

Council publishes suggestions

Student diversity group recommends policy changes to promote inclusion

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
News Editor

The Diversity Council of Notre Dame submitted a resolution to the administration Wednesday detailing recommendations for further actions benefitting the University's diverse community, compiled after four months of discussion.

Senior Luis Llanos, chair of the Diversity Council, said the importance of the resolution derives from the Council's unique ability to unite representatives of 29 clubs whose members mostly come from underrepresented groups.

"Last year, the Diversity Council came together and decided as a whole that it was important for us to really go in-depth and figure out what in our communities was going wrong and why people didn't feel at home here," he said. "We brought together the opinions of many of the communities on campus and started in April.

"We started with a lot of different points ... and we were almost going to send the resolution up in April, but then we decided to take

Recommendations from the Diversity Council of Notre Dame

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS	Visible statement of inclusion in every classroom
AUXILIARY OPERATIONS	Halal and Kosher foods for students with dietary restrictions
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST	Mandatory in-services for faculty and staff about overcoming cultural differences in the classroom

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the summer to really pinpoint what was wrong and what action steps Notre Dame could take to make students feel at home. This is what has come through."

The resolution supports three "recent changes to community life" made by the University and offers seven recommendations

for further action under the Office of Student Affairs, Auxiliary Operations and the Office of the Provost.

Llanos said the administration "has been very positive when it comes to community life and the diversity population on campus," and he hopes to continue the

conversation about inclusion once they review the resolution.

"We're going to have to have meetings to explain these points more extensively and explain the process we went through, but past that, we're going to have to ... see

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Designs combat sexual assault

By EMILY McCONVILLE
News Writer

According to the University's Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention (CSAP), the majority of sexual assaults on college campuses involve alcohol. Senior design students Laurel Komos and Mia Swift decided to raise awareness of the link between sexual assault and alcohol in a creative way.

For the first part of their campaign, "Proof of Consent or it's 100% No," they designed a tag, one side displaying a parodied image of an alcohol brand's signature container and the other a message about obtaining consent, and tied them around alcohol bottles at Belmont Beverages in South Bend.

"We did it the Friday before the

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Symposium addresses female prisoners

Speakers assess impact of mass incarceration

By HALEIGH EHMSSEN
News Writer

Saint Mary's hosted the Symposium on Women's Incarceration on Tuesday to discuss how the current increase in female prisoners affects American society, according to Dr. Adrienne Lyles-Chockley, a lawyer and coordinator of the Justice Education program at Saint Mary's.

"Saint Mary's College is founded on four core values: learning, community, faith and spirituality, and justice. This event is designed to affirm each of these," she said. "The symposium [provides] a context for talking about women's incarceration,

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Fr. David Link, dean emeritus of the Notre Dame Law School, prison reform activist and chaplain, gives the keynote address Tuesday at the Saint Mary's Symposium on Women's Incarceration.

Priests reflect on spiritual work with inmates

By REBECCA O'NEIL
News Writer

During Tuesday's Symposium on Women's Incarceration at Saint Mary's, two priests who have served as prison chaplains shared their experiences working with inmates.

Fr. Jim Bracke and Fr. Tom McNally closed the day-long event by offering a spiritual perspective on the "crisis of incarceration" — male or female, convicted or not convicted — and called attendees to action.

Bracke said he sees the inmates as his brothers. He said he adopted this term of endearment after realizing many of the former offenders were like him:

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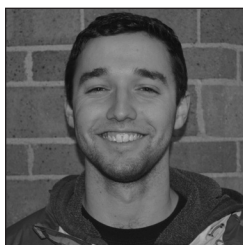
“Wearing big, puffy coats and drinking lots of coffee.”



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“I’ve formed my route to avoid the cold.”



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“Making a lot of tea and wearing sweaters.”



Eileen Murphy

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“I’m not.”



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Four students dressed as reindeer celebrate the spirit of Christmas with the Santa Claus of St. Jude Parish in South Bend. The parish has been a staple of the South Bend community and enjoys the 65th anniversary of its founding Mass today.

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7:30 p.m.-9:15 p.m.
Talk by aid worker Kenan Rahmani.

Friday

Soup and Substance on HIV/AIDS

Geddes Hall
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Lunch and discussion in the Coffee House.

Conscious Christmas

Badin Hall
12 p.m.-5 p.m.
Sale of Fair Trade goods from Nepal.

Saturday

Transpose Show: “City Beat”

South Dining Hall
2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
See Notre Dame’s dance collective.

Holiday Gift Auction

Robinson Center
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
\$5 ticket includes auction, entertainment, and refreshments.

Sunday

Classic Film: “It’s a Wonderful Life”

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
3 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
Free for ND students.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
With all Basilica choirs.

Monday

Community Choir Rehearsal

Coleman-Morse 329
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
For Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

Men’s Basketball

Purcell Pavilion
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Against Bryant College (Gotham Classic Regional Rounds).

ND and BYU open interreligious dialogue

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

Notre Dame and Brigham Young University's football teams squared off Nov. 23, but Thursday, major scholars from both schools will seek common ground between these religious institutions' parent faiths.

The conference, titled "Catholic and Mormons: A New Dialogue," is sponsored by the Rooney Center for American Democracy, the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism and the Center for the Study of Religion and Society at Notre Dame, and Religious Education and The Wheatley Institute at Brigham Young University.

David Campbell, director of the Rooney Center, said the idea for the conference originated when he was contacted by two professors at Brigham Young University.

"[They] asked whether or not

Notre Dame might be interested in hosting a conference that would bring together scholars of Catholicism and scholars of Mormonism," he said. "Their thinking was that this is a sort of propitious time to bring people who are experts in the two different religions together, partly because, as you may have encountered, some people have referred to this time as the 'Mormon moment.'

"That's a phrase that was used in Newsweek, and a lot of newspaper articles have referred to that because of Mitt Romney [a Mormon] running for the presidency, The Book of Mormon, the musical and just in general the rising prominence of Mormons in the country."

The conference will bring together social scientists, theologians, historians and sociologists, Campbell said.

"What we've done is pull together scholars from different disciplines, which itself makes

this an unusual conference," he said. "I'm a political scientist, and I don't normally go to conferences where I'm on a panel with theologians. We are fortunate in that the lineup of speakers we have is really phenomenal. When we were first putting the conference together, I never even dreamed we would be able to get as many people together as we could."

Richard Bushman, professor emeritus at Columbia University and a well-known Mormon scholar, will give concluding remarks at the conference, Campbell said. Speakers from Notre Dame include professors Brad Gregory, Scott Appleby and Mark Noll, and the keynote speaker will be Terry L. Givens of the University of Richmond, Campbell said.

Senior Eliza Nagle, who is writing a thesis examining Mormon marriage and Catholic marriage, said both faiths strongly emphasize the value of the family unit

and evangelization.

"I think both faiths do appreciate learning about other faiths, as well," she said. "I think that's incredibly important in a religion, that you do have the capacity to open some kind of dialogue and communicate your faith well."

Nagle said she is looking forward to witnessing the variety speakers the conference will bring together.

"I've been reading these professors' books, so I'm excited to actually talk to them firsthand and ask them questions," she said.

The conference offers the opportunity for students to think about diversity from a religious perspective, Nagle said.

"I think religious diversity should be an important part of what it means to be a student at Notre Dame," she said. "Notre Dame is a very inclusive community, and we do appreciate and celebrate diversity of thought. I

think this conference is a really great way to celebrate that we share a lot with other faiths."

Campbell said the conference aims to increase dialogue and collaboration between scholars of Mormonism and Catholicism.

"I'm hoping the conversation will be wide-ranging, in all the many ways that Catholics and Mormons both have things in common, but also highlight differences because they are also worth discussing," he said. "We're hoping the scholars themselves will build bridges with one another, and perhaps there will be collaborations coming out of this conference among the participants."

"Beyond that, I hope that this is a step towards fostering better and deeper connections between Mormonism in general and Catholicism in general, beyond these particular speakers."

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STUDENT SENATE

Group discusses food options

By MARGARET HYNDS
News Writer

At Wednesday night's student senate meeting, student body president Alex Coccia said

student government would introduce a new sexual assault prevention campaign next semester called "One Is Too Many."

"When we come back next semester, we're going to increase conversation about this on campus," he said. "What we're planning on doing is a door-to-door pledge campaign within the dorms, and when we get back there will be bystander training to help those involved learn how to have this conversation with people in their dorms."

The pledge campaign will focus on inciting conversation in the dorms about sexual assault and students' attitudes and thoughts on the issue, Coccia said.

Also at the meeting, new food services director Chris Abayasinghe and the University's senior executive chef Don Miller spoke about upcoming changes in the food services program.

Abayasinghe said he wants students to be more involved in food choices on campus.

"What I was thinking was that we could start a student dining advisory committee made up of 10 or 12 students who would meet monthly to help food services," he said. "Committee members would have to love food and be engaged, and to

know that those on this committee would have the power to impact every person on this campus."

Miller said he has plans for several new on-campus eating options in the coming year. Most notably, Miller said Grab and Go is going to get an update for second semester.

"I can tell you next semester that you'll see a lot of variety, lots of kinds of sandwiches, lots of different breads," he said. "We've made every effort to move it in that direction."

"We've done something as well from a quality perspective. ... We've changed our working shifts around it so we can have fresher food at Grab and Go. Prior to this semester the food was usually a day old by the time it got onto shelves."

Abayasinghe said Food Services is working on acquiring more local produce as well as promoting sustainability.

"Sustainability is very important to me personally," he said. "We have several places where you can use reusable things for coffee and such, but we have some very valid concerns about how students take food out [of the dining halls] and how it is thrown away."

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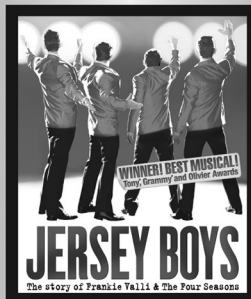
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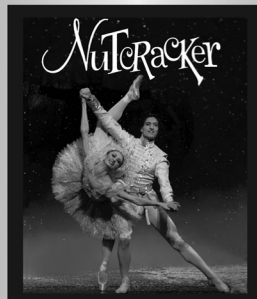
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[Brigham Young] game, so it was going to be a big weekend for people buying alcohol for tailgates, etc.," Komos said. "So if you wanted to go buy a bottle of Malibu, you had this note and this message that hopefully got people to go to our Tumblr page [http://proofofconsent.tumblr.com] and interact."

The project is part of Design for Social Good: Affecting Positive Change, an elective where students learn about the social model of design, or designing for a good cause, Robert Sedlack, professor of visual communication and design and instructor for the course said. In addition to designing projects for charities, non-profits and new businesses, class members create social awareness campaigns centering on a single issue, he said.

Sedlack said he and the class chose to focus on sexual assault awareness this semester after the

number of sexual assault alert emails increased this fall and after Christine Caron Gebhardt, co-chair of CSAP and director of the Gender Relations Center, suggested such a project.

"I like to keep the project as topical as possible," Sedlack said. "After the shootings in Newton we did a project on gun control, and after that awful incident where fried chicken was placed in the [mailboxes of two African American student organizations], we did a project on racism. ... I don't really know what the project will be until about a week before I assign it."

Sedlack said Caron Gebhardt spoke to the class and gave them background on sexual assault prevention. Each group in the class then tackled a different aspect of the issue.

In addition to tying tags around alcohol bottles, Komos and Swift put stickers in restrooms in bars, dorms, LaFortune Student Center and the football stadium and

created a Tumblr page, Komos said. The campaign centers around four "rules" of consent and publicizes messages such as, "Nothing you've already done gives you permission to do the next thing," and "True consent is especially difficult after a few shots of tequila," she said.

"Our [campaign] is more on the preventative side, trying to get people aware of what sexual assault actually is and how to help people that have gone through it and how to avoid it happening to you or to your friends or to anyone that you're with. That's why I was drawn to this angle," Komos said.

Senior Emily Hoffmann [Editor's note: Hoffmann is a graphic designer for The Observer.] said she and her project partner, senior Eileen Murphy, wanted to target younger women who went to dorm parties. For their campaign, "Write It On the Wall," they hung clear posters in the women's restrooms of male dorms. The posters contained a statistic on sexual assault,

a list of resources and an invitation to write on the poster with a Sharpie, starting a written dialogue about sexual assault.

"The girl's bathroom is kind of like that safe zone where it's judgment-free, or it's the place where you go if you're in an uncomfortable situation or you just want to get away from the party or you actually have to go to the bathroom, and girls seem to always go in pairs," Hoffmann said. "It seemed like a good avenue to start this forum about sexual assault."

Komos said in the days since their campaign began, images on the Tumblr page had been shared several times, and friends had asked her for stickers for themselves. She said she hoped the next phase of the project, which began Wednesday, would get the message to a younger audience.

"We're going to finish making the stickers," Komos said. "I have a lot of friends who are RAs, and we're going to take them to dorms

and start putting them in dorm bathrooms to try to get the awareness more away from the over-21 crowd and more into the younger crowd that would also be susceptible to these decisions."

Hoffmann said when she and Murphy checked the dorm restrooms Monday, most of the posters had been taken down, but the ones that were still up showed that a dialogue had started.

"We took pictures of them, two of them in particular," Hoffmann said. "There were about 20 different stories about either sexual assault that had happened to these girls or sexual assaults that had happened to friends of whoever was writing. There were definitely 20 different handwritings on the posters, some of them in response to others."

"The most rewarding part was ... some that said, 'Thanks for doing this.'"

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Diversity

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what action steps we come up with in our unified approach," he said. "We want to go to [the administration] with these and say 'How can we be a part of the conversation, and how can we help?'"

"We want to be proactive. We're not just handing it to them and asking them to work on them."

In the resolution, the Council recommends under the Office of Student Affairs that a visible statement of inclusion be placed in each classroom and residence hall and that rectors collaborate in the process of choosing freshman orientation staff instead of assigning the task to a hall commissioner, "with the goal of creating a more inclusive environment."

Under Auxiliary Operations, they recommend that Halal and Kosher foods be made available to students with dietary restrictions for religious reasons.

Under the Office of the Provost, they recommend that mandatory in-services be held for faculty and staff to "aid in the better understanding of cultural differences and how these differences can influence and impact the classroom dynamic." They also recommend that students be required to complete a course with a new "Cultural Enrichment" attribute that simultaneously fulfills an existing University requirement and that the University "increase their efforts in the recruitment and retention of ethnically and culturally diverse faculty."

After Llanos presented the Diversity Council's resolution in an informational meeting with the student senate, student body vice president and senate chair Nancy Joyce said multiple senators expressed interest in writing a resolution of their own to support the Council's recommendation.

"I think that sentiment came out of the understanding that student senate is supposed to represent all of the students on campus," Joyce said. "We've got a representative from every dorm; we've got off-campus council; we've got all the

class councils.

"When the senators understood that these recommendations were coming out of the 7 percent of students on campus that don't feel that they're welcomed, they felt that it was really important as a body to support those recommendations."

Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services, said while the Council is separate from the President's Oversight Committee on Diversity and Inclusion chaired by University President Fr. John Jenkins, many of the recommendations "fall in line" with that committee's work.

"These are changes that are outside of the responsibility of the students," Outlaw said. "They can send the recommendations up, but the students themselves cannot implement them. I think it's really about informing the administration what they would like to see, because one of the key things is that the students have commended the changes that have already been made."

The resolution is "another wave" of what previous students have already began, including the Call to Action movement and campus climate surveys, Outlaw said.

"Some of these recommendations are tagged onto initiatives that they have already started but never had been actually presented full-force to the administration before," she said. "In part of the resolution, they talk about our charge as a Catholic institution and our commitment to society, and I think the big push has been our social justice component."

"It's even part of the Holy Cross charism of how we treat one another and the task of educating the head, the heart and the mind."

Kate Zenker, vice chair of the Diversity Council, said the group views the resolution as a "unified effort" with the administration.

"There are other efforts in other parts of the University, but we're all working toward the same goal," she said. "We're hoping that by giving this to the administration, by telling the administration what this group of students represented by the Diversity Council wants, we can aid in the efforts of the Oversight

Committee."

The student senate resolution, which passed Nov. 20, does not add to the Diversity Council's resolution but will be sent to the administration to support the Council's recommendations. Student body president Alex Coccia said Senate's role was simply to evaluate the other group's resolution.

"Because there has been so much debate and discussion within the Diversity Council, it was very clear that these were the recommendations that were coming out of the clubs and the organizations ... and essentially, the result was our

supporting statement," Coccia said. "What's important about this resolution and these recommendations is that it's obviously been a long process that involved much collaboration and communication between students and administrators along the way."

Llanos said with the resolution the Diversity Council does not suggest everyone in the diverse community feels excluded on campus, but that they want to help the part of the community that does.

"Twenty-four percent of the Notre Dame population identifies as a person of color, and what we're

saying is that there are people in our community who feel [excluded], and we can't let this go unnoticed," he said. "I think a lot of positive changes can be made, and the administration is very open to hearing from us so I think the future is looking very good."

"We just want to make Notre Dame a better place for everyone on campus. That was the purpose in the beginning, and that is the purpose that's still driving this resolution forward."

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for examining the intersection of issues including gender, race and poverty that underlie the crisis of incarceration, and for developing solutions to the crisis grounded in justice, equality, dignity and solidarity.”

Fr. David Link, a current chaplain in Northern Indiana prisons, said mass incarceration in the United States especially affects women.

“The overall rate of incarceration is going down slightly, while the rate of female incarceration is rising at an alarming rate,” Link said. “For several decades America has been waging a so-called war on crime. Nonetheless, many aspects of the crime cycle have been in fast-forward since the 1980’s, despite this so-called war on crime.”

Link said describing the issues within the criminal justice system and incarceration in military terms is a part of the problem.

“Strategies for winning are parallel to desperate tactics that we have used in military campaign,” Link said. “Panicking, we have tried tactical maneuvers, such as ‘lock-em-up and throw away the key,’ longer sentences,

adding crimes to the list of felonies.

“Significantly these ineffective strategies have violated many constitutional rights. These tactics have wasted countless lives and cited exaggerated, negative

“Justice is not always the child of truth, but of economics.”

Fr. David T. Link
prison chaplain

public opinion about the prisoners of this curious war.”

It is important to recognize the people in jails and prisons suffer from a social sickness, he said.

“They’re not bad people,” Link said. “They’re good people who have made some disastrous mistakes in their lives. They have deviated from society for a wide range of reasons.

“We need to think about prison as an intensive care unit in a hospital because a lot of people need that level of care.”

Link’s Crime Peace Plan would oblige all lawyers to contribute to criminal defense either in defending criminals or paying into a fund that would support

criminal defense as money is often large factor in incarceration, he said.

“Justice is not always the child of truth, but of economics,” he said.

Link said he was ordained as a priest at the age of 71 after the passing of his wife.

Before his ordination, he was Dean Emeritus at Notre Dame Law School.

“Even if I were not a priest ... and was still practicing law, I would be promoting that Americans change their criminal justice system so that we can return to the origins of our legal professions,” Link said. “Our profession was never to be a profession of punishment, ours was to heal and make amends.”

Pat Hosea, a former prisoner, used her incarceration experience to talk about the issues female ex-offenders face upon their release from prison.

Hosea said she came from an abusive family.

“I looked for a form of escapism,” Hosea said. “When I became a young adult, I turned to alcohol and drugs.”

Despite Hosea’s family situation and alcohol and drug abuse, God was always an important part of her life, she said.

“Through my life’s journey

I would always call on God for help,” she said.

Hosea said she serves as a female ex-offender mentor through her church in the South Bend community.

“What I would like to do is make it better for each and every female who is in any correctional facility, simply because it’s not a good place to be,” Hosea said.

“Respect is not a part of the penitentiary.”

Patricia Marvel, assistant director, counselor and volunteer coordinator of St. Margaret’s House, said women face par-

system,” Marvel said. “Until recently, research has focused on crime perpetrated by males with male offenders viewed as the norm.

“Thus, correctional programming for women was based on the profiles of males’ criminality and their paths to crime. Therefore the programs, the services, etc., failed to look at the options that would be gender responsive to the needs of women.”

Women often are drawn into crime to support their families, Marvel said.

“Among women, the most common path to crime is based on survival — survival of abuse, survival of poverty and survival of substance abuse,” she said.

Many gender issues continue to affect incarcerated females’ prospects for reintegration when they are released from prison, Marvel said.

“So we have housing, employment, health, transportation and family,” she said. “These are the factors that determine whether a person will succeed or fail as a law-abiding citizen. For some of our women, they decide that it may be easier to go back to prison.”

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Pat Hosea
ex-offender

ticular gender issues within the criminal justice system.

“Historically, women have been underrepresented at all levels of the criminal justice

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human.

The value of interpersonal relationships with the

incarcerated became especially apparent to him after he met David, a drug addict in the recovery program of Westville Correctional Facility, he said.

“It meant so much to have

someone on the outside come in,” Bracke said. “Not that I was anything, but just being a servant of the Lord, just being there was encouraging.”

After engaging in weekly

meetings with Bracke, David wanted to be baptized, Bracke said. His therapeutic community witnessed as he was welcomed into the Catholic faith last spring, he said, and David was confirmed in November, Bracke said.

“All this really began by me just being there,” Bracke said. “Yes, okay, I work for and represent the Church and faith and am very happy to do that, but I’ve found that they just want someone to talk to, someone they can trust, that will not judge them.”

McNally, who has served as Bracke’s mentor for the past 33 years of his priesthood, said he supports the Catholic Church’s stance on eradicating capital punishment.

“I’ve been with three different men when they were executed,” McNally said. “How do you walk with them? How do you walk with them in the weeks prior [to] their execution? How do you walk with them on the night that they are executed?”

McNally said his first encounter with a man sentenced to death occurred just hours before the inmate’s execution. The inmate’s presence, along with an open ear and heart, granted the man solace, he said.

Bracke said he learned the relationship between prison ministers and prisoners is often give-and-take when he worked with Darrel, a craftsman in one of the prisons Bracke worked.

“It was an incredible awakening for me to see talent, talent that unfortunately can’t be shared beyond the prison walls,” Bracke said.

Bracke said it was challenging for Darrel, a father of five, to miss his family in general, but also their birthdays, weddings and funerals.

“He felt a strong sense of guilt. As humans, we search for forgiveness and feeling,” Bracke said. “It was such a privilege to walk with Darrel. He was the picture of redemption.”

Bracke said it is the Church’s responsibility to step in and help inmates in the same situation as Darrel.

“It’s an overwhelming area to tackle and I think we’ve kind of been paralyzed,” he said. “I hope this season of Advent for all of us really get fire under the leaders. We need the Church — churches, of all faiths — to really start coming together. It’s all about God and having the grace of the Holy Spirit to work through this.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Inspired laziness

Henry Gens

News Writer

While frantically racking my brain for meaningful things to write about in this last-minute inside column, I happened to find something quite unexpected. It's a particularly pertinent quotation from a book by Herman Melville about whales. The bit goes something (well, exactly) like this: "But, perhaps, to be true philosophers, we mortals should not be conscious of so living or so striving."

The sentiment is solace at times like these.

The funny thing is, I only have that locked away somewhere in the dark recesses of my mind because of another time I had procrastinated. I'm pretty sure I was putting off some chemistry problem set and decided to plod through a little "Moby Dick" instead (because it's a "great American novel," etc. and I really don't like redox reactions). So now I have no idea of how to make a working battery, but I can potentially whip out some fine literature (and this last word, I'd imagine, is most properly pronounced in a refined drawl as "litchawchwah.").

Of course, not every deliberate deviation from the path of productivity is so intellectual. I recently watched a movie about a tire rolling around a desert for an hour and a half. And while that movie was trying embarrassingly hard to wax philosophic, there's really nothing I can say about it other than it was god-awful. If I were an academic movie critic I'd say something like, "It was a tired retread of metaphysical cinema doubtless familiar to the cognoscenti." (But who actually writes like that?)

If I'm going to be honest, I have to admit most of my procrastination manifests itself via indulgence in things far more akin to the latter example. I'm fairly certain there are no other movies about animated tires out there (thankfully,) but that doesn't preclude possibilities to procrastinate in the same vein. Do I really need to read yet another article about something that doesn't directly affect me? Do I really need watch that video on Reddit or glance at the latest meme? Does anything said on SportsCenter matter?

Nope, these things are like empty calories. And they don't even taste all that good. They're unabashedly a waste of time, and I'm pretty sure that's not what I'm going to remember in life.

So my annual procrastination-related New Year's resolution, made a month in advance this time, is not to stop procrastinating, but to do it better. Maybe instead of those myriad mundane diversions I get started on a book I've been meaning to read, or take the time to hang out with someone I haven't seen in awhile. The work's not getting done either way, but at least I'll fondly remember why.

Thanksgiving's over, but food for thought.

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Innovation by the Vatican

Fr. Kevin Nadolski

Faith Matters

Last week Pope Francis once again excited the world with his words, as he published "Evangelii Gaudium," the first lengthy papal exhortation written exclusively by him. John Allen, the Vatican observer for the National Catholic Reporter called it the pope's "I Have a Dream" text, referencing the epic work of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., perhaps the most famous religious leader in our nation's history.

It appears that the parallel to King's nation-changing speech is no hyperbole. What the pope outlines in this text could very well alter the course of the Church. To name just a few highlights, he challenges the church to be:

- Joyful
- Focused especially on evangelizing and its missionary work — near and far
- Dedicating its energies to helping the poor and those on the margins
- Hospitable to all people, for all are welcome in the Church he is leading
- Work against greed in all its forms, especially where economic structures threaten the dignity of the poor
- Less intramural and more focused on what happens beyond the Church doors
- Less Vatican-centric, entrusting greater authority to local Church leaders
- Filled with good preachers, as he dedicates a healthy portion of his writing to teaching deacons, priests and bishops about drafting

and delivering good homilies

Here, Pope Francis does mark a clear change from his predecessors; he also marks clear continuity with them. How does he do both?

He both innovates and iterates. Actually, he innovates the tradition he is repeating from those who once sat in the chair of St. Peter.

Enter Steve Jobs, the master innovator. Yet, he was someone who struggled with his innovations, and, since his death, the Apple tradition he established has limped a bit, with some saying progress is moving too slowly. While Jobs and the Apple behemoth have invented many fine, lifestyle- and culture-changing products, it has done so only from building on what they inherited or what had already been in the market. Now, Apple product consumers — and stockholders, more accurately — demand something new almost annually. A recent Macworld columnist suggested that innovation is slow and iteration is strong, for "only three times" in 12 years has the company introduced something truly new.

I experience this same phenomenon in many Catholics demanding almost a new Church. The pope will not do this, for he is — as we all are called to be from our baptism — faithful to the Tradition of the Church. His vision may be new, but it is and will continue to be aligned with God's mission Jesus entrusted to us.

Yes, Pope Francis could be called an innovator, for his fresh ways of teaching millennia-old truths are inspiring and invigorating. He is also reiterating the ancient truths and behaviors of Jesus, the early church, and — more recently — Vatican II.

Maybe we like our Church basic,

smart, user-friendly, intuitive and able to be accessed by everyone — of all generations, countries and education levels.

Obviously, neither Apple is taking a lead from the pope, nor is the pope looking to the Cupertino-based tech company. However, the similarities between elements of the impact of the gentle tsunami of Pope Francis on the Church — and the world — and the ever-growing pervasive presence of the products inspired by Jobs. And those similarities are based on the innovation common to both.

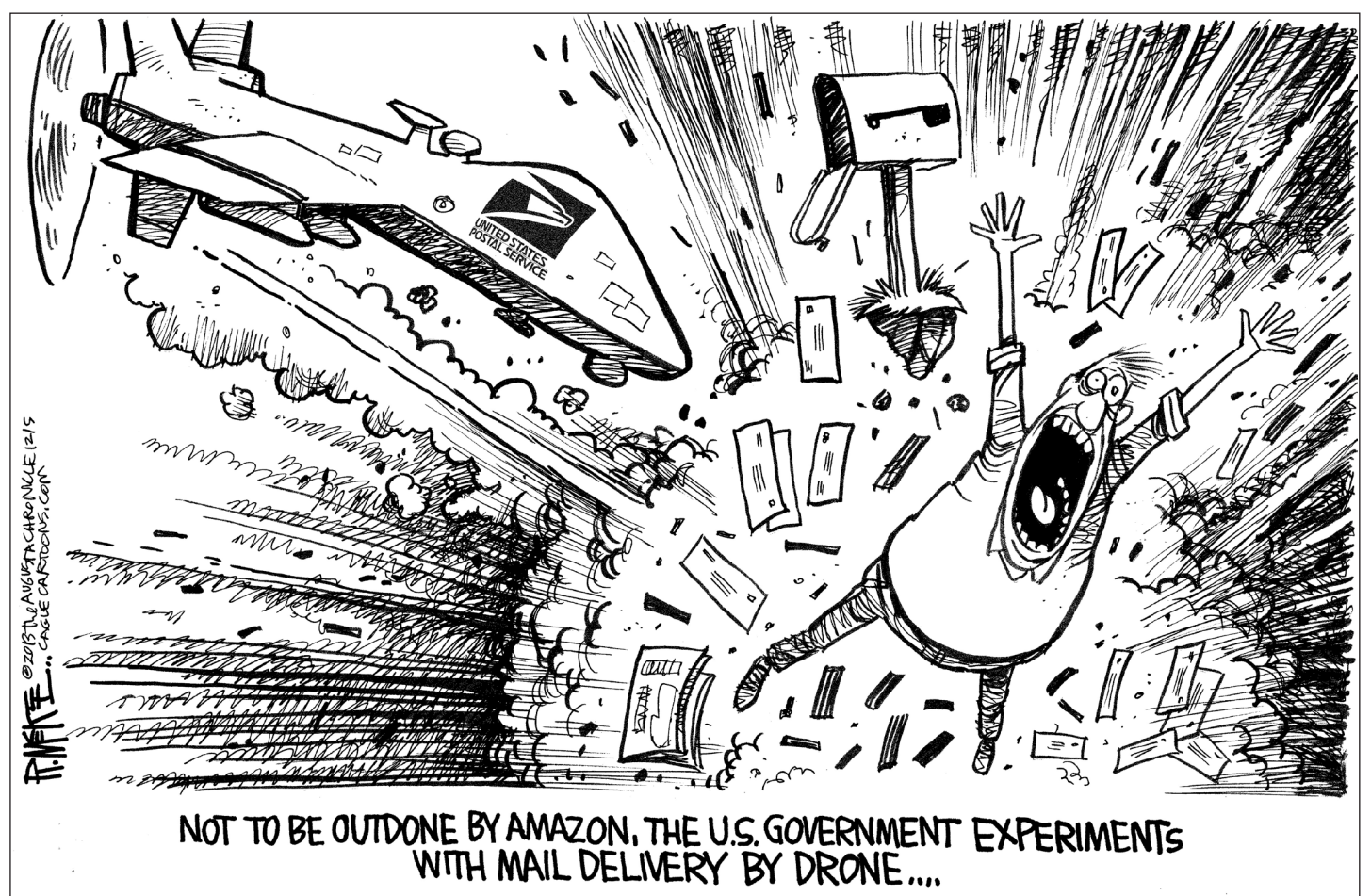
Regardless of what is innovated, it is usually a reiteration of something already built, thought, said, designed, invented or conceived. The greatest innovators pay consistently close attention to their times and the fields in which they work so that they may grow what is precisely needed. Jesus listened to the cries of the poor and reiterated the Jewish law with a fresh gentleness that brought people to life and freed them from the throes of a rigid religiosity.

Jesus was probably the greatest re-iterator of the only true innovator, the Father, who created all — from nothing.

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Remembering Alan Sondej, class of '74

Terrence Rogers

Guest Columnist

Editor's note: This article originally appeared on the website of Notre Dame Magazine on March 18. The Observer will run this piece in a two part series, the second part to run tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 6.

I was in my early 30s in 1989, tending to my latest career move, when my brother James, ND '69, passed on the news that Alan Sondej had died. He'd read about it in Notre Dame Magazine, and he called me at home on a Sunday night and told me what he knew, providing an answer to a question we had posed just two weeks before, when our brother Casey had flown in from Hawaii to attend his high school reunion. Had he seen Alan?

No, Casey had not, and no one at the reunion had known much about Alan. We had speculated on where he might be. It was interesting to do so, because Alan was such a unique individual, forever a member of our family Hall of Fame. I was certain he was somewhere far away, doing what many of us would never consider doing as we play out our lives in the free-market world of ambition, advancement and vain acquisition. He was probably doing good for people — just that, nothing more, nothing less.

Alan Sondej was a sociology major who graduated in 1974 and stuck around campus for a few years thereafter. Almost everyone who attended

Notre Dame in the 1970s would remember him as “the big guy who collected money for the hungry outside the dining hall.”

So when James told me about Alan's death, and how he had died, a sickening feeling came over me, a feeling much worse than just sadness. And it's always been curious to me that I had such a feeling, for I could not count myself amongst Alan's closest friends.

I first met Alan at the age of 10, when Casey and Alan attended a private military high school in Manhattan. Alan was already big, even as a freshman in high school. He was strong, played football and was about as muscular as anyone I'd ever seen. Casey told me stories of Alan's feats as a weightlifter. He looked ferocious to a 10-year-old boy, but it didn't take long to see that this was not what he was like inside. In fact, it wasn't long after Alan started coming around our house that Casey told me he'd quit football because he was afraid he was going to hurt someone.

Alan came to our house a lot over the next four years. He was always quiet and polite. When they went separate ways for college — Casey to West Point, Alan to Notre Dame — I figured we'd remember Alan as that unique guy who wouldn't play football because he was afraid he'd hurt someone.

But Alan stayed present in our minds for reasons much more important than that. Casey kept us up with his exploits. We knew he was studying and not playing football or

driving a car — he had never gotten a driver's license — and he didn't seem to be doing anything distinguished beyond that, as far as we could see. Eventually, though, Casey learned that Alan had stayed at Notre Dame after graduation, collecting money for the hungry. I remember wondering, why is he doing this? Why isn't he getting a job and worrying about making money like everyone else? Clearly he had taken a benevolent stand, but I had to admit I didn't know him at all. And I wished that I did, so I could get some answers.

After high school, I spent three years at West Point before transferring to Notre Dame in 1977. I soon ran into Alan, still at Notre Dame where he'd been for almost eight years now, still collecting money for the hungry. My friends had told me how he would stand outside one of the dining halls with a milk jug and solicit donations. Everyone seemed to know who he was. A smile would come over people's faces when I asked about him. He evoked some kind of reaction, but then no one could say that they really knew him. It was as if they had wondered the same things about Alan that I had and had never figured it out, either.

One winter night I went to Corby's and saw him standing at the bar. I recognized him immediately and approached him, re-introducing myself. I asked if he wanted a beer, but he said he wasn't drinking, that he just liked to be out and talking to people. We had a long conversation about Casey, and why I'd left West Point

and come to Notre Dame, and why he was still at Notre Dame so long after he'd graduated. I asked him about his notoriety. And he told me yes, he was still collecting money from time to time, but he was also speaking on campus about world hunger after he had traveled overseas and seen the problem firsthand.

At first, his goal had simply been to collect as much money as he could — about \$25,000 thus far. Then Fr. Hesburgh became aware of him and opened Alan's eyes to how he could make a much bigger impact. Fr. Hesburgh sent him to places like Bangladesh and Guatemala to help hunger relief efforts and to bring home the lessons of what he saw to solicit larger donations from larger groups. He had begun an internship at the Overseas Development Council in Washington, D.C., enabling him to travel the U.S. to speak on world hunger. He was shifting from one way of addressing the problem to another, much bigger way.

It struck me that night how easily he could warm up to someone he hadn't seen in so long. He seemed as interested in what I was doing as I was in him, though he was clearly the unique one, and still an enigma to me.

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Mother knows best

Gabe Griggs

Softening, Reconciling and Forgiving

My father and my mother have been instrumental in shaping who I am today. Remnants of the hours spent on 4H projects, always with attention for detail and an eye towards perfection, still exist in the meticulous proofreading of papers and emails. My mother always had high expectations for me, and she was often the external stimulus for achieving those expectations.

As a particular example, my mother took away my copy of Starcraft when I was in sixth grade. At the time, of course, was frustrated with her, and I'm sure that I let her know it. Shortly thereafter, a couple of things happened: I realized my mom had my best interests in mind, and I stopped arguing with her. I joke with my friends that my mother ruined video games for me because I do not play them anymore. But in reality, I am thankful my mother had the sternness to correct me and direct my attention towards more important pursuits. I am thankful, too, that she has always expected the best from me.

I am sure many of us have similar

stories. We have all been corrected at some point in our life, only to realize the person correcting us really has our best interest at heart. Of course, as with most things, coming to this realization is a gradual process. And the next step in this process has been to fully understand and appreciate why this was in my best interest.

The anecdote about the computer game serves as a microcosm of my relationship with my parents and the process of coming to understand the goodness of the lifelong habits that they were promoting. While my mother often served — and still often does serve — as the external stimulus, my father was a great cultivator of an internal sense of purpose. External stimulus is often necessary to spur us on, but in our greatest tasks, it will not be sufficient. It must be accompanied by an internal sense of purpose. For my father, I believe much of his own internal stimulus derived from his acute sensitivity and his appreciation for life.

When everything we have is seen as a blessing, how can we not live joyfully and with purpose? My father knew from a young age that his time on this earth would be limited. I do not intend to downplay his struggles with that cross, but I also believe this cross

was the source of his strength. He was so gentle because he knew such pain, so patient because he knew the value of time, so curious because he could appreciate the beauty of creation and such a loving father because he realized how much of a blessing three healthy children were.

This internal sense of purpose manifested itself in many different ways. Most importantly, however, it manifested itself in the everyday encounters. As an impatient child, I often regretted asking my father what he was working on because he would take half an hour to explain it to me. One time, he was writing some code in Visual Basic. I asked him what he was doing and he spent an hour programming a calculator with me. I am very grateful for those sorts of encounters now, even though I could not appreciate them at the time.

It was through these everyday encounters that my father cultivated my internal passion for learning, a sensitivity for the needs of others and gratitude for God's creation. Bringing this full circle, it is through the contributions of both of my parents that I am more fully able to understand the vision of life that they were pushing me towards. My mom corrected me not arbitrarily, but because she had

a vision of a more fulfilling life. She knew better than I did and expected the best from me.

In this same spirit, I have learned to heed the teachings of the Catholic Church and have become ever more aware of the fullness of life that the Christ offers to all persons. It is certainly not easy to amend habits, but my experience has been that following the Church's teachings, which is not always easy, has certainly led to a more fulfilling life.

I write not only to encourage an open mind towards the Church's teachings — particularly those on contraception, chastity and homosexuality — but also to remind myself that I do not always know what is best. Tradition in its best form is the handing down of wisdom from generation to generation. The Catholic Church has 2,000 years worth of wisdom to share with us. We have to be humble and open to receiving this wisdom in order to benefit from it.

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**Will Neal**

Scene Writer

Warning: Full spoilers ahead for anyone who has avoided the Internet for the past 2 weeks.

Never thought I'd have to throw out a spoiler warning for "Family Guy," but if last week's episode is any indication, it's easy to see that anything can change. During a panel at San Diego Comic Con this past summer, the producers of the beloved animated series announced that in their upcoming season, one of show's characters would be killed off in order to "shake things up" in the series. And no, we're not talking about Seamus the four-limbed peg-leg sea captain, or the infamous giant chicken, but rather a core member of the show – a member of the Griffin family.

When the news hit the Internet, fans speculated every logical possibility (it's got to be Meg or Chris, right? I mean, what have they done lately?), but would have to wait 5 months before finally learning the answer. On November 24th, Brian Griffin, America's beloved talking, left-winged canine and the show's voice of reason, was killed off from "Family Guy." After being brutally run over by a car, Brian bids goodbye to his sobbing family on his veterinary deathbed by telling them, "You've given me a wonderful life. I love you all." Quite the tear-jerking moment for a series that once featured a two-minute long vomiting scene. As promised by the producers, the show wasted no time in filling the void

as Brian's role was immediately passed on to a new dog, Vinny, voiced by "The Sopranos" Tony Sircio. By the end of the episode, it seemed that everything might as well have been back to normal for the Griffins.

What's most surprising about this story isn't the fact that Brian was killed off, but rather the uproarious reaction from the public. Series that have suffered from a declining relevance and popularity have occasionally pulled off similar stunts.

Take Superman for example: when the fans stopped caring about America's most iconic superhero, the writers decided the only way to draw in the public's interest was to murder Superman in a very dramatic fashion (Sounds familiar, right?). The story of The Death of Superman jumped to the front of the headlines across the country and while hotheaded fan boys rioted over the news, the more solemn followers wore black armbands out of respect for their fallen hero. While Superman was brought back to life several issues later, but the loss still hit the public like the loss of ... well, a beloved dog.

The public's reaction to Brian's death is, while not as extreme, certainly still something to note. A number of stations and websites made the story a leading headline, longtime fans cursed Seth MacFarlane's name, and even a petition hit the Internet on the site "Change.org" with more than 125,000 signatures (the site's fastest growing entertainment petition) to "bring back America's dog." It became abundantly clear that Brian was a fan favorite of the show.

The fact of the matter is, because a number of future episodes entitled with his name, that Brian will more than likely return to the show.

The death was a publicity stunt - as simple as that. Friends who I know stopped watching the series years ago asked me whether I had "heard what happened to Brian on 'Family Guy'." For the first time in years, people were finally talking about "Family Guy" again. The same show that was once brought back from the dead by popular demand, but lost the magic and humor that made it special over time. The same show that was critically voted number 5 on the list of top animated series/ movies of all time, but later fell victim to bland jokes, storylines, and time fillers that include 4-minute cutaways to Conway Twitty performances and the entire music video to "Dancing in the Street" (no lie). "Family Guy" knew they needed to reignite their fandom, and dramatically did so.

If we can realize anything from this story, it's the emotional impact that any fictional character can have on the public. Many of us grew up with Brian and the rest of the Griffins, and whether or not we realized it (as ridiculous as it sounds) he was important to us. Hopefully, like the resurrection of "Family Guy" itself, it won't be long before Brian makes his triumphant return and the fans can, once again, have their dog back.

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**By KEVIN NOONAN**

Scene Editor

The Student Standups take the stage for the last time this semester tonight at Legends, showcasing the comic talents of a veteran group of aspiring student, standup comedians in a show that at the very least promises free passes to Club Fever.

The standups performing tonight are an experienced group that boasts a diverse set of comic sensibilities, club president and senior Shelley Kim says.

"Our comics are all veterans, everyone's really funny. I'd say from my open mic experience it's a really awesome show. It's one of the lesser known, underground experiences at Notre Dame, but we actually do work really hard on the sets," Kim said.

The show will feature five to eight minute stand up sets from Kim, senior Aaron Weber, senior Mike Duggan and junior Patrick McManus, among others. McManus in particular is a crowd favorite, according to Kim.

"Pat is a genius, people think he's like Mitch Hedberg and Steven Wright a little. Come to this show before you

see Pat do hour long sets," Kim said.

McManus, who lists Hedberg and Wright among his influences, along with Demetri Martin, Jerry Seinfeld and Woody Allen, says his comedy comes from things that happen in everyday life, but he tries to go beyond that.

"I feel like everyone says they get their comedy from everyday experiences, which is definitely true for me, but I think in the writing process the everyday parts are mostly edited out and what is left is a series of connections between things that my brain made that might not be immediately apparent. So I would say, for the most part, my comedy comes from trying to put normal things in different contexts," McManus said.

Kim also spoke highly of Weber, who she labeled as the club's more family-friendly comedian, and compared him to Brian Regan. Weber defines his attempts at comedy in humble self-deprecation, as any true comedian would.

"I write all the time, and 99 percent of the jokes I write are terrible. The goal is to find that 1 percent that doesn't suck so bad. I'm constantly bouncing ideas off of my roommates and friends—slipping little bits into

conversation to see if it goes over well. Most of the time it doesn't. That's the really humbling thing about standup. Even your best friends won't laugh if you're not funny," Weber said.

The standups have experience outside of Notre Dame's campus — Kim has performed in London and Barcelona and opened for well-known comedians such as Tig Notaro and Kumail Nanjiani.

As a bonus for audience members who come to Legends for the show, the club will be handing out passes to Club Fever. Kim says audiences are rarely disappointed.

"It's probably some of the funniest people you never get to see. It's honestly the best thing you can do with your Thursday night. I honestly haven't met someone who's gone and said it was a bad decision," Kim said.

The Student Standups show starts at 10 p.m. at Legends. The show is free and will run for one hour, before the Humor Artists (a different club of student comedians) take the stage at 11 p.m.

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WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY



What: Student Standups
Where: Legends
When: 10 p.m.
How Much: Free

Head to Legends to see some of the funniest Notre Dame students you've spied on from across the dining halls and library cubbies perform standup comedy. Whether they almost opened for Seth Meyers or almost opened for Jim Gaffigan, these kids are legit. Plus, there'll be free passes for Fever, so there's that, too.

FRIDAY



What: "Julius Caesar"
Where: Washington Hall
When: 7:30 p.m.
How Much: \$3

The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Co. puts on Shakespeare's classic "Julius Caesar" in unique fashion this Friday at Washington Hall. According to Liz Konicek, assistant director for the show, audiences can expect "plenty of togas as well as an excitingly bloody stab scene, and just in general a good time supporting student-run theatre."

SATURDAY



What: "Elf"
Where: 101 DBart
When: 10:30 p.m.
How Much: \$3

Is it really Christmas until you watch "Elf?" SUB presents the holiday classic this weekend in DeBartolo as the final SUB Movie of the Week for this semester. Put off studying for finals for one more week and let Will Ferrell and Zooey Deschanel ease you into the Christmas spirit.

SUNDAY



What: "It's a Wonderful Life"
Where: DPAC
When: 3 p.m.
How Much: \$4

Talk about Christmas classics. George Bailey has been a staple of American Christmases for over fifty years, and the film is still great even after all this time. If your heart isn't at least a little warmed by the end of this movie, you belong with Mr. Potter and/or Scrooge.

Disney Stays Hot With 'Frozen'

By CAELIN MILTKO
 Scene Writer

When Disney announced the release of "The Princess and the Frog," the Disney traditionalist in me wondered why anyone would try to restart a franchise that already had so many great movies. The Disney Princess franchise ended in 1998 with "Mulan" and my brain couldn't comprehend how Disney expected to restart it and live up to expectations set by such classics as "Snow White," "The Beauty and the Beast," and "Cinderella."

Now, four movies into the new Disney princesses, I have to admit I'm more attached to the new princesses than I am with those from the pre-1998 films. Tiana, Rapunzel, and Merida all display independence and self-reliance that are somewhat lacking in the princesses before Mulan — the two new stars of "Frozen" are no exception.

Elsa (voiced by Idina Menzel) and Anna (Kristen Bell) are the two princesses of Arendelle. The pair is nearly inseparable until the powers Elsa was born with threaten Anna's life. After this, Elsa isolates herself from Anna, hiding her power to create ice and snow and attempting to control it by suppressing her magic. In true Disney fashion, this backfires and Elsa sends Arendelle into an eternal winter and runs away into the mountains.

This ties Anna to the task of finding her sister to reverse the magic with the help of iceman Kristoff (Jonathan Groff) and snowman Olaf (Josh Gad). She leaves her fiancé, Hans (Santino Fontana), in charge of the kingdom

while she goes off to save her sister and Arendelle.

Princess Anna is adorably awkward, stumbling over her words and waking up with particularly bad bed head. In contrast, Princess Elsa acts the perfect princess but adds a darker layer to the traditional elder sister versus younger sister battle. Despite being the apparent villain of the film, Elsa's actions become understandable as an attempt to protect her sister, even if any audience member over the age of twelve knows that denying inner nature never works out for characters in Disney movies.

Comic relief comes primarily from the snowman Olaf. He dreams of seeing the summer and seeing what happens to frozen water in the heat.

The singing in "Frozen" also distinguishes the movie from many of its counterparts, though not always positively. The actors sing all the songs in the movie, though Demi Lovato did release a single of the film's best song, "Let It Snow." Idina Menzel played the original Elphaba in the Broadway musical "Wicked" and shows off her impressive voice in the movie. While many of the songs in the movie fit well, occasionally they seem awkwardly placed, beginning with little to no warning and ending just as abruptly.

Even if the singing was a little heavy handed, "Frozen" does attempt to update the traditional Disney storyline. Just as the audience believes it is going to follow the conventional map of "true love" in movies, the story changes and an "act of true love" becomes something else entirely.

I wouldn't say that "Frozen" is Disney's most brilliant movie ever, especially because part of me thinks

"Tangled" is the best of the more recent Disney animated films. That said, I think it fits nicely into the family-friendly franchise.

The focus of the movie is on the relationship between the two sisters and not on any possible suitors they may have. If it relies a little too much on Disney clichés, I don't mind too much. After all, the movie isn't meant to make me reevaluate my entire life.

All in all, I enjoyed this movie — possibly more than the four year old I took with me to the theater. The focus on the sisters' relationship and how it changed as they grew up appealed to the older sister in me, and I fully intend on seeing the movie again with both my younger sisters.

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"Frozen"

Studio: Disney

Director: Chris Buck, Jennifer Lee

Starring: Idina Menzel, Kristen Bell



SPORTSAUTHORITY

Feeling blue in the Big Apple



Brian Hartnett
Sports Writer

Frank Sinatra once crooned, “I want to be a part of it: New York, New York.”

But if you’re a New York sports fan, the New York sports scene is probably the last thing you want to be a part of this year.

To the delight of many around the nation, New York sports teams, known for their abundance, propensity for signing high-profile stars and general overrepresentation in media coverage, are collectively having their worst year in decades.

In fact, you’d have to go back to 1966, when the Jets were still in the AFL, Mickey Mantle was in the Yankees’ outfield, and the Nets, Devils and Islanders were still pipe dreams, to find the last time when New York sports were this bad, as a *Wall Street Journal* article from last month pointed out.

As of Nov. 26, the nine New York professional sports teams had a combined winning percentage of slightly above .410. Even worse, this dismal winning percentage doesn’t seem to include any teams that will have a legitimate shot at contending for league championships this season.

In fact, only one New York team has posted a winning record this year — the Yankees, which is appropriate given their history as undoubtedly the city’s most successful franchise. Unfortunately, the Yankees’ 85-77 mark was not enough to land them a spot in the playoffs, as the team’s strategy of signing big-name players past their prime fell apart when many of those players got injured.

If that wasn’t enough, Yankees fans had to watch their hated rival, the Red Sox, emerge from the American League East cellar to win their third World Series in the last decade. And Tuesday night, they had to roll out the welcome mat for the injury-prone Jacoby Ellsbury, who the team evidently felt was worth the third-largest contract for an outfielder in baseball history.

The 30-year-old Ellsbury might be a spring chicken compared to some of the other players the Yankees have signed, but unless he switches positions, he won’t have much of an impact on the team’s struggling starting rotation.

The Yankees’ National League counterpart, the Mets, ended the season at 74-88 to cap off their fifth consecutive

losing season. The team’s future looked bright at times due to its young stars, but the shine has lost a bit of its luster now that All-Star Game starter Matt Harvey will miss next season after undergoing Tommy John surgery.

With two Super Bowls in the last six years, the Giants have been New York’s most successful team this century, but Big Blue has left its fans feeling blue this year, as a porous offensive line, vulnerable defense and poor decisions from quarterback Eli Manning have put the team essentially out of playoff contention.

In contrast to the other teams I mention here, the Jets have actually overachieved, although that might not be saying much considering most prognosticators projected them to win three games. This season, however, has not quelled the constant quarterback controversy in the Jets camp, as rookie Geno Smith seems to love turnovers as much as former starter Mark Sanchez did.

On the courts, the Nets and Knicks have set a new mark for underachievement. The Nets entered the season as a prime title contender, but the most expensive team in the NBA has seen most of its stars lost to injury and the rest struggle to establish team chemistry. At Madison Square Garden, Knicks’ coach Mike Woodson’s seat is hotter than a subway station in July, and star forward Carmelo Anthony recently referred to his three-win team as “the laughingstock of the league.”

Hockey will never be the king of the New York sports scene, but fans looking for a respite on the ice won’t find much to cheer about. At .500, the Rangers might be the city’s only hope for a playoff team this winter. Ilya Kovalchuk, who the Devils signed for a cool \$100 million only three years ago, is now playing for SKA Saint Petersburg in the Kontinental Hockey League, and the Islanders, last year’s surprise team, have returned to their traditional spot at the bottom of the Eastern Conference.

In short, New York sports teams have been a historical disappointment this year. And it’s probably fair to say even Sinatra would be hard-pressed to find the words to describe such a situation.

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NFL

Rugby star learns football on fly, to debut for Colts

Associated Press

Daniel Adongo is finally starting to feel comfortable with the Colts.

That’s good: The Kenyan rugby star is about to play his first football game — ever — when Indianapolis faces Cincinnati on Sunday in a showdown of division leaders.

Adongo has figured out the lingo and nuances of the sport, learned the proper way to put on pads and a helmet, and knows his place in the Colts’ locker room. There’s still more work to do, but the newly minted linebacker will get to show the whole football world how far he’s come in four months.

He will be primarily on special teams, but playing football for the first time in the NFL in a game with playoff implications?

“I am excited,” Adongo said Wednesday, one day after being promoted from Indy’s practice squad to the active roster. “As I said before and I’ll reiterate it, my excitement is being subdued by the fact I have a task, an obligation and a duty to perform what’s being asked from me for the coaches and my teammates.”

It was late July when general

manager Ryan Grigson decided to take the plunge after a year-long quest to find an overseas player who could help his team. Grigson gambled on Adongo, a Kenyan native and world-class rugby player who was big, fast and had a penchant for hitting.

Adongo, surprised initially by the invite, made the flight to Atlanta, then hopped on a connecting plane to Indy and worked out at the Colts’ headquarters during a rookie minicamp. Within hours, the Colts signed Adongo to a contract and two days later, the 6-foot-5, 257-pound football novice stood out when he reported to training camp in a pair of short shorts and soccer-style shirt.

Back then, of course, some wondered if Adongo could cut it in the world’s best football league. There are few doubters left.

“It was a stretch,” NFL sacks leader Robert Mathis said when asked about his initial thoughts of Adongo succeeding. “I think he’s made everyone believe.”

By some accounts, Adongo has become a major headache for the Colts’ offensive line in practice. And now that he’s up to 270 pounds, he could create problems for opponents, too, if he gets

into the game as a pass-rusher at Cincinnati (8-4).

The Colts (8-4) are being patient, though.

Rather than pushing Adongo into preseason games, they kept their secret under wraps as he got acclimated. Adongo started the season on the practice squad.

But with Adongo showing steady progress in practice and Mario Harvey, a key special teams player for Indy, going on season-ending injured reserve with a torn meniscus Tuesday, the Colts decided to give Adongo a chance. Coach Chuck Pagano said he expects the rookie to play primarily on special teams and he’s confident Adongo will make a difference.

“The guy is a smart guy. We know from a physical standpoint he’s very, very athletic. He can run. He’s big. He’s strong. He’s a tireless worker. He’s been a great pro,” Pagano said. “Even though he hasn’t played, he’s picked up a ton. Our veteran guys, guys like Robert (Mathis) and the rest of the guys in the defensive room, have been tremendous working with him and mentoring him and bringing him along and helping his development to this point.”

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Ohio State starts hot, holds on to beat Maryland

LaQuinton Ross scored 17 of his 20 points in the first half, hitting his first four 3-pointers, to lead No. 5 Ohio State to an early lead and a 76-60 victory over Maryland on Wednesday night in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Sam Thompson added 14 points, including four rim-rattling dunks, and Lenzelle Smith Jr. had 12. Aaron Craft created havoc on defense and chipped in with 10 points as the Buckeyes (7-0) controlled the game at both ends.

Ex-Xavier guard Dez Wells had 19 points, former Michigan swingman Evan Smotrycz scored 15 and Charles Mitchell added 12 points and 11 rebounds for Maryland (5-3), which had won four in a row after losing two of its first three.

This is Maryland’s last ACC/Big Ten Challenge — well, at least as an ACC team. Next year, the Terrapins join the Buckeyes in the new 14-team

Big Ten.

Down by 17 at halftime, Maryland stayed within shouting range of the Buckeyes for part of the second half before Ohio State pulled away behind a 9-0 burst that pushed the lead to 70-45 with just over 6 minutes left.

The Terrapins have lost their last 13 road games against ranked opponents, while Ohio State has won its last 73 home games against unranked teams.

Both teams were coming off their best offensive games of the season. Maryland shot 62 percent from the field and had a season-best 26 assists, including six from freshman Roddy Peters, in an 89-62 win over Morgan State on Friday. The Buckeyes shot 69 percent — sixth-best in school history — in a 99-64 win over North Florida on Saturday.

Continuing that strong shooting, the Buckeyes made 60 percent of their shots from

the field in the opening half Wednesday while building a 43-26 lead.

When they needed a bucket, they got it. When the Terrapins strung together a couple of baskets, the Buckeyes responded defensively and slammed the door.

Ross was the difference early, making those first four shots from behind the arc. After Maryland became more aware of him on the perimeter, Thompson scored on two high-flying, alley-oop dunks that shook the arena.

Behind Ross’ 12 points, the Buckeyes broke out to an 18-9 lead.

The Terrapins regrouped to trade baskets and pull to 27-20 before Thompson had five points and Ross the other three in an 8-0 run.

Hanging onto a 35-26 lead heading into the final 90 seconds of the half, Ohio State ran off eight more points in a row.

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NBA

Pacers edge Jazz to improve to 17-2

Associated Press

A game after he scored a career-high 43 points, nothing seemed to be going right for Paul George.

Fighting a cold, his chest was burning and he couldn't seem to catch his breath. To make matters worse, his reliable shooting stroke was faltering.

"It was so hard to find my wind but I didn't want to make any excuses. I tried to play through it and find a way to will us to a win tonight," said George, who scored 19 points as the Indiana Pacers returned to their defensive ways in beating the Utah Jazz 95-86 on Wednesday.

George and Pacers primarily did it with defense as they usually do.

"We struggled but we stuck with what we do best," said George, who had a key steal and dunk moments after the Jazz got within two points midway through the final period. "We made those guys

take tough shots and, over time, those shots start to get a little short or a little long. Our defense played a huge part in us getting this win."

Lance Stephenson scored 15 points, Luis Scola had 14 and Roy Hibbert added 13 points to win in Utah for the first time since an 84-60 victory on Nov. 29, 2005.

The Pacers were coming off their first back-to-back games of the season in which they allowed their opponent to reach 100 points — L.A. Clippers and Portland. But Indiana outscored the Jazz 27-19 in the fourth quarter and parlayed 14 Utah turnovers in 20 points.

"They pushed us off our spots," Utah coach Tyrone Corbin said. "They put pressure on us a little bit and threw off our rhythm."

Gordon Hayward's 3-point-er cut the Indiana lead to 79-76 before the Pacers scored nine straight points, capped by West's 20-foot jumper that just beat the shot clock, and never looked back.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

UNC takes down No. 1 MSU

Associated Press

J.P. Tokoto had 12 points and a career-high 10 rebounds to help North Carolina beat No. 1 Michigan State 79-65 Wednesday night, giving the Tar Heels another impressive victory in their inconsistent season.

The Tar Heels (5-2) have been talented enough to defeat the top-ranked Spartans and then-No. 3 Louisville this season, but they've also lost to Belmont and UAB.

"You can't tell in college basketball what's going to happen," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "At one point, we had three freshmen, a sophomore and a junior on the court."

Michigan State (7-1) fell to an unranked nonconference team at home for the first time in more than a decade.

The Tar Heels took control from the start, never trailed and used a 12-1 run to take a 65-52 lead with 6:02 left.

"Michigan State did not want it that much more than we did," Williams said.

Kennedy Meeks scored 15 points for North Carolina and Brice Johnson had 14. Marcus

Paige and Nate Britt added 13 apiece.

Gary Harris had 17 points and Keith Appling scored 13, but both Michigan State guards missed 10 of 15 shots. Adreian Payne had 16 points and eight rebounds for the Spartans, whose last loss at home against an unranked non-conference team was Toledo on Dec. 30, 2002.

The Tar Heels beat a No. 1 team for the first time since March 4, 2006, at Duke, and they have a nation-high 13 wins over top-ranked teams. They've won seven straight against the Spartans, including in the 2009 NCAA final.

Tokoto has taken advantage of an expanded role while P.J. Hairston and Leslie McDonald sit out because of NCAA eligibility concerns.

The 6-foot-5 Tokoto, who is from Wisconsin, made some friends and family members in the stands at the Breslin Center happy while green-and-white clad fans didn't have much to get excited about.

Tokoto blocked a shot early in the second half, got to a loose ball and threw it to Appling — while the Spartans player was

standing out of bounds — and made three straight shots later in the half to help the Tar Heels pull away.

"J.P. was really active," Williams said. "He did a lot of things."

Michigan State pulled into a 32-all tie at halftime after an awful start, struggling to take care of the ball or make shots.

The Tar Heels scored the first six points of the game and led 16-4 while holding the Spartans to 1-of-7 shooting with four turnovers.

On the bench, North Carolina freshman Isaiah Hicks implored his teammates to keep playing and avoid looking at the scoreboard. The Tar Heels seemed to do that, building a 20-6 lead midway through the first half as Michigan State missed 9 of 11 shots and turned the ball over six times.

The Spartans got a scare later in the half when Appling landed hard on his right hip after defending a shot. He hobbled off the court, but was able to return to action before halftime.

Michigan State outscored the Tar Heels 13-2 over the last several minutes of the first half.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Winston case comes to close

Associated Press

The prosecutor overseeing the investigation of sexual assault allegations against Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston said Wednesday that it is completed.

State Attorney Willie Meggs has scheduled a news conference at 2 p.m. Thursday in his office to announce his findings. Meggs said investigators have learned as much as they can about the December 2012 incident.

"We think we have exhausted all investigative tools," he said.

Winston has led the Seminoles to the No. 1 ranking, and they will play for a conference title Saturday, with a shot at the national crown.

The quarterback also is the leading candidate for the Heisman, and many voters are waiting to see whether Winston will be charged with a crime before casting their ballots. The deadline for Heisman ballots to be turned in is Dec. 9.

ESPN has previously reported that DNA belonging to Winston was found in the underwear of the accuser. A lawyer for Winston has suggested that the star

quarterback and the accuser had consensual sex. But the family of the victim has accused the 19-year-old of rape.

Meggs has said he wanted to make sure prosecutors completed a thorough investigation before making a final decision. He has also said several times that it's up to prosecutors to determine whether there is a "reasonable" chance of conviction.

The fact that Meggs has scheduled a news conference — as opposed to getting a warrant for Winston's arrest — could be seen as a sign that he will not file charges.

Meggs said earlier Wednesday that the end of the investigation should answer some lingering questions about how the investigation was handled and why it took 11 months before prosecutors were notified.

"When you all look at this, when the dust all settles, you'll say 'Man, there were some things that could have been done back in December of '12 that could have cleared this up a whole lot easier than November of 2013,'" he said.

Timothy Jansen, the attorney representing Winston, said he does not know what Meggs will announce.

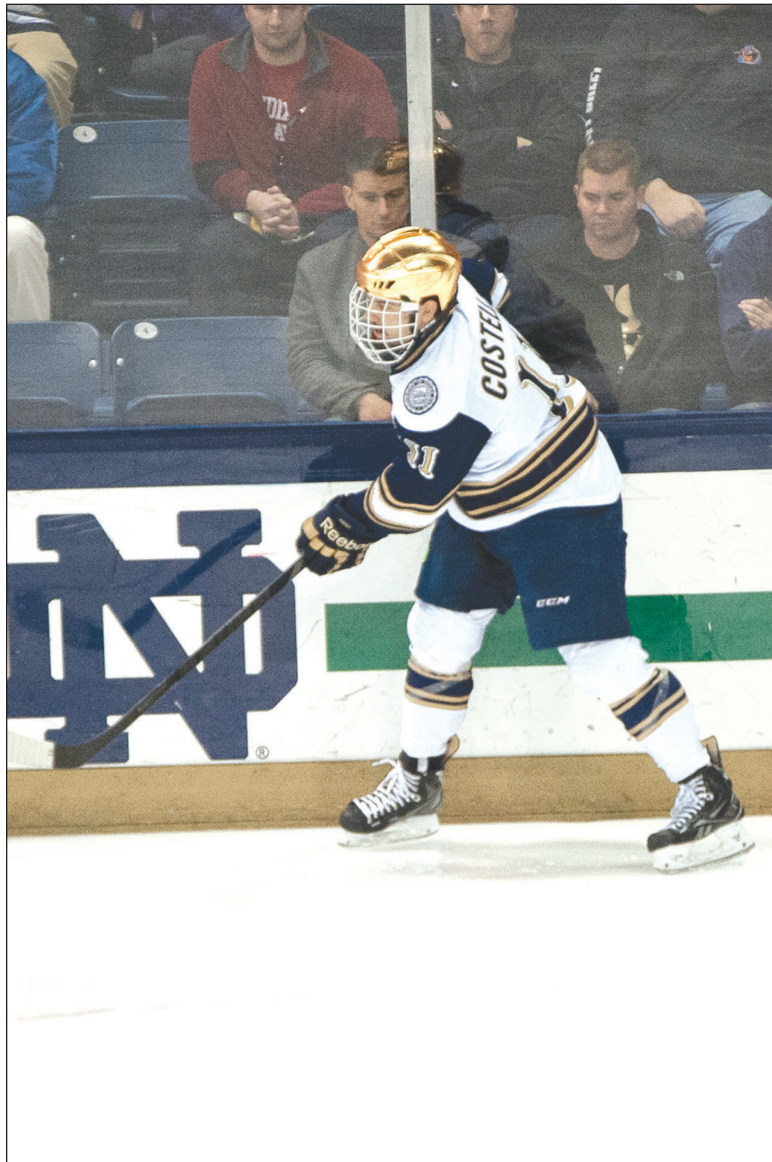
But Jansen said he hopes that following Meggs' Thursday announcement, Winston will finally address the investigation.

"If he looked at evidence we did, we feel confident he will find that Mr. Winston did nothing wrong," Jansen said.

Patricia Carroll, the attorney representing the accuser, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The alleged sexual assault was first reported to police in December. The family has said the victim did not know the identity of her attacker until early January, when she identified him as Winston.

The family has been sharply critical of the way Tallahassee police have handled the case. The family says they pushed to have a DNA sample taken from Winston only to be told by a police detective that it would alert Winston and make the case public. The family said Carroll was warned that by police that Tallahassee is a "big football town, and the victim needs to think long and hard before proceeding against him because she will be raked over the coals and her life will be made miserable."



ALLISON D'AMBROSIA | The Observer

Irish senior left wing and captain Jeff Costello passes the puck along the boards during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Northeastern on Nov. 30.

Hockey

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filled Anders's spot with a lot of character and a lot of grit."

With that type of reputation among his teammates, it wasn't a surprise inside the team when Irish coach Jeff Jackson selected Costello to serve as team captain this season. But it has been different. In years past, Costello wasn't shy about voicing his concerns to the officials during the game and trying to unnerve opponents with his pestering play. Now, as the captain, Costello has to serve as the team's liaison to the officials — even though his 12 trips to the penalty box still leads the team.

"Jeff wears his passion on his sleeve, and the only time he takes penalties that may look questionable after the whistle is if someone took liberties with a teammate," Jackson said. "Sticking up for a teammate is the one instance in which I let our guys retaliate."

Still, Costello's newfound role has taught him to pick his spots more, to avoid taking himself out of the game and putting his team at a disadvantage.

"I've had to choose my moments more," Costello said. "Obviously, I play with a lot of emotion and can really get into the game and be intense. I think that can be really beneficial if you're a leader on a team and you spark your teammates, but at the same time, you have to

really watch that you don't get out of control."

Costello plays a loud game on the ice, but that doesn't follow him into the locker room. With nine other senior leaders on the roster, Costello said he prefers to let other teammates handle the big speeches, and instead, let his play speak for itself.

"I'm mostly a lead-by-example kind of guy," he said. "We have an older team, so we have a bunch of leaders on the team that cover talking in the locker room. I've always respected guys that lead by example, because they're out there walking the walk, and that's how I've tried to approach it."

And in times like this, the Irish need their intense captain more than ever. Notre Dame will host Massachusetts for its last series before a four-week break, after managing just two wins in its last seven contests. Now that he's settled into his role, Costello has made it his mission to get his guys ready to close out the year with two more wins.

"When I first [was named captain], I was kind of concerned with setting the tone for our standards and our culture of Notre Dame hockey for the younger guys," he said. "Especially in times like this, where we aren't winning too many games, I've been trying to keep guys upbeat and still excited to play every weekend."

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SMC BASKETBALL | ADRIAN 80, SAINT MARY'S 70

Belles rally, fall short in conference opener

Observer Staff Report

Despite giving a strong effort in the second half, the Belles were unable to overcome a strong opening period from Adrian, losing 80-70 on the road in what was the first conference matchup for both schools.

The loss for the Belles (2-5, 0-1 MIAA) is the fourth in five games, while the victory for the Bulldogs (3-3, 1-0 MIAA) snaps a two-game losing streak.

The Belles had a number of strong offensive showings, with sophomore forward Eleni Shea scoring a team-high and career-high 17 points along with seven rebounds, while senior guard Shanlynn Bias added 17 points and a career-high eight boards. Sophomore forward Krista Knapp added 12 points while junior forward Ariana Paul chipped in with 11 points. Knapp and Paul were also strong presences on the boards as well, as each player grabbed seven rebounds each.

Despite a 45-32 rebounding edge over the Bulldogs, the Belles were unable to capitalize on Adrian's 15 turnovers, scoring only nine points off of Bulldog giveaways. By contrast, the Bulldogs forced 25 Belle turnovers and added 22 points as a result, proving to be the difference in the game.

The Belles were also limited offensively as they were held without a three-point shot for the entire game. Adrian hit on six attempts from beyond the arc.

Sophomore guard Antoina McElroy, who came up with 17 points on eight of twenty shooting, led Adrian offensively. Elsewhere, the Bulldogs were helped by freshman guard Marissa Cotton's 11 points and senior guards LaQwana Dockery and Lauren Rhodes, who each added 10. Dockery also had a team-high six rebounds.

The first few minutes of the game saw both teams trade baskets back and forth, with the score tied at 18 through the first nine minutes of play. However, within the final five minutes of the period the Bulldogs went on a tear, scoring the last six points of the half to enter halftime with a 45-33 lead.

The Belles came out strong to start the second half. Over the first 8:21 of the period, the Belles



Observer File Photo

Belles sophomore forward Eleni Shea drives to the basket during Saint Mary's 103-49 loss to Hope on Feb. 13.

outscored the Bulldogs by a 17-6 margin, and pulled within a point at 51-50. However, the Bulldogs would push their lead to ten points in the final two minutes of the game, holding

on to win by that same margin.

The Belles will resume play with a match-up at home against North Central on Saturday. The game begins at 3 p.m.

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The two teams that have out-rebounded Notre Dame have performed on opposite ends of the spectrum on the boards throughout the season. While MiamiIowa had a positive rebounding margin of 7.5 heading into Tuesday's matchup against Indiana University-Purdue Fort Wayne, against the Irish, the RedHawks (1-4) have struggled to a rebounding deficit of 5.75 against non-Notre Dame foes after besting the Irish in the rebounding column by three in the opener.

With the departure of former Irish forward Jack Cooley, who took his 10.1 rebounds with him, Notre Dame's struggles gathering misses have been no secret. Brey has spoken about the need for multiple players to contribute

rebounding efforts in the absence of a single dominant force. Senior forward Garrick Sherman leads the charge with 6.9 rebounds-per-game this year, while junior guard/forward Pat Connaughton is not far behind with an average of 6.1. Sophomore forward Zach Augustine has added an average of 4.1 boards in games this year, while senior guard Eric Atkins and sophomore forward Austin Burgett round out the Irish players with rebounding averages above three, at 3.7 and 3.3, respectively. Freshman guard Demetrius Jackson is averaging 3.0 rebounds-per-game.

While Brey pinpointed his team's ability to rebound consistently as an area with room for improvement, Notre Dame's limited production off the bench came a bit more unexpectedly. In a lineup that can go 10 players deep, Notre

Dame managed only seven points off the bench, an output that looks especially meager in comparison to Iowa's 39.

"Their depth wore on us, there's no question, not only in transition but on the backboard," Brey said. "We kind of shortened our bench a little bit and it helped us with our offensive efficiency but fatigue maybe caught up to us a little bit at times. Iowa just has a style of play that's hard to deal with. They are good offensively and have a lot of bodies."

Brey turned to his bench more sparingly than he had in previous games this season and reaped fewer benefits when he did. In 15 minutes, Burgett recorded three points, had two assists, one steal and one rebound. Augustine played 13 minutes, scoring three points and gathering one rebound. No other player-secame off the bench against Iowa.

Although some significant portion of the time doled out to players off the bench through the early stretch of the season came with the Irish holding comfortable leads, 11 players entered the action in the loss to Indiana State, nine of whom played significant and meaningful minutes.

Notre Dame will return to action Saturday with a game against Delaware in the Purcell Pavilion.

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On top, Irish senior guard Eric Atkins drives past a defender during Notre Dame's 84-69 victory over Santa Clara on Nov. 22 at Purcell Pavilion. Below, Irish senior center Garrick Sherman battles under the basket during Notre Dame's 84-69 victory over Santa Clara on Nov. 22.



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Irish senior guard Kayla McBride drives past a defender to the basket during Notre Dame's 99-50 victory over UNC Wilmington on Nov. 9.

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turns guarding her," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They did just a great job defensively with a lot of help from their teammates. It was a good team defense on her."

After several minutes of scoreless basketball, Penn State jumped out to an 8-3 lead in the first five minutes of the game, but the Irish (7-0) clawed back, and with 10:53 remaining in the first half, Loyd hit a free throw that gave Notre Dame an 18-17 lead the Irish would hold onto for the rest of the game.

The Irish pulled away from the Lady Lions in the last 10 minutes of the first half, stretching their lead to as many as 19 points, and entered halftime with a 42-28 advantage.

Penn State again looked overmatched when the teams returned from halftime. Senior forward Ariel Edwards opened the second period with a three-pointer, but the Irish held the Lady Lions scoreless for the next six minutes while adding eight points of their own. But with 13:42 remaining in the game, a layup from Edwards ignited an 11-2 Penn State run that shrunk the deficit to 10 points.

Sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey made sure Penn State didn't get any closer. Mabrey hit a jump shot at 9:45 and then countered two layups from Penn State senior forward Taila East with two three-pointers of her own.

"They were huge, those two back-to-back threes," McGraw said. "We needed them desperately, and they couldn't have come at a better time. [She had] so much poise in knocking them down."

Free throws from Edwards

cut the Notre Dame lead to as little as nine with just under four minutes remaining in the game, but Penn State could not get any closer and the Irish went home with a 10-point victory, their third over a team ranked in the top 25.

Senior Natalie Achonwa led the Irish on offense with 21 points and 10 rebounds in her fourth game since returning from a knee scope.

"I think she's still conditioning-wise not quite there," McGraw said, adding that Achonwa appears to be playing at approximately 90-percent of full-strength.

Freshman forward Taya Reimer added 12 points and 10 rebounds, the third double-double of her young career.

"She made a huge difference in the game. I was so, so proud of her," McGraw said. "It was her first big road test in front of a big crowd, a TV game, and she handled herself beautifully. Just an outstanding job in every way. I was really, really happy with her game. She's the best sixth-man in basketball right now."

Loyd and McBride also scored in the double digits for the Irish, adding 17 and 13 points, respectively.

McGraw said she did not relish facing Penn State coach Coquese Washington, a former Notre Dame player and assistant coach.

"It was really hard to look down the sideline and see her there," McGraw said. "I'm glad it's over, and I'm glad we're finished with it, and now we can move on and continue to help each other through the year."

The Irish face a quick turnaround when they get back to campus, hostint UCLA at Purcell Pavilion at noon Saturday.

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at least eight to score. That's a serious strength to have.

Only four players averaged double-figure points last year for Connecticut, the eventual NCAA Champion, but 10 of 11 players averaged double-figure minutes. When every player contributed some points during those minutes, it added up — and led to a National Championship.

The point is that depth matters. Notre Dame spreads the floor differently than the Huskies (9-0), but it's a winning formula. Especially when teams get deep into a season, and injuries and fatigue take their toll, wealth of talent keeps a team going.

Ten players averaged in double-digit minutes last season for the Irish, and they need to recreate the same performance this year.

Cable and Braker provide steady support, and their performances last year suggest they will continue to reliably put up solid numbers.

Cable averaged 16.3 minutes per game, mostly off of the bench. She took advantage of her supporting role and scored 4.0 points per game in addition to posting 101 rebounds, 29 assists and 22 steals on the season.

Braker averaged more than 20 minutes and recorded 193 rebounds, 62 assists, 45 blocks and 39 steals on the

season. She also scored 5.4 points per game.

And Notre Dame still has potential to unlock in its freshman class.

Reimer and Allen have already broken out for the Irish and played a lot of minutes, but freshman forward Kristina Nelson and freshman center Diamond Thompson have yet to develop into strong supporting players. That's good for Notre Dame because it means the Irish have room to grow as the season progresses.

Some returning players are waiting in the wings too. Sophomore guard Hannah

Especially when teams get deep into a season, and injuries and fatigue take their toll, wealth of talent keeps a team going.

Huffman and junior forward Markisha Wright have averaged 11.3 and 10.5 minutes per game, but haven't produced offensively yet. Notre Dame will have two additional threats if Huffman and Wright take advantage of their playing time. Junior guard Whitney Holloway averaged 10.3 minutes per game last year and could also vie for court time.

Every player could contribute for the Irish, which means everyone will have to work hard to see game action. Irish coach Muffet McGraw will have plenty of options moving forward, and her experience should help her to dole out playing time well and avoid a cutthroat situation.

A wealth of talent therefore has no downside for the Irish.

Against Penn State on Wednesday, fewer players on the Notre Dame bench saw action. Seven players scored, and four players posted double figures, but Loyd, Achonwa and McBride each played more than 30 minutes, which is more than they average. As the season goes on, however, the Irish should find a comfortable bench rotation.

So far this season, Notre Dame really has not been challenged. The smallest margin of victory for the Irish was 16 points in a 92-76 win over DePaul on Nov. 26. Now is the time for McGraw to test her own team and figure out who can play big minutes for Notre Dame.

The Irish will be tested by other teams this season, and they need to be ready.

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- ACROSS**

1 Category at some banks

7 Start of an excuse

10 Car rental add-on

13 Everything Bach composed, e.g.

14 Contents of a flick?

15 Leftover bit

16 With 34- and 54-Across, basic instruction for [circled letters]

19 Grammatical case: Abbr.

20 Lb. or oz.

21 One with a habit

22 It might be announced over a P.A.

23 Ready to be driven

25 Congregation member authorized by a bishop to conduct part of a service
- 27 Place for additional info

30 IHOP order

31 Buenos ____

33 Savvy

34 See 16-Across

37 Opera character who sings “Largo al factotum”

38 Town on Cape Cod

39 Expression of amazement

40 Brother of Electra

44 Musical effect that’s simple for a trombone

48 Fair sight

49 Logos, e.g.: Abbr.

50 “Romanian Rhapsodies” composer

52 Señora Perón

53 Malarkey

54 See 16-Across
- 57 Poetic preposition

58 One who frequently sees Spots, for short

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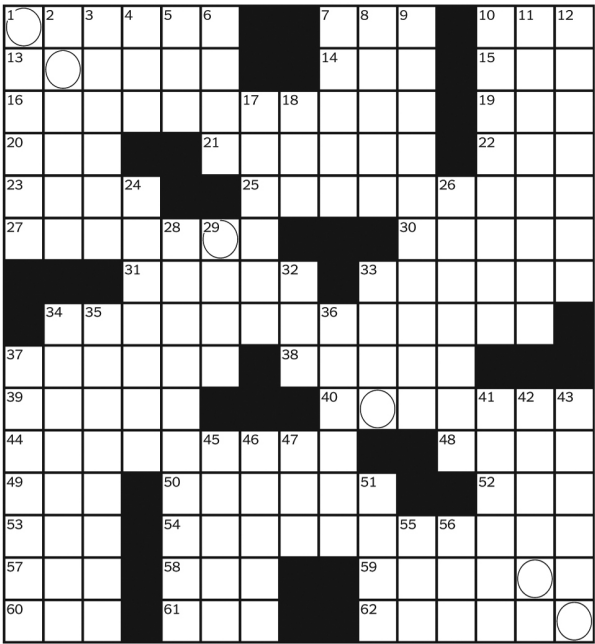
60 Poetic time of day

61 “Evil Woman” grp.

62 Have a fixation

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- 2 ____ Warders (Tower of London figures)
- 3 Like some footballs and boats
- 4 Bolivian president Morales
- 5 “The only way to run away without leaving home,” per Twyla Tharp
- 6 Units of sound
- 7 Crackers
- 8 One walking down an aisle, say
- 9 Infomercial phrase
- 10 Closed, as a theater
- 11 Shields
- 12 Venice tourist attraction
- 17 ____ Collins, first female space shuttle commander
- 18 Kind of screening, for short



Puzzle by Caleb Rasmussen

- 24 Where police look for matches

26 Not for nothing

28 The Gulf of Mexico has a big one

29 Snap, Crackle and Pop, e.g.

32 Snorkel, e.g.: Abbr.

33 Musical line
- 34 Big Whig

35 Shining

36 Jewelry box item

37 Part of a Mideast orchard

41 Raise canines?

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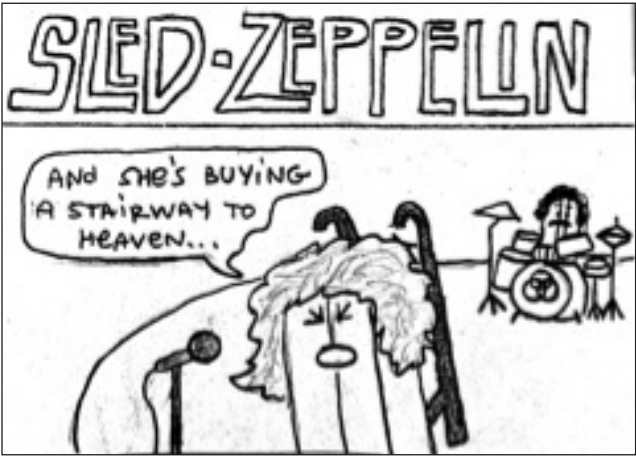
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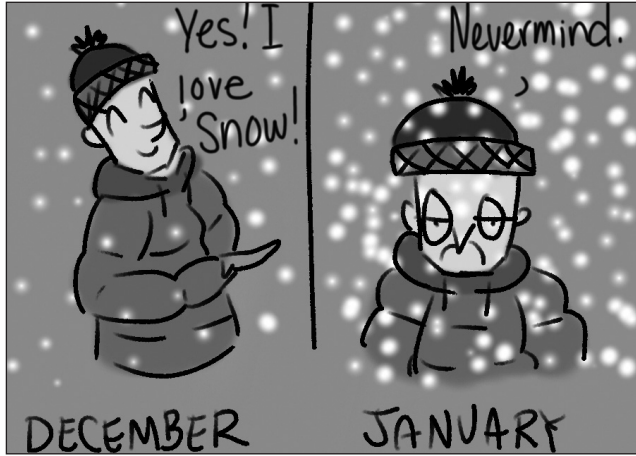
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tyra Banks, 40; Jay-Z, 44; Marisa Tomei, 49; Jeff Bridges, 64.

Happy Birthday: Concentrate on whatever will get you to the finish line and you will prosper. A chance to do something really important will raise your profile and enable you to make a difference to a cause or concern that interests you. Show empathy and tenacity and you will drum up whatever you need to make things happen. Your numbers are 6, 10, 23, 27, 34, 40, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a break and clear your head regarding personal and professional situations that are costing you. Re-address whatever situation you face so you can make a change that will help distance you from anyone causing you grief. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Love, family and gatherings will lift your spirits. Make romantic plans or focus on a creative endeavor that excites you. Your generosity with older friends or relatives will be appreciated and bring you unexpected benefits. Travel plans can be made. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make changes that will help a friend or support an organization you believe in. Trust in what you know and can do but not in what someone else promises you. Do your own thing and refuse to let anyone dismantle your plans. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Set your goals and head to the finish line. This can turn out to be a highly auspicious period for you with regard to love, money and contracts if you make decisions based on your personal needs. Take action and make things happen. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let personal matters stand between you and your professional responsibilities. Get down to business and consider offers that have the potential to change your course in life. Embrace challenge but keep demands at arm's length. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Socializing, networking or wheeling and dealing in order to get what you want should highlight your day. Do your research and make your choices based on facts and figures. You can win if you are pragmatic and well-informed. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sit back and watch what others do and say. Avoid being pulled into something you really don't want to be part of. Change can be good, but it must be based on your needs, not what everyone else wants. Ulterior motives are present. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Organization will lead to victory. An opportunity to work alongside someone you admire will help you grow personally, and raise your interest in following through with your own goals. Love and romance are highlighted and travel plans look promising. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Check out the possibilities and consider ways to advance, but don't step on someone's toes. You are likely to get into a debate if you have not been mindful of others. Make personal changes at home and avoid discord. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Step into the spotlight and make the alterations that will ensure your success. Your ability to get things done will encourage others to step up and lend you a hand. A money deal will bring you good fortune and more opportunities. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): False information is apparent. Speak on your own behalf. Don't let anyone take advantage of you. Use charm and intelligence to get out of a sticky situation. Focus on work and earning more, along with building a secure home base. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Deals can be made and financial benefits put into place. Let your intuition lead you to new and exciting ventures that are based on knowledge and know-how you have acquired in the past. Revamp and resubmit a project with pride. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are astute, industrious and curious. You are open-minded and intense.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 77, PENN STATE 67

Digging deep

Loyd, McBride help hold Nittany Lions in check

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The No. 4 Irish held reigning Big Ten player of the year Maggie Lucas to just seven points as Notre Dame beat No. 10 Penn State, 77-67, on Wednesday night.

The win at Penn State's Bryce Jordan Center was Notre Dame's first ever over the Lady Lions (5-2), who won the first five meetings between the two teams.

Lucas, a senior guard who was leading the Lady Lions with an average of 22 points a game heading into the contest, quickly racked up three fouls and didn't score until the final minutes of the second half. She fouled out with 1:18 remaining in the game.

"[Sophomore guard] Jewell Loyd and [senior guard] Kayla McBride took

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EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Irish sophomore guard Jewell Loyd defends the ball during the team's 99-50 victory over UNCWilmington on Nov. 9. Loyd scored 17 points in Notre Dame's 77-67 win over Penn State on Wednesday.

Notre Dame relies on depth for early-season success



Samantha Zuba
Sports Writer

Irish sophomore guard Jewell Loyd, senior guard Kayla McBride and senior forward Natalie Achonwa may be the returning stars, but the story so far this year for No. 4 Notre Dame has emerged from the team's quiet depth.

Six players are averaging double-figure points per game: Loyd (17.2), McBride (15.5), freshman forward Taya Reimer (12.2), freshman guard Lindsay Allen (10.8), Achonwa (10.7) and sophomore guard Michaela Mabrey (10.5). Junior guard Madison Cable (5.3) and senior forward Ariel Braker (4.7) make regular contributions, as well.

The Irish (6-0) need only five players on the court at a time, and they can count on

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND struggles with boards, bench

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Associate Sports Editor

In its first ever ACC-Big Ten challenge, Notre Dame could not clinch a victory. Despite a powerful second-half comeback and consistent pressure on the home team, the Irish (5-2) fell to Iowa on Tuesday, 98-93.

The Irish did a lot of things right in the game, notably scoring 20 points off 12 Iowa turnovers while giving the ball away only seven times. But the visiting team found itself entrenched on the wrong end in two key categories, one of which was as surprising as the other was expected. The surprise area of difficulty came in the Hawkeyes' advantage in bench scoring. As for the other, the oft-cited rebounding issues reared their head.

The Hawkeyes (8-1) outrebounded Notre Dame, gathering 36 boards on their home court to the visitors' 26. Iowa reined in 12 offensive rebounds to go along with its 24 on the defensive end. Notre Dame had 11 offensive rebounds of its own, but recorded only 15

rebounds on the defensive side.

It was the first time since the season-opening game against Miami (Ohio) on Nov. 8 that Notre Dame ended the game on the wrong side of the rebounding margin. The Irish equaled Indiana State's 37 rebounds in their 83-70 loss to them on Nov. 17 and have come out atop the category in four contests.

Notre Dame has accumulated a rebounding advantage of 5.1 rebounds-per-game over its opponents, but the margin seems likely to be inflated by a trio of dominating performances in early-season play. Notre Dame outrebounded Stetson by 11, Santa Clara by 17 and Cornell by 16, but Santa Clara (2-4) is the only team of the three to have a positive rebounding margin on the season excluding the numbers against Notre Dame, and only then with an advantage of 0.6-rebounds-per-game. The Irish also outrebounded Army by 5, but the Black Knights (1-5) have a rebounding deficit of 6.4 rebounds-per-game against other opponents.

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HOCKEY

Costello leads scrappy Irish

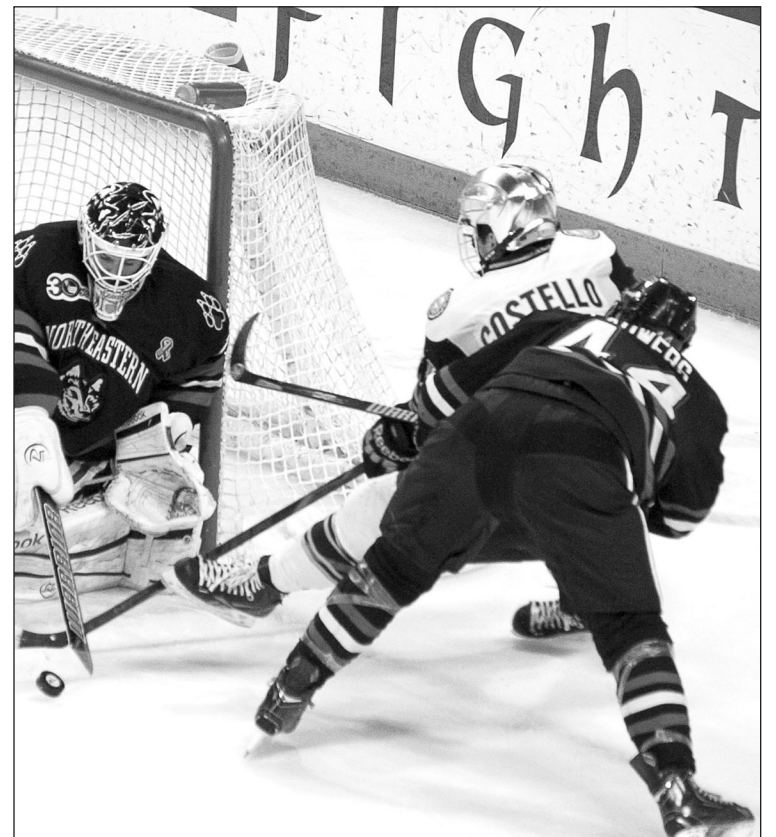
By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

A captain is expected to lead his teammates in many ways, from the ice to the locker room. But that leadership usually doesn't include leading the team in penalty minutes as well.

Irish senior left winger Jeff Costello, though, is not your usual captain.

A Milwaukee native, Costello came in as a member of one of Notre Dame's largest freshman classes ever and has made a literal impact in every game since. When he's on his game, Costello is an opponent's worst nightmare, a power forward who can lay hits in open ice, carve out space in front of the crease and grind for pucks in the corners. His scrappy play often extends after the whistle, where he never hesitates to defend a teammate by diving into a scrum.

Costello may not play with the finesse of those who often don the "C" on their chest, but according to his Irish teammates, their captain is the unquestionable heart of the team.



ALLISON D'AMBROSIA | The Observer

Irish senior left wing and captain Jeff Costello takes a shot during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Northeastern on Nov. 30.

"It's nice to have someone else out there that you know for sure has your back, no matter what," Irish senior defenseman Stephen Johns said. "[Costello] is probably the most intense guy I've ever played with. He

gets the guys going on the bench. He's always chirping and telling guys what they need to do. He's always positive during games. He's a great captain, and he's

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