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ND, Saint Mary's freshmen arrive on campus

Frosh-O activites foster friendship, camaraderie

By KAYLA MULLEN News Writer

Sunday marked the end first-year orientation (Frosh-O) events for the class of 2018. Throughout the weekend, the first years participated in various activities within their dorms and with other dorms, carefully planned to introduce the new students to the Notre Dame family and to make students comfortable at their new home under the dome.

"I really didn't know what to expect going into Frosh-O, and I didn't know anyone,

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First-year students from Zahm Hall and Lewis Hall skate together at the Compton Family Ice Arena during first-year orientation. Freshmen participated in a variety of events designed to welcome them to campus.

Belles Beginnings introduces first years to SMC values

By HALEIGH EHMSEN

Associate Saint Mary's Editor

First-year orientation, or "Belles Beginnings," at Saint Mary's ended Saturday with the powerful tradition of closing the circle.

Senior and vice president of internal affairs for the Student Government Association (SGA) Kelly Gutrich said closing the circle is the last event of orientation, where firstyear students form a circle on Le Mans Green as a way to welcome them home for the next four years.

Gutrich said she spoke

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Football team votes to sing Alma Mater, win or loss

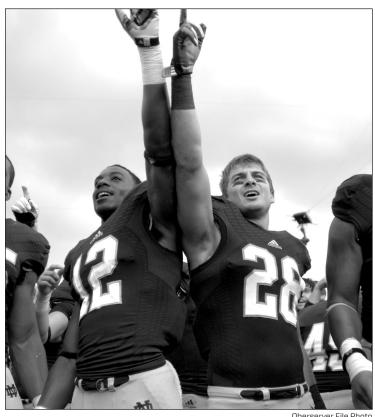
By LESLEY STEVENSON News Editor

Notre Dame football players will join their peers in singing the Alma Mater after every home game, win or lose, in the 2014 season.

Student leaders, who make up the Unity Council of the Notre Dame football team, met Monday with members of student government to finalize their decision, which had been in discussion within the team for several weeks, according to Irish sophomore receiver Corey Robinson. Robinson also serves as athletics representative to student government.

Robinson said representatives from every class year make up the Unity Council, which voices player opinions to the coaching staff. The Council voted unanimously to sing the Alma Mater after every home game, and the team voted "nearly unanimously" in favor, he said.

"I brought this to the Unity Council two weeks ago and



Sophomore cornerback Devin Butler and senior safety Austin Collinsworth celebrate after the team's Aug. 31 win over Temple.

discussed it amongst the team with the students' [and] alumni's perspective in mind," Robinson said. "The

team nearly unanimously voted that we sing the Alma Mater

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Student Gov't launches O'SNAP

By MARGARET HYNDS

News Writer

Elected last February and sworn into office in April, student body president Lauren Vidal and vice president Matt Devine, both seniors, have settled in and started implementing several of the initiatives they began last spring.

At the end of last year, Vidal announced a new program, O'SNAP, or the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol, which will enhance the SafeWalk program with two of what Vidal calls "state-ofthe-art golf carts." SafeWalk currently allows students to call Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) and receive escorts to their destinations free of charge.

Vidal said she hopes O'SNAP will do more than revamp the existing SafeWalk

"Eventually we'd like to replace the SafeWalk program entirely," she said.

Vidal said SafeWalk staff

members will undergo training to drive the golf carts. Devine said SafeWalk employees, once trained, will drive the newly-purchased golf carts, which come fully equipped with seat belts, heating and a stereo system.

"The first couple of weeks, O'SNAP may be operated by NDSP officers," Devine said.

Student government purchased the golf carts with funds left over from the administration, Vidal said. She said students can still use the previous SafeWalk system to request an escort.

"Right now, the phone number to call is the SafeWalk number. Then the student will be connected to a dispatcher who will ask them where they are located, and can then provide an estimate [time] for their pickup," she said.

For the foreseeable future, O'SNAP will operate exclusively on-campus,

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What class are you looking forward to the most?



Hunter Kuffel sophomore Dillon Hall "Rebels in Zharist Russia."



Albert He senior off-campus "Credit Liquidity Crisis."



Jack Riedy sophomore Morrissey Manor "Intro to Chemical Engineering."



Daniel Vivas freshman Sorin College "Intro to Social Psychology."



Madeline Kusters freshman Lewis Hall "Physics."



Elizabeth Akpadiaha sophomore Pangborn Hall "Principles of Management."



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First-year orientation staff members, left to right, Mark Egan, Zach Bequette and Charlie Labuz rally Siegfried Hall freshmen during move-in weekend. The staff also helps students acclimate to their new surroudings at the University.

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THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Want your event included here? Email news@ndsmcobserver.com

Tuesday

Opening Mass and Picnic

Jovce Center 5:30 p.m.-9:15 p.m. Food and music on DeBartolo Quad.

Film: "What is Cinema"

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center 8 p.m.-10 p.m. Documentary.

Wednesday

Campus Ministry Freshman Kick-off

South Quad 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Introduction for freshmen.

Grotto Trip

Bond Hall 10 p.m.-11 p.m. Asian American Association leads weekly walk to Grotto.

Thursday

LGBTQ Welcome **Back Pinic**

Fieldhouse Mall 5 p.m.-7 p.m. All are welcome.

Panel: "Understanding Gaza"

Hesburgh Center 12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Discussion of conflict in Gaza.

Friday

Blood Drive Grace Hall

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Benefits Relay for Life.

Pep Rally

South Quad 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Rally for football game versus Rice.

Notre Dame Football

Saturday

Notre Dame Stadium 3:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Opening game versus

Saturday Vigil Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart 7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Mass includes music by the Women's Liturgical Choir.

HHS MANDATE

Experts compare Hobby Lobby & ND cases

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI Editor-in-Chief

Editor's Note: A version of this article appeared online July 9.

The June 30 Supreme Court ruling in favor of Hobby Lobby's decision not to provide certain types of birth control in its health insurance plan has been the subject of much national attention, but extrapolating predictions from that decision onto Notre Dame's pending lawsuit against the Department of Health and Human Services is a complicated process.

O. Carter Snead, director of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture and a professor in the University's law school, wrote an essay for SCOTUS blog exploring what Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. might mean for religious nonprofits (such as Catholic universities, hospitals and social service agencies) seeking relief from the HHS contraceptive mandate, concluding that the outlook was hopeful for Notre Dame's ongoing lawsuit.

"Hobby Lobby offers a great deal of hope to religious nonprofits that soon they will be free once again to care for the poor, feed the hungry, minister to the sick, visit the prisoner, welcome the immigrant and educate the young without being forced by the government to violate their deeply held principles," he wrote in the essay, which was published Thursday.

The Court's ruling "simply means that the mandate cannot be applied to require Hobby Lobby to provide coverage to the drugs to which they object," said Rick Garnett, a professor at the law school who specializes in freedom of religion and constitutional law.

Notre Dame is eligible for an accommodation that provides contraception through a third party insurer, but the University and several other religious non-profits argue that this violates its Catholic beliefs as well.

Hobby Lobby, unlike Notre Dame, objected to only four kinds of birth control that act as abortifacients, but was willing to continue providing the other 16 contraceptives approved by the FDA.

"Hobby Lobby is not (yet) technically 'eligible' for the revised mandate that applies to Notre Dame," Garnett said in an email last week. "Instead, that revised mandate was used by the Court as an illustration of the fact that 'less restrictive means' are available to the government.

"Hobby Lobby and Notre Dame both have equal status with respect to the Act — that

HHS MANDATE OPPOSITION TIMELINE May 21, 2012 Lawsuit initially filed December 30, 2013 Request for emergency appeal denied December 3, 2013 April 4, 2014 January 14, 2014 3 female students file Petition filed for new hearing Lawsuit re-filed January 2014* intervening suit Lawsuit appealed December 31, 2012 January 1, 2014 Contraceptive care available to university employees Lawsuit dismissed May 7, 2014 Federal appeals court denies request for a new hearing. February 21, 2014 Third request for relief denied in court of appeals Second request for relief denied in district court

KERI O'MARA | The Observe

is, they are both entitled to invoke its protections. But again, the revised mandate has not (yet) been technically applied to Hobby Lobby, and it is still an open question whether the revised mandate violates the Act as applied to Notre Dame and other religious employers."

Notre Dame currently provides contraceptive coverage through its third party insurer, Meritain Health. It first filed suit in May 2012, re-filed in December 2013, requested emergency appeal before the mandate took effect Jan. 1 of

this year and has since had repeated appeals denied in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.

*exact date not publicly known

Paul Browne, Notre Dame's vice president for public affairs and communications, said in a statement last week that "while our attorneys are still assessing it, the decision is an important and encouraging victory for religious liberty, which is at the heart of our lawsuit."

Snead echoed this sentiment in his essay, writing that the Supreme Court decision "follows from the most natural and straightforward reading of [the Religious Freedom Restoration Act], given both its text and the jurisprudence in which it is situated."

The Court explicitly did not rule on the question posed by Notre Dame and other religious institutions, of how RFRA should apply to the revised mandate accommodation, but rather determined simply that there was "a less restrictive means of accomplishing the government's goals than a simple mandate to provide an insurance policy that directly covers the four objectionable drugs and devices," he wrote.

The non-profit accommodation was cited as a less restrictive means than the "blunt mandate," Snead said, and once that single alternative was identified, "the government's case was doomed under RFRA."

"But this finding does not resolve the challenges made by religious non-profits," he wrote. "Less restrictive is not the same as least restrictive. Even more encouraging for religious non-profits is the Court's discussion of the strong deference owed to the faithful's judgments about what their religion forbids in terms of complicity in wrongdoing and requires by way of integrity of witness."

Garnett said that it is not an intrusion for Courts to inquire

about the sincerity of a claimed religious belief as long as they do not "confuse sincerity with correctness or reasonability or orthodoxy." He said he was not surprised by the ruling because the RFRA questions of whether Hobby Lobby counted as a person under the Act were "relatively straightforward."

"RFRA is a statute that goes beyond (that is, provides more protection than) what the Constitution itself requires," he said. "Congress could repeal the law if it wanted to, though President Obama has said he opposes repeal. Because it is a statute, Congress can amend it by passing a new law. It could, for example, say 'For the purposes of this Act, a for-profit business is not a 'person.""

In his essay, Snead noted that several federal courts temporarily enjoined the HHS mandate — with accommodation — for multiple religious nonprofits shortly following the decision in Hobby Lobby. He mentioned Judge William Pryor's opinion on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit's decision to enjoin the accommodation as applied to Eternal Word Television Network as an especially important argument for the religious nonprofit question.

"Judge William Pryor cited the Supreme Court's warning that neither the government nor the court shall substitute its own judgment for EWTN's regarding the 'substantial burden' of the HHS mandate in light of Catholic teaching on cooperation and scandal," Snead wrote. "... The accommodation in this context forces the religious employer to say 'no' in a manner that functions as a legally operative 'yes.' Judge Pryor is the first court of appeals judge to explain this mechanism so clearly and forcefully."

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ND law professor acquitted of misdemeanor

Observer Staff Report

Editor's Note: A version of this report appeared online *May 11.*

Notre Dame criminal law professor Stephen Smith was acquitted of a misdemeanor charge of invasion of privacy in St. Joseph Superior Court on Wednesday, according to a report from the South Bend Tribune.

accused Prosecutors Smith of violating a no contact order put into place after the state charged him with felony battery of his wife, but Judge Jenny Manier ruled a jury did not have evidence in order to convict, the Tribune reported.

Court documents alleged that Smith went to his wife's residence while the protective order was in place, but his attorney, Stan Wruble, said he drove there to pick up his children.

A jury of six heard the case, but Manier granted Wruble's motion for a direct verdict that found Smith not guilty, the Tribune reported.

On March 21, the Indiana Court of Appeals upheld a ruling that Smith will not face the felony charge of domestic battery because the state failed to compile its case in time. He still faces a misdemeanor count of battery against his son, alleged

in the same June 2011 incident, the Tribune reported. He is expected to appear in court for a hearing on that charge later this month.

According to the Tribune report, Smith also faces another pending charge of in-



vasion of privacy allegedly in violation of the same no contact order. In that case, court documents allege that Smith was riding in a car with his wife while the no contact order was in effect, the Tribune report

An Indiana State Police trooper arrested Smith after he pulled the vehicle over and discovered the no contact order. According to court records, the case is scheduled to go to trial in September, even though a judge threw out the traffic stop and evidence stemming from it. The Tribune reported that Manier wrote in March that the trooper did not have "reasonable suspicion to believe the defendant was speeding."

SMC increases campaign goal by \$10 million

By KELLY KONYA Saint Mary's Editor

In May, the Saint Mary's "Faith Always, Action Now" campaign announced it reached its initial \$80 million goal several months ahead of schedule.

Vice president for college relations Shari Rodriguez said the Board of Trustees decided to raise the goal to \$90 million soon after the \$80 million mark was reached, and the campaign will officially conclude on December 31, 2014.

"Meeting and exceeding our original campaign goal several months early is a sure sign of the enthusiastic commitment and loyalty of our alumnae and friends," College president Carol Ann Mooney said in a press release. "I am confident that our new goal of \$90 million will also be attained allowing us to complete designated campaign

"At the conclusion of the 'Faith Always, Action Now' campaign, Saint Mary's will be in a stronger position to fulfill the dreams of our founders, the Sisters of the Holy Cross."

Director of media relations Gwen O'Brien said the Board of Trustees approved the campaign in June 2008 and was publicly launched in February 2013.

Rodriguez said this is only the third major fundraising campaign in Saint Mary's history.

"Prior to 'Faith Always, Action Now,' the Excel Campaign [from] 1981 [to] 1986 raised over \$25 million for several projects including construction of the Cushwa-Leighton Library and renovations the Haggar College Center and Science Hall," she said. "From 1991-1998, Sesquicentennial Campaign raised nearly \$32 million for College priorities ranging from scholarships and faculty positions to information technology and the annual fund."

Beyond the Excel and Sesquicentennial paigns, several individual project campaigns funded a number of major facilities including the Student Center, Spes Unica Hall and the Welcome Center, Rodriguez said.

Up to this point, the money raised has gone towards scholarships, an endowed professorship in nursing, construction of the Science Hall Greenhouse, endowed summer science research communities and four faculty awards recognizing excellence in teaching, scholarship, service and mentorship, she said.

"We hope to provide enhanced opportunities for students in the form of financial aid, research opportunities, study abroad, cutting edge curricular options and much more," said. "A stronger she

endowment ... is the key to the College's long-term health."

Rodriguez said the campaign money will also be used to renovate and up-Angela Athletic and Wellness Complex, the Science Hall and the Cushwa-Leighton Library.

Saint Mary's alumna, Dr. Susan Fitzgerald Rice and her husband, Dr. Don Rice, a Notre Dame alumnus, announced a challenge grant for the renovation and expansion of the Angela Wellness Athletic Complex, according to a press release. The Rices will match \$1 for every \$2 pledged up to \$1 million, thus yielding \$3 million for the project. Fitzgerald Rice is a tri-chair of the 'Faith Always, Action Now' campaign and a former member of the Board of Trustees.

"A focus on the 'whole woman' has always been foremost at Saint Mary's," Fitzgerald Rice said in the press release. "Women today embrace an even more active and healthy lifestyle. The current facility, constructed in 1977, does not meet the needs of today's students. The College's to renovate the Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex will enhance the experience of every Saint Mary's student."

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Alum Jim Morse donates funds for FieldTurf

Observer Staff Report

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lation of FieldTurf in Notre Dame Stadium, the Notre Dame Monogram Club announced Aug. 13 in a press release.

Morse is a private investor who served as captain of the 1956 Irish football team and graduated in 1957. A previous donation from him enabled the construction of the Coleman-Morse Center, which bears his and his wife's names in addition to that of the late Thomas Coleman, according to the press release.

Morse's other contributions to Notre Dame include "the Morse Family Scholarship Fund, which

supports about 12 students annually; funding for football and baseball scholarships; an endowed fellowship for MBA students; and a major gift Former Irish running back for the Morse Recruiting Jim Morse donated funds to Lounge in the Guglielmino the University for the instal- Athletics Complex, featuring banners for Notre Dame's 11 consensus national football titles," the press release stated.

The University officially announced its plans to replace Notre Dame Stadium's natural grass with synthetic FieldTurf on April 12 at the annual Blue-Gold game. Installation began after Commencement Weekend (May 16-18), the press release stated, but the donor's name had not been revealed until the Monogram Club press release.

On July 30, Notre Dame completed the FieldTurf installation, according to a WNDU report.

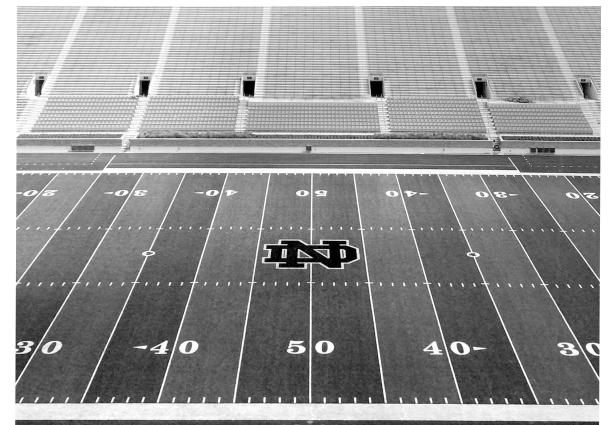


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The University used funds from Jim Morse's donation to add FieldTurf in Notre Dame Stadium. The new field was laid down July 31, and will be used by the Irish for practice and games this season.

but Devine said he, Vidal and NDSP's Sergeant Tracy Skibins plan to have the program up and running this weekend or early next week.

Another initiative Vidal wanted to tackle last year was the student readership program, which provides free newspapers to oncampus students. She said student government had maintained the same system for several years and decided to explore other options.

"We essentially stayed with the Gannett program, which sells a readership package to universities and colleges," she said. "Our contract with them included USA Today, the New York Times and the South Bend Tribune... When we took office, we realized that there may be students who have opinions on the program."

Vidal and Devine eventually took the discussion to the student Senate, which informed them that many students wanted to read the Wall Street Journal, particularly because individual subscriptions cost more than those to other newspapers and because many business professors encourage their students to read the Wall Street Journal daily, according to an April 10 article in The Observer.

"We were fortunate enough to go through a negotiation process with the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times, and we have signed two new contracts with each publication," Vidal said. "This is the first time we will have brought the Wall



Student body president Lauren Vidal, student government administrative assistant Nancy Walsh and associate director of Transportation Services Marty Ogren pose with an O'SNAP golf cart in July.

Street Journal to campus."

Additionally, Vidal decided that to save money, student government opted not to pay the companies to deliver the papers to their individual on-campus distribution sites, but instead chose to do a bulk drop.

With the saved money, student government will instead pay students to deliver the papers to these sites each morning.

According to Devine, they hope to employ two or three students who will work in rotations. This week, Vidal and Devine will deliver the papers to the dining halls themselves, "to determine how long it will take and how much we should pay them," Devine said.

"We're hoping to announce the job opening at the end of the week," Vidal said, "I'm so glad we've been steady, easy job."

Starting this week, 400

"We were fortunate enough to go through a negotiation process with the Wall Street Iournal and the New York Times ... This is the first time we will have brought the Wall Street Journal to campus."

Lauren Vidal student body president

copies of each newspaper will be available in both dining halls, LaFortune Student

able to create what will be a Center and the Mendoza College of Business.

Devine said a third new initiative will give students easy access to local products for one day this fall.

"We're already pretty far underway with preparations for quad markets, which will bring area farmer's markets to campus," Devine said. "We're looking to have it the Friday before a home game in October, and we already have several companies looking to partner with us. It will be almost run as a sort of harvest festival."

Looking ahead, Vidal said her goal for the year "is to take conversations that have been happening around campus in the last couple of years and make them practical and tangible."

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NOTRE DAME

Former Huddle employee dies

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Helen Hiatt, a 46-year veteran employee of the Huddle in LaFortune Student Center, died at the age of 92 on July 26 in her Elkhart home, according to a University press release.

Students knew Hiatt as "the mother of the Huddle," since she began working for

the store in 1967 and continued until 2013, the press release stated. Despite her official retirement in 1986, Hiatt took on the part-time duties of restocking the dining area with condiments, utensils and napkins every day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Scherry Roberts, operations manager of the Huddle, remembered Hiatt's spirit and enthusiasm.

Hiatt was "a wonderful, feisty lady and a great worker. She was loved by all of us and will be greatly missed," he said in the press release.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Association of St. Joseph County, United Services, 6910 S. Main St., Granger, IN 46530.

SMC worker pleads guilty

Observer Staff Report

A former Saint Mary's maintenance worker charged with misdemeanor voyeurism in April pled guilty Monday, according to a WSJV report.

David Summerfield, 73, also pled guilty to an additional

charge of felony criminal mischief, the report stated. A felony count of theft was dismissed. Summerfield is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 23.

The College Summerfield fired from his position in April after a

co-worker reported unusual behavior in a bathroom on the fourth floor of Le Mans Hall.

Summerfield admitted to drilling holes in the floor and attic of the Le Mans showers and said he watched students through them, the WSJV report stated.

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Enjoy a picnic, family fun, and music immediately after Mass on DeBartolo Quad.

Picnic dinner will be served until 8:15 p.m.
University shuttles will be available from the West Stadium Circle to the Library and Bulla parking lots from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Dining halls will be closed for the occasion.



Frosh-O

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either, but the Frosh-O leaders in Ryan were amazing, so sweet, friendly and fun right from the start," freshman Kerry McCarter said. "They knew exactly how to make everyone feel welcome and a part of something,"

Activities such as ice-skating and karaoke with other dorms helped break the ice and make friendships with students outside of their dorm, Gavin Chamberlain, a freshman in Keenan Hall, said.

"I think that the activities helped me feel more comfortable ... The purpose of the activities was to make us feel at home, and I think they succeeded as much as they could in doing that," Chamberlain said. "After participating in Frosh-O it's obvious how much hard work these guys put into it. Their efforts have helped me better transition into college life."

The Frosh-O staffs worked tirelessly to make sure that the first year-students felt at home with their surroundings, junior Kelly Marous, the Frosh-O commissioner of Badin Hall, said.

"One of the most memorable

moments from the weekend was during our finger-painting activity with St. Edward's Hall," Marous said. "While first years began their activity, the two staffs decided to have a danceoff, and towards the end of the battle all of the first years in Badin joined in with our staff to show St. Edward's who really

"I think moments like this one showed us how successful the weekend was. When first years feel comfortable and confident enough to do things like this after only a few days on campus, then you know you're doing something right," she said.

The Frosh-O staffs made sure their new students knew the Notre Dame community would welcome them, junior Caroline Corsones, assistant Frosh-O commissioner for Farley Hall,

"The Frosh-O staff explained to the girls just how excited we were to have them in the Farley community, and how they should feel they should come to us for anything, because they were now a part of our family," Corsones said.

The activities, while at facilitated times awkward, friendships between new dorms, Ariana Zlioba, a freshman from Pasquerilla West Hall, said.

"We had a great Frosh-O because our staff was super enthusiastic... Some people were annoyed by the forced mingling, but I personally liked that we got to meet as many people as possible as quickly as possible," Zlioba said. "I think I'll be thankful for that as the year goes on."

By the end of the weekend, the freshmen had begun to think of Notre Dame as their home, junior Grady Schmidt, Frosh-O commissioner of Siegfried Hall,

"Overall, everything went really well, better than expected really, and it was fun to see them embrace Notre Dame and Siegfried throughout the weekend ... We were really happy with the participation that we received, from not only the new students but also varsity athletes who are new to Siegfried this year, and made it to events working around a busy practice schedule," Schmidt said.

The weekend was a huge success, and the new freshmen enjoyed getting to know their classmates and the Notre Dame community, Schmidt said.

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Members of the cheerleading squad, led by Leprechaun John Doran, help teach Notre Dame songs and cheers to freshmen, including the Notre Dame Victory March and the Alma Mater.



 $Half time, one \ of \ Notre\ Dame's\ co-ed\ A\ Capella\ groups, performs\ for\ freshmen\ on\ Bond\ Quad.\ The\ group$ sang a variety of songs, including a cover of Rihanna's 'Shut Up and Drive.'

Belles

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about the Saint Mary's core values of faith and spirituality at closing the circle.

"I remember how scary the start of my first year was, so I was excited to share any bits and pieces of encouragement I could with them," Gutrich said.

Gutrich said the intent of events like closing the circle is to help first-year students feel like part of the Saint Mary's sisterhood from their very first weekend.

"Your first year of college can be such a scary time and we hope Belles Beginnings helps ease that scariness, and helps them start to find their niche at Saint Mary's," Gutrich said. "We truly care about our first years, so we want to make them love Saint Mary's as much as we do."

SGA academic chair Shannon Schalk, a junior, helped girls move into their dorms during Belles Beginnings and also spoke about the core value of learning. She said she felt the interconnectedness of the Saint Mary's community when she spoke to the class of 2018.

"Looking at the young and nervous faces surrounding me from inside the circle brought back the memories of me over two years ago, [when] I was that young and nervous face," Schalk said. "Learning is not just happening in the classroom, it is happening within them.

"In their four years here at Saint Mary's, they will learn to unlock potentials and passions deep within themselves. Whether these passions are for their major, their best friends and this community, or volunteering, et cetera, by opening their hearts and minds they will be led down a path of discovery that can hold quite a few surprises."

First-year student Jenny Indelicato said Belles Beginnings helped her transition to life at Saint Mary's and inspired her to take advantage of the opportunities within her first year.

"It gave me hope that we will makes friends that will be with us for a while," said Indelicato.

First year Dani Meersman said the passion Saint Mary's students have is obvious and the upperclassmen were very welcoming throughout the weekend.

"It almost made me tear up when I got to campus and a girl was waving a sign that said 'Welcome home, class of 2018,' Meersman said, "I immediately felt like I was home."

First year Abbie Spica said closing the circle brought feelings of care and compassion, and she could tell how much the upperclassmen really care.

"It was the first moment I had on campus that made me feel like part of a community," Spica said.

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A group of freshmen from Sorin College and Welsh Family Hall sing the Alma Mater on the steps of Bond Hall.



Freshmen from Sorin College enjoy food and friends at Carroll Hall's annual Frosh-O weekend 'Far Quad Feast.'

Former Irish receiver receives 10-day sentence

Observer Staff Report

Former Irish wide receiver Will Mahone plead guilty to and received a 10-day sentence for four misdemeanor counts, according to the South Bend Tribune.

The counts included resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, assault and aggravated menacing, the Tribune report stated. Mahone, who faced two seasons of limited play due to injuries, is no longer enrolled at the University.

Irish coach Brian Kelly originally suspended Mahone indefinitely June 16 following his arrest in Ohio on five charges, according to an announcement from sports information director Michael Bertsch.

Mahone was arrested June 14 around 10:30 p.m. after police in Austintown, Ohio, responded to a complaint about a fight, the South Bend Tribune reported.

He was initially charged with assault of a police officer, intimidation of a public

servant/party official and vandalism of a government entity, all felonies in Ohio, as well as with misdemeanor resisting arrest and disorderly conduct, according to a Mahoning County Sheriff's report.

Witnesses told police Mahone was intoxicated while head-butting, punching vehicles and trying to fight people, the Tribune reported. Mahone physically resisted arrest and shouted expletives and threats at officers, and allegedly responded to an officer's request to get on the ground with "(Expletive), white boy."

He continued to resist arrest after being taken to the ground by an officer, the police report obtained by the Tribune alleges. Allegedly, the handcuffed Mahone repeatedly yelled at officers, "Take these cuffs off, and I'll kill all of you."

Mahone was also accused of trying to kick police and thrashing his head backwards and striking an officer on the forehead, according to the



Will Mahone, left, and senior linebacker Joe Schmidt sing the Alma Mater following the September 21 victory over Michigan State in Notre Dame Stadium. Mahone is no longer enrolled at Notre Dame.

Mahone was initially taken to a hospital to receive treatment for a cut on his eye, but he continued to shout expletives and was later transported to Mahoning County

Justice Center for incarceration, the Tribune reported.

"The University is aware of this incident and is confident that it will be handled in a prompt and professional manner through the criminal justice system," Notre Dame officials said in a June 16 statement published in the Tribune. "Internal discipline is handled privately, in accord with our own policies and federal law."

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Alma Mater

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lose or draw out of respect for what it means to the University and to its students, alumni and supporters worldwide.

"It's bigger than us and it's bigger than football. We, as a team, see the Alma Mater as an instrument of unity; we are Notre Dame regardless of what happens on the field. We know how our students fiercely support us rain, shine, sleet or snow and we want to show them our sincere appreciation by standing and singing as a unified student body celebrating our wonderful University."

Robinson and Irish senior cornerback Matthias Farley met with student body president Lauren Vidal, vice president Matt Devine and Campus Ministry representative to student government Grace Carroll, all seniors

Although last season's captains and team decided to sing the Alma Mater only after wins, this season's Unity Council reopened discussion of the policy because both players and students expressed dissatisfaction with the decision, Vidal said. She said she did not know if the decision would be revisited every year.

Student government researched the policy along with student opinions and presented Farley and Robinson with five copies of a bound book containing direct quotes from students about the Alma Mater, Vidal said.

"The books contain about 100 quotes from the students — each quote represents that student's interpretation of the alma mater and what it means to them and our University," she said.

Robinson said the meetings

with student government aimed at creating a relationship of mutual respect between with [the football players] and part of standing with them is being with them through wins

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Corey Robinson Irish receiver

the players and the student body.

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Members of the football team had expressed concern with past incidents of students disrespecting the football team, Vidal said.

"We students have to stand

and losses, standing together as a family... and understanding that they are vulnerable," she said.

Robinson said the team and the Unity Council weighed those concerns as well as student and alumni opinions through "open discussion" as they reconsidered the previous decision to sing the Alma Mater only after wins.

"The respect factor was a big factor for us," he said. "Of course we don't want to let you guys down. When we lose it's embarrassing for us too. We want to support you guys and we want to appreciate you guys."

Former Irish quarterback Tommy Rees faced boos from the student section during his time with the football team, Robinson said. He said moments like that show how the players are "in a vulnerable position," even though the majority of fans do not behave disrespectfully.

"There have been times in the past when items have been thrown at us and we have been booed," Robinson said. "We understand that this is a intense game, but we hope to be treated with respect when we sing the Alma Mater with the student body and fans."

Robinson said the fans' commitment to the team through wins, losses and weather — such as the freezing temperatures during the Nov. 23 game against BYU — encouraged the team to decide to continue singing the Alma Mater.

"It's not about us," he said.
"It's about the school. It's about unifying."

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Obama addresses veterans

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Three months after a veterans' health care scandal

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rocked his administration, President Barack Obama is addressing the American Legion National Convention in an appearance that is also fraught with midterm

The president's speech to the Legion convention Tuesday in Charlotte, North Carolina, aims to draw attention to administration initiatives to care for veterans once they come home.

For Obama, the visit to North Carolina has a heavy political subtext. The state's Democratic senator, Kay Hagan, is in a difficult reelection race and Obama is not popular in the state. Hagan was scheduled to speak to the American Legion too, but her spokeswoman declined to say whether she would appear on stage with the president.

The campaign of Hagan's Republican opponent, Thom Tillis, accused Hagan of being a "rubber stamp" for Obama and "compliant with the administration's failure to provide our veterans with the health care that they deserve."

Obama could also face a skeptical audience. In a July Associated Press-GfK poll, his approval rating among veterans and veterans' households lagged behind his overall approval rating at just 33 percent, with 66 percent disapproving.

Eager to distance herself from the president, Hagan issued a statement Friday ahead of the Legion convention saying the administration "has not yet done enough to earn the lasting trust of our veterans."

Obama's address to the veterans also comes as his administration considers whether to confront Islamic State militants by taking military action against them in Syria. U.S. officials said Monday that Obama has authorized surveillance flights over Syria, and a third said they have already begun, a move that could pave the way for U.S. airstrikes against Islamic State militant targets in that

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Obama was not likely to offer any details about his policy in the region.

Earlier this month, Obama signed a \$16.3 billion law aimed at easing the long waits that tens of thousands of military veterans had endured to get medical care.

The law, a product of rare bipartisanship in the House and Senate, followed reports of veterans dying while awaiting appointments to see VA doctors and of a widespread practice of employees covering up months-long wait times for appointments. In some cases, employees received bonuses based on falsified records.

The VA says investigators have found no proof that delays in care caused any deaths at a VA hospital in Phoenix.



VIEWPOINT

INSIDE COLUMN

Beyond expectation



Brian HartnettManaging Editor

Welcome to Notre Dame, class of 2018. If the numbers are correct, you're the highest-achieving class to ever enter Our Lady's University.

Of course, numbers don't take into account dreams, goals and ambitions, but I'm sure you have plenty of those. You probably want to double major, learn multiple languages, do service work abroad, be president of several clubs and land your dream job in [insert name of field here] upon graduation. More importantly, you want to do this while making life-long friends, giving up your Saturdays to Notre Dame football and having an active social calendar, right?

Well, I'm here to say that all these things are probably not going to happen. Sure, some of them will and if you're lucky enough, it'll go perfectly, but your actual college experience will likely only vaguely resemble what you have pictured in your mind right now.

I say this not because I'm some embittered senior who's experienced the "real" world. I say this because college should not follow a formula, and I think my personal example, as well as many other examples on campus, illustrates this

I came into Notre Dame as an intended finance and economics major. Why? I thought it was a stable choice, it is the most popular combination of majors at Notre Dame, and I figured my high school AP Economics class was good preparation. I soon remembered that math was indeed my weakest subject and writing was indeed my best talent. Now, three year later, I write this column as a Marketing major and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy minor.

As a freshman, I thought I should supplement my studies by participating in resume-boosting activities. Having sworn off journalism in high school, The Observer was not one of them, or so I thought. Nonetheless, I signed up for it and about 50 other activities, decided to try my first assignment, covering an interhall football game and instantly became hooked. Now, I'm lucky to say I'm the managing editor of a great publication, work with the best staff on campus and get to follow the Irish football team around.

In my time at Notre Dame, I've encountered two situations that had me quite on edge before entering them. The first came when I was assigned to Carroll Hall, and the second was just before I left to study in London, England this past semester. I was afraid to encounter both because they meant leaving the familiar behind, but I can say I met some great people and had even better experiences in both places.

Of course, a life not lived according to plan has some disappointments. I haven't landed a cool job, figured out what I want to do when I grow up or checked off most of my college bucket list.

But these disappointments have their place, too. They're all part of the winding road that makes up your college story, a story that all of you have just started to write.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Welcome back, welcome home

To the classes of 2015, 2016 and 2017: Welcome back! To the class of 2018: Welcome home.

Here are a few words of reflection I offer to each of you as we welcome this new year with friends, peers and family.

To our freshmen: You begin this year with some anxiety, yet much excitement. We know you're just getting used to your classes and your friends so please do not hesitate to ask anyone for help. It took us all a while to decipher the most efficient path to DeBart or the best hour to swipe in for a meal. Use the upperclassmen as guides. Don't be afraid to ask someone to join you for lunch. One of the trickiest parts of the first few weeks on campus will be coordinating your lunch and dinner schedules — don't give it so much thought. I met some of my closest friends by simply asking if I could join them for a meal. Also, don't forget to get involved. Every club and organization on this campus has an open door policy; don't hesitate to use it.

To our sophomores: You've been there, you've done that, now its time to buckle down. Use this year to really get a grasp on what you want to pursue. This is a good time to stop attending meetings you do not have a sincere interest in, and it's an even better time to get to learn a little bit more about yourself. Make it a point to set out a plan of action for this year and next. If given the opportunity to study abroad, take it. Although I studied "domestically" in the Washington program, it was one of the best decisions I have made here at ND. Be mindful of how your time abroad will affect your living on campus and how it may affect you opportunities in junior and senior year. Many clubs and organizations transition leadership during the spring semester — something to keep in mind if you see yourself taking one or more leadership positions going forward.

To our juniors: This is truly a unique one. You are one step closer to graduation, and you are officially upperclassmen. Be mindful of the younger students and think about how you can include them in your efforts; offer them your friendship. It will feel as though your class is cut in half this year as many students will be studying abroad either fall or spring semester. Do what you can to meet some of the other juniors you haven't really had a chance to hang out with yet, and keep an open mind. Pay attention to your plans for after senior year; they are closer than you think.

And finally, to our seniors, my class peers: I hope we can use this year to really come together as a class and as true students of Notre Dame. I hope that we can use these final months as fruitfully as possible. Let us bring together friend groups, let us support one another in our job and school searches, and let us celebrate the wins while coming together during the losses. Seniors, we have one more year here as undergraduates and I hope we can make it count. Attend the games and the shows, immerse yourself in the South Bend area, continue to love your dorms even if you are off campus, lay the lines of lasting communication with your professors, and truly enjoy being in the company of so many talented peers. Cheers to the best year yet.

Notre Dame: stay safe, stay smart and stay with it. We are the Fighting Irish, a group characterized by strength, tradition, pride and intelligence. Let's continue to act like it.

Lauren Vidal president Notre Dame Student Body Aug. 25

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night.

Edgar Allan Poe Short story author, editor and poet

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stay open, don't miss right now

This last weekend I had the privilege of saying hello to and welcoming the parents of the entering class of 2018. It was an honor to reflect back not only on what it was like to be a parent during my son's college orientation, but on what it was like to be entering college myself. By welcoming the new students, I had a chance to recall those first few weeks of college were like for me and what I was thinking as faculty and administrators tried to reassure us and provide helpful insights as to what we might expect and how we might take on what amounts to four of the most exciting and transformative years of our lives.

In my case, there we were, an intimate 5,000 of us nervous freshman nestled together in the Greek Theater, a beautiful open edifice perched dead center up in the Berkeley Hills. I remember the view of the San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge, as well as the beautiful California campus below. Prehistory or not, I was to be a member the class of 1970, at the University of California, Berkeley (Cal), in the fall of 1966. Little did we know that we were on the precipice of the most tumultuous-social and political period in the history of the university. Further, little did we know we would witness and participate in one of the most dramatic four-year period of cultural change in U.S. history.

The Vietnam War and the compulsory military draft provided the foundation for third-world strikes, women's liberation, gay liberation, the rise of the black panthers, Huey Newton and Eldridge Cleaver controversies, ROTC protests and the Peoples Park riot, just to name but a

few. During our last semester, senior year, the Cambodian invasion occurred, an expansion of the war ordered by President Nixon. Met by fierce nation-wide protests on college campuses it culminated with the tragedy at Kent State where four students were shot to death by the National Guard. The killings led to many universities closing down, including my own, alongside the formal cancellation of our graduation ceremony due to the threats of violence. It left my class with the dubious historical distinction of the first class in Cal's history to have its formal graduation postponed indefinitely until (as it turned out) twenty years later. Our graduation day finally came when we were invited to walk down an aisle to bring closure to a most remarkable and transformative university education.

Certainly, that period of time was intense, but each historical period defines and makes clear without any doubt where the big problems lie.

In that sense, now is no different. Many new and yet familiar problems plague our world and conflicts make these problems clear to us.

It goes without saying as the first year students begin and the rest of you resume your Notre Dame involvement that the great privilege of attending Our Lady's University requires us to responsibly work towards solutions, big and small, to the problems central in our times.

Before we can move forward with solutions, however, we must be open to discovering them.

Try to remember when thinking about a major or a career to always remain open to what universities do best — surprise you with an interest

and passion you could never have anticipated. Always let your heart do the choosing, because if you choose what excites you (I promise you) that not only will you never be wrong, but when the next "biggest" decision you need to make arrives, you will be exactly where you need to be.

In other words, in choosing a major keep in mind that you will flourish in the field you love! You cannot know how you will feel one, two or three years from now, but you certainly know what you feel and think right now. Trust it, believe in yourself. At first it may be scary, but your years ahead will only validate the choices made by the heart.

My second point of advice makes me reflect on John Lennon's most spectacular observation expressed in a lyric. He said, "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans."

Today — right now — and the next year are as important and valuable as any days that you experience. Never ignore or dismiss the joy and happiness that come from the people filling your present life, nor under estimate that, for the most part, it will never get better than how wonderful it is now

Please students, don't miss it!

Love and best wishes to you all.

James McKenna

Edmund P. Joyce C.S.C. Chair, Anthropology director, Mother-Baby Behavioral Sleep Laboratory Aug. 25

Faith in deep water

As Faith began to wade out into the water, I attached her skis and taught her the basics of what to do when the boat began to pull. Confident that she had a good enough sense of the mechanics, I told her to sit down in the water and close her eyes. After a quizzical look, she settled into the water, closed her eyes and at that moment I cupped my hands and splashed her in the face with enough water to get a quick "What did you do that for?" I looked at her and said, "Most water skiers your age fail not because they can't pull themselves out of the water, but because the water hits them in the face and they start to panic."

With water dripping from her face, she smiled and settled in for her first attempt.

It wasn't until the fourth try that we hit pay dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her maiden voyage. About 100 yards from shore, Faith encountered a set of waves that looked fierce, and in fact, they were fierce. I watched her go up and down, up and down and then just down.

Splash! After my uncle circled back and began bringing Faith to shore I could see her standing on the boat like George Washington on his way across the Delaware. When she finally made it back, Faith looked over and said, "Now that was a lot of water."

The key to our spiritual faith is to be equally expressive. Jesus asks his disciples in St.

Matthew's Gospel to clarify who people think he is. They respond by saying: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. However, St. Peter filled with faith replies, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

St. Peter, the fisherman by trade, the one who had a documented temper from time to time, who would go on to deny Christ three times, recognizes that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus' response was clear and direct: "... you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."

Was St. Peter fully ready for Jesus' invitation? Debatable. Yet, the compelling fact about faith is that it never leaves us where we started and rarely offers a complete road map for how to get there. When Jesus first encountered St. Peter on the Sea of Galilee he didn't unfurl a ten-point plan on the benefits of following Him. Jesus simply said, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." That same invitation to follow is extended to us today. How do we respond?

First, we can stay near the shore and play it safe. The waves will pose a minimal threat, and we'll have no fear of the water hitting our face. This lifestyle tends to be more predictable, minimal risk, less stress and a greater reliance on our own abilities.

Or, we can let Jesus pull us into the deeper water where the waves are bigger, trust and belief are essential, and we are reminded that the answers we seek are sometimes too big to solve in a lifetime.

You have chosen a University that subscribes to the second option. Notre Dame was founded on the belief that maintaining a strong faith in God was vital to all that we do. Why? As St. Paul so beautifully points out in his letter to the Romans, "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! For from him and through him and for him are all things."

I cannot promise that a life lived with faith will be perfect. You will fall and fail. Further, I cannot guarantee that everything will go according to plan: majors will change, relationships will change, priorities will change, and you will change.

I can promise that lives dedicated to faith will ultimately transform relationships, improve communities and bring us all a step closer to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Fr. Pete McCormick associate director Campus Ministry Aug. 25

SCENE



By ERIN McAULIFFE

Scene Writer

"What If" ... Harry Potter got fed up with life after Hogwarts and ditched it all to move to Canada? It makes sense when you picture his life with Ginny — it may have started out nice with Ginny tying his shoes and feeding him mini pies, but a man can only take so much. What if he decided to change his name to Wallace and try out medical school? However, upon arrival Wallace realized school was quite challenging without Hermione's essay help. What if he scoured the libraries for an annotated version of his chemistry textbook — even venturing into the restricted section - but there was no Half-Blood Prince among the blood type texts? What if, down on his luck — with no half-blood prince recipe for Felix Felicis — Wallace gave it up and decided to live in an attic, returning to his humble beginnings of a confined living space in another's home?

But then, what if Wallace meets a quirky, bang adorned girl named Chantry, and they hit it off and exchange numbers to meet up as ... friends? What if, friend-zoned, Wallace resists the urge to feed her a love potion and a

charming friendship ensues? The two bond over one of Elvis's favorite foods: a loaf of bread buttered and hollowed out for peanut butter on one side and jelly on the other, then stuffed with bacon and baked. What if they discuss everything from fried pickles to Cool Whip and in turn it is obvious that they are perfect for each other, yet Chantry has a boyfriend?

"What If," this is a movie. The romantic comedy came out August 15 and stars Zoe Kazan as manic pixie dream girl, Chantry, and Daniel Radcliffe as Wallace, a witty, amiable guy recovering from some disastrous relationships. The film also stars "Girls" Adam Driver as Allan, Wallace's best friend. Allan closely resembles Driver's character in "Girls" — the gritty humor and cynicism are there as he taunts senior citizens playing cricket in the park and yells in celebration over nachos.

The movie is filled with the witty scripting essential to indie rom-coms. Hilarious one-liners and eccentric conversation topics, such as, "Who weighs the feces left in famous people when they die?" abound.

The film appeals to fans of the quirky romance genre. Zooey Deschanel enthusiasts will appreciate Zoe Kazan's endearing performance as a charming animator afraid of letting go of the good to venture into the unknown.

The cast's performances elevate the film to the top of the "Confusing Indie Romance" category. The idea behind the story may be interpreted as trite at first glance, however upon ninety minutes of glances the story delves deeper and the characters' tribulations take on tangibility for the viewer.

I even stopped picturing Radcliffe in wizard robes after the first thirty minutes, his previous roles in the back of my mind until he disrobed and my mom nudged me stating, "That's Harry Potter naked. Isn't that wrong? Isn't this weird?"

Maybe Radcliffe's legacy as The Chosen One will never leave him, however he makes a convincing Not The Chosen One when friend-zoned in the film. One thing is for sure, Radcliffe's flirty banter has improved grandly since that awkward instance on the owlery steps with Cho Chang.

If you're wondering "What if I go see this movie. Will I like it?" the answer is yes if you have an inclination for the idiosyncratic indie romance film.

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By JOHN DARR

Scene Writer

"Hard" and "Lemonade," two new singles by mysterious U.K. producer Sophie, suggest two very different musical styles. But rather than containing his challenging material in the first track and his sugary pop material in the other, Sophie uses both tracks to playfully bury sweetness in a maze of unbridled electro-fury. To hear the irresistible bubblegum hooks nestled in Sophie's tracks, you'll have to swim through heaps of relentless metallic and rubber percussion. Although the producer's bright, elastic production suggests radio-ready pop and hip hop music, his prioritization of percussive flow over melodic hook makes his music remarkably challenging to listen to.

Yet each track boasts more than enough rewards to make the trip worth taking. For much of its runtime, "Lemonade" is the perfect trap song. Its bass is remarkably heavy, yet used sparingly to increase its impact. Its rhythm is built on brilliantly fitting bubble-pop noises that are both powerful and colorful. These two elements are paired with a squealing, straw-like synth that careens across the top of the track.

Finally, a female vocal lays down two very memorable

hooks (lemonade, le-le-lemonade/candy boys, ca-ca-candy boys) with near-tangible swag.

Then there's the chorus — an unpredictable blast of pure, sugary K-pop. A sky-high female vocal sings about love and reunion over huge, sky-high synths and blasts of bass. The pairing of heaviness and bright, soaring pop music makes for an amazingly compelling listen, and one of the finest musical moments of the year.

Ultimately, "Lemonade" is merely two verses and two choruses. These sections are so well executed and so grippingly complementary that the track's sub-two minute runtime carry the weight of most trap or K-pop songs twice their length.

"Hard", unsurprisingly, is a more difficult beast. Where the trap-style verses of "Lemonade" are heavy yet straightforward, "Hard"'s drum-and-bass rhythms careen back and forth erratically. Shout samples, buzzing bass, and metallic scrapes hammer at the eardrums in turn. Every hit is cut to max sonic sharpness; instead of layering drum hits, Sophie lets each shine in isolation for the split second that it sounds off. Shiny bells shimmer around the drums every so often, providing complementary brightness until the track gives way to an unexpected trance build-up.

Perhaps the most engaging part of "Hard" is its female

vocalist. The anonymous voice haltingly 'raps' throughout the track, and her tone of voice embraces human femininity in accent while imitating a robot in rhythm. In this way, she maintains identity while gaining power and tenacity. The lyrics assert an uncompromising, unique feminine sexuality in a genre where male sentiment is dominant. It's a very bold move to make on a sonically bold track, and it works to fantastic effect.

In both "Hard" and "Lemonade," Sophie casts pop elements into intimidatingly hard-hitting but colorful and rewarding musical forms. Both tracks capture the essence of their titles to an unrivaled extent. The production is crisp, clear, and daring. Ultimately, "Hard" and "Lemonade" make essential entries in the genre of electronic music as a whole, providing a fresh, unique sound in a format that best displays Sophie's remarkable strengths as a producer and songwriter.

"Hard" and "Lemonade"

Sophie

If you like: Aphex Twin, Sleigh Bells, TNGHT



SCENE

PITCHFORK UPSETS

(Anything but) "Watch the Throne" Kanye West

By MIKO MALABUTE

A common test strategy that I've heard been suggested is to quickly look over the choices and see if you can immediately eliminate an answer, because it's just so egregiously incorrect or distorted from the perspective of the question. Sometimes you can eliminate one, sometimes you get lucky and you're able to eliminate two. Apply that strategy to the Pitchfork Top 100 Albums of the Decade list. You'll find at least 70-something wrong choices, if the question was "how many albums these past ten years were better than Jay-Z and Kanye West's 'Watch the Throne' album?" Look I get it: in terms of commercial mainstream, it didn't really get much air time; in terms of super-deep-philosophical hip-hop music, the album just didn't have much substance to it.

Oh wait a minute, yes it did. I don't have the space to make my point, but I will attempt to do so with these following two facts. First: their impossible-to-miss single, "In Paris," was played 12 times consecutively. 12 times. In Paris. Second: Did I mention that song sampled "Blades of Glory"? Oh you knew that already? Well someone please remind Pitchfork.

Kishi Bashi

By JOHN DARR

Okay, Pitchfork, you've got a lot on your mind. You're now less hipster, less cool, than almost every record you review.

You have trouble getting the ladies, as demonstrated by your own People's List. Even the Facebook comments on your reviews read like they're written by the rockist youtube warriors we all laugh at. But don't worry: your savior awaits. He is beautiful. He has magical violin fingers. His hair is glorious. His name is Kishi Bashi, and if you only reviewed his music, you'd be a happier, healthier, and more productive.

Joy. Love. More Joy. More Love. All this and more love shine through Kishi Bashi's last two LP's, 151a and Lighght. Glistening indie pop at its finest, singer songwriter Kauro Ishibashi's music melds together the symphonic, acoustic, and maximalist tendencies of his peers into something far uncommonly unique and engaging. It's not too late, Pitchfork. Kick Kanye Worst for Kishi Besti. He's the one you can be proud of.

"Takyon (Death Yon)" Death Grips

By MATT McMAHON

Whether perusing or constructing "Best of" lists, I tend to hang onto the magnitude of scope and range necessary in order for an entry to be a worthy nomination. With music that usually entails its effecting degree of emotional resonance. While songs like "Interference Fits" by Perfect Pussy — the other PP song that Pitchfork should have chose to represent the young band — and "Hot Knife," the best song from Fiona Apple's 2012 "The Idler Wheel..." overlooked by the publication, definitely deserve mentions for their heartbreaking vocal performances,

lyrical content and uniquely searing instrumentation; the one song released between 2010 and the former half of 2014 to evoke, bar-none, the most intense, varying response is Death Grips' worldshattering cut "Takyon (Death Yon)." Listening to the song pissed offers a vicarious outlet akin to a session of Grand Theft Auto, and listening to the song happy invokes the heart-racing, hot-faced smile of a frenzied sexual experience. Flatlander's deliberate, agro bass synth pounding behind Zach Hill's manic, marching drum fills score MC Ride's booming, borderline psychopathic, screaming, which may very well be the most aggressive oral performance ever to be recorded. Death Grips exploded onto the scene in 2011 by converging these maniacal elements with a collective ear for blunt, shoutable hooks, giving anyone a dual-purpose soundtrack for either extreme catharsis or joy.

"The Mother We Share" CHVRCHES

By MADDIE DALY

I was disappointed to find CHVRCHES' catchy tune "The Mother We Share" so low on Pitchfork's top tracks list. Coming in at #191, this song has been stuck in my head since first discovering it and deserves to be in the double digits. It's a poppy, bright electric beat with highpitched enigmatic lyrics sung by band member Lauren Mayberry. The upbeat sound doesn't quite match the depressing, creepy lyrics, but I think it's an intentional contradiction that sheds light on the band's lyrical talent. It's a fresh sound

unlike many songs on the list, and once you hear it you'll be humming it all day long.

"Lemonade" Gucci Mane

By ERIN McAULIFFE

I've got to put a word in for my Mane man, Gucci. Enshrined above my bed in a ravishing painting emphasizing his glorious ice cream cone tattoo, I am reminded daily of his perseverance — most recently, calling in an intro for his mixtape from jail.

The clever lyrics of his single, "Lemonade," are engrained in my memory due to the fact that I memorized all of them as a freshman in high school to impress the attractive senior boy who took me home from cross-country practice.

I remember the amp in the trunk pulsating the captivating beats to the front seat where I sat rattling off the list of yellow items, "yellow rims, yellow big booty" the lyrics flowing like the lemonade I rhymed about. Perhaps the memories I attach to the song influence my approval, but either way "Lemonade" should have made it on the list.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Big lessons from the Big Apple



Brian HartnettManaging Editor

While most incoming Notre Dame seniors lived the corporate life, researched in a laboratory or did some really cool service abroad, I spent my summer working for a television station perched on the top floors of New York City's trendy Chelsea Market.

As an intern in the sports department of New York 1 News, I got to go behind-the-scenes in the nation's largest professional sports city (by number of teams, at least), and my office frequently rotated between Yankee Stadium, Citi Field and MetLife Stadium.

In addition to witnessing firsthand the madness that goes on during television production and seeing athletes I've been watching for much of my life, I formed several insights about the current and future state of the Big Apple's beloved teams.

With that being said, I present to you a slightly more grown-up version of "What I learned on my summer vacation."

The Mets are going to be very good very soon: I get it. The Mets, long a laughingstock of Major League Baseball, have had five consecutive losing seasons and are likely on their way to a

With that being said, pitching is the name of the game in baseball today, and the Mets have lots of it. Most people know about Matt Harvey, the team's ace who took baseball by storm last season before suffering an elbow injury that required Tommy John surgery. Fewer know about Jacob deGrom, a Rookie of the Year candidate until his recent injury, or young arms Dillon Gee and Zack Wheeler.

If that's not enough, the team's farm system was recently ranked fourth in the league and features even more pitching in the forms of the versatile Rafael Montero and the hard-throwing Noah Syndergaard.

Given the track record of the Mets' front office, it's too early to make any bold predictions. But if the team's pitching staff develops as expected, even the Mets' languishing offense won't prevent it from being a National League contender in two or three years.

The Yankees have fallen out of the American League's top tier: It's tough for me to write this because the Yankees were the first sports team I followed.

But the current version of the Bronx Bombers bears little resemblance to the clutch and balanced teams I grew up watching in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

The team's pitching staff is surprisingly stout, given the injuries that have plagued its starters. But its offense is toothless, filled with aging stars well past their primes. After finishing in third place in the American League East last season, the Yankees still have an outside shot to take the league's second wild card spot this year. But future success is not too likely unless the team opens up its large checkbook to buy some quality bats in the offseason.

The Jets and Knicks never fail to entertain: While I didn't get to cover either of these teams, feedback on my station's nightly call-in show suggested that fans of both teams are frustrated. And why wouldn't they be?

The Jets are currently undergoing another quarterback circus, while the Knicks came off one of their most disappointing seasons in recent memory.

Still, these fans need not fret too much. The Jets have an impressive young defense, led by a strong defensive line, while the Knicks made some major upgrades over the last few months, adding Jose Calderon at point guard and putting league legend Phil Jackson and his pupil, Derek Fisher, in charge of the show at Madison Square Garden.

The Rangers remain the city's best shot at a championship: On the ice, the Rangers made an inspired run to the Stanley Cup in June, falling to the Los Angeles Kings in five games. Although the team lost some key parts, including center Brad Richards, defenseman Anton Strålman and left wing Benoit Pouliot, it retained most of the scrappy core that led it past most of the Eastern Conference's powerhouses this past spring. Plus, the Rangers still have Henrik Lundqvist in goal. And in a city fit for a king, the socalled "King Henrik" might be the most important piece in ensuring that a Canyon of Heroes parade will once again be on New York City's social calendar.

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Colts build ground game

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Colts keep trying to find that perfect offensive mix.

With Andrew Luck and a deep corps of receivers, they know they could have one of the league's most potent passing games in 2014. The hard part has been giving Luck a solid running game that is still trying to get off the ground.

Three seasons into coach Chuck Pagano's Indianapolis Colts tenure, Indy's most experienced running backs—Trent Richardson, aquired last season in a trade with the Cleveland Browns, and Ahmad Bradshaw—have combined for just 53 yards on 23 carries in three preseason games.

"It's going to be a work in progress for us the whole season," Pagano said Monday. "All we want to do is be better tomorrow than we were today or the next day or the next game."

During Saturday night's performance against New Orleans, Richardson carried times for 17 yards, Bradshaw carried three times for two yards and Luck had the best showing among the starters with two carries for 22 yards. The numbers improved dramatically in the second half, thanks in large part to a 43-yard run from Daniel Herron, but there's certsinly plenty of room for improvement.

Richardson has continued to be a favorite target for critics, who argue the Colts gave up their firstround pick in May and have yet to see a payoff. Last season, Richardson averaged 2.9 yards per carry after coming over from Cleveland, and the conventional wisdom was that a

full offseason in Indy's system would help the No. 3 overall pick in the 2012 draft regain his timing down and find more success.

The result: He's averaging 2.8 yards this preseason Bradshaw has been limited throughout much of training camp as he tries to return from neck surgery and ran only three times for two yards against the Saints in his first preseason action.

The third guy in the back-field rotation was expected to be Vick Ballard, who sustained a season-ending torn Achilles' tendon last month. That has opened the door for Herron, who leads the Colts with 18 carries for 104 yards to make the team. Players and coaches say they understand what's wrong.

"It comes with guys straining a little more to stay on blocks or get on blocks," tight end Dwayne Allen said. "We've been able to go through the film and there are some big plays out there. But it's not the runner, it's the blocking."

Part of the explanation could be the mix-and-mash lineups the Colts have used because of injuries.

Indy lost starting left guard Donald Thomas before the first preseason game and projected starting center Khaled Holmes hasn't practiced or played since spraining his left ankle on the first possession of the first preseason game. Second-round draft pick Jack Mewhort, who split snaps at center and left guard after Holmes' injury, has been dealing with a sore right knee and seventh-round draft pick Ulrick John is expected to miss substantial time with a lower right leg injury.

Undrafted rookie Jonotthan Harrison, who started the last two games at center, is now hurt, too. He missed Monday's practice with a sprained right thumb.

Though Pagano remains hopeful Holmes will start Sept. 7 season at Denver, the Colts know they can't afford to start making excuses at this point.

"There's a standard for everybody who gets in the game and that's to do well and get better," Luck said.

While the numbers don't show it, Luck insists the Colts are progressing and Pagano said he believes the Colts are heading in the right direction. But the real test won't come in Thursday night's preseason finale at Cincinnati, when most of the starters will be on the bench.

Indy will have to wait until the season-opener to see if they've finally found a recipe for the power-running game it wants.

"It's just paying attention to details," Allen said.
"We've had some success, but the not the success that catches people's eyes."

Notes: Colts players and coaches attended a memorial service Sunday for Maveah Alice Hughes, the 3-month-old daughter of defensive tackle Montori Hughes who recently died from a sudden illness. Hughes has missed almost two weeks of practice and did not play in Saturday's game.

Darius Butler, the Colts' No. 3 cornerback, sat out Monday with an undisclosed ankle injury. Defensive lineman Arthur Jones did practice after leaving Saturday's game with a rib injury.

Pagano said that Delano Howell, who was battling for the starting job at safety, is still get evaluations on his injured neck.

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MLB | CARDINALS 3, PIRATES 2

Jay lifts Cardinals to win

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Jon Jay already had a bat in hand before St. Louis Cardinals manager Mike Matheny even called his name

A minute later the veteran outfielder was standing on second base after his pinch hit tied the game. Jay didn't stay there long, racing home with the go-ahead run on Matt Holliday's sharp single in a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday night.

"He just sensed," Matheny said of Jay's precocious grab of the bat. "We hadn't had any interaction at that point. He's smart, he knows the game."

And the Cardinals know a thing or two about coming through late. St. Louis scored all three runs off reliever Jared Hughes (6-4) with two outs in the seventh inning to back John Lackey and send the scuffling Pirates to their seventh loss in 10 games.

Lackey (2-1) worked out of trouble early to last seven innings in his second victory for the Cardinals after arriving in a trade from Boston on July 31. He was 11-7 with the Red Sox.

Trevor Rosenthal gave up a leadoff home run in the ninth to Andrew McCutchen but held on to earn his 39th save.

"I think guys know when we have a pitcher like Lackey on the mound, he's going to keep us in the game," Matheny said. "We've just got to keep fighting and figure out a way to get something going."

Pedro Alvarez hit his 18th homer in the second off Lackey, but the Pirates managed little after that to fall further behind St. Louis and first-place Milwaukee in the NL Central race.

Pirates starter Francisco Liriano overwhelmed St. Louis for six-plus innings before leaving after Kolten Wong's infield single led off the seventh. Hughes came on and promptly picked off Wong.

Things didn't work out so well for the normally dependable right-hander, however, when he went to the plate.

Tony Cruz started the gamechanging rally by turning an 0-2 count into a single, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt and scored on a sharply hit single by Jay. Holliday then gave St. Louis the lead with a grounder past shortstop Jordy Mercer. St. Louis has 209 RBIs this season with two outs, tops in the National League.

"It was just a night where (Hughes) couldn't get the ball where he wanted to go," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said.

The cushion was more than enough for Lackey, who had little trouble after navigating a choppy second inning. Alvarez hit a long home run to center with one out, and infield hits by Starling Marte and Jordy Mercer followed. The runners moved up on a sacrifice by Liriano, but Josh Harrison's sharply hit fly to left went right to Holliday.

Lackey settled down following the reprieve, not allowing a runner past first base over his final five innings. He walked one and struck out three to improve to 3-0 against National League teams this season.

"I think Tony and I made some good adjustments after the first time through the lineup," Lackey said. "The last three innings were as good as I felt." **PGA** | THE BARCLAYS

Mahan overcomes winless drought

Associated Press

PARAMUS, N.J. — Hunter Mahan knew he was on the verge of something special, even with a record that looked ordinary by his standards.

He had gone nearly 30 months and 48 tournaments worldwide without winning. He was No. 62 in the FedEx Cup, with no guarantee of lasting more than two tournaments. He finished 25th in the Ryder Cup standings and was not even part of the conversation as a potential wild-card pick.

He felt great about how he was playing. The hard part was to stay calm with his emotions, his swing and his game and to "just let everything happen."

"And it did," he said. "And obviously I made some huge putts coming down the stretch."

In a traffic jam of contenders Sunday at The Barclays, Mahan pulled away with five birdies in a seven-hole stretch on the back nine at Ridgewood, including three in a row late in the final round that sealed the

win. With a bogey he could afford — though he could have done without the drama until he made an 8-foot bogey putt — Mahan closed with a 6-under 65 for a 14-under-270 total and a two-shot victory in the opening playoff event for the FedEx Cup.

He won by two shots over Jason Day, who couldn't manage anything but pars over the last four holes and shot 68; Stuart Appleby, who had to scramble for par on the last two holes for a 65; and Cameron Tringale, who made bogey from the trees on the final hole for a 66.

It was the sixth career win for Mahan, which includes a pair of World Golf Championships, though this might have surpassed considering what was at stake. It had been since the Shell Houston Open in the spring of 2012 since he had won. It assures that he will play all four playoff events for the eighth straight year, and it guarantees him a clear shot at the \$10 million bonus when the FedEx Cup ends at East Lake with the Tour Championship.

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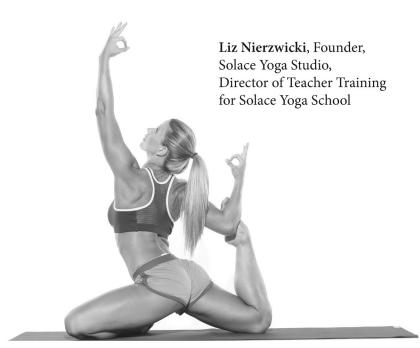
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MLB | YANKEES 8, ROYALS 1

Yankees beat Royals for fifth-straight win

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Michael Pineda kept throwing strikes. The Royals kept taking them, trying in vain to drive his pitch count up. When Yankees catcher Brian McCann looked up in the third inning, his right-hander had still thrown just 35 pitches.

He knew then that Pineda was in a groove.

Pineda wound up pitching into the seventh inning Monday night to win for the first time since April 16, helping New York beat the Kansas City Royals 8-1 for its fifth straight win.

"He's got so much cut on his fastball," McCann said.

"I feel like he could literally throw it every pitch and be successful. When he's like that, he's as good as anybody."

In the makeup of a game rained out in early June, Pineda (3-2) gave up a solo shot to Mike Moustakas leading off the third inning. But that was about it in Pineda's third game back from the disabled list. He struck out five without a walk.

Jacoby Ellsbury drove in a run in the seventh inning with the 1,000th hit of his career, then added a two-run homer in the ninth. Derek Jeter added a pair of RBIs in his final scheduled trip to Kauffman Stadium, and Stephen Drow, and Martin

Prado had solo home runs.

"It's nice when you have a lot of people contribute," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

James Shields (12-7) allowed six runs over 6 2-3 innings for Kansas City.

"We've been playing really, really good baseball the last month or so. We're definitely not going to let just one little game take care of us," Shields said. "We're going to move onto this next series and hopefully we'll win it."

If you're willing to count the makeup against New York as a true series, it was the first time in their last 11 that the Royals have dropped outfielder Alex Gordon said.
"We'll bounce back. We'll be
OK."

Jeter, who is retiring after the season, answered a standing ovation as he stepped to the plate in the third inning with a ground-out to shortstop that gave New York a 1-0 lead.

Moustakas tied the game with his 15th homer in the bottom half.

Drew gave the Yankees the lead back in the fourth with his home run, and they piled on four more runs off Shields in the seventh to put things out of reach.

The last of the runs was scored by Ellsbury, who came home on a sacrifice fly by McCann. Ellsbury initially was ruled out at the plate, but the call was overturned after a 2-minute video review showed his left leg sliding just under catcher Salvador Perez's tag.

That was plenty of support for Pineda, who had gone through the ringer since his previous win. He served a 10-game suspension for getting caught with pine tar on his neck in a game against Boston, then landed on the DL with shoulder trouble that kept him out until mid-August.

Pineda was stuck with a pair of no-decisions in his first two starts back.

"I feel pretty good," he said. "I feel like I have good power in my arm."



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MLB | ORIOLES 9, RAYS 1

Orioles blast past Rays with homers

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Delmon Young, J.J. Hardy and Chris Davis homered in succession during a six-run fifth inning, and the Baltimore Orioles cruised past the Tampa Bay Rays 9-1 Monday night to end a three-game losing streak.

Baltimore hit five homers in all, four off rookie Jake Odorizzi (9-11). Nick Markakis and Steve Pearce delivered back-to-back shots in the third to spark the Orioles to their ninth win in 13 games against Tampa Bay this season.

After totaling four runs and 13 hits in three road losses to the Chicago Cubs, the Orioles got 14 hits against a Tampa Bay staff that had a major league-best 2.28 ERA since the All-Star break.

Chris Tillman (11-5) yielded an unearned run and three hits in seven innings. He is 4-0 in eight starts since July 18.

Baltimore

before pulling away in the fifth. Three straight singles produced a run before Young hit a three-run drive to left. Hardy chased Odorizzi with a shot to center, and Davis greeted Kirby Yates with his 22nd home run.

It was the first time since May 2012 that the Orioles homered in three successive

Odorizzi yielded eight runs and 11 hits, both career highs, as were the four home runs.

Baltimore added a fielding gem in the sixth when center fielder Adam Jones made a leaping catch at the wall to rob Evan Longoria of a homer. Jones then threw out Matt Joyce, who tagged up from first base.

After the Rays scored in the third, Baltimore went up 3-1 in the bottom half. Markakis snapped an 0-for-21 skid with a two-run drive and Pearce followed with his 15th homer, the fourth in his last eight

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MLB | PHILLIES 3, NATIONALS 2

Phillies top Nationals behind Burnett's strong start

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A.J. Burnett struck out 12 in seven innings and Cody Asche and Carlos Ruiz homered to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a 3-2 victory over the Washington Nationals on Monday night.

Domonic Brown two hits and an RBI for Philadelphia, which won for the fourth time in five games.

Wilson Ramos and Anthony Rendon homered for NL Eastleading Washington, which lost for just the second time in 14 games.

Burnett (7-14) won for the first time since the All-Star break, allowing one run on three hits with just one walk. The right-hander entered leading the majors in walks with 76.

Tanner Roark (12-8) gave up two runs on five hits in six innings and lost for just the second time in his last nine starts. Roark has a 2.25 ERA over that stretch.

Burnett retired the first eight batters before Roark's two-out single in the third. It was just the pitcher's sixth hit in 60 at-bats this season.

The Nationals didn't get 0-for-4, extending his slump another hit until Rendon's one-out homer to left in the sixth that pulled them within 2-1. It was the third homer 15 at-bats for Rendon off Burnett.

Burnett had been 0-6 with a 7.41 ERA in seven starts since the All-Star break prior to Monday. But he was stellar against Washington, setting a season-high in strikeouts while finishing in doubledigits for the 35th time in his career.

The Phillies took a 1-0 lead in the fourth on Brown's RBI single and went up 2-0 on Asche's leadoff homer to deep right in the fifth.

After Washington closed within a run, Ruiz cleared the wall in left off lefthander Jerry Blevins to push Philadelphia's advantage to

Ramos homered to right with two outs in the ninth off Jonathan Papelbon, who earned his 32nd save in 34 opportunities.

Ben Revere, who began the day tied for the NL batting lead at .314 with Colorado's Justin Morneau, went 0-for-4 to drop his average to .311.

Chase Utley to 3-for-29.

Second baseman Asdrubal Cabrera was out of the starting lineup after injuring his rib in Sunday's 14-6 win over San Francisco. Manager Matt Williams said prior to the game that Cabrera is day-today. Cabrera pinch-hit in the ninth inning and singled.

OF John Mayberry Jr. (wrist) played in his fifth rehab game with Triple-A Lehigh Valley on Monday night. Mayberry entered 4-for-14 with a homer and three RBIs in four games there.

LHP Gio Gonzalez (6-9, 3.83) takes the mound for Washington at 7:05 Tuesday. He pitched seven shutout innings but got a no-decision in the Nationals' 1-0 win over Arizona Thursday. Gonzalez has received two runs of support over 33 1/3 innings in his last six starts.

LHP Cole Hamels (7-6, 2.53) got rare run support in his last outing when he snapped string of seven straight starts with at least seven innings in a 4-3 win over Seattle Wednesday. Hamels is 15-7 with a 2.54 ERA in 30 careers starts against Washington.

MLB | ATHLETICS 8, ASTROS 2

A's roll past Astros on road

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jeff Samardzija pitched eight solid innings and Josh Donaldson drove in

three runs to lead the Oakland Athletics over the Houston Astros 8-2 Monday night.

Samardzija (4-3) allowed six hits, two runs and tied a season

high with 10 strikeouts to bounce back from a two-game skid in which he yielded 11 runs combined. The right-hander was 2-7 with the Chicago Cubs before an early July trade.

Josh Reddick hit a two-run homer and Donaldson had three hits after sitting out Sunday with a knee injury. Donaldson doubled twice for his first extrabase hits and RBIs in his last nine

Reddick's 10th home run sailed into the seats in right field to push Oakland's lead to 3-0 in the fourth.

Chris Carter hit an oppositefield, two-run homer in the eighth to pull the Astros within one, but the A's added five runs in the ninth to extend the lead to 8-2.

Scott Feldman (7-10) allowed seven hits and three runs in seven innings.

The Astros couldn't string anything together against Samardzija through the first seven innings. They didn't have more than one hit in an inning until the eighth, when Jose Altuve singled before Carter's homer.

Houston reliever Tony Sipp, who had allowed just 10 walks in his previous 41 innings, walked all four batters he faced.



Belles open season against Bethel

By ANDREW ROBINSON Sports Writer

As Saint Mary's continues to prepare for its upcoming season, Belles coach Michael Joyce said he is confident in the potential of his squad, which features both experienced veterans and an exciting class of incoming freshman.

After working to build fitness and chemistry throughout the preseason, the Belles have begun to focus on tactics as they get ready for their season opener against Bethel on Friday.

The Belles, who posted a 10-7-3 record last season, will return 17 players, including 11 who got significant playing time last season. Nine of the returners are seniors, including forward Kelly Wilson, who notched three goals and two assists for the Belles last season. Joyce also said he thinks highly of the group of six incoming freshmen on the team.

However, last year's leading scorer, forward Rosie Biehl, is not returning for the 2014 season. Biehl, now a sophomore, scored a teamhigh eight goals in 2013.

Saint Mary's will start the season with four games against non-conference

opponents before kicking off a stretch of 16 MIAA games, beginning with Kalamazoo on Sept. 11.

"Our conference opener at home against Kalamazoo will be important to set the tone for the season," Joyce said. "The last four times we've played them, they've all been one-goal games that could have gone either way."

The Belles began last season with two conference losses, which put them in a hole in the conference standings from which they never fully recovered. Joyce said he hopes his squad will be able to change that this year, putting particular importance on opening the season on the

"The conference is very competitive," he said. "We'd love to start out well."

The Belles missed the playoffs by a single game in 2013, finishing 8-5-3 in conference. Joyce said he was happy with the performance of his players but knows the team can improve on that record this season and build on their success.

"We had a good season last year and played great soccer all season but were left out of the playoffs by one win," he said. "We'll take a lot of positives from last year, but



Belles sophomore midfielder Kathryn Lueking connects with the ball during Saint Mary's 4-1 victory against Illinois Tech on Sept. 2. Lueking started all 20 games for the Belles in 2013.

we've got lofty goals of keeping things tight in the back and giving up very few goals and putting more in the back of the net."

Kalamazoo, Belles will quickly turn around and face Alma and Calvin, the MIAA runner-up and champion from last season, respectively. These two early match-ups may have a

critical impact on the direction of the season, Joyce said.

Within the following twoand-a-half weeks, the team will square off against Hope, Albion, Olivet, Adrian and Trine to wrap up the first round of conference play, before facing each conference opponent again.

MIAA games conclude with the conference tournament

beginning on November 6, and Joyce sees that as the end goal for his team.

"The top four [teams] make the playoffs and we expect to be there," he said.

The Belles will open their season Friday against Bethel at Saint Mary's.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish expand team goals under new leadership

By GREG HADLEY Associate Sports Editor

Their coach might have changed, but their goals have not. If anything, they have increased.

With the retirement of long-time coach Joe Piane this summer, Notre Dame will face its first season with a new coach in 39 years. But there are no plans for a rebuilding year, as the men return three and the women five of the seven runners who competed at the NCAA championships. The men finished in 23rd place, while the women ended the race 29th out of 31 teams.

"[Making it back to the NCAA championship] is one of our main goals this year, and we definitely want to place better than we did last year," junior Molly Seidel said. "We didn't reach our goal of placing at nationals that we had last year, and I think that that reminder of not quite reaching that goal and doing not as well as we wanted to do is kind of a fire under the butt for this year to really give it everything that we have. We definitely have high

expectations.

Entering the season, the Irish are ranked seventh on the men's side in the Great Lakes region, while the women are slotted in eighth, below their finish last year of third and fourth, respectively. Only the top-two teams in each region earn automatic bids into the national championship, while the Irish advanced on at-large bids.

While last year's NCAA championship was a disappointment, especially for the women, the ACC championship was a bright spot for both squads, with the men finishing in third and the women in fourth. Four Irish athletes earned all-ACC honors, including senior Hannah Eckstein, who will join Seidel as one of Notre Dame's top returning runners. Repeating that success at this year's conference championship has been an early focus of new head coach Alan Turner and distance coach Matt Sparks, Seidel said.

"We were just talking about [goals] with the team and Coach Turner," Seidel said. "He said that one of the biggest goals is to go in to ACCs hoping to place

really well or even win it. ... I think if we work really hard and everyone stays healthy, then it's a real possibility so hopefully we get some results from that."

While Turner has already spent four years with the Irish program as an assistant and associate coach, his new position has brought some change to the teams

"It's been a little bit hectic these first few days," Seidel said. "There's been a lot of changes with [weight training] and the roster. ... [But Turner's] been with the program for a while. He's a great guy. I think it's a great opportunity for the team.

"He's someone that people already know and trust, and I think that people are looking forward to having him in that position. One of the biggest changes in cross [country] is the addition of ... Coach Sparks, so we're looking forward to get to know him a little."

Last year's varsity returners on the women's side are Seidel, Eckstein, junior Sydni Meunier and seniors Emily Frydrych and Gabby Gonzales. The men return juniors Michael Clevenger and Timothy Ball and seniors 367

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Irish junior Michael Clevenger turns a corner during the Notre Dame Invitational on Oct. 4. Clevenger placed 90th in the race.

Jake Kildoo and Christopher Quinn. While Notre Dame's first meet of the fall season is Sept. 5 at the Crusader Invitational in Valparaiso, Ind., the varsity squad will not race for another few weeks so the squad's younger runners will get their first chance at collegiate racing.

The varsity runners will not debut until the National

Catholic Championships on Sept. 19 at the Notre Dame Golf Course. The Irish have captured both the men's and women's titles in this meet for the past five years.

Notre Dame starts its season at the Crusader Invitational in Valparaiso, Ind., on Sept. 5.

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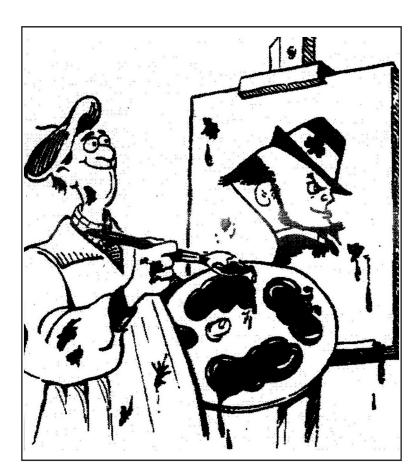
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"[Gleason] had a really good year last year," Louderback said. "She made the NCAA [individual tournament]. She's matured a lot more and talent-wise, she is very talented. ... She showed last year that, basically, she can play [first singles position] for us this year. I think she can make another jump."

Although the bulk of last year's matches were played by the underclassmen and graduated seniors, the Irish do have two experienced seniors this year who will play a key role this year. Molly O'Koniewski saw time on the doubles court last year, where she found success with Closs later in the season. Katherine White also played several doubles and single matches for the Irish last year as well. Louderback said that both seniors will compete for chances to play but that their contribution to the team will extend beyond the court.

"They have both been in and out of the doubles lineup," Louderback said. "But I just think that the biggest thing with them is that their leadership is something we really need because we lost three seniors, and we lost some very good leadership out of them."

The Irish have three tournaments scheduled this fall, the first of which they will host on the final weekend of September. Louderback said these early-season clashes are extremely important in helping determining the lineup for the spring, when team matches and ACC play begins.

"The fall is mainly for our kids to get matches in," Louderback said. "We see who's worked hard over the summer and who's made jumps, and it really helps us come spring."

Fall is also a key time for the Irish to try and piece together doubles pairings, something that was a thorn in their side all of last season, Louderback

Louderback also said that he expects Notre Dame's path through the ACC to be even tougher this season.

"Everyone just seems to have reloaded," Louderback said. "There were a couple programs that are usually very strong that had down years, but who have reloaded and are going to be tough this year."

With that in mind, the Irish will begin their 2014-2015 season when they host their first tournament of the year Sept. 26-28 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Sophomore Monica Robinson returns a forehand in Notre Dame's 4-3 victory over Indiana on Feb. 2. Robinson lost her individual match to Sophie Garre, 4-6, 6-3, 1-0.

MEN'S GOLF

Kubinski has 'great faith' in squad, new leaders

By MIKE GINOCCHIO

Sports Writer

After a season that ended with the team finishing seventh in its inaugural ACC championship and one golfer competing at the NCAA regionals, Notre Dame returns to the fairways looking to build on the previous year's

Irish coach Jim Kubinski said he is optimistic for the upcoming fall.

"Our main goal though is always to see our players improving throughout the season," Kubinski said. "We've been successful in this way, in both years, we've made an NCAA run and in years when we missed out on NCAAs. It's a process goal, which is where our focus is and should be."

There is a hole to be replaced in the Irish lineup, as former team member Niall Platt graduated last year. Platt was one of two Irish golfers to be named to the 2014 All-ACC Academic team, in addition to being the only Notre Dame competitor to qualify for the NCAA Sugar Grove Regionals last season, where he placed 34th.

Kubinski said he is not too

worried about replacing the lost talent.

"I see several players with the ability to step up and enjoy success this year, including our incoming freshmen," Kubinski said. "I don't see any obvious weakness at this point. I think we'll be looking for leadership. We don't have a single player who has been a regular lineup contributor over multiple seasons. Yet, I don't think that fact is a huge concern. I have great faith leaders will emerge."

Senior Patrick Grahek said he has a clear idea of how he and others will replace Platt's

"The other upperclassmen and I will lead by example," Grahek said. "We will work to bring together a really cohesive team to align ourselves to make it to the postseason, so if we can come together on and off the course to make a good team environment, that will be a huge factor for our success."

That's not to say that everything will be a smooth transition, Grahek said.

"Our biggest challenge as a team will be finding the right mix for players to fill out our

lineup," Grahek said. "We have a diverse group of guys in terms of class year. We are heavy upperclassmen-wise, but we have a lot of underclassmen talent, so finding the right team mixture will be a challenge, but once we secure that, we will be able to build from there."

The first action for the Irish begins with the Notre Dame Kickoff Challenge, hosted at Warren Golf Course. Kubinski said he looks forward to the experience it should bring.

"The fall season counts the same as the spring, so a solid start is our expectation," Kubinski said. "The initial competition, the 36-hole day on August 31, is something we've not hosted before but is designed to get us out and acclimated to the 10-hour competition day before we head out on the road for multiple 36-hole days this fall. Playing at home early is a great place to get our guys tested and ready."

The Irish begin fall play with the Notre Dame Kickoff Challenge on Aug. 31 at Warren Golf Course.

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Boston ends losing streak

Associated Press

TORONTO — Yoenis Cespedes singled home the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and the Boston Red Sox survived a ninth-inning collapse to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 on Monday night, snapping their losing streak at eight

Cespedes has 19 RBIs in 22 games since being traded to Boston on July 31. Seven of those 19 RBIs have given the Red Sox a

Brock Holt hit a one-out single off Aaron Sanchez (2-1) in the 10th and stole second as Dustin Pedroia struck out, with the steal confirmed by video review. Holt stole third before Cespedes drove him in with a single up the

Boston won for the first time since August 16 against Houston and snapped a six-game skid against the stumbling Blue Jays, who dropped to 6-15 in August.

Koji Uehara (6-4) got the win despite blowing his fourth save in 30 chances, and Craig Breslow finished for his first save in two chances.

Toronto managed just two singles against Red Sox starter Clay Buchholz through the first eight innings, but rallied in the

ninth after Jose Reyes and Melky Cabrera delivered back-to-back hits and Jose Bautista walked to load the bases.

Uehara came on and got Adam Lind to ground into a fielder's choice as Reyes scored. Edwin Encarnacion followed with a tworun double beyond the reach of a leaping Cespedes in left, tying it at 3-3.

Mookie Betts hit a one-out drive into the second deck in the fifth, his first homer since July 2. Two batters later, Dustin Pedroia hit a two-run shot, his first since August 3.

It was Boston's first multihomer inning since July 21, also at Toronto, when they hit two in the fifth inning of a 14-1 rout. The Red Sox have hit 12 home runs at Rogers Centre this season, their highest total at any road stadium.

Both homers came off Blue Jays left-hander J.A. Happ, who allowed three runs and five hits in six innings.

Boston won despite playing without slugger David Ortiz, who sat out with of a bruised right foot. Ortiz left Sunday's game against Seattle in the sixth, two innings after fouling a ball off his foot. Manager John Farrell said he's "hopeful" that Ortiz will be able to return Tuesday.

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from ten yards into the top left corner for a 2-0 Irish lead.

"I thought we opened the game well," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We played pretty well up until we got the second goal, then I thought we kind of just stopped for a while in the first half."

Notre Dame controlled the game for most of the first half, keeping most of the play in Wisconsin territory, although the visitors made a push right before halftime. The Irish finished the period with eight shots, while the Badgers registered their first shot of the game in the 38th minute yet totaled four for the half.

"[The players] knew they had stopped playing for that period in the last fifteen minutes of the first half," Clark said. "We got two goals up and then they went to sleep, so I woke them up a little bit at halftime, and I feel they responded very well."

Notre Dame reclaimed the momentum only three minutes into the second half period, when junior midfielder Evan Panken worked a giveand-go with Brown into the Wisconsin penalty box which Panken finished into the top corner.

"It was a nice ball, I forget who played it into Evan," Brown said. "Evan laid it off to me then made a great run by the defense. It was easy to find him after that run."

The Irish would strike again only a minute later as sophomore defenseman Brandon Aubrey scored his first career collegiate goal on a header on a corner cross from Hodan to put the Irish up 4-0.

That would be all for the Irish starters, as Clark would sub for all of his players in the 60th minute to save them for the regular season.



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Irish senior defender Luke Mishu elevates over a Badger forward to head the ball in No. 1 Notre Dame's 5-1 win against No. 21 Wisconsin on Monday at Alumni Stadium. Mishu played 59 minutes in the team's final exhibition match of the season.

Notre Dame would add a tally in the 85th minute when freshman midfielder Jon Gallagher scored from distance. Wisconsin would answer in the same minute with a goal by freshman forward Christopher Mueller for the Badgers' lone score.

Notre Dame finished the exhibition season 1-0-2 after ties with Saint Louis and Bradley earlier in August. Looking ahead, the start of the regular season is this weekend for the Irish, and they jump right into the thick of things.

"This is one of the hardest starts we've ever had," Clark said. "We play two top-12 teams in Marquette and Georgetown. They know we're number one in the country and they'll want our scalps. ... We'll be ready. We'll be prepared also."

The Irish open the regular season in Bloomington, Ind., at the Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic against Marquette on Friday at 5 p.m.

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this year, it's been a different back four," Romagnolo said. "We're still trying to figure out who's going to play on a game-by-game basis, but I was really happy with the back four that played [against Oakland]."

Notre Dame's opening match against Illinois started off poorly, as the Irish conceded a goal to the Illini (1-1-0) in the 23rd minute. Playing in the rain, the Irish responded in the 40th minute when sophomore midfielder Morgan Andrews connected with freshman midfielder Taylor Klawunder for the squad's first goal of the year.

Just two minutes later, the Irish completed their comeback when a corner from junior defender Brittany Von Rueden found the head of junior defender Katie Naughton. The team's final goal of the game came from junior forward Anna Maria Gilbertson late in the second half.

Andrews, Notre Dame's leading point scorer last season, added two more assists two days later against Oakland (0-2-0). Both times, the ball ricocheted off the goal frame, only for freshman forward Kaitlin Klawunder and senior forward Lauren Bohaboy to score on the rebound.

Despite the shutout, Romagnolo said the Irish still have work to do.

"It was definitely a hot day, and coming off the Illinois game, I think we showed that we are a little bit tired and are still getting our fitness for the season," Romagnolo said. The Klawunders, one of two sets of twins in Notre Dame's freshman class, became the first pair of sisters in program history to each record at least one career goal. The Irish played six freshman over the weekend, part of the No. 3-ranked class in the country.

"I think from the very beginning, [the freshman] have been involved [in our game plan]," Romagnolo said. "Even in some of our first scrimmages, we had some key freshman step up, and [against Oakland] Kaitlin Klawunder came up big for us off the bench. There's a lot of talent within that class."

Against Oakland, however, the leading scorer was the veteran Bohaboy, who added a second goal in the 75th minute against the Golden Grizzlies. The pair of scores made her Notre Dame's

points leader early in the season and added to her success in the month of August. Last season, Bohaboy scored four of her seven goals on the year in August.

"It feels good to get the win," Bohaboy said. "To start with goals, it's always a good way to build confidence."

Against Oakland, the Irish were whistled for seven off-side calls, just less than triple their average last season (2.45). They also committed 14 fouls and drew two yellow cards.

"I think we need to be a little more patient [on the off-side call]," Romagnolo said. "I don't know if they were all necessarily offsides, but I like offsides [calls] because it shows that we're being aggressive and we want to score goals."

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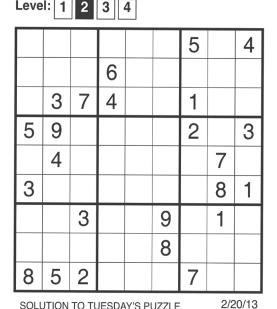
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Picking up where they left off

Defending-champion Irish best No. 21 Wisconsin in final exhibition match

By ZACH KLONSINSKI Sports Writer

In a rematch of last year's second-round playoff game, as No. 1 Notre Dame defeated No. 20 Wisconsin by a score of 5-1 in its final exhibition match of season. The Irish won last season's playoff game 4-0 in route to the program's first-ever national championship.

Notre Dame picked up where it left off last year in the sixth minute, as graduate student Leon Brown found a loose ball just outside the six-yard box and slammed it into the back of the net off Wisconsin freshman goalkeeper Adrian Remeniuk.

"[Senior] Vince [Cicciarelli] took it down the left side, and I kind of made a run in and tried to get a touch in behind the defender," Brown said. "The ball kind of hit him and I got a shot off and it deflected and went in. It was a good start to the game."

Brown, who scored five goals last season for Notre

Dame, would also hit the bar in the 23rd minute, leading to a mad scramble in the six-yard box before the ball harmlessly rolled over the end line.

There were questions entering the year about who would replace the offense of last year's leading scorer, the graduated Harrison Shipp, but Brown thought Notre Dame's performance tonight would help answer them.

"[The exhibition season] started off slow with the [0-0] Saint Louis and [2-2] Bradley ties," Brown said. "The guys have been working hard in practice on our finishing and our attacking plays. It was good to see it come out here, especially with a couple big tests coming up here this weekend."

The Irish would strike again in the 29th minute, when senior defenseman Max Lachowecki fed a pass from the edge of the penalty box to junior midfielder Patrick Hodan, who chipped a shot

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Irish junior midfielder Patrick Hodan dribbles between two Wisconsin players in Monday's 5-1 win over No. 21 Wisconsin. Hodan tallied a goal in the 29th minute and an assist in the match's 49th minute.

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Two victories highlight Romagnolo's first weekend

By GREG HADLEY

Associated Sports Editor

After 15 years under the command of coach Randy Waldrum, No. 16 Notre Dame entered 2014 with a new coach, a sizable freshman class and plenty of question marks. Two games into the season, however, the Irish are unbeaten after a 3-1 road win against Illinois on Friday and a 3-0 home shutout Sunday against Oakland.

"Overall, I was very pleased with the effort we put on the field," new Irish coach Theresa Romagnolo said. "We had a good crowd [against Oakland], and the girls were excited."

In the two wins, the Irish (2-0-0) have allowed just two shots on goal and four corner kicks. Sophomore goalkeeper Kaela Little was forced to make only one save in both games combined, despite several lineup changes in her defensive front.

"In every game we've played



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Irish freshman defender Sabrina Flores defends an Oakland player during Notre Dame's 3-0 shutout victory Sunday.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

ND starts season with new leaders

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Notre Dame enters the 2014 fall season having lost three of its top players to graduation in Britney Sanders, Jennifer Kellner and Julie Sabacinski. However, Irish coach Jay Louderback said he feels good about where his team left off and where they

"I felt really good about the end of last year," Louderback said. "We had a great NCAA tournament. Our seniors played really well at the end of the year and did an outstanding job."

The Irish reached the Round of 16 in the NCAA tournament, upsetting regional host Northwestern before falling in a tight match to Alabama in Athens, Ga. Looking to build off of the strong finish to last year, the Irish have a little momentum heading into this season.

"Replacing [last year's seniors] isn't going to be easy, but we have a lot back," Louderback said. "We have

five of our top seven girls returning and then added two very good freshmen."

Those freshmen, Brooke Broda and Allison Miller, are both top-20 recruits and will help fill the void left by the three seniors, as will sophomores Mary Closs and Monica Robinson, who were both regulars for the Irish last year, Louderback said.

"[Broda and Miller] are both left-handed players, who are always hard to play in doubles, so we'll have three on the team which is good," Louderback said. "They are a lot like how [Robinson and Closs] came in last year as freshmen and I think these two will rival those two and compete for playing time."

Junior Julie Vrabel was a mainstay for the Irish singles lineup and fellow junior Quinn Gleason, last year's Midwest Player to Watch, is set to anchor the first position in singles play as well as provide experience for the Irish doubles squad.

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