein and Big Foot were running around on campus. This Halloween, the world population hit 7 billion people, a milestone that has generated increasing concern about how our world can provide the basic necessities of food, clothing, shelter and energy for more and more people. So just how fast is the world population growing? In 1900, the world had 1.6 billion people, and 99 years later, that number had grown to 6.1 billion. It is projected that by 2025, when current Notre Dame students are 32-36 years old, the world population will hit 8 billion, and that is a lot of mouths to feed.

What's the big deal with feeding 7 billion people? We're all vaguely aware that not everyone can just walk into North or South Dining Hall and have a smorgasbord of delicious and nutritional food available. World hunger is one of the major complex issues facing our society today. In 2010, one in seven people, or 925 million people total, experienced chronic, lasting hunger, and the sad part is that there is currently enough food being produced worldwide to feed all 7 billion of us. The challenge lies in making the food accessible to people from both an economic and logistics standpoint. Part of the problem is that 3 billion people live on \$2 or less per day to pay for living expenses, and with rising food prices, it is becoming increasingly difficult for these people to access food. The unstable world economy and unhealthy job market are adding to the poverty problem. Another part of the problem is waste. Did you know that only 25 percent of all food produced is actually eaten? The other 75 percent goes unused in a variety of ways, ranging from weather and crop deterioration, spoilage from transportation and holding issues, food processing plants, grocery store matters (especially with shelf life, expiration dates and the appearance of particular foods), restaurants and others. Think about the last time you went to a restaurant. How many people in your party actually "cleaned their plate?" Did you all take home your leftovers? Now think about how many people dine out every day, and how much food is

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*The GreenMan*

wasted. Let's look at another more industrial example. Consider going to the grocery store to buy apples. When thinking of an apple, a picture of a bright red, sweet, fresh and juicy fruit likely comes to mind, but a small percentage of all apples grown match this perfect image in consumers' minds. To meet customer expectations, undesirable apples are removed at various stages between the orchard and consumer, including in the orchard itself, after initial transportation to a warehouse, once food arrives at grocery stores and even when the apples are placed on the shelf. Grocery stores can reject entire batches of apples if they do not think they are up to par. Jonathan Bloom is the author of "American Wasteland," which has mind-blowing statistics and images in regards to how much food we waste just in the United States alone. For example, remember the disastrous oil spill that occurred last year in the Gulf of Mexico from BP's Deepwater Horizon well? As much of a catastrophe as the Gulf spill was, every year, we waste 70 times the amount of oil that surged into the ocean from this tragedy just by wasting food, which required a huge amount of energy to grow and transport. Where are the newspaper headlines and CNN Special Reports bringing this issue into the spotlight? We have the opportunity to bring this issue to light here at Notre Dame by participating in Waste Free Wednesdays, Grab and Give drives, Wednesday Lunch Fast and by simply putting on our plate only what we plan to eat. There are 7 billion people and counting in this world, and while the numbers may be frightening, they cannot be avoided. Let's try to be aware of how our daily decisions have the potential to impact other people and drive change. Email your predicaments to The GreenMan at [ask-thegreenman@gmail.com](mailto:thegreenman@gmail.com) and let him answer you with a sustainable twist. The GreenMan will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on until now. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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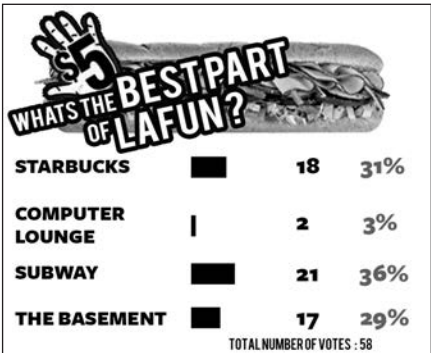
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## WEEKLY POLL RESULTS





## Honoring my dad, an American vet

Gaze into the eyes of any 22-year-old senior on a college campus today, and you see my father's eyes 68 years ago just before his combat deployment overseas in World War II. Those eyes betrayed a fun-loving soul, later scorched by the war demons for more than 500 consecutive

**Gary Caruso**  
*Capitol Comments*

days at such crucial battles as the Anzio Beachhead and Monte Cassino in Italy. Luckily for history's sake, my dad's fellow infantrymen, James B. Moss, chronicled their Fifth Army experiences in a diary currently Internet accessible through the Virginia Military Institute Archives.

Early in 1943 my dad wrote his address and name, "Danny A. Caruso," on page 3 of the Moss Diary under "My Buddies." During their initial, carefree days in the 15th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, my dad was "Danny." After embarking upon duty under General George S. Patton and being promoted to sergeant in the Two Corps, he eventually became "Daniel." Danny was forever buried with other "buddies" who failed to return home while Daniel moved on by suppressing his misanthropic demons after the war.

My earliest memory of my father and war is a mix of playing with his medals and asking questions. When about 4 years

old, I noticed a dime-sized scar on my dad's ankle. "What's this?" I asked. "Nothing," he softly answered. As is typical of a curious child, I discovered another scar on his other leg, and then more scars on both the inside as well as on the outside of each ankle. I persisted, "How'd you get these?"

"In the war from my boots."  
"Do they hurt?" I continued. In a low-key, somewhat hollow whisper he answered, "They're nothing."

Three decades later I understood exactly what "nothing" meant when I accompanied him to the American cemetery in Anzio, Italy. He meticulously researched the location of his best friend who had fallen next to him more than 40 years prior on the beachhead. As he methodically approached a white cross, the sky began to drizzle as though to cry for him. Pausing, he placed his hand on the cross, bit his lip, turned his head away and sobbed, "Here's my buddy."

While I don't know exactly how my dad and his comrade forged their bond, over the years he told more stories as time dissipated the trauma and graphic horrors of their 26-month everyday existence. I learned that soldiers try to make the best of an unfair hell through irony, mischief and humor. My father's unit commanded an armored truck that netted

about three feet of Lire in the bottom of each barrack's bag — that is, until one drunken soldier bragged that he could buy and sell everyone. When officers investigated and confiscated the money, sergeants like my father emptied each bag on the owner's cot. My father emptied his on another cot — "just to be safe."

Nothing bonds men more than humor. A recruit named Jones, who became constipated from the "chow," earned his nickname in boot camp that forever stuck even years later at reunions: "Poopy Jones." But humor could not lessen the daily grind, prevent death nor overcome stress and physical exhaustion. Nor did humor ever free my dad from the three constant smells of the war: rotting flesh, burning rubber and kerosene.

Each day he was subjected to aerial bombings, artillery shelling and sniper attacks. A night after the war had ended in Europe, another friend decided to finally sleep peacefully away from camp under a tree. My dad found him the next morning, killed by a Nazi sniper's bullet.

Near the end of my dad's life, he freely volunteered witnessing chaos, murder, hate, rape and racism against fellow humans. He often told of counterbalancing ironies. Once, entering a village during the dead of winter, my dad marched past a family — parents, children and grandpar-

ents — sitting frozen like statues around their dinner table on the second floor. An artillery shell blew away their wall, and the explosion sucked the breath from their bodies. When my dad later commanded a house for his headquarters, he threatened a woman at gunpoint who had banished her father to sleep in a cold barn. As long as Daniel occupied headquarters, the old man slept next to the fireplace.

My "Greatest Generation" father occasionally still touches my life with reminders of his mental and physical sacrifices. Last week in the Holocaust Museum, a solitary 89-year-old WWII vet wondered near me. His hat blazed "Anzio" in large capital letters. Neither of us had ever visited the museum before, yet I stood with a soldier who fought with my dad.

Written memoirs and movie portrayals cannot adequately describe the sacrifices of my dad and his buddies. Neither can I.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Satisfying the masses

Joe Paterno's firing is a move meant to satisfy the supposed masses of outraged citizens instead of actually curing the problems causing the outrage. In this case, he's a figurehead, a scapegoat meant to take the fall so the institution of college sports can move on without actually doing anything about its many problems.

Such a move is typical of the NCAA and their collegiate cronies: slap sanctions on a big name every few years, and the bandwagon of moral outrage fades away while backroom dealings detrimental to the sport carry on undisturbed.

In recent years, more criticism has been levied at the current state of collegiate sports. The NCAA, panicked, has responded to this by punishing programs at a faster rate: USC, Ohio State and Miami were scrutinized in quick succession. While people in these programs did do something wrong, the NCAA does not care about solving its problems. It cares about saving face and the money that comes with that. Nab a big name, get a few years of freedom. Rinse, wash, repeat.

Don't get me wrong: child abuse is a terrible thing. But, as I've heard the story reported, Paterno notified the people he was supposed to back when the incident happened. Maybe he could have done more. Maybe he should have done more. But firing one of the most respected coaches in the sport does not do anything to solve the problem of child abuse. It's a move meant to placate the masses while giving the current system a veneer of moral righteousness, covering up their lack of any real action against the ills of both society and the system itself.

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## Let Rainbow Road be free

Dear Chris Mathew,  
Your letter regarding Mario Kart "Occupy Rainbow Road" (Nov. 10), looks at the issues in the wrong manner. This game is a great game, and should remain at the pinnacle of "fun party games."

Your first complaint is that Mario Kart is hostile to guests and new players. While this may be true on the upper levels of the game, in 100 and 150 cc races, it is not the case in 50 cc. With practice, any person can rise from victorious in 50 cc races to victorious in the 100 cc and finally to the 150. If you do not have the time nor the means to practice, you should attempt to coach others. Maybe be a team player. You could give instructions to a friend to help him win the race!

Your second complaint discussed the players going against maps, not others. Once a player arrives at a certain level of play, however, that player can avoid the trials of the Mario Kart maps and compete against the other players. This usually comes after the many rounds of practice and trials.

Your third argument discussed the disparity between the rewards given to those who could aim a green shell and those who could powerslide. However, in Mario Kart, a well-timed green shell can change the course of a race. Imagine a green shell hit right before the double turn in Banshee Boardwalk. Right at that point, the race is changed. While this may be "maintaining inventory," it is possible to get those right before this turn. If the player is lucky enough, anything is possible.

Your final point is that those bananas will bother those who are behind. I must say, however, that blue shells, red shells, Bullet Bills and many other obstacles ahead will hit those high-ranked players from behind. It is a cycle, and if it is timed properly, those with shells can dominate.

Your article is very well thought out, but try to view both sides next time. Thank you,

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON



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## THE MAGIC OF A POTTER PREMIERE

We made eye contact, I swear. There was an understood smile, a nod and possibly a wink. That pixie cut definitely brought out her bold side.

She lingered a moment, then moved on to acknowledge her other overbearing, overly-dramatic, shamelessly fawning fans — they were so pathetic. I don't want to speak for her, but I'm going to speak for her. Emma Watson wanted to be my best friend the moment we laid eyes on each other.

It all began an hour and a half earlier, as I eagerly sat at my

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computer Googling information about the Harry Potter red carpet premiere. I'll admit it; I was obsessed with the idea of seeing my childhood heroes in person, even if Daniel Radcliffe looked more like a hobbit than a hottie.

I knew there was a reason God had given me an internship in New York City. It wasn't so I could learn how to interview, report and produce professional pieces from some of the best journalists in the world. It wasn't even so I could continue my vending-machine-pretzels addiction. God knew my office was a block away from Lincoln Center, the most magical place on earth.

This was my moment. I had never played hooky from work before and was a little nervous, so I included two other interns, Kelley and Lauren, in my ploy. If I went down, we were all going down together.

Rushing out the door without even saying goodbye to my favorite security guards, we turned left at Columbus Ave., crossed 65th Street and were greeted by enormous barricades and shrieking tweens.

Thank goodness Kelley was there. Spotting the Lincoln Center subway entrance 30 feet away, he had a brilliant idea.

"What if we go down those stairs and come up the other side? It looks like it comes out right on the square!"

It surely had to be blocked off, right? The Secret Service men wouldn't leave somewhere so

subtle, yet obvious open to their hallowed shrine would they?

They did.

Kelley, Lauren and I made our way through the subway stop, palpitations pounding in my ears the whole way. I almost turned back, but my partners in crime showed no signs of stopping.

We climbed the steps two at a time and emerged in a land of beauty and bliss.

Our fearless leader Kelley pushed forward, and we snuck beneath the shade of the Metropolitan Opera House to plan our next step. A lifetime of trips to the Catholic confessionals made me undeniably prone to guilt and I was afraid we'd get harrassed for our wrongdoing.

As we sat there listening to Kelley list our options, a guard approached. I almost peed my pants.

"You can't stand here. You need to move along," she said.

A line began to form along the edge of the red carpet directly in front of us and Kelley, never one to miss the action, confidently walked that way with Lauren and I two steps behind.

Thirteen-year-olds eagerly squeezed their friends' hands, nervously bouncing up and down in anticipation. I did the same. I'm 21.

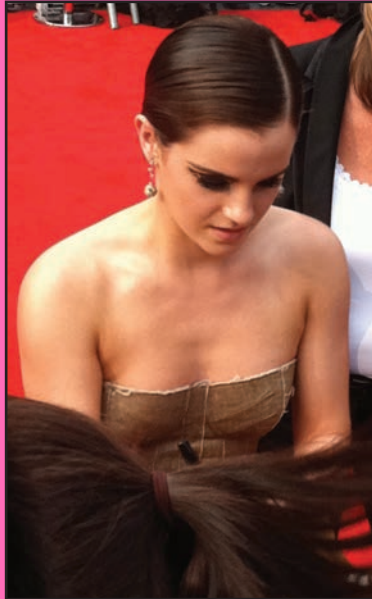
It was almost our turn. Kelley, as per usual, led the crew and flashed the gatekeeper a brilliant smile.

"We're together," he said.

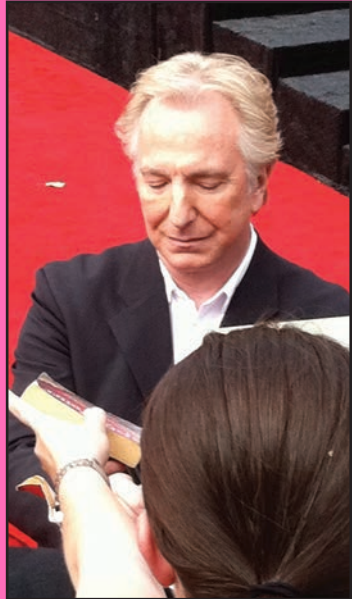
"Great, go ahead!"

What? That easy?

Lauren, Kelley and I scam-



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pered into the stands and the rest of the day was a magical blur. Someone must have slipped Felix Felicis into my Starbucks Skinny Vanilla Latte that morning, because there was no way this was real life.

Alan Rickman strolled by, with a smug smile and sneer in true Severus Snape-style. Matthew Lewis shed his chubby cheeks for a much more handsome Neville Longbottom-look.

Even Matthew Broderick made an appearance, giving me my first chance to bond with a celebrity.

As Broderick pulled in close to sign fans' autographs, I made my most daring move yet- I complimented him on his outfit.

"Love the gray suit Matt!" I

screamed.

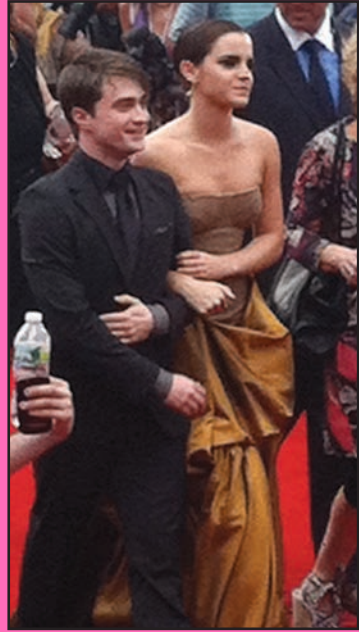
He heard me, looked up, rolled his eyes, then returned to signing autographs. I know he loved it.

Rupert Grint and Daniel Radcliffe made their way around, then the crème de la crème graced us with her appearance.

In a shimmering amber corseted confection, Emma Watson arrived. She did the obligatory interviews, then traipsed around the carpet flashing a demure smirk at her nearly passed-out fans. We made eye contact and were immediately friends for life.

I'm still waiting for her to call, but it's whatever ... I know she's busy. I'm not pushy.

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Growing Up

## Potter Reflecting on 'Half Blood Prince'

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"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" hit shelves the summer between my 14th birthday and freshman year of high school. Two full years after my family's move to Missouri, I was still adjusting. I didn't have a group of friends to hang out with poolside. Instead, I was holed up in a Chicago hotel room with my grandmother and two brothers while my mom went to Australia on business.

The bright spot in my angsty adolescent existence, as usual, was the midnight release of Harry's latest adventure.

My grandma took us to the bookstore at midnight, bought us three copies and let us read until 2:30 a.m., at which point my youngest brother fell asleep halfway down the page.

J.K. Rowling wrote the book as if all the hormones in the world hit Hogwarts at one time like a freight train. While there had been hints of romantic interest in the previous installments — especially around the Yule Ball — the sixth book is when every-

thing exploded.

Fourteen was not when everything romantic exploded for me. I had still never been kissed, and although that wasn't too far off, real romance was. As I sat against the stiff hotel pillows with only my little brothers for company, I thought wistfully of Ron and Hermione.

Some girls my age hoped and wished for a Leonardo DiCaprio circa "Titanic" to sweep them off their feet. Some of them watched teen soaps like "One Tree Hill" and waited for one of those relationships. Others still had older siblings with full social lives that they some day hoped to replicate.

I didn't want the flash and bang of dramatized relationships. For me, it had always been about Ron and Hermione.

Rowling has said that in her younger days, she dated guys like Ron more than once. She described Ron as a great friend but not exactly a wonderful boyfriend. He was insensitive and immature and, as Hermione would say, had "the emotional range of a teaspoon." Those things didn't bother me — well, they didn't bother me anymore

than they bothered Hermione.

No, there were two things that I loved about Ron and Hermione's relationship over the course of six books, and both would infect and influence my romantic expectations when the time came.

The thing I loved was the constant bickering. Some have called this crazy, but I craved arguments in a relationship. No one could get under Hermione's skin like Ron. They were always pushing each other, always in the middle of a heated debate. What was so appealing about that? I couldn't have found words for it at 14, but I wanted someone who matched me. Someone who was willing to go up against me. Someone who I could be sure was testing me. Immaturity sometimes dictated that the two of them took their arguments too far, but that wouldn't last forever. Their ability to challenge one another would.

But what drew me in even more was the fact that Ron and Hermione were friends for years before they managed to make anything happen between them. While TV shows were portraying high school with some sort of gr-

ab-bag dating strategy, Ron and Hermione were building trust in one another. They were there for each other through difficulties as trivial as Snape's Potions essay and as monumental as life-threatening adventures. With an unstable childhood in my past, trust was something I desperately sought for my future. I wanted the build-up; I wanted to be sure.

For the love of Ron and Hermione, the sixth book threw my mind for a loop. Enter Lavender Brown — stupid, clingy and blonde. She was everything Hermione and I weren't. Yet, for the briefest of moments, Ron chose her.

My heart broke with Hermione's. Neither of us could understand where she went wrong. Where was the challenge? Where was the trust? In her anger, Hermione lashed out with immaturity worthy of Ron. I wasn't in that tumbling mess of dating quite yet, but in the middle of Ron and Hermione's hurt and confusion, Rowling taught me more than one thing about boys.

She let me know that there are Lavenders in the world. Much as

I wish boys were smart enough to see through them or want better than them, they don't — at least not initially.

And every time one of my guy friends chose a cheerleader or a "Twilight"-reader over me, I felt the weight of that blow. Rowling taught me the value of patience and (usually) taking the high-road. Years later, I sometimes got my chance at a relationship with those guys friends. But even if that wasn't the case, I always retained the friendship. I always stuck around longer than the Lavenders.

And with that fact, I learned that trust does mean something. The challenge is relevant. That sort of love may not be as big scale or dramatic as the love in movies, but it was more real.

Long past my first kiss now, many things have changed since I was 14. I have friends to spend the summers with, and I have learned to navigate the dating waters for the most part. But I am still very much in love with the idea of Ron and Hermione.

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We Got Cupcakes on Cupcakes



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This weekend, the Maryland football team won't be the only cupcake in D.C. For those of you going to the game, use this Cupcake Guide to find the best cupcake for you (or me, if you're feeling generous).

Over fall break, while many of you were enjoying a relaxing time at home, on campus, in Appalachia or elsewhere, I was in our nation's capital, touring the best cupcakeries Washington D.C. had to offer (oh, and on a Sustainable Development Seminar through the CSC). The following is a cupcakery-by-cupcakery and cupcake-by-cupcake breakdown, starting with my favorites.

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Hello Cupcake

Dupont Circle and Capital Hill

Hello Cupcake was far and away my favorite cupcake bakery in all of D.C., even over the "DC Cupcakes"-featured Georgetown Cupcake. At Hello, we sampled three of their classic cupcakes and one of their specialty cupcake top sandwiches with frosting in-between.

The "melt in your mouth" peanut butter cream frosting in the middle of their famous Peanut Butter Blossom cupcake top sandwich certainly proved its celebrity. The Pumpkin Spice cupcake was made of rich pumpkin cake studded with pecans and an incredible vanilla cream cheese frosting that took it to the next level. Cookie-like graham chocolate chip cake and a slightly disappointing wannabe-marshmallow meringue topping composed the playful S'mores cupcake.

Finally, there was the best cupcake any of us had ever eaten — the Gianduja. The Gianduja was a chocolate hazelnut cupcake with a brownie-like moist cake, thick brownie batter-like ganache frosting and candied hazelnut topping that provided a much-needed crunch that literally took the cake.



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Crumbs

Union Station

Our last day on the seminar, we were all but cupcaked out. Luckily, we held enough room to buy Crumbs cupcakes for the train ride back, and not one of us regretted that decision. Crumbs' trademark is the sheer size (about the size of a small baby) and unique flavors (including the Cosmo and Baba Booeey) of their cupcakes. The first crumbs spilt were of the Tiramisu cupcake, a light airy cake with a perfect rum butter cream frosting and chocolate sprinkles.

Next was the slightly disappointing Cookies n' Cream cake. While the frosting was divine, a delicious vanilla cream cheese with crushed cookie bits, the cake itself was a bit hard and dry, making me wish for even more frosting (which quite frankly, my figure could do without).

The third cupcake, the Tuxedo, at Crumbs was really extraordinary and rivaled Hello as our favorite. It was a Blondie cake with toffee bits and walnuts, which was dry by design and had a very cookie like texture. The frosting was again a thick vanilla cream cheese topped with white chocolate chips and a chocolate drizzle.



Sprinkles

Georgetown

Owned by "Cupcake Wars" judge Candace Nelson, Sprinkles is another nationwide cupcake bakery similar to Crumbs. However, it can boast the claim of the first pure cupcakery in the world. As such, their cakes are uniform and perfect, full of flavor as one would expect a cupcake should taste.

The Red Velvet had the perfect blend of chocolate taste, deep rich red color and moist cake. However, the frosting at times was overbearing and too sweet, particularly the cream cheese frostings.

The Chocolate Coconut, with a coconut butter cream frosting, was delicious and delicately balanced the two flavors. My personal favorite at Sprinkles, the Chocolate Marshmallow, had a perfect chocolate ganache and was filled with delicious marshmallow. Overall though, the cupcakes lacked inspiration. Despite being solid and tasty, there was no wow factor.



Georgetown Cupcake

Georgetown

The first thing one notices at Georgetown Cupcake is the line stretching far outside the store nearly a block down the street. The 45-minute wait seemed a bit of a stretch, but ought to be worth it considering this is the bakery featured on TLC's "DC Cupcakes." Admittedly, my sampling at Georgetown was very limited, as I only tried one cupcake and it was a seasonal variety. It may also have something to do with the wait, but I was considerably disappointed with Georgetown Cupcake. The cupcake I tried was the Maple Chocolate Chip. It had an incredible maple cream cheese frosting that I ended up devouring before even touching the cake part. However, the cake itself was quite dry, and I ended up wishing I hadn't licked off all of the frosting before going for the cake. The size of the cupcakes was also a bit underwhelming compared to every other cupcakery. I definitely expected more after hearing the hype and waiting in such a long line.



Red Velvet

Capitol Hill

The Red Velvet bakery was by and large the worst cupcake bakery I have tried. Though in a chic location, it would benefit from a better chef. The first cupcake we tried was a hazelnut cake with a hazelnut butter cream frosting. Unfortunately, the frosting was oily and the cake dry, so overall it had no redeeming qualities. Surprisingly, the next ones were even worse. There was the Heart of Darkness, which was a chocolate cake with chocolate ganache and a 14-karat gold leaf on top. The cake was again dry and the frosting sour, bitter and just not good tasting. The last one was a "Cookies and Cream" cupcake. I use the quotation marks because it hardly tasted like its name, unless it was literally trying to be an Oreo. The cake was honestly rock-hard, and the frosting awkwardly resembled that of a double-stuffed Oreo, but in a bad way. All in all, Red Velvet had great location, but didn't come through in terms of being a solid cupcakery.





SPORTS AUTHORITY

Snowy Test for QBs

Snow. Surely it is the most polarizing of weather conditions. Most agree that a warm, sunny day with clear skies is pleasant weather, and most would also agree that a cold, dreary day punctuated with rain is the opposite. But the same cannot be said about snow. For some, snow means trudging through bitterly cold winter days, sloshing through white fluff that has turned to muddy slush. For others, snow means enjoying the thrill of standing atop a mountain, just waiting to ski down. For some, snow means treacherous driving conditions, living in fear of that single patch of black ice, which will undoubtedly hurl their car off the side of the road. For others, snow brings the heartwarming idea of sitting by a fire, reading a book and drinking hot chocolate as flakes fall outside their window. Snow is not just polarizing for the average person — it is just as polarizing for NFL teams, and in particular, for their most recognizable member, the quarterback. As the calendar nears its end, and temperatures drop in many parts of the country, the NFL moves into the second half of its season. It is now, and particularly in the playoffs, that weather becomes a factor. But how important a factor? Of the past 10 Super Bowl winners, seven were teams that played their home games in cold weather areas without a roof over their heads. Of those seven, two had home field advantage throughout the playoffs. But what is more striking is that the other five each had to win at least one game not only away from home, but also in a cold weather venue. From 2001 and 2004, Tom Brady and the New England Patriots went into Pittsburgh and beat the Steelers in the AFC Championship game.



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*“But it seems that more often than not, what wins championships is a quarterback who can play in any and all conditions and still lead his team to victory.”*

In 2006, those same Pittsburgh Steelers defeated both the Cincinnati Bengals and the Denver Broncos on their road to the Super Bowl, two teams who play their home games outside in cold climates. Most recently, the Green Bay Packers and their up-and-coming quarterback Aaron Rodgers, a six-seed in the 2010 NFL playoffs, beat both the Philadelphia Eagles and the Chicago Bears on the road in games with below-freezing temperatures. In the playoffs, home field advantage does matter. But only three of the past 10 Super Bowl winners played with home field advantage throughout the playoffs. What matters more is a team’s, and particularly a quarterback’s, ability to cope with the elements that are sure to arise in the middle of January. Of those quarterbacks considered in the debate for greatest of all time, the field is relatively evenly split between cold weather quarterbacks and warm weather or dome quarterbacks. But among the quarterbacks more known for their wins than their stats, most are cold weather quarterbacks (Joe Montana being the exception). It is often said that defense wins championships, and this mantra certainly has its merits. But it seems that more often than not, what wins championships is a quarterback who can play in any and all conditions and still lead his team to victory. Tom Brady, John Elway, Brett Favre, Terry Bradshaw, Ben Roethlisberger — quarterbacks who are considered ‘winners’ — played their home games in cold weather and knew how to win despite the temperature. Super Bowls have always been played in warm weather areas or domes, so weather conditions rarely apply in the championship. But throughout the rest of the playoffs, weather matters and the most successful teams are the ones with quarterbacks who can handle it.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish to face two conference foes

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Coming off a pair of victories in their final home matches of the year last weekend, the Irish will hit the road to finish the regular season. Notre Dame (15-9, 8-4 Big East) faces conference foes Marquette and Syracuse on Friday and Sunday, respectively. Last season the Golden Eagles (20-8, 10-2) got the best of the Irish, coming from behind to win in five sets. According to Irish coach Debbie Brown, avenging last year’s loss will require a sharp service game. “When they receive serves, their side out is very strong,” she said. “Then they’re offense is very good. They have strong middle hitters and a very good right side hitter. They don’t give up points easily. Because they side out so well, it’s hard for teams to score points on them.”

Brown also said Marquette’s sparkling Big East record is no fluke, as many predicted them to have success this season. “They’re one of the top teams in the Big East, I believe they were in the top four in the preseason poll,” she said. “They are definitely going to be a pretty good challenge. Louisville and Cincinnati have proven that they are very strong — they’re the top two teams in the conference right now. Marquette being right behind them wasn’t a surprise.” Though behind the Golden Eagles in the conference rankings, the Orange (17-11, 6-6) are a talented squad, according to Brown. She said their blockers in particular will challenge her team. “I think they are very good. It’ll be tough, too, because we’ll be on the road — that’s always tough,” Brown said. “They are a very, very good blocking team — that’s one of their strengths. We are going

to have to work at our shots and make sure we don’t make any unforced errors.” Though Brown remains concerned with Marquette and Syracuse, she does not fear an emotional letdown following the senior-day sweep against Rutgers last Sunday. She said her team is completely focused on the road trip. “I don’t think so,” Brown said of the possibility of a let-down. “You have [senior day] every year. The seniors have their last home match and I think they were prepared for it. Now we’re just excited to go up to Marquette because we’ll be back here in a week for the tournament. We’re looking forward to going and playing up there and getting very familiar.” Notre Dame will take on the Golden Eagles on Friday at 6 p.m., before facing Syracuse at noon on Sunday.

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SMC SWIMMING AND DIVING

Belles to host upstart Defiance

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Saint Mary’s may be a member of the nation’s oldest collegiate conference, but the Belles will face a brand new Defiance team at their dual meet this Saturday. The Yellow Jackets swimming and diving team (1-2) competed for the first time Oct. 29 when they beat Ursuline and lost to Alma at home. Defiance lost its dual meet at home against Franklin Nov. 5, and the Blue Jackets are scheduled to host Baldwin-Wallace on Friday night before traveling to South Bend for their first road meet in school history. Although Defiance is an unknown entity at this point, Belles coach Mark Benishek said he expects good races from both teams. “I’m not very familiar with their team,” he said. “I know that they just started a program this year. I’ll go out on a limb and say I think all [the races] are going to be pretty exciting. I’m really looking forward to this meet. I think their team is going to have some fast swims across the board here, but I think the backstroke and the IM are going to be neck-to-neck with

some good competition, along with the 50 Free.” The Belles (0-3) are still looking for their first dual meet victory of their season. Although Benishek said he was pleased by the results of individuals so far this season, he wants to see times continue to drop. “We’re always looking to improve, and definitely going into this weekend I think we should see some good times,” he said. “It’s been a pretty hard week for us training-wise, but we’re ready to swim hard going into this meet. We’re just about at the midpoint of the season here, so I think we should see some good times from the girls.” Benishek said the weekend should be relatively restful for a Saint Mary’s squad that competed in two meets last weekend and powered through a hard week in the practice pool. “It was a tough week on the girls, if you would ask them,” he said. “We had some very hard swims Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday we backed off a little bit, but there’s still plenty of fast swimming going on. We’re still kind of building up for the two large invites we have coming up here at the begin-

ning of Thanksgiving break.” Although Saint Mary’s does not have a stellar dual meet record this fall, Benishek said he was pleased with the personal improvements by his athletes, especially those who were willing to switch races for the sake of the team. “There’s been improvement in every aspect,” he said. “We’ve definitely seen a lot from our freshman, Anna Nolan — she’s accepted the role of backstroker. We lost a lot of backstrokers this past year so she’s filling the void in the sprint area. She’s made some great, great, great times. Benishek said junior Kristyn Gerbeth also stepped up and, though she was a sprint freestyler the past two years, she tried butterfly this year. “She kind of shocked the entire team with some of her times, so we’re really looking for some great things out of her going into some of these bigger meets,” Benishek said. The Belles will host the Yellow Jackets’ first away meet in program history at Rolfs Aquatic Center at 1 p.m. Saturday. Contact Vicky Jacobsen at [vjacobs@nd.edu](mailto:vjacobs@nd.edu)

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Hoosier Quotes:

Coach Norman Dale: You know, in the ten years that I coached, I never met anybody who wanted to win as badly as I did. I'd do anything I had to do to increase my advantage. Anybody who tried to block the pursuit of that advantage, I'd just push 'em out of the way. Didn't matter who they were, or what they were doing. But that was then.

Coach Norman Dale: And most important, don't get caught up thinking about winning or loosing this game. If you put your effort and concentration into playing to your potential, to be the best that you can be, I don't care what the scoreboard says at the end of the game, in my book we're gonna be winners!  
  
Okay?!!

Coach Norman Dale: [after sitting an injured Everett] Strap, in for Everett. Don't shoot the ball unless you're under the basket all by yourself!  
  
Wilbur 'Shooter' Flatch: You gotta promise me you won't get kicked outta no more games! Coach Norman Dale: Scout's honor.  
  
Happy 8th Birthday Annie!

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BARAKA BOUTS

Annual fights conclude with first-ever finals round

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**Erin “Barney” Flattery def. Sarah “It’s Miller Time” Miller**

The first fight of the evening featured an eventful matchup between Flattery, a junior, and sophomore Miller. The decisive moments came in the final seconds of round three when Flattery snatched the victory.

Miller controlled the first round, setting the tone by landing a strong straight jab for the first punch of the night. Miller kept close to Flattery and used her quickness to break through Flattery’s guard.

In the second, Flattery started to come back by shortening her punches to counter Miller’s quickness, and it was clear the third round would decide the victor.

The third round started with energy as Flattery and Miller traded solid combinations. In the final 20 seconds of the round, Miller cornered Flattery and gained the advantage. But in the final seconds, Flattery broke free from the corner and threw a flurry of punches to end the round. The last second effort proved to be key with Flattery winning narrowly in a unanimous decision.

**Kelsey “Try and Hit Me” Blomeke def. Laura “Sunshiner” Semeraro**

Senior Blomeke earned a victory against junior Semeraro with smart strategy changes throughout the bout.

The first round was a defensive battle with each boxer feeling out the other’s style.

In the second round, Blomeke finally broke through Semeraro’s guard with the first of her in-match strategy changes. By aggressively pushing forward, Blomeke kept Semeraro off-balance and in retreat for much of the round.

Blomeke finished the match strong and ensured the victory by throwing continuous punches and forcing Semeraro to keep her guard up.

Blomeke won the bout in a unanimous decision.

**Stany “The Bulgarian Beast” Sevova def. Grace Welte “Maker”**

Junior Sevova overwhelmed sophomore Welte with her quickness in a dominant win.

Sevova opened the match with an energetic start, effectively moving and dodging Welte’s punches. Sevova would then pick opportune times to land combinations as Welte was off-balance.

In the second round, Sevova continued with the same quick dodges and punches. Despite Welte’s guard, Sevova broke through and kept Welte from establishing any rhythm.

With the first two rounds in Sevova’s favor, the third round seemed somewhat more even. The two boxers traded a few series in a more reserved round.

Sevova’s energy and quickness led to her victory by a unanimous decision.

Kat “Astrophe” Leach def. Dina “Is a Female Version of a Hustler” Montemarano

In a close fight and a battle of captains, junior Leach defeated senior Montemarano with consistency throughout the three rounds.

After a quiet first half to the first round, Leach started to break through Montemarano’s

blocking with punches that included Leach’s crowd-silencing right hook in the middle of the round. Montemarano recovered late with good exchanges with Leach.

In the second round, Leach took control of the fight with her quickness. Using quick jabs, she found holes in Montemarano’s blocks and struck whenever Montemarano hesitated.

The third round was fairly even, with Montemarano solidifying her blocking. She effectively countered as Leach started to miss punches late in the fight.

But the third round was not enough, and Leach earned the unanimous-decision victory.

**Michelle “Lights Out” Laux def. Molly “Motha Trucka” Allare**

Senior Laux and freshman Allare fought in a neck-and-neck battle with momentum swings throughout the rounds.

Allare came out in the first round as the more aggressive fighter, but Laux capitalized on that aggressiveness. With Allare focusing on the attack, Laux countered against Allare’s lack of defense.

In the second round, Allare solidified her guard and began to show more accuracy with her punches. However, Laux still was able to break through and get solid shots on Allare.

Laux tried to finish the fight in the third round by being more aggressive, but, like Allare in the first round, Laux’s defense suffered. Allare started to land better punches through her counter.

After a close fight, Laux won in a split decision.

**Anna “The Husker Hammer” Heffron def. Julie “Out of Mind” Saxer**

Sophomore Heffron overwhelmed junior Saxer with a consistent intensity and aggressiveness.

Heffron started the match off well by forcing Saxer to constantly back away from her punches. But in the second half of the first round, Saxer initiated a momentum swing with quick, accurate jabs from her guard, one of which bloodied Heffron’s nose.

But Heffron began the second round with the same intensity as the first. She came out with fast punches that forced Saxer to back into the corner, and even down to a knee at one point. Heffron’s speed continually kept Saxer off-balance, which led to a mostly defensive round from Saxer.

Saxer started off the third by reducing the distance between the fighters and limiting Heffron’s speed. But as Saxer started to tire out late in the match, Heffron kept up her energy and finished with good combinations, including a big punch at the last bell.

Heffron’s success with speed led to a unanimous decision in her favor.

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**Erin “Burn Baby” Byrne def. Courtney “Bury Her” Currier**

In yet another battle of captains, senior Byrne defeated junior Currier with an impressive



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**Sophomores Jenny Walsh, left, and Gina Rogari, right, exchange punches during Rogari’s win in the final round of Baraka Bouts on Thursday in the Joyce Center.**

final round effort.

The first round appeared to be Currier’s. She came out strong and dodged Byrne well, while at the same time landing solid punches. Byrne countered well though, and landed a few of her own.

Byrne turned it around, and gained control early in the second round. Currier was on defense much of the time and did not land as many punches as she had in the first round.

For the third round, the fighters traded blows for most of it. The slight upper hand seemed to be on Byrne’s side. She threw a lot of solid punches and was backing Currier up against the ropes. This final round clinched it for Byrne, who won with a split decision from the judges.

**Michelle “Michelle Michelle” Young def. Hannah “The Animal” Skinner**

Junior Young took control of the bout early and did not relinquish it, earning herself the unanimous decision victory.

Putting senior Skinner on the defensive in the first round, Young was in attack mode early.

The second round was the same story as the first, with Young in control and connecting on numerous punches. At the end of the round, however, Skinner landed a solid one-two combination that could have been promising for her heading into the third round.

Skinner’s final two punches did not develop into a comeback though, as Young was again in control at the start of the third. Both fighters seemed to be tiring at the end of the fight and were trading blows. It was not enough for Skinner though, as Young won in a unanimous decision.

**Katie “Girl Cry” Mayka def. Jessica “Fists of Fury” Freeman.**

The opening had the fighters going back and forth, a trend that would continue en route to a narrow split decision victory for senior Mayka.

At first, sophomore Freeman had Mayka against the ropes, but Mayka countered and did

the same to Freeman. It was unclear who had the advantage.

Mayka came out stronger in the second round and seemed to have the slight upper-hand. Mayka was on the offensive much of the round landing many punches on Freeman. Freeman had a few good counters with some strong jabs.

Freeman started the third round strong with a flurry of punches. But Mayka countered stronger. She fought off Freeman’s attack and went on one of her own. Mayka landed a devastating hit in the middle of the round, and Freeman had to be checked to continue. After the delay, Mayka closed with confidence, giving her the marginal split-decision victory.

**Tori “I’ll Make You Pay” White def. Ann “Fluffykins” Conover**

Freshman White was white hot, as she came out aggressively in the first round and powered through to victory.

White’s attack sent junior Conover blocking for most of the round. Conover took a lot of shots, which seemed to be taking a toll on the fighter.

In the second round, White continued with precision. A massive right hook from White gave Conover a bloody nose and almost knocked her backwards. The fight had to be paused briefly to see to Conover. Conover showed impressive resilience after the break, but White regained control again and had Conover’s nose bloodied again by the end of the second round.

There was a long break to tend to Conover’s nose but once under control the third round commenced. Again White bloodied Conover with powerful punches, causing another short break. Conover bravely kept fighting hard, but after the break White, for the fourth and last time, brought blood from Conover’s nose and the match was called, giving White the victory.

**Natty “Light on Her Feet” Baldasare def. Anna “The Maine-lac” Carmack**

The first round was senior Baldasare’s, as she hit home on

many of her strikes and set the tone for a unanimous decision victory.

Sophomore Carmack fought off the attacks well in the first, landing a few of her own, but Baldasare finished off the round with a flurry of punches.

The second was somewhat of a different story. Baldasare and Carmack traded blows, both getting in some hard hits.

Energy seemed to be the key factor in the third round. Baldasare still seemed to have something in the tank, while Carmack was running on empty. This allowed Baldasare to take control of the fight, landing punch after punch.

This last round seemed to clinch it for Baldasare, who won on a unanimous decision.

**Gina “I’m Not Sorry” Rogari def. Jenny “Moves Like Jaguar” Walsh**

Sophomore Rogari was unapologetic in her approach as she took control in the first round and refused to relinquish it throughout the fight.

In the second round, sophomore Walsh had a stronger and more spirited attitude about her, landing more punches. These came on counters, however, because Rogari was still landing more punches and dictating the fight.

Again, Walsh built upon the success of her previous round in the third, getting in some solid hits, but it was still not enough to overthrow Rogari.

Rogari maintained command and finished strong, giving her the unanimous victory.

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**Emily “Shake N Bake” Baker def. Melinda “The Most Malicious” Macia**

Both boxers came out swinging to the start the match, but Baker would ultimately gain an edge and take the unanimous



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decision victory. Baker, a sophomore from Breen Phillips, initially had the upper hand. Macia, a junior from Pasquerilla East, was on her heels off the bat, but she managed to block many of Baker's best punches. There were no real lulls during the first round, and the first 90 seconds concluded with a back-and-forth exchange between the two women. Round two was much of the same: aggressive fighting in which neither boxer held anything back. Baker forced Macia to retreat for much of the round. All the aggressive fighting caught up to Baker and Macia as the match wore on. Toward the end of the third round, both boxers were noticeably fatigued. In the end, Baker won by unanimous decision.

## Carleigh "the Homing Pigeon" Moore def. Jen "KO" Coe

In a matchup of experienced and skilled seniors, seniors Coe and Moore were neck-and-neck for most of the match. Both boxers had great support in the audience, providing an intense atmosphere for the bout. The first round was remarkably even; neither boxer managed to get in more than one or two solid punches in a row before the other countered with force. Round two began with both boxers aggressively throwing powerful punches. Neither held anything back. Moore connected on the first big punch of the second frame, but Coe managed to evade Moore's successive swings. There were no slow moments in the pressure-packed third round as both seniors looked to empty their tanks. As the box-

ers tired, Moore managed to get some strong punches in. Moore won by split decision.

## Tegan Chapman def. Erin "Killer" Killmurray

Chapman won by default, as Killmurray was unable to fight due to a potential concussion.

## Catherine "Dizzy" Gillespie def. Elizabeth "Dontcha Want Some" Moore

This battle of juniors began in cat-and-mouse fashion, with both boxers waiting for the right moment to exploit the opposition. Moore and Gillespie then alternated between connecting with jabs to the head and evading one another's punches. The two juniors continued to be patient in the second round, taking their time and being less aggressive than other boxers throughout the night. There was no all-out swinging as neither boxer wanted to be left susceptible to counters. The atmosphere changed in the final round though, as both Moore and Gillespie came out with a newfound ferociousness. Gillespie didn't seem to be fatigued as she got in a slew of solid punches on Moore. Towards the end of the round, Moore managed to land some jabs, but it was not enough as Gillespie won by split decision.

## Cristina "Triple X" Couri def. Karina "Matadomer" Lizzi

The match began with both boxers channeling their intensity into non-stop punches. Senior Lizzi threw some jabs that junior Couri blocked well. Couri then countered and connected with some headshots to close out the first round. Couri separated herself in the second stanza as she threw some potent hooks. The McGlinn junior then mixed it up and utilized an equally effective jab. Couri then got Lizzi on the ropes, where she continued to

gain the upper hand. Both boxers tired toward the end of the round. Lizzi came out aggressively to start the final round. She connected multiple times with jabs to the head. However, Couri stood strong and dished out some strong shots of her own. The two women were exhausted towards the end of a hard-fought match. Couri ended up winning by unanimous decision.

## Caroline "Balinese Blackout" Walsh def. Kara "NO FEAR" Scheer

The experience of both seniors was evident from the first bell in Sheer's unanimous decision victory. Sheer and Walsh looked technically sound, agile and patient. The first round began uneventfully, with both boxers dodging punches well. Walsh then connected on some mammoth punches as the first 90 seconds came to a close. Walsh continued the onslaught in round two, but she altered her approach and began utilizing the hook. Sheer certainly was not giving up, and she came back strong with a combination of punches that forced Walsh to retreat. As the seniors fatigued in the middle frame, they grew content to slow down and to be patient with their punches. Sheer held nothing back in the final round, but Walsh patiently waited for opportunities to counter. Walsh was still punching hard as the clock ran down, as she went on to win by unanimous decision.

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## Kaitlyn "The Bulldozer" Cole



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## Junior Kaitlyn Cole, left, lands a punch on junior captain MJ Durkin during Cole's win in the final round of Baraka Bouts.

## def. MJ "Dr. Evil" Durkin

In the last fight of the night, junior Cole beat fellow junior and captain Durkin in an exciting contest. In first round, Cole landed a number of shots to Durkin's body and face. Durkin responded, using her long reach to her advantage. Cole continued to be aggressive and knocked Durkin down at the end of the round. In the second, Cole continued to charge in despite Durkin's

length, allowing her to land punches. Cole's attack proved too much, stunning Durkin and tiring her out with body shots. In the final round, Durkin was nearly knocked down again, but stayed tough and responded with her own series of punches. The late rally wasn't enough, though, as Cole won by unanimous decision.

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# Parity

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sadors for a sport quickly growing in popularity. Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt and Huskies coach Geno Auriemma still patrol the sidelines, but Parker and Moore have taken to the WNBA. From 2006 to 2011, the two dominated the game from their play on the court to their influence on aspiring female athletes. Candace could dunk, and Maya could drain a shot from anywhere on the floor. They brought women's basketball into the spotlight and became household names in the process. But NCAA women's basketball has changed dramatically in the last five years from an ESPN-subsidized sport into one of the NCAA's most marketable institutions. In other words, it's become profitable. And for the first time, the sport is tasked with sustaining itself without a marketable superstar. Parker took on that responsibility, bringing two titles to Tennessee before handing it off in 2008 to Moore, who filled in seamlessly at Connecticut and

won two of her own. When Notre Dame upset the Huskies in the semifinals of the NCAA tournament last season, many were quick to crown then-sophomore guard Skylar Diggins as the natural successor to Moore. Diggins scored 28 points and dished six assists as the Irish advanced to the championship game. She can drive in the lane, turn the corner, shoot the lights out, pass the ball on a dime and stick a defender. More importantly, just like Candace and Maya, Skylar can take a team on her back through sheer will. But making her into another "face of the game" is not what the sport needs right now. It needs parity. It started with an underdog like Texas A&M winning the title last season, and the 2011-2012 season would mark only the second time since 1993-1994 that neither Connecticut nor Tennessee won the national title when they didn't win it the year before. I think it's safe to assume no team is winning 90 games in a row again. Diggins is an unselfish star on a team that needs a willing distributor. Asking her to carry the load alone for the sake of television ratings compromises

a Notre Dame team that has a pure scorer in senior Natalie Novosel and a dominating post presence in fifth-year forward Devereaux Peters. Irish coach Muffet McGraw doesn't let anything dictate how she runs her team except her own game plan, but even she will have to manage the distractions and media attention a pure talent like Skylar brings. Ruth Riley was a star in her own right, but she played in an environment in 2001 that simply did not feature the expectations and attention it now has today. This Notre Dame team is good, and all but one starter return from the same squad that fell short of a national title by just six points. The expectations couldn't be higher. Winning a championship has and always will be the goal with McGraw at the helm. But when the Irish kick off the season against Akron tonight, they do so under a much broader mandate: bringing parity to women's basketball.

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Irish set to compete in season-ending invite

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Coming off a strong showing at home, the Irish will attempt to end their fall season on a high note today as Notre Dame's underclassmen compete in the Lakewood Ranch Invitational in Lakewood Ranch, Fla. Sophomore Britney Sanders said she hopes her team will use this experience to work on its concentration heading into the off-season. "I think our team as a whole is doing really well but we still need to work on our concentration," Sanders said. "Some of us tend to lose our focus when we're winning and end up making the match closer than it needs to be." Sophomore Julie Sabacinski said she is looking forward to using this tournament to play as many different opponents as possible to help her improve. As a whole, the Irish have improved steadily this off-season and have examined the aspects of their game that need improvement leading into the spring tournaments. "I would like to improve my overall game," Sabacin-

ski said. "I want to use this opportunity to get as many matches as I can." This tournament will mark the third time in the fall season when the underclassmen attend a tournament without their senior captains Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews. Both Sanders and Sabacinski said that in the absence of official leadership, everyone needs to step up and become a leader. "We all play the captain role," Sanders said. "Since we don't have a captain or upperclassmen here, we make our decisions together." Sanders said she and her teammates rely on one another for encouragement to play to the best of their abilities. "We all expect each other to play every match like it was our last," Sanders said. "We're a team. It's not just about one person performing well, it's about all of us putting everything on the line." Notre Dame will hit the courts at the Lakewood Ranch Invitational today in Lakewood Ranch, Fla.

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ND Women's Soccer

ND to open tourney at Illinois

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After receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, the defending national champions will hit the road to take on No. 20 Illinois in the first round Sunday.

A 2-1 loss to Louisville in the Big East semifinals on Nov. 4 left Notre Dame (10-7-3, 6-3-2 Big East) hoping for a chance to repeat its journey toward a national title. The Irish join three other Big East schools in the program's 19th consecutive trip to the tournament.

Just a year ago, the Irish made a deep run in the tournament and defeated North Carolina and Oklahoma State in the third round and quarterfinals, respectively. Notre Dame's magical postseason included a win over Ohio State and a hard-fought victory against Stanford in the College Cup.

Irish senior forward and co-captain Melissa Henderson said the upperclassmen are excited to show the freshmen what it will take to win the program's second national championship in as many years.

"I definitely think [experience] is a bonus for us upperclassmen, who have kind of been there, done that and been in that position before," she said. "In a way, it keeps us a little more aware of what we're about to go through. I think it's just best that we can get our freshmen on the same page and get ready to go."

The Illini (16-4-2, 8-2-1 Big Ten) are coming off a Big Ten championship, which earned them an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. Illinois

topped Penn State in overtime in the Big Ten title game and won its last three games in the conference tournament during the extra period.

The Illini beat Louisville in overtime on Aug. 28, while the Cardinals defeated the Irish twice this season.

Illinois sophomore midfielder Vanessa DiBernardo has 17 goals on the season, eight of which were game-winning scores. Starting all of the Illini's 22 games this season, senior midfielder Marissa Mykines is the second leading-scorer with eight goals.

"Their system and formation's a little different than ours, but they're solid all the way around," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "The good thing about it is they're a team that's going to play. They're not an overly physical [team], and it's not a very direct team. They're a team that's going to actually try to play the game, and that's what we do, so it should be a really, really good matchup."

Notre Dame's defense was the primary area of concern earlier in the season, but the back line has allowed just five goals in its last nine games. The key to an Irish victory, Waldrum said, is eliminating big plays in dead-ball situations.

"That's kind of where we've struggled this year. We've got to be better at [defending dead-ball situations] in the NCAA tournament, or we're not going to last really long," he said. "I think the run of play defensively, we were good. The team, in general, on set pieces we weren't good, and that's something we've got to address."

Henderson said the team re-

lies on its experience to eliminate the pressure involved in entering the tournament as the defending national champions.

"I think that last year's last year and this year's a new year," she said. "I think we are all just going to have fun getting another national championship and just celebrating with all the freshmen who haven't had that experience yet. I think we're more excited to just play our best and do our best this year."

Notre Dame defeated Illinois 2-0 in the second round of the 2007 NCAA tournament, the only other time the two schools have met on the soccer field.

The Irish have advanced at least to the second round of the NCAA tournament every year since 1993. With a win, Notre Dame will face either Arkansas-Pine Bluff or Oklahoma State.

Waldrum said the Irish are confident a trip to Kennesaw, Ga., the site of the College Cup, is ahead of them.

"We've had two of our best practices since preseason this week. That's what you want come tournament time," he said. "It kind of does remind me a little bit of what went on last year when we lost in the [Big East] quarterfinals to UConn, and we got ready for the tournament and had two great weeks of practice. I think no other team's made a run on the road like we did last year, so you hope that helps you this year."

Notre Dame will face the Illini at Illinois Soccer Stadium on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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ND Cross Country

Notre Dame to race at Great Lakes Regional

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After a two-week break following the Big East Championships, Notre Dame will return to the course for this weekend's NCAA Great Lakes Regional.

The Great Lakes Regional, a precursor to the NCAA Championships, features schools from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin with the top two teams on both the men's and women's sides advancing to the national meet. The remaining teams will hope for one of the NCAA's 13 at-large bids to the championship meet.

The Irish men will search for its first Great Lakes Regional victory since 2001, while the women will aim to take their second in three years.

Sophomore Martin Grady has paced the Irish this year, culminating with an All-Big East performance at the Big East Championships on Oct. 29. Junior Jeremy Rae also earned All-Big East honors in the race. Despite 10th and 12th place finishes from Grady and Rae, respectively, the Irish placed sixth in the conference meet.

"It would be pretty tough to upset Wisconsin or Indiana because they're two of the more established teams," Grady said. "It's going to be a big meet between us, Michigan and Ohio State. If we finish third or fourth, we'll basically be locked in for nationals."

Seniors Jordan Carlson, Kelly Lynch and Joe Miller, junior J.P. Malette and sophomores Walter Schafer and DJ Thornton are expected to join Grady and Rae.

"If five guys have a good race, we can finish in the top four," Grady said. "If [Rae] and I can establish ourselves in the top group, it'll be huge for our team."

Notre Dame — the No. 5-ranked team in the region — will be met by stiff competition in Toledo, Ohio. Four ranked teams, including top-ranked Wisconsin and No. 7 Indiana, sit ahead of the Irish in the rankings.

"The competition in the previous races will definitely help us for this meet," Grady said.

The No. 24 Irish women's squad, ranked third in the Great Lakes Region, is anchored by junior Jessica Rydberg. She has led the team in every race in which she has participated.

"We have a really good chance to win it if we race well," Rydberg said.

Notre Dame finished sixth last time in the Big East Championships, while Rydberg finished 18th, narrowly missing All-Big East honors. She said she has her goals set higher this time around.

"I want to place in the top five," Rydberg said. "But most importantly, I want to run to my full potential to help the team."

Seniors Molly Hirt and Rachel Velarde, junior Rebecca Tracy, sophomores Alexa Aragon, Kelly Curran and McKinzie Schulz and freshman Gabby Gonzales will join Rydberg at the meet.

"We need to find each other early in the race and run as a pack," Rydberg said.

The Irish will meet two other ranked opponents at the meet — No. 12 Michigan State and No. 15 Michigan. But this field, compared to those at the Notre Dame Invitational and the Wisconsin adidas Invitational, seems tame. The Notre Dame Invitational featured six ranked women's teams, while the Wisconsin adidas Invitational featured 18.

"This meet will probably be less competitive than [the] Big East [Championships] or [the] Wisconsin [adidas Invitational]," Rydberg said. "It will be a lot easier to find each other with a smaller field."

Rydberg said the smaller field and lesser competition have the Irish feeling good about this weekend.

"We have a lot of confidence," Rydberg said. "Our workouts have been going well and we've been running well as a pack in practice."

The men's 10-kilometer race begins at 12 p.m. Saturday, while the women's six-kilometer race starts at 1:15 p.m. Both races will take place in Toledo, Ohio.

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WOMEN’S INTERHALL

Chaos, Weasels to square off

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With a trip to the Stadium on the line, No. 1 Cavanaugh will face No. 5 Pasquerilla West in a rematch of a Blue Division rivalry.

Cavanaugh (7-0) will try to stay undefeated, while Pasquerilla West (5-2) will attempt to use its momentum from last week’s win to pull off another upset.

Strong defensive play has been pivotal to Cavanaugh’s success. Throughout the season, the Chaos have shut down opposing offenses, allowing only nine points heading into the playoffs. Senior captain Maggie Fahrenbach said she is confident in the defense’s ability to perform heading into Sunday’s contest.

“Last weekend, our defense showed up as always and played really well,” Fahrenbach said. “We feel great about [how it is] playing.”

In last week’s 18-6 victory over Lyons in the first round of the playoffs, the Chaos were sharp in all facets of the game. Senior quarterback Rebecca Cink led the way, throwing three touchdown passes to seal the victory.

“Our offense also did a lot of good things last week,” Fahrenbach said. “[Cink] is always going to do something great.”

Cavanaugh faces a familiar opponent Sunday, having played Pasquerilla West earlier in the year. In the second week of the season, the Chaos shut out the Purple Weasels, 12-0. Fahrenbach hopes the same fate will unfold this weekend.

“We want to focus on how we played that game and implement the things we did right,” Fahrenbach said. “If we can do that, I think we’ll be in good shape.”

For Pasquerilla West, the playoffs represent another opportunity to get even with Cavanaugh and reach the championship game for the third straight year. Senior captain Alison Lindeen says that the team is more prepared this time around, having changed its offensive and defensive schemes.

“Our offense has completely changed,” Lindeen said. “[Junior] quarterback Kirsten Danna and [sophomore] receiver Rachel Rogers are sure to make some big plays on offense this weekend.”

Pasquerilla West won a thrilling 13-12 overtime game in the quarterfinals last weekend. The Purple Weasels tied the game at six in the closing minutes, then managed to edge past Welsh Family in overtime. Lindeen said the team hopes it can carry last week’s energy into the semifinal game Sunday.

“We had an exciting first-round win that pumped us up,” Lindeen said. “We played [Cavanaugh] already, but now we’re more focused to perform.”

Pasquerilla West’s defense is better prepared to respond to Cavanaugh’s attack, Lindeen said.

“We’re coming up with some different things to adjust,” Lindeen said. “Our defensive line will really push hard to contain the quarterback.”

Cavanaugh and Pasquerilla West will face off at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the LaBar Fields.

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McGlinn senior quarterback Lauren Miller carries the ball during the Shamrocks’ 20-0 win over Farley on Nov. 6.

McGlinn vs. Howard

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Sports Writer

After upsetting higher-ranked seeds, No. 6 McGlinn and No. 7 Howard will face off in Sunday’s semifinal looking to keep the momentum rolling en route to the championship game.

Both teams came into the first week of playoffs as underdogs but knocked two favorites out of their respective playoff brackets.

McGlinn (5-2) shut out No. 3 Farley 20-0 with shutdown defense and dominant play from senior quarterback Lauren Miller. Not to be outshined, Howard (3-4) pulled out a 13-6 win against a previously undefeated No. 2 Ryan.

Disregarding the playoff seeding, the Shamrocks came into the playoffs focused on playing their style of play with confidence, Miller said.

“I think that win was because we played with a lot of confidence and we played together,” she said. “We weren’t really concerned with what the seeds were.”

Despite the impressive play on both sides of the ball, Miller said the Shamrocks want to continue improving to ensure a win.

“We can always be more effective on offense by improving our game plan and getting on the same page,” Miller said.

Howard senior captain Jenny Gassner said the Ducks’ upset victory came as a surprise for a team that scrapped its way into the playoffs.

“We were a little intimidated and Ryan was undefeated, but we knew we were going to face a tough team,” she said. “But I think it was all about the attitude we had because we knew it was our last chance.”

With the playoff bracket pitting the Ducks against an undefeated team, the chances of returning to the Stadium for a third consecutive year seemed bleak. But the win gave Howard momentum moving forward, Gassner said.

“I think it was such a big push for us,” Gassner said. “A lot of us were at a breaking point, but then we beat a team that we weren’t supposed to beat and it’s going to take us further into the playoffs.”

For both teams, defense will be the focal point this weekend. Miller said McGlinn hopes to use its stringent defense to set up good situations for its offense.

Brey

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five scorers from last year. With this discrepancy, Brey said he has yet to see how his full team plays as a unit in-game, as fifth-year senior forward Scott Martin missed both of Notre Dame’s exhibition games due to an ankle injury.

“We were talking as a staff and someone asked, ‘How do you like your team?’ and I replied, ‘I don’t think we know them yet,’” the 2010-2011 Big East coach of the year said following a 92-70 exhibition win over Stonehill on Monday.

Although Martin is expected to play in the home opener, Notre Dame will replace four starters from last year’s squad, which finished the regular season ranked fifth in the AP poll. But Brey said he expects Martin to take an elevated, more aggressive role this season, regardless of whether Abromaitis is in the lineup.

“Martin needs to be more aggressive even with [Abromaitis] out there this year in the big picture,” Brey said. “But also with [Abromaitis] out, [Martin] lets the game come to him and he knows how to play. He can’t turn anything down and he anchors you a little bit. He can guard big guys and has really good body position.”

Meanwhile, the Irish cruised to victory in both of their pre-season contests, scoring 90 or more points against both St.

Xavier and Stonehill. In its most recent exhibition game against Stonehill, Notre Dame shot 57.6 percent from the field and combined for 26 total assists, led by sophomore guard Jerian Grant’s nine. Despite missing out on the starting lineup due to an academic infraction, junior forward Jack Cooley combined for 12 points and nine rebounds, while sophomore guard Alex Dragicevich added 15 points.

“I thought guys got more comfortable [Monday against Stonehill],” Brey said. [There was] a better comfort level from one exhibition to the next. So I’ve seen some things that we can work on before it really comes at us fast. I feel better coming into this game with guys like [junior

guard Joey] Brooks, Grant and Dragicevich. They are more comfortable. I have been happy with [Cooley] too.”

Mississippi Valley State also won both of its exhibitions, including a 116-76 victory over Victory University on Nov. 4. Even though Mississippi Valley State lost all-conference guard and top scorer D’Angelo Jackson to graduation, the Delta Devils are projected to finish second in the Southwestern Athletic Conference this season led by all-conference senior center Paul Crosby.

The Irish will try to defend their 19-game home winning streak against the Delta Devils in the regular season opener on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion.

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## MEN'S INTERHALL

# Undefeated Siegfried to take on No. 5 Dillon in semis

By JONATHAN WARREN  
Sports Writer

With a combined one loss between the two teams, top-seeded Siegfried and fifth-seeded Dillon are no strangers to winning. But one of them will face defeat in a semifinal game that pits this year's playoff favorite against last year's runner-up.

Siegfried (5-0) is hoping to add to its rich interhall history with a win Sunday. The Ramblers won championships in 2008 and 2009, before Dillon knocked them out of the playoffs in the semifinals last season.

But Siegfried senior captain and linebacker John Aversa said his team is confident things will be different this year.

"I think we're going to be a little sharper," he said. "If we can correct our focus, I like our odds."

Aversa said Siegfried knows the challenges Dillon (4-1) will bring and believes his team is prepared.

"We expect them to give us a lot of looks as far as blitzes," Aversa said. "I know they can air it out and run the ball, as well. They have the total package, and we're going to have to play our best game of the year to beat them."

Aversa said he expects the Siegfried offensive line and defense to be crucial to the Ramblers' success. The offensive line powered last week's 77-yard fourth quarter game-winning drive in a 14-7 victory over Stanford.

"Our offensive line is [a] key to our team," Aversa said. "I think

we're pretty hard to beat if our offensive line is playing well. Our defense is a pretty big pretty strength as well."

The Siegfried defense has yet to allow more than seven points in a game this season and hopes to continue that effort against Dillon.

Dillon's defense has also been strong throughout the year. The Big Red have shut out their opponent in four of their five games.

"We're expecting a defensive game," Dillon junior captain and cornerback Will Salvi said. "We need to make sure we play sharp on defense to match them."

But Dillon will also have to perform well on offense to win, an area in which it struggled in its 10-0 win over Knott last week.

"I think we have to play better on offense," Salvi said. "We've played really well on defense, but we'll need to be balanced against Siegfried."

Despite Siegfried's No. 1 seed and perfect record, Salvi says the Big Red are not intimidated by the Ramblers.

"We feel like we can beat anyone," Salvi said. "It doesn't matter who we play. We just have to win until we make it to the championship."

Salvi also said the Big Red are relishing their role as an underdog.

"There's something about being an underdog that gives you an edge," Salvi said. "Everyone thinks that Siegfried is the best team, but we still need to prove

to everyone that we're the best team."

Dillon will take on the Ramblers at LaBar Fields on Sunday at 1 p.m. for a chance to play in the Notre Dame Stadium championship.

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## Sorin vs. Alumni

By ALLY DARRAGH  
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In a rematch of one of last year's semifinal games, No. 7 Alumni will take on No. 3 Sorin on Sunday, as they compete for a spot in the championship game.

The defending champion Sorin (4-0-1) is looking for a repeat result of its 2010 postseason. Meanwhile, Alumni (3-2) kept last year's defeat in the back of its mind the entire regular season and is ready to extract revenge, Alumni senior captain and running back Dan Dansdill said.

"We played Sorin in the semifinals last year and lost 7-6," Dansdill said. "So we have been here before and hopefully we can win this time. Our only goal is to win. Sometimes you have to win ugly. We don't care how we have to do it."

Alumni is coming off a 6-0 upset over previously undefeated Keenan in the first round of the playoffs, a game in which the Alumni defense shined. Dansdill



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**Siegfried junior running back David Whitmore runs the ball during the Ramblers' 28-6 win over Morrissey on Oct. 9.**

said the Dawgs know that to win their upcoming game, they will need to play well from start to finish.

"At the end of the day, winning is the only thing that matters," Dansdill said. "We have had rough patches but now we feel that we can put everything together and play a full four quarters."

The Otters also had an intense first round matchup, edging Carroll 10-7 thanks in large part to a 55-yard touchdown pass from junior captain and quarterback Ted Spinelli to senior receiver Brett Leahy. Although this matchup is similar to 2010, Spinelli suggested this year might be different.

"We practiced more last year," Spinelli said. "We have developed

a strict study policy over the past few weeks. Practice hours have been dedicated to keeping our GPAs up rather than developing our talent. As a result, we figure on making the 'Hail Mary' a key part of our offense."

Sorin will rely heavily on Leahy this Sunday and Alumni will look to sophomore receiver Jeff Kraemer and senior safety Joe Amoresano for leadership as both teams try to earn a spot in Notre Dame Stadium.

Sorin will take on Alumni at 2 p.m. at LaBar Fields with a place in the championship game on the line.

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# Mallory

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ally well,” she said. “[Thurs- day was] her first day out al- lowed to go full court, and she said she felt pretty good before practice, so we’ll see how she feels [Friday]. I think we’re go- ing to get a few minutes out of her.”

A leader on and off the court, McGraw said Mallory’s pre- sence is a big difference-maker.

“It’s just huge,” she said. “It settles us down, I think it puts us in a little better rhythm and allows us to start planning for how we’re really going to play at the beginning of the game.”

The Mallory factor will be particularly crucial after a rocky start against Windsor. With early minutes filled with missed shots and turnovers from the Irish, McGraw admit- ted that it took Notre Dame some time to get going.

“I think that we were try- ing too hard initially to get a big lead in the first play of the game,” McGraw said. “I thought we settled down.”

Aside from first-game ner- vousness, the 52-point victory revealed a few other areas for improvement for the Irish. In a 52-point win over Windsor, the Irish bested the Lancers by just one defensive rebound, 22-21. Particularly with such a guard-heavy squad, McGraw emphasized the importance of improvement on the boards.

“We really think [senior guard] Natalie Novosel and [sophomore guard] Kayla Mc- Bride should be, after [fifth- year forward] Deveraux [Peters], our next leading re- bouncers,” she said. “We’re really expecting them to re- bound a lot from the guard spot. If we’re going to play four guards, they have to be able to do that. And then [freshman forward] Marquisha Wright ... She has to be able to rebound for us too.”

McGraw also cited sopho- more forward Ariel Braker as a potential help to the Irish on the rebounding front, espe- cially with sophomore forward Natalie Achonwa currently out with injury.

“It’s really important for

[Braker] to come in and give us some defensive rebounding, block some shots and help us in the press,” she said. “I think that’s something we really need right now with [Achonwa] out. We don’t have the post pre- sence that we need, and it’s an opportunity for her right now to really step up and give us some good minutes.”

Akron will present a strong defensive test for Notre Dame in junior forward Rachel Tec- ca. Though the Zips enter the 2011-2012 season having lost the leading scorer in program history in Kara Murphy, they return four starters and six ex- perience reserves. Top among those returnees is Tecca, a first-team All-MAC selection in both the 2010-2011 season and the 2011-2012 preseason.

“They’ve got a really good player Tecca,” McGraw said. “She was preseason first team in the MAC, a really good scor- er. She’s like a guard in a 6’1, 6’2 body. She’s quick off the dribble, she can shoot it, she can drive it, she can score on the block, she’s a really good rebounder. She’s a tough defen- sive match up for us.”

Another challenge will be the WNIT tournament set-up, with games on both Friday and Sun- day. McGraw said this quick turnaround is a good preview of the NCAA tournament.

“Well this is like an NCAA tournament for us,” she said. “We’ve got the Friday-Sunday look, and whether we win or lose, we come back and play on Sunday, so it’s a great opportu- nity for us to really get focused on what are we going to do on Saturday, how we’re going to recover after the game Friday night.”

After just one exhibition game followed by nine days of practice, McGraw said her team is ready to kick off its regular season.

“I think we’re anxious for a game,” she said. “I think we look pretty good in practice, but I think we’re ready for some outside competition.”

The Irish will take on Akron in the first round of the WNIT Friday at 7 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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# Alaska

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as the clear No. 1 goaltender is also a new development. While Johnson entered the year as the starter, a broader gap has grown in recent weeks between the junior and sophomore back- up Steven Summerhays.

“I’ve been mostly just focusing on worrying about one shot at a time,” Johnson said. “I’m trying to go out there and not think at all, just going out and playing and reacting ... [The team gave] me a lot of confidence with the way they’re playing defense right now.”

The Nanooks (3-5-2, 0-4-2-0) enter the contest led in scoring by junior center Nik Yaremchuk and sophomore left wing Colton

Beck, who have seven points apiece. Though Alaska has not won in its last six games and is on a three-game losing streak, Johnson said the Irish are pre- pared for a worthy opponent.

“[Alaska is] a very good team,” Johnson said. “They play very good defense and their power play is pretty solid, as well. They’ve got guys that can skate and they work really hard and it’s going to be another bat- tle this week, much like the last two weeks have been.”

The Irish and Nanooks face off at the Compton Family Ice Arena for a two-game series this weekend. Tonight’s game begins at 7:05 p.m. and the puck-drop Saturday is sched- uled for 5:05 p.m.

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# Unsure

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The Irish were unsure of the exact makeup of last year’s squad, but were sure of two things they had experience and they had height. All five start- ers for Notre Dame last season were either seniors or fifth-year seniors, and four of the five were 6-foot-8.

This season has some similar- ities, but also some glaring dif- ferences, and those differences are more than a little worrisome for a team that finished last season No. 2 in the Big East.

Notre Dame no longer has experience. Fifth-year Tim Abro- maitis and senior Scott Martin (who, because of injuries, has only played one full season in an Irish uniform himself) are the only two returning starters, and freshman Eric Atkins and junior Jack Cooley are the only other two players who played any significant time for last year’s squad.

Notre Dame not only does not know for sure if Abromaitis or someone else will step up and lead the team in scoring — it does not even know, with the regular season just one day away, who will consistently be the fifth starter. And that is a problem.

Abromaitis needs to play like one of the top-50 players in the country, as he has been named this preseason. He needs to replace the productivity of Hansbrough for the Irish to have

a chance to compete in the Big East.

Martin needs to play up to his potential. In Notre Dame’s 83-77 overtime loss to Louisville in last year’s Big East tournament semifinals, he finished with 21 points and eight rebounds. He has the potential to be a legiti- mate second option for Notre Dame, but certainly has not shown the ability to do it consis- tently. The first four games this year without Abromaitis are his chance to gain confidence and become the player the Irish need him to be if they are going to be successful.

Cooley needs to give the Irish a combined 20 points and rebounds per game this sea- son, which will be difficult to do since he can only play about 13 minutes per half. He will also need to avoid foul trou- ble, since he is Notre Dame’s only legitimate inside presence on defense. Cooley has shown sparks of dominance, but those sparks will need to become more con- sistent this season.

Atkins needs to be the on the court leader for Notre Dame this season, but he also needs to score. Last year, he filled his role as game manager quite well, and that will need to continue. But Notre Dame’s offense is not as dynamic this season, and Atkins will need to penetrate the lane, draw fouls and score points. Again, he has the capability, but he needs to translate that potential into actual results.

Freshman Pat Connaughton needs to be the fifth starter. He is one of the most athletic play- ers on the roster, something

Notre Dame will need against a very athletic Big East. He shoots the ball well and, more importantly, wants the ball in his hands.

Sophomore Alex Dragicev- ich needs to play a significant amount. He may be Notre Dame’s fifth best offensive threat, looks comfortable with the ball in his hands, can shoot from the outside and is not afraid to take the ball to the basket. He may be a defensive liability, but the Irish are going to struggle on defense anyway so they are going to need all the offense they can get.

Sophomore Jerian Grant and junior Joey Brooks need to im- prove. They both look tentative with the ball in their hands and unconfident when they shoot. Grant is a good passer, but the Irish already have a game manager in Atkins. Brooks is solid on defense, but if he cannot produce offensively, he cannot be an integral part of the team.

All of these things need to happen if Notre Dame is going to compete in the Big East and earn a trip to the NCAA tourna- ment. They are all possible. The question is how likely are they?

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Identity crisis

*Brey looks to replace top scorers in debut*

By ANDREW GASTELUM  
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At the end of his winningest season at Notre Dame to date, Irish coach Mike Brey knew he would lose his top scorer in Big East Player of the Year Ben Hansbrough. But the AP Coach of the Year unexpectedly lost his No. 2 scorer from last season to suspension — for the first four games — and now has to make do without fifth-year forward Tim Abromaitis as the Irish open the regular season against Mississippi Valley State at the Purcell Pavilion on Saturday.

Abromaitis, who averaged 15.4 points and 6.1 rebounds per game last year, will serve the first of his four-game suspension for violating an NCAA eligibility rule and leave the Irish without four of their top

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Irish junior forward Jack Cooley, left, and sophomore guard Alex Dragicevich, center, defend the hoop during Notre Dame's 92-70 exhibition win over Stonehill on Nov. 7 at the Purcell Pavilion.

*Challenges abound in year full of unknowns*

The Irish entered last season unsure — unsure of who would lead the team in scoring, unsure of who would come off the bench. But most of all, Notre Dame was unsure how it would respond to losing its best player, Luke Harangody, and its on and off the court leader, Tory Jackson.

Enter Ben Hansbrough, who stepped in to fill both roles on his way to Big East Player of the Year honors.



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## HOCKEY

## Notre Dame to open homestand with series against Alaska

By SAM GANS  
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After two straight weekends on the road, the No. 7 Irish return to the friendly confines of the Compton Family Ice Arena for a two-game series with Alaska this weekend.

Notre Dame (5-2-2, 3-1-2-0 CCHA) is looking forward to playing its first series in its new home, after debuting in the

building with a 5-2 victory over RPI on Oct. 21.

"We're all excited [about playing at home again]," Irish sophomore center Anders Lee said. "I think the fans are, too, [and] the community. It will be fun to get back here at home and play only our second game here in the new arena, so we're real excited about that and Alaska's a good team. It will be a fun weekend."

The Irish will also be looking to get their first win in three games after a pair of ties at Northern Michigan last weekend, results that Irish junior goaltender Mike Johnson said were frustrating for Notre Dame.

"We're not satisfied from last weekend," Johnson said. "It's disappointing to go on the road and play two pretty good games and not get a win. So we obviously

wanted to get back at it this week and have a good performance throughout the week [in practice] so we could have a good performance on Friday to redeem our weekend."

Though the Irish could not get a victory, they did earn a lot of scoring chances in Saturday's game. They peppered Wildcat senior goaltender Reid Ellingson with 45 shots, but only got one past him. However, Lee

said Notre Dame is not particularly concerned with the lack of pucks in the net.

"Northern's a good team and Ellingson played really well both nights," Lee said. "We're getting the opportunities and the bounces — sometimes they don't go in. This weekend, hopefully those will go our way."

The emergence of Johnson

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Sky is the limit

*Irish could bring much-needed parity*

Neither Maya Moore nor Candace Parker play college basketball. Let's all take a sigh of relief.

In a four-year period from 2007 to 2010, Connecticut and Tennessee claimed two national titles behind two of the game's most dominant athletes and two of its most accomplished coaches. From 2006 to 2011, Moore and Parker became household names and ambas-



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Irish junior guard Skylar Diggins navigates the court during Notre Dame's 83-34 exhibition win over Windsor on Nov. 2 at the Purcell Pavilion. The Irish host Akron in the Preseason WNIT on Friday.

*No. 2 ND to welcome Akron in opener*

By KELSEY MANNING  
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The No. 2 Irish are set to open a difficult regular season schedule as they host Akron in the first round of the Preseason Women's National Invitational tournament (WNIT) tonight.

Notre Dame's sole exhibition game, an 83-31 victory over defending Canadian national champion Windsor, saw both the triumphant return of sophomore guard Kayla McBride, who turned in a 21-point performance, and the untimely exit of senior guard and co-captain Brittany Mallory due to a knee injury. Mallory appeared healthy in practice Thursday, and Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she is hopeful of Mallory's full and speedy recovery.

"[Mallory's] been feeling re-

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