

‘One is too many’

University officials explain response to sexual assault

By **ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI**
News Editor

After a sexual assault occurs on campus, students receive an emailed crime alert from Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP), which is usually the first and last bit of information they hear about the incident. But behind that email notification, a response team rallies to coordinate resources all across campus for the students involved, Associate Vice President for Campus Safety Mike Seamon said.

Seamon said one reported sexual assault is too many, but the University's response proceeds from "very close collaboration" among the relevant groups.

"If NDSP receives a report of a sexual assault, they'll begin their investigation immediately and we have the resources to do that," he said. "We would contact Student Affairs within hours of receiving that to bring them into the loop so they can make the resources

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Student body vice president Nancy Joyce and president Alex Coccia stand with campus minister Fr. Pete McCormick at a prayer service held Sept. 22 for victims of sexual assault on campus.

Student government responds to sexual assaults

By **TORI ROECK**
Associate News Editor

CRIME ALERT: Sexual Assault Reported.

Every time a sexual assault is reported on campus, this blunt message appears in students' in-boxes, but student government leaders at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are working to humanize the issue of sexual assault and improve the student body's response to these inhuman crimes.

Alex Coccia, Notre Dame student body president, said recent sexual assault reports motivated student government to act on the issue.

"We had always considered it part of our platform to work specifically with the Committee for Sexual Assault Prevention and [vice president for Student Affairs] Erin Hoffman-Harding, but I think the immediacy and volume of the alerts that we received early on in the year sort

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ND competes in blood drive


By **CHRISTIAN MYERS**
News Writer

Notre Dame students will have an opportunity to provide a lifesaving resource while also besting a rival during next week's Notre Dame versus USC blood drive competition.

James Mancino, blood drive coordinator for the Notre Dame Red Cross Club, said the club is partnering with the St. Joseph County Chapter of the American Red Cross to organize a series of three blood drives.

The drives will take place on Monday from noon to 5 p.m. in LaFortune, Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in a Red Cross bus outside the Joyce Center and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Pasquerilla Center.

"It's always good to compete against USC in any way, shape or form, and this has the added

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bonus of being life-saving," Mancino said.

Mancino said USC would have five drives throughout the week, so the winner will be judged by average units of blood per drive.

Mancino said there is no

physical reward for the winning school, though they hope to eventually have a trophy.

"We tried to get a trophy to go back and forth, but we don't have one yet," he said. "For now

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Saint Mary's alumna serves the U.S. Virgin Islands

By **KAITLYN RABACH**
Saint Mary's Editor

Editor's Note: This is the fifth story in a series featuring Notre Dame and Saint Mary's graduates serving as members of Congress. This series, titled "Trading Golden Dome for Capitol Dome," will run on Fridays.

As the federal government shutdown reaches its 11th day, Congresswoman Donna Christensen (D-U.S. Virgin Islands) said she is concerned for the almost 700 federal employees in the territory who are being furloughed or facing reduced pay.

Christensen, who graduated from Saint Mary's in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science degree, is one of six non-voting members of Congress. The Virgin Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, District of Columbia, Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa all send delegates who are asked to weigh in on issues under legislation to Congress. Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo of Guam also attended Saint Mary's, but her office declined repeated requests from The Observer for interviews.

Christensen said the current

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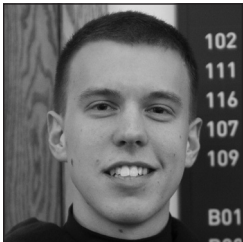
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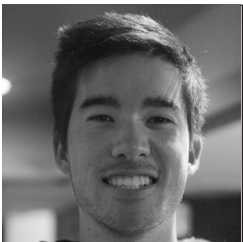
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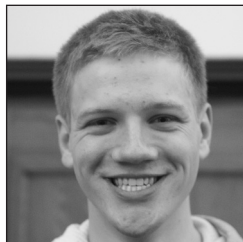
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One of many roses planted by the Notre Dame Right to Life club stands before a cross on South Quad during Right to Life week. The white rose represents the aborted, while the red rose symbolizes those affected by abortion.

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Professor analyzes Christianity and sex slavery

By **TABITHA RICKETTS**
News Writer

On Thursday, Dr. Mary Doak, associate professor of theology at the University of San Diego, gave a lecture titled "Consuming Women: Sex Trafficking and the Body of Christ in a Market Dominated World" as the final installment in Saint Mary's Center for Spirituality's fall lecture series.

To begin the lecture, Doak introduced the context of a "market dominated world."

"We've entered the 21st century with global systems of communication and trade that are binding the world's populations together more thoroughly than perhaps at any other time in history," Doak said. "This global interconnectedness has the potential to advance

the human community and to facilitate the Church's mission."

She said this global trade, while being able to improve economies worldwide and offer new opportunities to those in resource-deficient areas, also facilitates the globalization of the sex industry. In this industry, she said human beings are transformed into instruments of revenue, where they are valued solely for their physical worth to others.

"The market's demand for profit has clearly triumphed over human dignity and communion," Doak said. "These sex slaves are not subjects in the market exchanges but rather are treated as objects in the market, exchanged by and for the consumption of others."

Doak said victims of human trafficking experience a reality of

"non-personhood," where they are objectified to the point of losing all relation to humanity in the eyes of their sellers.

Doak cited the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as labeling the sex industry as the third largest criminal business in the world, and the fastest growing. U.S. journalists reported an increase in criminal gang activity in the trafficking business, she said, purely for the profit.

"Criminal gangs in the United States are turning to prostitution, because it is more profitable than selling drugs," she said. "After all, female bodies can be sold repeatedly in the same night, unlike guns and drugs ... and at relatively little risk to the trafficker."

The rate at which human trafficking occurs rises with demand, Doak said. The demand is fed by sex tourists, those who travel to different areas specifically for that area's availability of sex slaves.

"Many sex tourists are Americans and Europeans," Doak said. "It is also unfortunately the case that girls and young women are trafficked into as well as within the United States and Europe."

Due to the criminal nature of the proceedings, she said there are no exact statistics on trafficking in the United States. However, it is estimated women are forced into the sex industry at the rate of one every 60 seconds.

Another major factor in the success of trafficking is the very young age of many of the victims. Doak

said girls are often taken between the ages of 12 and 14, when they are easily manipulated through violence and the withholding of food, clothing and shelter.

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Dr. Mary Doak
associate professor
theology

The Christian tradition has also contributed to the dehumanization of those in the sex industry, she said, by manipulating the truth about lifestyles of sex workers and representing them as women with insatiable lusts and greed for money or luxury," Doak said.

"Consider, for example, the Christian tradition depicting Mary Magdalene as a deeply repentant prostitute who must be ... forgiven much," Doak said. "[This] has functioned to create a powerful virgin-whore binary in which women are defined by their sexuality."

She said this dichotomy has created a Christian culture in which it is expected that women choose to save their virtue over their lives—a choice women forced into the sex industry are faced with every day. It is behind the notion of the "fallen woman," she said, which has been applied even to raped women who have lost their virginity against their wills.

Doak said this attitude prevents Christians from viewing sex workers as the victims they truly are.

"Having been formed by a tradition filled with moralizing tales that condemn prostituted women for their wantonness," she said. "It's easy to overlook the reality of these women's lives."

Doak said as Christians, we are called upon to look past these unfounded biases and open our hearts to those who need our love and assistance the most.

"A Church that values social respectability, that seeks a facade of social harmony without offering serious opposition to injustice is a Church that offers more of the same of what we find in society," she said. "When the Church's mission is thus obscured ... fewer feel their need for the mutual support that empowers us as a Church to live ... more fully."

Responding to the world's injustices to the best of our individual abilities will help to influence our communities and, overall, the world, Doak said.

"It may be that the sex industry can never be totally eradicated," she said, "[But] one of our greatest resources now is our global connectedness."

In addition to political, economic and activist campaigns against sex trafficking, she said more effort should be put into ministry campaigns to provide the women damaged in the sex industry spiritual

support and acceptance.

Sister Ann Oestreich, congregation justice coordinator for the Sisters of the Holy Cross shared the Sisters' involvement in the global campaign against sex trafficking.

She said Sisters around the world are working to promote education about the sex industry, and how to combat it.

The Sisters launched part of their local initiative a few years ago, intending to decrease the spike in sex trafficking associated with the Super Bowl, Oestreich said.

"We really got involved in 2011 when we found out that the Super Bowl was going to be held in Indianapolis," Oestrich said.

She said the Sisters contacted more than 200 hotels in the area, offering informational pamphlets and free training for employees, to teach them how to recognize signs of sex trafficking, as well as who to contact to report and safely record such an incident.

Although only 52 hotels accepted the employee training and 100 requested informational materials, Oestrich said it is a step toward the prevention and diminishment of sex trafficking.

The Sisters have been using their financial investments in hotel chains to hold dialogues with leaders to increase awareness, and get more hotels to sign the Hospitality Industry's Code of Conduct to end child prostitution and trafficking.

Oestrich said the Inn at Saint Mary's has recently signed this Code, making the public commitment against child exploitation in the sex industry.

"We are proud, and we hope you are too, that both of the hotels on our campus have made this commitment," she said, "and we are now reaching out to hotels on other college and university campuses and inviting them to follow the example of the Inn at Saint Mary's."

Oestrich said the Sisters have also been working with Indiana's state attorney general's office to educate, spread awareness and prevent sex trafficking. She said they have been in contact with the South Bend Police Department as well.

"All of South Bend's policemen and women will receive training this November," she said, "In addition, special victims officers from ... other jurisdictions ... will receive extensive training on how to deal with victims of sex trafficking."

Oestrich encourages students with an interest in trafficking prevention to contact her at the Congregation Justice Office by calling 574-284-5991 to find out how to become involved. She said Sisters of the Holy Cross are lobbying for stronger federal laws to prevent trafficking, and student involvement would strengthen the campaign.

"We need to work together to see that each person is free and able to realize, experience and own their dignity as a human being," Oestrich said.

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shutdown of the federal government could have a dramatic effect on the economy of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"We are a community that has been facing some severe economic lows with the closing of our largest private industry, government insurance falls and the impact of the recession which generally comes a little later than [when the impact hits the] mainland but stays longer and has a great impact," Christensen said. "This is just making a bad situation far worse for us as we try to recover from our economic issues and challenges."

Her constituents began flooding her office with phone calls immediately after the shutdown, she said.

"The first complaint I began getting was from the national park in St. John," Christensen said. "St. John is a small island and two-thirds of it is a national park, so everything in St. John depends on the national park. ... The calls came from taxi drivers, small business owners whose businesses are being impacted, the wedding planners who have people coming in to get married in one of the beautiful sites ... our national parks cannot utilize that venue anymore, this has been a big issue."

"I traveled on Tuesday [September 1] and the customs board of protection was there and of course TSA [Transportation Security Administration] [workers] were there, but nobody was sure when they were going to get another paycheck. That is not a good environment in which to work."

No limitations

Christensen, who was the first female physician to be elected to Congress, said she treasures the time she spent at Saint Mary's. She credits the College as one of the key factors in the development of the confidence she now uses as a member of Congress, she said.

"Going to an all-women's college ... gave me confidence and I think that it prepared me well," Christensen said.

When she first came to Saint Mary's, Christensen said she was planning on going into medical technology, but after reading an article published by the National Negro College Fund, she said she decided to changer her career plans and become a doctor.

"When I had doubts about whether I was capable of being a doctor, my biology chair, Dr. Clarence Dinnen, was there for support and encouragement," Christensen said. "I thought that was very important."

This positive support helped her when others expressed concern about her ability to enter a "man's field," she said.

"I remember one time a family member of a schoolmate said to me, 'I don't think you should do that, that's not a good idea, going to medical school,'" Christensen said. "I remember being really taken aback by that, but then I dismissed it. The kind of confidence

I gained, the education I received and the support I had from the faculty made it something that I didn't think twice about. After Professor Divine sat me down and said 'I could do whatever I wanted to do,' I never worried."

After graduating from Saint Mary's, Christensen said she received a Doctor of Medicine in 1970 from George Washington University School of Medicine and completed her residency in 1974.

Coming home

The day after she finished her residency, Christensen said she came home to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"I began working in a small emergency room in 1975, and after being home and hearing some of the issues that were of concern to my community I decided to become active in the community," Christensen said. "It is home and there were things that were happening that I thought individuals needed to be more proactive about, so I decided to involve myself in different issues like the appointment of local judges, sale of land that was important to my community and the private industry. But, I was doing it as an organizer myself, organizing different coalitions and different groups to

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congresswoman
U.S. Virgin Islands

advocate or oppose an issue."

At the time, Christensen said maintaining a private practice in family medicine and while adapting to life as a new mother drove her to find a formal way to participate in community organizing.

"At this point I had a young baby and was working, so I decided to join the Democratic Party," Christensen said. "I joined by running for a seat on my local territorial committee. I won and became an officer. I did that because I thought the Democratic Party would be a good vehicle for me to do some of the things I wanted to do and I wouldn't have to be doing it by myself."

After serving for 12 years as a Democratic National Committeewoman, Christensen said she was urged to run for national office in 1994.

After losing her first primary race in 1994, Christensen said she ran again in 1996 and won the Virgin Islands seat.

"I had been practicing [medicine] and [working] in politics at the same time, so it wasn't an abrupt transition, it was more of

shifting the balance," Christensen said. "In my practice you always find that there are a lot of social and other issues that impact the health of your patients. Many times people would come in just to talk about whatever problems they were having, and so I kind of looked at it as bringing my office work from a local level to a larger, national level. I did promise my patients that I would remain active in healthcare, even if I was not their private physician anymore."

Territorial interests

Christensen said being a delegate of a territory is more challenging than being a woman or being a minority in Congress.

"Territories are not states, so in many instances the Constitution does not explicitly provide territories with the same rights and privileges as it does states," Christensen said. "Therefore, I don't get to vote in final passage [of bills] or to even voting in committee of the whole is a matter of contention because while the Democrats feel we should vote, the Republicans don't. So when Democrats are in the majority we vote in the committee of the whole and when they are not, we don't."

Christensen, who currently serves on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, is the first delegate from a territory to sit on an exclusive committee. Due to the expansive list of policy concerns that fall in the Committee's jurisdiction, members who serve on one of the four exclusive committees – the other three being Appropriations, Ways and Means and House Financial Services – are not allowed to serve on other House committees.

She said she the support of the Congressional Black Caucus pushed her not only to sit on the at-large committee, but also on the Subcommittee on Health.

"Just getting on those committees were a big milestone for me," Christensen said. "I was there when we wrote the Affordable Care Act, and that is an experience I will remember for the rest of my life and feel proud to be a part of. I consider that a major event in my life."

Now, Christensen sits on the Subcommittee on Energy and Power. She said she not only works for members of her district, but also strives to push legislation through Congress for all of the territories.

"I was also on the Committee [on Energy and Commerce] when we did the American Reinvestment Act that was very important to help us recover from recession," Christensen said. "My presence on that helped my territory to get a significant amount of funding, as well as the other territories. As a delegate from a territory, one of my responsibilities is to look out not only for my own, but for all of the territories."

A desire to serve

Christensen said her time as a part of the larger Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and South Bend communities during this the Civil Rights Movement instilled in her a desire to serve.

"After the summer where all of the riots, the bombings and all of that happened there was a change to me in Saint Mary's and Notre Dame," Christensen said. "We did become more socially conscious, and I think it was at that point that we started going into the South Bend community, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students together. We would go into South Bend and help kids with homework and we developed Big Brothers, Big Sisters for some of the poorer kids in town."

"... Even though we were farther away and we were not involved in the protests or the marches, I think the Civil Rights Movement had a profound impact on us and I think it elevated our social justice awareness and efforts."

Christensen said she was also at Saint Mary's when she found out about the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 and President John F. Kennedy's death in 1963.

"I was [at Saint Mary's] during some very important times in our nation's history," she said. "I am sure the dialogue and how we dealt with those issues had a lot to do with why I am here [in Congress serving others] as well."

Christensen said she feels proud to be an alumna of Saint Mary's.

"When I first came here [to Congress] there were four Saint Mary's women," Christensen said. "Imagine that a small college like ours could have four members of Congress serving at the same time. I thought that was amazing and it is to Saint Mary's credit [as an educational institution]. Now three of us are still here."

"I do treasure the time I spent at Saint Mary's and I do count it as being responsible in part for the successes I have achieved through my lifetime."

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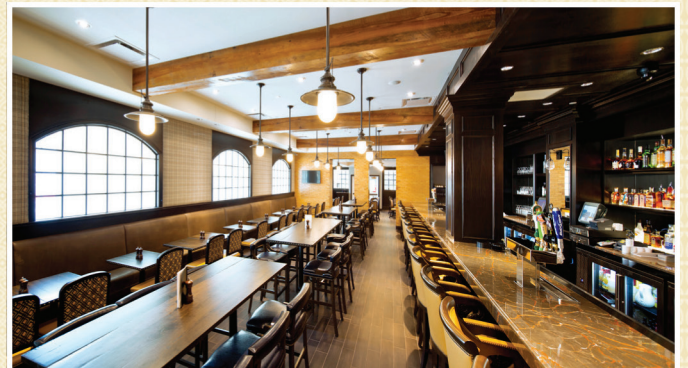
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it's about bragging rights — and a good cause and healthy conscience."

This is the first time the Red Cross Club has hosted such an event, but they hope to make it a tradition, he said.

"We usually have one drive per semester, so this was a way to establish something a little more permanent," he

said. "We're working to start a new tradition and establish our club a little more."

Mancino said USC has held a similar annual competition with UCLA for several years, but this year UCLA was unable to participate. This prompted the president of USC's Red Cross club to call the president of Notre Dame's club over the summer and begin planning this year's competition, he said.

Mancino said the club

hopes to repeat the competition next year and beyond. In the future, he said the club hopes to be able to offer free T-shirts and to expand the event to match USC's five blood drives in order to compete on the basis of total units of blood collected.

To register, go to <http://www.redcross.org/>. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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Journalist discusses French concept of seduction

By EMILY McCONVILLE
News Writer

On Thursday, Elaine Sciolino, a Paris correspondent for the New York Times and author of "La Seduction: How the French Play the Game of Life", gave a lecture where she explained how the idea of seduction plays an integral role in French society, affecting French politics, foreign policy and the economy.

In French, Sciolino said the word "seduction" has a broader meaning than the sexual connotation it has in English.

"Seduction is nothing but a conversation that doesn't end, whether it's in the bedroom, the boardroom, the corridors of power or in business," she said.

As a result, Sciolino said certain forms of communication become "weapons of seduction" in French culture, often confusing Americans. For example, she said, the French place a higher emphasis on "verbal sparring" in conversation.

"Conversation is not necessarily a way to accomplish a goal," Sciolino said, "but more of a verbal contest and a source of pleasure."

Sciolino said forms of non-verbal communication like hand-kissing and the limited use of smiles can be used as other "weapons".

"This is why some Americans find the French rude, but the absence of smiles does not seem to

indicate the absence of kindness," Sciolino said. "It signals reserve, that the smile is not something that is given away; it has to be earned."

Seduction's effect is most visible, Sciolino said, in the political realm, where candidates for public office build the image of being charming and popular with the opposite sex.

"Seduction is nothing but a conversation that doesn't end, whether it's in the bedroom, the boardroom, the corridors of power or in business."

Elaine Sciolino
Paris correspondent
New York Times

"My research has shown me that French politicians — male politicians, at least — gain more stature the more sexually alluring they appear, because the rule of French politics is that politicians love and are loved," she said.

The ideology of seduction also appears, she said, in France's foreign policy, where the very concept of "soft power," or the ability to influence other countries without military strength, is translated as "la seduction."

Sciolino recounted negotiations between American and French diplomats over a United Nations treaty. She said when the Americans expressed concerns over the treaty's inflexibility with regards to foreign intervention, the French diplomat responded that breaking treaty would be like cheating on one's wife — not difficult.

The absence of the "ongoing conversation" of seduction, Sciolino said, not only hurts the electability of political candidates, but it also explains certain fundamental problems with the French economy as it deals with an expanding global economy.

"For decades an awareness of the decline of France has bored deep into the national consciousness, and there's still this admiration and clinging to history ... coupled with the fear of the unknown," Sciolino said.

The result, she said, is "the antithesis of seduction."

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Peace Corps veteran reflects on time in Thailand

By **WENDY HATCH**
News Writer

In 1961, the senior class of St. Francis Xavier University sat in their gaps and gowns and listened to President John F. Kennedy state he was going to start an organization that would send young volunteers overseas to help other people.

Roger Parent, author of the newly released “The Making of a Peace Corps Volunteer: From Maine to Thailand”, was among the graduates that day, and said he was incredibly struck by President Kennedy’s new proposal. On Thursday, Parent held a book-signing in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore to promote his new book.

“I thought to myself, ‘Hey, I want to do that,’” Parent said. “So I wrote President Kennedy a letter right away and I said I want to be a part of this thing that you have started. Well, lo and behold, six months later I was invited to be a part of the Peace Corps in

Thailand.”

Parent said he was a part of the first group of Peace Corps volunteers who were sent to Thailand in 1961. The group volunteered until 1963, he said.

Parent said is originally from French-Speaking Lille, Maine where he learned English as a second language.

“They probably thought that [attending college] in a foreign country would be an asset,” Parent said. “But what I don’t think they understood is that I grew up a couple thousand yards from the Canadian boarder.”

While in Thailand, Parent said he taught locals about carpentry and the English language.

“I was teaching Thai people to speak English with a French accent,” he said.

When his services ended in 1963, Parent said he explored options for Peace Corps returnees in the states.

“[The Peace Corps] is what brought me to the University of Notre Dame,” Parent said. “Father

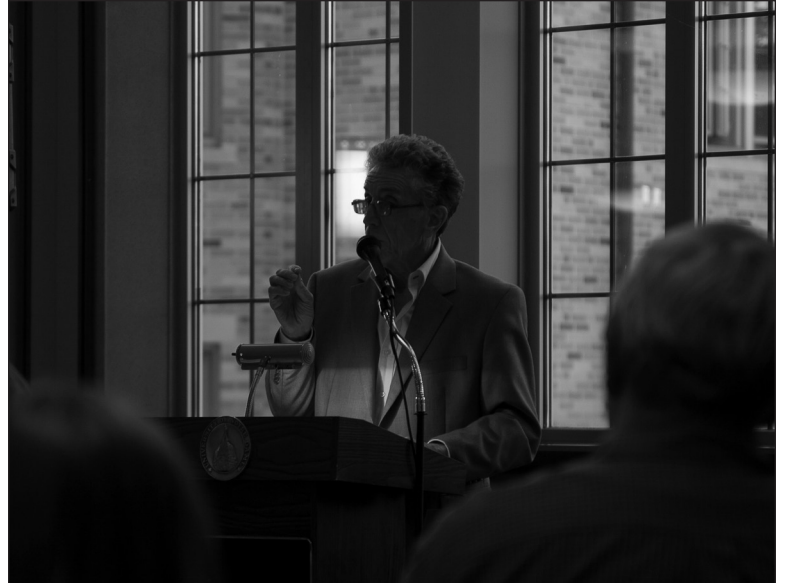
Ted Hesburgh had a Return Peace Corps Scholarship and since I was one of the first Peace Corps volunteers to go to the Peace Corps and get out, it had to go to somebody.”

Parent used his scholarship to receive a master of education degree from Notre Dame in 1967. After receiving his degree, Parent said he and his family decided to stay in South Bend, where he served as a city councilman from 1972 to 1979 and served as mayor from 1980 to 1987.

“It turned out South Bend was a great place for me”, said Parent. “I got accepted in the community really early here ... I joke that I thought I would live on the east coast or the west coast and ended up living on the west coast of Lake Michigan.”

Parent said his experience serving as a Peace Corps volunteer helped him to become a better politician.

“In the Peace Corps I had to put myself in someone else’s shoes ... when I got elected mayor I had



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Roger Parent, one of the Peace Corps’ original volunteers in Thailand, spoke to students Thursday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

some experience doing that,” Parent said. “As a politician you always have to try to figure out what people are thinking.”

Overall, Parent said the Peace Corps taught him much about life and he said he would recommend it to anyone.

“We are never called ‘former Peace Corps Volunteers.’ Once a Peace Corps Volunteer always a Peace Corps Volunteer,” Parent said.

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of made us rethink about the conversation and ultimately has led us to decide that this is really our administrative priority for the rest of the year,” Coccia said.

Kat Sullivan, Saint Mary’s student body president, said the increase in emails indicates an increase in reporting, which is a positive sign for the community, but she was particularly concerned about how students reacted to the reports.

“I think people were frightened, and I think that people understand that sexual assault is an issue across the world, but it’s hard to really fully understand and be fully affected by it until it’s someone that you know and a member of our community,” Sullivan said. “So I think that they were frightened but again what I keep emphasizing is that it means that people are reporting it. It means that people are seeking out help.”

‘Is this normal?’

Vice president of campus safety Mike Seamon said the amount of sexual assaults reported so far this year conforms to national trends.

“One is too many, no matter what. One reported sexual assault is too many. But if you look at probably the national averages over the last several years, national as in not just Notre Dame, and the numbers in the first eight weeks, the first two months of school is when you’ll see an influx,” Seamon said. “... And if you look at Notre Dame’s numbers, although you can see clusters of reported events like we have [seen] in the last couple of weeks our numbers tend to be over the last three or four years pretty consistent.

“And it doesn’t mean that we expect that to remain the same but because we’ve had a cluster over the last two weeks, or three weeks,

or month, I think that is following national trends, and it’s also following what Notre Dame has seen in the past several years.”

While she acknowledges that Notre Dame’s numbers may be on trend, Notre Dame vice president Nancy Joyce said student government is not satisfied with this.

“I think one of the biggest things is that the first three emails were all reports of either rape or attempted rape, and I think that really caught people’s attention. That was something different than we had seen in the past,” Joyce said. “And then to have three within the first two, three weeks, I think that was the biggest thing because as seniors, we have not seen that.

“And then you’ve got the underclassmen and they’re response is, ‘What is this? Is this normal?’ I think it’s a great opportunity for us to set the tone for the underclassmen that this isn’t normal or we’re not going to accept it as normal on our campus, but also then to help use the upperclassmen’s sense of, ‘This is new; this is different’ to sort of change the way that we’re talking about sexual assault on our campus.”

Setting the Tone

At its Sept. 18 meeting, Notre Dame Student Senate passed a resolution making Student Government more responsible for sexual assault on campus.

The resolution states, “Whereas, recognizing that these occurrences are a leadership failure ... [we admit] 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.”

Coccia said through this resolution, student government wanted to utilize its potential for change to better address sexual assault.

“We recognize that if we’re in the room with senators and people who are representatives of their

dorm, people who are elected representatives of the student body and people who are appointed representatives because of all of their passion and interest in serving the student body, we have so much potential in that room to get a conversation going,” he said,

“It’s a conscious decision that we have to take some sense of ownership over this issue and hold ourselves accountable, hold each other accountable, otherwise it’s just not going to change.”

Nancy Joyce
student body vice president

“and I think that was the purpose of that resolution was to recognize that before we move forward with anything we have to recognize our own failures.”

Joyce said admitting student government’s responsibility to protect the community from sexual violence opens the door for change.

“It’s a conscious decision that we have to take some sense of ownership over this issue and hold ourselves accountable, hold each other accountable, otherwise it’s just not going to change,” she said. “It was an interesting debate but I was really pleased that that went through Senate because I think that was important for us to have a conversation where we’re recognizing that it’s on us, it’s on our shoulders. It’s not administrators. It’s no one other than students.”

Sullivan said student government is best suited for advising the student body on sexual assault,

and she takes that responsibility seriously.

“I think the biggest thing as student government that we can do is reassure the community that ... what we can ultimately do to stop the cycle of sexual violence is making sure that we’re watching out for the other members of our community,” she said.

Response and Prevention

Coccia said student government immediately responded to the sexual assault reports by instituting prayer services at the Grotto and changing the wording in report emails from the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) to say “sexual battery” instead of “forcible fondling.”

“The benefit we see in [the prayer services] is it’s an immediate tangible thing for people to do following an email,” he said. “And obviously it’s not enough, but viewing that as an action that can spark dialogue, can spark healing, is extremely important as we move forward.”

Coccia said student government is helping to publicize events for October as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, such as the Gender Relations Center’s “A Time to Heal Dinner,” which will take place Oct. 29.

Sullivan said Saint Mary’s student government worked together with the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) on the One in Four Vigil, which took place Oct. 1. The event highlighted the statistic that one in four college women has been a victim of sexual violence by giving out 400 T-shirts to represent a fourth of the Saint Mary’s student body, she said.

“I think that having a large showing for that really speaks volumes for our community because it’s important that these assaults are getting reported,” Sullivan said. “... I think the stigma is disintegrating and students are feeling more

comfortable voicing what they’ve been through because there are others that have kind of led the way with that by being brave and seeking help when they need it.”

Sullivan said her administration began combatting sexual assault by running

Know the Facts Training for first-year students during orientation and requiring that student leaders receive green dot training, a national certification program for preventing sexual violence.

“When there’s some sort of questionable situation, you’re worried about your friend going off with someone else — that’s called a red dot. And so the green dot is that you directly intervene, you distract the other person or you delegate and get someone else to help,” she said.

Joyce said she wants to launch a “grassroots” campaign against sexual assault that will focus more on preventing the crime on campus.

“As helpful as the administrators that we’ve worked with have been and as cooperative as NDSP and others have been, at the end of the day they can’t make the changes that need to be made,” she said. “We’re really hoping to work with leaders within each of the dorms to kind of start the conversation there. I’m a big believer in using the structure that we already have, which is the hall system, to sort of shape how we approach this.”

One way the community can make a significant impact in ending sexual violence is just being supportive, Sullivan said.

“The fact that this is mental health awareness week, with Support a Belle, Love a Belle, [we want to let] the girls know who have struggled and have had to experience sexual violence that we are here for them,” she said.

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available to all parties involved in that incident.

“So you’ll see that you’ll have a law enforcement and a Title IX or Student Affairs response being made available together almost instantaneously.”

Phil Johnson, chief of police for NDSP, said the goal of the email notifications is to release as much information allowed as quickly as they can, to get the word out to people.

“We certainly want to identify where the location is when we can, when we think it’s appropriate, but there are a number of factors that are going to come into play as we write a crime alert,” Johnson said. “We try to understand where we are in the investigation and what we can release at a given time. We still want the warning out there right away.”

Bill Stackman, associate vice president for student services and deputy Title IX coordinator, said although the Office of Student Affairs is obligated to investigate a sexual assault report and manage the case, the student involved can decide whether to also report the case criminally.

“As soon as we hear about a case, we meet with [the student] and we assign a resource coordinator to them,” Stackman said. “They have the option to report criminally, or do both at the same time... or they can ask us to defer our process.”

Stackman said the administration’s investigation process is “fact-finding” in nature, and because they are equally concerned with the complainant and the respondent, they provide resource coordinators to both parties for support.

“[If] we have a report, we are obligated by the federal government to investigate it, to gather information and then to move it forward, and that’s what we do,” he said. “But we make sure that in everything we do that we’re taking care of both individuals equally, and

that one doesn’t feel that they are automatically seen as guilty.

“We’re sensitive to that perception so we try to really counter that as much as possible.”

Just because a case was reported does not mean it will be on the record of the students involved, Stackman said.

Erin Hoffman Harding, vice president for student affairs, said only “in very rare cases” a conduct result would become part of a student’s personal record, and only when a student is found responsible.

“The support doesn’t cease with the end of the case,” Harding said. “There are many cases where the resource coordinators check in and offer support to the both of the students involved, even coming out of the process.

“The care of the University community is something I think we see as a very continuous process

“Building community at Notre Dame says this is your business; this is about us taking care of each other.”

Christine Caron Gebhardt
director
Gender Relations Center

at any time we see that a student has gone through a difficult time, whatever the outcome.”

Stackman said a typical investigation of a sexual assault case could last around two to three weeks or longer, depending on the complexity of the case and the number of people involved in it. \ In order for the administration to investigate a case under Title IX, though, Stackman said both parties have to be students at Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s or Holy Cross.

“Let’s say a woman comes forward with a report of [being] assaulted by someone who was



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Campus minister Fr. Pete McCormick speaks to students gathered at the Grotto to pray for victims of sexual assault on campus. Student government holds prayer services after every new email report.

visiting campus. What we would do is provide her with all the support that we would just like if the respondent was a Notre Dame student; it would be identical,” he said. “I’d assign a resource coordinator to that person and let them know about their options outside of the University because there wouldn’t be any options here because the respondent is not a student.

“We would not have an administrative dealing, but there could be criminal options that she would have that we’d want her to be aware of.”

Harding said the Office of Student Affairs makes a point of partnering with both the student body and the broader community in preventing sexual assault.

“We want this to be a campus free of sexual harassment, misconduct or assault,” Harding said. “Everyone wants the same goal, and we consider the student body, the administrators, faculty and security our partners in this effort to gather and try to do everything first and foremost that we can do to prevent these instances from happening at all.

“If and when they do occur, I feel great about the support and the

resources that we provide to investigate thoroughly and sensitively anything that occurs and to care for both students involved in the process.”

Christine Caron Gebhardt, director of the Gender Relations Center, said the recent changes in freshman orientation and the move from the Office of Residential Life to the Office of Community Standards marks “a shifted focus of conversation” toward a more community-driven approach. The Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention has launched a big effort to train bystanders to react to sexual assault situations, she said.

“I’ve heard students say there are some basic bystander obstacles for why people don’t intervene,” she said. “I don’t know what to do... I’m afraid this isn’t my business... Am I the person to do this?”

“Well, building community at Notre Dame says this is your business; this is about us taking care of each other. [The training] is happening at a level where students can really be empowered to create the kind of community that we all believe and we all envision together.”

Caron Gebhardt said students

should not be discouraged to report or intervene because there may be other rule violations involved, such as alcohol use or parietals.

“I believe we have within Du Lac an understanding that because sexual assault is one of the most egregious things that we have, it becomes our highest priority and the other situations become issues that are secondary,” she said. “Any witness coming forward that may be involved in any other policy violation, that would be taken into consideration in the conduct process. So we really want people to step forward, knowing that.”

Harding said she has seen “terrific examples” of concerned students coming forward to report assaults either as victims or bystanders.

“Our first and primary hope is that these instances will not occur, but when and if they do, we want our students to know that there are resources available for them to go through this process and to be surrounded by others within the community,” she said.

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Teen Nobel Peace Prize contender looks to future

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A defiant 16-year-old Pakistani girl whose advocacy for education made her the target of a Taliban assassination attempt a year and a day ago told an audience in New York on Thursday she one day hopes to become her country’s prime minister.

Malala Yousafzai made her comments in an interview with CNN’s chief international correspondent Christiane Amanpour. She spoke a few hours after she was awarded Europe’s top human rights prize and on the eve of the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize, for which she is considered a likely contender.

Asked if she wanted to be a doctor or a politician, Malala said she initially wanted to be a doctor but had learned she could help more people as prime

minister.

“I can spend much of the budget on education,” Malala said to applause and laughter as she sat next to her father, human rights activist Ziauddin Yousafzai, the founder of an all-girls school in Pakistan.

In a wide-ranging interview to be broadcast Sunday, Malala recounted the moment she was shot while sitting in the back of a vehicle traveling home from school and reiterated that she was not intimidated by threats.

“I’m never going to give up,” Malala said when asked about repeated death threats made against her by the Taliban.

“They only shot a body but they cannot shoot my dreams.”

On Oct. 9, 2012, a masked gunman jumped into a pickup truck taking girls home from the school and shouted “who is Malala” before shooting her in

the head.

Her father asked his brother-in-law to prepare a coffin. But Malala woke up a week later at a hospital in Birmingham, England, and gradually regained her sight and her voice.

She said Thursday her first thought was of two friends she was with who were also injured in the attack.

“If I was shot that was fine for me but I was feeling guilty that they have been the target,” she said.

The world’s horrified reaction to the attack led to the creation of Malala Fund, which campaigns for girls’ education around the world. Malala has received multiple awards, including the \$65,000 Sakharov Award, which she was awarded just hours before her interview.

The assassination attempt drew worldwide attention to

the struggle for women’s rights in Pakistan. Malala addressed the United Nations on her 16th birthday, and she expects to meet with Queen Elizabeth II later this month.

The Nobel Peace Prize committee will say only that a record 259 candidates, including 50 organizations, have been nominated this year. Speculation on front-runners for Friday’s announcement is primarily based on previous choices and current events.

Malala said Thursday it would be a “great honor and more than I deserve” to win the accolade, but insisted she still had more to do before she felt she’d truly earned it.

“I need to work a lot,” she said.

Malala’s father said he didn’t regret how outspoken his precocious only daughter has been since she was 11 years old, when

she first started blogging and speaking out against the denial of education to young girls in Pakistan’s Swat Valley.

“I will never put my head into the yoke of slavery,” he said.

Malala spoke passionately Thursday against forced marriages and the denial of education to girls and boys throughout the world.

She urged young girls in the developed world to take advantage of their education — and to do their homework and be kind to their teachers.

“I would like to tell all the girls: Realize its importance before it is snatched from you,” she said.

Malala lives with her family in Birmingham, England. She said that while in Pakistan she liked to listen to Justin Bieber, but now longs for the Pashto music of her homeland.

INSIDE COLUMN

Get inspired



Miko Malabute
Scene Editor

Call me a try-hard, call me a bit corny for this, but I truly hold this to be true and have always thought about it this way ever since I could remember: academics and sports really are so closely related.

With the fairly recently sparked controversy over a few key figures of our football team taking an early exit before singing the alma mater after the loss to Oklahoma a couple weeks back, followed by the insistence of a “policy change,” there were many students who were hurt by this apparent lack of student body unity. Many made the argument that all of the progress the university has made to this very point may in large part be accredited to its successful and withstanding football program: that is, sports and academics went hand-in-hand in bringing Notre Dame thus far, allowing us to be held in such high esteem as the prestigious university that we are.

In light of this perspective, I feel that it is not only beneficial, but almost necessary to look at succeeding in the classroom similarly to succeeding out on the field and out on the court. As freshmen, we all had to make “the cut” to be part of the organization — we had to qualify ourselves in tryouts (the application process). Ever since we’ve come onto campus, we have had to prove ourselves worthy of being here day after day, exam after exam. Kobe Bryant once said in an interview that “Everything negative — pressure, challenges — is all an opportunity for me to rise.” Every exam, is an opportunity to rise and prove ourselves. And if we didn’t do well on the last one, then you can bet that the next one will be the shot at redemption.

I underwent a large part of the summer reading Tim Grover’s “Relentless: From Good to Great to Unstoppable.” In this book, the legendary trainer implores his readers to adopt a relentless attitude in any aspect of their lives that they wish to truly excel at, to be a “cleaner” about it. No excuses, put your head down and do the work every single day. To me, this directly screams out “Notre Dame academics” — though we are all undeniably rooting for each other to succeed, we are all in the fight for our lives to excel in the classroom. If we don’t succeed, then there are more than 17,000 people who are dying to take your spot.

Last year, I looked to our football team as they underwent their almost magical regular season of 12-0 as inspiration in each of my classes. Week after week, many analysts and talking heads predicted (perhaps even hoped) that we would suffer our first loss of the season. Yet week after week, we prevailed. Thus, I thought to myself, if they could succeed week after week, I can too.

No excuses, do the work, and prevail despite what may be said against you. That’s what sports has taught me, and that’s the same attitude I intend to continue to bring to the classroom, as well as any other aspect of my life. Any other attitude will just likely get me benched.

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We’ve got your back

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

Notre Dame is an incredible place, but this school is not perfect.

And we don’t have to be perfect, either.

In light of Mental Health Awareness Week, The Observer ran a series of stories addressing mental health issues at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s. We spoke with staff, faculty and, perhaps most importantly, students about dealing with these challenges on each campus. The following is what these conversations revealed.

Faculty, staff and students alike often feel stressed, anxious and overwhelmed. We feel burdened by situations outside of our control. Sometimes, we are not even sure why we feel what we feel, but we know that something is not right. And sometimes, this anxiety or depression is a daily reality, and recovery isn’t a quick fix, but a lifelong battle.

Perhaps because we are at a University filled with high-achievers and go-getters, sometimes we are embarrassed to admit we are struggling. We worry that to do so would mean we have failed to take care of ourselves, and we fear that seeking help is a sign of weakness. In reality, nothing could be further from the truth.

Depression, anxiety, eating disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder and other mental illnesses are just that: illnesses. Like a case of the flu or strep throat, facing a mental health issue just means that something in your body is off-kilter and needs to be addressed. Seeking help from others is often the most effective way to alleviate the problem and to get back on your feet. It is one of the most honorable

and courageous steps a person who is struggling can take.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s provide many resources for members of our community who face mental health challenges. The University Counseling Center (UCC) and Women’s Health at Saint Mary’s provide free counseling sessions. Rectors, assistant rectors and resident assistants (RAs) can listen and support students. Many professors and Holy Cross clergy members also welcome conversations with students about any issues they may face.

The most valuable resources that we have, however, are our fellow students. We call ourselves “the Notre Dame family” because we support, care about and look out for one another. We are a community that values each other’s happiness above all else.

If you are struggling with a mental health issue, no matter how big or how small, you are not failing.

You are not broken.

And you certainly are not fighting this battle alone.

Reach out to someone. Mention to a friend that you’re having a hard time. Chat with your RA. Call the UCC and tell a counselor what’s going on.

Believe that you are worthy of feeling better. Know that you deserve whatever support you feel you may need. Even though not everyone might fully understand what you are going through, we are here to listen.

Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross student governments collaborated this week to organize mental health-related events for our community. The theme they chose serves as a poignant reminder of the most important aspect of facing a mental health issue on campus:

No matter who you are or what you’re going through, we’ve got your back.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Detroit on the road to resurgence

Mr. Newman,

I found your Oct. 8 column ‘Detroit: A city out of gas’ extremely disturbing. While you recite facts dealing with various facets of daily life facing metro Detroiters in addition to the ongoing bankruptcy, you claim that “there is relatively little Detroit can do at this point to solve its mess.” Opinionated statements masked as fact like this are precisely the reason why Detroit has become a symbol of both negativity and urban decay.

Because, Mr. Newman, if you’ve ever spent significant time in the Motor City, you’d see the beautification of the downtown area within the past decade to attract businesses, restaurants, and in turn, people, to areas like the Renaissance Center’s Riverwalk, Campus Martius and Greektown. You’d see the pockets of artists, inventors and urban planners whose effect has been so profound on the city, you’d think you’re in the Haight-Ashbury district or Greenwich Village. You’d see our three downtown-based sports teams (Go Tigers!) sell

out nearly all of their regular season games despite the recession that has affected every Detroiter.

You fail to mention Dan Gilbert, chairman of Quicken Loans, who consciously decided in 2010 to move its headquarters to Detroit. You fail to mention Bill Pulte, whose Detroit Blight Authority organization has promised to restore neighborhoods outside of Midtown’s established cultural hub. You fail to mention Mike Duggan, a man one mayoral election away from turning a new page for the city’s administration.

It’s clear, Mr. Newman, that you’ve never spent significant time in the city, because if you had, you wouldn’t see a hopeless “city out of gas.” You’d see a bruised, jabbed, down-and-out, underdog town taking baby steps in the road to resurgence.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Civilization is a method of living, an attitude of equal respect for all men.”

Jane Addams
American social worker, sociologist, and suffragist

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The things I'll remember

Matt Miklavic

The Maine Idea

"You're almost halfway done with the semester, then you're abroad, then you're a senior."

When my little sister said this to me over the phone a few weeks ago, she probably didn't think anything of it. She probably didn't realize it stopped me cold and made me check the calendar a few times to confirm she was right. She didn't know that it gave me that same queasy feeling I got the time my sisters left a bottle of Nair where the shampoo usually was and I realized it mid-lather. She didn't realize it made me feel ridiculously old all of a sudden, and the fact that she just turned 18 on Wednesday (Happy birthday Katie!) didn't help me feel any younger.

I'm agonizingly aware that the length of my time in college only grows shorter every time I cross another week off the calendar. I realize I'm getting closer to graduation as I watch the same people I once partied with now roam the halls as RAs, exterminating the wicked evils of loud music and ping pong balls that threaten the sanctity of Notre Dame and eliminating alcohol with the same ruthless efficiency with which

Congress runs the country. In reflecting on the diminishing time I have left here, however, I also think of the two plus years had at Notre Dame. And there stands a mountain of memories.

I'll remember meeting my section and the countless tales and adventures since that have made them some of the best friends I could ever find. I'll remember the first week-end of freshman year as we were formally 'welcomed' to the section by the upperclassmen. I'll remember watching one of those same freshmen shatter his elbow while hypnotized. I'll remember Catalina Wine Mixers, ReggaeTOM, and every other crazy tradition we created. I don't remember a night or two all that clearly, although my friends assured me I had a great time.

I'll remember the USF fiasco, the Stanford goal line stand, and an incredible trip to the national championship. I'll remember the struggles and triumphs that professors call tests, late night chats that lasted until morning, and nights full of ridiculousness. I'll remember that time a bunch of my business friends and I decided to show up to a biology lecture halfway through. I'll remember how we thought it'd be a great idea to raise our hand during it.

I won't remember what I said in a particular discussion section I spent way too much

time preparing for, nor can I recall how a random reading check I worried about went in freshman theology. While there's a lesson to be learned in there somewhere, I should mention that you'll probably remember your GPA. And if you don't, the torrent of job and internship applications that awaits will more than gladly remind you. It's worth working hard. But don't let it consume you. Learn when to push on and when to enjoy life here. There will come a point during some of those late nights when you have to say, in the words of one junior, "You know what? I'm done. We're all getting degrees. And with that, I'm going to bed." And with that, enough about the real world and serious stuff.

I'll remember staying up way too late trying to think of mediocre jokes to put in columns. I'll remember late night runs to Steak n' Shake, fitting nine people in a car and its trunk and having one of them jump out at the stoplight on Douglas Road. I'll remember teachers that cared, a 9/11 memorial that moved, and classes that inspired. I wish I could tell you I remember learning a lesson or two about time management, but I'm writing this at 4:30 A.M. amidst tweets featuring "#NoShameNovember" and no less than three YouTube videos of flash mobs. Apparently, I haven't much time management wisdom to share.

I'll keep the memories of far too many great moments and people to ever completely list in a 600-900 word column. I'll keep the friends I've made, an indebtedness to Notre Dame for the two unbelievable years I've had and the many more that have yet to come.

Like thousands of seniors, the end of high school brought with it the selection of a yearbook quote. Originally, I went with the sage advice of Maine's finest — "license and registration please" — before it was 'suggested' I find a different quote. I finally settled on something to the extent of living with no regrets. In retrospect, I can honestly say that in the time I've had here none come to mind. I'll remember the challenges faced, the successes won, and the memories of a lifetime. Conclusively, I'll remember a combination of fun, friends and opportunity and I can never imagine topping beyond Notre Dame. These, ultimately, are the things I will remember.

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Notre Dame should listen to its Forum

Richard Klee

Catholic Characteristics

This year has been marked in the Notre Dame Forum as a year to reflect and learn about the theme of 'Women in Leadership'. In a previous column I described the underrepresentation of women in leadership now at Notre Dame, where women are outnumbered by men three to one among executive administrators, nine to one among full professors, and eleven to one at the highest level of university oversight, the Board of Fellows. In this column I would like to present basic information and analysis regarding the underrepresentation of women among faculty and graduate students, with a particular focus on female faculty and graduate students who are parents or who are discerning parenthood.

In a 2008 study, the University Committee on Women Faculty and Students noted that Notre Dame had made strides towards better representation of women among tenure-track faculty, but was nonetheless losing ground, relative to its peer schools, in other important respects. The report described the basic problems: "Since 2001, the ratio of female faculty at Notre Dame relative to our Association of American Universities (AAU) peers has dropped by a full 10 percentage points. Notre Dame has excelled at recruiting women at the assistant professor level, but we do not seem to be able to keep them. Notre Dame continues to lag behind the AAU privates at the associate and full professor

ranks. Relative to our peers, the percentage of full professors has not changed in 10 years." In the period studied, Notre Dame in fact did better than its peers in attracting female scholars to a tenure track job, but was significantly less effective than peers in promotion to tenure, and retention in senior faculty positions.

The report described several initiatives proven effective at other schools that, if applied at Notre Dame, would improve the University's gender climate. Several of these initiatives were fully accepted by the President and Provost in their response to this report in 2009. Some were altered or rejected. I would like to focus on these here. Firstly, the Committee recommended expanding high quality child care at Notre Dame's ECDC. This recommendation has twice been evaluated by the administration and found too expensive. The administration has not considered other potentially less expensive means to secure childcare, such as vouchers or subsidies offered directly to faculty parents. The result is that faculty and graduate students cannot secure child care at Notre Dame until the second or third year of their child's life, depending on waiting lists.

Secondly, the Committee had recommended a full office to supervise and support the increase of gender diversity at Notre Dame; this recommendation was altered in implementation by the administration. Citing "the current economic climate that counsels against significant administrative and bureaucratic expansion" and that a person integrated within the Provost's office

with "focused attention" on gender concerns could better coordinate efforts across the university, a person with part-time focus was designated to supervise this university-wide work.

In implementation, however, neither the concerns to provide "focused attention", nor to constrain administrative and bureaucratic costs in tough times, has been maintained. The supervisory person was a year later tasked to be "Interim Director of the Hesburgh Libraries", a position held for over a year. (I do not identify this person, as competency is certainly not in question here, only the administrative structure of the university.) Administrative costs also ballooned, according to foundationcenter.org, as many executive administrators at Notre Dame saw their compensation double, triple, or quadruple from 2003 baselines.

Inconsistent attention and poor funding are also a characteristic of the Graduate School's approach to improving conditions for student parents, conditions which typically affect female students more strongly. In 2011, after a year of study on ways to make graduate study more "family friendly", the Graduate Council considered a proposal to provide an 'accommodation policy' option for student parents following childbirth or adoption, in addition to a medical leave option. This accommodation, however, came with no additional funding. Several professors on the Council noted "the failure to add a semester of funding... as it is not "family friendly" to lose support as a result of becoming a parent." However the minutes noted

that unless there was "buy-in at higher levels of the University administration" no such funding was possible. Several years later, this 'buy-in' has still not occurred, with the result that the typically female student users of this policy must consume limited academic funding to heal and care for a newborn following childbirth. Moreover, the minutes record that leadership of the Graduate School promised improvements at departmental levels, but I am unaware that any department has made such improvements two years later.

A university that does not provide basic supports and benefits to female scholars seeking to negotiate the difficult balance of work and family should not be surprised by statistics that show poor retention and promotion of women. Whether for the Graduate School, where the attrition rate for female students is significantly higher than that of male students, and the recruitment of women to doctoral programs lags in most departments, or to improve the representation of women faculty in the tenured and full professor ranks, Notre Dame must offer more attention, funding, and consistency before it can be confident of its efforts to address the underrepresentation of women.

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gabriela's DOUBLE DOG DARE:

Dare to tell
the truth.

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I often remark how this column serves to remove inhibition, allowing me to do things I would normally not think to do or would normally not have the courage to do.

This week's dare was to reveal a secret.

When I first saw this dare, I looked past it, not thinking it was big or bold enough to accept for this column. I thought that it was cliché, something akin to the Truth or Dare games we would play in middle school. It was always the courageous people who would take the dares, the rest of us playing it safe by choosing to reveal a truth.

But now, as a pseudo-adult, I think that telling the truth is a lot more difficult than going through with a dare.

This week I faced both head on — accepting a dare to tell the truth.

Notre Dame is a campus full of successful students, many of whom are instrumental in social, political, or intellectual change. With so many remarkable people at this school, I often hear my friends describe someone as being perfect. "Oh, I love her," they say. "She's seriously the most perfect human being." This always makes me paise.

Do we realize what we're doing when we make these claims of perfection?

My secret is that this idea of perfection bothers me — the other secret is why it bothers me.

When someone is called "perfect," an impossible goal is set. Unless you are king or queen of the narcissist club, you probably see that there is something about yourself that could use improvement, that there is some imperfection.

But if we admit we are flawed, then we admit that we can never be like this "perfect" person. If compared to supposed perfection, we will always fall short.

It's so easy for us to look at someone else and assume that they are perfect or compare ourselves to those we see as far better than we are. "She is a better singer than I am." "He is better at Econ than I am." "They have a better relationship than we do." On and on, these are impossible standards.

The real problem comes with the connotation that perfection is always the ideal. Because no one is, nor ever will be, perfect. No matter how people seem, they have their own struggles, their own demons, their own imperfections.

The truth is, we all have our own secrets. We all have sides of ourselves that we are afraid to share, sides that aren't always public.

Perhaps we are afraid of the vulnerability that comes from sharing our true selves with another person, of being judged or ostracized as a consequence. Perhaps, at the heart of it all, we are afraid that we will no longer be seen as

perfect. But I've started asking myself, is that really a bad thing?

The Irish State of Mind week has been on my mind for this reason. It's a week that's meant to show support for those on campus dealing with mental illness, dealing with their secrets, dealing with their imperfections.

I think the best way we can support each other is to come to terms and embrace these imperfections, not only in ourselves, but in others.

I have been told before that people think I'm perfect. I will never claim that to be true. I'm sure that some of you reading this have ample examples of how imperfect I am.

The reason I dislike this idea of imperfection is because I am painfully aware of how imperfect I am. My struggle with depression and mental illness reminds me constantly of what I lack.

As the girl who skips down the hallway after getting drenched in the rain, most people would never know this side of me, and honestly, I would never tell them.

But I've come to realize that this is not and should not be something to be ashamed of. And no, this struggle does not define me in the way you'd think.

My imperfections and my struggles make me stronger. I may not have control over the sadness, the cumulus nimbus cloud that hovers over my head, but I have control over how

I respond to it. I respond to it by remembering how lucky I am, how great Notre Dame is, how happy I feel to be blessed with such wonderful people in my life. I plow through the dark, stormy days, and believe that this too shall pass.

Many people will tell you that I am the girl that walks around saying, "You're wonderful," to people. That is because I sincerely and honestly feel that way. I am frequently amazed by how wonderful people are. But people aren't wonderful because they are perfect. They are wonderful, in a big part, because they are flawed.

Being flawed is hard. Admitting your flaws is hard. But with that hardship comes something wonderful. If all of us stop being afraid of showing our imperfect selves, there comes the possibility of finding people who will love us not in spite of our imperfections, but even more so because of them.

We cannot keep the storms from coming. Sometimes we will be left in the rain, without an umbrella. And honestly, that sucks. But it sucks a little less when you turn your head towards the heavens and jump around in the puddles with some great people who don't mind holding your hand through it all.

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THE KICKBACK



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This was supposed to be the chosen year for rap.

Kanye, Jay Z, Drake, Kid Cudi, J. Cole, Big Sean, Danny Brown, Earl Sweatshirt, the list goes on for major studio releases. 2013 was supposed to be the year. But the hype was so big there was no way anyone could possibly live up to it. Kanye's was maddening. Jay Z was safe. Drake's was soft. Cudi's was ... interesting. J. Cole's was preachy. Big Sean's was shallow. And Danny Brown and Earl Sweatshirt were just plain weird.

That's not to say they weren't good, but not everyone could agree on the quality of any of these. Although there is still some hope for the year with Schoolboy Q and, most recently announced, Childish Gambino, the year has been written off.

But here's a warning to you: Don't write off Pusha T.

Pusha T's "My Name Is My Name" is the best major release rap album of the year, at least so far. The whole year I was subtly looking forward to Oct. 8, but the hype around everyone else put Pusha T to the back of everyone's minds.

But with this rap veteran's track record (he's one half of the rap duo Clipse), I expect this to be solid through and through. After all, Pusha T was responsible for some of the best features of the last few years, most notably Kanye West's "Runaway" and G.O.O.D. Music's "Mercy" and "Don't Like." He has always gone so hard that his verses sometimes left you scared, let alone impressed and in awe.

So, naturally, I expected "My Name Is My Name" to be solid. What I got in return was a surprise, something that surpassed my expectations in a year filled with overrated expectations. The thing about this album, it starts with a bang and hardly lets up straight through 12

tracks. The opener "King Push" and "Numbers On The Boards" showcase the Virginia native's ability to stand on his own and shine on an album where 10 of the 12 songs have high-profile features such as Jeezy, Pharrell, 2 Chainz and Future.

However, the award for best feature surely goes to Chris Brown, who lays down a beautiful hook to set the tone for the moody, ominous "Sweet Serenade." Yet a close second goes to Kendrick Lamar on "Nostalgia." With Pusha and Kendrick on the same song, there is almost no need for a beat at all. Emphasis, as it should be, is placed on the lyrics.

Which brings up another point that makes "My Name Is My Name" so worthy of a listen. It's pretty simplistic in terms of beat selection (taking a page out of Yeezus' minimalism), yet each song has its unique sound that is far from forgettable like Pusha T's precluding mixtape "Wrath of Caine."

My favorite track hits cleanup. "Hold On" featuring Rick Ross and the auto-tune of Kanye West. Simple, to the point and unusually catchy, "Hold On" is a masterpiece. One of the strong points of this album is everyone will have a song he or she thinks is the best, yet even those who disagree would probably consider the option.

However, I wish the release was 10 tracks instead of 12. Songs with Kelly Rowland ("Let Me Love You") and The Dream ("40 Acres") stray so far from what Pusha T does best that it takes away from the album.

It may not be the best release of the year (thanks, Chance the Rapper) but it has salvaged a summer of expectations unfulfilled and gives the Howard St. Food Mart something to bump.

All hail King Push, yeeeah.

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"My Name Is My Name"

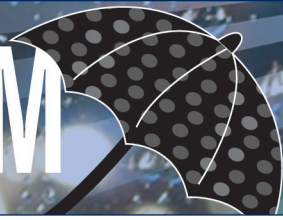
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Record Label: GOOD Music

Genre: Hip-Hop



TAKING FASHION BY STORM



Hey, you. Look outside. Now look at your shoes. Now back outside. Now back at your shoes. Sadly, it's raining, and those are your best leather shoes. If you listen to us, you won't be wearing plastic bags on your feet. Look back. Now forward. You're walking down a rainy runway, cameras flashing, decked out in Louis Vuitton's latest South Bend-inspired line.

Okay, maybe it didn't originate from Louis Vuitton personally, but it's from the next best thing, Notre Dame's newest fashion column! One of the writers may or may not have made the move of wearing bags on his feet to keep them dry, so this week we have a special insight on how to not ruin your clothes when it's hailing more than Mary's.



By **ERIN MCAULIFFE**
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Women

Hey ladies, just because it's raining cats and dogs doesn't mean you can't look spiffy enough to make it rain men! Let's forgo the Hunter boots, leggings, and raincoat uniform for a bit and delve into some unique fashion options for when the weather isn't cooperating.

So it's 8:24 a.m. and you're sleeping in your bed at your dorm, even though you're supposed to be sleeping in your desk at Calculus. To make matters worse it's raining AND you have no idea what to wear. That is when you turn to this article (which I'm sure you will have framed on your wall). Here are two go-to outfit options that will ensure you never end up in class looking anything less than fetch.

Don't let rain be an excuse to dress down.

Do you think Beyoncé wakes up, looks outside, and says, "it's raining so I don't need to be fabulous today"? No. You've got to work it all day, everyday, no matter the weather. Don't be afraid to dress up. A look I love is sundresses with rain boots. To transition this look into fall just add tights or over-the-knee socks. As pictured, I experimented with a monochromatic look. I pulled out the ox-blood color in the dress with tights and boots of the same color (tip: matching your tights with your shoes does wonders for lengthening your legs).

If dresses aren't your thang, an army green parka is a practical wardrobe staple. If you've ever watched "What Not to Wear" (you have, don't lie to yourself), you've heard from Clinton and Stacy that neutrals entail navy, black, brown, white, and khaki. I would venture to expand this ideal to entail army green as the new neutral. This color (along with the more daring camo print) has been seen on

the runways of Phillip Lim, Michael Kors, and Prabal Gurung for Fall 2013. I love pairing this color with burgundy, plum, or leopard print. I dressed our lovely model, Maddy, in an olive parka with a fun scarf and versatile striped shirt. We added dark-wash jeans and boots and whoomp, there it is.

To get these looks even more rainy-day-ready, add an umbrella. Not only are these life-savers when you have to trek across campus in the rain, but they also can help make you friends! Take a tip from Ri-Ri and if you see someone stuck in the downpour, offer them some refuge. Who knows, this could spark a newfound friendship!

In typical Notre Dame fashion (no pun intended), here's an equation for the perfect rainy day outfit: fun umbrella + neutral boots + practical yet chic outfit = bright outcome.

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Men

Guys, let's be honest, jeans dry, shirts dry, so really the only thing you should be worrying about are your shoes. So there's three directions to go with this: You wear leather shoes, maximizing class, and spray them with the water-resistant sprays until those babies could be your own personal Noah's Ark. Still, when these beauties get wet they need to dry, but don't burn them with a hairdryer, that messes with the

stitching, leave them at room temperature and if you have shoe trees, add those. If you're too fearful of your leather kicks, get some rubber on your feet. I'm not talking rain boots, unless it's actually the Great Flood outside, but maybe some rubber sneakers or ankle-height boots. If you want to see some inspiration, check out Hunter's latest Bakerson Sneakers, drool, then cry as you realize that they're probably too expensive for a college budget. Lastly, if none of these sound appealing, you can grab some rubber overshoes that slip on top of your normal shoes. When

heading out, slip them on, then when you get back inside you can slip them off and watch your friends envy your dry feet.

If you really want to keep your upper body dry, grab an umbrella and rain-resistant upper garment. The rules on umbrellas are simple for us guys: Black, with a wooden, or wood-imitation, cane handle. The umbrella-proof solution works with taste. My favorite piece on the rainy days is a light brown or cream trench coat, which dresses up any outfit, and keeps you dry underneath. If you're looking for a more casual look, find a darker-colored

"classic" rain jacket, which you can keep on even if the rain stops, just unzip it halfway.

In conclusion, I have just one thing to ask. Don't wear neon. You can throw on a brighter rain jacket, if you have to, but just don't go bright on bright on bright just to try to add some happiness among the clouds. I'll tell you now, it doesn't make anyone any happier. We're already dreary, you're just burning our eyes.

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KANYE ON KIMMEL

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In recent news, Kanye has garnered a lot of attention (surprise, surprise) for his tirade on Jimmy Kimmel. The TV personality aired a comedic skit on his late night program that poked fun at what Kanye had said in a BBC interview; unfortunately, Kanye took great offense to said skit and, in a way, took this skit as an affront to what he stood for as a human being.

In the skit, the rapper was portrayed by a young child spewing all kinds of profanity and saying things which quite frankly did portray Kanye in a rather ridiculous light. Kanye responded to this skit by tweeting a slew of crazy things, most of which I undoubtedly cannot publish in this article due to their profane nature and many others which were nonsensical productions of his rage. He attacked Jimmy Kimmel for

having aired the skit, and even went on to call Mr. Kimmel personally to request a public apology.

After this very public fight with Kimmel, Kanye agreed to make an appearance on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" in order to bury the hatchet. His appearance on the show gave context to not only why he took so much offense to the skit, but also some personal history that he and Kimmel shared which apparently gravened his feelings of offense. In the interview, Kanye showed a surprisingly human side of himself that often times we as the "audience" of celebrities' antics are not able to see. The candid perspective of who this mega-personality really is when all the flashing lights cut to dark was surprisingly refreshing and interesting to say the least.

Although it is probably fair to say that Kanye can be a little too boisterous and caustic at times, it should be evident

to most why Kanye took such great offense to the skit. This is not to say that the tweets and their content were excusable, because they did seem to blow things greatly out of proportion, but it is certainly understandable why any adult might be offended by being portrayed as a child.

Kanye without a doubt has a grandiose self-image, which some might argue he has no right to, but he spoke to Kimmel as a human being with real aspirations and dreams that he was trying to pursue and achieve through his art. He spoke about his past and present ventures in other art forms apart from rap, mainly fashion, and how he believed he could change the world for the better through said mediums. He made allusions to how he was trying to change the fashion scene as a whole by being an influential figure in this community, not only as a dynamic mover-and-shaker but also as

an African-American, citing that his breakout success in this world was akin to Michael Jackson's success at becoming the first African-American to have his videos featured on MTV.

For any Kanye fans out there, or for anyone else looking to get a deeper perspective of what goes on inside of celebrities' minds, I would suggest taking a quick peek at the interview. Admittedly, it is arguable that Kanye could have been putting on a show both during his tweeting and the supposed reconciliation that occurred afterwards; however, it is up to you as the audience to decide whether his candor is real or not. In the end, it is hard to argue the point that Kanye does succeed at garnering a lot of attention, but as to whether or not his class and social criticisms actually do make a difference could be debatable.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

If your team loses, cheer for underdogs



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Watching the MLB Playoffs with my friends, I have come to realize there is no relationship like the one between a fan and his or her team.

One of my roommates is a die-hard Cardinals fan and is currently basking in his first-round victory over the Pirates. Two others are Red Sox fans, also pleased with their results over the Rays.

Through the first round, my friends have put off countless hours of homework, streamed games in class and exhausted their respective team's colors.

This may seem a bit extreme to some, or as my friend so eloquently put it, "I love my family, I love my friends and I love my teams."

A sports team is always there for you and gives you something to cheer for despite any other circumstances going on in life. Sports become an outlet. Even if your team is terrible, you hope for its success more than you hope for anything else at that moment. You hope for hope's sake.

What happens, though, when your team did not make or is no longer in the playoffs?

As a Diamondbacks fan, my team is unfortunately finished for the year, but come next year Arizona will be hosting up the Commissioner's Trophy (just watch, it will happen). Now I have to watch the dastardly Dodgers win their first-round series, and it sickens me but that's besides the point.

As a baseball fan, I continue to watch the playoff games, but not with the same fervor as I would have if the D-backs were still going. When my team is not playing, I always choose the underdog — and so should you.

The Dodgers are like the Yankees of the National League: You are either from LA and love them or you hate them with an intense,

unrivaled and unbridled passion. I am of the latter group. They swam in our pool and I hope they pay for it.

Recently, the Cardinals have been a baseball powerhouse, making three World Series appearances in the last 10 years and winning two of those. Although the Cardinals go about their business in a professional manner and I have the utmost respect for Yadier Molina, I was sad to see the Pirates go.

The Red Sox may have been an excellent choice in 2004, but now they are old news. No longer does the World Series drought or The Curse of the Bambino hold my sympathy. They are just another deep-pocketed team of the AL East (but they will never be as bad as the Yankees).

Detroit is a tough case. It has made it to the World Series twice now in the past 10 years — in 2006 and 2012 — but has come up short both times. The Tigers' last World Series win was in 1984, which is a strong case for an underdog, but unfortunately for them, they are playing the Athletics.

Since the Pirates were eliminated, the Athletics were the team everyone without a team left should be rooting for. The Athletics have not made a World Series appearance since 1990 and haven't won a Series since 1989 and won't this year after losing to the Tigers in Game 5 on Thursday night.

Like I said, there is a special relationship between a fan and his or her team, but if that team is no longer playing, the fan will (or should) choose the team that hasn't always been successful. It may be cliché, but the underdog stories are the best.

If your team can't win, you might as well root for the team that needs the most hope.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish aim for success again

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Notre Dame will look to build off last year's tremendous season when they kick off the 2013-14 campaign this Friday at the Dennis Stark Relays.

Last year's team had success in nearly every category, whether it was swimming or diving, relays or individuals. Irish coach Brian Barnes said last year was as good as any season he could remember.

"We had a fantastic year," Barnes said. "I think it's as good a year as we've ever had. We had our highest placing ever at the NCAA Championships when we came in the 16th, we had 10 All-Americans and we broke nine school records."

In addition to all the accolades Barnes mentioned, the Irish also had the Big East Swimmer of the Year, Big East Diver of the Year, Big East Diving Coach of the Year, and Big East Swimming Coach of the Year.

With all the success the team enjoyed last year, it would be only natural to assume this year's squad would want to replicate the same success. However, Barnes said he is looking for this year's team to surpass last year's achievements.

"You don't try and duplicate it, you try to do better than that, and that's really what it comes down to," Barnes said. "Right now, it's to be seen whether we have the team that can be better than 16th in the country. I think we do, I think we have a very good team this year. Now this is October, so we have to get our act together so we can get in position where we can have a heck of a year."

Barnes said he believes this team has the potential to be even better than last year, but noted that there are always changes that need to be made.

"I do believe in this team and the girls on this team, and I think we can do that, but to



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Irish junior Erin Foley competes in the freestyle competition at the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 25. The Irish won the meet.

improve upon that we have to make changes, and that's really what athletics is," Barnes said. "If you want to get better, something has to change. You can't do what you did last year and expect to be better this year."

While he believes the team will be very successful this year, Barnes refused to put any concrete goals on the table.

"If you want an answer based on what outcome's going to be, I can't really answer that," Barnes said. "We'll see. We'll see what the outcome is, but my expectations for this team are that we work hard, we do everything we can do to the best of our ability, we're going to do what's right, and we're going to be good to one another."

In order for the Irish to reach the heights Barnes believes they can, he will look to his most experienced swimmers to lead the team.

"[Junior] Emma Reaney, [junior] Bridget Casey, [senior] Kelly Ryan, [sophomore] Cat Galletti, those four are returning NCAA swimmers," Barnes said. "The senior class, the entire class, I expect them to lead, but I think predominantly most of our leadership is going to come from in the water, it's going to come from the

ones with the most experience at the NCAA level."

Reaney has already earned All-American honors and has swam at the NCAA Championships, but Barnes believes the best is yet to come for the junior.

"Emma Reaney swam this summer, she was 21st in the world at the 200-yard breaststroke," Barnes said. "She's a legitimately awesome swimmer, and she's getting her head on straight. I'm not saying it's never not been on straight, but what I've seen in the water, I'm super excited for her and what is to come."

In addition to Reaney and the rest of the upperclassmen, this year's incoming freshmen have the potential to impress, Barnes said.

"I like them," Barnes said. "I like them, but freshmen are unpredictable. I'm cautious to do too much commenting on freshmen. Everybody thinks you do the recruiting thing, but you don't really know them until you get them on campus. But I like this freshman class."

The squad will kick off their season Friday at the Dennis Stark Relays at Rolfs Aquatics Center at 5 p.m.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Dawgs face Manor, look to keep undefeated record

Keenan hopes to stay undefeated against Big Red; Duncan to fight for first win vs. Knott

By **EVAN ANDERSON**
Sports Writer

Alumni looks to complete an undefeated regular season this Sunday, while Morrissey seeks to build on the momentum garnered by earning its first win of the season last weekend.

The Dawgs (3-0) won in dramatic fashion last Sunday to seize control of their own destiny in the division standings, recovering a fumble in the end zone with a minute remaining for a 10-7 victory over previously unbeaten Siegfried. Senior receiver and captain Jeffrey Kraemer said he felt the team's experience in tight games would serve the team well going forward.

"It's always good to know that you've been through it before," Kraemer said. "We are going to keep doing what we are doing and continue to play physical. ... We feel like we can play with anyone."

The Manor (1-1) also won in exciting fashion, taking the lead on a last-minute touchdown run by junior quarterback Ryan Lindquist, before sealing the 22-12 win over Duncan with a 70-yard interception return touchdown.

Morrissey junior offensive lineman and captain Patrick Valencia said he was thrilled to see his offense start to click in the second half.

"After a couple weeks of practice, we were finally able to execute in the second half," Valencia said. "I think if we can continue to do that and focus on the little things, we will be on the winning end again."

The Dawgs and Manor face off Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at Riehle Fields, with Alumni gunning to clinch a division title.

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Carroll vs. Sorin

By **BRIAN PLAMONDON**
Sports Writer

Carroll and Sorin are set to showdown Sunday in a game that holds serious playoff implications. The Vermin (1-0-1) are coming off of a 14-8 victory against St. Edwards, while the Otters (1-0-1) recently won by forfeit over Zahm.

Carroll senior captain and lineman Mike Russell said he has noticed a change in the tempo at practice leading up to the big game.

"We want to have a good mental attitude going into the game and are looking to come out with intensity," Russell said.

Russell said the Vermin want to reduce the pressure on their defense, which he said starts with finding a

rhythm on offense behind freshman running back Zach Dodd.

"Zach is very physical, and he runs hard," Russell said. "He's also a great tackler on defense."

Sorin comes in to the game with the same record as Carroll but has only played one official game. Despite this, senior captain and lineman Dan Yi said the team is prepared to come out ready as ever.

"Everyone knows what is on the line with playoff implications and seeding," Yi said. "Carroll is a different team than Zahm would have been and Fisher was, with a highly capable offense."

As a result, Yi said the Otter defense is playing around with multiple new schemes. On both sides of the ball, however, he said to look out for senior captain and lineman Taylor Nutter.

"Taylor was disappointed with his game against Fisher," Yi said. "Watch out, he will be doing big things against Carroll."

Carroll and Sorin will battle for the playoffs this Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Stepan fields.

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Dillon vs. Keenan

By **ZACH KLONSINKI**
Sports Writer

In a battle for potential playoff seeding, Keenan looks to remain undefeated when it faces off with Dillon.

The Knights (2-0) are coming off a 7-0 win over Keough play in last weekend's bad weather. Sophomore quarterback Pat Corry found freshman receiver Michael Koller for the game's only score. Keenan did make other visits to the red zone during Sunday's game, and senior receiver and team captain Jeremy Riche said the Knights have to finish those opportunities this week.

"We had a lot of opportunities on offense either in the red zone or just throughout the game that we didn't necessarily convert on," Riche said. "That's been an emphasis on this week's practice so far, capitalizing on all our possessions."

Riche said he was pleased with the shutout by the Knights' defense, especially in the bad weather.

"Our physical toughness definitely showed in the sloppy weather last week," Riche said. "That's all about intensity on defense and chemistry and playing with each other."

Dillon (2-1) won a hard fought battle last week against O'Neill, 13-7. Led by freshman cornerback Nick Bielanski's interception returned for a touchdown, the Big Red held the opposing offense scoreless

except for a Hail Mary pass at the end of the game. Senior defensive lineman and team captain Nathaniel Steele said that Dillon must improve on offense to ensure a win this week.

"We've struggled offensively for most of the season," Steele said. "We made another adjustment to our offensive line [at halftime that]... culminated in consecutive first downs on all three of our possessions that half."

Steele, however, said he has few concerns about the other side on the ball.

"Our defense has been a rock," Steele said.

The matchup between Dillon and Keenan will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon at Riehle fields.

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Knott vs. Duncan

By **MEGAN WINKEL**
Sports Writer

Duncan and Knott face off on Sunday as both teams fight to make the playoffs.

The Highlanders (0-2) and the Juggerknotts (0-2) have had rough starts to the season, with both sides winless after two games. A victory in this game could be a lifeline to the playoff race, and Duncan junior captain Alan Keck said they are clinging to that hope.

"Our goal for the season was to make playoffs, and that's not looking great right now, but I think if we concentrate on doing the little things rights we have a good shot at staying competitive in this game and pulling out a win," Keck said.

Although Keck said Duncan did not start out how it wanted to, he said he believes the team has improved since then.

"We've taken a lot of strides from where we started and we continue to improve," Keck said.

Knott senior captain Aaron Weber also said he believes that the team as a whole has improved since the beginning of the season. Even if Knott is out of the running for the playoffs after Sunday's game, Weber said the team looks forward to the rest of the season.

"We look to keep people motivated and appreciate the sport and the camaraderie, and not necessarily focus on the win or loss records," Weber said.

Knott and Duncan will both battle for their first victory of the season Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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An Alumni player tries to elude the Duncan defense as he runs the ball down the sideline in the Dawgs' 19-0 victory Sept. 29.

Stanford vs. Keough

By **JOSÉ FERNÁNDEZ**
Sports Writer

In a game between two teams coming off close losses, Keough and Stanford will look to right the ship on Sunday.

Keough (2-1) lost a tough game against Keenan last week, and is looking to move the ball offensively and give their defense some breathing room, according to senior captain and quarterback Seamus Donegan. After a game in which the Kangaroos offense did not get a first down in the first half, Donegan said he recognizes the offense needs some work.

"Our defense is great, but on offense we need to get back to basics," Donegan said. "We are a very balanced team but we missed some personnel in our last game; we're going to get back to our game instead of just scrambling around."

Stanford (0-2) is coming off a bye week after losing to O'Neill in a low scoring affair. Senior captain Ruben Carrion said offense was a priority this past week as they prepared for the Kangaroos.

"Offense has definitely been our main struggle thus far," Carrion said. "Hopefully after this bye week we can develop an ability to make big plays and stay consistent throughout the game."

He went on to say that even though the Griffins' next game is going to be tough, his offense and defense will be ready to get their first win of the season.

Keough and Stanford will look to get their offenses rolling when they face off Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle fields.

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Zahm vs. Fisher

By **CORNELIUS McGRATH**
Sports Writer

This Sunday's game between Fisher and Zahm will be crucial, as both teams long for a win that would give their teams a much needed mental boost.

The Green Wave (1-0-2) are looking to build some momentum after their convincing victory against St Edwards last weekend. Junior captain and linebacker Matthew Nagy said he hopes they continue their strong play against Zahm (0-2).

"This was our best game yet this season" Nagy said "Our offense looked really strong and I hope they can perform again this week"

Fisher's offense only scored three points prior to their game against St. Edward's, but Nagy said he believes that the tide has turned for the offense, and that the Green Wave's defense can continue to dominate.

"Whilst we did not put many points on the board our first two games, our defense only conceded three points a piece" said Nagy "They have been our biggest strength all season and I hope they are just as resilient against Zahm"

Zahm on the other hand is hoping to put last week's forfeited game behind it, and senior co-captain and offensive line Joseph Rice said the Zahmbies would be ready to play this weekend

"They are a pretty good side but the goal is always to compete and to get the win" said Rice "I truly believe we have the talent in our roster to do so"

The Zahmbies will take on the Green Wave this Sunday at 3.30pm at Riehle Fields.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Pangborn and Ryan clash as unbeatens

Badin and Breen-Phillips seek first wins; Cavanaugh and Pasquerilla East face off in premier matchup

By **REBECCA ROGALSKI**
Sports Writer

With four wins in their respective record books thus far, Pangborn and Ryan both aim to remain undefeated when they square off Sunday.

Pangborn (4-0) hopes to continue its success this season and build off last Sunday's 27-6 victory over Howard. Phoxes senior captain and offensive lineman Mary Kate Veselik said the team planned to improve the little things in practice this week.

"We've really got to work on achieving long yardage plays on offense, as well as making sure the defense knows each play call assigned," Veselik said.

Ryan (4-0), coming off a 31-6 victory against Howard on Monday night, plans to bring lots of intensity against the Phoxes, senior captain Andrea Carlson said.

"Our keys to winning on Sunday are simple: stay focused, stay consistent and play our hearts out," Carlson said. "We just need to play to our full potential."

Both Pangborn and Ryan recognize the importance of Sunday's game, as one team will remain undefeated while the other will suffer its first loss of the season.

Carlson said Ryan freshman quarterback Kathleen Conaty would be a factor for the Wildcats in Sunday's matchup.

"I have a ton of confidence in Kathleen," Carlson said. "She can throw the ball deep down the field and make quick, smart plays".

Veselik said the Phoxes know how well Ryan has played and plan to establish smarter play calls to outwit the Wildcats' defense.

"This will be our toughest game yet," Veselik said. "It'll be interesting to see how two very talented teams will clash on the field."

The Phoxes and Wildcats will duke it out Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Badin vs. Lewis

By **ALEX CARSON**
Sports Writer

Badin will look to score its first win of the year, while Lewis will aim for its second victory in a row when the two teams meet Sunday.

Badin (0-4) has just one touchdown to its name this season, but sophomore captain and quarterback Kristina Techar said her team is still working hard to get better.

"We've really focused on a few plays we needed to make,"

Techar said. "When we instituted those in games, it worked well."

Badin will look to senior Kelly Harmon to anchor the defense while junior receiver Brianna Leon will be a focal point of the offensive unit, Techar said.

The Chicks (1-3) hope to build on their first victory of the season, a 6-0 win over Farley on Monday.

"Our defense stepped up [against Farley] and we were able to defend their best receivers, putting pressure on the quarterback," Lewis senior captain and receiver Colleen Haller said. "Our offense had a better completion rate, though we still look to improve offensively, especially with pass protection."

Lewis's win Monday night was a team effort, Haller said, as she stressed that no one player could be viewed above the rest on the Chicks' deep roster.

"We used three quarterbacks and had a lot of players step up," Haller said. "We've been using everybody and nobody in particular, with lots of people stepping into roles when necessary."

Badin and Lewis will face off at LaBar Fields this Sunday at 6 p.m.

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Breen-Phillips vs. Welsh Family

By **MANNY DE JESUS**
Sports Writer

Welsh Family will face Breen-Phillips on Sunday in a late season matchup, as both teams look to finish their seasons strong after close losses in their last games.

Breen-Phillips (0-4) hopes to gain success through the air this week with its new freshman quarterback, Emily Affinito, senior captain and linebacker Molly McNerney said. In the Babes' last contest, Affinito drove Breen-Phillips' offense down the field and scored on a 62-yard rushing touchdown.

"We've been practicing our offensive rhythm with [Affinito]," McNerney said. "We did well with her last game, so hopefully we can produce the same results."

Breen-Phillips will also rely on freshman receiver Kaheke Martinson for big plays, McNerney said.

The Whirlwinds (1-3) are trying to get their offense jump-started this week by working on precision in practice, senior captain and linebacker Carissa Henke said.

"We've been working on offensive plays and making sure they are being run as precisely as possible," Henke said. "We're also fine tuning our defense

by working on our one-on-one coverages."

Henke said Welsh Family wants to continue improving on both sides of the ball as its season wraps up. Junior receiver Molly Knapp is a key player the Whirlwinds believe can contribute to push their offense to the next level of competitiveness.

"We're looking to make sure that we do what we can to make the playoffs and play our hearts out while doing so," Henke said.

The Whirlwinds and Babes will go head-to-head Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Cavanaugh vs. Pasquerilla East

By **RENEE GRIFFIN**
Sports Writer

Cavanaugh and Pasquerilla East will face off Sunday in a clash of two explosive offenses.

The Chaos (3-1) and the Pyros (3-1) both lost to undefeated division rival Pasquerilla West, and both teams have talented offenses that look to test the opponent's defense. Cavanaugh's offense is led by junior quarterback Sam Flores, who has helped the Chaos put up a strong scoring front.

"Our offense has really taken off in the past few games, and we've been putting up a lot of points," Cavanaugh senior captain and middle linebacker Meaghan Ayers said. "I think that has a lot to do with getting more confidence and team chemistry."

Pasquerilla East senior captain and defensive lineman Caroline Kuse said that with the presence of junior quarterback Macy Mulhall, senior running back Kiah Schaeffbauer and a host of receivers, the Pyro offense has pulled its weight as well.

"I think more so than years past, we've kind of let the skills of our team dictate the system of our team," Kuse said. "The talent we have drives our offensive and our defensive plans."

As the winner of Sunday's matchup may be able to challenge Pasquerilla West for the top spot in the division, the game will be surrounded by playoff implications.

"Cavanaugh is our biggest competition in the bracket after [Pasquerilla West]," Kuse said. "I know they are really disciplined, so we'll have to match that same dedication and intensity in our game."

Cavanaugh and Pasquerilla East kick off Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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A Welsh Family player runs near the sideline as McGlinn players look on during Welsh Family's 7-6 victory over McGlinn on Sept. 29.

Howard vs. McGlinn

By **ALEXANDRA LANE**
Sports Writer

McGlinn and Howard will face each other Sunday in what looks to be a game between two evenly matched teams.

McGlinn (2-2) is moving in a positive direction lately, winning its two most recent games after dropping the first two. Senior receiver Tara Crown said the Shamrocks would look to add to that winning record this Sunday.

"We got off to a shaky start," Crown said. "Our first two games were losses, but we are starting to play much better."

Crown said sophomore quarterback Katherine Petrovich emerged as a leader, keying the team's success, and she feels confident in her team looking ahead to Sunday's game.

"I know Howard is a good team, but I hope we can build on the positive momentum we have right now," Crown said.

Howard freshman offensive linemen Catherine Finney and Sierra Hajdu said their team is also excited about this week's game. They said they know this game is important for the Ducks' playoff chances.

"The team is really talented," Hadju said of Howard. "The upperclassmen especially all play really well together."

"We have high expectations going into this game," Finney said.

Finney and Hadju named Howard's captain, senior quarterback Clare Robinson, as the leader of their team.

"[Robinson] is really dedicated to the team and a really good player for us," Finney said.

The Shamrocks and the Ducks will match up at LaBar Fields on Sunday at 4 p.m.

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Farley vs. Lyons

By **MATTHEW GARCIA**
Sports Writer

Coming off a pair of Tuesday night shutout losses, both Farley and Lyons will aim to regroup this weekend when the two teams meet Sunday.

Lyons (2-3) was shut down against Pasquerilla East on Tuesday, as the Lions allowed Pyros junior quarterback Macy Mulhall to put up big numbers. Lyons did not have a deep bench for the matchup, which hindered the team from making a run in the 32-0 loss.

Lyons senior captain and receiver Christina Bramanti said she does not use the lack of depth as an excuse for the Lions' performance, but admitted that with only eight players available for the team, the personnel battle was not in its favor.

"There was only one sub for everybody," Bramanti said. "Playing against a big team like the Pyros, they can get fresh legs in there."

As for defense, flag pulling was a focal point for the Lions in practice this week, Bramanti said.

"There were so many times when the defense was where we needed to be, but we just couldn't get the flag," Bramanti said. "That's something we're going to work on this week."

The Lions defense may have an easier task this week when it faces the Finest (1-3), who were shut out Tuesday against Lewis. With just six points over the last two weeks, Farley's offense has struggled to put points on the board.

In fact, Lyons and Farley have been outscored by a combined margin of 96-19 over the past two weeks. Both teams will look to turn their offenses around when they square off Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish head to elite Tar Heel Invitational

Observer Staff Report

The Irish will face high stakes when they take on a tough field at the Ruth's Chris Tar Heel Invitational in Chapel Hill, N.C., this weekend.

With a field that includes

11 top-25 teams, this year's tournament bears a clear resemblance to the 2011 Tar Heel Invitational, in which Notre Dame also competed. In that tournament, the Irish faced similarly strong opponents and finished last in an 18-team field that included

five teams ranked in the top 10.

Competitors at this weekend's tournament include No. 2 Alabama, No. 3 Duke, No. 4 Oklahoma, No. 6 Arkansas, No. 8 Vanderbilt, No. 10 Florida, No. 14 Virginia and No. 15 North Carolina, among others.

This year, Notre Dame has finished no worse than 12th, despite competing against some of the top teams in the nation. Most recently, the Irish finished seventh in a 17-team field that included No. 6 Arkansas and No. 19 Tulane at the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championship in Knoxville, Tenn.

In the seventh-place effort, the Irish looked to the young tandem of sophomore Talia Campbell and freshman Jordan Ferreira. The pair tied



Observer File Photo

Irish senior Kristina Nhim putts at the Mary Fossum Invitational held Sept. 15-16, 2012 in East Lansing, Mich.

for 14th overall with two-day scores of 144.

Junior captain Ashley Armstrong finished 56th with a two-round score of 152.

The Irish will look to build

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MEN'S SWIMMING

ND hosts Dennis Stark Relays

By MARY GREEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame dives into the 2013-2014 season looking for fast times when it hosts its first two meets of the year today and Saturday at Rolfs

Aquatic Center.

The Irish (0-0) kick off the weekend with the 49th annual Dennis Stark Relays today, when they will race against a field of Michigan, Auburn, Cleveland State and Valparaiso. They will return to pool Saturday in a double dual meet to take on the defending NCAA champion Wolverines (1-0) and the Tigers (0-0), who placed eighth at the NCAA Championships last year.

Irish coach Tim Welsh said his squad, which is preparing for tough competition both days, will focus on its times instead of how it places.

"I expect us to get off to a fast start," he said. "This is a weekend where, both Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon, we're going to look for the beauty of fast times ... we want to see where we are. We've gotten off to a great start in practice, and I'd like to see that translate to fast times in meet events."

Welsh said the back-to-back meets this weekend may help the Irish prepare for their longer meets in the future.

"Our major competitions are two or three-day competitions, and that's year-round," he said. "It's part of the sport, to compete one evening and come back and compete the following morning. We want to be prepared when we go to Iowa [for December's Hawkeye Invitational] and when we go to the ACC Championships [in February] ... It is the way our sport lives and we want to prepare for that."

This weekend will be the first time incoming freshmen have the chance to swim for the Irish, and Welsh said he and his staff would start to see how much of an impact they could potentially make this season.

"Our freshmen have done a great job in our early fall practices, and we think they're swimming very well," he said. "We want to see them race this weekend and get a better gauge of where everybody is. They swam well this summer, and preparation for the freshmen coming in the first day was wonderful, so we're looking forward seeing them do that in a Notre Dame cap here this weekend."

The Irish will race in their first meet of the season at today's Dennis Stark Relays, which start at 5 p.m. at Rolfs Aquatic Center. The team will then quickly rest up for dual-meet action against Michigan and Auburn on Saturday at 11 a.m.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish to visit Clemson, Georgia Tech on road trip



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Irish junior defensive specialist Erin Klosterman passes during Notre Dame's 3-0 loss to Dabrowa on Sept. 8 at the Joyce Center.

By MERI KELLY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame travels south this weekend for ACC matchups against Clemson and Georgia Tech in hopes of snapping a six-match losing streak.

The Irish (6-9, 0-4 ACC) will first play the Tigers (8-8, 2-3) in Clemson, S.C., on Friday night in the Jervy Gymnasium.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said Notre Dame has worked hard all week preparing specifically to combat Clemson and

its type of playing style.

"Clemson is an outside dominant team, so that's one of the reasons we worked on our blocking all week, and especially our outside blocking," Brown said. "We feel like that is going to be really important for us, and we expect their outside hitters to get a lot of sets."

The Irish will then travel to Atlanta on Saturday to face the Yellow Jackets (7-10, 1-4) in the O'Keefe Gymnasium.

Brown said the Irish need to stay consistent on offense and

defense in order to come out with victories.

"During practice this week we worked on varieties of offensives and how we were using the different hitters," Brown said. "If we put both the offensive and blocking we worked on, we can do well this weekend."

The Irish will cover over 800 miles each way for the conference contests, but Brown said the traveling will not have much effect on the team.

"We're relatively used to travel and the team knows that's apart of being a Division I athlete," she said.

Brown said the Irish are looking forward to experiencing the ACC conference and all the different places it can take them.

"We're going to new places, which is always exciting and different, and I fully believe we will be able to adapt to whatever the situation is," Brown said.

Brown said the Irish need a strong team effort to win both matches this weekend.

"I don't think we are looking for any one person to carry the team, we are looking for the team to pull together and be cohesive," Brown said. "We are looking for the team to help

each other out."

Notre Dame squares off with Clemson on Friday at 7 p.m. before taking on Georgia Tech on

Saturday at 7 p.m.

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postseason positioning, and said that his goal from here on out is to put his best team on the ice every night.

“The years we’ve had the most success here is when we’ve had four lines that could all contribute,” Jackson said. “Right now, I think we’re close, but we still have

a couple pieces to fill in and figure out. It’s going to be a tough decision this weekend, as we’re probably going to be sitting a player that’s played here in the past a fair amount.”

The Irish will need that skill on the ice in taking on Western Michigan, who will serve as anything but an easy win in their opener. The Broncos return junior goaltender Frank Slubowski, who

started all 38 games for them last season on the way to second team all-CCHA honors. With Slubowski in net and a physical, hard-skating defense in front of him, finding a way through the Broncos may be the hardest part of getting past them.

“Western Michigan is always a very disciplined team,” senior winger Brian Rust said. “They play hard, and they play physical. We’ve had to work

on our game this week and on getting pucks in.”

The series will be complicated by the home-and-home aspect, which will send the Irish to Kalamazoo, Mich., for Saturday’s game.

Still, Rust said the travel shouldn’t pose a problem for the Irish as they kick off their season.

“Friday night is your basic home game, then you get right on the bus after the

game and get in around one in the morning,” Rust said. “That takes away some of your sleep, but early in the season it’s a lot easier.”

The Irish and Broncos will square off at the Compton Family Ice Arena at 8:05 p.m. tonight night and then travel to Kalamazoo on Saturday for a 7:05 p.m. contest.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS | ITA MIDWESTERN REGIONALS

Vrabel advances to second day

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

Sophomore Julie Vrabel will move on to the second day of qualifying at the ITA Midwestern Regional Championships in Ann Arbor, Mich., after taking her only match of the day in straight sets.

Freshman Jane Fennelly got split results, while junior Molly O’Koniewski went down against Michigan State sophomore Emily Meyers, knocking both Irish players out of the tournament held at the Varsity Tennis Center at the University of Michigan.

Vrabel defeated Illinois freshman Louise Kwong, 6-2, 6-0, after receiving a bye in the first round.

“The girl I played I thought competed very well,” Vrabel said. “She was a lefty, so that was a little bit tricky on her serve, and she had a really, really good backhand, so that was something to deal with.”

Vrabel said she thought it was a good day for all three Notre Dame players in the tournament. “Well I think my serve has

improved a lot because I’ve been working on it since the surgery, and I thought I played well,” Vrabel said. “I tried to stay aggressive and working on my confidence with that. And I thought all of our players did really well today overall, so I think it was a successful day.”

Fennelly came from behind to beat Eastern Michigan junior Ankita Bhatia, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2, Thursday morning before falling to Toledo senior Chrissy Coffman, 7-5, 6-2, in the afternoon. O’Koniewski’s match also went into three sets, as she and Meyers battled to a 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 decision that favored Meyers.

Vrabel will resume play tomorrow when she faces Eastern Michigan senior Nino Mebuke.

“She’s one of the top four seeds in the section of my draw,” Vrabel said of Mebuke.

Doubles play in the tournament begins today, and if Vrabel advances, she will be joined by senior teammates Jennifer Kellner and Britney Sanders and freshmen Mary Closs and Monica Robinson on Saturday. The final round of the tournament will not conclude until Monday.

“It is hard starting early and playing in the qualifiers,” Vrabel said. “And if I do make the main draw, it’s going to be tough because it’s day-after-day and the days are really long and the matches are spread out, so it’ll be hard as we get through the tournament. But I think we should be able to handle it quite well.”

Although watching teammates play can be draining both physically and mentally, Vrabel said the indoor Varsity Tennis Center alleviates some of the draining effects of day-long tournaments.

“We play indoors, so I don’t think it’s that tough,” Vrabel said. “There’s not really a heat factor or anything, so I think it’s less work to play indoors. My teammates had three-setters, so I’m sure they had a really tiring day.”

Vrabel will return to action today, when she faces Mebuke in the tournament’s singles qualifying round.

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momentum, and despite their slow start, they went into halftime tied 1-1 with the Cavaliers. By the middle of the first half, the sky had opened up, making life extremely difficult for the goaltenders and creating a treacherous playing field.

The rain didn't let up let up in the second half, and neither did the Cavaliers offense. Just as in the first half, Virginia scored early when Colaprico tried to feed Brian in the middle, but her pass instead bounced off the head of Notre Dame's contesting senior midfielder Rebecca Twining and past Little for an own goal in the 49th minute.

The Irish attempted to respond but struggled to maintain consistent possession of the ball. Notre Dame finally broke through in the 72nd minute when junior midfielder Taylor Schneider sent a cross to Tucker, who hip-checked it past Sterns for her second game-tying goal of the night.

For the rest of regulation, both teams were unable to score, with the Irish coming close on a pair of free kicks

by Andrews. The Cavaliers ended regulation with a 10-7 shots advantage.

After each team only managed one shot in the first overtime, the match moved into double overtime, which brought emotions to a high. But the Irish lamentations were for naught, and now they must prepare to visit No. 12 Virginia Tech on Sunday.

The Hokies (10-1-2, 5-1-1) will be looking to leap past the Irish in the polls with a victory. Behind senior forward Jazmine Reeves, the team's leading scorer, and senior goalie Dayle Colpitts, who has six shutouts this season, the Hokies haven't lost since Sept. 12, when they fell to then-No.1 North Carolina. Since then, they've won five games and tied one.

Notre Dame's losses to Miami and Virginia mean the matchup with the Hokies will be the team's first game this season following consecutive defeats.

The Irish will look to recover from their sudden losing streak when Hokies host them at Thompson Field in Blacksburg, Va., on Sunday at noon.

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have five international players on their roster, including two freshman from Germany and another rookie from Israel.

"I don't know a lot about their international players, especially the two German freshmen," Clark said. "I would imagine if they brought them over from Europe, they must be good players. We know a bit about their players from watching game video, but we won't really know what they have until we play them."

Nonetheless, the Irish have a good general sense of the team they are going up against Clark said.

"[Virginia Tech] plays very hard as a team," Clark said. "We know how they play and we know about their formations. We never focus too much on the opposition anyway; we always focus more on what we have to do as a team."

According to Clark, the aspiration is not just to be the best overall team in the nation, but for the Irish to be the best in every phase of the game.

"We try to be the best

passing team in the country," Clark said. "We try to be the best transition team in the country. We try to be the best finishing team in the country. We try to be the best in the country at stopping our opponent's attack. Do we succeed? Not always,

but we work for it."

The team will look to do just that tonight against Virginia Tech. The match is slated for 7 p.m. at Thompson Field in Blacksburg, Va.

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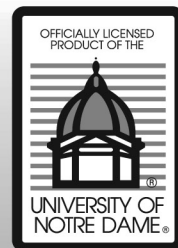
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Overtime heartbreaker

Controversial call in second overtime seals Notre Dame's second straight conference loss

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

Under an unrelenting downpour in Charlottesville, Va., No.9 Notre Dame fell 3-2 in a controversial double-overtime nailbiter to No.1 Virginia Thursday night.

Just one minute into the second extra period, Virginia junior midfielder Morgan Brian appeared to head in junior midfielder Danielle Colaprico's corner kick for the Virginia victory. Officials ruled the play a goal, but Irish coaches and players remained on the field protesting that the Irish cleared it before it crossed the line.

"Just because you run back and cheer as if you scored a goal doesn't make it a goal," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said to The Washington Post. "It wasn't a goal...[the officiating crew] doesn't need to be doing ACC games."

Waldrum didn't return phone calls left by The Observer following the defeat.

Virginia (13-0-0, 7-0-0 ACC) came in as the only undefeated and untied team in

the country.

The Cavaliers, who lead the country in scoring with 3.3 goals per game, wasted no time getting on the board against the Irish (9-3-1, 5-2-1).

Just over three minutes into the game, Colaprico lofted a perfect pass to set up senior forward Gloria Douglas for a diving header, her second goal of the season.

Virginia continued to press the Notre Dame defense and freshman goalie Kaela Little, scarcely allowing the Irish to get the ball past midfield. Only after switching to a 4-5-1 scheme and moving sophomore forward Cari Roccaro back to midfield were the Irish able to break through Virginia's pressure. After a few failed probes into the Virginia defense, senior midfielder Mandy Laddish lofted a pass over the Cavaliers defense to freshman midfielder Morgan Andrews, who narrowly missed the net on a header past Virginia's diving freshman goalkeeper Morgan Sterns. The ball gently ricocheted off the right post towards senior



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Irish freshman forward Kaleigh Olmsted and Oakland junior forward push to secure possession during Notre Dame's 4-0 win over the Golden Grizzlies on Aug. 30 at Alumni Stadium.

midfielder Elizabeth Tucker, who easily converted the attempt for her second goal of

the season and tied the game for the Irish.

With the goal, the Irish

seemed to gain back some

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish travel to Virginia Tech

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

For the third time in less than a week, the No. 2 Irish will challenge another ACC opponent as they travel to Thompson Field in Blacksburg, Va., to take on Virginia Tech.

"I think the players feel very good and are excited for the game," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We do have a tough schedule, though, and we play again on Tuesday [against Northwestern]. Regardless, they're athletes and this happens every year."

Currently, the Irish (6-0-4, 3-0-3 ACC) are in the busiest portion of their schedule. The team's game tonight will be their fourth game in the month of October.

"I don't think there will be any mental fatigue. We work very hard on that," Clark said. "Still, there is a lot of training to be done. It's not always easy, but we work hard as a team, and we talk to the lads about keeping



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Irish senior forward Harrison Shipp dribbles during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Duke on Sept. 27 at Alumni Stadium.

their heads above water. As soccer players, there won't be a problem; they'll be ready to go."

According to Clark,

Virginia Tech (3-3-4, 1-1-4) is a bit of an unknown for Notre Dame. The Hokies

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HOCKEY

Squad revisits old CCHA rivalry

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will take the ice in a regular-season game for the first time as Hockey East members tonight after a 21-year run in the CCHA ended last season.

Things may not look any different this weekend though, as the Irish will face their old CCHA rivals, Western Michigan, in a home-and-home series.

For Irish coach Jeff Jackson, maintaining Notre Dame's CCHA ties will ensure the continuation of great traditions — and great hockey.

"We developed a bit of a rivalry with Western [Michigan] over the past few years," Jackson said. "We're going to continue to work with teams that we've played with in the CCHA. They've been good partners with us, and they're good programs."

The Irish will welcome

the challenge in their home opener after they skated past Canada's University of Guelph, 5-2, in their lone exhibition last week. The Irish impressed in that game, and Jackson said he was excited by the progress his team has shown early on.

"Usually the things that show up the most this time of year are breakdowns defensively, and we didn't have many," he said. "Maybe that'll change playing Western Michigan on the weekend, but I thought for the most part... our guys have a pretty good understanding of the system."

Notre Dame will also struggle to figure out a lineup for its season opener, as freshmen and new contributors push for ice time. While some positions battles are still fluid, Jackson emphasized the importance of early non-conference games in determining

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