

Wildcats await decision on unionization

On Northwestern's visit to campus, ND law professors say its case is part of a bigger conversation

By **JACK ROONEY**
Associate News Editor

In March, the Chicago regional director of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) ruled that Northwestern scholarship football players are employees of the university, and therefore have the right to form a union.

In April, Northwestern University appealed the decision to the full NLRB in Washington, D.C.

This weekend, the Northwestern football team, still awaiting a final decision from the NLRB, comes to Notre Dame with its unionization future unclear. Ed Edmonds,

associate dean of the Notre Dame Law School, said either way the Board rules, the Northwestern case could be pivotal for the future of collegiate athletics.

"I would like to think that this [case] would begin to change the conversation at the NCAA away from the idea that [athletics] should be equated to a hobby or a very modest expenditure of time," Edmonds, who specializes in sports labor law, said. "I think we need to have a much more realistic conversation about how you try to balance intercollegiate athletics and its demands with

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FOOTBALL FRIDAY FEATURE

Dining halls host students, fans at gameday dinners

By **EMILY MCCONVILLE**
News Writer

After the clock has hit zero and the Alma Mater has been sung after the Northwestern game Saturday, thousands of students and fans will stream out of Notre Dame Stadium and into North and South Dining Halls for a decades-old Game

Day tradition: the post-game Candlelight Dinner.

The dinners feature top sirloin and an assortment of cakes and pies, and the dining halls, which stay open until two hours after the game ends, are decorated with tablecloths, low lighting, music and candles.

Marc Poklinkowski, South Dining Hall's general manager,

said the dinners often draw 2600 to 2800 people to South as opposed to 2000 on a normal Saturday. The planning for the dinners begins over the summer, when the dining hall staff puts together the menus and places the food orders. Each manager then takes on

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Morris Inn named official hotel of Notre Dame Athletics

By **MADISON JAROS**
News Writer

In October, the University named the Morris Inn the official hotel of Notre Dame Athletics, a designation the hotel's managing director Joe Kurth said he believes will reintroduce Notre Dame fans to what he calls "the living room of the University."

Named a AAA Four Diamond Hotel in 2013, the recently-renovated Morris Inn is different than the Inn in the black-and-white photos now displayed on

the hotel's walls, Kurth said.

"The old Morris Inn was a bit more dorm-style — built in the 1950's, a bit more classic. ... Many generations of alumni know the Morris Inn as the old Morris Inn," Kurth said. "As we think of the marketing arm that Athletics already has, the ability to reach out to thousands of people, it allows us to tell the story of the new Morris Inn and the renovation in a way that gives people a reason to come back. And once you see [the hotel], then you understand."

As the official hotel of Notre Dame Athletics, the Morris Inn will sponsor several athletic events and offer promotions for Notre Dame fans, according to an October press release. The partnership with the Morris Inn will benefit the athletic department by providing "the best experience possible" to Notre Dame fans, Deputy Athletics Director Jim Fraleigh said.

"In addition to the fact that the Morris Inn is within close

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Bellacapella takes the stage at Saint Mary's



CAITLYN JORDAN | The Observer

Members of Bellacapella, the Saint Mary's a cappella group, performed their fall concert Thursday in the O'Laughlin Auditorium.

By **EMILIE KEFALAS**
News Writer

On a snowy evening, Bellacapella, Saint Mary's premier a cappella group, performed their appropriately titled fall concert, "Christmas in November," Thursday night at the O'Laughlin Auditorium.

"Usually our concerts are

later in the year, but there were a lot of scheduling conflicts," Bellacappella president senior Nia Parillo said. "That's why we named it 'Christmas in November.' It's just kind of a classic, [where] we have some classic songs we sing."

Parillo said her fellow Bellas

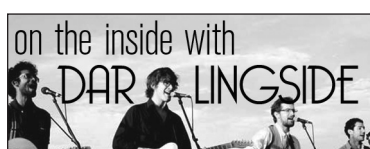
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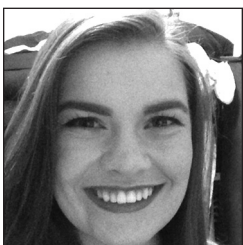
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“Nothing, I'm from Miami and this is miserable.”

**Isabel Fox**sophomore
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“The excitement of everyone on campus.”

**Katy Sage**sophomore
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“Frolicking in the snow.”

**Moira Horn**sophomore
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“Christmas music!”

**James Mullen**sophomore
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“Pushing my friends in the snow.”

**Michael Beach**sophomore
Keough Hall

“Hot chocolate.”



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The Golden Dome was covered with snow Thursday morning as Notre Dame students welcomed the first major snowfall of the winter season. Thursday's wintry weather is expected to continue into this weekend.

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Actress addresses effects of sexual assault in lecture

By **ALYSSA LYON**
News Writer

When actress, producer and philanthropist AnnaLynne McCord spoke to Notre Dame students Thursday evening in the LaFortune Ballroom, she had one very clear message: the importance of acceptance and forgiveness.

At age 18, McCord, who has starred in "90210," "Nip/Tuck" and "Dallas," was sexually assaulted in her own home by a male friend, and she said the fact that she knew her attacker that made it harder to grasp.

"[Knowing the attacker] is the part that makes it very shameful, very uncomfortable, and this is what keeps silence," McCord said.

As the assault took place, she said she was unsure of how to fight for herself. But it was when she thought of her boyfriend that she suddenly found a voice and stood up to her attacker.

"For [my boyfriend] I had a voice ... but I couldn't do it for myself because I felt pushed down as a woman," McCord said of the weakness she felt in the moment of the attack.

She said instinctually repressed the memory following the attack and did not speak about it to anyone for many months.

"[It was] denial, denial, denial," she said, until she told a male friend 10 months later.

"That was the first time I ever said it," McCord said. "That was the first time I ever acknowledged that that's actually what it was. That was the first time I even gave any kind of thought towards it."

That moment led her to a revelation: she was not reacting to her assault in the same vengeful and angered way that her friend was reacting.

She couldn't quite understand this difference, she said.

"Why didn't I feel that for myself? Why did I feel like I didn't have a voice?" McCord said.

After her many trips to Cambodia as part of her work against sex trafficking, McCord said she began to find her voice and heal.

"These girls [in Cambodia] have been raped every day. ... And they were not suffering, and they were not angry," she said, which was completely antithetical to the anger, frustration and depression that she felt for years after her assault.

However, it was not until McCord went back to the exact place where her attacker had confronted her not long after her assault that she was able to feel at peace with what happened.

"I cried for myself," she said.

It was then that she felt she had moved on.

As she stood in that spot, McCord said that she thought, "I'm done. I'm done with the cycle of abuse. I'm done with the suffering. ... [He does not] have power over me. I'm no longer shackled."

Another big moment in her healing process came when McCord finally admitted her assault publicly, she said.

"I felt relieved," McCord said. "Everyone knew I'm damaged, I'm tainted, bad stuff has happened to me ... but I'm still kicking."

"It was a weight off my shoulders."

Now, McCord said she forgives her attacker because her story of healing is not about him, it is about her. She said overcoming her sexual assault has led her to better forgive and accept others in her life today.

"I can't go back. I can't undo it," McCord said. "Now, when something happens to me, I own it, and I practice letting it go."

The event, entitled, "It Starts with Me: Healing and Forgiveness," was sponsored by Sponsored by the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, the GeNder Studies Program, Lyons Hall and Duncan Hall.

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Lecturer argues for game theory in conflict resolution

By **JP GSCWIND**
News Writer

On Thursday afternoon in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, Robert J. Carroll, visiting research fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, gave a Kroc-sponsored lecture titled "What Game Theory Can Teach Us About War and Peace," which focused on the fundamentals of game theory and its application to conflict prevention.

"I hope I can convince you that game theory is a useful tool in the peacemaker's kit," Carroll said. "It helps us make valid arguments and identify generalizable mechanisms."

Carroll cited conflict game theorists and 2005 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences laureates Thomas Schelling and Robert Aumann as evidence that game theory is transforming the study of international relations.

Anticipating common criticisms of mathematical modeling and game theory, Carroll emphasized that models are like maps in that both are purpose-relative, explanatory tools and not exhaustive depictions of every aspect of a situation.

"In fact, discrepancies with reality are opportunities," Carroll said.

He explained that contradictions between real human behavior and model predictions allow students of game theory to pinpoint specific underlying mechanisms. Carroll said there are three components required for a game: players, strategies and preferred outcomes for each party, commonly called utilities.

Carroll used the classic example of the prisoner's dilemma to illustrate game theory. He then said the Nash

equilibrium, which states that for any game with a finite number of players and a finite number of strategies there will be a certain set of rational decisions, is applicable and even essential to conflict resolution.

"There always exists a set of negotiated settlements that both sides prefer to fighting and the set of mutually preferable outcomes for both parties is called the bargaining

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Robert J. Carroll
lecturer

range," Carroll said.

However, Carroll said the reality of war is not easily resolved with a simple model.

"There are two explanations for the failure of the peace model," he said. "There are information, which is often privately held with the incentive to misrepresent, and commitment, which is uncertainty about the future relative power of both parties."

From the rationalist perspective, Carroll said private information about military strength is the best explanation for mutual optimism, or the willingness of both countries to go to war.

"In order to try to resolve informational problems, mediators need to build trust," Carroll said.

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SMC alumnae share experiences in healthcare

By ALEX WINEGAR
News Writer

Five Saint Mary's biology alumnae discussed their careers in healthcare in a panel Thursday evening to answer current biology students' questions and share the alumnae's experiences in medical school.

Dr. Anne Dudley, class of 2004, is now a pediatrician after attending Des Moines University in Des Moines, Iowa. Dudley said she is a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, or a doctor who uses her hands to treat patients.

"The main philosophy is that the body has an innate ability to heal itself and that structure and function work together for healing," Dudley said. "We learn how to use our hands to treat patients instead of only doing testing."

Krystal Holtcamp, class of 2012, will be graduating as a Physician's Assistant (PA) from the University of Toledo in December. Holtcamp, who was Saint Mary's co-valedictorian in 2012, said she was familiar with the

profession because of her dad's experience.

"I came into Saint Mary's thinking I wanted to go to medical school but wasn't sure," Holtcamp said. "My dad is a PA, [and had] been for 40 years ... so I knew what the profession was. A PA is a midlevel provider. We can diagnose, treat, give therapies but will always be under the supervision of a primary care doctor."

Holtcamp said she knew she wanted to be a PA after completing many job shadows.

"I shadowed a lot, that's how I decided," Holtcamp said. "I shadowed a lot of female physicians and asked them their opinion if they could do it all over again what would they do, would they stay in the type of practice they were in, and how their family life was because that was really important to me."

Michelle Smith, class of 2011, is now a physical therapist at a clinic after graduating from Central Michigan University in May.

"I work in [an] outpatient clinic," Smith said. "My clinic

is more of lower functioning patients, like traumatic brain injury, stroke and elderly patients. We have pediatrics, but I don't work with them."

Val Gillis, class of 2003, is now a Physician's Assistant after graduating from Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Illinois. She later got a job at Northwestern University in Chicago, where she is a PA for urology and works with infertility patients.

"Urology, much to my mother's dismay, is what I love and I've been doing it for nine years now," Gillis said. "I ended up getting involved with the guy who does all infertility, and you're thinking, well, urology and fertility, well, 50 percent of infertility is male infertility, so that's sort of what we do. A subset of that that I do, that I am very passionate about, is I do fertility preservation for cancer patients, which is my favorite thing about my job. The youngest we've seen is a 13-year-old boy who was about to get chemotherapy and then up to 70-year-old men."

Class of 2008 alumna Beth

Belock is now a veterinarian after graduating from Michigan State University's veterinary school. Belock said Saint Mary's prepared her for graduate school better than Michigan State's pre-veterinary undergraduate program did.

"Saint Mary's prepared me very, very well for vet school," Belock said. "Getting into that first year, you have a lot of basic science classes to get started with and even the people who had gone to Michigan State as the pre-vet program, in some instances, I felt that I was more prepared than some of my classmates. They were asking me questions about stuff, so I was like, 'Yes, this isn't even technically a pre-vet program, but I am definitely doing very well with these courses.'"

Holtcamp said attending a liberal arts school puts an applicant ahead with regards to medical school applications and acceptances. It is much more interesting that the applicant didn't just take biology classes, she said.

"Saint Mary's has so many opportunities, like study

abroad," Holtcamp said. "Do something that you think you will really enjoy and talk about. And school-wise, you will be so prepared. Most [medical schools] have had some Saint Mary's students, so it's known that science-wise, you will be so well prepared that they'll know academic-wise you'll be prepared. So just show how great, personality-wise, Saint Mary's girls are."

Belock said it is important to have experience with people skills when applying to veterinarian school.

"As much as you think you're going in to deal with animals, there's always a person at the end of that leash that you have to deal with," Belock said.

Gillis said being well-rounded is a big factor when applying to medical school.

"You're going to be having awkward conversations if you want to do medicine, and it's going to be awkward and you can't blush," Gillis said. "You have to be able to relate and communicate."

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Speaker calls for ethical business practices

By **GABRIELA MALESPIN**
News Writer

Anne Nobles, former senior vice president and chief ethics and compliance officer of Eli Lilly and Company, presented a lecture on the importance of ethical practices in business entitled, "Making Corporate Practices Work Over Time," Thursday evening at the Mendoza College of Business.

Nobles' lecture, the final installment in the John E. Berges Lecture series on business ethics, examined the foundations of corporate compliance and the development of ethical frameworks within companies.

Nobles said while practicing and understanding compliance provides companies with a solid foundation, developing an ethical framework provides limitations that ultimately strengthen the company.

"Ethics is when you go beyond the legal requirement and to me, that has to be an explicit decision that a company or individual makes, to forego either an interest or profits," Nobles said. "Any kind of benefit that the person foregoes, to me, would be a decision made to establish an ethical principle for that individual or company."

Nobles said she derived her understanding of the importance of ethics from her late father's conduct as a judge, as well as several examples of business leaders, such as Walmart CEO Sam Walton and former Morgan Stanley security director Rick Rescorla.

"These, to me, are really good examples of how a person can make an individual decision to forego a benefit or profits by establishing an ethical reputation," Nobles said. "But what really maintains and sustains that reputation is to employ it consistently over time."

Nobles said she recognizes the inherent difficulties involved in developing an ethical framework at a scale as large as a multinational company, but the goal is not impossible.

"It is much easier to make an ethical decision and impose those limitations on yourself than it is to impose those on a multinational corporation with many different and sometimes competing interests," she said.

During her lecture, Nobles emphasized key principles of ethics, such as consistency in ethical practice, coordination

in corporate hierarchies and employee understanding of company ethics.

Nobles said coordination and communication of the corporate ethical framework to employees requires consistency in order for employees to both understand the root of the company's ethical principles and be capable of upholding them.

"In order to really sustain an ethical position, you need to have every employee in the company align to it, and you need them to understand

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Anne Nobles
former Eli Lilly executive

what's expected of them," she said.

Nobles said she was able to understand the importance of employee participation in ethical upholding through the example of Walmart CEO Sam Walton. She said the strict limitations Walton placed on employees and the constant emphasis he provided his employees on the importance of the company's mission helped her understand the value of ethical limitations.

Nobles said business students should research a corporation's ethical framework and track record before committing to employment.

"When you look at potential employers, you first examine your own ethical principles, and then look at the company to see how your ethics will mesh with theirs," Nobles said.

Nobles said the focus on corporate ethics during the past decades has provided current college students with an opportunity to examine the importance of ethical frameworks and the relationship between ethics and corporate practice.

"You have the opportunity that a generation ago we didn't have, which is the opportunity to really learn and think deeply about business ethics," she said.

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Concert

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sang on the O'Laughlin stage without body microphones this year due to sound issues with the Little Theater next door, she said.

"We spoke to the mic technicians, and we have mics, but we have standing mics," she said. "We're kicking it Bella old school, going back to our roots, pure a cappella. This is probably the biggest one we've done yet, just kind of going with the flow of what's happening. The girls have worked so hard. I couldn't be more proud of them and all the hard work they've put in. No matter what happens behind the scenes, it's going to be a great show."

The group added six new group members, all freshmen and sophomores, at the beginning of the year, Parillo said.

"In the beginning of the year, we kind of just go through how Bella works, especially with the new girls we took on," she said. "We took on six this year, and they're all amazing."

When it came to preparing song arrangements, the women of Bella are advised to think of songs they enjoy listening to, whether they be current hits or oldies, Parillo said.

"It's usually just, 'Give me a list, and let's see how it goes,'" Parillo said. "When we listen to

the music, we just kind of brainstorm together what the audience would want to listen to and what we would like to sing. That's how we have the lineup that we have. We have new songs, we have old songs. That's how we figured out what we were going to pick."

Parillo, an alto, arranges her own music, as does every member of Bella with her own personal technique, Parillo said.

"We all arrange our own music," she said. "Everyone in the group arranges their own songs. Some girls get ideas off of music notes. Some of the older girls, like myself, they listen by ear, so they listen to the song and figure out what they could do. They figure out what would sound best. It's difficult, when you first start learning how to arrange. We do bring back older Bella arrangements. We all make our own. We just kind of throw the notes together."

Throughout football season, Bellacappella has toured tailgates across Notre Dame's campus, singing some of its favorites while promoting the group, Parillo said. Several songs have become big fan favorites, she said.

"A big crowd pleaser for people who have followed Bella is [MIKA's] 'Grace Kelly,'" she said. "That's a crowd-pleaser for the seniors. I like to think they're all crowd favorites. When we do tailgate at Notre Dame, we start with

'I Love Rock n' Roll.' That's another step in our job, performing for them."

After their fall concert, Bella is now looking to the future for new arrangements, including a Disney medley, Parillo said.

"We're hoping to have a little medley next semester," she said. "That's going to be a little project over Christmas break. It's on my Bella bucketlist. I have these little things I want to do before I graduate."

Parillo hopes to continue to make known Bella's presence not only on Saint Mary's campus but also beyond it, she said.

"Some people don't even know we have an a cappella group, and that kind of just bums us out," she said. "We're trying to get our name out not just on campus but outside of campus. We were asked here and there if Bella could perform. We're trying to sing at Senior Dads [weekend], Junior Moms, Sophomore Parents, those kinds of events, just trying to get our name out there."

As a senior, Parillo said she knows the future of Bella fluctuates every year between graduating students and new members, she said.

"The group changes significantly every year with who graduates," she said. "The group sometimes takes a few steps forward and then a few steps back. Things change and things



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Bellacappella members performed their fall concert, titled "Christmas in November," in O'Laughlin Auditorium on Thursday.

happen, but being the premiere a cappella group on campus, we'd hope Saint Mary's would know we were here. We're excited to perform, and we are willing to combine with groups. It's really just bringing the community together. I just hope Bella takes a lot of steps forward from this great place we are now."

If there's anything Parillo wants the audience to take away from Bella's fall concert, it's a

sense of fun and enjoyment, she said.

"I hope they're like, 'Wow, you can tell they put so much time into this,'" Parillo said. "A lot of this is give and take. It's not, 'We're going to sing at you.' I want them to have a great time. I want them to be in the moment with us."

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Dinner

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one game day, organizing and overseeing decorations and food prep.

Poklinkowski said for each Candlelight Dinner, South Dining Hall orders more than 600 pounds of top sirloin and around 200 cakes and pies, while increasing its normal fare — 600 pieces of fish, for example, instead of 400.

On Game Day the dining hall staff springs into action long before dinnertime — a cook arrives to start preparing the top sirloin at 8 a.m., Poklinkowski said.

Paula Roberts, the manager in charge of the Northwestern Candlelight Dinner at South Dining Hall, said the cashiers arrive at 7 a.m. to prepare for brunch and start selling tickets to visitors — and they'll stay until dinner is over.

"[The staff is] real flexible with us, because football is so huge on campus, and when they know it's football and we have a game, it's done," Roberts said. "They're here until they're done, and they know it's expected of them, and we're grateful that they give us their time like that."

Due to students' brunch and President's Brunch, though, preparation of the dining rooms doesn't start until mid afternoon, Poklinkowski said.

"The brunch ends at 1:30, and

people don't really clear out until 2 or 2:30, so we really have three hours to turn both dining rooms over — including resetting this from the President's Brunch, which has a completely different table setup — back to normal, getting the table covers on, getting everything all lined up," he said. "It's a pretty labor-intensive task."

But the dining hall staff rises to the challenge, Poklinkowski said.

"Everybody is just kind of doing their thing, every nook and cranny is being used," he said. "Anywhere we can get people to work on a game day, we do."

By 5:30 p.m., the dinner is ready — tables covered, candles lit, cakes and pies plated. Usually, Poklinkowski said, people trickle in throughout the evening, but the staff braces for the post-game rush.

"We love it if it's a blowout or something," he said. "People will leave early, and it's actually kind of helps us overall, if it's bad weather. If we could get five, six, seven hundred in before the end of the game, it's a lot better for everybody involved."

But when 1700 people converge on South Dining Hall at once, the staff works to keep the line smooth and orderly, keeping the line of students separate from that of cash-paying customers and regulating how many people are in the serving areas at once.

"That line's intense," Roberts said.

Poklinkowski said it usually doesn't matter whether the game was a win or a loss and once students and visitors hit the dining hall, they're happy.

"I know somebody that's not a Notre Dame fan, and he'll ask me, 'You know, what was the mood in the dining hall, after a tough loss?'" Poklinkowski said. "And you know what, everybody always has fun. A lot of times you can't tell if we've won or lost. Everybody always seems to be in such a good mood when they come in. ...The game is over; now it's time to come and enjoy dinner."

Poklinkowski said there is usually a minor rush after the post-game Masses end, and then the line dies down and South closes. The employees, however, stay to clean up, count down cash drawers and prepare for breakfast the next day.

In the end, Poklinkowski said, the Candlelight Dinner is an important part of the Game Day experience.

"Our goal is really to help make game day special during students' time here," he said. "We'll even hear that from some of our alumni student workers. [They'll] say, 'Man, I had to come back for the Candlelight.' It's part of their Notre Dame experience."

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Morris Inn

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proximity of athletic venues, it also offers athletic department guests a unique opportunity to embrace the full Notre Dame experience at a full-service, first-class hotel," Fraleigh said.

Kurth said the Inn looks to imitate the "Notre Dame experience" in its own operations.

"Who you are is often not what you say about yourself but what people say about you," Kurth said. "And people say that Notre Dame is a place to visit, it's a bucket list place for so many, and part of that is athletics, part of that is research, part of it is going back to the dorm you used to live in."

"Our mission at the Morris Inn is trying to be tied in as tightly as we can in multiple areas of campus, so that when you come here, you're comfortable. [Whether] it's for athletics, for research, or you're a junior in high school visiting as a prospective student ... that partnership with athletics allows us to be able to say [the Morris Inn is] the best place to stay for the Notre Dame experience."

Fraleigh said Notre Dame fans will benefit from the partnership as well, because

of the hotel's central location and focus on customer service.

"The Morris Inn serves as an extension of our department," Fraleigh said. "We know the staff has great pride

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Joe Kurth
Morris Inn
managing director

in what they do and we know our guests will benefit from a staff willing to go above and beyond to provide excellent service."

Kurth said the Morris Inn's commitment to Notre Dame and its fans is a constant.

"That tagline that the Morris Inn has had for years, as the living room of the University, is not just a tagline," Kurth said. "Because ... you walk out the front door, and you're in the corridor to campus."

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the educational process.

"I mean, we're basically the only country in the world that has sports so intertwined with the educational process at the highest levels. And I think what the case has helped advance is a conversation that is badly needed."

Following the Chicago Regional Board's decision in March, members of Northwestern's football team voted on whether or not they wanted the College Athletes Players Association (CAPA) to represent them. Edmonds said the results of the vote will remain embargoed until the full NLRB's ruling, and will only be counted if the Board rules in CAPA's favor.

Edmonds said the Board's review period for the Northwestern case is typical, and he expects a decision by the end of the year. In the meantime, he said the case is an opportunity to consider how universities and the NCAA treat athletics and student athletes.

"The most significant thing about the case, to me, was the fact that the regional board ruled in favor of the players," Edmonds said. "It actually causes everybody to look very carefully at the definition of a student athlete."

In its list of core values, the NCAA prioritizes "the collegiate model of athletics in which students participate as an avocation, balancing their academic, social and athletics experiences." Edmonds said this definition

is problematic when student-athletes are pushed for significantly more time and effort than non-athletes.

"In the brief that Northwestern filed, [they] said, 'Well, participating in college football is no different than 400 and some-odd other student activities that we have at the university,'" Edmonds said.

"They're trying to say if you participate in the chess club or something along those lines that that's the same as participation in intercollegiate football. I think those kinds of assertions, that seem laughable to me, make the arguments in this case sometimes really problematic."

"The incredible amount of money that conferences get, the incredible amount of money the NCAA basketball tournament generates — that places it in a far different category than anything else that Northwestern students participate in."

The Northwestern NLRB case itself revolves around the definition of employment and whether or not scholarship athletes fit that definition. Notre Dame associate professor of law Barbra Fick, who specializes in labor law, said the definition of employee typically depends on pay and control.

In the Northwestern case, Edmonds said NLRB Chicago regional director Peter Sung Ohr ruled the football scholarships were economic benefits and coaches exercised some control over the players, thus making them employees. The University, though, objected to

Ohr's interpretation of scholarships as income.

"What Northwestern tried to present in this case ... is [scholarship athletes] don't pay any income tax on their scholarship benefits so that should be an indication that they're not employees," Edmonds said. "Ohr discounted that."

In recent years, Edmonds said the idea of scholarships as income has grown more viable due to increasing tuition costs. According to the Northwestern University Office of Undergraduate Admission, the annual cost of attendance is \$65,554, which totals to roughly \$262,216 over four years.

"One of the things that has changed a lot over the years is as tuition has risen, the value of [athletic] scholarships becomes, to a lot of people, fairly important," he said. "So even tough [student athletes] aren't given a paycheck, they are given a pretty significant economic benefit. And I think in this day and age when a lot of people take on a lot of debt to go to elite private universities, that's begun to change the way some people look at the issue of whether or not college athletes are exploited."

The Chicago Regional Board did distinguish between scholarship and walk-on athletes, determining walk-ons are not employees. On its website, CAPA said it could possibly represent walk-on and "nonrevenue" athletes in the future, but "it would depend on the applicable labor laws and details surrounding

their athletic arrangement."

Former Northwestern quarterback Kain Colter, who graduated in 2014 and led the unionization effort last year, leads CAPA, along with former UCLA linebacker Ramogi Huma and former University of Massachusetts Amherst basketball player Luke Bonner.

On its website, CAPA lists its goals, which include "guaranteed coverage for sports-related medical expenses for current and former players, minimizing the risk of sports-related traumatic brain injury [and] improving graduation rates."

Edmonds said if the full NLRB rules in favor of the players, CAPA could bargain over these issues on behalf of scholarship football players at Northwestern and 16 other private universities with Division-I football, including Notre Dame, if they voted for representation. The union could not represent athletes at public universities because the National Labor Relations Act does not grant public employees collective bargaining rights, Edmonds said.

"If the full board rules in favor of the players, it raises the question of whether any of the other private universities that play Division-I football would be approached by CAPA," Edmonds said. "And I think CAPA would try to approach all of the schools."

He said athletes would react differently from campus to campus to the prospect of unionization, but if the NLRB rules in favor of CAPA and the Northwestern

players voted to unionize, Notre Dame scholarship athletes could consider joining CAPA, too.

Edmonds said the full NLRB's decision is "a real toss-up" at the moment, but the Northwestern case is part of a larger conversation about the role of athletics at major universities.

"The big thing about this ... is that maybe we can now begin to talk about student athletes — if you want to call them that — in a different way because they generate such an incredible amount of revenue for their university," Edmonds said. "If you want to maintain this idea of a student athlete then you really ought to switch it and say it's an athlete student, because they're a full-time athlete and a part-time student."

Regardless of the outcome of the NLRB's decision, Edmonds said the Northwestern case, along with several lawsuits that "strike even more directly at the core of the way the NCAA conducts business" will shape the future of college sports.

"I'm hard-pressed to imagine that the situation is going to be exactly the same in a decade than it is now," Edmonds said. "To me, it's part of a broader discussion about the role of intercollegiate athletics in the university that's being pushed by a host of things, and this is just one aspect of a lot of things that are aimed at whether the NCAA's model is really a workable one anymore."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Don't dread snow

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Scene Writer

When I woke up Thursday morning, I was greeted with what I thought was the rather unfortunate appearance of several inches of snow. I'd been warned at the beginning of the week about its imminent presence but I still hadn't quite prepared myself for the reality. Like many other Notre Dame students, I was immediately unhappy about the thought of the now present, long cold winter.

An hour later, when I finally braved the outdoors, I realized that this was a sort of funny feeling for me to have. I'm from Montana and I've grown up with snow all my life. It's not entirely uncommon for it to snow on Halloween where I'm from and we almost always have at least one snowfall in May. When I was little, I always greeted the first snowfall with excitement, no matter how early it came (my reaction to the late spring snow was, usually, quite different).

I love the winter. Snow makes me think of Christmas, skiing, sledding and hot chocolate. I love all of these things. There's no reason I should dread it that much. As my day went on and I continued to trudge through the snow, I asked myself what it was about this snowfall that made me so unhappy. Was it the fact it was still early-ish in November? Was it the prospect of sitting through the entire Northwestern game in the snow? Was it that I hadn't quite adjusted to the fact that I probably wouldn't be getting a lot of sun until April or May?

I didn't come to a conclusion on that. I'm still not sure. But on my obligatory walk between DeBartolo and Flanner, I decided that I was going to think about all the positive things I know and remember about snow. I love how people from warm places almost always treat their first snowfall with the kind of youthful excitement I usually only see in small children and in my father when Notre Dame wins a particularly exciting game. I love how I now have a consistent excuse to drink tea and hot chocolate because it's almost always cold enough. I love the way snow sticks to my eyelashes and causes everything to look just a bit brighter and whiter.

I've decided I have to hold onto these thoughts. Clearly, it's easy to get bogged down in the negatives of winter but there's a reason I've always actually preferred it to summer. With the first snowfall, I've decided to remind myself of these things — I won't get through this South Bend winter without them.

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Take your safety seriously

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

The phrase "Notre Dame and Saint Mary's bubble" is certainly a cliché by now, but only because it is a pretty accurate reflection of most students' perceptions. We think of our campus world as a bubble immune to reality, but we're starting to wake up to the reality that crime happens everywhere.

The next reality we need to acknowledge is that after we graduate from college, no one is going to send us email alerts about crime in our neighborhoods.

And that means that sooner or later, we need to inform ourselves about ways we can keep ourselves — and our friends — safe. Knowing about past crimes doesn't prevent future ones, but it might make you more alert and cautious.

Awareness of crime should not prompt us to lead our lives in perpetual fear; instead, we must be proactive and take advantage of the available resources aimed to further our safety.

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) defines itself as "a service organization whose product is safety," and the officers provide us with resources that we should not take for granted. After college, few of us will have access to late-night safe rides or officers willing to stop by off-campus residences for safety demonstrations. We implore NDSP to continue promoting active awareness of their services, and for students to take a conscious role in protecting themselves.

When a crime alert email shows up in your inbox, don't simply scroll past or delete it automatically. Take time to read it instead. We must avoid responding to

crime alerts with fear, but instead, must combat ignorance with awareness. Take note of the circumstances listed in each report — including location, time of day and significant details — and weigh these factors before making decisions that could put you in potentially similar situations.

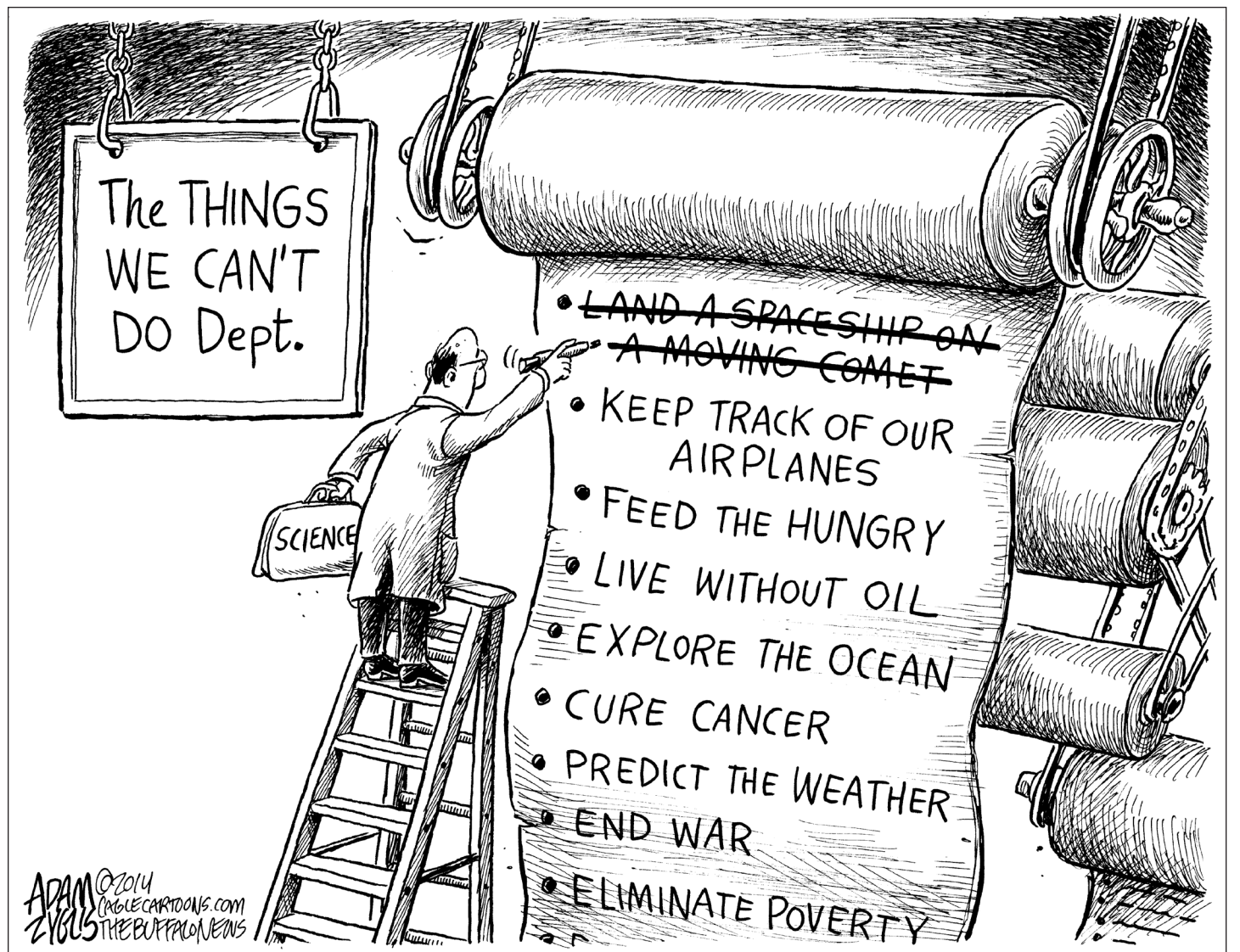
We do have the right to feel safe on our campus, but we also cannot be passive about our wellbeing in the rest of our time here. Taking our own safety seriously is an important first step in contributing to a safer environment for others. Informing ourselves about potential threats is the most effective means of organizing preventative action.

Take advantage of other crime-awareness services beyond emails. Many students don't know that NDSP publishes a daily crime log on its website, with lists of reported incidents. Just because an email doesn't arrive in your inbox doesn't mean you can't know an incident happened. Set up an automatic alert on CrimeReports.com's interactive safety beat map, where you can check if any incidents have happened on your usual walking or driving routes on or near campus.

We cannot allow ourselves to live in denial when we have the tools to become more aware of our environment and take action to eliminate as much risk as possible. Moving forward, we must be aware. Aware of our risks. Aware of our environment. Aware of our own vulnerability. The more you know what has happened in our bubble, the better prepared you are to contribute to constructive solutions and the more seriously your suggestions will be taken.

Informing ourselves isn't the end of the problem, but it's the best start.

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Cursing for valor

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

What better way to honor our nation's veterans than with a multiplicity of celebratory events? We are concluding an almost perfect week by reviewing stolen documents from traitor Edward Snowden, listening to the betraying loose lips of former Navy SEAL Robert O'Neill brag about killing Osama bin Laden and attending a star-studded concert on the Washington Mall featuring misogynistic rapper Eminem curse throughout his freestyle rap verses during the final songs of the holiday evening. It was nearly the perfect way to honor our fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, neighbors, friends, cousins, aunts and uncles or sisters and brothers who butchered their psyches, forfeited their limbs and sacrificed their existences for our freedom. A more perfect week might have included a protestor burning an American flag on the U.S. Capitol lawn.

Our nation is the envy of the globe simply because our governing system tolerates the unthinkable: equality, dissent, expression and existence. From our founding days through yesterday, our citizenry has been a diverse mix of thought and expression braided together through conflict and consensus. We are further at our best when our service members act honorably at all times. My father — a Fifth Army, Corp II sergeant who served in World War II with Gen. George S. Patton in Northern Africa and ultimately fought for three bloody months on the Anzio beachhead in Italy — oftentimes would simply curl his lips and raise his eyebrows at disagreeable encounters.

My dad would have appreciated the HBO, Starbucks and Chase Corp. sponsored first-of-its-kind Concert for Valor. He would have appreciated the concert's intent to raise awareness for issues affecting veterans for he often

suffered the effects of war quietly after his tour of duty. However, he would have been appalled at Eminem's obscene language and lyrical messages like punching singer Lana Del Ray in the face "like Ray Rice." Yet, my father always took pride in noting that Eminem's singing style could only occur because of my father's service.

Too often many among us ridicule the misfit, stifle an unusual thought or are unwilling to adjust for the oversights of the past. During the Vietnam War, while I was home one summer from Notre Dame but faced the possibility of a military induction, television news accounts featured young Berkley radicals burning their draft cards along with American flags. My dad, having served in the Army as well as loving every nuance that flag represented, curled his lips while rolling his eyes and then smiled at me. He said, "If it wasn't for me, they couldn't do that."

Honoring our veterans requires that those who fought remain true to their fellow veterans. My office desk is nearly surrounded by Homeland Security colleagues who served in the Marine Corps and Navy but retired to become Federal law enforcement officers. I asked each of them what they thought of the professed Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden killer and former Navy SEAL Team Six member, Rob O'Neill. The Montana native broke his code of silence to tell his story of the weeks leading up to the May 2011 raid on bin Laden's compound. He concluded, "It would be irresponsible of me not to give everyone else closure."

I asked if he was a traitor or simply a betrayer? To a person they said he betrayed past, current and future SEALs when he decided to break the elite unit's code of silence and aversion for self-promotion. A former Navy intelligence officer noted SEALs consider themselves "quiet professionals" who do not seek glory for missions. Navy command suggests that "team-mates" who breach the "ethos" of silence about their missions are "selfish."

In 2011, when another SEAL, Matt Bissonnette

— writing under the pen name Mark Owen — indicated that he shot bin Laden, Navy Command officers responded with a letter, in which they wrote, "Selfish disregard for our core values in return for public notoriety and financial gain, only diminishes otherwise honorable service, courage and sacrifice. Any real credit to be rendered is about the incredible focus, commitment, and teamwork of this diverse network and the years of hard work undertaken with little individual public credit. It is the nature of our profession."

Honoring our veterans also mandates that our governmental leaders protect our service members by upholding the highest lawful standards during war and peace. On Wednesday in Istanbul, Turkey, members of the leftist Turkish Youth Union assaulted three U.S. Navy sailors. The gang attempted to place bags over the sailors' heads to protest American "imperialism" in the Middle East. Placing bags over their heads is in retaliation to a 2003 event when U.S. forces put bags over the heads of Turkish troops during their detention in northern Iraq. That move incensed Turkish society and remains an open wound today.

My perfect week would have included my dad living again and reading about talkative SEALs, Turkish youth attacks and upcoming first-of-its-kind concerts honoring veterans. The most perfect week would have my father curling his lips and rolling his eyes for just a moment more with me while watching Eminem cursing for valor.

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Consent confusion

Chris Damian

Ideas of a University

Consent is a strange place to start. It's a confusing concept that's somehow supposed to govern our relationships and provide the framework for sexual intimacy. The focus on consent as the primary framework for intimacy, however, often creates more ambiguities than protections.

DuLac says: "An incapacitated person is incapable of giving consent." So if two drunk people have sex, have they sexually assaulted each other? If consent "means informed, freely given agreement, communicated by clearly understandable words or actions, to participate in each form of sexual activity" and cannot be inferred from inaction or previous activities or relationships, how often does one need to "double-check" that consent still exists? Who is responsible for checking? If "any sexual touching" requires consent, can a student go to the Office of Student Affairs if he or she is "grinded on" at Legends?

Does consent to sex imply consent to its consequences? Does a couple consent to pregnancy if birth control fails or she decides not to use birth control? Does a man consent to a woman aborting his child under these circumstances, with or without his knowledge (under current law, he does). The International Planned Parenthood Foundation's "Young person's guide to their rights, sexuality and living with HIV" states: "You have the right to decide if, when, and how to disclose your HIV status...

There is no right or wrong way to have sex. Just have fun, explore and be yourself!... It is not always possible to talk about to your partner(s) or to practice safer sex." So when you consent to sex, do you consent to sex with someone with an STD and to the possibility of contracting this STD yourself?

I find consent to be an extremely unhelpful concept for building authentic human relationships. Nonetheless, I advocate at least one form of it: negative consent. One evening, I was at a bar with a group of friends. A stranger started talking to us and at one point groped one of the women in the group. None of us noticed it, but we all heard her calmly but firmly tell him, "I did not consent to you touching me." Instantly, his demeanor changed. He started apologizing (saying something like, "I'm sorry you felt that way," which isn't at all a real apology) and he backed off. Often, men (wrongly) don't take "no" seriously, but they know that "consent" is a legal term with legal consequences. You shouldn't have to say it, but clearly saying that you don't consent can help protect you and your friends.

This doesn't protect everyone. In a 2002 survey of 1800 men, 120 admitted to committing 439 legally-defined rapes, all unreported. Though a very small percentage of men had committed rape (six percent), this minority largely consisted of repeat offenders. NPR reported the most common strategy: "They'd often ask a girl to come to a party, saying it was invite-only, a big deal to a nervous freshman. Then they'd get her drunk to the point of incapacitation so they could have sex with her... Alcohol was the weapon of choice for these men, who typically

saw themselves as college guys hooking up. They didn't think what they had done was a crime." This happens at Notre Dame.

What this study shows is that consent often doesn't matter. But the situation isn't hopeless. You can make a difference if you intervene and intervention doesn't have to be a scary or awkward thing.

When you're at a party, keep an eye open for body language. If a drunk woman appears to be cornered by a guy, put on your best drunk face, stumble over to her and break into the conversation. "Hey, didn't we have a class together last year?" If a girl is falling over because she's wasted, get a group of friends and offer to walk her back to her dorm.

Rape is disgusting. And truly responding to rape culture requires a much more holistic conversation than we often have, especially as a Catholic university. But even with colleges' largely fragmented responses, you as students can do more. Rape has probably happened in your dorm, but you don't have to sit by and let it happen. Intervene. Don't let your friends think getting someone drunk to have sex is ok. It's not. It's rape. Don't let people joke about rape. Care for each other. If Notre Dame really is a family, then you are your brother's (and sister's) keeper.

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By **JOHN DARR**
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We are lucky to be alive when South Park is still churning out new episodes. “But Jaaaaaaaahn,” you drawl. “There are already 17 seasons of this poorly animated show!” And to that I would say, “There may be 17 seasons, and they may be poorly animated, and any self-respecting man would be hard-pressed to get through all of them. But South Park is more than a collection of brilliantly conceived, nuanced-with-each-episode characters. It’s more than haywire, unpredictable plotlines. It’s more than its barrage of pop-culture references. You see, my friend...South Park is now.”

Because South Park is written week by week, it can incorporate events and issues that have arisen a matter of days before an episode airs. This season has already incorporated gender identity, personal drone use, Ebola, Kickstarter, the gluten-free trend, on-call transportation services and freemium and virtual reality games into its storylines. The show’s wide cast of characters allow each issue to be attacked from a variety of angles, seamlessly infusing each with situational and character-based comedy.

Up until the end of last season, South Park had seen a dip in ratings. The show’s most popular, well-reviewed seasons — six through 11 — are somewhat distant in the show’s past, and although the following lull boasted a number of classic episodes, the show’s consistency had inarguably wavered. However, season 16 managed to jump back into the spotlight with a three-episode-parody of Game of Thrones and a wildly successful finale. Would the streak continue with the next season of South Park? The answer, magically, was yes.

The first episode, “Go Fund Yourself,” not only unveils the odd nature of Kickstarter companies and companies in general, but absolutely destroys the Washington Redskin’s argument for the necessity of their name. Recreating the brutality of the Native/early U.S. conflict through a football game (the owner of the team vs. the entire Cowboys squad), South Park writer Trey Parker demonstrates the extreme audacity of the Redskin’s claim in a way that is both disturbing and hilarious.

“Gluten Free Ebola” captures the Ebola panic by attaching the phenomena of spontaneous genital detachment and death to the consumption of gluten,

simultaneously mocking trend-followers and trend-ignorers. “The Cissy” finds Cartman becoming transgendered in order to use the cleaner elementary school girl’s bathroom, opening up a fantastic discussion of the impact of changing gender identities on established social institutions. Even while handling delicate, controversial subject matter, South Park maintains integrity by consistently providing dignity to social groups that suffer from stereotyping and persecution in real life and showing the depravity and stupidity of groups or individuals who are initiating and perpetuating such persecution.

None of this is necessarily new information for South Park fans. To sum it all up, Season 18 is off to a great start, with the strengths of the show in great form. However, there is an element of continuity that is pretty new to the show. Although South Park has a near-infinite pool of returning “inside” jokes, this season they’ve added a new sense of continuity — each episode directly draws from the plotlines of previous Season 18 episodes. This allows for strong running jokes, like Randy Marsh’s double life as pop star Lorde and the creation of the Cisgender bathroom, to be briefly and subtly used to great effect.

The newest episode, “Grounded Vindaloop,” aired yesterday. Possibly one of the greatest South Park episodes of all time, “Grounded Vindaloop” opens with Butters wearing an obviously-fake Oculus Rift headset in school while Cartman directs him around. Within ten minutes, however, the joke is magically flipped on its head: it turns out that Cartman is actually trapped inside of an Oculus-Rift virtual reality, and his prank was not on Butters but on a computer program emulating him. Throughout the rest of the episode, reality is repeatedly twisted. Nobody knows who is virtual and who is real, and the plot line’s complexity becomes increasingly frustrating not only to the viewer, but to the characters as well. “Grounded Vindaloop” is hilarious, incredibly self-aware and endlessly surprising, offering so much more than its half-hour running time would suggest. Thankfully, it’s just another spectacular entry in what is becoming one of South Park’s best seasons yet. Given the innate relevance of the show via its writing style and huge range of personalities, it looks like no matter how old it gets, the show must go on.

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Scene Writer

To say the least, Foo Fighters’ new album “Sonic Highways” is quite the concept. For the band’s 20th anniversary, Dave Grohl and the gang went on a cross-country road trip, stopping at eight major musical meccas — Chicago, Washington D.C., Nashville, Austin, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Seattle and New York City — where they embraced the culture and interviewed the cities’ music icons. On the last day of their trip in each destination, the Foos wrote some lyrics and jammed out a track in a famous studio of each city. As a sort of an expansion of Grohl’s 2013 documentary project, “Sound City,” the entire trip was filmed and turned into an eight episode docuseries that is currently airing on HBO. So there’s two “Sonic Highways” then — the TV show and the album. For the purposes of this review, we will be strictly focusing on the merits of the album.

Most people would argue that the Foos are a singles band and at times generic, and looking through their discography, it

becomes hard to disagree. Any band that can include “Walk,” “Everlong,” “Times Like These,” “Rope,” “The Pretender,” “Best of You,” and “Learn to Fly” (just to name a fraction) among its greatest hits clearly knows how to rock the radio and sell out stadiums. But that’s why a project like “Sonic Highways” is so exciting. It’s an ambitious concept and the culmination of a decade or so of taking serious risks, from acoustic double LPs like “In Your Honor” and — my personal favorite — 2011’s garage rock revival “Wasting Light,” that shows a band who has matured and redirected its focus to the album as a whole.

The problems of the album lie in the ambition: as outstanding and unique as a concept as “Sonic Highways” is, the album never seems to reach its lofty goals. One of the major goals the Foo Fighters set forth with “Sonic Highways” was to try to incorporate the focus and history of the cities they traveled to into the songs. Unfortunately, unless you have watched the show, it’s nearly impossible to tell apart the songs. “Congregation,” for example, is a great Foo Fighters song, but I would

never been able to tell that it was inspired by the country sounds of Nashville or that Zac Brown was involved in the guitar solo. Overall, mistakes like this makes “Sonic Highways” feel like a rather unclear album filled with the arena rock we have come to expect from the Foos, but to a subpar degree.

At times, the goals and rules of the “Sonic Highways” project feel less like a creative way to redevelop the songwriting process and more like limitations that constrain what Grohl and the rest of the group can accomplish. As we know from “Wasting Light,” Grohl is at his best as a songwriter when he engages in relationship issues and a simple, direct approach to ideas. Here, the high ambition to encompass the ideas of a city in a song, in a day of lyric-writing no less, proves to be beyond Grohl’s songwriting capabilities. For instance, the refrain for “The Feast and the Famine” feels lazy at best, as Grohl repeats that phrase four times each refrain, leaving listeners exhausted and worn out.

In spite of problems like this, “Sonic Highways” is still a solid experience for Foo

Fighters fans. “I Am A River,” an epic seven-minute sprawl through New York is highly recommended and far and away the best song on the album. With this, Grohl and co. try something totally unanticipated here by making a song so long and so focused on the instrumentals and progressions that this is one of the best album closers they’ve put together, second only to “Walk.” Songs like “I Am A River” show the growth and potential that the album as a whole could have had if the Foo Fighters had maybe given themselves more time to digest each city.

Of course, perhaps it is not right to judge the album on its own merit, but view the album and the television series as a complete multimedia experience. Unfortunately, we won’t be able to assess that complete experience for a few more weeks, when all of the episodes are finally released. Until then, if you’re a Foo Fighters fan, you should definitely check out the album. Otherwise, I would recommend waiting until the series wraps up to ride the sonic highways.

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What do Nick Jonas, an Indian cheese ball dessert, the word “wrest” and banana pancakes have in common? Darlingside.

No, this isn’t a Jack Johnson-Nick Jonas collaboration to be listened to while lying down and eating cheese, these are the latest Google searches of the four-members of Darlingside — Don Mitchell, David Senft, Auyon Mukharji and Harris Paseltiner.

The members of Darlingside, a folk band with a unique collaborative approach to vocals, will be taking the stage — and one microphone — at The Pool this Friday at 8 p.m.

On Wednesday, I had the opportunity to talk to Paseltiner — vocalist, cellist, guitarist and occasional bassist for the band — while they were on their way to show in Iowa.

Observer Scene: So you guys all attended Williams College together in Maine, did you form your band there or is that something that came along later?

Harris Paseltiner: “We were all good friends in college. We were all singers together; we sang in an a cappella group

there and we all participated in a singer-songwriter class there, as well. And so when I, the youngest member, graduated from school, we moved into a house together in North Hampton, Massachusetts and that’s where we started writing music together.”

As the show on Friday will draw many students, do you have any advice for aspiring singers or bands in college?

“I think one of the most important things, when I think about going into music, is doing it with a group of friends. Having a committed group of people who are excited to make music together, regardless of what type of music that is going to be.

We went into it without a set plan of the exact music we wanted to create, instead we just knew that we wanted to hang out together, play and write. So having that group dynamic, that’s always been what it’s about for us. Having that foundation of trust in each other allows us to have an open-door policy, as far as just allowing anything to happen.”

On those same lines of that collaborative, group dynamic, you guys have a very unique, organic shared vocal style. Has

that been something you’ve always implemented or has it been a more recent shift in style?

“We’ve always been sharing vocals, but within the past year we’ve decided to gather around one microphone to sing together as an equal group. We really wanted to dispel that front man tradition that’s found across the board in popular music. It’s fun because we get to blend our vocals before they hit the microphone. We get to sing in the room the way you would hear a classical or barbershop ensemble — more like a chorus — and then it hits the microphone and goes out to the crowd, instead of everyone on separate channels in their own separate worlds.”

Freeform, collaborative and democratic tendencies seem to be inherent to your style. Do these characteristics define your songwriting process as well?

“We all write the songs together. Each song grows in a different way, but we’re all on board working on all of the elements. It is very much a shared voice.”

You guys have referenced a few genres — folk, retro-pop, bluegrass, barbershop

and chamber music — that you pull from to inspire your music. Do you have any specific bands that you cite as specific influences to your sound?

“We have a diverse set of interests when it comes to specific bands. We’ve always appreciated bands that use vocal textures in creative ways as groups. Whether it’s The Beach Boys, The Zombies, The Beatles, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Simon & Garfunkel — just a lot of different ways of approaching vocal textures. And at the same time, the instrumentals — the backdrop of those vocals — have experimental and eclectic characteristics. All of us play multiple instruments, there’s a lot of passing off. From one song to the next everyone might make an instrument change.”

Head over to The Pool Friday to hear and see Darlingside’s unique vocal styling and diverse instrumentals (including a pandeiro — a tambourine-drum hybrid that I’m envying after it made my own green duct-taped tambourine sound insipid) live. Frances Luke Accord is opening for Darlingside at 7 p.m.

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WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY



What: ND Women’s Basketball
When: 6:00 p.m.
Where: Purcell Pavilion
How Much: \$8

Come support the No. 3 Irish as they open up their season against the University of Massachusetts Lowell River Hawks.

The Irish have won 19-consecutive season openers and they are 24-3 (.889) in lidlifters under Hall of Fame coach Muffet McGraw.

In the lone preseason game, Junior All-American Jewell Loyd was nine for 10 from the field, scoring 20 points.

SATURDAY



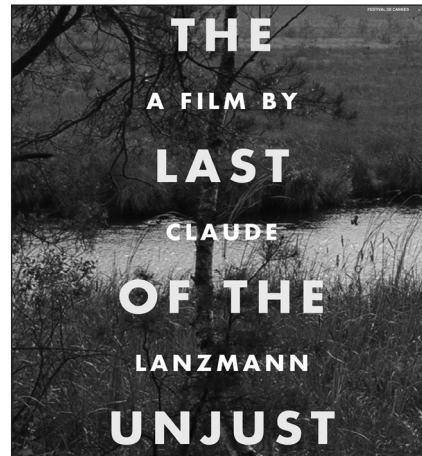
What: ND vs. Northwestern
When: 3:30 p.m.
Where: Notre Dame Stadium

The No. 15 Fighting Irish come back home, looking to bounce back from last week’s disappointing loss with a strong performance against the Wildcats.

With the cold weather appearing to stay for awhile, the Irish will look to capitalize on the familiar conditions.

“We’re prepared for that,” Coach Brian Kelly said. “That won’t be an issue for us.”

SUNDAY



What: “The Last of the Unjust”
When: 2 p.m.
Where: DPAC
How Much: \$7

Claude Lanzmann interviews Benjamin Murmelstein, the lone surviving president of the Jewish Council in the Theresienstadt, a WWII death camp that was known as the “model ghetto.”

This film delves deeper into many unknown aspects of the Holocaust, illuminating the roots of the “Final Solution” and providing a unique insight into the horrors that occurred.

WEEKLYWATCH
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**ME AND YOU
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Weekly Watch is a series in which a scene writer picks a movie or show available on instant streaming service, then writes a review.

For the next Weekly Watch, we’re catching filmmaker and artist Miranda July’s directorial debut, “Me and You and Everyone We Know.” The 2005 indie dramedy follows the lives of a diverse cast of characters as their lives intertwine in odd and charming ways. Make sure to check it out on Netflix, then check in on Weekly Watch.

Watch next Monday for a critical analysis of the film.

SPORTS AUTHORITY

Revamping running for winter



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If you happened to stay inside all of yesterday, never once looking out your window, checking any social media or interacting with another human being, I have some shocking news for you — it snowed. A lot. Like way too much for Nov. 13.

So in order to honor the South Bend weather we all know and so dearly love, I would like to point out a way snow can make sports a whole lot better.

In the Summer Olympics, one of the premier sports is track and field. Olympic stadiums the world over have been the sites of some of the most iconic moments in track and field history. Jesse Owens winning four gold medals. Carl Lewis burning down the straight-away. Michael Johnson and Usain Bolt breaking world records.

I love track and field. I watch all the events I can, from the javelin to the triple jump. I think the Olympic marathon, which some consider boring, is an absolutely incredible race.

I just have one problem with track and field: the 10,000 meters.

Who wants to watch people run around an oval 25 times, especially when no one is willing to go fast early on and risk burning out? What the race usually comes down to is a dead sprint for 800 meters, if you're lucky. The other 9,400 are just filler. The world and Olympic record are separated by almost 45 seconds on the men's side. That's almost three-quarters of a lap behind.

Advertisers and broadcasters know this. When the 10,000-meter race comes on, they'll show the first lap or so, cut to commercial, come back to show the finals of the high jump, cut to commercial again, and finally come back to the race for the last half-mile. What happened in the intervening five miles? No one cares. At least in the marathon, you have the opportunity for hills, scenery and something other than gradual left-turns.

So here's where snow comes in. The Winter Olympics has a rule that every sport at the Games has to be contested on snow or ice. Now, I wouldn't recommend running a 10-kilometer race around an skating rink, but there is another possibility.

A 10,000-meter cross

country race is far more exciting than a track affair. In cross country, you have massive hills to negotiate, streams to leap, hay bales acting as hurdles and mud to wallow through. Now add a half-inch of snow to the mix. This event would be crazy in the best possible way. You would have people wiping out all over the place, putting on extra bursts of speed at unexpected moments, scrambling up hills. Anyone could go from the back of the pack to the lead in an instant.

Here's what I envision: 30 runners on a one-kilometer loop packed with hills, hay bales and a creek. Now, because this is the Olympics, not a tough mudder, we want to keep the course fit to run on. This is a race, not an obstacle course.

So to make sure it stays that way, after the first lap, the last three runners are removed. Then, after the second, three more, and so on and so on. This is a variation of a track race called "Devil Takes the Hindmost," and it makes each lap thrilling to watch as every athlete tries to avoid elimination while also conserving energy for later on. No one can take it easy the first few laps and kick on the very last circuit.

Approaching the end of nine kilometers, there would be six runners left. Because it would be boring to guarantee someone a medal before the race was even over, only two runners are eliminated heading into the last lap. Everything comes down to one final push.

Such an event would have everything — no ridiculous amount of monotony, drama every three minutes or so and endless strategy to discuss. It would also keep fans on the edge of their seats to the very end.

Also, because it would be in the Winter Games, away from the usual running season, you would have the closing speed of 5,000-meter specialists going up against the incredible endurance of marathoners.

If you think this is an insane idea that will never come true, well, you're probably right. But hey, BMX made it into the Olympics. Now that's a sport I would like to see on snow.

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NFL

Colts prepare for Patriots high-octane offense

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Colts defense is well aware of the task at hand. The players know exactly what Tom Brady is capable of.

"Probably the best quarterback in the NFL right now," Indianapolis cornerback Greg Toler said.

"A Hall of Fame quarterback with three Super Bowls," added defensive tackle Ricky Jean Francois.

The mission, right now though, for the Indy defense is to stop Brady when the Colts (6-3) host the New England Patriots (7-2) on Sunday night.

With two solid offenses going head-to-head, the outcome could come down to which defense makes a game-changing play or at least slows down Brady or his counterpart, Andrew Luck.

Indianapolis is the top overall offense in the NFL and

the Patriots, who averaged 40 points over the last five games, are No. 9 in the league.

There's one method the Colts know they can use to stop Brady — by harassing him for four quarters.

Just how easy will it be, though?

"This week, everything has to be detailed, everything has to be crisp," Jean Francois said. "Nothing can be out of the ordinary. If one person gets out of sync with us, you already know what Tom Brady can possibly do."

Colts defensive coordinator Greg Manusky has seen it too often while watching film. Brady making big plays and completing passes to receivers in double coverage.

"You just have to get him off his spot," Manusky said. "That's what everybody tries to do. They try to get him off his spot and get him to move. It's that split second when

you think you have him and then all of a sudden somebody scoots away that he can fire it in there."

Manusky and the Colts are focused on finding a groove defensively and settling in for the second half of the season. They returned safety LaRon Landry to the lineup over the bye week from a five-game suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing drugs.

Indy plans to start Sergio Brown against the Patriots, but expect to include Landry as well.

The Colts have struggled to find much consistency through injuries and suspensions to key defensive players.

Indy held Cincinnati scoreless last month and gave up 51 points to Pittsburgh the following week. Then the Colts rebounded with a win against the New York Giants two weeks ago.

NASCAR

Newman competes for title despite zero wins

Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Ryan Newman is the underdog — minus the darling — of NASCAR's final four, making a mockery of the revamped play-off format that was supposed to put a premium on winning.

He is the odd man in NASCAR's finale in south Florida Sunday, the party crasher that few have embraced, trying to stick around for the confetti, the fireworks, and the champagne toast.

This interloper makes no apologies for working the system or for using a last-lap push to get just enough points to edge out popular four-time champ Jeff Gordon.

"I didn't know Cinderella was a race car driver," Newman said.

Newman hasn't won a race since July 2013, but he has methodically piled up points in the No. 31 Chevrolet and escaped the danger that picked off heavy favorites in earlier Chase rounds to wind up on

the cusp of his first title.

"The math was there," said Newman, a structural engineering student at Purdue and the only college graduate in the field. "We didn't need the wins."

The beefy 36-year-old driver's 2014 stats don't look like those of a champion: no wins, four top fives, and just 41 laps led in 35 races. Newman hasn't finished higher than third in any race since he won the Brickyard 400 last year.

He has made his run to the championship about as fun as calculus homework, posting four finishes of 11th or higher in the nine Chase races. While other title hopefuls and their teams rumbled in the pits, fought in the garage, or wrecked racing for the flag, Newman hummed along with little fanfare or expectation that he'd earn a berth in the final field.

Now he could become the championship face of NASCAR.

Newman knew he needed to finish in the top 11 last week

to join Kevin Harvick, Joey Logano and Denny Hamlin as finalists. On the last lap at Phoenix International Raceway, he pushed Kyle Larson into the wall, giving Newman enough to take the last spot over Gordon — who had four wins this season — by one point.

This week, Newman called Larson — to explain his side, and perhaps, to nip any thoughts of retaliation.

"It's a little upsetting he pushed me up to the wall, but I completely understand the situation he was in, and can't fault him for being aggressive there," Larson said.

Newman's young daughter, Brooklyn, had one note for him after the race.

"The very first thing she says to me is, 'Daddy, you hit the 2 and the 4 car,'" Newman said. "She was trying to say 42, but that was the first thing she said to me on Monday morning."

His explanation?

"Daddy did what he had to do," he said.

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"Carry on Wayward Son" — Kansas: Carry on my wayward son, there'll be peace when you are done, lay your weary head to rest, don't

you cry no more, once I rose above the noise and confusion just to get a glimps beyond this illusion, I was soaring ever higher, but I flew too high

FENCING

Irish open their season against elite competition

By **JOSH DULANY**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame gets its team season underway this weekend against two Midwest rivals. On Friday night, the Irish host a home exhibition against Northwestern, before heading to Ohio State for Sunday's Ohio State Elite Cup.

Along with the Irish and Buckeyes, the field in Columbus, Ohio, will feature Princeton, Pennsylvania, Penn State and North Carolina. As Notre Dame prepares for its opening events of the season, associate head coach Gia Kvaratskhelia said the team has several early goals for the season.

"The two objectives we need to accomplish here are, first, to find out where we are as team, focus on the team chemistry and unify the kids as one unit because some are freshman, some are upperclassmen, and we just have to insert the mentality we want as a team going into the season," Kvaratskhelia said. "The second goal is to determine the adjustments we have to make. In terms of physical conditioning, technical preparation or the tactical outlook."

Kvaratskhelia said that as the

team gets competition underway, the Irish will look to the veterans to set an example for the freshmen. Two team members who will especially lead, Kvaratskhelia said, are former national champions senior foil Ariel DeSmet and junior foil Lee Keifer.

"We have a couple key leaders," Kvaratskhelia said. "Ariel DeSmet was a national champion as a freshman, and now, as a fifth-year senior, it has been a long journey for him to get back where he belongs. We think he should be one of the favorites this year to win a national championship. Then, of course, Lee Keifer is a two-time defending national champion, and so with their leadership and what we have gained with a freshman class coming in, we have a pretty dynamic team."

The squad will face its first test in a tough environment at Ohio State. Kvaratskhelia said each of the teams at the Ohio State Elite Cup could win a national championship. As an added incentive, Kvaratskhelia said the Irish are looking forward to Columbus and facing the Buckeyes, their former rivals from the Midwest Fencing Conference.

"We don't need any motivation to get ready for Ohio State,"

Kvaratskhelia said. "But we look at every team as a potential show-down down the road for national championships. Yes, we have a rivalry [with Ohio State], and sometimes we dislike each other on the strip, but no matter what, we keep the same aggressive mentality."

Beyond the tough competition on the strip, the Irish also have a daunting weekend of travel ahead of them. After facing Northwestern on Friday at Notre Dame, the Irish will spend Saturday traveling to Ohio State for Sunday's competition. However, Kvaratskhelia said he believes that the travel will actually benefit the Irish.

"Our kids are accustomed to flying overseas and waking up and fencing," Kvaratskhelia said. "That's when we get the best out of them. So, the dynamic schedule will be a key to success here. We cannot wait to get on that bus and show everyone what our team is made of."

Notre Dame square off with Northwestern on Friday at 7:30 p.m., in the Castellan Family Fencing Center, followed by competition in the Ohio State Elite Cup beginning at 8 a.m. Sunday.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles tip off season against Wheaton

By **MAREK MAZUREK**
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As its season begins against No. 19 Wheaton on Saturday, Saint Mary's will look to improve on last season's 7-18 record.

Last season, the Belles lost six games by five points or less. Saint Mary's coach Jennifer Henley said the Belles need to step up defensively in order to win more of those close games.

"My expectation for the season is to be a better defensive team," Henley said. "We have a lot of new faces in the program, and we have seen a lot of improvement thus far."

With the graduation of two-time all-MIAA guard Shanlynn Bias, the Belles leading scorer will be returning senior forward Ariana Paul. Paul, the lone senior on the team, started in all 25 of the Belles' games last year, averaging 13.9 points and 8.1 rebounds per game. Paul's role as the Belles' primary scorer will be critical to the team's success this season,

Henley said.

"We certainly will miss both of our seniors from last year — Shanlynn Bias and Katherine Wabler," Henley said. "We have asked everyone to step up their game this season to help fill those voids. We will be led by Ariana Paul at both ends of the floor."

Paul will lead a supporting cast of junior forward Krista Knapke and junior guards Eleni Shea and Maddie Kohler, all of whom saw significant playing time last season. Henley said she is excited to see how these players fit into their roles.

"We have a good mix of returners on the roster that saw significant playing time," Henley said. "Krista Knapke will lead us in the paint. I have moved Eleni Shea to a guard this season. Along with Shea, my two other juniors — Maddie Kohler and [guard] Sarah Macius — will look to contribute a lot for us, especially at the defensive end."

Henley will enter her ninth season at the helm of Saint

Mary's. Henley holds the school record for the most wins in a season and coached the Belles to a spot in the MIAA finals in 2010. Under her leadership, the Belles have finished third in the MIAA in three consecutive seasons from 2009-2012.

The Belles face nationally ranked teams throughout the season, including Wheaton, No. 20 Carthage and conference rival No. 4 Hope. Henley said the schedule gives the team a chance to focus on improving itself before conference play.

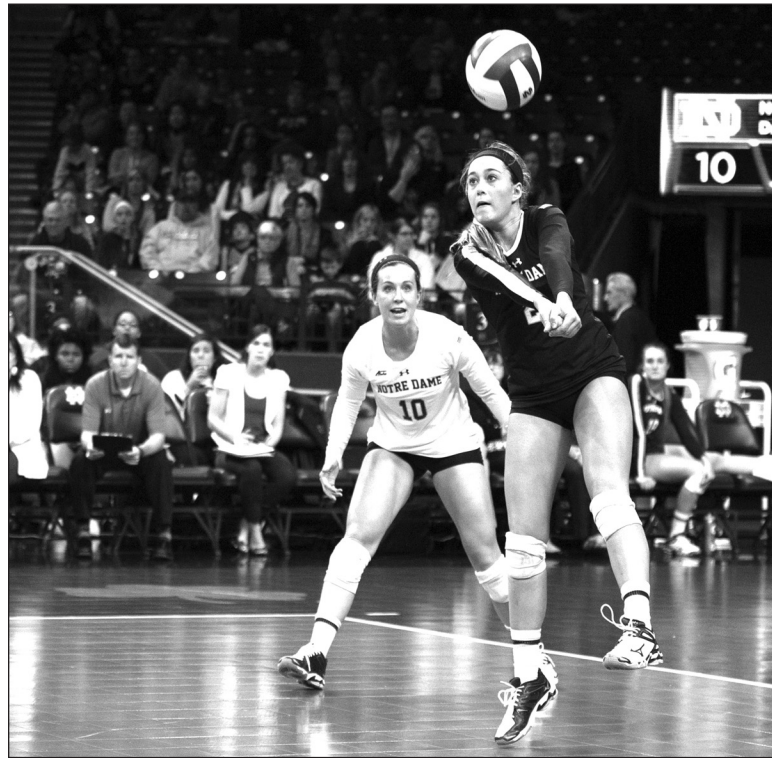
"We have some very tough competition this season on our schedule," Henley said. "Early on, our focus is on us. We have to take care of the little things and be more disciplined in order for us to be successful and continue to improve."

Saint Mary's opens its season against top-20 Wheaton this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

ND travels to North Carolina



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Irish freshman libero Natalie Johnson bumps the ball forward in a 3-2 victory over Louisville on Sunday at Purcell Pavilion.

By **REBECCA ROGALSKI**
Sports Writer

After a thrilling 3-2 victory over Louisville on Sunday, the Irish look ahead to this weekend's matchups as they travel to North Carolina, where they will face Wake Forest on Friday and Duke on Sunday. Irish coach Debbie Brown said last weekend's win will contribute to the scrappy mentality the team hopes to carry with it the rest of the season.

"I think we have a pretty remarkable group because of the way we come back in after we get knocked down," Brown said. "Because we fought hard and didn't give up, I think there was just an added element of determination against Louisville to get the win. I'm overall just incredibly proud of the way that we fought."

After struggling with serve-serve all year, the Irish (6-18, 3-10 ACC) have improved remarkably in the passing game. Senior libero Kathleen Severyn totaled a career high of 18 digs in an impressive passing performance Sunday, while freshman liberos Natalie Johnson and Jo Kremer tallied 12 and eight digs as well.

"We have identified that we have been struggling with our serve-serve in terms of passing, so it's a focus everyday in practice," Brown said. "It's one of those things that you have to do all the time, and they have to receive tough game-type serves everyday in practice, as well as try to groove the passing form. It's been a focus all year long, and I think the hours we put in are finally paying off now

that we're passing at a higher level."

The Irish will have the chance keep up their success Friday, when they compete against the Demon Deacons for the first time this season. Wake Forest (13-13, 3-9 ACC) is coming off a 3-2 victory against Georgia Tech.

"I think we have a good amount of momentum and a great report as we head into Friday's match," Brown said. "We know what to expect from them and know what shots to use. It's just going to be a matter of being able to execute and do the things that we know we're capable of."

After playing against Wake Forest, the Irish head to Cameron Indoor Stadium on Sunday where they will take on Duke. The Blue Devils, who dropped out of the national rankings following a 3-2 home loss to Pitt, are now 18-6 on the season and 10-3 in the ACC. In its last matchup with Notre Dame, Duke got off to a hot start to defeat the Irish, 3-1, at Purcell Pavilion. Brown said the Irish will have a lot to handle with the Blue Devils.

"Duke is a very strong program, despite dropping in the polls, but by maintaining our consistency and performing like we did this past weekend, we will put up a tough fight," Brown said. "I think if we continue to pass at a high, consistent level, it makes all the difference in the world for us."

The Irish face Wake Forest on Friday at 6:30 p.m., followed by Duke on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Eyes on the prize

Men's interhall semifinals feature undefeated Morrissey against Stanford, Siegfried against Keenan

By MAREK MAZUREK
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No. 2 Keenan and No. 6 Siegfried face off Sunday in one of two semifinal matchups. The winner will play in Notre Dame Stadium for a chance at the men's interhall championship.

Keenan heads into the game coming off a victory against No. 7 Sorin, while Siegfried will enter Sunday's matchup following an upset over No. 3 Carroll. Keenan captain and junior Jon Wiese said that his team is optimistic about the game.

"We feel really confident, as we have all season," Wiese said. "We know Siegfried is a good team and we respect how well they've done so far, but we know that if we play to our potential and do our jobs that we can beat anyone in the league."

Likewise, Siegfried captain and junior Grady Schmidt said that his team is ready to go after beating Carroll.

"We feel good," Schmidt said. "We're playing our best football of the season, but know that the best is yet to come. We're a confident group, and the win against Carroll was a great boost for us. We know that Keenan is the next step to get where we want to go."

Both captains said there are things they need to address this week in practice. For Keenan, Wiese said that it is taking care of the fundamentals.

"[We need to] work on the little things," Wiese said. "We left two touchdowns on the field that should have been [easy] last game and that just won't cut it every week. Interhall games are short so we need to make the most out of our opportunities."

For Siegfried, Schmidt said the emphasis is on focusing on the task at hand.

"We just need to stay

focused so we can execute," Schmidt said. "If everyone does what they are supposed to do, we know that we have the talent to matchup favorably with anyone."

Keenan's strong defense has carried it through the regular season and one round of the playoffs, and Wiese said how the Knights match up with Siegfried will be a deciding factor in the game.

"Our defense is stout," Wiese said. "We have great experienced leadership along with a lot of young talent. Our defense does a great job of flying to the ball and gang tackling. We play with a nasty mentality that has lead to a lot of stops, turnovers and defensive scores."

For Siegfried, Schmidt said his team stacks up favorably to Keenan.

"We scrimmaged them before the season and liked the way that we looked against them, but we know they are a different team than they were three months ago," Schmidt said. "Year after year, Keenan is one of the better teams, so we respect what they do, but we've changed as well and I like how we match up athletically with any other dorm."

Schmidt said his team has been preparing for this moment all season.

"It's why we play, and it's the main goal from day one," Schmidt said. "From our first tryout to our last practice, we end by saying, 'Stadium on 3,' so it's always a focus. If we win, it will be something that we remember for the rest of our lives, so we know it's a big deal. At this point, we're ready to make the dream a reality."

Keenan won the championship two years ago, so Wiese said his some of the team knows what it feels like to play in big games.

"A championship has been our goal all season and is

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#1	Morrissey	7
#8	Knott	0
#4	Fisher	0
#5	Stanford	17
#3	Carroll	0
#6	Siegfried	14
#2	Keenan	8
#7	Sorin	0

Morrissey

Sunday,
1:00 p.m.

Stanford

Siegfried

Sunday,
2:15 p.m.

Keenan

Sunday,
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the benchmark for success for our team," Wiese said. "Many of the juniors and seniors were on the team that won the championship in the Stadium two years ago and are just as hungry to get back as the guys who have never been. We understand that playing in Notre Dame Stadium is an experience very few people will ever have, and we're going to fight this weekend in order to get there."

Schmidt said the game will ultimately be decided in the trenches.

"It's going to be won at the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball," said Schmidt.

Wiese, however, said Keenan's key to victory will be avoiding missteps and playing its own game.

"Limit mistakes, finish drives and don't turn the ball over," said Wiese.

Keenan and Siegfried will

play at 2:15 p.m. at LaBar Practice Fields on Sunday.

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Morrissey vs. Stanford

By HUNTER MCDANIEL
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Sunday afternoon, Morrissey and Stanford will meet on the gridiron to decide who will earn a spot in the championship at Notre Dame Stadium.

The top-seeded Manor (5-0) are undefeated and will square off against the red-hot Griffins (3-1-1), who have not lost since their opening game against Keenan on Sept. 21.

Morrissey captain and junior running back Erik Rayno attributed this season's success to effort and focus.

"Everyone on the team knows that we all need to do our jobs on Sundays to win, and we all take pride in making sure we do just that," Rayno said. "Our success on the field has been a product of that and a product of us really buying into the team aspect of this game, as we work very well together."

Meanwhile, Stanford captain and junior Dan Babiak said the Griffins emphasizes a similar team concept.

"Our success doesn't come from one individual player or play that we run," Babiak said. "The key this year, as opposed to previous years, is that we have 22 guys who all play for each other."

Rayno said the level of competition Stanford will bring is higher than ever before.

"Stanford is capable of playing lights-out football on both

sides of the ball once they get rolling," Rayno said. "That being said, we're still going to approach this game like any other. Start the game as strong as possible, and don't let off the gas until the final whistle blows. They need to know we're here to play, and momentum will be huge in this game."

Likewise, Babiak said Morrissey poses a threat to the Griffins.

"Attacking Morrissey is a difficult task," Babiak said. "They are a tough team because they are very organized and disciplined. Offensively, they run a wing-T. It is tough to defend in interhall because we don't get to practice five times a week like a high school or college team would be able to. We came up with a good game-plan to target their strengths, though, and I think it will end up being a good football game."

There is much at stake for the four remaining teams in the playoffs, with a chance to play in Notre Dame Stadium hanging in the balance.

Rayno added that his team has prepared for the big matchup.

"The days of Morrissey's 'talent over preparation' motto are over," he said. "We'll be ready for Sunday."

The winner of this game earns a spot against the winner of the Keenan-Siegfried semifinal in Notre Dame Stadium a week from Sunday.

This semifinal matchup between Stanford and Morrissey will take place Sunday at 1 p.m. at LaBar Practice Fields.

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A Morrissey quarterback drops back to pass against Duncan on Oct. 5. The Manor beat the Highlanders by a score of 28-0. The Manor face off against Stanford on Sunday.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Hitting the home stretch

Welsh Family faces last season's runner-up, Ryan; Pasquerilla East to take on Pangborn

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With a spot in the championship game on the line, top-seeded Welsh Family will look to maintain its undefeated streak against last year's runner-up, fourth-seeded Ryan, in one of two semifinal contests Sunday.

In last week's quarterfinals, the Wildcats (5-2) faced Pasquerilla West in a rematch of the 2013 title game, in which the Wildcats fell short and the Purple Weasels secured the championship with a 19-13 win.

This year, however, Ryan came out on top with a 14-6 victory, and now the Wildcats will fight for another chance at the title in Notre Dame Stadium, Ryan senior captain Tatum Snyder said.

"We have been working on executing our game plans well," Snyder said. "We practice hard, and we play hard."

The Whirlwinds (7-0) have shown significant improvement from last year's performance en route to a perfect regular season. From there, Welsh Family was eliminated by Pasquerilla West in the quarterfinals last year and came back stronger thanks to a combination of a shut-down defense and good chemistry, freshman linebacker Cece Allison said.

"This year, we've done a great job forming a solid team," Allison said. "All the players regardless of grade level and ability get along really well. We have a really cohesive team."

Ryan will rely on its younger

players to get the team back to Notre Dame Stadium. Individual players to watch for include sophomore receiver Emily Tessitore and sophomore defensive lineman Cathy Baxter, who had a strong performance at the end of the first playoff game, Snyder said.

"We have played extremely well [this season]," Snyder said. "We are a young team with only one senior and three juniors. The underclassmen have really stepped up and played well."

Ryan will look to return to Notre Dame Stadium while Welsh Family will try to continue its unbeaten season when the two teams meet at LaBar Practice Fields at 5 p.m. Sunday.

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Pasquerilla East vs. Pangborn

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No. 2 Pasquerilla East will face off against No. 3 Pangborn in the semifinals of the women's interhall football playoffs this Sunday.

Following first-round victories for each side, the two teams now look forward to their matchup with the hopes of playing in the title game in Notre Dame Stadium.

The Pyros (7-0) continued their undefeated season last Sunday, rolling to a 28-12 victory over Walsh, while the Phoxes (6-1) proved dominant in their opening-round matchup, shutting out

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Cavanaugh in a 27-0 victory.

Sunday's game also represents a rematch of an earlier regular-season game in which Pasquerilla East handed Pangborn its sole loss of the season, 14-6.

Something will have to give in this contest as the league's highest-scoring offense goes up against the league's stingiest defense — the Pyros score 27 points per game, while the Phoxes have allowed just 27 points all season long, including the 14 they surrendered in the teams' meeting earlier this season.

As Sunday's matchup looms, the Phoxes recognize the difficult test the Pyros pose, Pangborn junior captain Gracie Gallagher said.

"[Pasquerilla East] is a very good team," Gallagher said. "They are a really dynamic team that capitalizes when you give them the opportunity. Last time we played them, we made some adjustments that were working for us, but by the time we made those adjustments, it was a little too late. On Sunday, we all need to come ready to play and have our best game as a team."

This is the third straight year the Phoxes have made it to the semifinals, and Gallagher said the team is desperate to finally make it to Notre Dame Stadium and play for the title.

"The past three years we have made it to the semifinal game, but not made it to the championship game," Gallagher said. "The goal for us every season is to make it to the championship game in the Stadium and win it all. We have a lot of great senior leadership this season, and it would be really special if they could play their final flag football game in the Stadium."

Pangborn and Pasquerilla East will face off for a spot in the championship game at LaBar Practice Fields at 4 p.m. Sunday.

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A Pasquerilla East quarterback drops back to pass during the Pyros' 21-19 win over Howard on Sept. 28.



Ryan's offense lines up for the snap against McGlinn during its 28-6 win over the Shamrocks on Sept. 28. The game took place at LaBar Practice Fields.

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ever done.”

Brown had been away from the team for a few days before the Virginia game in order to travel to Jamaica and attend his grandmother’s funeral, returning to the team just in time to be ready for the match.

“Maybe his grandmother was upstairs helping us a bit, but he certainly played well,” Clark said. “He’s very important. He’s the most experienced of the four forwards now, and I think he’s showing that. ... He’s now showing that he’s a leader out there. He never did that before.”

Notre Dame and Clemson (10-6-2, 5-2-1 ACC) did not play in the regular season. Notre Dame defeated the Tigers 2-1 in overtime last year. Clark said Clemson is very experienced and his team remembers how hard it played last season.

“A lot of their players are returning from last year,” Clark said. “It was one of our hardest, if not the hardest, game we had last year on the road. ... It’ll be a hard game again. They’re a good team. There’s not many weak sisters in the ACC, so it’ll be a tough one.”

“Hopefully we’ve got two tough games in front of us, because that means we’ll have won the first one. None of our boys will overlook Clemson, because certainly

the ones who were there last year have a healthy respect for them.”

The Tigers defeated Wake Forest on Sunday, 3-2 in penalty kicks, to earn a berth in the semifinal match. Clemson is led by two-time captain, all-ACC selection and senior defender Phaniel Kavita on the back end, while sophomore forward Austen Burnikel has a team-high five goals on the season.

While he was happy with how his squad competed against Virginia, Clark said the Irish still can improve against Clemson.

“We always take something out of the last game that we’ve got to get better at,” Clark said. “We’ll look at some video, and there’s some pieces that we didn’t do so well on last week. We take something out of every game that we play. ... By the end of the season, if we take a little bit out every week, by the time you finish the year you should be a lot better.”

The other semifinal match features two former Big East rivals in No. 19 Louisville and No. 1 Syracuse. The Irish beat both teams during the regular season.

Both semifinal games are hosted by WakeMed Soccer Park, with Notre Dame and Clemson squaring off at 5:30 p.m. The title game is slated for Sunday at 2 p.m.

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home ice.

“We know they’re tough to play against, and it’s tough to play in that rink,” junior forward and captain Steven Fogarty said. “It’s a small rink and going from Minnesota to this rink is going to be an adjustment.”

Fogarty said the key to winning this weekend will be focusing on the basics.

“It’s just a matter of keeping things simple,” Fogarty said. “They’re going to play physical, so it’s a matter of getting the puck in and out of their zone. ... They did well against Providence, who’s supposed to be the best team in our conference — it’s going to be a challenge for us but we’re ready.”

Last weekend’s sweep at the hands of No. 1 Minnesota snapped Notre Dame’s six-game unbeaten streak. In the second game of the series, the Irish dug themselves a 3-0 first-period deficit, and Jackson said he felt his team gave too much respect to the nation’s top team.

“My whole point to them between [the second and third period] — and I said it during the game on Friday — is that you can’t show the opponent that much respect,” Jackson said. “I think we were on our heels and we gave them way too much respect. They’re a great team — I told [Gophers coach Don Lucia] after the

game, ‘If you don’t win the national championship this year, shame on you.’”

However, once his team got going in the latter two periods Sunday, Jackson said there were some good things to take away.

“At least we had a positive because we outplayed them in the second and third periods on Sunday,” Jackson said. “At least we had something to build on coming home from a performance standpoint ... [sophomore goaltender] Chad [Katunar] played well in goal, we did a good job of puck possession in the second and third periods, we made some nice plays, we hit three pipes — that game could’ve easily been tied going into the third period because we had some really good looks and some good chances.”

Freshman goaltender Cal Petersen was pulled after 20 minutes Sunday. However, Jackson said the move was not necessarily because of Petersen’s play.

“That was a wake-up call,” Jackson said. “I don’t want [Cal] to lose all of his confidence ...”

Senior forward Peter Schneider said the blame should lie on the skaters, not the goalies, for giving up nine goals in two games.

“It’s definitely on us,” Schneider said. “We have to help our goalies out more — we’ve been giving up a lot of chances, but it’s just things you have to work on.”

After struggling early in the season, Notre Dame’s power

play unit got on the board Sunday when senior defenseman Robbie Russo scored to make it 3-1.

“We’re starting to get it, I think,” Jackson said. “We haven’t changed the units again for the last couple of weeks just because we’re starting to see good looks, getting some good chances. Maybe the goalie’s making a great save or we’re hitting the crossbar or hitting the pipe, but we’re starting to see good puck movement.”

Despite the improvement, Jackson said the team could get better on the power play.

“We still don’t shoot the puck enough,” Jackson said. “That’s my only complaint at this point ... [sophomore forward Vince Hinostroza] should think shot a little more than he does and so should Fogarty. Their instincts [are] to make a play — they’re both playmaking guys. ... If we move the puck around well, and they get the ice to have a good scoring chance, they need to shoot the puck.”

Notre Dame has a pair of players high up on the national leaderboards 10 games into the season — Junior left wing Mario Lucia’s eight goals tie him for third nationally, while Russo’s 10 points are third amongst defensemen.

The Irish and Warriors take to the ice Friday and Saturday nights in North Andover, Massachusetts. The puck drops at 7 p.m. on both nights.

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Valparaiso to the rest of the bracket, where Texas A&M, Penn State and West Virginia are seeded first, second and third, respectively.

“We’ve got a great bracket and we’re excited about where we’re at, but we take it one game at a time,” Romagnolo said. “It’s about us taking on Valparaiso with everything we’ve got, because we can’t control anything beyond that and if we don’t win on Friday, our season is over.”

As the higher seed, the Irish will play on their home field. Romagnolo said the familiarity will help the team.

“It’s always an advantage when you get to sleep in your own bed and play on your own field in front of your own fans and go through your normal routine, so we’re excited to be at home on Friday,” Romagnolo said.

Romagnolo said she expects the Notre Dame players to perform well under the pressure of the single-elimination play-offs, especially given the tough schedule that they played in the regular season.

“I think they’ll handle [the pressure] great,” Romagnolo said. “We’ve been in a lot of pressure situations this year. Early

on, we headed to California with our backs against the wall after two losses, and we beat a good team in Santa Clara and tied the No. 2 team in the country in Stanford. There have been different points in the season when we were under pressure, like how we lost to North Carolina and responded by beating Virginia Tech. We’ve shown that we can respond to anything and step up when we need to.”

The key to Irish success in the postseason will be consistency and focus, Romagnolo said. The team’s ability to work together will also play a major role.

“It’s about being consistent, it’s about going out there and giving 100 percent of our effort and giving as great a performance as we can,” Romagnolo said. “Any game could be our last, and we want to go out fighting and give our best performance and feel great about what we put on the field. The team has great chemistry. We play great football together, and we defend together, and if we continue doing that, we’ll keep having success.”

Notre Dame takes on Valparaiso in the first round of the NCAA tournament Friday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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On a team full of storylines, Connaughton and Grant represent two of the most interesting. Connaughton was drafted in the fourth round of the MLB draft by the Baltimore Orioles in June. He played baseball during the summer for Baltimore's short-season minor league affiliate, the Aberdeen IronBirds, then reunited with the basketball team for practice before the Irish traveled to Italy.

This season will mark the first time Connaughton has been a one-sport athlete at Notre Dame, but he said he knows being the only team captain this year is a full-time responsibility.

"Being a one-sport athlete, it allows for more time to just focus on basketball," the senior said. "Whether it's getting in extra work in myself or whether it's just thinking about things that will help the team in a leadership role. ... It's a matter of trying to get [us] all working together as one continuity, chemistry. And it's been so far so good. It's a lot of work."

Grant, on the other hand, was ruled academically ineligible for the second semester last year "due to academic dishonesty." Notre Dame's two exhibition games against Minnesota Duluth and Lewis were the first time Grant had seen game action

since December. After a slow start against the Bulldogs, last year's leading scorer up to his suspension exploded for 30 points in the win over the Flyers. Grant said he was just happy to be back on the court with his teammates.

"I felt good out there," Grant said. "I felt like I was back establishing my role on the team and it was good to get out there and now I'm ready for things to start."

In addition to the return of their seniors, the Irish will have to find offensive replacements for graduated guard Eric Atkins and center Garrick Sherman, who combined for over 27 points per game last season. Sophomore guard Steve Vasturia logged significant minutes during his freshman campaign as a defensive specialist, but the main firepower will likely come from sophomore guard Demetrius Jackson and junior forward Zach Auguste. In Notre Dame's two exhibition games the pair combined for an average of 35 points while looking more comfortable and confident on the court, Brey said. He added that treating them like starters since the team arrived for practice before the Italy jaunt is paying off.

"That was my focus in Italy," Brey said. "Jackson having the ball and knowing he's our quarterback and Auguste knowing he's our main low post guy. They started every game over there, and I think they've responded well. There's no question Jerian and Pat have

helped them get confident, and the [two seniors] know we need them so they helped me groom them."

Jackson has taken on the role of running the Irish offense this year, something he said he is ready for after struggling at times last season.

"Everybody was so good," Jackson said. "There [were] a lot of good players we played against last year. The ACC, everybody is really talented. ... I was still trying to understand decision-making and things like that as a point guard, and I think with a year of experience, with a year of learning, that's definitely helped me out."

Although Brey admitted Binghamton is in a rebuilding mode, he said it has the potential to be a dangerous offense when they take the floor tonight.

"They're a talented offensive team," Brey said. "They play fast, and they have the ability to make shots. They have a lot of guys that can spread you and make 3-point shots. That's always a recipe for disaster. ... So we have to really be aware of that."

The Irish and Bearcats are scheduled to tipoff tonight at 9 p.m. at Purcell Pavilion in a preliminary game of the Hall of Fame Tipoff Tournament. Notre Dame will then host Navy on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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After the Ferris State game, McGraw said she was still deciding which reserves would see regular playing time alongside the starters and the sixth and seventh players in the rotation, senior guard Madison Cable and freshman forward Kathryn Westbeld. Now, she said new players have stepped up to fill those roles.

"I think [freshman guard] Mychal Johnson made a great case for herself," she said. "I think she's definitely going to be in that next spot. And then [senior forward] Markisha Wright is really coming along. So I think going into this Friday, we've got nine [players] that are really solid."

The Irish bring that expanded rotation into their game against UMass Lowell, which also opens its season tonight. The River Hawks struggled last year en route to a 5-23 record. Four of those wins came against fellow America East opponents and only two were on the road.

While UMass Lowell might not present a huge challenge for a Notre Dame team coming off a near-perfect season, McGraw said the Irish would not have trouble finding pregame motivation.

"It's really easy to focus on the first game, I think, because

there's just so much excitement for the freshmen and really for the fans and the whole team," she said. "So this is going to be a good time for us to really just figure out what it's like to play at home in front of the crowd, to get the game day down for the freshmen because so many of them are going to be playing that it's really important for us to kind of set that tone."

However, McGraw joked that the season opener has come too soon for her and her staff.

"I'd like to stay on the practice floor," she said. "I love practice, but them, I think the fun for them is going to be playing in games, and certainly Friday can't come too soon for them."

The Irish start their 2014-15 campaign tonight against UMass Lowell at Purcell Pavilion. Opening tip is at 6 p.m.

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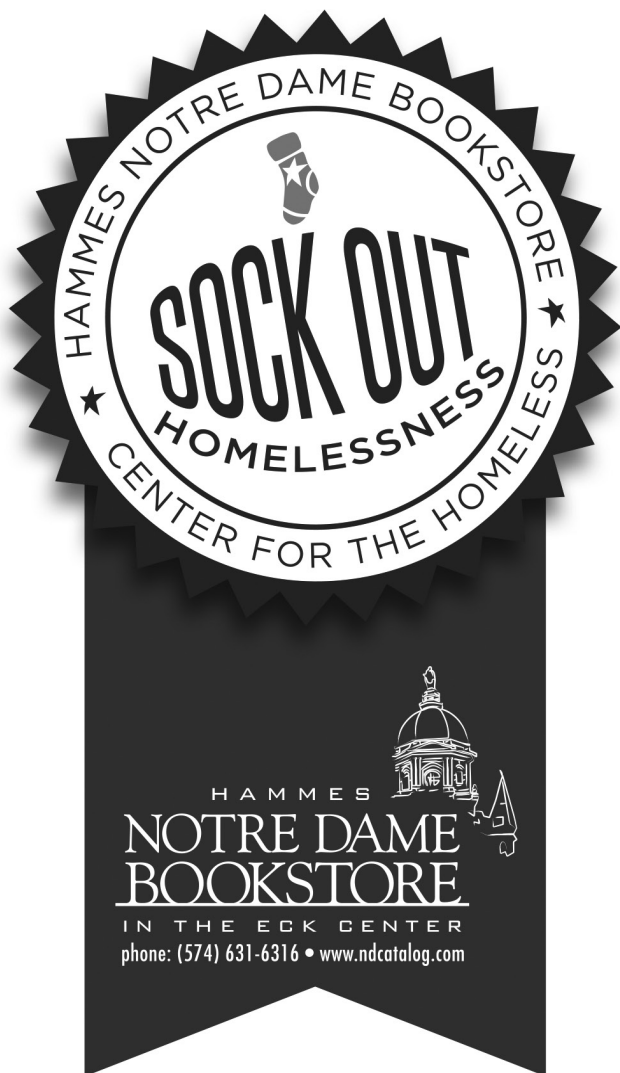
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PUZZLE BY ED SESSA

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34 Bras ____ Lake (Canadian inland sea)
36 Rumor opener
37 Agenda opener
- 38 They're thirsty much of the time
39 What gobs take in
40 The Merry Mex of golf
41 Feeling no pain
46 Jewel cases?
47 Bill with barbs
- 50 Fruit giant
51 Home of the daily Hamshahri
52 Raiders Hall-of-Famer Jim
55 Coin feature
56 Unlike 38-Down

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE 9/21/12

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

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HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST

Happy Birthday: Expressing the way you feel will be the turning point in all your negotiations. Stand tall and state your case with conviction, and you will not be denied the opportunity to receive what you deserve and gain respect for your honesty. This is the year to make the necessary adjustments to live life your way. Don't back down. Your numbers are 2, 14, 22, 24, 31, 35, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Home improvement will help your productivity and your state of mind. Making a move or just rearranging your place to suit upcoming projects will help. Altering your living arrangements can help you cut costs. Don't let your current professional position get you down. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Help colleagues, and you will build a strong alliance that will help you advance in your chosen field. Being a participant will lead to opportunities and greater expertise. Sign up for courses that will help hone your skills. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The larger activities going on at your home or workplace will help you see the pros and cons of your personal situation. Look at your alternatives and consider past experiences and financial costs in order to make a practical domestic decision. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Strive for perfection and stay within your budget. Set limitations that will ensure you head down a practical path. A long-term partnership will add to your stability. Love is highlighted, and simple pleasures will be your ticket to a solid future. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Listen carefully, but don't share your thoughts or feelings. Do your own thing and make a point to learn something that will help you advance. Taking a course or practicing and honing a skill you want to develop will bring the highest rewards. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotions may flare up if you haven't discussed your plans with someone affected by what you do. Your practical outlook will win out in the end if you are honest. A partnership with a friend, lover or relative will lead to a prosperous future.★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sign up for a short trip or a course that will explore concepts or information that can help you advance. Don't let someone at home dictate what you can and cannot do. Jealousy is apparent and must not be allowed to disrupt your plans. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Evaluate your financial, emotional and domestic situations and you will come up with a solution that is innovative, cost effective and stabilizing. Make a commitment to follow through with your plans, and don't look back.★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Help others, but make sure you get what you want in return. If you spell out your agenda, a partnership will develop that will bring continuous benefits to everyone concerned. Honesty will be a must to make this coalition work.★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't mix business with pleasure. Focus on what's at stake, and take a route that ensures your success. It's OK to be different and to pave the path for those less innovative. Don't let last-minute changes get in your way.★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put discipline into play and you will be able to make the changes necessary to ensure your safety and your progress. Not everyone will be happy with your plans, so be discreet and diplomatic regarding your every move. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Open the door to friends, relatives and peers. Share your thoughts, and you will discover you are not alone. Plans that can lead to a prosperous venture should be discussed. Home improvements can be put into play. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are intense, passionate and expressive. You are original, creative and interesting.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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

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Answer here: A "□ □ □ □ □ - □ □ □ □ □" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FAITH SCARF SCARCE WAFFLE
Answer: Careless drivers can end up — "CAR-LESS"

WORK AREA



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish prepare for UMass Lowell

By MARY GREEN
Sports Editor

Coming off a lopsided, tune-up victory last week, Notre Dame kicks off its regular season with a home match-up against UMass Lowell on Friday.

The Irish hit the court at Purcell Pavilion with hopes of advancing to their fifth straight Final Four. However, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she does not expect the road to Tampa, Florida, to be as smooth as it was during last year's perfect regular season.

"We thought there'd be growing pains last year, too," she said. "This year, I really mean it: we're gonna take some lumps early. I mean, we really are young. We're so different than last year."

Notre Dame will debut a new look after losing three starters from last season's national runner-up squad to graduation. In the Nov.

5 exhibition against Ferris State, sophomore forward Taya Reimer, freshman forward Brianna Turner and junior guard Michaela Mabrey joined junior guard Jewell Loyd and sophomore guard Lindsay Allen — both starters last season — on the court for opening tip, and McGraw said she will go with the same starting five tonight.

Reimer led the Irish charge in the preseason 92-32 victory, collecting a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. McGraw said she will look to Reimer to play a bigger role for Notre Dame this season after primarily coming off the bench as the sixth man last year.

"She's really played well," McGraw said of Reimer. "She's come in with a new attitude, a new mindset, much more aggressive offensively. She's doing so many good things."

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HOCKEY

Hockey heads to Merrimack



CAITLYN JORDAN | The Observer

Freshman Jake Evans fires a shot against Lake Superior State. The Irish take on Merrimack on Friday and Saturday.

By ALEX CARSON
Sports Writer

After being swept last week-end by Minnesota, Notre Dame returns to Hockey East play against Merrimack on Friday and Saturday.

This weekend's series marks the first time that the Irish (5-4-1, 1-0-1 Hockey East) have traveled to North Andover, Massachusetts, in nearly 23 years, and Irish coach Jeff Jackson said that he expects a raucous environment.

"We're going from a [larger]

Olympic ice sheet to a small environment," Jackson said. "The fans will be on top of us and I guess from what I heard, their president said it's the biggest weekend in Merrimack athletics history. They're a small Catholic school and it's a big deal for Notre Dame coming in there."

Merrimack (6-2-1, 2-1-0) is off to a fast start this season and last time out, the Warriors defeated then-No. 10 Providence, 1-0, Saturday on

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND to take on Binghamton

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
Sports Writer

With questions swirling around about the team, Notre Dame officially opens its regular season when it hosts Binghamton tonight at the Purcell Pavilion.

After the first losing season in Irish coach Mike Brey's 15-season tenure, this year's squad is eager to get back on the court and redeem themselves, senior guard Jerian Grant and senior guard/forward and team captain Pat Connaughton said.

"We're all just ready to get going," Connaughton said. "We're ready to put last season behind us. Everything that's being said and that has been said in the off-season, just use it to fuel it game by game."



SARAH OLSON | The Observer

Irish senior guard Jerian Grant dribbles the ball upcourt during Notre Dame's exhibition win over Lewis.

"We're extremely excited," Grant said. "We've moved on from last year. We're ready to start a new

season and show people what we can do."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Squad enters ACC semis

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
Sports Writer

For the second time in as many years, No. 2 Notre Dame travels to Cary, North Carolina, to play in the ACC tournament semifinal today against No. 14 Clemson. The winner will have a chance to claim the tournament title Sunday afternoon.

The Irish (11-4-3, 6-1-1 ACC) advanced to the semifinal match after a 3-0 shutout of No. 20 Virginia last Sunday at Alumni Stadium. The Irish had shut out their opponents only once in the nine matches prior to the game against the Cavaliers (10-6-2, 3-3-2 ACC). Irish coach Bobby Clark said he was pleased with the team's defensive play, but emphasized that it would need to

continue moving forward.

"It was about time," Clark said. "If we are going to [win], you've got to defend well. That was a good shutout against a good team in a good game. ... I always say it's not just about the defense. It's the whole team defending. ... It takes a whole team to defend and it takes a whole team to attack."

Irish graduate student goalkeeper Patrick Wall tallied eight saves, one off his career high, to record the clean sheet, as the Cavaliers finished with an 8-4 shots on goal advantage.

"Pat certainly had a couple of very good saves, but a lot of them [were] stuff that he could handle," Clark said. "I thought Pat just did a really good job of collecting balls that came in behind him. Just

his decision-making was very good."

Graduate student forward Leon Brown, sophomore defender Brandon Aubrey and newly-christened ACC Offensive Player of the Year junior midfielder Patrick Hodan scored for top-seeded Notre Dame. It was Brown's third goal in the last two matches after he notched a pair at Pittsburgh in the final game of the regular season. The graduate student only found the net three times all season before his recent outburst.

"Leon was terrific," Clark said. "His movement on the field and how he's creating space and finding space for himself, how he's linking with other players, is the best he's

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame hosts Valparaiso

By RENEE GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

In its 22nd consecutive NCAA tournament, No. 12 Notre Dame will play Valparaiso in the first round Friday at Alumni Stadium as a No. 4 seed.

Notre Dame (12-5-2, 7-2-1 ACC) is coming off a 3-1 loss in the ACC championship semifinal to eventual-champion Florida State, ranked No. 2 in

the nation.

Though the Crusaders (14-1-1, 8-0-0 Horizon) are unranked, they boast some of the top players in the Horizon League. Sophomore forward April Cronin was named conference MVP, and redshirt freshman forward Vanesa Abad was named Freshman of the Year.

"They're a good team and they've had a great season," Irish coach Theresa

Romagnolo said. "They're going to have a lot of belief and desire. They're going to be physical and work hard. They've had a lot of success, and they've got the MVP of the league and rookie of the year. Those are good players that that we're going to have to stop from getting going."

Romagnolo said Notre Dame will be careful not to look past

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