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Lifeline Law absolves 'Good Samaritans'

Intoxicated minors receive immunity from alcohol charges if they call for help in medical emergencies

By TORI ROECK Associate News Editor

Your friend passes out from excessive alcohol consumption at an off-campus party. You've been drinking as well, and you're both underage. Do you call for medical help immediately or do you hesitate, worrying about the consequences of a drinking citation on your medical school applications?

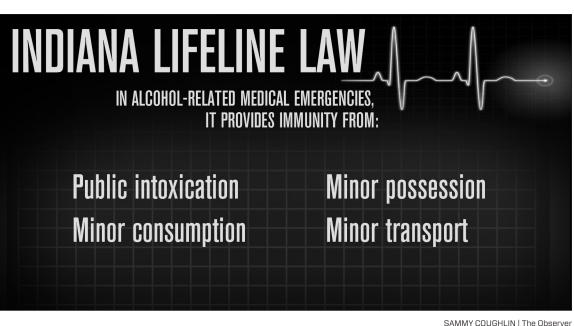
The Indiana Lifeline Law, which came into effect July 1, 2012, eliminates this decision for off-campus offenses. Under the law, neither the person who seeks help nor the one experiencing the medical emergency will receive a drinking citation, as long as they cooperate with

 authorities, Captain Phil Trent of the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) said.

"We do not want to in any way, shape or form dissuade people from seeking medical attention, especially the person who needs it the most," Trent said.

According to the Indiana Lifeline Law website, it "provides immunity for the crimes of public intoxication, minor possession, minor consumption and minor transport to persons who reveal themselves to law enforcement while seeking medical assistance for a person suffering from an alcohol-related health emergency."

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Saint Mary's screens 'Band of Sisters'



Panelists discuss "Band of Sisters," a documentary produced and directed by Notre Dame alumna Mary Fishman on Wednesday.

By HALEIGH EHMSEN News Writer

"Band of Sisters," a documentary produced and directed by Notre Dame alumna Mary Fishman, screened at Saint Mary's on Wednesday and was followed by a panel discussion about the film.

The film highlights various groups of nuns across the country and shows their work outside of the physical church after hearing the calls of Vatican II. In the movie, sisters campaign for housing, food sustainability and gardening for the poor. They also work in jails, assuring that inmates had the pastoral care they deserved.

Sr. Veronique Wiedower said the film reflects the priorities of Holy Cross sisters at Saint Mary's.

"Although the sisters of the Holy Cross are not specifically singled out in the dialogue of the film, those of you familiar with the sisters, will recognize the sisters' charisma and ministry in the words and examples of other congregations and visually in the pre-Vatican footage of religious life here on Saint Mary's campus," Wiedower said.

During the panel discussion, Fishman said she wanted to combat stereotypes about nuns in "Band of Sisters."

"I wanted to set the record straight," she said. "... I was inspired by the more than 300 year history of religious sisters and I wanted to inspire other people."

Sr. Betty Moyer, a former campus minister at Saint Mary's, said

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Corby Hall holds open house

By SARAH McCARTHY

a social hour, in which the undergraduates could get to

Authors address incarceration

By EMMA BORNE News Writer

Students and faculty joined Margie Pfeil, Laurie Cassidy and Alex Mikulich, authors of "The Scandal of White Complicity in U.S. Hyper-incarceration: A Nonviolent Spirituality of White Resistance," in a discussion about how to theologically acknowledge the hyper-incarceration of people of color in the United States on Wednesday. The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) organized the event as part of a yearlong series focused on incarceration.



INCONS WITTEL

For young men at Notre Dame considering a religious vocation, the doors at Corby Hall are always open.

On Wednesday night at 8 p.m., Corby Night, hosted by Holy Cross priests, brothers and seminarians, took place at Corby Hall for those young men discerning the priesthood. It began with a candlelight service in the chapel of the hall and was followed by

know one another and speak with the religious leaders.

Fr. Jim Gallagher, director of the Office of Vocations, said he could relate to young men deciding whether or not a life in the priesthood was right for them.

"For the longest time it was on my mind but I never talked to anybody about it," Gallagher said. "The most

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Susan Sharpe, who leads a Susan

EMMA BORNE | The Observe

The three authors of "The Scandal of White Complicity in U.S. Hyperincarceration" speak Wednesday about race and the penitentiary system.



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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is your favorite way to eat pancakes?



Amanda Schifino Freshman Pasquerilla West Hall "With strawberries and sugar."



Regina Souder Freshman Lewis Hall

"With strawberries and syrup."

Katie Sylva Junior Lewis Hall "With spaghetti, candy, candy canes, candy corns and syrup."



Mary Cornfield Junior Welsh Family Hall "With bananas and chocolate."

Kirsten Fernandez

Junior

Badin Hall

"As waffles."

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Ally Kirst Junior Badin Hall "With peanut butter and with my hands."



LAUREN FRITZ | The Observe

A Notre Dame student spent the summer in South Africa interning with a great white shark cage-diving company. Here a shark is pictured attacking a seal decoy, one of the many tools cage-divers use to attract and interact with sharks in the South African seas.

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THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Friday

Thursday

Gallery Talk by Terry Evans Snite Museum of Art 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Artist presents an exhibition of her photography.

Women's Soccer

Alumni Stadium 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Game against Syracuse. **Cross Country** National Catholic Championships Notre Dame Golf Course 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m. Multiple Catholic universities compete.

Hesburgh Library 50th Anniversary Hesburgh Library 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Celebration kick-off.

Hesburgh Library 50th Anniversary Game-Day Booth Hesburgh Library 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Pick up giveaways and

Featuring the Women's

Liturgical Choir.

Saturday

keepsakes.

of the Heart" DeBartolo Performing Arts Center 3 p.m.-5 p.m. English version of the animated film.

Family Film: "Whisper

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Sunday

Saturday Vigil MassConcert Audra McDonaldBasilica of the Sacred HeartDeBartolo Performing7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.Arts Center

Arts Center 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Tony winner performs.

Monday

Fightin' Irish Golf Classic Warren Golf Course

All Day Men's golf competition.

Listening and Notetaking Workshop 303 DeBartolo Hall 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Pro tips for ESL grad students and postdocs.

Group changes email wording

By MARGARET HYNDS News Writer

NEWS

Student Senate met Wednesday night to discuss two resolutions concerning sexual assault on campus and the DART class registration process.

Student body vice president Nancy Joyce introduced University Registrar Chuck Hurley to address the group about the DART system. He said the Office of the Registrar has begun working with students and student government to improve the registration and advising system.

Some senators expressed concern over the current DART system, which allows for neither waiting lists nor a notification system that students can opt for when classes are full.

"If you really, really want a class, a waitlist helps you get into it more easily — you don't have to keep refreshing the website," Hurley said. "But the problems come with managing the waitlist system. What if [the student's] opinion changes? Then they're temporarily holding that spot in the class and keeping the next person on the list from getting it."

A notification system, he said, "would probably be a little bit easier. But there's still no guarantee that the class would still be there when you go to register. Somebody could've beat you to the punch."

Joyce then moved on to

discussing sexual assault on campus. In the aftermath of two reported instances of sexual battery this month, Senate addressed two resolutions about sexual battery on campus and what the response of the student government should be.

The operative clause of the first resolution, written by Department of Gender Issues Director Monica Daegele, said the University would change its "language for crime alert emails sent to the Student Body concerning sexual misconduct from 'forcible fondling' to 'sexual battery."

"It's an expression of our support of the [Notre Dame Security Police] and our support of the fact that they asked for our input," student body president Alex Coccia said.

Senate passed the resolution unanimously.

The second resolution came out of last week's presentation from Dr. William Stackman, associate vice president for student services.

Also written by Daegele, the resolution's operative clause states student government's desire for "demonstrable change in the manner with which the Notre Dame community reacts to and actively works to combat the intolerable issue of sexual assault."

While the Senate unanimously acknowledged the need for change in the school community, some senators expressed concern over the wording of two earlier clauses in the resolution, which read, "Whereas, recognizing that these occurrences are a leadership failure... admitting that as leaders in our community, we have not been doing enough to change the way we, as a community, concern ourselves with these issues."

Several senators expressed discomfort with blaming the student government for sexual misconduct on campus, feeling personally attacked, and asked for clarification of the meaning of "failure."

"It's a failure in the way that we've tried to prevent it," Daegle said. "As leaders we should see that everyone is also holding themselves to a higher standard. When the community doesn't, it's a reflection on all of us.

"At a certain point we as leaders have to take responsibility for the populations that we serve."

Senate passed the resolution, but seven senators voted against it and two senators abstained.

Student government has also begun working with the Campus Life Council, the Center for Social Concerns and the Office of Student Affairs to evaluate how to move forward. Coccia said one proposal was to develop a group of people who were designated to meet at the Grotto for prayer an hour after an alert email is sent to students.

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Professors discuss options in Syria

By KIERA JOHNSEN News Writer

Three Saint Mary's professors debated potential alternative routes of action in the Syrian conflict during a panel discussion titled, "What is an Ethical Response to the Crisis in Syria?" in the Vender Vennet Theatre on Wednesday. The event was sponsored by the Center of Spirituality, the Department of Religious Studies and the Department of Political Science.

Joseph Incandela, Aquinas chair and professor of religious studies, said when he was first invited to be a part of this panel two weeks ago, he believed a military strike was imminent. However, a military strike against Syria does not guarantee peace because of the uncertainty surrounding the conflict, he said.

"So even if this works quote on quote, do we trot out our mission accomplished banner and say our work is done here because all of this other killing could go on, but as long as we got the ones from chemical weapons and those are in the closet stay in the closet than we have succeeded?" Incandela said. "That seems an odd stance to take."

Sonalini Sapra, associate professor of political science and gender and women's studies, said leaders do not explore other alternatives to military intervention enough.

"There are other ways the U.S. could intervene that could use multilateral institutions like the U.N.," Sapra said. "They could use their diplomatic means to get the Syrian parties on the ground to agree to a cease-fire and then start a negotiation process that way. I think the diplomatic route has been relatively unexplored until last week. There are other

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she hopes people gain a deeper understanding of human dignity and justice from watching this movie.

"[I hope] you feel anger where

ways to intervene without a military intervention."

Marc Belanger, chair of the political science department, in contrast to Sapra and Incandela, said violence can build as well as destroy and occasionally accomplishes some goals.

"In the last 20 years, three genocides or three situations ${\rm I}$

"I think the diplomatic route has been relatively unexplored until last week. There are other ways to intervene without a military intervention."

Sonalini Sapra associate professor political science

consider genocide were stopped not by diplomacy but by violence: I refer to Bosnia, Cambodia and Rwanda," Belanger said. "Where in every case a far from perfect actor intervened: Vietnam in Cambodia, Rwandan forces in Rwanda and the United States and NATO in Bosnia, to bring to at least a halt for the time being extraordinary levels of destruction. On the other hand, I can certainly list other conflicts where violence did very little but destroy."

Incandela said the best way to stop violence is to prevent it from escalating in the first place, and if it does get to that point, world leaders should consider non-violent and diplomatic options.

"Sometimes violence is like fast food," he said. "It is eaten in haste and not very fulfilling."

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mind," she said. Malits said interacting with

the larger community is also part of their vocation. "That's really our vocation,

"That's really our vocation, to live out that sense of gratitude and sense of participation in this beautiful world, and as I







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there is injustice," Moyer said. Moyer said the documentary portrays well the "real world issues" sisters face in the world outside of the physical church. "We must address ourselves,

and involvement in social justice is what this movie calls us to," Moyer said. "We do not know what He calls us to; [it is] literally a journey into the unknown."

Holy Cross Sr. Elena Malits, professor emerita of religious studies at Saint Mary's, said sharing personal stories is important among the religious community.

"A very wise Holy Cross religious recently told me, 'Someone's truth is an invitation to a bigger heart and a bigger "We must address ourselves, and involvement in social justice is what the movie calls us to do."

Sr. Betty Moyer former campus minister Saint Mary's College

meet these different people and learn different stories, I begin to have a bigger heart and a bigger mind," Malits said.

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Panelists debate corporate taxation

By ALEXANDER CAO News Writer

Three Notre Dame professors debated the limits of corporations' responsibility to pay taxes Wednesday night in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business in a panel discussion titled, "Greed and Taxes in Business," the third part of the Berges Lecture Series on Ethics.

Professor Joseph Holt, Professor Brian Levey, and Professor Kenneth Milani, all faculty of the Mendoza College of Business, examined the issue from different perspectives.

Levey, a business law professor, spoke first from a largely legal perspective and argued that corporations should pay as little taxes as they can.

"It is the duty of a director of a corporation to promote value of the corporation and, to do so, pay as low taxes required," Levey said. "If I were still in practice, I would still not advise my client to pay more in taxes than they are legally required."

Deficits are the fault of the government, Levey said, citing that the 2011 tax code was 72,530 pages and that America's inordinately high tax rate is 35 percent compared to the world average of 14 percent.

Milani called upon his

experience as an accountant to describe the tax situation for businesses.

"Taxes are [the] third or fourth largest expenditure of business after wages, salaries, materials and advertising," Milani said. "But here's the rest of the story ... they are telling you half-truths ... It is true that the corporate tax rate is 35 percent but no country hands out credits like we do ... The key is effective tax rate, which is 12 percent.

"And it makes my blood boil when [people representing corporations] go on talk radio and throw that number a lot."

Holt addressed corporations' taxes from a moral standpoint.

"Look to the principle maximum ... Society runs off of business and business runs off of society and business cannot succeed where society is failing," he said. "... There is a difference from not being in trouble and being exemplary."

The next lecture in the series will take place Sept. 30. The topic of the next lecture will be "Long Term Principles in a Short Term World," given by John Donovan, senior executive vice president of AT&T Technology and Network Operations.

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EMILY McCONVILLE | The Observe

Poet Daniel Tobin reads selections from his new book "The Net" at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Thursday. The Notre Dame Creative Writing Program invited Tobin to campus.

Poet reads from new book

By ANNE ARNASON News Writer

The Notre Dame Creative Writing Program hosted poet Daniel Tobin as he read from his new book "The Net" at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on Thursday night. Tobin has written five books of his own poems and has also edited a variety of other poets' work, including an Anthology of Irish American poets published by the Notre Dame Press.

Tobin said his new poems approach the serious issues of life, such as the grief that comes with the loss of children.

"[The Net] is a bit more philosophical and more urgently metaphysical ... it's not that dimension hasn't been there but I think it is more forcefully there," Tobin said. Tobin said he hopes his poetry challenges his readers.

"I'm a person who wants poetry to find a way into the urgent matters of why we're alive and still at the same time be open to other people and other people's experiences," he said. "I want it to be readable but I also want it to be emotionally challenging."

Tobin said he began writing poetry during high school, but it wasn't until his senior year of college when he found a community of people who pushed him to become the poet he is today.

"It took a long time to move from the original impetus of wanting to write poems that matter to get to the maturity to begin to write poems that had some artistic integrity to them," Tobin said.

Tobin said he uses a variety

of poetic structures, one of the most distinctive being the paradelle. The paradelle developed as a joke form by poet Billy Collins, and Tobin said he strove to create a poem using this structure that actually worked as a legitimate literary work. He did this in his poem, "Prayer," he said.

Tobin said the poetic ability to experiment with different literary forms, such as creating a legitimate poem in a joke form, comes from many years of hard work.

"I think what one needs to have is great, great persistence for the work and secondarily for getting it out there," he said "You have to be persistent in both cases."

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important thing is to talk to somebody."

Students at the event ranged from Notre Dame undergraduates and those living at Old College, the University's undergraduate seminary for the Congregation of the Holy Cross, to seminarians who had already completed their undergraduate degree.

Vincent Nguyen, a Notre

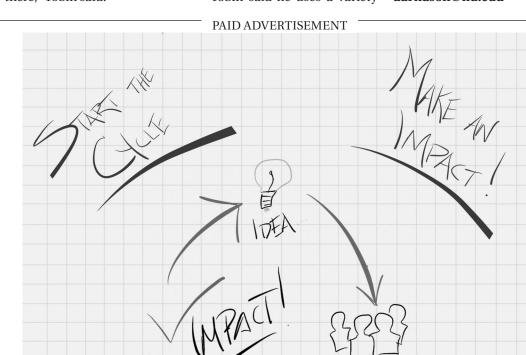
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Old College for the first three years," Nguyen said. "I'm still involved on campus."

In the past 10 to 15 years, vocations to the priesthood in America have increased, Gallgher said. At a Catholic university such as Notre Dame, those thinking about committing to life as a priest have many resources to help them in their discernment, he said.

"The sort of guys who might be thinking about a vocation will go to Notre Dame," he said. "At Notre Dame there are a lot of opportunities to deepen one's faith life."

However, a calling to the priesthood is not met without certain difficulties, he said.



Vincent Nguyen seminarian

Dame senior who currently lives in Moreau Seminary, said he recognized his vocation as early as freshman year.

"It was the community life and prayer life that brought it all together," Nguyen said.

As a seminarian, Nguyen said he is still an active member of the Notre Dame community and is able to balance the religious aspects of his life with academics and social activities.

"I've had practice with the balancing since I lived in "One of the biggest challenges is commitment," Gallagher said. "For young people today it's hard because there are so many things for them to commit to."

Gallagher said talking to one of the many priests and brothers on campus is a good way for young men to introduce themselves and discuss their vocation.

"My job is not to convince them to join the seminary," Gallagher said. "My job is to help them decide whether or not the seminary is right for them."

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The law does not absolve people of crimes such as "providing to a minor, operating while intoxicated or possession of a controlled substance," according to the law's website.

Brian Coughlin, associate vice president for student development, said he thinks the Lifeline Law is "fine" but should be unnecessary.

"I feel disappointed that it would be necessary, that folks would need some sort of policy or law to enable them to do the right thing for their fellow human being," Coughlin said.

Student body president Alex Coccia said student government approves of the Lifeline Law and considers it a helpful resource for students presented with alcoholrelated emergencies off campus.

"We made it very clear in our platform that medical amnesty in a broad sense is what we want to have included in University policy," Coccia said. "It's something that has come up many years in a row for students. It's something that students do feel strongly about. And I think it makes practical sense. I think that's why this Lifeline Law is so important."

Currently, Notre Dame does not have a medical amnesty policy granting immunity from disciplinary outcomes to students who seek medical attention for a friend or for the individual suffering from the emergency. If a Notre Dame student received immunity under the Lifeline Law in an off-campus scenario, Ryan Willerton, director of the Office of Community

Standards, said the student may still have to interact with his or her rector or representatives from Community Standards after the event.

"It's not a punitive system where we get a report and all of a sudden we go into investigative mode of 'What were you drinking? How much were you drinking? You're going to get in trouble. I need to figure out how much trouble' - that's not how it operates at all," Willerton said.

"It's about we get a name, we get a report, we want to talk to the student-tell us your perspective. And then we determine an appropriate outcome tailored to that individual based on the nature of their involvement with that incident [and] their conduct history at the University, the same as the other schools that have medical amnesty policies."

Willerton said there are three disciplinary status outcomes for students: probation, temporary dismissal and permanent dismissal.

If a student's name is released to the University after he or she receives immunity under the Lifeline Law, it is unlikely that the student will suffer any disciplinary outcomes, he said.

"There's only three disciplinary status outcomes. Everything else is educational, formative and developmental. That's the key," Willerton said. "So is a student on a first time intoxication where they helped another friend going to be temporarily dismissed? No. Are they going to be put on disciplinary probation? Probably not."

Trent said not all incidents

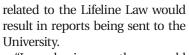
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"In a classic case, there would not necessarily be any report generated," Trent said. "In a situation where the fire department medics were called to assist an ill party, whether or not there would be police response to begin with would be a question. There's a lot of circumstances where we'll encounter somebody and if there's basically no criminal activity, i.e. we're going to use the Lifeline Law in this case, there's not going to be a report generated - no citations, no report, nothing."

However, if SBPD breaks up a loud house party but does not issue citations, a report could still be sent to the University that includes the names of the house's owners, Trent said.

"We're enormously busy on a football game Saturday, let's say. An officer or two get dispatched to an off-campus house for a loud party. We get there, we note that it's a large party, it's very loud, it's annoying the neighbors," he said.

"We might make a report and in that report we would cite that there were numerous people there that appeared intoxicated and these are the principal renters of the house and ostensibly the people who were hosting the party. Their names may be included in the report and that's all that we would do, and we'd go back into service because we're super busy, without issuing citations, without even breaking the party up."

Trent said Indiana State Excise Police often issue their own citations, but the names of all parties involved might not necessarily reach the University.

"Even if [excise police] issued 50 citations, 50 names would not go into the South Bend Police Report," Trent said. "Perhaps only a few names, those being the residents of that property would probably go into the report and potentially 50, 75, 100 other people wouldn't be noted."

If the University does receive word of a student's involvement in a situation falling under the Lifeline Law, Coughlin said the motivation behind meeting with students after such an incident is to prevent future medical emergencies.

"We don't want to miss out on the opportunity to have an educational conversation with that student. You made a really good decision at the end of the night to say, 'my friend's in medical distress. I'm going to call someone for help,' but how many other incidents throughout that evening could you or someone else have made a different decision that would've led to a different result where that student was not in a medical emergency?" he said.

Coccia said student government's lobbying for a medical amnesty policy at Notre Dame is also aimed at prevention.

"We're focused on prevention, and we want to make sure, whether because it's policy and or culture, that students are taking care of each other," he said. "Whenever someone's intoxicated, it's going to impair judgment and we want to provide every opportunity to do the right thing and to help friends if help is needed."

Standards' new reporting policy should appease students worried about their futures.

"It seemed to me that one of the major drivers of [a medical amnesty policy] was this idea of my permanent record or what was reported other places, and I believe that we've significantly addressed that through our records reporting policy," he said. "... The only thing that we report to other entities, whether they be graduate schools or bar associations or licensing groups, is those three disciplinary outcomes. And so if the excuse is, from a student, 'Well I didn't seek medical attention or help for my fellow student because I was worried about my med school application,' that's no longer an excuse that is valid."

Willerton said Community Standards' new disciplinary model also negates the need for a medical amnesty policy.

"Within Community Standards, we look at every student as an individual, and that goes back to the new model that we have," he said. "So the conversations we have with students are really dependent on their past conduct history and really the nature of the incident, so it's not an 'if, then' type of situation."

Coccia said medical amnesty is a big part of his and vice president Nancy Joyce's platform, and they intend to bring up the issue with Campus Life Council.

"I view this as an issue of inclusion, where we want to make sure students are feeling safe on campus," he said.

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Coughlin said Community

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Sharpe, who leads a teaching team for the CSC's one-credit seminar on hyper-incarceration, said the authors' book forces readers to think critically about the issue.

"[The authors] challenge us to understand that hyper-incarceration is not a problem to be solved," she said. "Because it harms so many people, they are asking us to understand that it is an expression of oppression that lives in us and through us as long as we remain oblivious to the meanings and values that are still attached to whiteness in this culture."

As the discussion continued, Cassidy, associate professor of Christian ethics at Marywood University in Scranton, Penn., asked the group questions about race.

implications of the feeling.

"As white people [we should be] able to explore that fear and say, 'Isn't it interesting that for many of us we have grown up with that inside of us?" Cassidy said. "So incarceration isn't just out there. It makes sense because it's internalized. For all of us, I would ask you, do we have ways in society of meaningfully examining those kinds of representations ... that can be inside of us?"

Mikulich, research fellow on race and poverty at the Jesuit Social Research Institution at Loyola University in New Orleans, asked the audience to think about how that nervousness brings about the hyper-incarceration of people of color and what that does to society.

"[The justice system is] a system that for over 30 years has been ripping communities apart and particularly ripping apart communities of color – dividing spouses from each other, children from parents and caregivers," Mikulich said. "It's been absolutely destructive." Pfeil said the authors hope there would be more safe spaces to discuss this topic in the future. "This is a very basic theological challenge," Pfeil said. "If we say that we believe in the creation of every person in the image and likeness of God, and therefore every person is a subject of human dignity, how do we create space in our society then that really takes that seriously?"



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"I want to ask you honestly," Cassidy said. "You're walking down the street at night ... and as a woman I'm going to say this for the females here. You're walking down the street and you see three black men come forward ... How do you feel? Would [you] feel more or less afraid if they were white guys?"

Cassidy said she would feel nervous in this situation.

"We're socialized every single day to feel nervous of black guys walking down the street," she said.

Cassidy said the authors' hope is that out of that nervousness, the community can enter into discussion and contemplation about the

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INSIDE COLUMN

Balance creativity

Annemarie Loessberg News Writer

As a fiction writer, I disappear into the other worlds of my own creation and let the characters tell me their stories on a daily basis. I started seriously writing in sixth grade and ever since high school, I have found science class to always be the best time to guarantee quality-writing time. But I routinely suffer from writer's block. This year I am afraid it may get even worse, especially since I have my science requirements out of the way. My characters have stopped talking to me no matter how hard I try to listen.

I can set aside however much time I want in order to write, it just doesn't happen. You can't schedule creativity time. I look forward to a time when the words rush down my arm, through my fingers and into my favorite purple pen to finally get the stories onto paper. But at the same time, the creative part of my brain doesn't respond to demands.

Last semester, my writer's block disappeared two weeks before finals and I spent three days locked up in my room with my friends forcing me to take breaks in order to eat. They endured my squeals and shrieks as a fabulous new thought appeared in my head and luckily I didn't have a roommate because I didn't sleep all weekend. I was happy. But my writer's block reappeared in time for me to focus on my exams.

I wish I could tell my brain to imagine great things on demand because having a well-balanced creative and academic life would probably do loads towards my general well-being. But as it is, I suffer from a common college student "problem". School just sometimes gets in the way.

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American exceptionalism

Steven Begakis Viewpoint Columnist

When President Obama addressed the nation concerning a potential conflict in Syria he appealed to the exceptional nature of the American polity saying,

"I believe we should act. That's what makes America different. That's what makes us exceptional."

To this the former KGB operative and Russian strongman Vladimir Putin responded with mocking chastisement in an oped to the New York Times,

"It is extremely dangerous to encourage people to see themselves as exceptional, whatever the motivation. There are big countries and small countries, rich and poor, those with long democratic traditions and those still finding their way to democracy. Their policies differ, too. We are all different, but when we ask for the Lord's blessings, we must not forget that God created us equal."

This would be hysterical were it not breathtakingly obtuse. The United States was the first country in the history of man to, from it's first moment as a nation — it's Declaration of Independence — declare as axiomatic and upon which establish its forms of government, that all men are created equal. That is one of the things that makes us exceptional.

What moral authority does Mr. Putin have to lecture the United States on the equality of man? Over the last 150 years the United States has been freed slaves, empowered discriminated minorities and liberated oppressed peoples from tyrants. Meanwhile, Communist Russia has subjected its own citizens to misery, slavery, terror and death.

To be sure, America is not without sin. The American Left is quick to point out that the United States, which so boldly declared God's sovereign gift of life and liberty to all men, systematically denied those rights to African slaves. The United States imposed segregation, denied voting rights to Black citizens, interned Japanese citizens and so on and so forth. These are all important observations that miss the point entirely. American exceptionalism is not the doctrine that the American people are, or always have been, better, smarter or morally superior to than any other people. It is not the doctrine that our young society and innovative system of government is entirely unique and the only system worthy of approbation. It is not the doctrine that the American experiment is sinless, faultless or even progressing

unceasingly toward the perfect embodiment of liberty and justice.

Quite the contrary. From the trials and tribulations of the first settlers to the titanic political struggles of the present day, Americans have sought imperfectly to ensure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity. The American Republic has on many occasions teetered and nearly collapsed, just as it is teetering today.

In the Civil War 625,000 men died to address our nation's original sin of slavery. In the Progressive era, American socialists openly advocated for a communist or fascist form of government. Today the nation is \$17 trillion in debt, with \$90 trillion in unfunded liabilities so burdened with debt that there is not enough money in the entire world to pay it off — and the political class that fashioned the crisis refuses to solve it.

Yet despite our failings, Americans have always had a sense that our republic is exceptional, that it is uniquely superior to every alternative. From John Winthrop to President Reagan, Americans have revered their country as a "city on a hill," a force for good and a political example for the nations. This moral confidence took shape at the founding of our nation. The delegates who gathered at the Constitutional Convention crafted what they knew to be the most remarkable charter of liberty ever established by mankind — a constitution more respectful of individual liberty than any to come before it.

The American founders saw themselves as conservatives affecting a renaissance of Western liberty. Their revolution was based on the premise that the king of Great Britain was usurping and destroying their civil society in order to claim for himself despotic powers over their liberty and property. They first and foremost sought to preserve their rights as Englishmen and in drafting the U.S. Constitution, the framers looked to the ancient Greek, Roman and Italian republics as models, drawing on the wisdom of Locke and Montesquieu for guidance in shaping their new government. The great accomplishments of the American republic can all find an antecedent in history. Written constitutions date back to the civil charters of the Middle Ages. Divided government was posited by Montesquieu. The rule of law, equality under the law, representative government and federalism were first accomplished by the Greeks and Romans. A society based on natural law was established by the Hebrews in the ancient nation of Israel.

Property rights, individual sovereignty and negative liberties enumerated in a Bill of Rights were staples of British citizenship. The notion of selfgovernment, that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, is as an ideal as old as human history.

But America distilled, unified and codified these truths, mining the vast treasures of human experience to put together a system of maximum individual freedom consistent with order. The American experiment is exceptional in this sense. To read the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, it is difficult to comprehend a system and set of ideals that, if perfectly implemented, would realize a greater measure of freedom without resulting in impracticable anarchy.

Furthermore, the American people have been, historically speaking, remarkably devoted to their Constitution and the liberty it guarantees. We are the "land of the free," the home of the rugged individual, the citizen soldier, the yeoman farmer, the Western settler, the immigrant entrepreneur and the liberator of slaves and foreign peoples wasting away under the evils of tyranny. We abolished slavery at great cost. We resisted the totalitarian, Marxist-Leninist ideologies of modernity. We secured the civil rights of historically persecuted minorities. We freed Europe, South Korea, South Vietnam (for a time) and many others from totalitarians. We tore down the Iron Curtain.

The fact that some nations have sought to follow our example is a testament to our exceptionalism. The vast majority of human experience throughout history has been one of misery, suffering and servitude under tyrannical governments, but America ushered the world into an age of enlightenment and prosperity once properly relegated to apocalyptic prophesy and fevered imaginations. In his "A Time for Choosing" speech, Ronald Reagan warned that we will either "preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on Earth, or we will sentence them to take the first steps into a thousand years of darkness." That is because our Constitution and our civil society are exceptional. There is no other nation that has so dutifully carried the torch of liberty into the modern world. If we surrender that duty now, who will be there to take our place?

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VIEWPOINT

A proper perspective

Gabriel Griggs Softening, Reconciling and Forgiving

One of my favorite hobbies is shopping at thrift stores. Growing up here in South Bend, I think I have been to just about every Goodwill and Salvation Army in the area, as well as the new Saint Vincent de Paul store on State Road 23. I have been very fortunate to often find the exact item that I have been looking for — a suit, leather boots, dress shoes, belts, shirts and sweaters. The items are not perfect by any means, but they are certainly suitable and are about as good as anything I could buy new. This happens to me so often that I wonder if there is an element of providence in my thrift shopping.

Certainly there is a great amount of luck involved in thrifting and I appreciate thinking of thrifting mathematically in terms of probability. But given the high frequency with which the exact item I seek emerges, it is difficult to pin this on mere chance. This past summer for example, my brown leather dress shoes fell apart and I needed a new pair. Sure enough, I went to Saint Vincent de Paul and found a pair of high-quality, leather-soled dress shoes that were in great shape. Chance or providence? I'm not sure, but I sense that part of my 'luck' in thrifting is a product of my expectations going in. I never expect to find what I need. So when these things emerge — and fit! — it is easy to see them as small blessings.

Our experiences are more often than not shaped by our expectations. This applies across our lives. If we have improperly ordered expectations, we are going to be frustrated with reality. To expect perfect relationships, an easy 4.0 GPA or offers from every job to which we apply would be improperly ordered and reality will almost certainly disappoint these expectations. But this disappointment does not exist only in the realm of our frivolous desires. On a deeper level, expectations frustrated by reality often beget a great sense of despair and anger. This is the sort of anger that accompanies the unexpected death of a loved one. It is reasonable to expect your parents to live through your college graduation. But what happens when this does not align with reality? What happens when we are confronted with an untimely death?

My father was born with a congenital heart defect and required open-heart surgery when he was six years old. That surgery had a 50 percent chance of survival. He beat those odds, but with the hypoglycemia and seizures he experienced as he got older, my father was told to expect to live to be 40 years old. He lived to be 50 and he was blessed with three healthy children. It is not difficult to see God's hand in all of this. Nor is it difficult to see the many blessings that are a result of my father's time on this earth. In order to see these gifts, a shift in perspective is required. Instead of 'only living to be 50,' it becomes 'being blessed with 10 years longer than expected.' Nor can we expect any of the great gifts with which we have been blessed such as life, health, talents, family and friends. These are incredible gifts that cannot be taken for granted.

This perspective shift allowed me to better understand and deal with my father's passing. It continues to be a great lesson. In Genesis, man is made in the image and likeness of a loving Creator who "knit us in our mother's wombs." When we understand that we are created beings our expectations become properly ordered. Everything that we have can be traced back to our Creator. In this sense we can see God moving over all, "softening, reconciling and forgiving" as Zosima teaches us in the Brothers Karamazov. This orientation towards gratitude leads us to more fully appreciate God's sacrifice of his only son. Thus, on the one hand, we are filled with a great sense of wonder at our creation and a great sense of unworthiness — "What is man that you are mindful of him?" But on the other hand, in Christ we have the greatest assurance of God's love and this is our greatest hope.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support the queens of the ACC

This past weekend I had the privilege of attending the Notre Dame Women's Soccer Team's inaugural ACC conference matches on their swing through North Carolina's Research Triangle. A similar privilege is available to each of you no fewer than six more times in 2013 when the team competes at Alumni Stadium.

We, The Notre Dame Family, are blessed in many ways. In the time since I first arrived on campus I've come to recognize the women's soccer program as one of these blessings. Through the years the program continues to cycle through young women that work hard to compete at the highest level while consistently representing the University with class.

Last Sunday the team staged a wildly entertaining battle with defending National Champion and No. 1

ranked North Carolina (UNC). With an all-time record of 750-50-29 and 21 National Championships, the Tar Heels are the standard against which all other women's soccer programs are measured. Few other collegiate teams — in any sport — rival the consistent success UNC achieves on the soccer field.

On Sunday our Fighting Irish registered a 1-0 victory, their sixth win over the Tar Heels in program history while moving to 5-2 all-time at Fetzer Field. Those six wins are two more than any other program has over UNC and the 5-2 record at Fetzer field is almost unimaginable given UNC has lost only 16 home matches in its history.

More than 3,000 fans showed up in Chapel Hill Sunday to watch the match. As the holder of a

graduate degree from UNC, I can confirm this level of support is typical. In 2011, Notre Dame averaged around 1,500 fans per home match. We can be better.

I encourage all of you to take advantage of the remaining home matches. If your studies are an obstacle, know that one of your 2014 valedictorian candidates has not missed a match in her four years. She attends as a player. Please attend as fans and honor the effort these young women put in to represent us all so well. Go Irish.

> Matthew Meyer Alumnus Class of 2000 Sept. 19





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Kevin Noonan Scene Editor

I'm not a cool guy.

I buy music on iTunes sometimes. I've asked three different people to explain to me what Molly is in the last six months and I still don't totally get it. I use the word dope a lot. Like, way too much. You get the point.

I preface this column with that for two reasons. First, Scene had a story fall through at the last minute on Wednesday night and I don't have enough time or energy to come up with a cleverer preface.

Wow, what an insightful, Aaron Sorkin-esque behind-the-scenes look at the life of the editor of the least read section of a daily college newspaper; where's my money HBO?

The second reason I share this is simple; it takes one to know one. I'm not cool, and as a result I find I sometimes have an almost clairvoyant sense of the otherwise elusive concept of the uncool.

Any frat star with a pastel popped collar polo and rainbow colored croakies to hold up their sunglasses can tell you that cargo shorts aren't cool. But can that same future attendee of his company's mandated intolerance in the workplace seminar (I made this guy up, not you, gosh darn it; he can do darn well whatever I say he does) tell you the same beat up Jeep on which he recently spent \$750 to upgrade the speaker system will no longer be cool in the very near future? Bet not.

But take my word for it. In his not so distant, likely underemployed future souped up Jeeps, not cool; gas efficient yet structurally dope (told you) cars, much cooler.

All of this is leading me into the meat of this column a list of things that I've contemplated for varying degrees of time and have determined to be uncool. You might agree, you might disagree; doesn't shake me much either way. Here we go.

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1. Parody Twitter Accounts

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Will Ferrell does not have a twitter account. I don't think he ever has. And I don't know the man personally, but based on what I've seen and heard from him, I doubt he would ever tweet, "Just because I can't sing doesn't mean I won't sing," which is one of the many tweets sent out Wednesday from the twitter account @itsWillyFerrell, which has 1,472,081 followers as of Wednesday evening. Not only do the tweets not sound like him, the account goes by the name "Not Will Ferrell" and identifies itself as a parody account.

The same goes for any number of other celebrities or film and television characters, and none of them are funny or interesting or at all unique. And even if they only existed and people followed them, fine, whatever. But the next person I see retweet an "inspirational" quote from Alan Garner, @WolfpackAlan, about alcohol or hangovers or life will get a sharp and swift kick to the unfollow pile.

2. Facebook

A million dollars isn't cool. You know what's cool? Not posting about whatever social or political causes you just heard about in one of your classes or from one article in the New Yorker and of which you are now an avowed champion. I use Facebook for purely judgmental purposes at this point, which I know isn't cool either, but if people would stop posting depressing monologues about their lives or overly edited selfies of themselves, I wouldn't have anything left to judge, would I?

You know why Twitter took off? Because you only get to air your beef for 140 characters, at which point I can keep on going with my life without having to scroll through three paragraphs about your feelings on Kony. He's a bad dude; we all get it. Also, since society has implicitly adhered to the idea that favorites on Twitter are more valuable than likes on Facebook, I don't have to throw you a pity favorite if you tweet out the link to your study abroad blog to make you think I read it.

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3. 26.2 Bumper Stickers

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Oh did you run a marathon? That's awesome. Good for you. I see you also have an honor student at a local middle school and endorse the word "coexist."

You know what your "bumper sticker" should be if you want people to know you ran a marathon? The fact that you look like you had the athletic ability to run a marathon, not a black and white sticker that goes in the same place where guys in Ford pick up trucks have images of Calvin from Calvin and Hobbes urinating on the Chevy logo.

And also aren't you kind of a hypocrite, oh ye of such bodily superiority, since you're driving to your destination right now? If you really deserved to have one of those stickers you'd plan out your trips to the grocery store weeks in advance and carb up the night before, then strap on your overpriced running shoes and your Under Armour spandex shorts and Nike Dri-Fit shirt and run your butt there.

But then you have the classic "public validation" catch-22; in order to really earn the bumper sticker, you wouldn't have a car. So what to do? Here are a few options — the tops of your feet, your left buttock or your forehead. Good luck on your next long distance self punishment adventure!

All right, that just about does it. No wait, one more thing — crocs. Okay I'm done.

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By JOHN DARR Scene Writer

You know that kid who starts all the parties and dances on the tables and orders everyone pizza Animal Collective, M83 and Cut Copy. They've made a name – and a good one.

It's been three years since "Subiza". But now that kid who started all the parties, who ordered all those pizzas, who sang along to all those songs – he's zoned out in the corner, sunken

into an armchair, chilling out.

Because Delorean's new album, "Apar," doesn't even try to reach the heights of its predecessor. The explosive energy has been replaced with laid-back atmosphere and soft hooks. The punchy drums and riffs are gone, replaced by soft synths and reverb-laden bad record. It's great hangout, adventuring sort of music – think Rusted Root's song in Ice Age that goes, "Send me on my way," and just kind of grooves along. "Apar" is a smiling friend putting a hand what "Apar" attempts to do, and they've done it better.

But Delorean's still a young band – this is only their second release. They could go anywhere from here. For now we just bob

and sings along to all your favorite songs with you?

That was Delorean's last album, "Subiza" – a joyful kid bursting with energy. "Subiza" boasted enough tropical dancefloor anthems to last you and your friends through the night and into the morning.

Two insanely catchy singles from the album, "Stay Close" and "Real Love", got enough blog love to catapult Delorean out of their local Spanish club scene and onto the international stage.

Since then, they've toured across America and played at Pitchfork music fest. Their combination of high-energy dance music and smooth harmonies has drawn comparisons to SAM COUGHLIN | The Observer



guitars. There are no dance floor anthems here, just 80's-esque stargazing jams and chilled grooves. Sure, the pulsing drumbeats are there, and in many ways it still feels like a dance album, but try dancing to it and you'll soon find there's just not much energy there. That's not to say it's a completely

on your shoulder.

Most of the tracks, smooth and cheerful, have an uncanny ability to lull a listener into a good mood. On "Unhold" and "Your Face", beautiful female vocals paired with flowing hooks take the album to a few unexpected heights. If nothing else, "Apar" sports many friendly atmospheres just waiting to complete sunny days. In the end, "Apar" is still a slight disappointment – a step in a safe direction for a band that seemed to burst with excitement and potential. Delorean now falls closer to the likes of chillwave artists like Wild Nothing, and Washed

Out, and to be honest, those

two bands have already done

our heads, smile and hope the next path leads somewhere new and exciting.

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"**Apar"** Delorean

Label: True Panther

Tracks: "Unhold," "Beautiful Face"

If you like: Wild Nothing, Washed Out

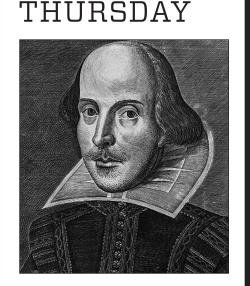


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WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR SATURDAY



What: "Othello" Where: Washington Hall When: 7:30 How Much: \$12

The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival's Actors from the London Stage present Shakespeare's classic tragedy, "Othello." The self-directed actors use minimal props and stage pieces in order to let the power of the language tell the story, and with a story as powerful as Othello, the show promises to be a good one.

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What: Audra McDonald Where: DPAC When: 3:00 How Much: \$15

Five-time Tony Award winning soprano singer Audra McDonald brings her musical super-talent to DPAC Sunday. McDonald has appeared in musicals such as "Ragtime," "A Raisin in the Sun" and "Porgy and Bess," as well as starring in the ABC television drama "Private Practice."

What: "I'm So Excited" Where: DPAC When: 7:30 and 9:30 How Much: \$4

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center brings "I'm So Excited" to campus this week, a light comedy from critically acclaimed Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar. The film follows a plane full of bizarre passengers and crew on a flight that could very well end all of their lives. It's a return to comedy for Almodóvar after a decade of serious films, one of which, "Talk to Her," won him the 2002 Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay.

What: Football Where: Notre Dame Stadium When: 3:30 How Much: Free (with a ticket)

It looks like there's pretty much nothing going on this Saturday on campus, except for that whole Notre Dame vs. Michigan State game. Go Irish. Suck it Spartans.



Bv DAN BROMBACH Scene Writer

Oftentimes, when people hear that a band is classified as "indie rock," they either flee in terror or lock themselves in a bomb shelter with a copy of Ronald Reagan's autobiography.

Have no fear. "AM," the fifth

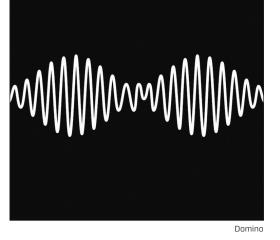
independent label to record five consecutive No. 1 albums.

'AM' definitely sounds like a chart-topping album during its first few tracks. "Do I Wanna Know?" and "R U Mine?" are rewarding listens that will have your head nodding and your feet stomping in no time.

Just make sure your friends

starts as the Boston Red Sox, it ends as the Houston Astros. If it starts as the Miami Heat, it ends as WNBA's 10-win powerhouse, the Connecticut Sun.

So, I guess my main criticism of



of their earlier albums, specifically "Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not," before giving "AM" a try.

Although not the Arctic Monkey's best effort to date, "AM" shows us once again that everything Britain lacks in dental hygiene and the ability to win revolutionary wars, it makes up in producing unique, groundbreaking rock music that people of all tastes can enjoy.

studio album released by the Arctic Monkeys, may fall under the heading of indie rock, but it packs a punch that makes it well worth a listen for fans of all musical tastes. Believe me when I say that 'AM' is not just for beret enthusiasts to listen to on their Zunes while long boarding to the nearest vegetable co-op.

For those unfamiliar, the Arctic Monkeys are a highly talented five-man band hailing from Sheffield, United Kingdom. Their unique sound and fast paced tempo, layered with the thick English accent of lead singer Alex Turner, have vaulted them to fame around the world. In fact, the Arctic Monkeys are the first band signed to an

aren't around to laugh and pelt you with garbage when it happens.

"One for the Road," the album's third track, is yet another solid offering. Its pulsing drums and synthesized guitar riffs are strongly reminiscent of The Black Keys, another popular "indie" band that hails not from England but from the city of lights, city of angels and capital of the free world: Akron, Ohio.

"AM" explodes out of the gate, even if the word "explode" may be too "edgy" and "Republican" for many people who listen to indie rock. However, the album grows disconcertingly thin in musical content after its fifth track has come and gone. If 'AM'

"AM" is that it slows down and grows stale at times. A rolling stone gathers no moss, but "AM's" second half jams up the album just long

enough for a slight layer of mediocrity to accumulate.

What I used to love about the Arctic Monkeys, what made me buy their earlier albums and become a fan of theirs in the first place, was the frenetic style and energy they packed into seemingly every song. Their music used to be loud and crazy, used to make you want to do something rebellious or stupid, which at Notre Dame can be defined as holding your girlfriend's hand in

broad daylight, skipping Mass to do homework or entering the first floor men's bathroom in DeBartolo Hall without a gas mask.

It's the absence of that fun, fast-paced style that drops "AM" from a great to a good album in mv eves.

Don't get me wrong, "AM" is definitely worth a listen and a download. However, for those new to the Arctic Monkeys, I would suggest starting with one

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"AM"

Arctic Monkeys

Label: Domino

Tracks: "Do I Wanna Know," "R U Mine," "One for the Road"

If you like: The Black Keys, The Strokes

SPORTS AUTHORITY

Gordon's hot start merits attention



Aaron Sant-Miller 15 carries, scoring two touch-

Unless you have decided to keep the television off for the last few days to focus on tests or made the executive decision not to watch ESPN so as to avoid more Johnny Manziel talk, you have seen the controversial end to Arizona State's win over No. 24 Wisconsin (They were ranked No. 20 at the time of the game).

Sports Writer

To make a long story short, Wisconsin had the ball, down two, at Arizona State's 13-yard line with less than 20 seconds left in the game. In an effort to center the ball to make the impending game-winning field goal easier, Wisconsin quarterback Joel Stave took the snap, ran to the middle of the field and placed the ball on the ground. Stave, by doing so, effectively gave himself up and the officials ruled the play a dead ball. Yet, Arizona State did not get the memo and dove on the football, treating it like a fumble. With the clock still running and the officials trying to pull players off the ball, Wisconsin's lackadaisical attitude got the best of them and time expired, leaving them down two and giving Arizona State a win over an Top 25 opponent.

If you haven't seen the clip of this yet, I'm sure you will. It will go down as one of the strangest plays in this college football season and maybe even this calendar year.

Frankly, I'm rather perturbed the game ended in this manner. No, not because I have any attachment whatsoever to Wisconsin or any animosity toward Arizona State. In fact, if anything, it helps Notre Dame's strength of schedule that Arizona State pulled out the miraculous win.

No, this controversial play bothers me simply because it steals the spotlight from a player who has been the most exciting ball carrier in college football through the first three games. In just three weeks, the Badgers sophomore running back Melvin Gordon has accumulated 477 rushing yards on only 37 carries. Nope, that's not a typo. In the first two weeks, Wisconsin ran all over both UMass and Tennessee Tech, beating them a combined 93-0 (can you say mercy rule?). Sure, neither UMass nor Tennessee Tech will be recognized as a top team any time soon, but Gordon was still able to gain 284 yards on only 22 carries. Those are gaudy numbers, no matter who you're playing. Yet, against a much sturdier Arizona State defensive front, Gordon put on his best show, racking up 193 yards on only

downs. The sophomore back had four runs of at least 30 yards, making big plays left and right.

Overshadowed by current Denver Broncos back Montee Ball last year. Gordon had a solid 2012 campaign as well, cruising to 621 yards on only 62 carries. For all you math majors out there, yes, that's 10 yards a carry.

Ten yards a carry? That's scrub work for Gordon in 2013. In all three games, he has averaged over 11 yards a carry, with a season average of 12.9. Fast fact: no other player in the top-30 for rushing yards through three games has a higher yard per carry average.

This kid is insane. Right now, in my book, Gordon is right up there with Manziel as one of the most exciting players in college football. If he keeps up this pace throughout the year, Gordon will rush for 1,908 yards ... on only 148 carries.

For Gordon, sure, some tougher matchups loom ahead. This weekend, Wisconsin hosts a Purdue defense that stymied the Irish running game last week. After Purdue, the Badgers travel to No. 4 Ohio State before hosting No. 18 Northwestern. Still, if Gordon can keep putting up numbers like this for the next three weeks, prepare to hear Heisman chants from Camp Randall Stadium.

Naysayers will go on with the "he-hasn't-played-any-realteams-yet" speech. Whoops, I forgot to mention, before facing Wisconsin, Arizona State was only giving up 51 rushing yards a game. Gordon nearly quadrupled that himself.

Dear haters, just give it time. Three weeks from now, he will have run against some indisputably good rushing defenses. If he disappears, well I'll look like a clown, but that's not going to happen.

I mean, I guess it makes running the ball easier when the

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Belles prep for tough conference slate

By SAMANTHA ZUBA Sports Writer

The Belles head to Holland, Mich., on Friday to take on No. 5 Hope and return home to challenge No. 1 Calvin on Saturday in two tough MIAA conference matches.

The Belles (5-6, 3-2 MIAA) are prepared for the challenge, according to Belles coach Toni Elyea.

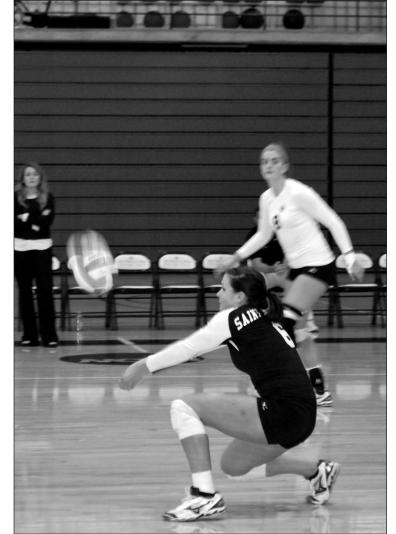
"We are focused on playing the best volleyball and being the best when it is needed," Elyea said. "We are so excited to have such great teams playing in our conference and we believe that we are up for the challenge."

Hope (12-1, 3-1 MIAA) runs a fast offense that has outhit opponents 564 kills to 364 this season. But the Flying Dutch don't just attack often-they hit accurately. Hope has a .287 team attacking percentage. Junior outside hitter Jenna Grasmeyer averages 4.15 kills per game to drive Hope's offense.

If Saint Mary's serves with precision and power, the Belles can confuse the Flying Dutch in transition and slow down their offense, Elyea said.

"Our defense this season has been great when we are transitioning well, however it still needs to be faster," Elyea said. "Hope will be running a very fast offense so we will need to continue working on our serving to challenge them as much as possible."

Calvin (13-0, 5-0 MIAA) handed Hope its only loss of the season Tuesday in a 3-0 sweep. The Knights run a high-powered offense with physical players at the net, and Calvin has 84 blocks this season, compared to 46 for opponents.



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Junior libero Meredith Mersits digs a shot during the Belles' 3-2 victory over Kalamazoo on September 3. 2012.

Saint Mary's will need to challenge the Knights at the net and showcase its best ball-handling skills, Elyea said. Junior middle hitter Melanie Kuczek is the Belles' strongest blocking threat with 29 of 52 total blocks for Saint Mary's.

"Calvin has very tall, physical players," Elyea said. "Our ball control and offense will have to be very efficient on Saturday to beat them."

The hitting talent of Hope and Calvin will test the Belles' defense, but Saint Mary's has adjusted well to playing out of system during transition play this season. According to Elyea, this will be one of the biggest strengths for her team this weekend.

The bottom line, Elyea said, is each player must play to the best of her ability.

"We will need to go out onto the court and focus on each point as an opportunity to get better," Elyea said. "It is going to take every single player to come up with their best game to beat both of these teams this weekend."

Saint Mary's faces off against Hope on Friday at 7 p.m. in Holland, Mich., and against Calvin on Saturday at 12 p.m. at home.

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average offensive lineman in front of you is over 6-foot-6 and 321 pounds. At the same time, it doesn't hurt to have legitimate 4.5 speed and a 40-inch vertical. That's not explosive or anything.

Next time Stave decides to lose track of time, drop the football and effectively throw the game, stop jabbering and look at the box score. Then, prepare to tip your hat to the most explosive and exciting back in college football.

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Rosenbaum notches shutout in draw

By A.J. GOUDEAUX Sports Writer

Might as well call Saint Mary's junior goalkeep-Chanler Rosenbaum er "Stonewall."

Thanks to Rosenbaum's career-high 13 saves, the Belles were able to hang on for a 0-0 draw in extra time against Calvin on Wednesday despite being outshot 21-9 by the Knights (4-1-1, 1-1-1 MIAA).

"Chanler had such a great game," senior midfielder Mollie Valencia said. "She just made clutch save after clutch save."

the 18-yard box sailed toward the upper right corner of the goal, but Rosenbaum was somehow able to get a fist on it and punch it over the crossbar. Then, facing a flurry of Knights shots as time ticked down late in regulation, an almost identical shot looked like it was going to dip under the crossbar until Rosenbaum, again, punched it out of play.

in the 25th minute, when a

Knights shot from just inside

"Those two saves were incredible," Valencia said. "We all thought they were going in, but somehow she got a hand on it. ... That kept us in One of those saves occurred the game."

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Although the Knights held a large shot advantage, Valencia said it wasn't a onesided game, adding that the Belles without a doubt played on par with preseason MIAA favorite Calvin and had their fair share of chances. In particlar, Valencia mentioned one opportunity in the tenth minute when sophomore midfielder Maggie McLaughlin fired a pointblank shot that was saved by Calvin junior goalkeeper Ashton Hearn. Valencia's rebound bid was then blocked.

"We played a much better game offensively than it might look like on paper," Valencia said. "We kept possession and played crisply, and we were able to create chances, just not as many chances as we'd like, and the ones we did create we didn't finish like we can. Still, we're happy with the result."

It doesn't get any easier for the Belles (2-4-1, 0-2-1) moving forward. After taking on the third- and firstplace preseason MIAA picks in Alma and Calvin the past two games, respectively, Saint Mary's squares off against Hope on Saturday. The Flying Dutch, picked to finish second in the MIAA, have won their first seven games to start the year,

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Sophomore midfielder Maggie McLaughlin dribbles upfield against Illinois Tech during the Belles' 4-1 victory on Sept. 2.

including their first four to start the conference season.

"We had a bad time against Alma on Saturday, losing 4-0, but we really played well today," Valencia said. "If we can play like that, we'll be fine. And really, if we can convert our chances, there's no reason we can't beat [Hope]."

"These last three teams — Alma, Calvin and Hope — were the top three finishers last year in the MIAA," Valencia said. "They didn't get any worse this year, and we have to play our best against them. But we look forward to that."

The Belles take on the Flying Dutch at home Saturday at noon.

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Conversely, the Orange have been held scoreless in their past three games. Sophomore forward Erin Simon leads the Orange with four goals on the season. Despite Syracuse's recent lack of scoring, Waldrum believes the Orange offense still poses a threat.

"I expect [Syracuse] to come in ... fully loaded and ready to play," Waldrum said. "I would honestly almost prefer teams coming in here coming off of wins, as opposed to coming off a loss. There's

... a desperation for those teams, when you've lost a couple games, you've got to really salvage your season, and what better way than to come in and pull an upset Thursday night. I think we have to be prepared for whatever they throw at us " On the other side of the ball the Irish will face a tough challenge in Syracuse senior goaltender Brittany Anghel. Anghel has played every minute at goalie this year for the Orange, and has 21 saves. Challenging her will be the Irish offense led by freshman midfielder Morgan Andrews and junior forward Lauren Bohaboy. Andrews headed in Notre Dame's lone goal against the Tar Heels, her fourth of the season, and Bohaboy leads the Irish with five goals. Sophomore forward Crystal Thomas also plays an integral role, chipping in a goal and a team-leading seven assists.

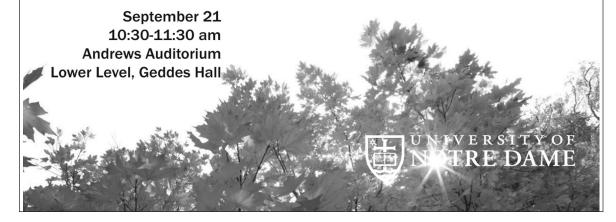
While the lone goal by Andrews was enough to best North Carolina, the Irish were outshot 18-5. Waldrum believes this ratio will need to improve if the Irish are going to continue their winning wavs.

"We want to create more, that was the one disappointing part of the game Sunday, that we didn't create more opportunities than we did," Waldrum said. "Looking ahead to the rest of the ACC games, we have to be better offensively than we were on Sunday. But I do think we're getting there and making some strides."

Syracuse is no stranger to Alumni Stadium, but Thursday will be its first visit as a member of the ACC. Waldrum is hoping the home crowd is ready to welcome the Orange as loudly and rudely as possible. "I hope the fans really come out, I know we're going to try to white out the stadium," Waldrum said. "I know there's 750 free white t-shirts for the ... fans who come in to try and help us try to white it out. I hope we can pack [the stadium], I would hope the students realize that we have one of the better teams in the country, and they'd want to come and see what it's about."

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championships in her time at Notre Dame. The Irish fell to North Carolina in the College Cup Final in 2006 and 2008 and lost to Florida State in the College Cup Semifinals in 2007.

"It would have been awesome if we would have won the NCAA [Championship], but it was a great experience to go to the Final Four three out of my four years," Bock said. "We lost in two national championships to North Carolina, but I would never take that back or say, 'I wish I went to North Carolina,' because what I got out of it was the person that it made me."

Bock said her favorite college soccer experience came during 2007, her junior season, when the Irish rebounded from a 3-4-1 start to reach the College Cup semifinals.

"We had a really rough start compared to the other three years," Bock said of her junior year. "Seeing us come together and make it to the Final Four was just special because it showed the fight and that we all believed in each other, and our coaches believed in us."

Shortly after graduating from Notre Dame in 2009 with a degree in marketing, Bock was drafted by the Los Angeles Sol of Women's Professional Soccer (WPS). While in Los Angeles, Bock played alongside some top professional players, including former Irish midfielder Shannon Boxx and Brazilian forward Marta.

"I was a rookie straight out of college, and I was playing with the best of the best from five different countries," Bock said. "We played in the Home Depot Center and had 15,000 people show up for opening day, and I got to play forward next to Marta, which was an amazing experience."

After the Sol folded following the 2009 season, Bock moved across the country to play for the Washington Freedom. The following season, she signed with the Western New York Flash and finally captured a long-elusive championship, as she helped the squad to the 2011 WPS title.

WPS folded after the 2011 season, and Bock spent the 2012 season splitting time between the Colorado Rush of the W-League and a professional club in Sweden. Earlier this year, Bock signed with New Jersey-based Sky Blue FC of the newly formed National Women's Soccer League (NWSL).

Playing in her third league in three seasons, Bock said she sees a bright future for the NWSL and professional women's soccer in the United States.

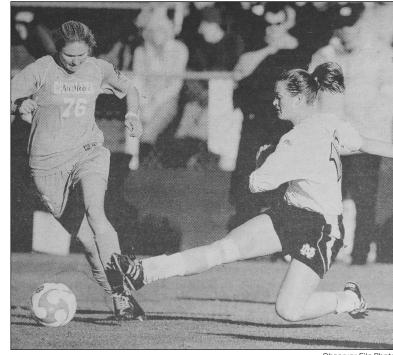
"There's definitely a lot of potential, [the NWSL] went about it differently this year with [signing] players from national teams," she said. "We've got a great product on the field and each year, girls come out of college, and we've got the top players looking to play somewhere—we want to keep them in the states and keep developing them here."

Bock played an unfamiliar role this season for Sky Blue FC, as a broken arm suffered in May limited her to only seven games. She returned in July and played for the rest of the team's season, which ended with a loss to Western New York in the NWSL semifinals.

"A lot of times, I can lead and show examples by my play, but I haven't been able to do what I do best, so I just try to encourage my teammates," Bock said. "Even off the field, I try to set an example by eating right and taking care of my body. It's definitely been a frustrating and humbling season for me, but not everything's going to go perfectly."

Looking into the future, Bock said she plans to stay involved with soccer after her playing days, but she doesn't intend on becoming a head coach.

"To be completely honest, I would like to be a strength



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Former Irish forward Brittany Bock challenges for the ball during the 2008 College Cup final against North Carolina.

coach," she said. "I like giving my input, I like that motivational stuff and the strength and fitness part of it. There's a lot of players that need positive encouragement when they're younger, just to tell them they can do it."

As for the more immediate future, Bock said she plans to return to Notre Dame for several games and closely follow her former team in its first season of ACC competition.

"I really miss it so much lately, with all the talk of college soccer going around," Bock said. "What I loved about college is that your whole school was around you, and it was the coolest thing. You look at college [soccer], and you're really a band of sisters, going to school together, training together and taking road trips and everything. I'm still talking about it, and I can't wait to share with my kids and grandkids that I was part of the Fighting Irish."

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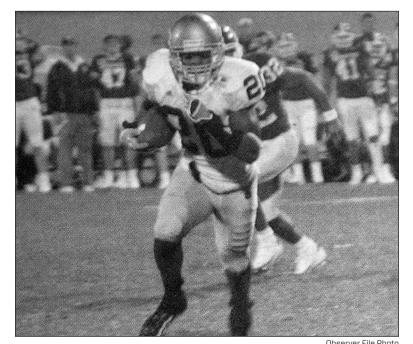


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Terrail Lambert, pictured above, has released a book of poetry since his graduation in 2008 and plans on becoming a firefighter.

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led Notre Dame back into the game.

"Going into halftime, we played the worst we could possibly play," Lambert said. "There's a reason to be cautiously optimistic going into the second half because we played our worst ball and now, all we have to do is play our best ball ... It was just one of those situations where our backs were against the wall and we didn't have any choice but to come out swinging and that's what we did."

The Irish defense only allowed 93 yards in the second half after surrendering 295 yards in the first two quarters. Michigan State gained fewer than 10 yards on five second-half drives and went backwards on three.

"With the whole pregame hoopla before and the elements with the weather, hostile environment, we just all had to take a deep breath, sit back and get back to playing our game," Lambert said.

Despite Lambert's touchdown with 2:53 left in the game, the Spartans still had a shot to beat the Irish. Michigan State was driving when Stanton again tried to hit Reed, this time on the sideline.

Stanton's pass ricocheted off Irish defensive back Mike Richardson, off Reed and into the arms of Lambert, who rolled out of bounds to ice the win for Notre Dame. Lambert picked off

In 2005, Michigan State planted its flag at midfield of Notre Dame Stadium after knocking off the Irish 44-41 in overtime. Irish coaches replayed the flagplanting incident in the week before the game in 2006, with the final tally somewhere in the double-digits, Lambert said.

"People always like to talk about USC and Purdue but being honest, in terms of sheer hatred, we probably disliked Michigan State the most, more than anybody else on our schedule so there's definitely motivation there," he said. "They don't like us, it's a heated rivalry. That's what makes the game fun."

The previous week, Michigan receiver Mario Manningham toasted Lambert and the Irish secondary for 137 yards and three touchdowns. Lambert said he received death threats from both fans and students following the 26-point loss.

"In one week, I went from being the most hated guy for giving up two touchdowns against Manningham from Michigan to being Defensive AP Player of the Week; going from hate mail to people praising me on campus," he said. "It's crazy how you can go experience one spectrum and then the other. ... You just have to keep an even keel the entire time. It's never too bad and it's never too good, that's what I always like to tell myself."

Lambert said he was prepared for the Spartans to attack him the next game.

"I told myself 'this would be

went undrafted.

"I knew that was definitely a possibility because I was still under the radar," he said. "It didn't bother me really. Everything in my life, I earned anyways so if I had to go the long route, so be it. I wasn't resentful about it or hurt about it. I just took it with a grain of salt and kept on moving."

He bounced around the NFL for six years before finally calling it quits this year. Lambert is about to publish his second book of poetry after he self-published "Downtown Pastiche" two years ago. He estimated the book sold around 100 copies.

"I did it for my own personal reasons," he said. "Some people caught wind of it and more and more people encouraged me to publish it and I just told myself that I would when the time was right so that's what I did."

"Downtown Pastiche" was an anthology of experiences his Lambert's life, he said, but "100 Subliminal Miles" would be a reflection of his "deepest and darkest thoughts."

"I had once heard an author say that it's hard to write subconscious mind because you tend to write about the same things and I thought it presented a formidable challenge because I tend to think that I have a lot on my mind," he said. "That was the challenge I presented to myself. I put a bunch of pieces together and they're all written from my subconscious mind."

Lambert has also begun the process of becoming a firefighter in Southern California. He

said the process can take up two years with various assessments — like a physical test, EMT courses and interviews — but he is confident in his abilities.

"The dynamics of firefighting and how daily life goes, it's a lot like being in the locker room," he said. "Essentially, you're a part of a team, you have a job to do, a role to fulfill day to day and it's important. It's a lot like being on the football field, especially being on defense. Anybody who's played defense will tell you that if you don't take care of your one-eleventh on the field, then it's all going to fail. Everybody depends on one another."

Until he becomes a firefighter, Lambert said he would continue to train kids in soccer, basketball, baseball and football.

Lambert, 27, lives in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

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"I remember looking at the ref like he was the judge and I was like 'Man, c'mon. My life is in your hands.' I saw him do the signal, throw his arms in the opposite direction and I was like 'Cool, we're home free now.'"

Lambert's game-winning and game-saving interceptions came as revenge for Notre Dame and redemption for the Oxnard, Calif., native.

a great opportunity to redeem myself' because I know they're going to come after me and they did, on multiple occasions," he said. "All I wanted to do was contribute and improve and I ended up having the best game. What's special to me about that game is that from that point forward, I just saw my game slowly but surely elevate."

Lambert, a 2008 graduate and film and television major, started at cornerback for three season with the Irish. He totaled 115 tackles, four interceptions and six pass breakups at Notre Dame before moving on to the NFL.

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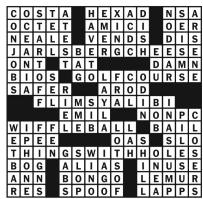
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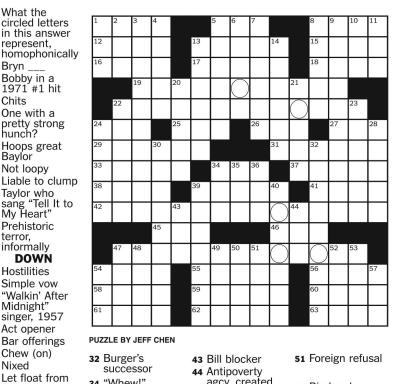
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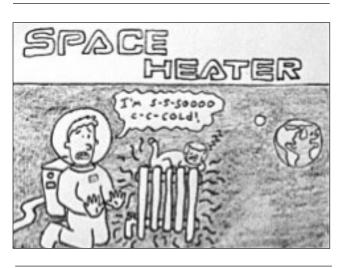
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Happy Birthday: Face pending problems and clear the air so you can move forward with your plans. Embrace change and target your goals. Strive to stay in step and execute impeccable timing, Jump at opportunities being offered. Talk the talk and walk the walk, and you will gain the confidence and support of those you want on your team. Your numbers are 8, 17, 25, 27, 30, 42, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't deviate from your plan, or you will indicate that you are inconsistent. You can rely more on your allies than you realize. Keep your life simple and moving forward at a steady pace. A challenge will keep you on your toes. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Work with your peers, and you will gain popularity and advancement. A day trip or conference will add to the information you require to reach your goals, and the relationship you develop will enhance your future prospects. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make changes at home that will benefit you and help you do something that will benefit your community or a cause you care about. The time spent working to benefit others will change your life and the attitude others have towards you. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make personal changes that make you feel confident and able to compete with anyone who challenges you. Love is on the rise, and taking the first step to ensure that you spend time with someone you think is special will pay off. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be ready to act fast if faced with an aggressive reaction from someone you encounter. Keep your distance from anyone that might pose a problem for you. Keep a lookout for anyone trying to take advantage of you. $\star\star$

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't give in to emotional meddling when everything hinges on reaching your goals. You will get your way if you stand your ground. Changes within a relationship are likely, but don't worry -- whatever unfolds will be to your benefit. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): People will gravitate toward your peaceful nature. Focus on whatever makes you feel good about yourself. Don't give in to peer pressure, and be sure to practice moderation in all that you do. $\star\star\star$

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can make things happen. Turn on your charm or relentlessly pursue whatever goal you set. Show passion and determination, and you will impress someone you love to have by your side. Make positive changes to your domestic situation.★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Refrain from embellishing a situation, or you will be questioned and probably hurt your reputation. Emotional matters are likely to leave you in an awkward position, and you will have to be quick if you want to avoid a costly problem. $\star\star$

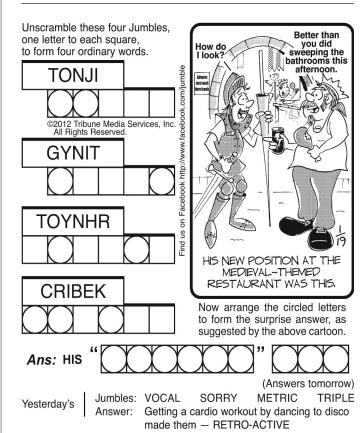
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Voice your opinions and put your professional plans into motion. You can attract interest in what you are doing as well as drum up support and respect for the way you handle personal, financial and professional deals. Love is highlighted. ★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't make physical alterations or get involved in a lifestyle that can lead to poor associations or the end of a partnership with someone you need in your life. Use your head when it comes to legal, financial or medical matters. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): List your concerns and discuss your intentions, and you will get worthwhile suggestions that will benefit you when it comes to contracts or agreements that influence your income. A relationship can be altered and a promise made. ***

Birthday Baby: You are feisty, outspoken and courageous. You are intense and compassionate.

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WAKING THE ECHOES | TERRAIL LAMBERT

Poetic justice

Lambert reflects on Michigan State game, discusses life after football

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS Assistant Managing Editor

"I sprint swiftly, with outstretched hands and closed eyes, making a wish as it falls in my hands' cradle."

from "The Shining Manifestation"

All he heard was silence. Terrail Lambert could not hear the crowd, the band or his teammates. He could only hear himself breathe.

He had just given Notre Dame an unlikely lead late against Michigan State in 2006 with a 27-yard interception return for a touchdown, capping a furious Irish rally in the fourth quarter and securing a 40-37 win over the Spartans.

But it still was not loud for the former Irish cornerback.

"It still didn't sink in until I

watched it the next day on film," Lambert said in a phone interview. "I was like 'Wow, that place erupted."

Lambert's interception was his first of his Irish career and was forced by linebacker Maurice Crum's inside pressure on Spartan quarterback Drew Stanton. Crum came untouched up the middle and forced Stanton to lob a desperation pass intended for receiver Kerry Reed.

But the ball fell into Lambert's hands' cradle instead. He bobbled the ball for an instant before clutching it with both hands and sprinting swiftly into the end zone.

"I beat the receiver to the step and all I could remember was seeing the ball and I blink once and it's bobbling in my hands and I'm thinking 'Just squeeze it," Lambert said. "I cupped it with one hand and grabbed it with the left and I just saw open grass daylight."

The Spartans were up by four points and were facing a



Observer File Photo

Former Irish cornerback Terrail Lambert returns an interception for a touchdown to clinch Notre Dame's 40-37 victory over Michigan State on Sept. 23, 2006.

third-and-three with just over three minutes left in the fourth quarter but elected to throw the ball. Lambert said he was not surprised by the decision.

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is probably thinking 'They're expecting the run so we're going to pass on this play to throw them off,'" he said. At halftime, the Irish trailed

by 17 points in the rain and on

the road to a bitter rival. But four second-half touchdowns, three on passes from quarterback Brady Quinn, and a stiff defense

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WAKING THE ECHOES | BRITTANY BOCK

Bock excels at highest level

By BRIAN HARTNETT Sports Writer

Like many young girls with aspirations of playing college soccer, Brittany Bock's dream was to attend North Carolina and suit up for the powerhouse Tar Heels program.

Unlike many other girls, Bock had the opportunity to play for the Tar Heels, but she found that a program closer to home was calling her name. "[Former Irish forward] Katie Thorlakson was our striker, and we were really missing that once she left after my freshman year," Bock said. "[Irish coach] Randy [Waldrum] wanted to try me out because I was strong, I could hold the ball and was physical, and I ended up staying there and becoming a more dynamic forward through the years."

Bock's scoring prowess carried over to the postseason, where she was one of Notre Dame's

Irish welcome Orange to ND

By CASEY KARNES Sports Writer

No. 4 Notre Dame will look to secure its first home win in the ACC when Syracuse visits Alumni Stadium this Thursday.

The Irish (6-1, 2-0 ACC) are coming off a pair of wins over North Carolina State and then-No. 1 North Carolina in the road trip that opened their ACC schedule. Between the No. 5 Tar Heels and No. 6 UCLA, the Irish have split their two games against top-10 competition this season, but Irish coach Randy Waldrum be-



"A smart offensive coordinator

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"It ended up that my final two were between North Carolina and Notre Dame," Bock said in a phone interview with The Observer. "I could get a great education at both, a great soccer experience at both, but it just felt special at Notre Dame, since I'm really into my faith, and it was closer to home."

The Naperville, Ill., native entered Notre Dame in the fall of 2005 as a center midfielder and immediately became a contributor for the Irish, scoring 12 goals her freshman season. Switching to forward after her first season, she became an even more dynamic scoring threat, winning the co-Big East Offensive Player of the Year in her junior season. most dependable scorers. Bock tallied 10 goals in 17 career NCAA tournament games, including Notre Dame's only goal in a 2-1 loss to North Carolina in the 2006 NCAA College Cup Final.

"When it comes to the playoffs, it's one game and you're out, so I was fortunate to be in the position where I could help my teammates advance," Bock said. "I play with a lot of heart and passion, and I hate losing, so I'm one of those players who will fight no matter what."

Despite her personal postseason success, Bock came up just short of three national

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lieves the games affected more than just Notre Dame's record.

"When you play those types of teams, it only helps prepare you for that next big game you have, so it certainly helped us from that standpoint," Waldrum said. "We're growing, and that's the important thing, we're just getting a little better and a little better."

Syracuse (4-4, 0-2) has struggled thus far this season, also its first in the ACC. The Orange are familiar with the Irish from the teams' time in the Big East, and last season Notre Dame barely pulled out a 1-0 victory in the Big East Quarterfinals. According to Waldrum, the Irish cannot afford to overlook this game even after their emotional victory at Chapel



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Irish freshman goalkeeper Kaela Little looks to clear the ball during Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over Oakland on Aug. 30.

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"It's real important this week that we don't let [our win] linger, that we back it up Thursday night, or we've wasted a really good opportunity," Waldrum said. "That'll be kind of the focus of the week this week, to make sure we're ready to put that game behind us and look into the next one. We're used to getting everyone's best shot, and I don't think Thursday will be any different."

The Irish defense will look to continue its stellar play in their first ACC home game. Behind freshman goaltender Kaela Little, who has a .857 save percentage with 24 total saves this year, and junior defender Sammy Scofield, the Irish have allowed only two goals in their last five games.

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