

SMC hosts symposium on domestic violence

Students and faculty reflect on experiences in abusive relationships, advocate for support systems

By **HALEIGH EHMSSEN**
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

The symposium on domestic violence and intersectionality concluded Thursday with a panel discussion featuring Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff examining ways to speak up against domestic violence.

Professor of communications Marne Austin, who spoke about advocacy and relationships, said in her experience, the most difficult thing is naming the abuse.

"It's so important to be able to name it for what it is," she said. "I'm a Gender and Women's Studies professor, and I couldn't name it. We live in these

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CAITLYN JORDAN | The Observer

Speaker Johanna Ganz participated in the symposium on domestic violence and intersectionality on Thursday in Rice Commons. The symposium was sponsored by Saint Mary's Justice Education program.

By **REBECCA O'NEIL**
News Writer

Saint Mary's Justice Education Department hosted a symposium on intersectionality and domestic violence in Rice Commons on Thursday night.

Domestic violence cannot be reduced to studying just violence or relationships, Justice Education interim coordinator Adrienne Lyles-Chockley said. The symposium explored "the interrelated factors at play in regard to the question, 'Why don't women in abusive relationships just leave?'"

Lyles-Chockley said this query cannot be addressed in its entirety without taking race, culture,

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Grotto vigil honors missing students



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame community gathered at the Grotto to show support for the 43 missing students from Ayotzinapa, Mexico.

By **JESSICA MERDES**
News Writer

More than 100 Notre Dame students, faculty and South Bend community members gathered at the Grotto on Thursday night for a remembrance prayer vigil to show support for the 43 missing students from Ayotzinapa, Mexico.

In September, students from the Rural Teachers College of Ayotzinapa were abducted during

a peaceful protest. Since then, the protest movement in Mexico has spread around the world and continues to gain momentum as people turn the spotlight on the country to demand justice for the more than 20,000 people who have disappeared since 2006.

Ph.D. student César Leon Soto, president of the Latino Graduate Association at Notre Dame

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Founder speaks about success

By **JACK ROONEY**
Associate News Editor

Dave Finocchio, founder and general manager of the sports website Bleacher Report and Notre Dame graduate of the class of 2005, returned to campus Thursday to deliver a lecture in which he traced the brief history of the company and explained how his Arts and Letters education contributed to his success as an entrepreneur.

Finocchio majored in history

and economics — the same departments that sponsored the event — and spoke in the McKenna Hall auditorium in a lecture titled "From Alumni Hall to the World's Biggest Sports Website."

While he was still a student at Notre Dame, Finocchio said he did not know what he wanted to do for a living, but his education inspired him to chase his passions.

"As I went through my college, like I'm sure a lot of you are

going through right now, I actually had no idea what the hell I wanted to do with the rest of my life, including my profession," he said. "A lot of my friends, especially here, seemed to have a much more grounded sense of what they wanted to do.

"In the context of studying history, I think [my education] just gave me a broader context on what my place on earth was, how fleeting it was

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FOOTBALL FRIDAY FEATURE

ROTC helps clear stadium

By **MADISON JAROS**
News Writer

Before Notre Dame fans packed the football stadium last Saturday to cheer for the Irish, the Notre Dame ROTC units — Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps — spent 12 hours shoveling snow out of the stadium to prepare for game day.

Master Sergeant Marshall Yuen said the shoveling, which lasted from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, was part of an agreement

made between Notre Dame ROTC and stadium staff in 2008.

"Back in 2008, before a Stanford game, the campus got hit by a really big snowstorm," he said. "It was on a Thursday and Friday, and [Facilities Manager] Dan Brazo had a hard time getting all the snow cleared for the game. So after that, he called over here to coordinate a community response with us for the next time something like that happened."

Yuen said last Friday was the

first time since 2008 that the ROTC was called to help clear the stadium, and in all, about 75 percent of students involved in the Notre Dame ROTC program helped shovel snow.

"Quite a few of our cadets were [shoveling] in between class periods," he said. "[Some of them] went to class at eight o'clock in the morning. They had an hour break, so they walked over to the stadium and did some shoveling

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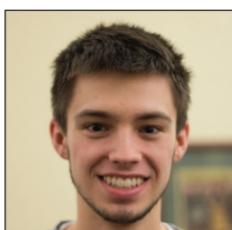
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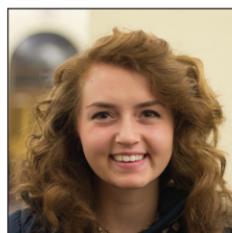
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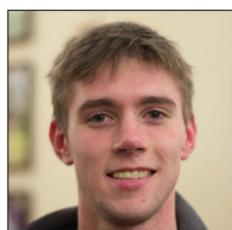
"The Rock, working out."



Colleen Finley

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"Feve."



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"The library."



MICHAEL YUI | The Observer

Students write what they are most thankful for this Thanksgiving on posters displayed Thursday evening in South Dining Hall. Notre Dame will celebrate the holiday with dinner served from 12 to 3:30 p.m. in North Dining Hall.

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Women's Basketball

Purcell Pavilion
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Notre Dame vs.
Chattanooga.

Pep Rally

Joyce Center
5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Pep rally for Notre
Dame vs. Louisville
football game.

Saturday

Notre Dame Football

Notre Dame Stadium
3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Irish take on Louisville
in final home game.

Saturday Vigil Mass

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

Sunday

Mass at the Basilica

Basilica of the Sacred
Heart
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Music by Notre Dame
Folk Choir.

Men's Soccer

Alumni Stadium
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
ND vs. Akron/Ohio
State winner (NCAA
Second Round).

Monday

Women's Basketball

Joyce Center
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Notre Dame vs.
Harvard.

Creches from around the World

Campus-wide
All day
See thirty creches
from around the world.

Tuesday

Women's Basketball

Joyce Center
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Notre Dame vs.
Quinnipiac.

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship

Cavanaugh Hall
8:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Worship music and
group discussion.

Choirs, orchestra prepare for Beethoven festival

By WEILIN
News Writer

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra and numerous Notre Dame choral groups will perform at the Beethoven Festival tonight at 8 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center as part of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Fr. Edward Sorin's birthday.

The Notre Dame Glee Club along with the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir, Notre Dame Women's Liturgical Choir and Notre Dame Celebration Choir, a total of more than 200 singers, are scheduled to perform several pieces by Ludwig van Beethoven. Pianist and artist-in-residence Daniel Schlosberg will substitute John Blacklow as the soloist.

According to the DeBartolo

Performing Arts Center's website, the program consists of movements from Symphony No. 8, Choral Fantasy and Mass in C major.

Basilica director of music Andrew McShane and professor Daniel Stowe, the conductor of the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra and Glee Club director, began preparation for the concert in August. McShane said the biggest challenge was assembling and coordinating the sheer number of musicians involved in the festival, approximately 250 vocalists and instrumentalists combined.

Stowe said he will direct Symphony No. 8 and Choral Fantasy, while McShane will direct the Mass in C major.

Karen Schneider-Kirner, director of the Notre Dame Celebration Choir, said Beethoven's pieces are

well suited for large forces, and the festival was feasible since there are many student musicians within the Notre Dame community.

"It's a way for our students to hear the same texts we proclaim now at Mass, set musically by one of the greatest composers who ever lived, and we'll be singing it in the original German," Schneider-Kirner said. "It will also feature soloists, members of the Notre Dame community from Campus Ministry, our music department and the Masters in sacred music program."

The choirs rehearsed the pieces separately at the beginning of the semester and began rehearsing together in October. McShane and Schneider-Kirner said both of their choirs dedicated numerous hours each week to concert rehearsal.

Schneider-Kirner said it was a

challenge to add the extra rehearsal time on top of her choir's liturgical responsibilities around campus. The Women's Liturgical Choir performs at the weekly Saturday Vigil Mass, including Mass after home football games.

Paul Kearney, president of the Notre Dame Glee Club, said it was a challenge to prepare for the concert while simultaneously preparing for the Glee Club's fall tour and concert and their Christmas concerts in December.

Those interested in attending the event can purchase regular admission tickets for \$10 and student tickets for \$5.

Schneider-Kirner said the money will cover expenses incurred by the concert, including rental fees for instrumental parts, music scores for the choir and operating

expenses for the concert hall.

"People should come out to see a great night of music that showcases the collaboration of several University choirs and the genius of Beethoven," Kearney said.

McShane said he hopes to see the show sell out with about a thousand attendees.

"Members of the ND Community who attend will also be amazed, I think, at the high level of talent on our campus," Schneider-Kirner said. "We have a lot to be proud of, and music is a powerful way to express the wonderful texts the choir will be proclaiming at the concert."

"It's music that speaks to the heart and soul, even though it was written over 200 years ago."

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Latino Student Alliance hosts dance event

By CAROLYN HUTYRA
News Writer

The Latino Student Alliance (LSA) is hosting a quinceañera-themed formal tonight from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Jordan Hall of Science Galleria.

LSA president Enrique Lorenzo said the dance is open to all Notre Dame students, and tickets are available for purchase both at the door of the event and at the La Fortune Student Center until 7 p.m. tonight.

"We're really trying to pull the Latino community on campus together while at the same time introducing non-Latinos to the culture, which I think is part of the drive for the theme being quinceañera," Lorenzo said.

Club treasurer Kaylee Calles and vice-president Daniela Nuñez said the quinceañera theme, which was decided upon in April, is essentially the equivalent of a sweet-16 party.

"It's a very traditional thing within our culture to have a 15th

birthday party, and that's what a quinceañera is," Calles said. "A girl is now considered a woman in society."

Since the LSA hosted salsa night at Legends last Friday, Nuñez said this formal provides another opportunity to expose students to Spanish music as well as different styles of dancing and Latin American foods from Mexico, El Salvador and Venezuela.

"For Latinos it'll remind them of what they've experienced in

the past, but for non-Latinos it'll be something new that they can take part of," Lorenzo said.

Nuñez said the club decided to go all out with the quinceañera theme, including an announcement of the secret quinceañera identity at the formal and a father-daughter dance.

"There's also the 'baile sorpresa' (surprise dance for the birthday girl) which is a choreographed dance with a certain number of couples," Nuñez said.

This formal marks the first LSA dance, Lorenzo said, as the club is technically in its first year.

"[LSA] used to be La Alianza and MEChA (Movimiento

Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan)," Nuñez said. "Then last semester both executive boards kind of saw that we were overlapping in terms of goals. Really you couldn't distinguish between the two of them, and so that's why we decided to converge and just have LSA."

Planning is already underway for LSA events next semester, Nuñez said. Upcoming 2015 events include an all-class retreat, a Latin Expressions talent showcase and a dance at the Morris Inn.

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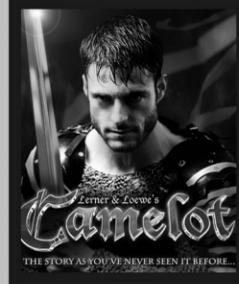
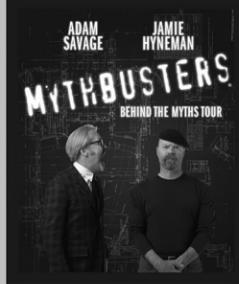


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Upcoming Events

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Vigil

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(LGAND), planned the vigil as a vehicle to bring the global movement directly to the Notre Dame community, reminding students that young adults similar to themselves were severely punished for standing up for their beliefs.

Forty-three empty chairs stood around the grotto as a reminder of the missing students. In the tradition of Latin American protest movements, each student's name was called as a candle was lit on their chair.

"This serves as a symbolic gesture indicating that the 43 are not forgotten and that their struggle is now ours," Soto said.

Marisel Moreno, associate professor of Spanish, said she encourages students to not remain unmoved by such "unimaginable" violence.

"As members of a higher learning institution, it's unimaginable to think of 43 of our own students victimized for standing up against corruption and oppression," she said. "These students are the latest victims of a highly corrupt system that is working in tandem with drug cartels and benefits from impunity. ... We are all implicated, and it ultimately affects us all."

According to Soto, there are

various ways for students to get involved in the movement. By clicking on hashtags such as #FightingForAyotzinapa, #WeAreAyotzinapa and #Ayotzinapa, students can stay up-to-date on the movement.

Soto said he calls all Notre Dame students to become aware of the problems in Mexico and to work toward restoring the image of Notre Dame as "a champion of human rights" and more than just a "football school."

"Ultimately, we can show our support by putting pressure on the Mexican government, by writing letters to the Mexican consulate expressing our dismay," he said.

According to Kellogg visiting fellow Sandra Ley Gutiérrez, student movements are important in creating change and providing energy and strength to the demands for truth and justice. Gutiérrez ended the prayer service by challenging students to become informed, spread the word, show support and reject all forms of violence.

"Lastly, never forget, and never let others forget about this massacre," she said. "We are counting on you."

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SMC club sponsors bone marrow registry drive

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News Writer

Saint Mary's Stand Up To Cancer student club will host a bone marrow registry drive for students and the Michiana community Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Reignbeaux Lounge of Le Mans Hall.

Junior Allison Lukomski said the event is a special way for students to help make a life-changing difference in the lives of cancer patients everywhere. Lukomski said she matched with a cancer patient this past summer and recently donated blood stem cells to her match.

"I registered to become a possible match because it was an event that the Saint Mary's College Stand Up To Cancer club was running," Lukomski said. "Never once did I question doing this. I just felt that there was no reason not to join. In my head, I just thought to myself 'this could save a life, why shouldn't I join?'"

When Lukomski donated at last year's drive, she said she never thought she would be matched with anyone.

"Never did I think I would be matched in a million years," she said. "Little to my disgrace, it was the perfect timing. Being a junior in college, I tend to get caught up in the hype of having good grades, getting ready to apply to grad schools, etc., but by being matched, I had to realize how important things in my life really are."

Less than six months after joining the list, Lukomski said she learned she had been matched with a 60-year-old female recipient with myelodysplastic syndrome.

"Since the majority of matches are from the patient's family members, I realized when I was matched that I was her only chance because no one in her family was her match," she said. "It is a lot to emotionally take on at once, but I had my family supporting me, and they reminded me that this was something that God had planned for my recipient and me."

Lukomski currently does not know how her recipient is recovering, but she said she will be notified around Nov. 23 as to how her recipient's body responded to her stem cells.

A note, written by Lukomski, was delivered to her match along with the donated stem cells, but Lukomski said she was not allowed to include any personal information in the note.

"I will have the chance to write her only through [the national marrow donor program] Be The Match if my recipient is willing," she said. "The same goes for meeting her. Through the rules of the organization, we cannot meet until a full year has passed from her receiving the donation. I would love to meet her at that point, and I

hope she feels the same."

Lukomski said she is encouraging fellow students to join the list of possible donors this Friday at the drive.

"Why wouldn't you want to potentially have the ability to save a life?" she said. "At any time throughout the process, you have the choice to say that you no longer wish to continue. It is your choice to even agree to start the process. So I would encourage everyone to just join the list. The swab of your check does not hurt. If you get selected for the donation process, you as the donor can stop the process and decline it at anytime. You are in full control of what happens to you."

The donation itself did not hurt at all, as Lukomski said she was given injections of filgrastim five days prior to her

donation day.

"My body was achey, but that is expected," she said. "Filgrastim is a drug that increases the number of blood-forming cells, bone marrow cells in my bloodstream. That was the only thing that caused me pain, the constant ache I had from the drug doing its job. It was nothing horrible, just a constant ache. Other than that, I did not experience any pain."

By joining the registration list, Lukomski said students provide hope to people fighting for their lives and may even change their futures.

"That is why I love this organization," she said. "They are saving lives through the strength and help of strangers. It never hurts to try something, and this is a chance to do something that

is bigger than yourself and to feel like you made a difference. Join because you want to make a difference and save a life."

Lukomski is extremely grateful for the support she has received from her family, boyfriend and his family throughout the entire process, she said.

"Without them being there for me, the process of donating would not have been as wonderful," she said. "I wanted my family with me throughout everything I did, and I was lucky that they were there. But the most important thing that I am grateful for throughout this experience is that I was selected to save a life."

Even without meeting her recipient or having any knowledge of her identity, Lukomski said she considers her match a part of her family.

"I cannot imagine what my recipient and her family have gone through," she said. "Without meeting her or knowing anything about her, she is now a part of my family, and that is what made this whole experience so rewarding."

"It is the ability to save a life. Sure there will be fears and some pain, but in the long run the outcome makes every fear and pain worth it. As college students, I think we sometimes get caught up in our lives of planning for grad schools and getting a job after graduation. I believe that by me being matched was my way of realizing that I need to start looking at the really important things in life, like life itself."

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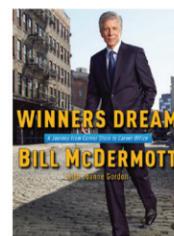
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McDermott will be signing copies of his new best-selling book, *Winners Dream*.

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contradictions, but we need to be able to talk about these issues in an honest forum.”

Austin said she faced an additional obstacle, which stemmed from the stigma surrounding her same-sex relationship. Austin said she stayed in her relationship because she didn't want to become another reason for people to say homosexuality is not okay.

“I told you so’ is not helpful,” she said.

Listening and not judging are the most important ways friends can support victims, Austin said. As a professor, she said she tries to create a safe space for

students, but she herself feels broken.

“I try to create this safe space for students, but so much of my identity is gone,” she said. “I don't know who I am anymore.”

Senior Meredith Mersits said while she was in an abusive relationship, she always put the blame on herself.

It's a job every day when you're in a violent relationship, Mersits said. It consumes your thoughts and affects you mentally.

“I was in a relationship where I wasn't myself,” she said. “I had lost my voice.”

As a social work major, Mersits said she knows firsthand the signs of domestic violence, but she was still unable to define her relationships as such.

“I'm an advocate for sexual assault and domestic violence victims, but I was in one myself,” she said. “I was embarrassed and didn't want to see my relationship as abusive.”

There are no stereotypes for domestic violence situations, Mersits said, and it's something that is often undetectable on the surface.

“You can't look at someone and know they are in a domestic violence situation,” she said.

Support is crucial, but Mersits said the pain that accompanies domestic violence is not fixable.

“So often we want to fix things, but this is not something that is easily fixable,” she said. “It takes one day at time, and my friends helped me get my voice back.”

Laura Brandenburg, director of advancement services, said she left an abusive marriage after many years, but it wasn't until later that she realized her relationship was abusive.

Brandenburg said her husband would get angry and expect her to get over his rage quickly. Mentally, it was exhausting, she said.

Brandenburg referenced a weekend during her marriage when she planned to attend a scrapbooking weekend with a church group. She said she had boxes of supplies lined up at the door, and her husband hid the boxes as a way of telling her she couldn't go.

“[Domestic violence] makes you feel so little and taken

advantage of and controlled, and you don't know what to do from there,” she said.

Brandenburg reiterated the message of constant support from friends.

“It's helpful to have friends that are there to listen,” she said. “My friends help me feel validated and like I'm not crazy.”

Austin said support is a lifelong need for victims of domestic violence.

“I feel like a shell of what I used to be, but I ask that you understand support needs to be continuing even long after the relationships is terminated,” she said.

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Symposium

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class, gender, sexuality, socioeconomic background, disability and immigration status into account. The question's “language is loaded and problematic,” she said.

The symposium provided a day-long forum on mental health, law, social work, healthcare and education professionals, Lyles-Chockley said.

In a section of the symposium entitled “Domestic Violence, Ethnicity and Culture,” Elena Zarandona, an Elkhart psychological and family consultant, and Mary Smith, a bilingual domestic violence survivor advocate at

the YWCA, said the group's mission to help survivors of domestic violence was inspired by personal experience.

“Many of the panelists and the individuals who have helped me organize the event are survivors of [domestic violence],” Lyles-Chockley said.

Zarandona said Hispanic women, like herself, are less likely to seek government-offered shelter from domestic violence because they want to protect their children from further danger.

Zarandona said citizenship status and the possibility of having one's child removed by social services directly influences whether or not women report abuse.

Zarandona said she prefers the term “survivor” to “victim” because women who endure domestic violence do defend themselves, even if they are trapped or isolated.

“My job is to make this woman more empowered, to make this women feel as if it is okay to be by herself again,” she said.

Developing this sense of independence is particularly hard because of the sincere sense of intimacy the perpetrator of domestic violence shares with the survivor, Zarandona said.

“It's a confusing way of loving, but it is a way of loving,” she said. “It's not your fault, but it is your responsibility to get better. Take

yourself seriously.”

Smith said many women who leave the YWCA after the 45-day maximum stay will return to a violent situation at home because they do not have a support system elsewhere.

This support is especially hard to find if the survivor faces a language barrier, Smith said. On top of all other obstacles that survivors of domestic violence face, a language barrier is hard to overcome.

Lyles-Chockley said she hopes event attendees leave with a more holistic understanding of what domestic violence is, why women stay and how to become “loving and effective allies and friends

to the women who are in, and/or leaving, abusive relationships.”

“We hope that the symposium helps our community better respond to domestic violence and assist us all in being better advocates, friends and allies to women who are in, and trying to get out of, abusive relationships,” Lyles-Chockley said.

Smith said being aware of resources makes a significant difference to survivors of domestic violence.

“It's amazing how much you grow when a hand is extended to you,” she said.

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ROTC

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and then went to their next class. Some did it over their lunch breaks.

“Every one of the ROTC commanders was out there shoveling snow, and some of them were out there for six or seven hours.”

Sophomore Naval midshipman Ian Tembe said involvement in ROTC service like this is personally important to him.

“I like to participate in everything the battalion does,” he said. “For me, Navy ROTC (NROTC) is

the main part of my life as far as my future and my career. ... Another thing that I really like is the relationship between NROTC and Notre Dame, and I wanted to help further that [by participating].”

Shoveling snow in the stadium also helped strengthen the bond between the four different ROTC units, Tembe said.

“It's important for the cadets to do [service for the University] so that [ROTC] can instill that ‘God, Country, Notre Dame’ kind of ideal and that service to community,” he said. “It's important to strengthen the relationship

between the Navy, the Army, the Marine Corps, the Air Force and Notre Dame.”

Senior Elizabeth Terino said the relationship between the four ROTC branches extends beyond shoveling snow together on Friday. The units have multiple events with each other throughout the year, she said. Tembe said this relationship between the branches is an important one.

“The camaraderie between the units, we have kind of a sibling rivalry,” Tembe said. “But we're really more tightly involved than you might think. And that's important

because once we graduate and become officers, joint relationships between the branches are very important to the military objectives of the United States. Each service would like to say they're the one that does all the work, but really the work can't be done without all the armed services.”

Shoveling snow on Friday was a way to show ROTC's appreciation for Notre Dame, Terino said.

“Notre Dame is so supportive of the ROTC program,” she said. “Shoveling the stadium is just a small act of service that we can perform to give back to a

University that gives us so much.”

Ultimately, though, Yuen said the service Notre Dame ROTC provides to the University also benefits the cadets.

“What it really teaches our cadets is that if somebody asks for help, you go out there and help them without expecting necessarily a monetary reward or a pat on the back,” he said. “When your community calls you to help, if you have time to do it, you go out there and do it.”

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Finocchio

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and how most people who made an impact throughout history took chances and took risks. I just started to feel strongly that I didn't want to go down the same path as everyone else. I wanted to go off on my own and kind of create my own path. ... It all just helped to shape my perspective and push me toward trying to do something that I was actually really passionate about.”

After graduating from Notre Dame, Finocchio said he took a job with a private equity firm in Chicago and worked between 60 and 80 hours a week, but used his spare time to launch Bleacher Report. He said he was motivated by a belief that sports fans “deserve to read something insightful, something that makes them really think about their team,

something that's entertaining.”

“The idea was that we would go and source writers all over the country who were actually honest-to-God experts about maybe the top three to four hundred teams across all professional sports in the U.S. and then some collegiate sports,” he said.

“We had absolutely no idea what the hell we were doing. None whatsoever. This was just an idea, and we really had to do things step by step.”

Finocchio said he noticed most sports media outlets catered to an older audience, so he wanted Bleacher Report to tailor its content to fans in their mid-20s.

“I thought a lot of the sports websites that were out there were really speaking to my dad's demographic [more] than they were to mine,” he said. “Even if you turn on some of the broadcasts today, at times I feel like it's

my grandfather talking about sports. It's not how I would be talking about them with my buddies in a bar.”

Through its data-driven approach to user analysis, Finocchio said he and his team were able to generate a large enough audience to attract investors and advertisers. Turner Sports then acquired Bleacher Report in Aug. 2012 for a reported \$175 million.

“Today we are the second-largest sports site in the United States. We are both a publisher of content, but we also aggregate other content,” he said. “That's kind of part of our secret sauce—we create our own original content but we're also really, really good at curating other peoples' content. We'll link to ESPN; we'll link to ND Nation; we'll link to anyone who has good content.”

Finocchio also highlighted

Bleacher Report's mobile app, Team Stream, which is the most widely used sports app with more than 10 million global downloads, and the website's expansion to include offices in New York and London in addition to its headquarters in San Francisco.

He concluded with advice for the mostly-student audience to pursue their interests rather than settle for a steady job after graduation.

“You spend so much time trying to get through high school and trying to get into Notre Dame, it's worth the time to try to figure out what job would probably make you happy or what job would help you actually feel good that you're chasing some of the passions in your life,” Finocchio said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

My fantasy sports nightmare



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Consider this my official public announcement: I am finished with any and all forms of fantasy sports come next year. Yes, that's right, by the time 2015 rolls around, I will no longer partake in fantasy football, fantasy basketball, or fantasy choose-your-favorite-sport-and-trivialize-it.

You don't care about whether or not I play fantasy sports next year? Well surprise, surprise, that's kind of the point here.

I realize that as long as there exists a divide of supremely blessed, hardworking and talented athletes and non-athletic wannabes like myself, there will quite probably always exist a cornucopia of fantasy players in countless fantasy leagues. The apparent fun and thrill is there: a non-athlete can feel like a mastermind at sports, replacing the thrill of actually playing and succeeding in a given sport. But the more and more I play, the less and less I pay attention to my fantasy teams. I realize I feel forced into watching players rather than teams, and I hate watching the real-life sport all for the sake of suffering over my fantasy team.

I love talking with my friends about sports. However, once they start to regurgitate fantasy points to me, I instantly tune out. And, I have come to despise fantasy sports for three reasons.

First, for the majority of the sports that the most popular fantasy sports are based on (i.e. football, basketball, baseball, hockey and soccer), one of the things that is most celebrated is the virtue of a unit of players coming together to turn in a product much greater than the sum of its parts. However, the essence of fantasy sports throws that very idea away — it takes away from the beauty of transcending individualistic performances for the sake of team success.

Second, in my opinion it's becoming increasingly easy for people to pretend to be the expert. It doesn't take any extensive knowledge of any sport to be a fantasy guru — simply look up who will produce the most numbers, and you might as well have your own fantasy sports segment on your favorite sports news media.

Lastly, I have been simply awful at fantasy sports for the past few years. My sports luck has been putrid as my favorite teams have been perpetually underachieving and marred by misfortune. As a consequence of this, I never know who the most productive players are — the most productive players just aren't going to be on the miserable Los Angeles Lakers or cursed Oakland Raiders. Or, in a weird roundabout way, they might be. After all, oftentimes the most winningest teams have the greatest players who could care less about individual stats.

So goodbye fantasy sports. I am looking forward to waking up from this nightmare and getting back to reality.

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The ND-Native American story

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

Everyone in the Notre Dame is well aware of the University's French heritage and Irish identity. However, although Notre Dame has a rich history with Native Americans, few members of the campus community know or can recount these stories.

Three prominent murals on the second floor of Main Building depict Christopher Columbus and his interactions with Native American peoples. One, called "Taking Possession of the New World," shows him just after landing, in front of a cross, preaching Christianity to awestruck indigenous people cowering at the display of power. Another, called "Return of Columbus and His Reception at Court," shows him back in Spain presenting his findings from the New World, including a number of Native American men. The final mural, called "Bobadilla Betrays Columbus," shows Columbus in shackles with a concerned Native woman resting her head on his shoulder while a Native man holds Columbus's chains. Columbus was arrested by fellow Spaniard, Francisco de Bobadilla, by orders of the King and Queen for abusing his powers as a governor, promoting slavery of the indigenous people, ordering wrongful hangings and mishandling money.

It is unfortunate that these are the only stories still told about Native Americans on Notre Dame's campus. The story that should be told and celebrated instead is the story of the Potawatomi tribe, Chief Leopold Pokagon, Fr. Stephen Badin, Fr. Edward Sorin and the origins of the University as we know it.

Most people do not know that Notre Dame was built on Potawatomi lands. The story of Notre Dame and the Potawatomi people began in 1830 when Leopold Pokagon, a leader in the Potawatomi tribe, traveled to Detroit to ask assistance from French priests. Fr. Gabriel Richard sent Badin, the first priest ordained in the United States, as a missionary to minister to the Potawatomi people. Badin purchased the land at Sainte-Marie-des-Lacs in parcels from the United States government with the intention of starting an orphanage — now Notre Dame. The

Potawatomi and Badin worked together to establish a mission in Northwest Indiana.

When the Chicago Treaty was passed in 1833, the Potawatomi tribe was ordered to leave or be forcibly removed from this region to eastern Kentucky. Pokagon, with the help of Badin, was able to negotiate the right to stay in the area, and he purchased land near Dowagiac, Michigan, for his people shortly thereafter. With the help of Catholic missionaries, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi got its start.

In 1835, Badin sold the land to the Diocese of Vincennes on the condition that it be used for an orphanage and school. Sorin left Vincennes, Indiana, with the dream of founding a university, and when he arrived at the log-cabin mission on the edge of two lakes in November 1841, the Pokagon people and Catholic priests had already formed a strong friendship. The Pokagon band maintained a close presence during the formative years of Notre Dame.

This friendship continued throughout Notre Dame's development, but over time this relationship has slowly faded away. There have been points of contention between the Potawatomi tribe and Notre Dame in recent years concerning land and the admission of Potawatomi students to the University, but those concerns have passed. There is no reason that Notre Dame should avoid celebrating its long tradition with the Native American people in this region. There is no reason why the Notre Dame community should be unaware of important interactions between its founders and local Native Americans.

It is unfortunate that during November, Native American Heritage month, Notre Dame does nothing to honor its past. For an institution so steeped in stories and practices of tradition, it is disappointing that this integral story has been forgotten. In celebrating Father Sorin's 200th birthday, Notre Dame ought to include the great Native American influence involved in the founding of this University.

This story needs to be told and heard so that in the future, we can honor our past to the fullest extent.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ND: Divest and say no to fossil fuels

We, the members of the Center for Social Concerns Seminar on Energy, Climate and Social Change, ask Notre Dame to assess its role in the increasingly critical issue of climate change.

Following weeks of studying this multifaceted and far-reaching subject from a variety of angles, our seminar culminated in a trip to our nation's capital, where we discussed climate change with experts in policy, politics, activism and industry. After sincere analysis of the issue, we would like to suggest a tangible step for our University: divestment from fossil fuels.

Divestment constitutes a removal of an organization's funds from specific corporations or groups as a political statement. Today, environmental advocates across the nation are calling for divestment from fossil fuel industries. Notre Dame's endowment is currently invested in a diverse portfolio of industry sectors that have brought successive years of large growth. Opponents of divestment cite its potential financial cost to the University, but our proposal comprises relocating funds invested in fossil fuels to other relatively high-yielding resources to ensure continued endowment growth.

In recent months, Stanford and the University of Dayton — another Midwestern Catholic institution — announced they would join a growing number of universities, cities and foundations across the world in the divestment movement. We call for Notre Dame to join this movement and declare a firm moral opposition to energy practices not in keeping with Catholic social tradition.

Furthermore, divestment may help change social perception of an industry that holds a near monopoly on energy, neglecting social and environmental responsibility. With established infrastructure and cheaper prices due to unaccounted external costs, like the health impact of pollution, fossil fuels will continue to dominate the market without a movement demonstrating strong resistance to their harmful effects.

Climate change is a deeply moral issue, one closely aligned with our University's mission to seek justice and dignity for all. The oft-unconsidered societal costs of carbon emissions and pollution threaten public health and the future of our economy. The global carbon concentration has reached approximately 400 parts per million, substantially surpassing 350 parts per million, the maximum level recommended by the Intergovernmental

Panel on Climate Change to avoid severe changes in weather patterns. Moreover, extraction and processing of fossil fuels induce adverse health effects such as asthma, to which children are particularly susceptible. These effects disproportionately impact poor and minority communities who lack the financial means to flee pollution or to adapt to climate change.

As a University with a tradition of standing for social justice, Notre Dame must exercise strong leadership for other institutions around the world to establish just policy on climate issues. By articulating a clarion call for action against practices that threaten basic human dignity, we as a university can continue to uphold the values upon which we were founded.

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Make Christ present

Scott Boyle

The Sincere Seeker

I had the opportunity to travel back to South Bend this past Thursday. Although my work in Indianapolis does not allow frequent jaunts back to the familiar sites of campus, its beauty was still fresh in my mind from this past summer. Images of warm sunshine, green grass and wind rippling gently over the lakes sent a smile over my face as I began my drive.

These pleasant visions were, unfortunately, short-lived. Clear autumnal skies faded to reveal a much starker reality. A November snow had descended over South Bend. Cue the quick exit of my pleasant summer memories.

Red taillights danced like disco lights in between the snow flurries that were blanketing the South Bend roads. But things were anything but a party. It took me around an hour to progress a mile through downtown South Bend.

Through it all, I could not help but think to myself, "Wasn't it just yesterday that we were greeting the sunshine? My, the time has gone quickly."

It seems like just last week that I was beginning my undergraduate career at Notre Dame, and just yesterday that I was beginning my graduate studies with Echo. This work has taken me to the campus of Notre Dame during the summers and to the city of Indianapolis during the year.

And now that my two years are winding down, it's time to think more toward the future, to life after Echo.

While it's exciting to face the future, this has never been a particularly easy task for me. Quite simply, I have been called a "perpetual discern-er." I have been known to think, weigh, re-weigh

and examine every nook and cranny of a possible decision before committing.

In fact, my journey to a decision probably looks like my journey through the streets of South Bend that last Thursday: slow. The "traffic" and clutter of my life frequently blanket the road of my life. It can be hard not only to get my footing but to see clearly in front of me.

All this reminds me of a job request I received not too long ago. It was a job posting for a ministry position with the Diocese of Raleigh. The position was titled "Director of the New Evangelization."

Now, if you follow the Church, the topic of the "New Evangelization" is like a drive in the heavy snow in South Bend. It's a hard topic on which to get any sort of good footing.

But I describe it to people in this way. To evangelize means to share the Gospel, to spread its "good news."

The word "new," I've always thought, is somewhat misleading though. The message of the Gospel and Christ is certainly not new.

What is new, however, what is always changing, are the particular ways in which we get to "present" Christ's truths. But I've always wondered: "How do we present the unchanging truths of faith in such a way that they can be understood by people thousands of years removed from its original context?"

I still do chuckle to think that "one person" could ever "direct" the "New Evangelization." I often think to myself, "Isn't that the work of the Holy Spirit?"

The saints, however, I think provide us with a more nuanced understanding.

It reminds me of a very charming story about one of those saints, recently canonized St. John

XXIII. As pope, he once found himself visiting a hospital named Holy Spirit in Rome. Not expecting him, the religious sister in charge introduced herself: "Most Holy Father, I am the superior of the Holy Spirit!" To which John replied, "Well, I must say you're lucky. I'm only the Vicar of Christ!"

St. John XXIII was known for his humor. Other saints, like St. Francis of Assisi, were known for their acceptance of poverty. Others, like St. Joan of Arc, were known for their courage. The list could continue on and on. But, while each of them worked using different gifts and talents, they all reimagined Christ's mission in their own particular contexts.

In "The Chronicles of Narnia," C.S. Lewis had the same goal. The great lion Aslan, he said, was what he imagined Jesus would look like if he became incarnate in a magical world like Narnia.

And it brings up an interesting question for me. What does Christ look like in our own "worlds?" How can we make him present? The saints provide us with good roadmaps. But, in the midst of all our searching and discernment, perhaps it is a question we have to ask ourselves.

What would happen if our minds were focused on making Jesus present? Perhaps his light could illumine the shadows of our questions, and we might be able to attain that clarity we most long for.

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The case against net neutrality

JC Sullivan

Prologue to Farce

Editor's Note: This is the second column of a two part column series that examines the current debate surrounding "net neutrality."

On the surface, the case for net neutrality seems simple. As discussed in Monday's column, "The Case for Net Neutrality," net neutrality appears to diminish the monopolistic power of internet service providers (ISPs) and ensure equal access to all content for all users, safeguarding a "free and open internet." However, in moving beyond the rhetoric associated with this debate, it is clear that there is a persuasive case against net neutrality.

The understanding that the internet is an open and free highway is simply not true. Major web content providers already benefit from "peering connections" and "content delivery servers," which serve the same purpose as the feared internet fast lanes. However, this technology has been used by large tech companies for years, and the internet is not the apocalyptic wasteland we are promised by net neutrality supporters. In addition, it is important to reference that 75 percent of broadband internet usage is hogged by 10 content sources, eliminating any conception of the internet as millions of diverse pieces of data moving through a single road. Returning to the above analogy, consider an ISP's infrastructure as not a public highway but rather as an extensive, rented out private driveway, with a majority of traffic coming from a few sources. Any constructive conversation regarding net neutrality must move away from an antiquated and simplified understanding of the internet.

Opponents of net neutrality draw two conclusions

from this information. First, it is clear that all internet data is not created equally. Therefore, there is ample justification for not treating all internet data equally. Streaming a Netflix movie is an inherently different process than accessing your friend's blog from abroad. Permitting ISPs to manage and prioritize their massive infrastructure will allow these companies to provide better service. Second, establishing net neutrality rules will provide ISPs and content providers with significantly less power to develop innovative service models. For example, ESPN, in an effort to grow its online offerings, agreed to cover any Verizon user's data charges above his data plan that was used for ESPN content. Verizon receives additional fees from ESPN, users get an extended data plan for no charge and ESPN grows its online presence. Even though such a deal was mutually beneficial for all parties, net neutrality supporters immediately objected. While one can argue that such deals stifle potential competitors to companies like ESPN and Netflix, even though their \$40 billion and \$23 billion respective market caps might play a role too, limiting the flexibility of ISPs to control their own infrastructures prevents potentially innovative opportunities for ISPs to better their service offerings.

In making the case against net neutrality, one must address potential counter arguments relating to an ISP's potential to "control the internet" and limit legal content. While such a situation is possible, one must consider how such an action would affect an ISP's business. ISPs generate revenue by providing internet access to consumers. If a company were to intentionally dilute a customer's internet access, it would sharply decrease revenues. Imagine the impact selective search results based on political interests would have on Google. Despite the ability to "control the internet," any effort by ISPs to do so would be a fatal business decision and therefore highly unlikely.

Now, this assumes a competitive market, and there are legitimate concerns regarding the monopolistic traits of some ISPs and a need for increased competition. However, saddling the internet service industry with regulation will serve as a barrier to entry to competitors. Efforts to classify the internet as a public utility will not increase competition among ISPs but will likely increase an incumbent ISP's monopolistic power.

One of the most familiar yet powerful arguments against net neutrality holds that government control and regulation of the internet has dangerous implications for the future of internet access, service and quality. By classifying the internet as a public utility, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) would open the internet up to price control and content and service regulation that is designed to handle traditional telecommunications services. Historical evidence indicates that clunky, bureaucratic management and regulation of a space as dynamic as the internet will stifle innovation and technological progress. In the past, the government has adopted a light touched approach to regulation of the internet, contributing to rapid technological transformation and innovation, disrupting and positively changing the way by which the world communicates, learns and connects.

In President Obama's recent statement urging the FCC to adopt net neutrality principles, he argued, "net neutrality [is] essential for preserving an environment ... that makes up the internet as we know it." In considering the internet 10 years ago, the internet today and the potential of the internet in 10 years, is preserving the internet as we know it a cause worth fighting for?

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For all the characters USA Network welcomes with open arms, a fair amount reside in the context of the law. Whether representing it, working in tandem with it, consulting for it or actively escaping it, almost every popular original USA Network hour-long drama pertains in some aspect to law, crime and justice. As such, it is natural that USA's new show expanding its foray into half-hour sitcom programming, "Benched" — following the network taking a chance with the great comedy writing duo of Lennon Parham and Jessica St. Clair in their second show in as many years, the summer sitcom "Playing House" — centers on a lawyer in a public defense office bullpen. The premise is well-worn territory, both for the network and for sitcoms as a genre, and while it might not be groundbreaking, it provides a familiar foundation on which to grow an audience.

"Benched" tracks a hardworking, dedicated corporate attorney's fall from grace

following an outburst caused by losing out on a promotion. Nina Whitley (Eliza Coupe) is forced to work up goodwill representing the less fortunate in a public law position. After she burns her bridges with the high standing firms she was once a member of, she hopes her time away will someday return her to the private sector.

Created by Damon Jones and Michaela Watkins, the basis for the main story sounds extremely similar to another show Watkins acted on, HBO's now-cancelled "Enlightened." However, Coupe's confident, broader Whitley makes "Benched" a straight comedy whereas the wonderful "Enlightened" often played crippling serious. As a result, "Benched" is much more analogous to the show in which Coupe got her television start, "Scrubs." Although it does not share the breakneck zaniness of the latter, "Benched" similarly explores a setting normally relegated to dramas in a surprisingly accurate representation.

Coupe has been on the cusp of TV stardom since her prominent part in the final two seasons of "Scrubs," nearly adopting

the show's leading role. Since, she has starred in the excellent "Happy Endings," in a similar Type-A role she inhabits in "Benched." As superb as "Happy Endings" was, "Benched" could very well prove to be her breakout, offering a strong, central character as the show's main focal point, with room for her to establish multi-dimensionality in Whitley. In its first few episodes, the show has already introduced a large playground to explore: from her new public office — equipped with such dynamic colleagues as Jay Harrington ("Better Off Ted"), Oscar Nunez ("The Office") and Maria Bamford ("Arrested Development") — to the courtroom, interrogation rooms, prison and the possibility of returning to a private firm. As of now, it does not seem as though the show will take a path towards really exploring the latter, but, knowing USA shows, it could provide a nice on-going conflict.

Still, the most promising element to "Benched" is the confidence it shares with its main character. Already Nina has spent a night in jail alongside a woman she was representing, got into a physical

fight and then bonded with the woman over mutual complaints about their sex lives. In the context of the show, that last bit it is an important development in the show's infancy, and one for television on the whole. The show's main female character embraces an empowered, confident sexual role, in an unexpected way — which is no small feat, even if it may have been a slight moment played for laughs. Patriarchal culture, especially often displayed on television — overtly or not — can pick up from an honest and hilarious open exchange like the one written on "Benched."

This small moment, among others, provides a lot of hope for "Benched" as a series. The show could become the first in an eventual sitcom block for USA, which could spark the network to explore more premises its dramas' inhabit or take more experimental chances by branching out into new territory, treating it with similar quality.

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"Kids are all standing with their arms folded tight."

Cool kids are the worst. I mean, look at 'em, chillin' with their Zunes or whatever next to the thrift store that remained underground post-Macklemore. They're better than you, they're deeper than you and they have way more sophisticated taste in music than you. Surely, these cool kids are in their element at concerts, where the only other kids around have a good taste in music and their favorite band is rocking their socks off on stage.

Wrong.

They're all standing there with their arms folded tight, too cool to express emotion or any sort of interest in the world around them. So often at indie concerts, the crowd acts like a

tranquilized Kanye West — awkwardly immobile and ridiculously pretentious. It's as if none of them have heard (because you know, every cool kid has heard the entire Arcade Fire discography) "Month of May," which I quoted at the beginning of this article, which angrily shouts at the hordes of too-cool-for-school kids who don't dance, bob their head or appear to derive any joy from concerts.

As huge fan of indie music, I'm pretty sick of going to concerts where the energy on stage isn't reflected by the crowd. No one should have to experience a Reptar concert where nobody dances. No one should have to endure a CHVRCHES concert standing in a field of barely-breathing statues. And nobody, nobody should be the only one raving during "Reunion" at an M83 concert. Yet according to my experiences, high energy indie bands have to play to lifeless crowds that are too cool to show any

appreciation for their music all the time. My best concert experiences have been watching more mainstream groups like Foster the People and Grouplove, gigs where crowd members unabashedly yell along to the lyrics, dance their hearts out and never seem to act better than the fellow fans around them.

Unenthusiastic crowds aren't simply a pet peeve of mine — they're a systemic issue. First of all, they affect, in general, the experience of everyone at the event. The negative emotions of individuals of the crowd naturally bring down the people around them, even (and especially) those who are most "into" the concert.

Secondly, they affect the experience of the band playing. As a man who has been on stage numerous times with a high-school rock band, I can attest to the effect of a crowd on a band. When people are clapping along, dancing, nodding their heads, it inspires the band to play better and with more energy. There's

nothing better than seeing people enjoy your music as you create it. Being a good crowd member makes the band happier, which makes the concert better for everyone. But a bad crowd can deflate any energy a band has, consequently making the experience worse for everyone.

Finally, being a part of an unenthusiastic crowd makes your experience worse. Everyone has some control over their emotions — cheer yourself up and attempt to get into the music! If you just flatline through the concert and don't put any effort in, you're not going to walk away with new great memories in your noggin. Do yourself a favor and take advantage of the moment. Do it for the people around you, do it for the band and do it for yourself.

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Potent Manor offense takes on stout Knight defense

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Manor look to complete drastic turnaround

By **MAREK MAZUREK**
Sports Writer

When No. 1 Morrissey takes on No. 2 Keenan at Notre Dame Stadium on Sunday, it does not plan on focusing on the stage.

"To be honest, we could play this game in the middle of South Quad and our goal would stay the same; that's to win the championship," junior running back and captain Erik Rayno said.

Junior running back Hunter White said there will be no extra pressure heading into Sunday's game.

"There's never any extra pressure," White said. "We always go 100 percent. It doesn't matter what our record is, we're making it happen every play, I don't care where [the game] is at."

The Manor (6-0) defeated Stanford, 8-0, last Sunday to reach the title tilt in their first playoff appearance in four years.

Senior receiver Tim Cole and senior coach Kevin Berens attribute this dramatic turnaround to Morrissey's increased emphasis on preparation this year.

"It's pretty unbelievable, coming from three years in a row of not being good at all," Cole said. "We kind of relied on talent over preparation the first three years and now we practice twice a week and it makes a huge difference. It's a tribute to our captain Erik [Rayno]."

"I think it's really just dedication, getting your work done during the week in practice," Berens said. "A lot of these guys have been together for four years now, and the talent's always been there. As soon as you can get those two practices a week in, you can really iron out the mistakes on game day and eliminate the penalties."

Rayno said the key was simply installing a sense of discipline in Morrissey's mindset.

"I'm a junior," Rayno said. "Since

I got here, it's been very obvious to me that I was surrounded by pretty awesome talent both on offense and defense, and I knew that it would just take a little bit of discipline to basically put it all together. ... We started to get into a good practice schedule, we worked on offense and defense tirelessly and now we're playing for the championship."

Rayno also gave much of the credit for the team's performance to the coaching of Berens.

"Ever since I met Kevin, I've known that he is a sports mentermind," Rayno said. "He understands offense and defense. Losing him next year is actually going to be our biggest hit. Kevin keeps us moving the ball efficiently down the field. He's an asset that I couldn't put a price on for this team. ... I couldn't say enough good things about him."

Whether or not Morrissey's hard work will result in a championship is still up in the air, but Rayno said

he feels confident about the team's chances as long as everyone executes. Rayno said the key to the game is ball security.

"No matter what defense you're facing you want to protect the football," Rayno said. "You take care of the football and the football will take care of you. ... If we don't turn the ball over and put up a couple points, I think we'll be in a decent place this weekend."

Offensively, junior quarterback Ryan Lindquist said Morrissey's focus will be on the running game.

"When you have the best running back in the league [White], it should always be focused on [the run]," junior quarterback Ryan Lindquist said. "When our line protects well — and it always does — the game just kind of comes. We have some big play threats and we just let it come to us."

"We love running the ball," Rayno said. "We run the ball effectively to open up the pass. We make

the hole for [White] and he's going to make it happen for us."

Defensively, senior linebacker Tom Rogers said the key will be to stay disciplined.

"Keenan runs a spread," Rogers said. "Our defense has been stout all year. ... We can't miss our assignments in the passing game and we'll be just fine."

With the championship game looming large, Berens said he feels confident in his team's chances.

"I trust my guys," Berens said. "I think it's going to be a good game. I've got a lot of respect for Keenan. They have some good athletes, some good talent. There going to try and spread us out [and] hopefully we can answer them. ... I think we're going to come out on top."

Morrissey plays Keenan at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Notre Dame Stadium.

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Keenan aims for second title in three seasons

By **HUNTER McDANIEL**
Sports Writer

Keenan will return to Notre Dame Stadium on Sunday to play for a championship against Morrissey after falling in the semifinals a year ago.

Junior linebacker JC Sullivan said the upperclassmen's memories of playing in the Stadium have been crucial to the team's efforts all season. (Editor's note: Sullivan is a regular Viewpoint columnist for The Observer.)

"All the juniors and up got the chance to play in the stadium [in 2012], and it was a really unforgettable experience that we will take with us for the rest of our lives," Sullivan said. "I think what's really motivated us to lead this team and to find success has been so that we can provide the underclassmen with that same experience that we had."

The undefeated Knights (5-0-1) have run through their opponents this year in ways similar to those seen during their championship season two years ago, dominating on both sides of the ball. The only game this season that Keenan did not win was a 6-6 tie against



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A Keenan running back rushes past O'Neill defenders in a 20-0 win for the Knights on Oct. 5.

Keough.

"Offensively, we run the spread a lot," junior quarterback Aaron DiGenova said. "I've never played quarterback before this year, but we try to go four wide receivers and spread people out. A lot of plays break down, we scramble a lot, so that's kind of been our offensive scheme this year out of the spread."

The other side of the ball has been equally strong, junior captain and middle linebacker Jon Wiese said.

"Really, our defensive philosophy is that we're just going to straight up outplay you," Wiese said. "We don't feel like we need to especially scheme for other teams. We've scored 20 points on defense and only let up six, so I feel like we're doing something right."

The staunch defensive play of the Knights can be heavily attributed to the overall athleticism of the players, sophomore safety and receiver Michael Koller said.

"I feel like we just have a lot of

athletes making plays back there on defense, especially linebackers and our defensive backs are getting picks, getting fumbles," Koller said. "I feel like there's a lot of guys contributing all across the defense, so it's not so much that we have to scheme, but people being athletes."

Senior running back Chris Dearolf added that a new group of underclassmen has been important to Keenan's success this season.

"In general, all the freshmen have really stepped up," Dearolf said. "It's been a huge addition to our team to have young talent come in who are energetic and really excited to play football and just go out there and make plays."

Sullivan said defensive end Will Boeschstein was a freshman who made his mark on the Keenan defense this season.

"Boeschstein has been an energy guy," Sullivan said. "He's been crucial to our success, and he's been a freshman that's really stepped up in a big way and contributed on a number of fronts to this team."

Freshman linebacker Tony Rogari is another first-year player who has positively impacted the

defense's performance, Koller said.

"I think Tony Rogari has really showed up to play this year," Koller said. "He's always hitting the hole hard, and he's really been doing everything we've asked him to do and more, so I think he's really working his ass off."

Though Keenan believes its base defense allows the team to skip scheming for specific opponents, Wiese said it recognized No. 1-seed Morrissey (6-0) as a formidable opponent.

"Morrissey is obviously a solid team," Wiese said. "They've won every single game they've played. They have — I mean, from what we've seen of them — a varied attack, solid defense, not really any glaring weaknesses, which in interhall is huge. They seem to be a very disciplined team with good fundamentals. It's gonna be a good game, but we feel like if we play to our potential, there's not a team we can't beat."

The Knights take on the Manor for the men's interhall title at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in Notre Dame Stadium.

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Alex Carson
Interhall Editor

It's that classic game where the two teams seem to be radically different.

Morrissey got here thanks to its innovative (or is it throwback?) Wing-T offense that leads the league in scoring, averaging 18.3 points per game. Keenan got here thanks to its stout defense — the Knights have allowed just six points all season long.

Morrissey missed the playoffs each of the last three years. Keenan is going for its second title in three years (and lost in the semifinals last year).

But Keenan needed Siegfried to turn the ball over in the red zone twice late just to hang on and make the Stadium.

Morrissey is a team poised to etch its name in the record books. And it will do so Sunday.



Renee Griffin
Interhall Editor

Two formidable teams will be on display when Morrissey and Keenan square off.

Morrissey's offense is by far the most productive in the league, and in the playoffs, the Manor have shut down two opponents after allowing an average of nine points per game in the regular season. Keenan, on the other hand, has boasted a steadfast defense all year, allowing a total of six points through six games.

The weather Sunday will likely allow the defenses to dominate; however, in the end, Morrissey's offense will show up as usual to find a hole in the Knights' front at least once to hand Keenan a close defeat. Keenan's offense will struggle to put up points against a Manor defense that has a lot of momentum right now.

FINAL SCORE: Morrissey 16, Keenan 6

FINAL SCORE: Morrissey 8, Keenan 0

No. 1
Morrissey vs. Keenan
(6-0) (5-0-1)

Notre Dame Stadium

Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

Welsh Family aspires to finish perfect season

By **DANIEL O'BOYLE**
Sports Writer

Welsh Family stands as the last remaining undefeated team in the women's interhall league, entering Sunday's championship game against Pangborn as the No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

The Whirlwinds bounced back from a 2-4 season last year to end the regular season 6-0 and dismissed McGlenn and Ryan in the playoffs to move to 8-0 and earn their shot at the championship and a perfect season.

Senior linebacker Caileigh Gallahue said the team's success this year has stemmed mostly from the teamwork and commitment the squad has shown.

"We just have good communication, and we have a really dedicated team too," Gallahue said. "Everyone's been working hard in every game and at the practices."

However, despite their undefeated status and position as the top seed, the Whirlwinds focus on one game at a time to deal with the pressure of being favorites, senior safety Taylor Reck said.

"We don't take anyone for granted. We come in approaching every game like it's possibly our last," Reck said. "Every game, we start like we're 0-0."

Welsh Family respects Pangborn (7-1) as an opponent and understands that beating the Phoxes may not be easy, sophomore quarterback Rachel Wimsatt said.

"They are a really good team. We're going to have to come with our A-game," Wimsatt said. "We know they have a really fast offense and some good wide receivers [and] a good running back. ... Their quarterback's really good, but we'll just try to put some pressure on them all."

Welsh Family has made it to the finals largely because of a strong defense and clutch play at the quarterback position. The Whirlwinds defense allowed only four points per game during the regular season and shut out McGlenn in the playoffs, while Wimsatt has been able to lead the offense on key scoring drives in big games.

Gallahue said another good

performance from Wimsatt against Pangborn's impressive defense could be the deciding factor in winning the championship for Welsh Family.

"She just has a really strong football IQ," Gallahue said. "She's really dedicated and has a great understanding of the sport."

Although they have yet to be defeated, the Whirlwinds have won some close games on their road to the stadium. In week two of the regular season against last year's champions, Pasquerilla West, Welsh Family scored as time expired to win, 13-12.

"It really showed our character, because we were down with basically no chance, and we just made our way down and made it on a last-second play," Wimsatt said. "I think that showed something about our team. Our coaches didn't give up on us, and we didn't give up. We believed until the clock hit zero and that's why we came out with a win."

The opportunity to play for the championship at Notre Dame

Stadium is something that has been a major incentive for Welsh Family all season, Gallahue said. Many of the players on the team played in the Stadium last year as members of the dorm's B-team, which won the division title.

"Playing at the stadium will be so exciting because our team came in with a lot of intensity, and we have awesome coaches who came up with a great playbook," Gallahue said. "It's just so exciting to see all the dedication from the entire team paying off by making it this far."

The Welsh Family team remain confident in continuing their winning streak and taking home the championship, with senior center Kelsey Bersic sending a message to her team's opponents.

"Pangborn should be scared," Bersic said.

The Whirlwinds will take on Pangborn at Notre Dame Stadium on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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Observer File Photo

Welsh Family celebrates during its B-team championship win over Farley last season on Nov. 24.

Phoxes seek title after two letdown seasons

By **BENJAMIN HORVATH**
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When No. 3 Pangborn steps on to the field to challenge No. 1 Welsh Family for the interhall title at Notre Dame Stadium on Sunday, it will enter the game as a team that has already accomplished something big.

After two straight years of losing in the semifinals, the Phoxes (7-1) finally broke through to get over the hump and into the stadium after a 34-20 win over second-seeded Pasquerilla East last Sunday. Senior receiver Liz Quinn said this run to the title game is a great way to finish out her career, especially after coming so close the past two years.

"It's been devastating the past couple years to reach the semifinals and not be able to get to the championship," Quinn said. "I think getting so close in the past seasons makes it even better to be able to get there in our senior year, and it would just be amazing if we win."

The Phoxes began their run

to the championship game with a first-round 27-0 rout over Cavanaugh, which set them up with an opportunity to avenge their lone loss of the season against the Pyros.

And after a 27-14 defeat on Oct. 12, Pangborn purged its demons, winning by two touchdowns to advance to the title game.

The Phoxes have yet to play Welsh Family this season. The Whirlwinds' unblemished 8-0 record earned them the tournament's top seed. In preparation for the championship showdown, the Phoxes watched the Whirlwinds in their semifinal victory over Ryan. Senior cornerback Anna McNamara said she noticed the Whirlwinds' prolific passing attack, and said this is something her team must contain in order to come away with a victory this Sunday.

"We haven't played them since [my] sophomore year, so we don't know a whole lot about them, but from watching them we saw they have a really good steam with a strong quarterback," McNamara

said.

The passing game is not the only area of concern for the Phoxes defense — containing the running game is also something the squad's captains emphasized as key in order to upset the undefeated Whirlwinds. Senior defensive end Ann Kebede said stopping the rushing game is something the Phoxes struggled with this past weekend, and in order to stop Welsh Family's running attack, they must show a variety of formations and looks.

"Stopping the run is a major concern for us going into the game, and we just have to make sure we're switching it up on the defensive side and keep them guessing," Kebede said.

Pangborn's defense has been among the statistical leaders in points allowed all season long and entered the playoffs allowing just 27 total points in six regular season games.

The Phoxes are among the leaders in scoring offense as well — they have scored less than 25 points just twice all season long — and look



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Pangborn senior quarterback Caitlin Gargan looks downfield to pass during a game against Ryan last season.

to spread the field and get the ball to their playmakers on the edge, junior receiver Grace Gallagher and sophomore receiver Heather Lystad. Phoxes senior quarterback Caitlin Gargan, whose five-touchdown performance in the semifinal round propelled her team to victory, said the spread attack is something the team incorporates into their offensive strategy.

"We've got a lot of receivers on the edge who have the ability to make some plays," Gargan said. "We try and make that a part of our

offense as much as possible."

Quinn said a championship win would be a great way to finish up her, as well as her fellow seniors', interhall careers.

"Flag football has been one of my favorite things here at Notre Dame, so it would be great to win and go out on top," Quinn said.

Pangborn will clash with Welsh Family for the title Sunday in Notre Dame Stadium at 2 p.m.

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The title game on the women's side pits the league's two best scoring defenses against each other. Welsh Family allowed 24 points during six regular season games, Pangborn just 27.

But for as equally matched as these two strong defensive units are, the offenses look the same way. Both teams put up points and average at least three scores a game. Both have been impressive during the playoffs.

And when both the offensive and defensive units are so well matched, it often can come down to which team has that clutch factor; that ability to pull out big plays.

The Whirlwinds showed they have that trait when they beat Pasquerilla West on the last play of the game way back in September.

FINAL SCORE: Welsh Family 22, Pangborn 18



Renee Griffin
Interhall Editor

The matchup between Pangborn and Welsh Family is sure to be a nail-biter, as the two have nearly identical stats in points per game and points allowed.

The Phoxes can pull off their second consecutive upset with a win over the Whirlwinds, as they showed marked improvement in their revenge match last week against previously undefeated Pasquerilla East with a decisive 34-20 win.

Though Welsh Family goes into the championship without a loss, it has not been challenged all season by a team as strong in both offense and defense as Pangborn. Ultimately, I think Pangborn's defense will be able to limit the Whirlwind attack enough to triumph, just as it did against the Pyros in the semifinals.

FINAL SCORE: Pangborn 21, Welsh Family 20

No. 1 **Welsh Family** (8-0) vs. No. 3 **Pangborn** (7-1)

Notre Dame Stadium

Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

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Whirlwinds and Phoxes clash in battle of high-powered attacks

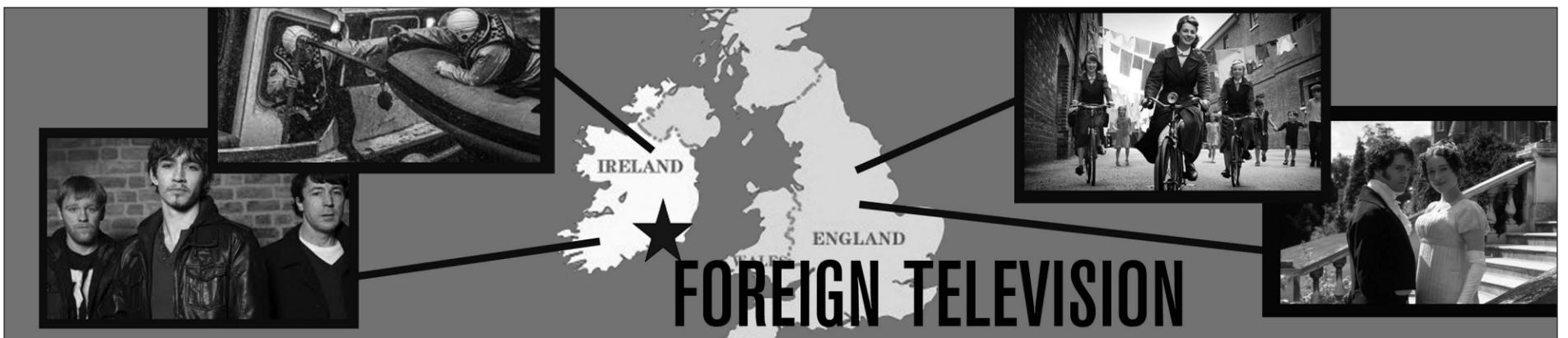
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By CAELIN MILTKO
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British television has made quite the appearance in the States for the last couple years. With shows like “Sherlock” and “Downtown Abbey” dominating headlines, it’s certainly driven people to look outside of the U.S. for their TV-watching habits. With services like Netflix and Hulu, it is also easier to access these shows than it ever has been before.

Still, there are quite a number of quality foreign TV shows that don’t get quite the amount of attention that “Sherlock” and “Downtown Abbey” have gotten in recent years. Here are a list of some of the best that are easily available online (admittedly, they are all British or Irish, as Netflix isn’t great on its offerings of TV shows in other languages).

“Call the Midwife”

Coming from the same people who created “Downtown Abbey,” “Call the Midwife” follows the lives of midwives in

1950s London. The main character, Jenny Lee, is new to the scene and not quite prepared for the harsh realities of working in one of the poorest neighborhoods of the city. This show is for people who love “Downtown Abbey” and hospital dramas like “Grey’s Anatomy” or “House.” It’s a bit of a mix of all three.

“Love/Hate”

I like to think of this show as similar to “Breaking Bad,” but I have to admit, I’ve never watched an episode of “Breaking Bad.” The show follows the lives of gangsters in modern day Dublin and is hugely popular among young people in Ireland. It’s a little bit violent at times and definitely not for those who are squeamish. It’s just finished its fourth season and while no longer available on Netflix, it is on Hulu.

“Skins” (UK Version)

MTV tried to make a remake of this show in the United States but for some reason, it didn’t really work all that well.

The show’s first six seasons follow the lives of three consecutive classes of teenagers doing their A-levels in Bristol, all of which are available on Netflix. The first two seasons stars Nicholas Hoult (a.k.a. Hank McCoy in “X-Men: First Class,” the zombie love interest in “Warm Bodies” and Jennifer Lawrence’s ex-boyfriend). The show during this time is undoubtedly the best, but seasons three and four are still worth watching — after all, Kaya Scodelario (a.k.a. Teresa in “The Maze Runner”) is brilliant and plays a key role linking the two generations.

BBC “Pride and Prejudice”

Like “Sherlock,” the episodes are rather long but definitely worth watching. The Keira Knightley movie version is fun but kind of strange and unrealistic in a lot of ways (will we ever understand why she chooses to wander out into that field in the early morning hours?). The BBC TV series follows Jane Austen’s original storyline more closely and will easily please the most avid Austen-ite. It’s on Netflix and a

fun show to watch when you’re looking for something but aren’t really willing to trust the unknown storylines of about half the Netflix offerings. Plus the TV show stars Colin Firth as Mr. Darcy — spawning the equally amusing “Bridget Jones” series.

“An Bronntanas”

Technically, this is a movie but TG4 (the Irish language television network) has broken it down into five parts and premiered it as a television show over the last couple weeks. It is one of the only full-length movies ever made in Irish but that’s not what makes it fun to watch. Once again, I’ve heard it’s somewhat similar to “Breaking Bad” but I can’t confirm that fact. It follows the lives of two brothers who are forced to reunite after their father’s death. The younger brother returns from Canada and takes over the family’s failing factory. It’s on TG4’s website and plays with English subtitles.

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Clickbait is a necessary evil of Internet culture, a way for online publications to drive viewership in an increasingly crowded market. As journalism has adapted to the viral web, posts with incendiary headlines and crowd-pleasing GIF sets have become the norm for attracting the attention of readers.

One of the most tiresome recent examples has been Mark Kozelek’s one-sided feud against The War on Drugs, which has been reported on endlessly by Pitchfork and a myriad of other online music publications. It began at the Ottawa Folk Festival in mid-September, when the noise from The War on Drugs’ main stage set bled over to Kozelek’s concurrent Sun Kil Moon show. For the rest of the set, Kozelek disparaged the band with comments like, “I hate that beer commercial lead-guitar [expletive].”

What began as a few offhand comments at a festival snowballed due to incessant reporting on the story by music

journalists. Pitchfork in particular, from its position as the most influential music outlet on the Internet, has driven this coverage. While The War on Drugs have mostly seemed confused about the whole ordeal — the band tweeted, “Just upsetting to me as a fan that’s all. We’re just doin’ what we do” — Kozelek has continued to unjustly lash out at the band and make headlines because of his behavior.

The “feud” peaked with Kozelek releasing a track titled “War on Drugs: Suck My C**k,” which Pitchfork hosted as a free MP3 download. Pitchfork also published a response from Perfect Pussy’s Meredith Graves criticizing Kozelek’s language of male violence (which is well worth a read). Finally, on Nov. 13 Pitchfork’s staff blog, The Pitch, published “Mark Kozelek Has Taken It Too Far This Time,” a post containing only a photo of Kim Kardashian’s nude Paper magazine shoot. The post was a knowing parody of the site’s own breathless coverage of Kozelek’s behavior, but also indicative of its own desire to attract attention.

Pitchfork has bestowed similar

coverage to a rift between Ariel Pink and Grimes. In a recent interview, Pink said he had been enlisted to work on Madonna’s next record, claiming her producers could not “come up with a new techno jam for her to gyrate to and pretend that she’s 20 years old.” Soon after, Grimes called out Pink’s “delusional misogyny” on Twitter, and the comments that followed from both artists resulted in numerous articles. Most recently, Pitchfork ran a headline that read “Ariel Pink Calls Grimes ‘Stupid and Retarded.’” Just four days later, the site awarded Pink’s new album “pom pom” its Best New Music designation.

For Pitchfork, both of these stories were clickbait gold, involving well-known artists beloved by the site — this year’s albums from the Sun Kil Moon, The War on Drugs and Pink have all received its coveted Best New Music status. They also allowed numerous opportunities to post new content: the initial incident itself, the other artist’s response, criticism from other musicians, a self-satire, an MP3 premiere.

Clickbait is not necessarily bad in and of itself. Music publications frequently run all kinds of clickbait: videos of a band performing a cover on tour, year-end lists, even Pitchfork’s act of giving an album a controversial to-the-decimal-point rating. These types of posts are reliably popular for music outlets but still ostensibly about the music. The glorified gossip of Kozelek and Pink’s behavior is an unnecessary distraction from the music itself.

Reporting endlessly on these “feuds” between artists is irresponsible journalism. It encourages musicians to trash talk other artists, knowing the inevitable free publicity that will result. Personally insulting another artist is not music criticism; neither is feeding the flames and enabling trolls like Kozelek and Pink. Clickbait does not necessarily have to mark the end of smart music writing, but Pitchfork becoming the “indie TMZ” is a troubling development for artists, critics and music fans alike.

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Marlins take massive gamble

Patrick McCullough

Guest Contributor

On Monday, the Miami Marlins and Giancarlo Stanton agreed to a 13-year contract worth a total of \$325 million, the biggest contract in North American professional sports history. The news of the contract extension and its sheer monstrosity surprised many of baseball's observers for many reasons.

For one, the Marlins are considered one of the cheapest teams in Major League Baseball. Since the team was founded in 1993, they have undergone major fire sales in 1997, 2005 and 2012, and have had one of the five lowest Opening Day payrolls in baseball for seven of the past 10 years. Stanton's contract has an average annual value of \$25 million, which is more than half of the Marlins' \$46.4 million payroll in 2014.

The Marlins have also not had a winning season since 2009, the year before Stanton made his debut. They also often have the worst attendance for any team in baseball. As a result, it was widely accepted that Stanton would not want to stay in Miami. Due to the fact that the Marlins are notoriously cheap and that Stanton has not been happy with his experience in Miami, it was all but guaranteed that Stanton would be the latest young superstar to be traded by the Marlins. But here we are.

Many analysts have said the Marlins should not have signed Stanton to such a contract due to their traditionally low payroll. As the Texas Rangers experienced with Alex Rodriguez nearly a decade ago, a huge contract, even for a great player, can be crippling to a small-market team. However, this contract is an enormous gamble that the Marlins should be lauded for taking.

For one, the Marlins are committing to keep a homegrown star for a fan base that has experienced star player after star player leave. Additionally, for the Marlins, the best-case scenario is that the contract will provide tremendous value in the near-term and will not be crippling in the long-term, because the contract is heavily back-loaded with a player opt-out clause following the sixth season.

Stanton will be paid \$6.5 million, \$9 million and \$14.5 million in the first three years of the deal. Last season, Stanton compiled 6.1 wins above replacement (WAR) in 145 games. WAR is calculated using all aspects of a player's game — batting, base running and fielding — in order to determine his value in terms of runs added over a replacement level player. According to Fangraphs, the current value of one WAR is

\$6-7 million in free agency.

Thus, if Stanton were to average a conservative 5.5 WAR over the next three seasons, at a rate of \$6.5 million per WAR, he would provide \$107.25 million at a cost of \$30 million, a surplus of \$77.25 million. Over the next three years, 2018-2020, of the contract, Stanton will be paid a total of \$77 million. Without taking into account the inevitable inflation of the value of a win above replacement in free agency, Stanton would figure to provide surplus value over those seasons as well, considering he will turn 30 before the 2020 season. Assuming an average WAR of 5.5 over the next 6 seasons, at a value of \$7 million per WAR to account for inflation, Stanton would be worth \$231 million, while "only" being paid \$107 million, a surplus of \$124 million.

Following the sixth season of the contract, in 2020, Stanton would be able to opt out of the contract. A large component of Stanton's value comes from his power, with 132 home runs in the past four seasons, third best in baseball over that time span. Power tends to decline less with age and, with a general decline in the number of home runs in baseball, Stanton will likely still be considered valuable in 2020.

As Stanton is owed \$218 million over the last seven years of the contract, the Marlins likely hope that he will opt out, as it will cost them an average of \$31 million per year. It would also only be reasonable for Stanton to opt out if he thought he would be paid more than the \$218 million he was already owed. If that were the case, then he would have very likely performed excellently in the first six seasons of his contract. It would also not be a surprise for him to get a better contract, as Robinson Cano received a 10-year, \$240 million contract last season at 31 years old, the same age that Stanton would be.

Thus, if Stanton were to opt out, the Marlins would have received a huge amount of excess value in the first six years of the contract. However, if Stanton were not to opt out, the Marlins would likely not have received much excess value in their first six years, and in turn, they will be saddled with a massive contract for an already declining Stanton.

In that sense, the Marlins will either have stolen a great deal, or they will have a potentially crippling contract for a vastly overpaid player. Thus, for the Marlins, Giancarlo Stanton is either boom or bust.

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NFL

Colts face injuries to talented running back trio

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Trent Richardson viewed the Colts running game as a three-man threat, right up until fellow running back Ahmad Bradshaw was placed on injured reserve this week with a broken left leg.

"I always say, 'A three-headed monster,'" Richardson said. "A lot of people say it's two-headed, but I say three-headed monster."

The third is Daniel Herron — the only remaining healthy running back on the active roster. Richardson is fighting an illness, but practiced Thursday one day after missing workouts.

The Colts (6-4) are looking for Herron to step up against Jacksonville (1-9) on Sunday with Bradshaw is expected to miss the rest of the season. Their best blocking tight end, Dwayne Allen, also missed practice for the second straight day with an injured ankle.

Offensive coordinator Pep Hamilton sees it as an opportunity for Herron to show he has what it takes, but wants to see a better mix on offense after the Colts finished with 19 yards on 17 carries Sunday night in a loss to the Patriots.

"I have to do a better job of making sure we maintain some balance," he said. "And find ways to attack what the opponent's doing. If they have seven or eight guys in the box, that's no excuse for us not to run the ball."

Richardson expects big things from Herron right away, but acknowledged the third-year running back is a bit inexperienced — he's carried the ball only 22 times this season. Still, Richardson said he and Bradshaw already know they can rely on him and expects Herron to get "that big score" against the Jaguars this weekend.

"A lot of people don't know how much work we put in with him," Richardson said. "To be that other guy and to be that guy we can trust when we're out and when we're tired or if something ever happened like this we know we can count on him."

Indy's injury woes for its backfield started long before Sunday's loss.

Vick Ballard was placed on injured reserved back in August with a torn Achilles and Richardson didn't play last month against Pittsburgh because of an injured hamstring.

The Colts got 35 yards and a touchdown out of Bradshaw against the Steelers.

"The next man up filled that role," coach Chuck Pagano said this week. "So it's next man up. So it's Trent and (Herron) and whoever."

Bradshaw set a career-record with two receiving touchdowns against the Eagles back in September and has six touchdown receptions on the year. And just five weeks into the season, Bradshaw surpassed 1,000 career rushes.

He and Richardson total more than 500 scrimmage yards and the Colts are one of four teams (Cincinnati, Philadelphia, and Washington) in the NFL with two players to reach that total.

If the Colts need a third running back, though, Pagano said they will make moves to add one.

"We've got guys in the building, and roster mechanics are what they are," Pagano said. "We'll always check and see if anybody's available on the street. If there's somebody available, we look at guys on the street, we look at guys on our roster, and then we make a decision."

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Connecticut survives Charleston in San Juan

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Ryan Boatright had 19 points, Daniel Hamilton added 15, and No. 17 Connecticut held off College of Charleston 65-57 in the first round of the Puerto Rico Tip-Off on Thursday.

Amida Brimah added 14 points for the Huskies (2-0), despite struggling down the stretch with foul trouble.

Charleston (1-2) got within four in the final minute, but couldn't get any closer after losing big man Adjehi Baru to right leg injury.

Connecticut led by as many as 12, though Charleston's three-guard starting lineup was able to run with the Huskies for most of the game.

Anthony Stitt led the Cougars with 17 points. Baru and Joe Chealey each added 12.

The Cougars used the 6-foot-9 Baru to keep Brimah honest, putting more pressure on Connecticut's backcourt.

But when Baru limped off the court with less than minute to play after taking a hard spill, the Huskies immediately took advantage with a layup by Brimah that stretch its lead to seven.

It was shots in the paint early on that were hard to come by as Connecticut forced Charleston into some off-balanced jumpers. But the Cougars' shooters, particularly Anthony Stitt, were able to start making some outside

shots in the second half.

A 36-26 edge on the glass helped the Huskies wear down the Cougars late and string together enough points to preserve the win.

Boatright and Hamilton carried the scoring load for the Huskies in the first half, combining for 18 of their 30 points.

It helped mask a paltry 9 for 29 (32 percent) shooting performance in the half.

The Cougars weren't much better at 33 percent (7 for 21) with starters — Pat Branin, Cameron Johnson and Terrance O'Donohue — held scoreless.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish seek to end season on high note



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Freshman libero Jo Kremer digs a shot during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Louisville on Nov. 9 at Purcell Pavilion. The Irish rallied from two sets down to beat the Cardinals.

By **ANDREW ROBINSON**
Sports Writer

Hoping to build on their takeaways from tough losses at Wake Forest and Duke last weekend, the Irish play two of their final three games this weekend, as they host No. 7 North Carolina on Friday and North Carolina State on Sunday at Purcell Pavilion.

Notre Dame (6-20, 3-12 ACC) took a 2-1 lead and held match point in the fourth set against Wake Forest last Friday but ultimately let the final two frames slip away. The Irish fell 3-2 (25-27, 25-19, 21-25, 28-26, 11-15) in their sixth five-set match in the past eight contests.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said she points to the 15 service errors compared to just four service aces as especially harmful down the stretch.

"In the Wake Forest game, our serving game definitely hurt us ... when you look at how close we were [to winning]," Brown said. "You have to serve aggressively, but you just can't have such a bad ratio."

On Sunday against Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium, the Irish were able to pick up the second set against the third-ranked team in the ACC but ultimately lost in four sets (25-15, 23-25, 25-19, 25-20).

"Against Duke, we were actually statistically even with them in almost every category; it was a hard-fought match for us," Brown said. "We just need to generate a few more kills to put ourselves in a better situation."

Brown said the takeaways from the Wake Forest and Duke games have been something the team has focused on in preparation for North Carolina and NC State.

"Part of our practice this week has been working on specific shots to get kills," she said. "We've also been focusing on how aggressively we're serving and what zones we are serving."

The Tar Heels (22-2, 13-1 ACC), the top-ranked team in the ACC, will be a formidable opponent for the Irish. They are riding a 13-game winning streak; 10 of those victories have been 3-0 sweeps of their opponents, and one was a 3-1 win over No. 8 Florida State last weekend.

Brown, however, said her team takes a similar mindset into this game as any other, focusing on different ways to beat the opponent.

"North Carolina is a strong team ... and a really big blocking team, so what we're doing in our attacking during practice has been a little bit different," she said.

The Tar Heels do boast the best net defense statistics in the ACC. Junior middle blockers Victoria McPherson and Paige Neuenfeldt lead the conference with 1.52 and 1.51 blocks per set, respectively.

Like the Irish, the Wolfpack (14-12, 3-11) have had some difficulties in conference play this season. After posting a 12-1 record through their first 13 games, they have been just 2-11 in the most recent 13 games of primarily conference play.

"We really are just taking it one match at a time," Brown said. "This group is still so hungry to learn ... and they're always getting better."

The Irish will take on the Tar Heels on Friday at 8 p.m. and the Wolfpack on Sunday at 1 p.m. Both games will be held at Purcell Pavilion.

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Irish senior libero Kathleen Severyn dives for a shot during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Louisville on Nov. 9 at Purcell Pavilion.

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these things in their opening three games, as the team has averaged more than 92 points per game and allowed just 53 points per game. Notre Dame's victories, however, have come against three teams that have combined to win one game entering Thursday night.

The team's matchups this weekend will come against two teams that are currently undefeated and are both coming off NCAA tournament appearances.

"Both games — obviously, one [team] is a Big East team, the other one is Big East-like — they are not shooting a lot, but they are driving at your lane and chasing down missed shots," Brey said. "... I think it's a great test for our toughness in the paint."

The Irish will have their toughness tested Saturday, when they square off against UMass (3-0). The Minutemen earned a No. 6 seed in last season's NCAA tournament, in which they lost to No. 11 seed Tennessee in the second round. Massachusetts lost three starters in the off-season, but the Minutemen have benefitted from the

return of starters senior center Cady Lalanne and red-shirt junior guard Derrick Gordon, who have averaged 16.3 and 14.7 points per game, respectively.

Notre Dame will then turn around the following day to face Providence (2-0). The Friars won the Big East tournament and earned a No. 11 seed in the most recent NCAA tournament, where they fell to No. 6 seed North Carolina, 79-77, in the second round.

Providence likewise returns two starters in senior forward LaDontae Henton and junior forward Tyler Harris, who have averaged 17 and 16.5 points per game, respectively.

Brey said the matchup with Providence will harken back to the two programs' days in the Big East. Notre Dame played in the Big East from 1995 to 2013.

"This is the old-fashioned Big East game where there are battles in the paint for loose balls," Brey said. "... How are we going to be there? I'm really intrigued to see it."

Brey said rebounding will be one key area to watch during the weekend's games. The Irish have averaged 38.7 rebounds per game and hold



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Irish junior forward Zach Auguste prepares to drive into the lane during Notre Dame's 104-67 rout over Coppin State on Wednesday night at Purcell Pavilion. Auguste had 21 points in the game.

a rebounding margin of greater than 10. UMass and Providence both average more rebounds per game, though only Providence has a larger rebounding margin than Notre Dame.

"I still think we have to come back to rebounding the basketball and being able to defensive rebound as a unit," Brey said. "We just can't rely on [senior guard/forward] Pat [Connaughton]. ... We're

going to need some help."

Junior forward Zach Auguste, who is second on the team with an average of six rebounds per game, said the Irish need to continue doing the fundamentals that have made them successful over the first three games.

"We just gotta emphasize sticking together," he said Wednesday. "I think we gotta come out the gate with the pedal to the floor. I think we

just gotta stay together, communicate and just play hard. I think if we just keep doing what we're doing, I think we should be fine."

Notre Dame faces UMass at 12 p.m. Saturday and Providence at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Both games will be at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut.

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Irish freshman defender Sabrina Flores tangles with a Baylor forward during Notre Dame's 1-0 win over the Bears on Sept. 12.

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Texas boasts a 32-19 goal margin total over its opponents over 22 matches this season, and the Irish defense is coming off a shutout of Valparaiso in which they allowed only one shot. To combat the Longhorns' strengths, the Irish will need to stay on the attack for much of the game, Romagnolo said.

"Texas has found a way to get results, but if we get a hold of the ball and move the ball, we'll have the opportunity to do well," Romagnolo said. "They have a couple players with some good height, so we need to limit their opportunities and watch those long throw-ins and overall just keep possession of the ball."

Notre Dame took 25 shots against Valparaiso but was only able to put one in the back of the net when sophomore forward Kaleigh Olmsted found herself open at the top of the box at the 89:10 mark for a perfect cross from

junior forward Anna Maria Gilbertson for the latest goal in Notre Dame postseason history. Romagnolo said the ability to finish will be a major factor in beating Texas.

"The number one thing to focus on is competing and making sure we get chances in the box and take advantage of all the good scoring opportunities we can get," Romagnolo said.

The winner of the match will face either No. 1 seed Texas A&M or Arizona. Romagnolo said the team's mentality stays the same regardless of which round it is or what opponent it is facing.

"We're taking this one game at a time, and we approach every game like it's a championship," Romagnolo said. "We've just got to keep that cutthroat mentality."

The Irish take on the Longhorns in College Station, Texas, on Friday at 3 p.m. If they advance, they will play in the round of 16 on Sunday, also in College Station.

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round matchup after its loss to Clemson in penalty kicks in the semifinals of the ACC tournament Nov. 14. The Irish and Tigers drew, 1-1, but Clemson won, 5-4, in penalty kicks and went on to claim the tournament title.

"[Friday's] game was a great learning experience," senior forward Vince Cicciarelli said. "We know that we have the potential and ability to bring home another national championship, but this game was a good reminder that we still have plenty work to do."

While the top-seeded Irish earned a first-round bye, Ohio State (10-7-4, 5-3-0 Big Ten) faced Akron in the first round of the tournament last night in Columbus, Ohio. The Buckeyes and Zips finished in a 1-1 draw, and Ohio State pulled out the victory, 13-12, in the penalty-kick shootout.

"They would have both been two good teams to play," Clark said. "They have very different styles of play. ... Akron would have more shock passing, and I would say Ohio State has more direct. Ohio State is a good team, and it will be a difficult game against them for sure. They have a lot of speed up front and have forwards that can play. They have a big 6-foot-4, left-footed center back and he's a target."

"There are a lot of things that I can see [that will challenge us]. They've had a good season, and they will be dangerous."

The last time the Irish faced the Buckeyes was 10 years ago, when the Ohio State beat



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Irish senior defender Max Lachowecki surveys the field while preparing to pass during Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Virginia on Nov. 9.

Notre Dame, 2-1, in the 2004 NCAA tournament.

The Buckeyes led their opponents in goals scored per game, 1.30 to 0.95, with a shot percentage of 0.107. Six-foot-4 junior defender Liam Doyle dominates Ohio State's defense and shares the team lead in goals with five.

Sophomore forward Danny Jensen and senior midfielder Yianni Sarris lead the Buckeye attack, each with five goals on the season as well.

Despite the loss in penalty kicks to Clemson, Clark said the Irish saw success in the latter half of their season. Notre Dame outscored its opponents, 12-4, during its last five games. Now, the Irish look to carry that offensive presence into their NCAA tournament ride, as they look to defend their national title

and claim the second title in program history.

"There's always pressure [to win], but it's a good pressure, a pressure that comes in the playoff because you had a successful season — there's that satisfaction," Clark said. "We can't be satisfied up until now. That will be our mentality."

"We are always capable of doing more. There are hard games ahead, and we will take each one one-at-a-time. That's the fun. You're in the playoffs, [and] that's what you play for. It's exciting."

The Irish carry that excitement into the second round of the NCAA tournament against Ohio State on Sunday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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Jackson said. "We had to kill off seven penalties, and you've got to score a power play goal."

While the Irish could not find the net, the River Hawks kept the pressure on the Irish in the last two periods. Katunar made a big save on a penalty kill and extended his blocker just in time to keep out a breakaway chance midway through the second period, but Louria broke through with 3:44 left in the period when he took a centering pass and then slotted in his own rebound.

The third period saw the Irish regain some momentum that culminated in a late chance for senior defenseman Robbie Russo. He got off a one-timer from deep in the attacking zone, but was denied. No sooner had the puck been cleared when River Hawks senior defenseman Zack Kamrass lit the lamp to give the visitors the 3-1 lead and send many fans to the exits with 4:38 remaining in the contest.

Bazin said he was pleased with the way his team fought

throughout the night.

"I thought our guys were able to show a better competition level tonight," Bazin said. "We came off a subpar effort, and I was pleased with the effort tonight. I thought we generated some chances; we executed offensively when we could. It was a tough effort against a very good team."

For Notre Dame, Jackson said he saw a lot of positives on the night and is focused on continuing to get better.

"It's a work in progress like I've said all along, and I saw actually some good things tonight, but offensively we're just not generating enough, and you have to score goals," Jackson said. "You've got to get some scoring chances, and you're not going to beat a team of this quality without scoring a few goals."

The Irish were focused all night on altering their mentality so they could get to the net more and fight harder for rebounds, Herr said. Herr also said battling should be the team's main focus going into tomorrow night's rematch.

"If we come in tomorrow with the mentality of getting shots through and getting

guys to the net and battling hard to get rebounds, it can change a lot," Herr said. "Once you see it happen once, you realize that's the way to break down an opponent like this that plays good defense. We're obviously getting those chances, getting them close, but that's not the problem. The problem is getting people there for the rebounds and having people battle in front of the net. It doesn't matter what size you are, you've got to get to the net if you want to score a goal."

Jackson said he was happy with the way Katunar performed in Notre Dame's net, especially after the early miscue.

"I thought Chad played really well," Jackson said. "I thought he kept us in the game and gave us a chance to win. Especially, I mean, he's the most important guy on the penalty kill."

The Irish will get another crack at the River Hawks tomorrow in Compton Family Ice Arena. The puck will drop at 7:35 p.m.

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decisively defeated Butler on Wednesday, 76-47. The game against the Mocs will be a chance to improve, which is crucial for a young team at this early stage of the season, Irish associate coach Beth Cunningham said.

Cunningham pointed to depth and athleticism as a facet of Chattanooga's lineup that could push the Irish on Friday, as evidenced by the Mocs' solid performances against the teams they have faced thus far.

"Friday, we've got another opportunity to continue to get better against Chattanooga," Cunningham said. "They're very athletic; they've got a lot of versatility at a number of different positions. They had a good win over Villanova in their first game, and they had a loss that went down to the wire at South Florida, and those are two teams we've been familiar with over the past couple years, and they also got a win [Wednesday] over Butler. It's still early in the season for us, so it's just about continuing to get better, game in and game out."

The Irish rank second in the nation in scoring

offense. Against Michigan State, junior guard Jewell Loyd led the team with 28 points, while freshman forward Brianna Turner added 17 and sophomore guard Lindsay Allen recorded 14. Cunningham said that attack could be on display against the Mocs due to the size difference between the teams. Notre Dame has six players who stand at 6-foot-2 and taller on the roster, while Chattanooga has three.

"We have an advantage with our inside game, and that's something we want to exploit," Cunningham said. "They don't nearly have the size that we do inside. I think that could be a real strength for us. So we'll just try to exploit them in the paint, and then also, we've got to do a better job than we did rebounding-wise, but I think that could be an advantage for us against Chattanooga."

Against UMass Lowell, Notre Dame scored 105 points, and Turner broke an Irish record by scoring 29 in her first game in Notre Dame uniform. Though a repeat triple-digit performance is a tall order, Cunningham said the Irish always have the potential to post high point totals when they execute.

"Offensively, we want to be efficient," Cunningham



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Irish junior guard Jewell Loyd streaks downcourt during Notre Dame's 105-51 blowout over UMass-Lowell last Friday at Purcell Pavilion. Loyd leads the Irish in points per game, with 24.

said. "We want to take care of the ball, take good shots and make good decisions. I don't think we go into it saying our goal is to score triple digits, but if we execute our game plan and are efficient on offense, we'll put a lot

of points."

While Notre Dame has never played Chattanooga before, there is some history between the two coaches: Irish head coach Muffet McGraw worked as an assistant coach in 1980 under

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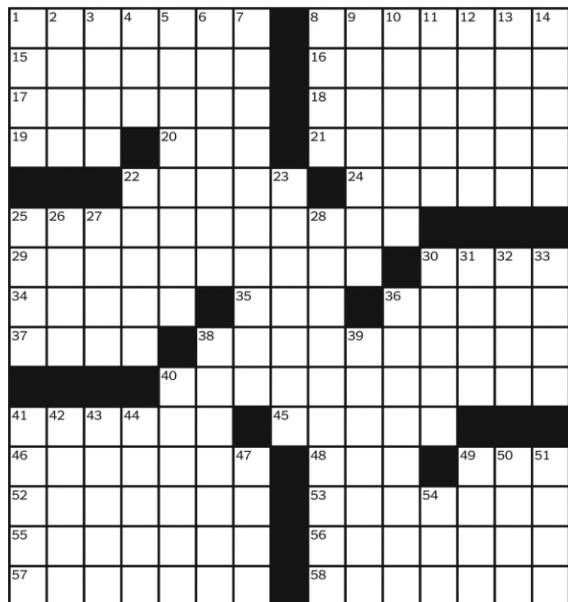
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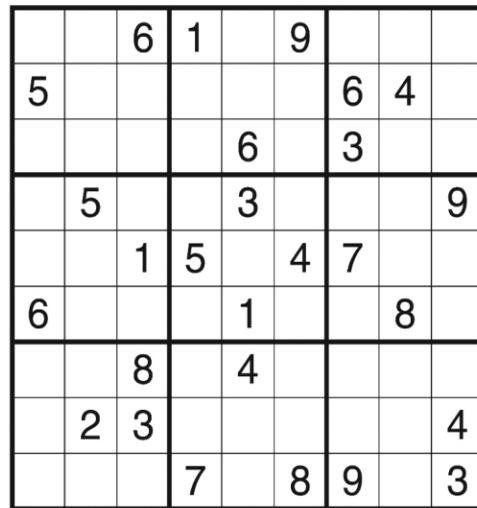


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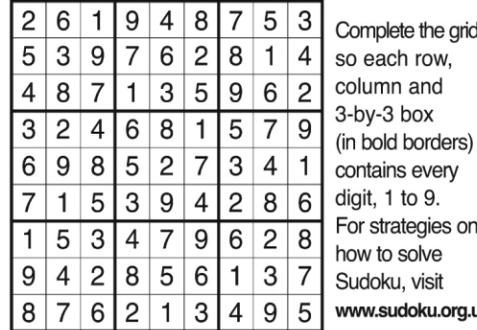


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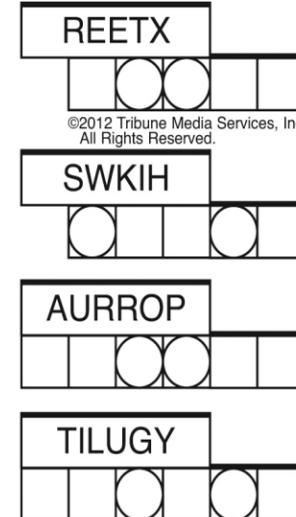
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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pursue your goals wholeheartedly. You will get your way if you act quickly and follow through. Don't let a personal issue cloud your vision. Protect against mishaps that can lead to injury or illness. Financial gain is in the stars. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are unpredictable, clever and outgoing. You are generous and unique.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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

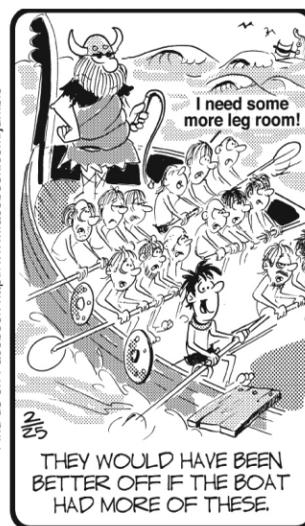


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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FUROR GRANT AMBUSH HAIRDO
Answer: The ranch worker looked forward to his break so he could play a few — FARM HANDS

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Mocs come to Purcell

By **RENEE GRIFFIN**
Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame will return to a friendly environment Friday to take on Chattanooga at home, coming off a 71-63 victory at No. 15 Michigan State on Wednesday.

The Irish (2-0) dominated the season opener against UMass-Lowell and pulled out the win over a Spartan team that kept it close all night for their 27th straight road win. Michigan State led by a point at the half, but Notre Dame buckled down in the second half to secure an eight-point cushion by the end of the game.

Meanwhile, the Mocs (2-1)

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HOCKEY | UMASS-LOWELL 3, ND 1

River Hawks blow by Notre Dame

By **JOSH DULANY**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame dropped a hard fought Hockey East contest to No. 5 UMass-Lowell, 3-1, on Thursday night at Compton Family Ice Arena.

Sophomore goaltender Chad Katunar made 32 saves for the Irish (6-6-1, 2-2-1 Hockey East), but the River Hawks (8-2-2, 5-0-1) stayed unbeaten in Hockey East play behind freshman forward Michael Louria's game-winning goal late in the second period.

The teams traded goals in the opening frame. The River Hawks found the net from 190 feet out when the puck took a fluke bounce past Katunar's stick to give UMass-Lowell the lead midway through the period. Irish junior left wing Sam Herr knotted the game with 3:16 left in the first period to send the Irish and coach Jeff Jackson to the locker room, where Jackson said he felt confident.

"I thought we were playing pretty well in the first period," Jackson said. "I thought we executed some things pretty well tonight. We created some turnovers; we just needed to make a good play and try to create a scoring chance."

For the rest of the night, Notre Dame struggled to find any kind of rhythm as they committed seven penalties in total. There were a total of eleven penalties committed between the two teams, a number that left UMass-Lowell's coach Norm Bazin saying he could not even keep up with all the people headed to the penalty box.

"I lost track of the power plays," Bazin said. "I thought there were so many for both teams. We've got to try and correct some of those penalties and do a better job. We've got to be conscious of that tomorrow."

Jackson was similarly frustrated by the penalties. He said it was irritating both to



CAITLYN JORDAN | The Observer

Irish sophomore goaltender Chad Katunar stares down the ice during Notre Dame's 3-1 loss to UMass-Lowell on Thursday night.

spend so much time down a man and to be unable to capitalize when the Irish had power play opportunities.

"You can't take that many penalties and win the game,"

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish open tourney as top seed again



KEVIN SABITUS | The Observer

Irish junior midfielder Connor Klekota looks to make a pass during Notre Dame's 3-0 shutout of Virginia on Nov. 9.

By **KIT LOUGHRAN**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame begins its NCAA Championship run against Ohio State on Sunday at Alumni Stadium.

The defending national champions secured the tournament's No. 1 ranking for the second time in program history, following the team's top ranking in 2012. Irish coach Bobby Clark has led Notre Dame (11-4-4, 6-1-1 ACC) to the tournament in 13 of his 14 seasons with the program, with a 15-10-1 record in those postseason games.

"If you look at the schedule

we've played — and we've played it successfully — then you realize you don't get the No. 1 ranking if you don't have a tough schedule and play it well," Clark said. "We have the confidence that we can play any team in the tourney. The boys got the No. 1 seed for how they did during the regular season, and now the trick is to be the No. 1 seed in the middle of December at the end of the playoffs."

Making the 17th NCAA tournament appearance in program history, Notre Dame heads into Sunday's second

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Squad hits road for first time

By **BRIAN HARTNETT**
Managing Editor

After winning its first three games of the season by comfortable margins in the friendly confines of Purcell Pavilion, Notre Dame will take its first gamble of the season this weekend, fittingly, in a casino.

The Irish (3-0) will conclude the Hall of Fame Tipoff Tournament by traveling to Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut,

to face Massachusetts on Saturday and Providence on Sunday.

Irish head coach Mike Brey said this weekend's games would address several questions currently facing Notre Dame.

"This is so great for us, this weekend, because it's going to be a really hard challenge for us," Brey said Wednesday after Notre Dame's 104-67 victory over Coppin State. "Can we defend away from [Purcell

Pavilion]? Can we do it if our offense isn't going well, even on the road? We're going to be really playing road games — two New England teams are going to have, I expect, good crowds.

"... Can we stay in character offensively? Can we handle pressure? Both teams press us — can we defensive rebound?"

The Irish have displayed their ability to do many of

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

ND heads to Texas for NCAAs

By **RENEE GRIFFIN**
Sports Writer

No. 12 Notre Dame plays Texas on Friday in the second round of the NCAA championship tournament at Texas A&M's Ellis Field in College Station, Texas.

A last-minute goal gave the fourth-seeded Irish (13-5-2, 7-2-1 ACC) a 1-0 win over Valparaiso at home last weekend in the tournament's first round. Notre Dame coach Theresa Romagnolo said despite the dramatic ending, a

repeat of the team's performance in that game would bode well for the Irish.

"Any time you can score early and often, you're always going to feel better, but at the end of the day if we play as well as we did against Valparaiso, I'd feel good about it," Romagnolo said. "We really did a good job of keeping them out of the box. Hopefully when we stay focused on our game the goals will follow."

Romagnolo said Texas (11-7-4, 4-4-0 Big XII), which

defeated Rice 3-0 in its first-round matchup, poses as much of a challenge as any other team they could face in the postseason.

"They're a good team and they've got a lot of quality players," Romagnolo said. "They've had a lot of success over the course of season. Like every team we're going to play from here on out, they're going to be very competitive because each team knows any game could be its

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