

‘Promoting a culture of life’

Congressman Chris Smith and wife, Marie, honored with Evangelium Vitae Medal for pro-life activism

By **NICOLE MICHELS**
Assistant Managing Editor

Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ-4) and his wife, Marie Smith, will receive the 2014 University of Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal in the spring, the University stated in a press release on Oct. 8.

First elected to the House in 1980, Chris Smith has represented the 4th district of New Jersey for 33 years. Marie Smith serves as founder and director of the Parliamentary

Network for Critical Issues (PNCI).

The award honors “individuals whose outstanding efforts have served to proclaim the Gospel of Life by steadfastly affirming and defending the sanctity of human life from its earliest stages,” the press release stated.

Carter Snead, director of Notre Dame’s Center for Ethics and Culture, stated in the press release that the couple is being honored for their work “promoting a Culture of Life in the public square.”

“Through their tireless efforts to battle human trafficking and promote human rights, particularly the right to life of the unborn, Chris and Marie Smith provide a powerful witness to the dignity of all human life. We are honored to award them the Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal.”

Recipients are awarded a specially commissioned medal and a \$10,000 prize, if permissible, according to the release. Marie Smith said the monetary award will be

given to her organization.

He and his wife have been involved in right to life issues since their undergraduate years at Trenton State College, now the College of New Jersey, Chris Smith said. But for him, his passion for the issue started after his experiences in a public speaking class.

“In 1972 before Roe v. Wade, I had to do a speech for a public speaking class,” Chris Smith said. “I choose [to discuss] abortion, and there were several speeches done in

retaliation to mine. I’ll never forget, I read a story about a child in New York, which had recently legalized abortion. The child survived the abortion ... the abortionist was livid as if the mother was entitled to a dead baby and the baby went on to be adopted.

“This story got the wheels of my mind spinning about abortion as violence, not just to the child but to the mother.”

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Tim McCarthy promotes safety with humor

By **LESLEY STEVENSON**
News Writer

“May I have your attention please? This is Tim McCarthy with the Indiana State Police.”

A thunderous cheer roars up from the student section, followed by a chorus of shushes raining down upon the crowd of more than 80,000.

Through the open window of the Public Announcement (PA) box at Notre Dame Stadium, Sergeant Tim McCarthy hears it all. After 53 years of delivering a safety tip in between the third

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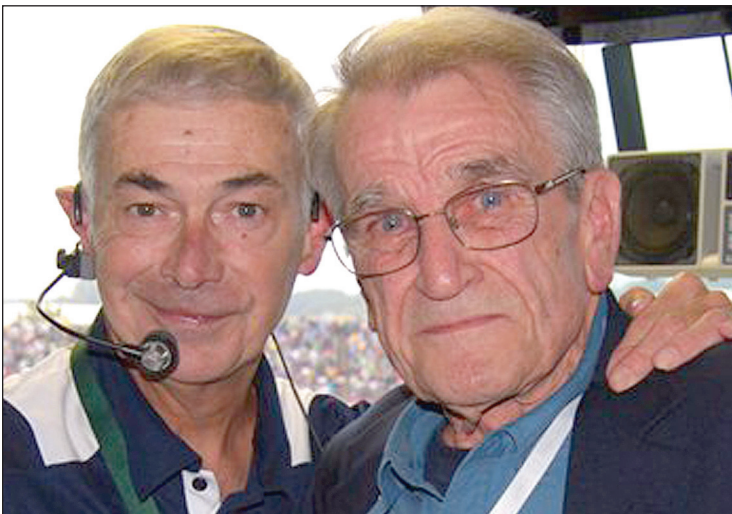


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Public address announcer Mike Collins, left, and Sergeant Tim McCarthy stand together in the press box at Notre Dame Stadium.

French professor wins Sheedy Award

By **CHARLIE DUCEY**
News Writer

Professor Julia Douthwaite, professor of French and Francophone Studies, has earned the 2013 Sheedy Excellence in Teaching Award for her dedication to undergraduate students, the University stated in a press release on Oct. 16.

The Sheedy Award is given to a professor in the College of Arts and Letters each year to recognize the amazing work they do in a number of areas, including research, innovation, and perhaps most importantly, in classroom instruction, the report stated.

As a general reaction, Professor

Douthwaite said she was surprised and honored to receive the award.

“My students consider me a

Julia Douthwaite
professor
French and Francophone studies



hard teacher, so part of me was surprised that I was selected,” Douthwaite said.

“I make sure that every day is

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Morris Inn recognized with Four Diamond award

By **JESSICA MERDES**
News Writer

The Morris Inn became the 10th hotel in the state of Indiana to receive the AAA Four Diamond award, the University stated in a press release on Oct. 9.

According to the release, AAA is an organization that independently ranks and rates hotels based on condition, cleanliness, management, staff, grounds, exterior, public areas and décor.

The award comes after a more than \$30 million renovation of the hotel, Joe Kurth, Morris Inn’s general manager, said,

Thanks to a generous donation from Ernesto Raclin, the hotel was able to redesign and revamp its facilities. In a mere 10 months, the hotel was transformed, earning it a new four-diamond rating by the AAA.

Kurth said although it is uncommon for a hotel to receive a four-diamond rating so soon after reopening, the Morris Inn strives to maintain its position as “the living room of the University.”

According to the AAA’s website, a Four-Diamond hotel is “refined, stylish with upscale physical

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LAUREN FRITZ | The Observer

After more than \$30 million in renovations, the AAA awarded the Morris Inn with the Four Diamond award. The Morris Inn was closed for 10 months while renovations took place.



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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

When is the best time to wear a striped sweater?

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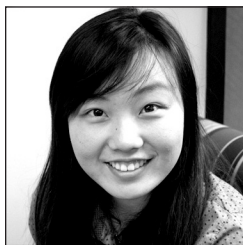
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"According to Spongebob, the best time to wear a striped sweater is all the time."



Selina Wang

sophomore
Ryan Hall

"When it's cold."



Jorge Cortes

sophomore
O'Neill Hall

"All the time, except July."



Derek Price

sophomore
Keough Hall

"All the time."



Kathryn Thompson

freshman
McGlinn Hall

"All the time."



Katie Cullinan

freshman
Ryan Hall

"On a rainy day."



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Snacks and drinks were served during the Kaneb Center Open House held at the newly-renovated Faculty and TA Lounge on the third floor of DeBartolo Hall, Room 350. The lounge furthers the Center's mission of encouraging the pursuit of teaching excellence at Notre Dame.

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Workshop:
Introduction to Stata
Flanner Hall
12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.
Register for the first of this series about the computer program.

Syria Solidarity and Awareness Lunch
Geddes Hall
12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Sample Syrian cuisine.

Friday

Stress Buster Friday
St. Liam Hall
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Learn relaxation techniques for a better night's sleep.

Men's Hockey
Compton Ice Arena
7:35 p.m.-9:35 p.m.
The Irish take on Michigan Tech.

Saturday

Classic Hurling Exhibition
Arlotta Stadium
3 p.m.-4 p.m.
Exhibition by the All-Star team from Ireland.

Presentation:
"Finding Fake Drugs"
Jordan Hall of Science
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Learn testing methods.

Sunday

Women's Soccer
Alumni Stadium
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
No. 13 Notre Dame takes on Duke at home.

Family Films: "Ponyo"
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
3 p.m.-5 p.m.
Director Hayao Miyazaki.

Monday

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SENATE

Group discusses sexual assault response

By MARGARET HYNDSS
News Writer

At Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting, the group once more addressed the ongoing student government response to sexual assaults on campus.

During the Oct. 9 meeting, Siegfried senator Rohan Andresen proposed the dorm in which the alleged assault occurred have a meeting to talk about how it will move forward in response to sexual assault reports.

At the end of that meeting, student body vice-president Nancy Joyce asked the senators to discuss the proposal with their respective dorms during hall council this week. Wednesday's Senate discussion focused largely on feedback from the dialogues within the

residence halls.

"The O'Neill guys said that they felt if there were no girls present during the conversation, then the same thing would just be said over and over again... One thing we may need is some help facilitating this conversation," O'Neill senator Kyle McCaffery said. "Maybe someone from the GRC [Gender Relations Center] could help with that."

Senior class president Carolina Wilson agreed.

"I think they should have some sort of questions in case things go awry, or the conversation stops," she said.

Several senators expressed the concern that students, especially incoming freshmen, didn't have an understanding of what rape means.

"A view held by most guys, especially freshmen, is that rape is

what you see on Law and Order. ... Non-consensual sex induced by alcohol is not always seen by them as malicious rape," Andresen said.

McCaffery, as well as Lewis Hall senator Dotty Schleuter, said they doubted whether making a mandatory meeting for each hall was feasible.

"The Lewis girls said that, to be successful, they thought the conversation should be had in section-sized groups," Schleuter said. "Our hall president asked if mandatory meetings were even something that the student government could mandate."

According to Andresen, Siegfried Hall rector Fr. John Conley said rectors would be all for making the discussion mandatory and, in his opinion, "wouldn't be hesitant to follow through with this."

"The discussion we had was that they would be mandatory," Andresen said. "If it were to be optional, then the people who would go would not be the people most inclined to be involved in such an incident."

Although, he added, "enforcing this would be difficult."

The discussion was then tabled for further discussion after fall break.

The Senate also welcomed a new senator from Lyons Hall, Mary Susan.

Student body president Alex Coccia and vice-president Nancy Joyce will present the student government report to the University's Board of Trustees on Thursday.

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a special day — every day is a really exciting day for the class. I try to ensure that our discussions are intense, and so the students and the instructor must be thoroughly prepared."

In her fall semester course titled "Art of Interpretation: Paris," Douthwaite said she is focusing on teaching her students to refine their analytical skills in a text-based class. In another fall course, "Advanced Composition: Art of Writing," she said proper French grammar and writing is essential.

"I am real tough on my students in their writing. I think this is a result of the way that I approach my own writing," Douthwaite said. "My standards for my students are as high as the standards for myself. I want to give them the opportunity to really improve."

As part of her own writing, Douthwaite said she has recently translated her own book on 18th century France into French, which is entitled "The Frankenstein of 1790 and Other Lost Chapters from Revolutionary France." Douthwaite said she works on her writing year round, though she places her priority on teaching during the academic year.

Douthwaite's research interests, taken into consideration in her reception of the Sheedy Award, involve 18th century France. Her focus was fine-tuned during her years of study, in which she said she was impacted by many great instructors of her own.

"I wrote an article on why I became a dix-huitiémiste — a person who studies 18th century France — and had the opportunity to thank some wonderful instructors, three of whom taught me at the undergraduate level," Douthwaite said.

Important to Douthwaite are the stories that her professors told, which inspire her form of teaching today.

"Telling great stories through teaching is what I think it's really all about," Douthwaite said.

On Dec. 12, Douthwaite will be officially presented with her Sheedy Excellence in Teaching Award in McKenna Hall at 3:30 p.m.

While the real honor has already been bestowed through the recognition of the work that she does each day, Douthwaite said she is excited for the ceremony.

"Being recognized for teaching is really amazing. There are so many professors who teach as well as if not better than I do," Douthwaite said.

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Corrections

In the Oct. 16 issue of The Observer, the article "Syrian crisis unifies students" incorrectly stated the date of the Syrian Solidarity Lunch. The lunch takes place today from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Geddes Hall Coffee House. The Observer regrets this error.



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Professor researches potential allergy treatment

By ABI HOVERMAN
News Writer

Basar Bilgicer, assistant professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular

Engineering and Advanced Diagnostics and Therapeutics Initiative, said groundbreaking scientific advances have taken a step towards preventative treatment possible for millions of

Americans who suffer from life-threatening allergies.

He said he has made progress towards the first-ever inhibitory therapy for Type I Hypersensitive allergic reactions.

"These allergies are potentially lethal," he said. "Unfortunately, there are no available medications that can prevent the occurrence of an allergic response to ... Type I allergies."

All allergic responses occur in the parts of the immune system designed to fight harmful parasites when mast cells and basophils, both types of white blood cells, respond to harmless allergens with symptoms from mild itching to lethal anaphylactic shock, Bilgicer said.

The only treatments currently available for severe allergies, like an EpiPen, attempt to manage symptoms until a victim can be

taken to the hospital, Bilgicer said.

Bilgicer, also part of the Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases and the Harper Cancer Center, said his team of Notre Dame researchers have designed and synthesized Heterobivalent Inhibitors (HBI), which bind more effectively to mast cells and basophils than allergens like shellfish, peanuts and bee venom.

"Our approach is to stop it before it takes place," Bilgicer said. "Our molecules are designed so that they will compete with the allergen molecule in binding to the receptor in mast cells and basophils. Our molecule binds more effectively, blocking binding of allergens and keeping allergic reactions from happening in the first place."

He said HBI molecules have

worked successfully in cellular and animal tests in mice, and although all the ideas were developed at Notre Dame, he has been in collaboration with Dr. Mark Kaplan at Indiana University (IU).

"We did all the design and synthesis here," Bilgicer said. "The animal studies were verified at IU Med School in Dr. Kaplan's lab."

This allergy research has been in development since Bilgicer came to the University in 2008, and he said Dr. Michael Handlogten, a recently graduated PhD student, worked closely with him from the beginning. Bilgicer said the most updated version of these advances included the findings from the mice studies were published in the *Nature Chemical Biology Journal*.

Bilgicer said Notre Dame partly funded his research, but the project also received money from the National Institute of Health's National Institute of Allergic and Infectious Diseases.

Society increasingly needs this groundbreaking inhibitory treatment, as Type I allergies become more prevalent, Bilgicer said.

"So there is a strong prevalence of peanut allergies unfortunately," he said. "The cases are increasing."

People could eventually use Bilgicer's HPI research with severe allergies in multiple ways, he said. First, it could work to replace an EpiPen if symptoms of a reaction begin to occur. It could also be used if an exposure to a deadly allergen is likely, like when sending a child to school, he said.

"If you are allergic to peanuts and you know you are getting on a flight, you could take an HPI," he said. "The dust from the guy next to you opening a bag of peanuts can cause deadly reactions, which has happened before."

He says another important usage could be in Immunotherapy, which involves slow exposure to an allergen so that they body gradually learns that the pathogen is not actually harmful, eventually leading to tolerance. Currently, he said Type I allergy sufferers cannot safely be exposed to any amount of their allergen.

"We could give the allergen in presence of HPI to control the effects of the allergen and reduce the symptoms so a patient," he said. "In Immunotherapy, we can now potentially be able to treat it with the help of HPI."

Bilgicer said he plans to develop a specific HPI for each type of allergen that causes Type I allergic reactions.

"The next step is to take this away from model system and into a system where it would be more relevant to natural allergens," he said. "The HBI needs to be redesigned for every new allergen. To inhibit, say, peanuts we have to make a new HBI, and that is the next step in our research."

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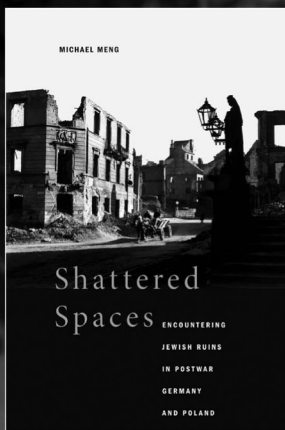
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After working on another campaign in 1976, Chris Smith served as executive director for the New Jersey Right to Life Committee. Chris Smith then ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1978 before the fourth district elected him in 1980, when he was 27 years old.

A senior member on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Smith also works as co-chair of the bipartisan Pro-Life Caucus. Throughout his time in the House, Chris Smith said he has focused on defending fundamental human rights by fighting human trafficking efforts and advancing religious freedom.

"One of the things I have learned about this job, I see this as a ministry ... a place where you can take the Gospel and defend fundamental human rights, which are at the core of the Gospel," Chris Smith said. "You can really take a job like this and use it strategically and effectively to bring about positive change."

Chris Smith said among his most notable legislative accomplishments protect those who have been victimized in some way, including the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, the Combating Autism Act of 2006 and the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005.

The cause of the pro-life movement can be advanced on purely human rights grounds, he said.

"I try to argue it in secular terms, because on human rights [grounds] people can accept that killing is the wrong thing to do ... [at least] to most age groups," Chris Smith said. "It's a schizophrenic perspective to say that if you are wanted we will take care of you and if you are unwanted we will destroy you. Human rights or for all, or they are not human rights. In every floor speech I've given I've emphasized that it is a violence against children and against mothers."

For him, he said his faith also factors into his desire to advocate for the pro-life movement.

"I do believe that if one truly believes in the Gospels, but particularly 'Matthew 25' where he said, 'Whatever you do to the least of our brothers you do onto me' ... it is a circumstantial thing but there are 'least' all around us," Chris Smith said. "It is a consistent value of life that has to be aggressively promoted, that nobody gets left behind. A

newborn, a disabled person, an unborn baby, a mother in distress, it's all a matter of trying to radiate Christ to the best of our abilities. We have a duty to protect that is not so easily satisfied ... the challenge is to try to the best of our abilities through grace and perseverance to do his work on Earth as well."

"For me, it was really just about the fact that life is precious."

Marie Smith
founder
Parliamentary Network for
Critical Issues

Throughout his work, Chris Smith said his wife has been his partner professionally as well as personally. Her work reaches a different audience than his does, he said.

"My wife has done so much for 40 years on life issues. ... Unfortunately, the spotlight goes on me, but she really is a hero of mine and she certainly has been a driving force for years particularly on the international issues," Chris Smith said. "She has been a champion for human rights, particularly for the unborn."

Marie Smith said her attention to right to life issues began in college when she and her roommates joined a group working against abortion.

"We weren't really driven on the issue of abortion [at that point], we just wanted to make a contribution to something positive," Marie Smith said. "But once I got involved in the issue I was very moved by the fact that the right to life is the first human life, and without that right all other rights are void."

Marie Smith said she has worked as a pro-life activist since her first exposure to the issue as an undergraduate. Before her work with PNCL, Marie Smith worked at the Life Issues Institute and as the International Director for Feminists for Life. She also received the 2009-2010 Life Prizes award for her pro-life work.

She said the time period in which she joined the movement proved challenging for anti-abortion and pro-life activists.

"We were up against the radical feminist mantra, 'Our body ourselves,' and the belief that the fetus was just a parasite - but science was showing us that this was

a completely separate individual," Marie Smith said. "For me, it was really just about the fact that life is precious ... but in that time period it was all about [the idea] that it was a woman's body and a woman's right to choose."

Working within feminist groups during this time period as a champion for life was difficult because some feminists viewed the pro-life movement as a threat to their work for the Equal Rights Amendment, she said.

"I went to a New Jersey Meeting [on the Equal Rights Amendment] ... I was able to make a speech but when I talked about [our] need to be consistent and [that] we couldn't deny others the most basic right to life while claiming rights for ourselves," Marie Smith said. "A shouting match erupted over the microphone I still had in my hand [with] somebody from NOW [the National Organization for Women] who was running the event."

"Experiences like that really made me more confident in the [activist] position, it's a little counterintuitive that the greater the challenge was the more important I felt it was, but I realized that I needed to be more committed to it."

She said she feels the political landscape has changed for pro-life activists today because a majority of younger women are supporting the pro-life position. Still, she said pro-life activists face a number of roadblocks.

"The greatest challenge, really, is that we are facing opponents who are extremely well-funded and well-connected, and they

have just infiltrated key agencies of the United States and elsewhere. We really are a David vs. Goliath," Marie Smith said. "That is the greatest challenge, overcoming the deception that this great money machine has been able to play out to the culture. I think that we're winning, culturally, [in the fight to prove] that abortion is wrong."

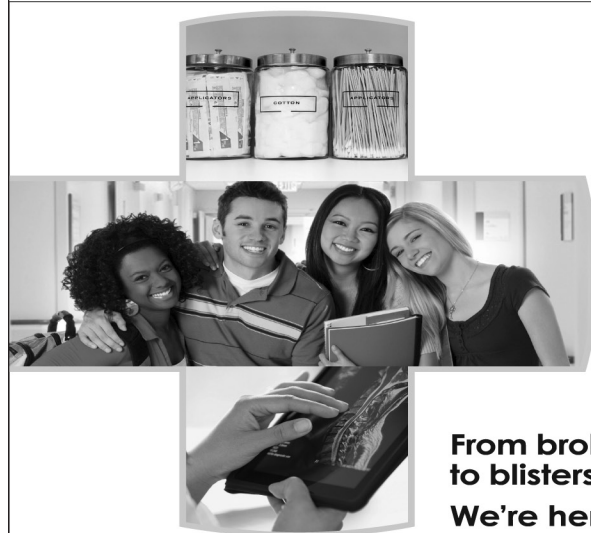
Though Marie Smith and her husband have achieved numerous legislative and advocacy successes for the pro-life movement, she said the most rewarding moments

have been among the most simple.

"The greatest success is meeting young people who are alive today because of pro life work," she said. "When we work and a bill passes or something, that is a success and you feel accomplishment with that, but when someone is alive because their mother heard a pro-life message and turned away from abortion, there is nothing greater than that."

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"The new Four-Diamond ranking shows guests that they will have an experience that is unique and only available at a select number of hotels," Kurth said.

According to its website, the Morris Inn has been an integral

part of the Notre Dame community, providing visitors a place, hosting weddings and conferences and even serving food at one of its three eating establishments since April 21, 1952.

"The Morris Inn is proud to be a choice location for weddings, academic conferences, and alumni and family visiting the University," Kurth said. "We are proud to be in the heart of Notre Dame's beautiful campus. In fact, in the AAA's categories of review, the Morris Inn scored five diamonds for the exterior and campus grounds."

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Tim McCarthy retired from the Indiana State Police in 1979. He began giving safety tips at Notre Dame home football games in 1960.

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and fourth quarter at Notre Dame football games, McCarthy has seen it all too.

"I always got a kick out of the crowd noise. In the old press box, I used to stand on what I'll call the outside balcony with all the television cameras and so forth just to get the crowd noise," McCarthy said. "I used to look and watch the students and that was always a lot of fun."

McCarthy said his superiors at the police department were the first ones to encourage him to deliver a safety message to fans during a home football game.

"1960 ... There were two games left in the season when I got the assignment, and so I gave the safety announcement very formal like a state trooper should, I guess," he said. "I was very nervous about it. It went over pretty decently, but nobody listened to it with the crowd noise and all."

McCarthy said he decided after the 1960 season to try a different approach that might make the crowd listen to his safety message.

"I told [my superiors] ... I'm going to start using a quip at the end and see what happens, and the following season — that was in 1961 — in the very first game there was a discussion among the referees for something and the crowd was unusually quiet."

"So I gave the thing. The message gave a pitch on drinking and driving. And I said, 'Remember, the automobile replaced the horse, but the driver should stay on the wagon.' And I got a lot of groans and boos and things like that."

The next game McCarthy said he tried to focus on driver attitude and said, "Remember, some drivers are like steel — no good when they lose their temper." McCarthy said more boos followed this announcement, but over time the crowd began to look forward to his sayings.

"About the end of the season I

noticed a kind of quieting down because everybody's waiting to see how corny the quip line was going to be. And I just started it off from there; got to be fairly popular at the games," McCarthy said.

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Tim McCarthy
retired state trooper

McCarthy said he now gathers ideas and listens for plays on words during the offseason. As games resume, he organizes them into quips that vary from season to season, although some lines do get repeated.

"Last season ... there was an awful lot of construction around the South Bend area and we focused a little bit on that for a couple games," McCarthy said. "Generally, I have one on the site in case of rainfall ... I have one for snow too, but we haven't had snowfall for a long, long, long time ... This is my 54th year of doing it, so I have run into repeats from time to time."

McCarthy said he carefully prepares to deliver the quips because he fears making a mistake in front of a crowd of 80,000.

"I do get nervous, I'm always nervous," he said. "I have three-by-five cards and I just write the whole message I'm going to give on the three-by-five card. It's everything, you know, I even write my name on it so I don't mess up. You never know what's going to happen."

The students not only support his puns but also maintain the energy of the stadium as a whole, McCarthy said.

"They're the ones that kind of keep the excitement of the game going, I think, students," he said. "In my opinion they're No. 1 every season. They really do a good job for Notre Dame in cheering the team."

McCarthy said he used to direct traffic with the police during home football weekends in addition to speaking during the games. He said he retired from the police department in 1979 and served two terms as Porter County sheriff.

"[Now] I'm just kind of retired, and the Notre Dame thing is kind of a hobby," McCarthy said. "I sure enjoyed my career with the state police, and it makes me feel a little bit a part of it again."

When asked how long he wants to continue delivering safety messages, McCarthy said he has plans for the long run.

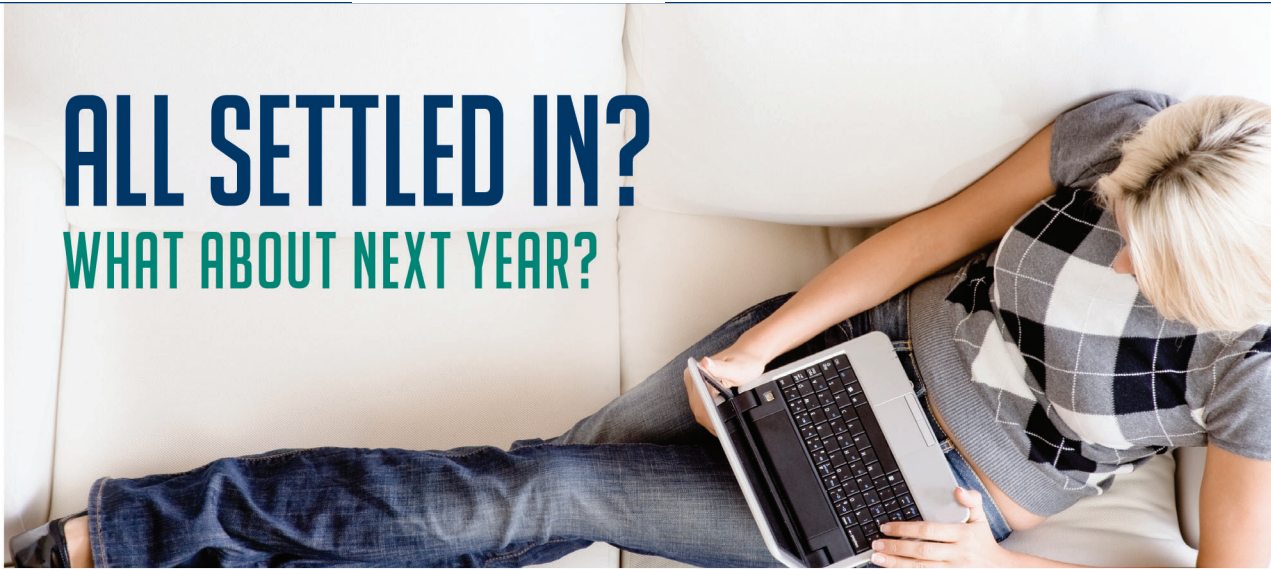
"I wish forever! Because I love it," McCarthy said. "It's a lot of fun, I'll tell you."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Twitter trackdown



Allison D'Ambrosia
Photographer

What started out as a clever Inside Column has transformed into a full-blown Nancy Drew-esque investigation. This is Part II of an indefinite series about the identity of the @FatherSorin Twitter account.

As I covered in Part I, it's documented that Fr. Sorin was the first to predict our current Jesuit Pope. And if you were like me, you paid more attention to your phone than television during the conclave and all its historical and traditional majesty. Tweets reading, "No Jesuit, no Jesuit, no Jesuit!" were read before the rest of the world heard the announcement of the first Jesuit Pope. Some Holy Cross clergy were just as shocked as the students by his psychic abilities (or maybe just Divine Inspiration).

Even Fr. Pete McCormick said casually during a conversation about the very identity of which we speak, "He tweeted me wishing me happy birthday, it was awesome!"

Fr. Sorin is somewhat of a Twitter sensation around campus. When people talk about Twitter accounts about Notre Dame they usually cover, ND Makeouts, ND Crushes and Fr. Sorin. I'm not sure what he would say about his company of Twitter hypes. Probably something that begins with "Lads ..." It seems that Fr. Sorin still believes this University's student body is comprised of all male students.

Dennis Brown, University spokesman and assistant vice president of public information and communications, stated, "@FatherSorin is almost always funny, usually appropriate and, whoever he or she is, has an amazing knowledge of the University and the Church — both past and present."

Brown was correct; his intel with the Vatican and the University is undoubted. In a recent tweet @FatherSorin stated, "I feel better about our Fig Thing since the Vatican minted a coin in the name of Lesus, but what the heel is going on with Catholic spelling." Followed by, "Is it the cooler weather adding fur or is our wildlife getting disturbingly bigger? I just saw a raccoon that could pass for an ocelot."

I encourage you all to keep an eye out for a person of the Order of the Holy Cross who is on his iPhone often. If anyone has any insights into who @FatherSorin may be, or any thoughts concerning the account, I encourage you to contact me. I wish to continue this series on the identity of @FatherSorin, not in pursuit of the exact identity, but to a deeper understanding of the personality behind the Twitter account.

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When control becomes destructive

Amanda Peña
The Bubble

As students attending one of the most prestigious universities in the country, we tirelessly attempt to find balance among classes, exercise, work, papers, projects, extracurricular activities and a social life. It is very easy to get caught up in deadlines and stress, so last week's Irish State of Mind provided the student body with a variety of opportunities to reflect on mental health issues and the importance of self-care.

In the previous weeks I neglected regular sleep and meals to push my body to its absolute limits, so I spent Mental Health Awareness Week sick in bed. Unfortunately, many students also experienced a failing immune system; I would bet that most were stressing themselves out in the weeks leading up to their illness, too. While the type-A personalities of most Notre Dame students have contributed to the creation of a demanding, hardworking culture driven toward success, these same extremist and perfectionist behaviors could also be an Achilles' heel, and I will be the first to admit that.

A day in the life of an average college student typically includes frequent coffee or caffeinated beverages, minimal rest and constant movement from one activity to the next. I am no stranger to this lifestyle. I attempted to balance three jobs, 18 credits, boxing practices, writing for The Observer and a few leadership roles on top of my daily, personal stresses about bills, my family and my own life. I was averaging about four hours of sleep per night and developed potentially fatal

cardiovascular reactions to caffeine. I didn't have time to see my friends and stayed in every weekend because I had too much work. (I was barely keeping up with the mounds of readings and assignments my professors assigned in the syllabi.) I began to skip meals for catnaps and eat between walks to classes. I knew I was heading down a dangerous road, but I was convinced I could do it all. I was unstoppable. I had it under control.

Control, my arch nemesis. I have a problem of always needing to be in control — over my diet, schedule, details, planning, etc. It's a deceptive possession because I will more often than not think I am in control of my life, when I am in fact being controlled and consumed by the aspects I am simply trying to have control over. Every time I play with this double-edged sword, I find myself regressing from my goals toward success because I end up spending more energy trying to make up for the sleep and meals I deprived myself of.

When I step into the ring with Control, I keep thinking I'm winning the round, when in actuality I'm fighting a losing battle. Each stressor I add to my life becomes one more round I have to gather the energy to last through. Eventually someone has to emerge victorious, and last week I was bloodied, and the fight ended early. A lack of sleep and nourishment weakened my immune system over the course of the semester, so once I got a viral infection, I experienced my first real gut-check. This week, I am beginning the slow recovery process but have fallen so far behind in my courses and work that I will need to spend almost all of fall break catching up.

The bright side to being sick was the

time it gave me to reflect and analyze my behaviors that made my immune system give out on me. I let deep-rooted control issues that stemmed from an eating disorder long ago creep back into my daily life. I ignored my body's screams for respite, I punished it with excessive exercise, and starved it to write a paper or read for a quiz. A few weeks into the semester, I admitted to one of my best friends that I was beginning to worry about my health because I noticed eating disorder tendencies returning. Thankfully, I have gained control over the problem again, but I fear this tug-of-war will continue to reenter my life as long as I focus on control and not on my well-being.

A healthy mentality is the lifeline for every action you will perform. Negative attitudes and obsessive behaviors will eventually grow into a monster you no longer can seize control over. I take comfort though in knowing I am not the only person on this campus who struggles with control or the reality that perfectionism is unattainable. It is important to seek help from friends or professionals when you notice yourself slipping from your obligations to take care of yourself. The UCC and UHS offer services to students to help them with time-management, stress, counseling, etc. Don't wait until your body fails you to realize the importance of self-care!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A celebration, not a defamation

I am recent graduate of Class of 2013, an alumnus of Knott Hall and the founder of the Knott Hall Americana Dance. When I read Grace Chiarella's comments on what is unarguably the best dance at Notre Dame ('SYR themes disrespect rural poverty,' Oct. 14,) I felt compelled to respond — after all, no one knows the ins-and-outs of this dance better than I do.

As it is written in Matthew 10, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your father knowing." I daresay the Americana Dance is worth more than a multitude of sparrows to its father, and so I must try to justify my dance to you, although I run the definite risk of my seeds falling on fallow ground.

Your first incorrect assumption you make is that "rednecks, hillbillies and white trash" is equivalent to "7.5 million Americans living in rural poverty." This is laughable. If you turn on the television to A&E, there's a definite chance that you will run into one of the top television shows of our time, Duck Dynasty. These hardworking, camouflage-bearing Americans, who by your definition are "dressed in accordance with the very stereotypes this [Appalachia seminar] attempts to invalidate" are, once again in your words, "rednecks, hillbillies and white trash." You would be incorrect, and in fact, prejudiced yourself if you believe this to be true. The main character, Willie, is worth over \$20 million from a business that his family built from the ground up, is supported by a loving family and has an inspiring and outspoken relationship with Jesus Christ. Instead of pitying or making fun of these living stereotypes, these "rednecks, hillbillies or white trash," (again, your words, I daresay that they provide us with a blueprint for how to live a successful and happy life.)

The second point I want to make (and I feel embarrassed that I even have to explain this) is that the Knott Hall Americana Dance is a celebration, a celebration "of love, of community" and, yes, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

This isn't a clumsily thought-out jab at those less fortunate than we are — give me some credit. It's a celebration of a distinct culture that makes our country great. It's held in the RV Hall of Fame to celebrate the great American tradition of exploration, reminiscent of the historic journey Lewis, Clark and Sacajawea (although this seems like an idea you'd disdain, equating it with manifest destiny). We wear jean shorts, cutoffs and flannels in the spirit of the myriad of industries that made America great: Manufacturing, mining, lumber and, yes, cutoffs, since to me, they represent the distinctly American spirit of ingenuity and not bowing to authority.

Surprise! We wear distinctly American clothes while celebrating America — would you rather us celebrate our American heritage by wearing German leiderhosen or sombreros? We are here to unite under one cultural umbrella, not divide ourselves into warring victimizing factions. Here's another fact for you: We even sell tickets to this dance at a net loss of thousands of dollars to our dorm, ensuring that all students have access to this great Knott Hall tradition.

Operating over budget ... What's more American than that?

Mick Hammock
alumnus
Class of 2013
Oct. 16

Wonder and awe in the game of basketball

Gabriel Griggs

Softening, Reconciling and Forgiving

In the opening chapters of “Introduction to Christianity,” Pope Benedict explains there is great human tendency to reduce life to questions of “how” — science and the mechanics of situations — at the expense of “why.” He ultimately draws a distinction between faith and reason: Reason is concerned with, and limited to, questions of “how,” whereas faith is the means by which we are able to answer questions of “why.” This reduction causes us to lose sight of the great mystery of life — and the accompanying sense of wonder and awe. This reductionism plays out in the realm of sports, where the beauty of the game is too often reduced to results-oriented mindset.

Modern sports are experiencing a great emergence of analytics. The very logic and interest in using analytics is that they will have predictive power; it is no wonder that many of the most successful organizations depend very heavily on the merits of advanced statistical

and probabilistic analysis. The Oakland A’s and their “moneyball” approach, for example, has been highly successful over the past decade — but as Billy Beane himself said recently, his stuff doesn’t work in the playoffs.

The Oakland A’s were recently knocked out of the playoffs by the superstar-laden Detroit Tigers — playing into our intuitive notion that superstars win the big games. This intuition is what we might call the Michael Jordan effect — or, if we are classically oriented, we might call it the Greek hero affect. From ancient times to modern sports, there exists an intuition that somehow, certain figures are able to transcend pivotal moments of history as though they were fated to become heroes.

Predictive analytics and the Michael Jordan effect lie within the same general worldview that is concerned with the “how”: How are we going to win the next championship? There is a way in which we can boil down both history and the future into both cold, hard probabilities and into the formation of mythic superstars. Using statistics and probability, we arrive at the conclusion that the

combination of superstars and a well-assembled cast of players will give us the best chance to win a championship. This, in fact, is the very script that we see currently in the NBA.

In last year’s NBA finals, the San Antonio Spurs and the Miami Heat used this very formula: Get a couple of superstars and surround them with the “right pieces,” as determined through advanced analysis. Both franchises were laden with superstar talent and smart, analytically assembled casts.

Yet this view fails to account for the real mystery of team chemistry, the swings of momentum and the larger-than-life moments of heroism and tragedy — like Ray Allen’s last second three-pointer and Tim Duncan’s failed put-back attempts. There are elements in the game of basketball that cannot be explained by our limited mathematical languages of probability and statistics nor our sense that heroes always win out. If we reduce the game of basketball to mere statistics, we lose the magic of a group of veterans banding together for one last championship run. If we reduce it simply to the Michael Jordan effect,

we lose proper appreciation for the role players’ contributions and for team chemistry. There is a mysteriousness to a championship-caliber basketball team that is hard to reduce and explain. There is nothing more that can be expressed than wonder, awe and joy in the beautiful game.

Beyond basketball, though, life is so rich and complex and imbued with meaning that it is impossible to reduce. The Church often refers to the inexhaustible mystery of God, in which we share because we are created in God’s image and likeness. We must always be aware of and take joy in the very mystery that is life itself. This very sentiment is echoed in the Psalmist’s words: “I praise you, Lord, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

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From bad to good: a change of heart

Conor Houlihan

Guest Columnist

Hello, my name is Conor Houlihan, and I was “Breaking Bad” addict. I am finally free of this show’s bonds thanks to Carter Boyd’s Viewpoint column, “Breaking Bad: five seasons of sin,” (Oct. 14) which I thankfully read before going back to watch another episode on Netflix. (I think it was the one where Walter and Jesse made meth.)

I knew the article was going to be a life-changing experience when Boyd listed off Breaking Bad’s competition for the best show in television: “The Flintstones,” “The Cosbys Show,” “Andy Griffith,” “The Today Show,” ESPN and “Jeopardy.” Not only does Boyd’s list do away with pesky genres such as drama, sitcom, cartoon and game show, but also adds a television network (ESPN) to the contender’s for best show! I thought to myself, “A man who disregards the conventional definition of ‘show’ must know what the best show on television is.”

Captivated by Boyd’s audacity, I read on. Boyd proclaims that “Breaking Bad” is a good show for its viewers in the same way that crack is a good drug for dope fiends. Furthermore, he declares that the show draws in new victims not through some clever ad campaign, but through its already

addicted viewers.

“The show’s followers, representing every age range, waited eagerly for their chance to attain that high while watching that week’s episode. After just a few doses the fans were hooked, addicted to the point of dependence on the show.”

I knew it! All this time I thought “Breaking Bad” was an expertly crafted show that utilized traditional plot techniques such as rising action, foreshadowing and climax to draw viewers to its massive fan base, but I now see I was just a helpless pawn in Vince Gilligan’s master plan. I wasn’t watching “Breaking Bad” to know how Walter and Jesse were going to get the methylamine for the next cook, I was watching this evil show because without it, I would go through the same symptoms of meth withdrawal. After one day off of “Breaking Bad,” I can already feel a lack of energy, extreme nausea and a desire to binge on my drug again. (Did they make the meth or not?!) Thankfully, Boyd set me on the straight path by leaving me with a simple rule to live by: If the show is good, it’s probably meth.

Eager to pick up new rules to add to my empty moral handbook, I read on into the third paragraph of the article. “If we step back and put our self-righteous American attitudes aside, it is visible that ... ‘Breaking Bad’ is a bad show. While ‘Breaking Bad’ doesn’t

appear to glorify rampant drug industry, excessively murderous violence, brief sexual innuendos and pervasive profanity, it nevertheless delivers those messages.”

I immediately took off my American flag shirt, shorts and socks I was wearing before taking in the imminent epiphany of Boyd’s statement. Before this article, I thought “Breaking Bad” was trying to display the tragic transformation of a well-meaning man into a ruthless drug lord. Furthermore, I thought the overarching theme of “Breaking Bad” was that a person is defined by whether or not he does what’s morally right during pivotal moments in his/her life. Boyd self-righteously showed me the true meaning of the show, to subtly undermine the audience’s morals until they themselves are just as evil as Walter White.

At this point in reading, it dawned on me that Boyd’s article suggests humanity lacks a moral conscience and is thus incapable of distinguishing even the most morally evil acts for the morally good. If true, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states in section one, chapter one, article 6: “Moral Conscience, must be completely null and void.” In other words, what Boyd is graciously pointing out to the rest of us is that we are incapable of distinguishing right from wrong and thus mimic any cool action we see on a television

or in theaters. I completely agree with this as it explains why I extorted businesses after “The Godfather,” led a few Scottish uprisings after “Braveheart,” started carrying a samurai sword after “The Walking Dead” and have a current affinity for chemistry equipment and organic compounds that I can’t pronounce! Without Boyd’s intervention, I’m sure it would only have been a matter of time before I was starring in my own meth making montage with my old high school chemistry teacher.

In the final paragraph of the article, Boyd suggests that we should instead be watching shows like “Securing Good,” a show that features Malter Might, the foil of Walter White, as he goes about spreading the Word of God. Now before this article, I thought this would make for awful programming, as morally good characters are likeable, but predictable because everyone can agree on the morally correct response to most situations. In contrast, Boyd has now shown me that I was wrong to believe that humans have a conscience, thus it is paramount that we have our morals fed to us in the form a weekly TV show.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor.”

Truman Capote
Author

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Allie Tollaksen
Scene Writer

Pharrell Williams has been everywhere in 2013. Between “Get Lucky” and “Blurred Lines,” it seems like you just can’t escape his catchy, high-pitched vocals on the radio. Then again, Pharrell Williams has “been everywhere” many times before. (Remember seeing him in the “Hollaback Girl” or “Drop It Like It’s Hot” music videos way back in 2005?) Of course, we know Pharrell is by no means a newcomer; we’ve all heard him before collaborating with everyone from top-40 superstars like Britney Spears to up-and-coming artists and indie groups alike. Then there’s his own group, N.E.R.D., which released albums from 2001 to 2010.

But if this is all you know about Pharrell, you’ve only hit the tip of the iceberg. In fact, the man has had a hand in producing some pretty amazing songs spanning the last 20 years. You may wonder how it’s possible that a young guy like Pharrell has been in the music industry for so long, but to clarify, the man is actually 40 years old and clearly knows some anti-aging secret the rest of us are still

trying to figure out.

Not only has Pharrell been making music way longer than most of us realized, but he also has been responsible for writing, producing and making beats for more tracks than most of us recognize. Since 1992, he and fellow writer and producer Chad Hugo have been creating hits under the name The Neptunes. They’ve been the men behind the curtain, helping artists, such as Robin Thicke and Kelis, gain worldwide notoriety.

Let’s not forget that, along with The Neptunes’ work, Pharrell has also spent the last 20 years singing, releasing solo tracks, writing movie scores, performing with Hugo in N.E.R.D. and launching his own fashion line. It’s no wonder that Tyler, the Creator calls him his idol. I can’t even begin to list all the tracks and albums Pharrell has been involved in, but I encourage you look him up yourself. In the meantime, here’s a list of a few songs for which we have Pharrell to thank.

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01

“Got Your Money”

OJ’ Dirty Bastard (1999)
Probably my favorite ODB song, this track was produced by The Neptunes and features an up-and-coming Kelis at the time on the hook.

02

“Chasin’ Papers”

Curren\$y feat. Pharrell (2012)
From Curren\$y’s excellent album, “The Stoned Immaculate,” Pharrell wrote, produced and sang the hook for this track and it features one of my favorite samples on the album: Five Stairsteps’ “O-o-h Child.”

03

“Hollaback Girl”

Gwen Stefani (2004)
Turns out, Pharrell was in the music video for a reason. He wrote and produced the track with Stefani and Hugo. So yes, he is partially responsible for all of us constantly spelling out the word “bananas” in the mid-2000s.

04

“Milkshake”

Kelis (2003)
The Neptunes and Kelis worked together for years, but of course the track we all remember is “Milkshake.” The Neptunes wrote and produced the track with Kelis, helping make her a household name.

05

“Money Maker”

Ludacris (2006)
Written and performed by Ludacris and Pharrell and produced by The Neptunes, this song has Pharrell written all over it. Maybe that’s why it went platinum.

06

“I’m a Slave 4 U”

Britney Spears (2001)
Though it may not be Britney’s best song (sorry, but “Toxic” will win every time), this single was a huge hit and gave us all our first look at the new, super-scandalous Britney Spears. The Neptunes strike again.

07

“Grindin’”

Clipse (2002)
If you’re a fan of Pusha T’s new album “My Name Is My Name” (and you should be because it’s great), then you have Pharrell and Hugo to thank in part. In case you didn’t know, King Push himself the other half of rap duo Cliche, which made it big with the help of some excellent production by The Neptunes.

08

“Everyone Nose (Remix)”

N.E.R.D. feat. Kanye West, Common, Pusha T and Pharrell (2008)
I’m pretty sure the title and artists say enough, but I will say that the elaborate beat paired with some seriously talented rappers and impressive wordplay made this song memorable in the best way.



Erin Thomassen
Scene Writer

Why it’s so hard to forget a face and so easy to forget a name

You meet the cute boy and shake his hand. His wavy hair and deep brown eyes are ingrained in your memory. The next time you see him, you wave your hand excitedly in his direction before you realize that — crap — you don’t remember his name.

Why is it almost impossible to forget a face yet so easy to forget a name? It could be that college students and people in general are innately shallow and care more about someone’s appearance than their name. It could be that every individual has a different face, whereas many people share the same name. Or it could be that

the ancient teachers Cicero and Quintilianus were right, that human memories recall images more easily than they recall words. We want to make Notre Dame proud, so we’ll go with the latter.

Cicero, Quintilianus and other scholars realized how much easier it was to recall images than words, so they developed the method of memory palaces to remember ideas and words. In order to memorize an idea, they suggested developing an image for that idea and placing it within a certain room in a house that the student knows well. Then, during a speech, students would walk through the location in their imagination and see the image in the room in which they placed it. This way, they were able to recall the steps of the speech as they took steps through the house.

How can this idea translate to the modern problem of recalling that cute boy or girl’s name and place of origin?

Try conjuring up an image of him or her that corresponds with the words you have to remember, such as Hanna with a henna tattoo of Texas stamped on her forehead. Coming from Texas, though, she may already have one of those.

If you don’t master the technique, don’t cry too much. It’s always fun to stick your nose in the air and say, “Sorry, what’s your name again?” Then you can pretend you haven’t been dreaming about him during the past three calculus classes.

Warning: Don’t get too proud when you actually remember where someone is from. They may run the other way if you yell, “I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE.”

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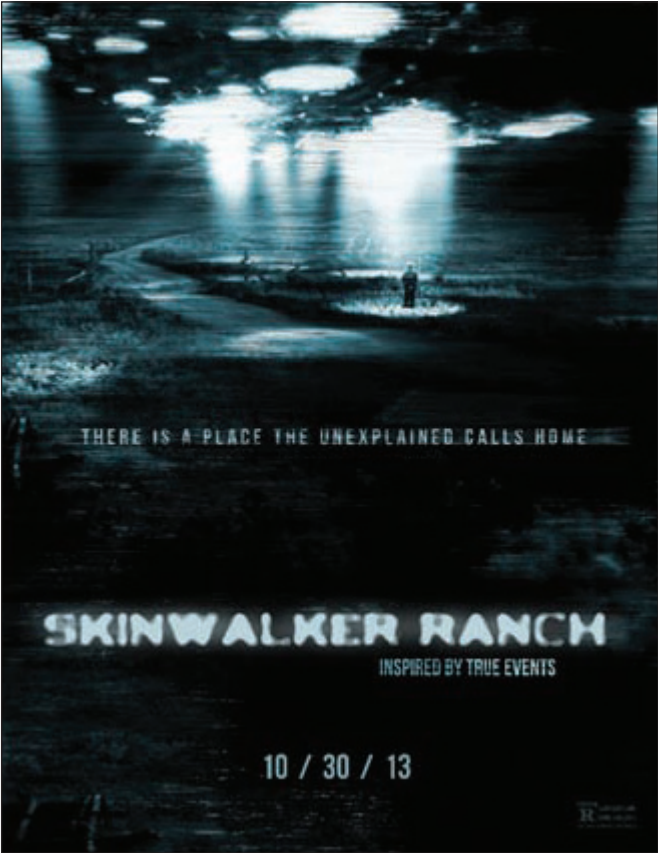
“The Counselor”

Ridley Scott

Release Date: Oct. 25

Starring: Brad Pitt, Javier Bardem, Cameron Diaz

Genre: Crime/Drama



“Skinwalker Ranch”

Devin McGinn

Release Date: Oct. 30

Starring: Taylor Bateman, Steve Berg, Michael Black

Genre: Horror/Thriller



“Dallas Buyers Club”

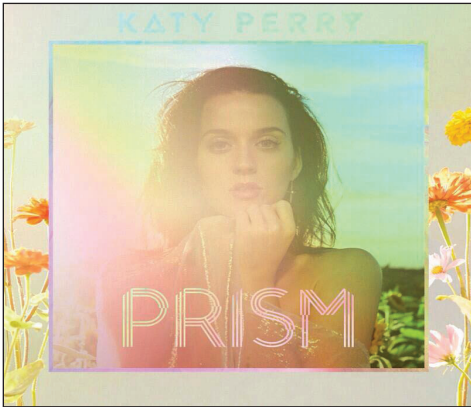
Jean-Marc Vallée

Release Date: Nov. 1

Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner

Genre: Drama

ALBUMS COMING SOON



“Prism”

Katy Perry

Release Date: Oct. 22

Label: Capitol

Tracks: Roar, Legendary Lovers



“Reflektor”

Arcade Fire

Release Date: Oct. 28

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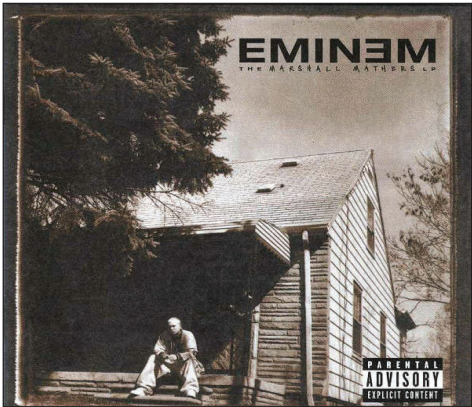
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NFL faces player safety dilemma



Aaron Sant-Miller
Sports Writer

Thanks to the rules meant to protect NFL receivers, Randall Cobb — Green Bay's speedy slot receiver — now has a fractured fibula. Cobb has been placed on the injured reserve and is out at least eight weeks.

On a critical third down against the Baltimore Ravens, Cobb ran a seam route. At the perfect moment, in the window behind the linebackers and in front of the safeties, quarterback Aaron Rodgers threw a strike to his gifted playmaker. The pass was a little high, and Cobb left his feet to rein the ball in. While he was in the air, Ravens' rookie safety Matt Elam hit Cobb just below the knee and brought him down four yards short of the first down marker. Green Bay fans across the nation groaned as Cobb had to be carted off the field.

Here's the problem. Not only was that hit perfectly within the rules, but also the new rules and league policies actually encourage hits like that.

Almost every week, one of the elite athletes in the NFL is fined for hitting a defenseless offensive player in the "head or neck region." Not only do these players go away with lighter wallets, but they are also tacked with 15-yard penalties for "unnecessary roughness."

The NFL argues that defensive players will adapt. They have to learn to hit in the "strike zone" and minimize the concussion-giving hits that currently plague the league. Well, here we saw evidence of a player "adapting" to the new regulations.

These policies certainly de-incentivize highlight reel upper body hits. What's the natural reaction? If players aren't going to hit high, they are going to hit low.

Elam, with these rules in mind, made the decision to hit the smaller Cobb low. As a result, he avoided a fine, a penalty, and effectively got a gifted athlete on the ground. The problem is, that player never got up.

This isn't the first time a defensive player took out an offensive player by going low. In the second week of the pre-season, D.J. Swearinger, another rookie safety for Houston, cut down Miami's Dustin Keller at the knee. Keller tore his ACL, MCL and PCL and dislocated his knee all on that one play, effectively ending his season.

"With the rules in this era, you've got to hit low," Swearinger said after the

game. "If I would have hit him high, I would have gotten a fine ... Right now, it's just instinct. You see somebody come across the middle, you've got to go low. You've got to play within the rules."

A hit to the knee is one of the most dangerous hits in the game. Careers are ended on hits like that. Knees are inherently fragile and hits like that are intrinsically violent.

When facing a gifted athlete trying to make you miss, you have to get him on the ground. One strategy may cost you thousands of dollars and your team fifteen yards. The other, meanwhile, is safe from these harsh policies and is effective. The problem is, both are equally dangerous to the receiver.

The NFL is stuck at a crossroads. Here they have two choices: they can extend the policies to protect the lower extremities of offensive players, further shrinking the "strike zone," or they can leave the policies as is and continue to encourage low hits. Due to the previous precedent, I fully expect the league to outlaw low hits to the knee.

Sure, that's safer. There will be fewer injuries, but at what consequence? You restrict defensive players to a minute "strike zone" on receivers. They have to manage to hit above the knee and below the neck, while at full speed, with receivers often airborne.

When Calvin Johnson, with his 6-foot-5 frame, takes flight, you're telling a defensive player he has a strike zone that starts about five feet above the turf. Try telling Elam, the 5-foot-10 free safety from Florida, that he can still effectively get that player on the ground.

At the same time, if the league does nothing, they look absolutely insincere about protecting player health. It would look like their concussion policies are purely a response to bad publicity.

So, what does the league do? Do they further regulate the league, functionally diminishing the game's violent character? Or do they throw offensive players to the wolves, encouraging physically destructive hits?

Sounds like a classic catch-22. Have fun with that one, Mr. Commissioner; someone is going to hate you no matter what you do.

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NFL

Irsay backs off Manning comments after criticism

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Indianapolis owner Jim Irsay backed down a bit after Broncos coach John Fox and former Colts general manager Bill Polian chided him for comments critical of Peyton Manning.

Fox used his weekly SiriusXM NFL Radio appearance Tuesday to criticize the Colts' owner for sounding ungrateful for all Manning did for his team and city, including winning a Super Bowl in 2007, and Polian used the same platform to say Irsay was wrong in both his facts and opinions.

After a series of tweets defending himself Tuesday night, Irsay took to Twitter on Wednesday to say he meant that if the Colts had given Manning better special teams and defense, they could have won more than one Super Bowl, instead of asking the quarterback to do too much.

He added that he found it hard to see how anyone could misinterpret his comments, but controversy sells, so he understands why people try to stir things up.

In a conference call with Denver media Wednesday, Colts coach Chuck Pagano said Irsay harbors no ill will toward Manning.

"I don't think there's anybody that Mr. Irsay respects and cares for more than Peyton," Pagano said. "What can't you say about Peyton? What he's done for this organization, what he's done for the city, our fans — what he's done for football — it's off the charts. And certainly all I know is that our owner has the utmost respect and love and passion for that guy and always will."

Irsay told USA Today in an interview Tuesday that the Colts turned to Andrew Luck two years ago and released Manning rather than pay him a \$28 million roster bonus because they were looking for more playoff success.

"We've changed our model a little bit, because we wanted more than one of these," Irsay said, showing his Super Bowl ring. "(Tom) Brady never had consistent numbers, but he has three of these. Pittsburgh had two, the Giants had two, Baltimore had two and we had one.

"That leaves you frustrated. You make the playoffs 11 times, and you're out in the first round seven out of 11 times. You love to have the 'Star Wars' numbers from Peyton and Marvin (Harrison) and Reggie (Wayne). Mostly, you love this," Irsay added, showing his ring again, according to the newspaper.

Those comments were similar to the ones Irsay made in an interview with The Associated Press last summer, when the Colts owner said his only regrets about releasing Manning were that he wanted the star quarterback to throw his final pass as a Colt and he wished Manning had departed with more than one Super Bowl ring.

"I thought it was a bit of a cheap shot. In my opinion they were disappointing and inappropriate. You know, Peyton would never say anything because he's too classy to do that."

John Fox
Broncos coach

So, instead of relying on the high-charged offense Manning directed, Irsay said the team's future February celebrations would come more frequently if the Colts divided the budget more evenly between the offensive and defensive players.

Irsay's latest verbal barrage, coming as it did this week, created quite a buzz.

Fox normally isn't one to criticize anyone in public, but Irsay's comments clearly struck a nerve.

"I thought it was a bit of a cheap shot," Fox said on SiriusXM. "In my opinion, they were disappointing and inappropriate. You know, Peyton would never say anything because he's too classy to do that."

Polian fired back at his old boss, saying Irsay had it wrong.

"For one thing, I don't believe that Baltimore had two at the time that we were fired, all of us, Peyton, me and the rest of the staff, (coach) Jim Caldwell at the end of the '11 season," Polian said.

He said Irsay was "very upset" after the Colts lost to New Orleans in the 2010 Super Bowl,

"and I think it's pretty telling that getting to the Super Bowl in his mind doesn't count. And for anyone who is in the game and who has to make that journey from training camp to the Super Bowl, you know that it's awfully difficult to get there.

"And as John Fox said ... if you have one, you count yourself lucky. I've had teams that have been to six Super Bowls and won one. I'm not ashamed of that record by any means, and I'm certainly not ashamed of what we did in Indianapolis."

Manning is 160-70 in the regular season — joining Brady as the only quarterbacks with 90 more wins than losses — but is just 9-11 in the playoffs with eight first-

round exits.

The Broncos — who have won 19 of 23 games under Manning, but lost to Baltimore in the playoffs — visit the Colts on Sunday night in Manning's first return to Indianapolis since his teary-eyed goodbye news conference alongside Irsay in March 2012.

Manning's former coach, Tony Dungy, said on a conference call this week that he thinks Irsay wouldn't have let Manning go had he known Manning would bounce back as he has.

"I can almost guarantee you that if he knew that he was going to be healthy like this and playing this kind of football, in hindsight I don't think he would've done it," said Dungy, who's now an NBC football analyst. Irsay defended himself in a string of responses on Twitter on Tuesday night, when he quoted Manning as saying that both he and the owner wanted him to stay in Indianapolis but "circumstances forced our hand."

He finished with a joke, saying he hopes for old time's sake that Manning completes some passes to his old teammates such as safety Antoine Bethea.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish compete in Regional Championships

By **BRIAN HARTNETT**
Sports Writer

Fall break will be anything but restful for Notre Dame, as members of the Irish team will play in three tournaments over the next week-and-a-half.

Several top-ranked members of the team will play in the USTA/ITA Midwest Regional Championships at the Varsity Tennis Center in Columbus, Ohio, which begins today and runs through Monday.

Notre Dame senior Greg Andrews has the No. 2 seed and sophomore Quentin Monaghan has the No. 5 seed in the 64-player singles main draw. The winner of the singles main draw will receive an automatic berth in the USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships, which will be held in Flushing Meadows, N.Y., from Nov. 7 to 10.

Irish coach Ryan Sachire said Andrews' and Monaghan's performances against tough competition at the ITA All-American Championships held earlier this month prepared them well for regional competition.

"I think that guys that played the All-American know they can compete with the best players in the country," Sachire said. "Certainly having seen the high level of play at the All-American, they're not going to see anything in Columbus that they haven't seen before."

Senior Ryan Bandy, sophomore Alex Lawson and freshmen Eddy Covalschi and Josh Hagar will also compete in the singles main draw in Columbus.

Covalschi and Hagar will attempt to replicate their strong performances from the Bobby Bayliss Invitational, which was held at the Eck Tennis Pavilion earlier this month. The two freshmen each finished the tournament with a 3-1 record in singles play, and Hagar took home the tournament's Most Outstanding Player after recording a 2-1 record in doubles.

"Josh and Eddy both have done an outstanding job," Sachire said. "The guys on the team have really embraced them as teammates. They have both done a great job of acclimating to Notre Dame as students and as tennis players.

Do I believe these two guys can do very well this weekend? Absolutely. Is it one of those things where it's going to be a damper on the fall if they don't? No, because we've been talking a lot about the day-to-day process, and they've both bought into that."

The Irish will also look to take home several doubles victories against the regional competition. The duo of Lawson and Andrews is the No. 4 seed in the doubles main draw, while the team of senior Matt Dooley and sophomore Eric Schnurrenberger has the No. 13 seed. Four other Irish duos will compete in the doubles main draw.

After the Midwest Regional Championships, Notre Dame will split up over the weekend of Oct. 25-27 to play in the USTA Collegiate Clay Court Invitational in Orlando, Fla., and the UT Invitational in Austin, Texas. Sachire said the clay courts at the USTA Collegiate Clay Court Invitational would provide a unique challenge to the team.

"Obviously, being on clay is a little bit of a different surface,"



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Irish sophomore Alex Lawson prepares to return the ball during Notre Dame's 6-1 victory over SMU on April 5.

Sachire said. "Just going from an indoor hard court to an outdoor clay court will be a challenge because it's pretty significantly different. When we made the schedule, we wanted to prepare our team for some of the challenges they may face in the spring, when we may be playing outdoor down at Clemson or Georgia Tech in March and then come

here and play indoors because it's not quite warm enough here."

Notre Dame will start play at the USTA/ITA Midwest Regional Championships today at 8 a.m. at the Varsity Tennis Center in Columbus, Ohio.

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CLUB SPORTS

Women's soccer caps long weekend with 5-0 win

Special to The Observer

The Irish had a long weekend with four tough games. Notre Dame traveled to Milwaukee on Saturday to take on the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Marquette.

In the first game against Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Irish surrendered a goal in the first minute. Undeterred by the 1-0 deficit, the Irish fought back, as forward Destiny Anamege got the pass from midfielder Kaley Cohen and scored in the 30th minute.

At the half, the game was tied, 1-1. The Irish came out strong in the second half and found three more goals before the final whistle to finish with a 4-1 win. The second goal for the Irish came again from Anamege in the 53rd minute after she received a pass from midfielder Casey Gross, beat her defender, shot and scored. Gross then scored in the 61st minute with an outside shot from the top of the box right over the goalkeeper's head.

In the 78th minute, a foul on Wisconsin-Milwaukee gave the Irish a penalty kick. Forward Mary Wickert stayed composed and scored the final goal for Notre Dame.

The second game of the day against Marquette was a tough test for the Irish. Low on subs and coming off of a hard-played

game, Notre Dame faced a very strong Marquette team. The game was evenly matched, but neither team was able to capitalize, and the hard-fought game ended in a 0-0 tie.

The Irish played two games at home Sunday. In the first 20 minutes against Loyola, the Ramblers scored twice. Notre Dame came out strong in the second half and put high pressure on the Ramblers defense. In the 55th minute, Gross took a corner kick and scored on a bended ball. While the Irish kept up high pressure and intensity for the rest of the game and fired some-off-the-post shots and near-goals, the game ended before they could find another goal, and the Irish suffered their first loss, 2-1.

Fueled by the earlier loss, the Irish came out strong against DePaul and scored early. In the 15th minute, Anamege received a pass from midfielder Maddie McCormick on a counter-attack and scored in the upper right corner of the goal. After the half, the Irish came out and scored in the 55th minute to go up 2-0. Midfielder Erica Heissler headed and redirected the ball off of a deflection from a corner taken by Gross and scored. In the 70th minute, Heissler intercepted the ball and played a through pass to Anamege, who finished near the post. In the 77th minute,

Wickert scored off another penalty kick after a handball in the box. Anamege added the final goal in the 86th minute, when she beat the keeper and scored on the front post. Notre Dame ended the weekend with a 5-0 victory.

Coed Tennis

The Irish faced Western Michigan and Grand Valley State on Saturday in Kalamazoo, Mich., winning 23-19 and 24-19, respectively.

Against Grand Valley State, the doubles pair of Anna and Janelle Wanzek fell, 6-1. Ed Kielb and Brett Beattie played men's doubles and won, 6-2. In singles, Ali Scoggin won, 6-2, and Bobby Michels lost a tough matchup, 6-5, dropping the tiebreaker, 5-4. Alanna Anderson and Ryan Grojean played mixed doubles, sealing the victory with a 6-3 win and bringing the final overall score to 24-19.

Notre Dame played Western Michigan next, remaining undefeated as a team with a

23-19 victory. Anderson and Ali Scoggin won, 6-2, in women's doubles, while Michels and Beattie lost in men's doubles, 6-1. In singles, Anna Wanzek lost, 6-4, and Kielb won, 6-2. Grojean and Anderson played mixed doubles, fighting under pressure to pulled out the set, 6-3. The Irish are now 2-0 in preseason

competition.

Women's Lacrosse

Notre Dame had a very successful weekend in Chicago at the ChiTown Classic, beating Northwestern, 15-3, Lakeshore Adult, 9-6 and Loyola Chicago, 12-1. Against Northwestern, Connor Sullivan, Mary Kate Vicenzi and Lindsay Shields had three goals apiece. Keira Heneghan, Tiphaine Delepine, Carmel O'Brien, Rebecca Moore, Michaela McInerney and Steph Scherer had one goal each. Claire Sinnott was named Most Valuable Player of the game.

Against Lakeshore Adult, O'Brien knocked in three goals, Heneghan and Shields each scored twice and Vicenzi and Sullivan had a goal apiece. In the final game of the day, Sullivan, Jen Daily and Moore had two goals each. Heneghan, Sinnott, Ruth Cooper, Grace Pettey, Jessie Frio and O'Brien each scored one goal to complete the Irish domination. Sullivan was honored as the Most Valuable Player of the game.

Equestrian

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's team competed at the Augustana Horse Show in Chicago last weekend. The Irish won High Point Team honors Saturday and Reserve High Point Team honors Sunday.

The team got off to a great start Saturday, as captain Katie Walsh and Rebecca Hauserman finished second and fourth, respectively, in Open Fences. Sierra Hajdu had a good showing in Intermediate Fences, finishing third. To close out the morning, Katie Lockhart and Annabelle Duncan had good rides and finished second and fourth, respectively, in Novice Fences. Stephanie Nearhos kicked off the afternoon with a first-place finish in Open Flat, while Walsh finished third and Hauserman finished fourth in the event. Isabelle Hillberg followed with a fourth-place finish in Intermediate Flat. Lockhart had an awesome ride in Novice Flat, finishing first, and was followed by Abby Sullivan in fifth and Duncan in sixth. Shannon Swartz finished second and Elena Gacek was third in Beginner Walk Trot Canter, while Tony Zhong had a great ride in Walk Trot with a first-place finish and Rose McClimans followed him with a third-place finish in her debut show.

Sunday was also a great day for the Irish, starting with Walsh's third-place finish in Open Fences. Hillberg finished fourth in Intermediate Fences and Hajdu followed in sixth. Duncan then followed with a great ride, finishing first in Novice Fences, with Lockhart just behind her in third. The Open Flat riders took control of

the afternoon, as Nearhos finished in third and Hauserman ended in fifth. Hillberg followed with a second-place finish in Intermediate Flat, and Hajdu was close behind with a fifth-place finish. The Novice Flat riders also had good showings, with Lockhart finishing in the top spot and Duncan taking sixth.

The Beginner Walk Trot Canter riders had great showings, as Annalis Cigarroa finished third. Caitlin Smith had a strong finish in Advanced Walk Trot Canter, taking first place and Rebekah Rumschlag finished fifth. Zhong finished the show with a win in Walk Trot, and McClimans followed in fifth. On the weekend, Lockhart won Reserve High Point Rider honors both Saturday and Sunday.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

Ohio State traveled to Notre Dame on Friday in an exciting game under the lights at the Stinson Rugby Field. The match featured two even teams and the game was very intense right up to the end. The Buckeyes scored first, but the Irish soon answered with a try by Elizabeth Peterson off of a penalty. Ohio State scored twice more before the Irish scored again with a try by Katie Loughran. The Irish continued to put up a good fight but were never able to recover the lead and eventually lost to the Buckeyes, 38-14.

Men's Hockey

A little more than 24 hours before Notre Dame was set to play Wisconsin on Saturday, Irish coach Bill Murray learned that the game's starting time had been switched from a 9:30 p.m. to 9:30 a.m. The Irish, however, shook off the bus legs after a 3:30 a.m. departure and dispatched the Badgers, 4-2, on Saturday morning. The team completed the sweep with a 4-1 victory Sunday. Trailing 2-1 in the third period Saturday after a first-period goal from defenseman Kevin DeVivo, the Irish received a tally off a rebound in front of the Wisconsin net from forward Conor Kelly and never looked back, as the game-winning goal came from forward D.J. Boyd on a power play and an insurance tally to ice the game came from defenseman Josh Dempsey. Goalie Nick Stasack stopped 23 shots in the victory.

The Irish erased another early deficit on their way to a win Sunday.

Just five seconds into the second period, forward Tom White grabbed a rebound off the end boards and found the net from a bad angle to tie the game at one. The Irish would score three more in the third to take the game, as forward Zach Flynn scored the game-winner, and Kelly knocked home an empty-netter to seal the victory. The Irish next play against USC in Chicago at 8:30 p.m. on Friday.

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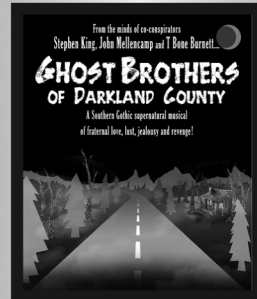
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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish battle top teams in Adidas Invitational

By **A.J. GODEAUX**
Sports Writer

The Irish travel to Madison, Wis., on Saturday to compete in the fifth annual Wisconsin Adidas Invitational.

The Irish men dropped from No. 22 to No. 28 in the latest rankings, despite a seventh-place finish in a field of 27 Division I teams at the Notre Dame Invitational on Oct. 4. Junior Jake Kildoo said the Irish were disappointed with their performance after the Notre Dame Invitational, and made adjustments in practice the last two weeks to get back on track for the Adidas Invitational.

"We don't necessarily have a chip on our shoulder or anything," Kildoo said. "We didn't take our performance at the Notre Dame

[Invitational] too heavily because we know it was such a poor reflection of our actual fitness ... But we've done a lot of work the last two weeks to get out faster, something we struggled with, and then settling into pace as a group."

In addition to focusing on quickening the pace at the start of races, the Irish made another notable change to their normal practice routine.

"We've still trained hard, especially last week, but we've also trained a lot smarter," Kildoo said. "This week we've taken it lighter than normal, and I think that'll better prepare us for this week-end. We'll be able to have more energy to compete against the great competition we anticipate facing."

The 35-team men's field is filled

with perennial cross country powers, No. 3 Northern Arizona, No. 5 BYU, No. 6 Arkansas, No. 7 Portland and Notre Dame Invitational champions, No. 8 Columbia.

"There's a lot of great teams," Kildoo said. "If it all goes according to plan, though, we'll be able to get a group of guys up toward the front, working together."

The Lady Irish are coming off a sixth-place finish in the Notre Dame Invitational, paced by senior Kathleen Curran's ninth-place finish. Like the men's team, Irish women's coach Tim Connelly said his team has also been working on improving their pace out of the gate.

"Early in the season, you're mostly working on general preparation work for the season,"

Connelly said. "You're not necessarily focused on race specific work. What got us in trouble at the Notre Dame Invite was we didn't go out as fast as we should have. Now, we're just trying to get the confidence to go out a little harder at the beginning of races, and working on staying together."

The women's team will face an equally tough field as the men. Of the 36 women's teams in the Adidas Invitational field, 12 teams are ranked, including the No. 19 Irish. Three of the top five teams in the latest poll top-ranked Providence, No. 3 Arizona and No. 4 Duke will be running this weekend.

Connelly said the Irish will look to Curran and fellow senior Alexa Aragon, who placed 17th at the Notre Dame Invitational, for

leadership as the season moves forward.

"Those two girls have competed at the NCAA Cross Country Championship, and are all-Americans in track, [both] outdoor and indoor," Connelly said. "They have the experience and especially that confidence that I hope the younger runners can develop."

The Wisconsin Adidas Invitational kicks off Saturday with the men's 8K championship race at 11 a.m. The Women's 6K race will follow at noon. The men's 8K and women's 6K "B" races will follow at 12:45 and 1:20, respectively. All races will be held at the Thomas Zimmer Championship Cross Country Course.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles fall 1-0 to Alma

Observer Staff Report

In their second meeting with Alma, the Belles lost their four-game-winning streak with a 1-0 defeat.

Last time the Belles (6-5-3, 4-3-3 MIAA) met Alma (9-5, 9-2 MIAA) they lost 4-0. After Wednesday's game, Alma catapults into first place, while the Belles remain in fifth.

The Belles started off strong with a shot from sophomore midfielder Maggie McLaughlin in the first five minutes, saved by goalie Julie Debus. Minutes later freshman forward Rosie Biehl forced a turnover from an Alma defender and with only one defender standing between her and the goal, shot a ball just wide of the post.

In the second half, a free kick from Alma's Autumn Root created a perfect ball for Agatha Weddle to head in the back of the net to score the only goal of the game.

The Belles came back into the second quarter strong with senior Jordan Diffenderfer notching three shots on goal. Yet it was not enough to come back from the 1-0 lead Alma gained in the first half.

The Belles fought until the end, getting off two shots from junior midfielder Erin Mishu and sophomore defender Lindsay Rzepcki in the last two minutes – both saved by Debus.

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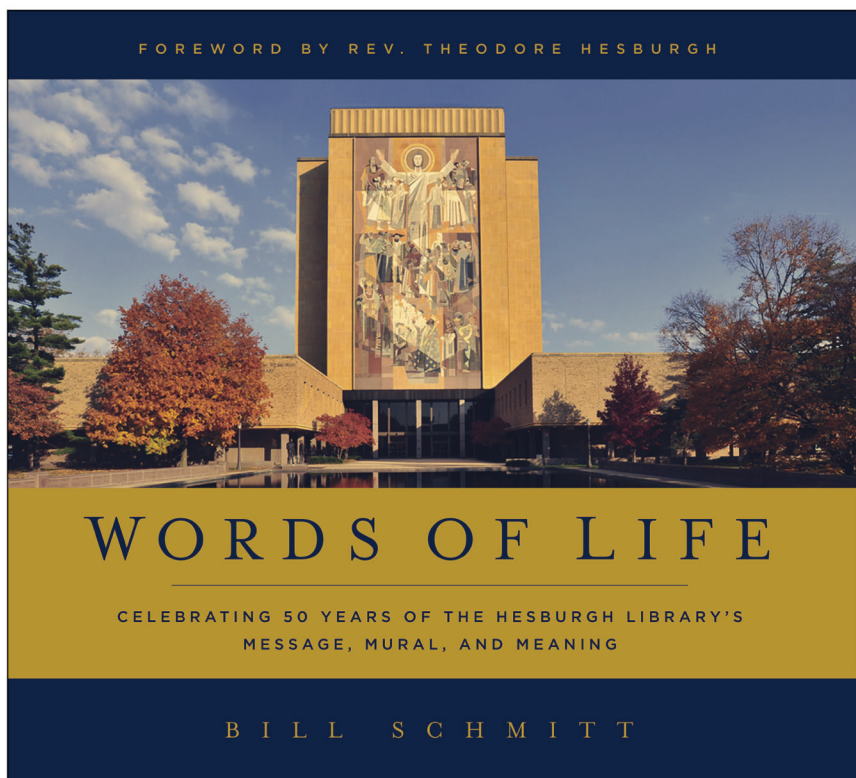
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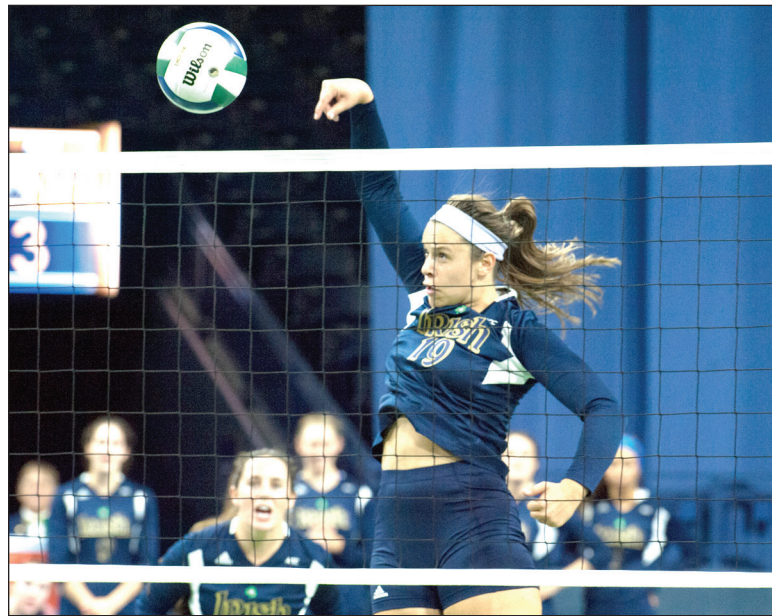
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish take on top ACC opponents



WEI LIN | The Observer

Irish junior outside hitter Jeni Houser spikes the ball during Notre Dame's 3-0 victory over Loyola-Chicago on Sept. 13.

By CONOR KELLY
 Sports Writer

After winning its first match of the year and ending a seven-match loss against Georgia Tech, Notre Dame will look for its first ACC home win this weekend as the Irish host Miami and Florida State at the Purcell Pavilion.

While the team prevailed over the Yellow Jackets, the road does not get any easier for the Irish (7-10, 1-5 ACC). The Hurricanes (13-3, 6-0) sit atop the ACC standings while Florida State (12-5, 5-1) is in a four-way tie for second.

"Getting the win last weekend was a big boost," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "Anytime you can snap a losing streak like the one we were on, it's huge. We were struggling to put a good match together and we did. Now, we just need to keep it going."

The Irish will first take on Miami on Friday, who is looking to extend its six-game winning streak. The Hurricanes have yet to lose in conference play and have not dropped a match since losing in straight sets to Tulsa in the NIKE Invitational on Sept. 21. Since then, the team has rattled off half a dozen ACC victories in impressive fashion. The Hurricanes are led offensively by junior outside hitter Savannah Leaf, whose 3.85 kills per set puts her third individually in the ACC, but Brown said that it is Miami's balance that makes it dangerous.

"They're at the top for a reason, and all five attackers are very good," Brown said. "In their last game, all five attackers had at least nine kills. It's really a balanced attack."

For Notre Dame, the issue all year has been consistency, especially on the offensive side. The Irish have hit just .208 on the year, and

Brown said that achieving better consistency is something she would like her team to achieve after a promising performance against Georgia Tech in which the team hit .227.

"These are things we've been talking about all year," Brown said. "We're just looking for consistency game in and game out, controlling errors and getting better passing and hitting. We're looking to generate more kills."

On Sunday against Florida State, the Irish will face another tough test in a Seminole squad that has won six of its last seven matches. The team has lost just once in the ACC this season, falling at Georgia Tech on Sept. 4, and The Seminoles are coming off two straight-set victories over Maryland and Pittsburgh.

Hitting at a .253 clip as a team, Florida State is led offensively by sophomore outside hitter Nicole Walch and her 226 kills, 53 more than her sister, senior outside hitter Elise Walch.

Brown said that her team has a plan for attacking the Seminoles, and it begins with the service game.

"Georgia Tech is their one loss, and we were able to talk to [Georgia Tech's] coaches and find out that they really attacked them with aggressive serving," Brown said. "We've got to try and get Florida State out their system."

The Irish have averaged 0.9 aces per set and another 0.9 in forced errors off of serves and will look to junior outside hitter Jeni Houser and senior libero Andrea McHugh for production in the serving game.

Notre Dame takes the court against Miami at 7 p.m. Friday at Purcell Pavilion.

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Irish sophomore midfielder Glory Williams races to stop the ball during Notre Dame's 3-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Sept. 29.

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"We didn't have much training time over the weekend, so to have this week, where we can have three good days of training to correct some things, is very good," Waldrum said. "You just need to keep plugging away. We knew coming in that we were going to lose games. We just need to keep a positive attitude and keep everyone focused on what we're looking for, which is to get back to the College Cup."

To get back on track, the Irish will have to go through the Blue Devils (5-6-3, 2-4-2), who started the year strong but hit a rough patch midway through September when they went on a six-game winless streak. Recently though, Duke has righted the ship, as it defeated Maryland, 2-1, on Sunday in the first game of its three-game road trip.

"Duke is loaded with talent," Waldrum said. "They've been struggling a bit with injuries early in the year, but they are absolutely loaded. I've coached some of their players on the [United States] under-23 national team. They have [junior forward] Kelly Cobb, who was part of the team that won the under-20 World Cup, and she's a handful. I could go on, but overall, Duke has a lot of offensive weapons. We have to be very careful and strong defensively because they have as good an offensive side as any [team] in

the conference."

Defense has been an area of concern the Irish must improve in, Waldrum said. During their three-game slide, the Irish allowed six goals in three games, after surrendering just two in their previous seven matches.

In an attempt to strengthen the team's back line, Waldrum moved sophomore Cari Roccaro from her usual spot in the midfield to right back during Notre Dame's 1-0 loss to then-No. 10 Virginia Tech on Sunday. Roccaro, however, has also been an offensive sparkplug for the Irish at the forward position, recording four goals and two assists on the season.

Waldrum said he was still unsure of how he planned to use Roccaro against Duke and in the future.

"We really don't want to keep moving [Roccaro] all over the field," Waldrum said. "It just felt like we had to when we got to Virginia Tech over the weekend in order to plug some of the leaks we had back there. We'll look at the next three days of training and see where she's most comfortable and who's most comfortable around her, and I'll have a better sense at the end of the week."

The Irish look to return to form this Sunday at 1 p.m. when they play Duke at Alumni Stadium.

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M Soccer

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have excelled with increased playing time, Clark said.

"[Junior midfielder] Nick Besler and [sophomore midfielder] Patrick Hodan have been out, and we've still managed to dominate games without two of our key players," Clark said. "That's a big plus. We're hopeful we'll get them back soon ... The young freshman, Brandon Aubrey, has stepped up and done a good job. He and Robby Gallegos have had to play fulltime now, not part-time, and both have done very well. We came out of possibly one of the most difficult spells [of gamee].

We've had to deal with travel, and we've also had to deal with midterms. I'm reasonably pleased."

The Irish are undefeated, but their tie total is nearly equal to their number of wins. Clark said everyone on the team has the potential to be contributors for Notre Dame.

"You're looking for them all to break out," Clark said. "I think we've got a pretty good squad."

Notre Dame will look to keep its undefeated streak alive when it faces North Carolina State on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Dail Soccer Complex in Raleigh, N.C.

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Hockey

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he's grown up in that area."

Despite the early success, Summerhays, who posted a 21-12-2 record and a .919 save percentage last season, emphasized that the Irish need to continue to work hard on defense.

"It's the beginning of the year, and there were a couple posts and bounces that went our way to get us those results," Summerhays said. "Moving forward, once we do give up that first goal, it'll be important for us as a team to see how we react and bounce back from that."

Though the Huskies have scored just two goals on the season, they will present a challenge to the Irish defense and penalty kill. While the Michigan Tech power play has yet to find the net in eleven chances, the Husky special teams will be a challenge for Notre Dame to deal with, Lind said. "Michigan Tech, after looking at them today, they're going to give us a different look," Lind said. "They have two or three different power plays. This week will definitely be more of a challenge than Western Michigan was. [Michigan Tech]'s penalty kill is a little different, and they have a lot of speed guys who like to fly."

While Notre Dame's strength this season has come from the back, finding the net against Michigan Tech may be slightly more difficult for the team.



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Irish sophomore center Steven Fogarty attacks the puck during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over Guelph on Oct. 6.

The Huskies have split time between sophomore netminders Jamie Phillips and Pheonix Copley, and each has a save percentage greater than .950.

While the Irish have had seven different players score the team's seven goals on the year, Jackson said he would like to see his top line, featuring senior forward T.J. Tynan, create more chances.

"The key for us right now is to get Tynan's line going," Jackson said. [Sophomore left wing] Mario Lucia started off a little slow. If we can get him going, him, Tynan and [senior right wing] Bryan Rust are three of our best offensive players. "If they can find a way to work together and support each other defensively, they're very talented and very creative, and they should find a way to score goals."

While the Irish have some

tough competition ahead of them, Summerhays said the team is enjoying playing competitive hockey again and looking to keep its record perfect.

"It's always nice in the beginning of the year," Summerhays said. "You feel fresh, and you don't have anything that's really bothering you. "Everyone's always excited to start the season off. To get those results in the beginning of the year, you can't really ask for too much better."

Notre Dame will face off against Michigan Tech on Friday at 7:35 p.m. at Compton Family Ice Arena. The two teams will also meet Sunday at 2:05 p.m. at Compton Family Ice Arena.

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Puzzle by Barry C. Silk

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: John Mayer, 36; Kellie Martin, 38; Tim Robbins, 55; Angela Lansbury, 88.

Happy Birthday: Expand your outlook and turn your attention to a broader spectrum of interests. You will gain from the experience of dealing with those from unfamiliar backgrounds or by visiting places that are unlike your normal surroundings. Past friends and lovers are likely to surface, but reconnecting may not be in your best interest. Your numbers are 2, 10, 23, 36, 38, 45, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotional changes are inevitable and can turn out beneficial if you are honest about the way you feel and precise in how you express what you want. Making demands will work against you, but using diplomacy will lead to resolutions. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Mix the old with the new. Reunite with people and places from your past and you will gain better perspective regarding a partnership or situation you face now. Speak from the heart, but make it clear what you expect and want to see happen. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep your wits about you. Listen carefully and respond precisely. Misinterpretation is likely if you aren't clear regarding what you want. Back away from aggressive action. A relationship problem is likely to surface due to a misunderstanding. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make special plans with someone you love. Use past references to please someone now. Engage in creative thinking and participate in something unusual, and you will have a better idea what you want to pursue in the future. Avoid rash decisions. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be held accountable for someone else's mistake, problem, or responsibility. Be clear regarding what you can or can't do. Stand firm on financial issues. Money and opportunity will come from a most unusual source. Love is highlighted. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be in control as long as you are relentless when it comes to decisions and dealing with matters that can alter your business or personal relationships. One of your peers may not tell you the whole truth. Explore a creative endeavor. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Follow your heart, but do not overreact if uncertainty hits. Step back and look at how you can take advantage of whatever situation you face. Taking a unique approach to an old problem will lead to positive change. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Open your mind and share your thoughts and emotions with someone you feel close to. Interesting changes at home will bring you closer to someone you care about. Show your willingness to help and support others and you will be rewarded. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be quick to make your move, especially when it concerns your personal or domestic life. Don't let emotional manipulation lead to making a poor decision. Embrace change and do what's best for you. Make physical improvements that boost your confidence. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Use your charm to win the confidence and respect of whomever you are dealing with. Keep an open mind and do your best to avoid overreacting to a situation that is inevitable. A change of heart could cause a poor decision. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep a close watch over what others do and say. Protect your interests and guard against anyone trying to manipulate your situation. Be prepared to make whatever changes are necessary in order to keep moving in the direction of your choice. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Matters pertaining to relationships of the heart will be difficult to deal with. You will not get a clear picture regarding how someone feels and must take precautions to protect your emotional, physical and financial well-being. ★★★★★

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FOOTBALL

Tuitt: "I'm coming back"

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
Assistant Managing Editor

Irish junior defensive end Stephon Tuitt said he will return for his senior season next year, he told The Observer on Wednesday.

"I'm coming back next year," Tuitt said. "I'm a junior. I still have one year."

When asked again if he was returning next year, Tuitt responded, "Yes."

A preseason All-American, Tuitt has 18 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss and three sacks this season.

In 2012, he recorded 47 tackles,

12 sacks and nine quarterback hurries. Tuitt has started in 19 consecutive games for Notre Dame.

The 6-foot-6, 312-pound lineman is projected to be a first-round draft pick in the 2014 NFL Draft.

Scouts, Inc., has Tuitt rated as the No. 14 overall player in the draft and he sits at No. 11 on ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr.'s big board.

Underclassmen typically have to declare for the NFL Draft by the end of January.

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Irish junior defensive end Stephon Tuitt rushes the passer during Notre Dame's 28-6 victory over Temple on Aug. 31. Tuitt has 18 tackles and three sacks this season.

MEN'S SOCCER

Undefeated Irish face NC State



WEI LIN | The Observer

Irish senior defender Luke Mishu takes control of the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Duke on Sept. 27. The Irish face North Carolina State on Saturday, looking to continue their undefeated season.

By **SAMANTHA ZUBA**
Sports Writer

The No. 2 Irish will look to keep their undefeated streak rolling when they face North Carolina State on Saturday in an ACC contest.

Irish coach Bobby Clark said he expects Notre Dame (7-0-5, 4-0-3 ACC) to attack on both sides of the ball as it looks to defend its 12-game unbeaten streak.

"I don't split the team into defense and offense," Clark said. "When we don't have the ball, we're all on defense. When we're attacking, the whole team is attacking. It's very much a team with a capital 'T.' We start attacking with [senior goalkeeper] Patrick Wall, with his throw outs and kicks, and the pressure is on everyone to attack."

The Irish will enter the game fresh off a 1-1 double-overtime tie against No. 13

Northwestern on Tuesday.

The Irish controlled time of possession against the Wildcats (8-3-2, 1-1-0 Big 10) but couldn't score to break the tie. Clark said he studied film of the Northwestern game Wednesday morning to figure out the areas where Notre Dame needs to improve its own play.

"There's a lot of things we did well in [Tuesday's] game," Clark said. "Obviously, we controlled a large portion of the game statistically. But the only statistic that really matters is goals. That would be the disappointment — that we didn't turn our possession of the ball into goals."

The Irish also tied Maryland, 1-1, in two overtimes earlier this month. Clark said the draws were disappointing, but Notre Dame has to move past them before it plays North Carolina State (4-3-4, 1-3-3).

"If we had won [the Maryland and Northwestern] games, I'd be a lot happier," Clark said. "That's behind us now, and we need to move on. It's important that we're ready for NC State." Redshirt junior forward Nick Surkamp leads the Wolfpack with four goals, while Junior defender Clement Simonin has scored three goals on just seven shots this season.

Despite the talent on the Wolfpack, Clark said he is more concerned that the Irish play their own game.

"Every team in the ACC will have good players, but we're always more concerned with where we are," Clark said.

Junior midfielder Robby Gallegos and freshman midfielder Brandon Aubrey have filled in for Notre Dame during its recent difficult stretch of games, and both players

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Waldrum prepares team for Duke duel

By **GREG HADLEY**
Sports Writer

After No. 13 Notre Dame had its worst road trip of the season last weekend, Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he was glad to be back in the friendly confines of Alumni Stadium to face Duke on Sunday afternoon.

"It's great to be home and have a week to rest and prepare," Waldrum said. "It's always tough to be on the road, especially with how the ACC is structured. We're usually on the road for five days at a time,

which is a long time to be in a hotel, living out of suitcase and travelling."

The road has been particularly rough lately for the Irish (9-4-1, 5-3-1 ACC). In the past two weeks, Notre Dame has lost three ACC road games, including one in double overtime to No. 1 Virginia on Oct. 10. Despite this, the Irish have not changed their goal of another College Cup and are simply focusing on taking care of business at home, Waldrum said.

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HOCKEY

No. 4 Notre Dame hosts Mich. Tech

By **CONOR KELLY and JACK HEFFERON**
Sports Writers

After starting with season with victories in a home-and-home series with Western Michigan, No. 4 Notre Dame will play host again this weekend, this time to Michigan Tech.

Hoping to extend their unbeaten streak and record their third consecutive shutout, the Irish (2-0-0) will look for a stiff challenge from the Huskies (0-1-1), who battled No. 20 Minnesota-Duluth to a 1-1 tie and a 2-1 loss last weekend.

"We're looking at a fast team, and they'll be coming here ready to play," senior defenseman Kevin Lind said of Michigan Tech. "[Irish] coach [Jeff Jackson] said that

he thinks they'll be a stronger, more complete team than Western Michigan."

As projected, one of Notre Dame's early strengths has been the play of senior goaltender Steven Summerhays. The Anchorage, Alaska, native stopped all 44 pucks that came his direction in two games against Western Michigan (0-2-0) on his way to being named Hockey East Co-Defensive Player of the Week on Monday. Summerhays earned praise from Jackson for maintaining his focus against the Broncos.

"[Summerhays] stood tall, and he didn't let up because he had sustained times where he wasn't facing shots," Jackson said. "That's emotional maturity, and it starts in practice ...

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