

SIBC reopens membership to all majors

Sponsorship of largest student organization switches from Mendoza to Career Center

By **JACK ROONEY**
Associate News Editor

After beginning the year under the purview of the Mendoza College of Business, and therefore being open only to Mendoza students, the Student International Business Council (SIBC) recently moved under the advisorship of the Career Center and will reopen its membership to students of all majors, senior and SIBC co-president Alisha Anderson said.

"The most immediate change is, once again, we will be open to students from all majors and all college affiliations, which we saw as the most important change so far," Anderson said. "Beyond that, we're still working through some of the other structural changes in terms of

bylaws and organizational aspects."

Career Center director Hilary Flanagan said the new partnership with SIBC, the largest student organization on campus, came about after discussions between student members of SIBC and University administrators.

"After considering some recent feedback from and discussion between students involved in SIBC, deans, and the Division of Student Affairs, the decision was made to transition SIBC from a student club to a student organization," Flanagan said in an email. "Like other student organizations on campus, SIBC already functioned with a University employee appointed to advise the group.

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Saint Mary's juniors win study abroad scholarships

By **ALEX WINEGAR**
News Writer

Two Saint Mary's students, juniors Christine Germann and Victoire Michel de la Maisonneuve, received the Gilman Scholarship to participate in a study abroad program or career-oriented international internship this academic year.

Germann won an \$8,000 grant because she is studying Swahili, which the Gilman Program designates as a critical language. Germann is also the first Saint Mary's student

to win the program's Critical Need Language Supplement Program Scholarship in addition to the primary scholar-

Christine Germann
Saint Mary's junior



ship, which offers up to \$5,000 for any kind of study abroad.

Germann will study abroad in Iringa, Tanzania from January through May, she

said. She will join a group sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) at a program

Victoire Michel de la Maisonneuve
Saint Mary's junior



focusing on language, culture and development.

"We will take five courses,

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Factory produces The Shirt, benefits community



MARY O'NEILL | The Observer

Panelists from Alta Gracia Apparel and The Shirt Committee discuss the positive community impact of the factory that produces The Shirt.

By **MARGARET HYNDS**
News Writer

For the last three years, The Shirt Project has contracted with Alta Gracia Apparel, a fair trade clothing factory located in the Altagracia province of Dominican Republic, to produce The Shirt. In an event sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns and the Higgins Labor Studies Program, two women who work at the factory in the Dominican Republic, a member of the Alta Gracia educational staff and a

member of The Shirt committee sat down for a panel on the garment company and its work with Notre Dame.

The Shirt Project was founded in 1990, and its proceeds go towards the Rector Fund, which helps students afford football tickets and participate in other activities not covered by financial aid. Funds also aid students with "extraordinary medical costs," junior Molly Howell, vice president of The Shirt Project, said.

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Society of Women Engineers advisor earns fellowship

By **BIANCA ALMADA**
News Writer

Catherine (Cathy) Pieronek, associate dean for the College of Engineering, director of the Women's Engineering Program and faculty advisor to the Notre Dame chapter of the Society of

Women Engineers (SWE), was named a SWE fellow in October at the national society's annual conference in Los Angeles.

"We are all very proud of Cathy for her recognition," senior Jillian Montalvo, president of the Notre Dame SWE chapter, said. "Cathy is a huge advocate for women in

engineering, and she has been an extremely active member in SWE. ... Her success reflects highly on the Notre Dame section and it brings even more attention to the University's dedication to increasing the number of female students

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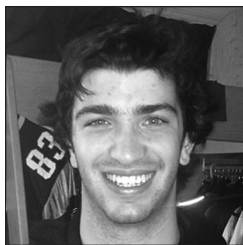
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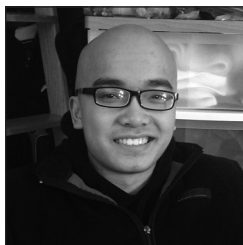
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"I want a hippopotamus for Christmas."



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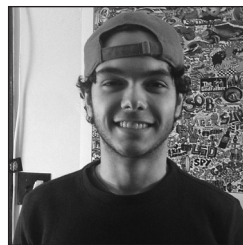
"Hair."



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"I want interhall hockey to start #FEAR."



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"Something monogrammed."



EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Junior midfielder Patrick Hodan was recently named a semifinalist for the 2014 MAC Hermann Trophy. The highest individual award in college soccer, the MAC Hermann Trophy is awarded by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

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Wednesday

MFA Student Reading Series

Hammes Bookstore
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday

South Bend Youth Symphony Orchestra

Morris Inn
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Holiday entertainment.

Friday

Christmas Cookie Decorating

LaFortune Student Center
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Free for students.

Saturday

Women's Basketball

Purcell Pavilion
3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
ND vs. Connecticut.

Sunday

Classic Film: "It's a Wonderful Life"

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

Men's Basketball

Purcell Pavilion
7:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
ND vs. Michigan State.

Interdenominational Fellowship (ISI)

Coleman - Morse Center
10 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Student worship.

ND Chorale

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Featuring Handel's "Messiah."

Men's Basketball

Purcell Pavilion
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
ND vs. Fairleigh Dickinson.

Advent Lessons and Carols

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

ND physicists research traffic

By **ANDREA VALE**
News Writer

Notre Dame researchers, including professor of theoretical physics Zoltán Toroczkai and graduate student Yihui Ren, recently completed a model that will predict traffic patterns based on physics principles and published their work in the journal "Nature Communications."

"The motivation of this work is twofold, intellectual inquisitiveness and practical application," Ren said. "By observing a complicated system, [physicists] always wonder whether there is a simple fundamental underlying principle driving this system. Human mobility on road networks is such a problem. It is also an old problem."

Ren said the desire to design a model to predict traffic patterns was born out of dissatisfaction with previous models.

"We found that most researchers [used] gravity laws to study traffic within urban areas," he said. "... We found this [to be] unsatisfactory. ... An urban area is not a closed system, [and] traffic could come from outside of the city. [Dissatisfaction] is a good thing; it indicates there is room for improvement."

Improvement was made through what Ren described as a long and complicated but ultimately rewarding research period in which he collaborated with and received advice from both Toroczkai and fellow physicist Dr. Maria Ercsey-Ravasz of Babes-Bolyai University in Romania. The result was a model that can predict traffic values on a roadway network based on the network structure and the geographic distribution of the population. The model, Ren said, accomplishes three major milestones.

"The first is the first-principles

nature of our model, [which] enables its usage on any roadway network without knowing traffic data," Ren said. "The second accomplishment is high accuracy. By comparing with the empirical data, our model can yield a high linear correlation coefficient around 0.75, which is a validation of the correctness of our model."

"The third is high computational efficiency. ... It can reduce a 24-hour computation to several hours ... but still keep a good result."

The model takes into account the unpredictability of humans as they choose their destinations and the routes to those destinations, according to a press release.

The factoring in of one's choice of destination was based on an earlier traffic prediction model developed by Filippo Simini and Marta González that "takes into account the reasons why people travel, such as commuting to a job. That study is coupled with a model of the cost considerations people use to choose which path to take, such as favoring a quicker interstate route over a shorter but slower road."

Ren said their research is "significantly meaningful in ... real world practice" and has a practical application when considering, for example, damage to road networks caused by events such as earthquakes. After such events, populations relocate, and the construction of new roads is necessary to mitigate damage.

Predicting traffic patterns more accurately could help "evaluate road construction" before costly plans are drawn up and initiated, Ren said.

"Our model is ideal for this purpose," he said.

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Design students fight HIV/AIDS in South Africa

By **KATIE GALIOTO**
News Writer

Robert Sedlack, associate professor of visual communication design, and a group of students from Notre Dame's Department of Art, Art History and Design are creating a campaign to help HIV victims in South Africa by designing resources to inform and educate local communities.

"We're in a class called 'Design for Social Good,' senior Colleen Hancuch said. "The idea is that design can be an effective communicator and the ideal method for education and problem-solving. The big project we're all working on now focuses on

that the current HIV/AIDS situation in South Africa is not unlike HIV/AIDS was in the United States in the early 1980s," Sedlack said. "The assumptions once someone gets HIV are really misguided."

"Many people think being HIV positive is a death sentence. The population just doesn't have access to the information that, in my opinion, they should have access to."

This semester, Sedlack assigned the 13 students enrolled in "Design for Social Good" the project of using design to better inform the people of South Africa about HIV/AIDS and help change societal misconceptions about the virus.

their medication and never go to refill it. In South Africa, the ARVs are free, so it really comes down to just taking the initiative to go and get more pills."

O'Hara, O'Mara and Lessen said they are trying to address this problem by designing a wallet-like accessory in which HIV victims can carry their daily doses of medicine in calendar-style pockets.

"According to our contact, right now South Africans use plastic bags to carry around their phone, money, and other important things," Lessen said. "The design we're currently focusing on is kind of like a wallet that will have a foldable calendar with zipper pouches for their monthly ARVs. We hope it will allow people to carry everything that's important for their lives — such as money or a phone — in one place. Because the ARVs would be carried with these other essentials, we hope it would show their value as something that's important for the rest of their lives."

The students in Sedlack's "Design for Social Good" class said the curriculum helps integrate their design skills with social concerns.

"I think it goes along with everything that Notre Dame tries to instill in its students," O'Hara said. "Get an education, learn your skills and then use those skills to better the world."

Two other groups' projects target the social construction of gender in South Africa by designing and implementing after-school programs for elementary and high school-aged female students. Another group is working to make a booklet to hand out to people once they are diagnosed with HIV.

"Hopefully our campaigns will give an element of hope and the possibility of continuation of life, which I think a lot of people struggle with upon diagnosis," Lessen said. "We're hoping our actions can help minimize that fear."

Sedlack plans to organize another trip to Johannesburg over the upcoming spring break so that design students can begin to implement some of their projects and adapt them to fit the South African culture as necessary.

"I think it's easy to think of design just as advertising, sort of just feeding into the commercial world," O'Hara said. "That's really the point of this whole class: to expand that idea and to get us to think that we can do so much more with design."

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Samantha Lessen
senior design student

the task of creating an overarching campaign to address the issue and stigma of HIV/AIDS in South Africa."

Sedlack said the relationship between Notre Dame's design program and Johannesburg, South Africa, was first established in April 2011 in response to xenophobic attacks. Since then, Sedlack has led two groups of design students on spring break trips to Johannesburg.

"Last spring break, one of the things we realized was

Senior design students Holly O'Hara, Keri O'Mara and Samantha Lessen designed their project to focus on antiretroviral drugs (ARVs), the medication given to individuals diagnosed as HIV positive. (Editor's note: Keri O'Mara is Graphics Editor at The Observer)

"In order for this medicine to be effective, people are supposed to continue taking it for the rest of their lives," O'Mara said. "Problems occur when people run out of

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in engineering.”

Peironek received the accolade for her “dedication to the SWE mission, for a lasting and positive impact on engineering education and for illuminating public discourse on gender equality in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields,” according to a College of Engineering press release. Her award of Fellow Grade is the society’s highest category of membership.

“What the award recognized is my contributions toward helping SWE become a national leader in the discussion of how to make engineering education more accessible to women,” Pieronek said.

Pieronek also has served as Title IX lead and chair of the society’s Government Relations and Public Policy Committee, helping shape SWE’s position on how Title IX should be applied to engineering and science programs and giving presentations to federal agencies on this topic.

Pieronek, a Notre Dame alumna with a degree in aerospace engineering, joined the Notre Dame engineering faculty in 2002 and established the Women’s Engineering Program.

“When I started working with

these students, our retention in engineering from first year to sophomore year was 45 percent for women and 62 percent for men,” Pieronek said. “Within three years, through strengthening SWE and through using those students’ feedback, we increased the retention rate of both genders to 72 percent. Today, we have an 85 percent retention for that same period for both men and women.”

Last year, female engineers made up one-third of Notre Dame’s graduating engineering class, compared to a national average of 18 percent, Pieronek added.

“Although Notre Dame SWE is a student organization and completely student-run, it owes a huge amount of success to Cathy,” Montalvo said. “With her guidance, our membership has seen a dramatic increase in the last few years ... and it doesn’t look like this trend will change anytime soon.”

SWE serves as a resource for female students to find ways to make a traditionally male-dominated profession work for them, Pieronek said.

“Our goal is to make sure that women never feel pushed out of engineering, but that they choose to stay because they know that they can thrive here,” she said.

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“Being recognized as a student organization and moving forward with that recognition seems like a very positive outcome that will address important student feedback and benefit all who participate in the organization.”

Senior Alessandro DiSanto, also an SIBC co-president, said the move stemmed from a mutual desire from Mendoza and SIBC to find the best home for the council.

“I think because of the immediacy of the decision that was made over the summer by the College of Business [to have control over SIBC], we were not able to fully discuss how the transition would work with Mendoza,” he said. “And once those discussions started taking place, there was a feeling of maybe this should go in a different direction.”

“Just given the circumstances that both [Mendoza and SIBC] are in, perhaps both organizations could meet their missions better if the SIBC was located in a different home that allowed for a more expansive impact on campus.”

DiSanto said he was pleased to see the University respond to the council’s needs in an effective and productive way.

“It was very heartening to see the Office of Student Affairs realize

the level of independence the SIBC is capable of in order to function at a healthy state,” he said. “And we’re very excited to work with the Career Center, whose mission very much aligns with ours — providing a diverse set of educational experience while maintaining an impact in both the local and global communities.”

Anderson said the administration listened to student concerns regarding SIBC membership and prioritized the best interest for the council in its response.

“Everyone was very impassioned about, ‘How can we best find a home for the SIBC?’” she said. “I think everyone was trying to find the best interest for us, including Mendoza and Student Affairs.”

Though SIBC has essentially completed its projects for the fall semester, DiSanto said the council looks forward to reopening its membership to all students in the spring semester.

“Our projects are coming to the end for this semester, so it’s kind of the end of our cycle, but starting immediately, we are open to everyone from all educational backgrounds and are excited to welcome all of our new members and old members back at the start of this coming semester,” DiSanto said.

He also said the move to the Career Center will provide new and exciting opportunities for SIBC and its members, though the details of

these opportunities are still in the early stages.

“We’re still in preliminary discussions with the Career Center, but you can certainly see how there may potentially be some synergies on some of our international internship programs, whether that be through parallel funding sources or amplified relationships with companies,” he said.

Flanagan said she and her staff at the Career Center are likewise excited about the possibilities for the new relationship with SIBC.

“Time will certainly tell, but I think there are some great opportunities for our staff to provide some coaching to students within SIBC to further their aim to promote peace through commerce,” she said. “We look forward to coaching the student leadership of SIBC, as well as the general membership as they strive to gain experience in various career fields through interaction with employers.”

“This is a brand new transition for all of us, and I think this new collaboration will be great for student members of SIBC. Being recognized as a student organization and moving forward with that recognition seems like a very positive outcome that will address important student feedback and benefit all who participate in the organization.”

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including Swahili lessons, community development management and a hands-on practicum on-site at a rural [non-governmental organization] for four weeks at the end of the semester," Germann said.

Germann said she hopes this experience will aid in her goals of pursuing a career in international development or humanitarian aid work, specifically in Africa.

"I am a Global Studies major with a concentration in international development, so this program fit my goals nicely," Germann said.

Germann started studying Swahili on her own last summer to be better prepared for her semester abroad.

"The program includes intensive study in that language as well," Germann said. "My impression is that the immersion process will greatly enhance comprehension too."

Maisoneuve won a \$5,000 grant to study abroad in the CIEE China Shanghai Business Culture and Language program.

"This scholarship will permit me to learn about a

country and culture that I do not have much knowledge on and broaden my international education," Maisoneuve said. "I start the process of learning Mandarin while in China, which I hope to continue once I come back to school."

Germann said faculty at Saint Mary's encouraged her to pursue the opportunity the Gilman Scholarship presented.

"I heard about the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship from the Saint Mary's study abroad advisor, Alice Yang," she said. "She has much experience guiding students to the often necessary funding options for study abroad programs and has actually been on the Gilman review board in the past."

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program is a congressionally-funded program sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and is administered by the Institute of International Education, according to the scholarship program's website.

The Gilman Program aims to diversify the kinds of students who study and intern abroad as well as the countries and regions to which they travel by

supporting U.S. undergraduates who might otherwise not consider these opportunities due to financial constraints, the website stated.

Germann said the application process was lengthy and included several informational sections focusing on topics like student demographics and the program for which an applicant applied.

"The most labor-intensive part was the statement of purpose essay and the follow-on service essay," Germann said. "The statement of purpose essay is straightforward listing why you chose the program and what it holds for your future. The follow-on service essay is where the student describes how they will promote study abroad and the Gilman Scholarship upon their return."

Germann said she would encourage all students to seek out the best experiences for themselves.

"Do not limit yourself," she said. "If there is something that you think will assist in your personal growth, such as international education, seek information and put yourself out there."

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Shirt

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Howell said The Shirt committee's partnership with Alta Gracia has been a largely positive experience.

"They came to us in 2012 and really impressed us," Howell said. "... It's been a great collaboration. They do so much for the people in the Dominican Republic, and the social aspect of that really stood out to us."

"They've been incredibly accommodating in terms of design, and they allowed us to change the fabric this year. In addition to being this amazing company that does so much good for the people

"Now, all of my children are enrolled in school; my two oldest daughters are enrolled in the university. This hasn't just been a big change for me; it has been a big change for all the workers."

Yenny Perez
employee
Alta Gracia Apparel

entrepreneurs in their own hometowns ... actually employing other people in their community. It's such a powerful ripple effect."

Yenny Perez, a single mother of five children, is a worker at the Alta Gracia factory. She spoke about her experience with the company as Taber translated from Spanish.

"Since I have started working at Alta Gracia, my life has made a 180," Perez said. "We have the saying in Spanish that it is the difference between heaven and earth. I have been able to do things at home and take time to do things with my children."

"Before I worked at Alta Gracia, even sending all of them to school was a huge challenge. I had to pick which one of them would get to go. Now, all of my children are enrolled in school; my two oldest daughters are enrolled in the university. This hasn't just been a big change for me; it has been a big change for all the workers and also for our local economy in Altigracia."

Maritza Vargas, a 49-year-old factory worker with five children and one grandchild, talked about specific policies at the factory that have improved the working conditions, particularly for women.

"At Alta Gracia, we as women feel like we're on a whole new level," Vargas said, with Taber translating. "As women, we are treated well and respected. Our right to be a mother is respected."

"At Alta Gracia our right to be a mother is fully respected and accommodated on the job. When it's time to give birth, they are given full pregnancy leave, and postpartum, they are also given rights to tend to their babies properly."

"Some of the benefits that mothers enjoy are that they are allowed half a day out of the schedule to bring their child to the doctor or to any checkups that they could possibly need. They are also given one hour each day to go home and breast feed their child, to make sure it gets proper nutrition. They are also given time and the support of a childcare center that they can take their child to."

Vargas said that the Alta Gracia factory represents a model of garment production that allows for human dignity but also profit.

"It's a great pride to work at Alta Gracia," Vargas said. "We're showing the world together that this can be done. You can have a factory where people are treated like humans, with respect, like equals. You can have a factory where people are paid a dignified wage and this is something that can be done all over."

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MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Irish head football coach Brian Kelly shows off The Shirt 2014 at its unveiling April 11. The shirt is made at Alta Gracia Apparel, a free trade factory in Altigracia, Dominican Republic.



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

A cheerleader displays The Shirt 2014 at its unveiling April 11 at the Hammes Bookstore.



MARY O'NEILL | The Observer

Molly Howell, vice president of The Shirt Committee, speaks at a panel discussion Tuesday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Because I lost a bet



Mary Green
Sports Editor

I would like to start off this column by saying that I am writing it against my will.

It all started a few weeks ago at the second annual Andrew Gastelum Turkey Bowl, in which the members of The Observer sports department faced off in a snowy football game at McGlinn Fields. The battle lines were drawn and after a draft and a few trades, I was convinced I had the winning team, the one that would trounce the team captained by Associate Sports Editor Greg Hadley. The stakes were high — the losing team's captain would write an Inside Column devoted to the winners' captain.

Since other Observer duties beckoned me away from the game before its conclusion, I had to place my trust in the honor of the rest of the staff, who promptly informed me that I would indeed be writing the next Inside Column on the schedule.

So here is my column, dedicated to one Gregory Gerard Hadley.

An acrostic:

Great amount of sass
Really likes fruit snacks
Eats a lot of fruit snacks
Good kid, bad choice in sports teams
Orioles included
Regularly gets emails in response to his stories
Yes, those emails are rather funny

Golden-haired for much of freshman year
Emotional half of the sports editors
Really from Maryland but says he's from D.C.

Always jinxes Notre Dame sports
Really shouldn't cover any more championship games
Doesn't believe this is his fault (it probably is)

Has a lot of siblings
Average writer
Doesn't like the beautiful things in life
Like particularly funny puns
Engages in treks from South Dining Hall to Carroll Hall frequently
Yes, even when it's snowing — that's dedication

A haiku:

Fruit snacks and Carroll
That's how I would describe Greg,
With food and his dorm.

A limerick:

Greg is pretty quick when he works
Not so sure if he's as good when he twerks
No, he's no Miley
His humor comes dryly
And his sass is one of his better quirks

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Equal to our tasks

Matt Miklavic
The Maine Idea

I'm not a huge prayer guy.
I believe in God. I think. Well, at least I want to. I guess I'm still working on that.

I like to think I'm decently religious, though the fact that I just used "decently" as a modifier and "I think" in relation to my believing in God probably speaks to a relationship with religion that leaves something to be desired.

So, in short, I'll pray at Mass and on the off-chance I end up at the Grotto. But even then, I'm "praying" as much to chat with myself as to anyone above. I struggle with the idea that the world around me is changed upon our petitions, that we can save those things and people who we ask to be saved and others will be left to fend for themselves. I'd like to think that beyond this, any God has better things to do than a lot of the stuff that gets tossed in his direction in prayer.

As I navigate my way through my Catholicism, I'm not exactly looking to add another religion. I do my best to avoid proselytizers walking door to door, but once in a while, one sneaks through. In my defense, when you're waiting to board a flight, there's not much room to escape. So I took her little piece of paper — my new bookmark for the trip — smiled, and went on my merry way to my seat.

As I opened my book, I snuck a look at the handout, which asked what I'd pray to change about my life. Interesting enough.

I didn't think about it much until I came across a discussion of John F. Kennedy a few pages in. My mind wandered back to the piece of paper and to something Kennedy had once said.

"Do not pray for easy lives," he counseled, quoting an Episcopal Bishop, Phillips Brooks. "Pray to be stronger men." According to him, women, I assume, should figure something else out.

My book suddenly held less interest. I started thinking of ways I could be a better person, a stronger one. I came up with some hopes — I guess you could call them prayers — about how I would want to live.

I'd hope to live up to the chances I've had — to those whom much is given, much is expected. I'd hope to live up to the expectations of those who have sacrificed for me and mentored me. I'd hope to live in a way to make them proud. I'd hope to work as tirelessly as my dad and to love as unequivocally as my mom. I'd hope to have as big of a heart as my grandparents. I'd hope to be as dedicated as my brother and as kind

and compassionate as my sisters.

I'd wish to be as supportive, spontaneous and outright awesome as my friends. I'd wish to leave as big of an impact on others' lives as they have left on mine. I'd wish to help kids find their way just as my teachers and coaches did for me. I'd wish to inspire the same fire and passion for learning.

I'd aspire to be as unapologetically optimistic as Christmastime is. In a season of unmatched giving, I'd aspire to give more freely in support of friends and strangers.

Selfishly, I'd want to be a freshman again, to have four more years in this land of intellectual curiosity and unlimited capacity for good.

I'd dream for the humility of the Brothers and Fathers and Sisters that roam Notre Dame, for the wisdom they have shared, for the help that they have given and will give. I'd dream to live my life even half as well as those students around me, the ones I am inspired by daily, do.

I'd yearn for a heart that knows right from wrong and for the strength to pursue right's cause. I'd yearn for eyes that could see the world's problems, ears that could hear victim's ills and a mind that could help find solutions. I'd yearn for the courage of those who protest peacefully in the face of a system they view as unjust and of those who walk the streets day after day to keep communities safe.

I'd hope for the ability to do some fraction of the good that those across the globe and throughout the country do. I'd hope for the chance to stand with the servicemen and women, doctors and volunteers, development workers and clergy, to fight the fires of famine and disease where they rage, to fight tyranny where it stands and to help the suffering where they lay.

Finishing his quotation of Brooks, Kennedy continued, "Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks."

In a world inundated by fear and suffering and immersed in a conflagration of pain and anguish, I would dream for the powers to help in some manner, to aid in some way. I would hope for the powers that allow me to help set back the tide, to calm the flame and to face the tasks that I and we all, face. And for that? For that I will pray.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

End Neglected Tropical Diseases

Trachoma. Elephantiasis. Snail Fever. River Blindness. Roundworm. Whipworm. Hookworm.

Many of you are probably thinking to yourselves, “What are those things?” These are seven of the most common diseases found in developing countries across the world. This may be a surprise considering that you may not have ever heard of such diseases. Because they are not found within the United States, these diseases often tend to escape our attention and the efforts needed to help bring an end to the growing problems amount to very little. For this reason, these diseases are referred to as Neglected Tropical Diseases. It is my hope to raise awareness by providing a deeper look into these diseases.

Neglected Tropical Diseases, or NTDs for short, are endemic tropical infections that affect over one billion

of the world’s poorest people in many countries in the Southern Hemisphere, especially in South America and Africa. A staggering one in six people are currently infected with one or more of these diseases. They are most often transmitted through contaminated soil or different living organisms, such as flies, mosquitoes and snails. These NTDs have a huge impact on those whom they afflict. They can cause severe illnesses, disfigurement and abdominal pain, and unfortunately, they kill more than half a million people every year.

NTDs also contribute to a cycle of poverty and stigma that leaves afflicted people unable to work, go to school or participate in community life. Pharmaceutical drugs have been developed to help cure these diseases, but the problem lies in receiving greater funds to continue the manufacture of these medications and provide means

of distribution. Compared to other diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, NTDs don’t draw nearly the same amount of resources and funding, receiving only one percent of U.S. global health funding.

By donating just \$0.50, you can help a child receive the necessary medication to treat and protect himself or herself against all seven of these diseases for an entire year. If everyone joins in on the campaign, the world can see the end of all seven of these NTDs by the year 2020. Visit <http://www.end7.org/> to learn more information and help make a difference. Together we can see the end.

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freshman
Zahm Hall
Nov. 30

Make a difference with Camp Kesem

When I told my mom I was doing something called Camp Kesem at Notre Dame, she was a little confused. She had never heard of such an organization, and while the idea was a good one, it seemed a little unrealistic for a college student with a full-time summer job to spend his one week off with a bunch of kids. In short, why should I spend so much time away from my classes and job for something so idealistic?

Allow me to explain: Camp Kesem is a week-long summer camp for children affected by a parent’s cancer. We take local kids ranging in ages from 6-16 to YMCA Camp Storer in Jackson, Michigan for a week of classic summer camp activities and bonding, including kayaking, capture-the-flag and campfires. Camp Kesem Notre Dame is one of 62 college chapters across the country that provides life-changing experiences for thousands of kids each year. We give them the chance to just be kids for once, instead of worrying about their mother’s latest chemo treatment or how they’ll answer awkward questions at school. Kesem is magic for the kids and counselors alike and embodies something that can’t be easily captured in words. To quote former Irish head coach Lou Holtz, “If you’ve been there, no explanation is necessary. If you haven’t, none is adequate.”

At Notre Dame, we pride ourselves for being more than just a university. Character and service follow hand-in-hand with academic and athletic excellence. As Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, said in his 2013

commencement address, “Notre Dame is about not just a career but a call, not just what we’ve gotten but what we’re giving ... not just the ‘I’ but the ‘we.’”

We are taught not only to eye the bottom line, but to always envision loftier goals, to set the world on fire. A sense of purpose pervades our time here; our educations are not just of the mind but also of the heart and soul.

During my three and a half years here, I have not found something more Notre Dame than Camp Kesem. Kesem is about bringing people together and empowering each other with shared experiences and love. Like Notre Dame, Kesem challenges us to live for more than just ourselves and reminds us of the life-altering power of love, of entering into relationships with each other. No other time at camp exemplifies this better than our Empowerment Ceremony, the one time during the week when we discuss why we are all there: cancer. I do not exaggerate when I say that the high point of my life was when a nine-year-old, with tears in his eyes, told me that while he may have lost his dad, he had found a family at camp.

Despite the convergence of our missions, Camp Kesem is still, for the most part, unknown on campus. Ask any 10 people on South Quad if they’ve heard about Camp Kesem and maybe two have, describing it as “that thing my friend does with all the weird songs and nicknames.” During the year, our student volunteers plan fundraisers constantly, making us one of the most active clubs on campus so that we can ensure

our camp remains 100 percent free for our campers and their families. If we achieve our goal of raising \$72,000 this year, we will be able to serve more than 80 kids this year, not only at camp but also by providing support all year at their soccer games, reunions and all too often, funerals.

Our goal is to bridge that gap, to bring together the amazing children Kesem serves and the extraordinary students Notre Dame cultivates. As we grow our program, we need more money and counselors. We are having our monthly all-camp meeting tonight (Wednesday, Dec. 3) in 129 DeBartolo Hall at 8 p.m. Come and see for yourselves what Camp Kesem is all about. All are welcome.

To answer my mother’s question today, I would say that I Kesem for the same reason the rest of us do: purpose. In the abstract midst of job searches, paper deadlines and an unending pile of reading, Camp Kesem allows us to make a tangible difference in the world. Kesem provides us with a renewed sense of fulfillment that corresponds perfectly with Notre Dame’s mission. Remember, if you change a life you change the world, and we have 80 amazing kids this year.

Do it for the kids.

John Groden
senior
off-campus
Dec. 2

Tell their story with “Show Some Skin”

Like many of you, we have sat in the audience at a “Show Some Skin” performance, and we know firsthand how powerful the show can be. Both of us were inspired to get involved in the show, so we auditioned to be actors.

For those who have not seen it, “Show Some Skin” is a performance of anonymously submitted monologues about identity and difference. The purpose and mission of “Show Some Skin” is to give voice to the unspoken stories that exist on this campus. It cannot be done without the bravery and open-heartedness of the actors.

The opportunity to act in the “Show Some Skin” performance was one of the most life-changing and memorable moments of our Notre Dame experience. I would like to share the stories of myself and our director, Lucas Garcia, in the hopes that you will take a leap of faith and participate in this project.

Three years ago I never knew that I would become producer of “Show Some Skin.” I auditioned for “Show Some Skin” in my sophomore year because I felt lost. I no longer could find a sense of purpose in the work that I did and I was trying to understand who I was at Notre Dame. In the spring of 2013 I joined a cast of 20 actors who, in their own ways, were passionate about making a difference in regards to issues of diversity and inclusivity. I received two monologues and for six straight weeks, I pored over them. While I may never know who

wrote the monologues, I tried to understand my writers. They taught me about what it feels like to be ignored, different and scared to be one’s self in ways that I experience in my own life and in ways that I do not. Even now, I think about their stories, and they stay with me. Performing in “Show Some Skin” was a unique experience that I am grateful for every day.

Current director Lucas got involved with “Show Some Skin” as a freshman. He was confused and felt like he had to start making decisions about who he was and who he wanted to be, and he found that who he wanted to be didn’t fit in at Notre Dame.

He recalls, “I felt like I didn’t belong here. After I was cast, I met an incredible group of people from many racial and ethnic backgrounds, majors and graduating classes, all of whom wanted to make a difference. They wanted ND to be a place where whenever someone had a question about themselves, about who they wanted to be, they would feel and be safe, no matter what the answer. They all wanted to make Notre Dame a place where people could feel like they belonged. Getting to know them and to know Notre Dame through these anonymous stories changed my life and that experience helps me every day in becoming who I am and who I want to be.”

As the executive director and executive producer, respectively, of the upcoming show in spring, Lucas

and I invite and encourage all students to audition for “Show Some Skin: Tell Me More.” We are looking for a diverse group of actors; no previous experience on stage is necessary.

Acting for “Show Some Skin” is unique because it’s not a fictional script. Each monologue has a real voice behind it and it can be a student sitting in your class, your professor, a staff member or even your roommate. That’s the beauty and the power of the production.

We have selected 30 outstanding monologues for the February 2015 production of “Show Some Skin: Tell Me More.” We are looking for a new batch of actors to come into community with one another and present the stories that we believe campus needs to hear.

Auditions will be held Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 7 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 4 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. in Andrews Auditorium of Geddes Hall. For questions please email s.someskin@gmail.com

Deandra Cadet
executive producer
“Show Some Skin: Tell Me More”

Luca Garcia
executive director
“Show Some Skin: Tell Me More”
Dec. 1

ABC FAMILY'S 25 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



By **MADDIE DALY**
Associate Scene Editor

Finally, it's that time of year again; Thanksgiving is over, December has begun and the weather is oh-so delightful (or not so delightful if you are opposed to below-freezing temperatures and frostbite). Dec. 1 marked not only the first day you were able to open the first door in your Advent calendar and find a surprise inside; it also marked the start of the famous 25 Days of Christmas on ABC Family. This means that every day for the next three and a half weeks, ABC Family will air a classic Christmas movie to get everyone in the holiday spirit. It's like they knew it was finals season and that Notre Dame students would be looking for any and every reason to procrastinate, how kind of them.

Here are the must-see movies playing over the 25 Days of Christmas on ABC Family; set your DVR because you won't want to miss a single one.

“Elf”

This one pretty much speaks for itself. I mean, is it really December if you haven't watched “Elf” yet and quoted every single line? Bonus points for acting out scenes (the mall elevator, “SANTA'S COMING!”, spaghetti with syrup, etc.). Perhaps consider investing in a Buddy the Elf costume for your next Christmas-themed party.

“Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas”

Based on the classic Dr. Seuss book, “How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” this 2000 film starring a very hairy

and green Jim Carrey epitomizes Christmas. Between the elaborate, cartoon-like set of Whoville and the adorable Cindy Lou (played by a much younger and much less eye-lined Taylor Momsen), this movie will get you in the Christmas spirit and maybe even bring a few tears (the classroom flashback scene gets me every time).

“Disney's A Christmas Carol”

Now this is a newer addition to the list, as it just came out in 2009 and has yet to reach the list of classics. However, it is telling a classic Christmas story, so it must be included on the list. Jim Carrey is at it again, playing the cranky Ebenezer Scrooge as well as the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future.

“The Polar Express”

This movie will take you back to your childhood; an animated form of the children's book by Chris Van Allsburg, “The Polar Express” is a heartwarming tale about belief and growing up.

“Home Alone”

Every 90s kid knows this story inside and out; the Christmas movie list simply would not be complete without the iconic face of Macaulay Culkin, screaming as he runs away from robbers (no wonder all kids are scared to stay home alone ... don't think this would fly in our day and age as a children's movie).

“The Santa Clause”

Even though there are two more films in this series,

the original is all that really matters. Tim Allen kills it playing the absent, divorced dad turned Santa Claus and hero of Christmas. Didn't we all want our dads to turn into Santa after this 1994 Christmas classic?

“Frosty's Winter Wonderland”

Now this one goes way back — all the way to 1976, in fact (hence the terrible yet lovable animation). The jolly Christmas tune “Frosty The Snowman” comes to life in this adorable animated “film” (run time of 25 minutes) — a longtime tradition for the Christmas season.

“Toy Story 3”

Ok, I have no idea why this is included in the 25 Days of Christmas, but it simply must be on this list. The tear-jerking finale (well, not anymore because of the proposed “Toy Story 4”) to the beloved Toy Story series might as well be added to the Christmas movie canon; in the least, it is yet another reminder to never grow up and to treat your toys nicely.

Honorable Mention: The “Harry Potter” Series

For some reason, these movies always seem to sneak their way into the Christmas season, I suppose for the one Christmas feast scene. Even though they also play at every other time of the year on ABC Family, why not give them another watch while you have the time during finals week?

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THINK on INK UGLY GIRLS

By **CAELIN MILTKO**
Scene Writer

The question of beauty is constantly present in our modern world of Photoshop, selfies and filters. We are always trying to work out the new and all-important definitions of what is “beautiful” and what is “ugly.”

In Lindsay Hunter's novel, “Ugly Girls,” we follow the story of high schoolers Perry and Dayna; however, after Dayna's brother is involved in a near-fatal accident, she shaves half of her head and insists on going by “Baby Girl.” The girls spend their time skipping school, staying up all night, stealing cars and driving around. They are as different as could be — Baby Girl works to make herself as much of an outcast as possible, making herself “ugly” before others can tell her she is, while Perry strives to fit in, using her beauty to find love and acceptance.

At the beginning of the novel, both girls are engaged in a quasi-relationship with a suspicious Internet boy who goes by Jamey. Perry, whose options for real-life relationships are more exciting, is somewhat turned off by her conversations with him, but Baby Girl is flattered by the attention.

Punctuating the girls' storyline are the underlying issues of Perry's mother and stepfather. Her mother is a struggling alcoholic who is constantly trying to reach the happiness she had prior to her teenage pregnancy, while her stepfather works nights at a prison and struggles with maintaining his human decency in such a position of power.

My favorite part of this novel is the way Hunter uses fragmentary images and language to tell this story. Each chapter is short, only a couple pages long at most. She skips quickly from one perspective to another and builds the storyline in this way. It takes a little bit of deciphering, but is worth it in the end.

Perhaps the biggest mistake Hunter makes is attempting to work in the point of view of too many characters in too short of a space. The book is only 235 pages long, yet we get five different characters telling their side of each story, fragmenting the plot line and leaving much of their issues unresolved. The end never makes it clear where any of these storylines end up (with the exception, perhaps, of Jamey's). Then again, perhaps this is the entire point of Hunter's narrative.

Hunter's central question seems to come from Perry's stepfather Jim's perspective. He seeks to understand

how people deal with the everyday struggles of being alive. At one point, he reflects on how both his wife and his stepdaughter try to deal with their lives and examines (somewhat negatively) their coping mechanisms.

It is Baby Girl's plight that seems to be the greatest. There is some implication that prior to her brother's accident she was fairly bright, with some ambition to make something out of her life. But after her brother, who was involved in illicit activity and had a tough exterior that Baby Girl always admired, becomes mentally unstable, Baby Girl makes a complete reversal. She attempts to take over Charles's role, making up a “thug” persona and trying to appear tougher than she is. It is only by the end of the novel that she realizes that whatever Charles did in his spare time before the accident was more complicated and well-meaning than what she previously thought.

“Ugly Girls” examines the idea of “ugly” and how it works itself inside of all our lives. Hunter never works out how to solve the mess her characters create, but that appears to be part of the beauty of it all — that there is no solution.

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The 12 Days of Classes

By **ALLIE TOLLAUXEN**
Scene Editor

It's that time of the year again — no, not the holiday season — that time between Thanksgiving break and Winter break, the three weeks that seem to feel like a whole semester in itself. We students get a tiny taste of vacation and egg nog, then it's back to the final grind.

One year, during this purgatory we

call December, I resorted to listening to Christmas music nonstop, just to motivate myself during the final stretch. This behavior was particularly unusual because of my general distaste for holiday songs and radio stations that play Bing Crosby from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day.

But these last few days of classes don't have to be miserable. This year, perhaps inspired by bubbling holiday cheer, I've

resolved to enjoy them instead.

So, here's a different kind of advent calendar — one with a lowercase “a” — counting down to the arrival of finals week. Treat yourself to the events and all things seasonal on and around campus, and celebrate these last 12 days before exams.

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1

Wed., Dec. 3 – If you haven't found your way to a Spoken Word ND open mic or poetry slam event, now is your chance. Hear students perform original poetry and compete for a cash prize. Bring your friends and \$3 for a ticket to Washington Hall's Lab Theatre.

2

Thurs., Dec. 4 – Hit up the Humor Artists' last show of the semester at Legends at 11 p.m. The student group is putting on “HAccidentally in LHave,” a “tribute to the music of 'Shrek,’” so dig up those old soundtracks and relive your childhood CD collection.

3

Fri., Dec. 5 – Cheer on your talented friends and classmates at the signature event “Asian Allure,” this year titled, “There and Back Again,” put on by the Asian American Association. Incorporating performances and fashion showcasing Asian cultures, the event takes place in Washington Hall at 7 p.m.

4

Sat., Dec. 6 – There's nothing more comforting in a time of stress than a canine friend, so check out the “Reindog Parade” in downtown South Bend at 11 a.m. That's right — a parade of dogs will be trotting through the city, followed by a costume contest that includes the category “Best Puppy.” This event can't be missed.

5

Sun., Dec. 7 – Get in the holiday spirit by catching the Christmas classic, “It's a Wonderful Life,” at 3 p.m. in DPAC. Then call your family and tell them hello in the midst of Jimmy Stewart-inspired sentimentality.

6

Mon., Dec. 8 – Take advantage of the lull in end-of-semester events today to do something festive, whether it's baking cookies (or just eating all the ones your RA bakes) or ugly sweater shopping for those Christmas parties waiting just on the other side of finals.

7

Tues., Dec. 9 – If you haven't stopped by the Snite yet this year, take advantage of the Snite Salon series at 5 p.m.

8

Wed., Dec. 10 – In case you missed Sunday's classic Christmas movie, you can catch another. “White Christmas” will be playing at DPAC at 7 p.m.

9

Thurs., Dec. 11 – Classes are over, and only finals week lies ahead. Celebrate and find your center with Mindful Meditation in Coleman-Morse at 5:15 p.m.

10

Fri., Dec. 12 – It's the first day of study days, so do yourself a favor and just sleep in.

11

Sat., Dec. 13 – What better way to close out your semester than with a concert by the Notre Dame Glee club? The student group will be performing at 12, 3:30 and 8:30 p.m in DPAC.

12

Sun., Dec. 14 – Finals may be starting the next day, but if you need to blow off some steam, swing by Compton during its public skate time. From 3-4:50 p.m., bring some friends and skate your hearts out.

SPORTS AUTHORITY

Don't blame Baylor



Samantha Zuba
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I don't blame Baylor for hiring a PR firm.

The school has apparently hired Kevin Sullivan Communications in the stretch run of playoff campaigning.

Interesting. Many websites are reporting that 10-1 Baylor, No. 6 in the College Football Playoff rankings, hired the firm to enhance its playoff hopes — an entirely allowable move, by the way.

But Kevin Sullivan insisted to FoxSports.com his company wasn't hired to influence the playoff selection committee. Instead, he said Baylor's media relations staff was swamped and sought extra help. FoxSports.com quoted Sullivan as saying, "We're just trying to set up some national interviews for [Baylor Director of Athletics] Ian [McCaw]. It's media relations, that's all."

I don't know if the firm's help will involve raising the school's selection profile, directly, indirectly or not at all. What I do know is that I don't blame Baylor even if the Bears are trying to reach the selection committee somehow.

Either way, this move reveals a lot more about college football than it does about Baylor.

In a recent column for Forbes, Jim Pagels wrote about how Baylor's decision reflects a problem with the college football playoff and ranking system. The school is only playing the game.

The fact that most people assume Baylor hired the PR firm to make its playoff case tells you everything you need to know.

Few trust the human-driven selection system.

Commentators don't think schools and their athletic directors have reason to trust the fairness of the selection committee's choices, so they think Baylor must be trying to strengthen its case off the field.

Maybe Baylor is. Maybe Baylor isn't.

The point is, how we talk about the college playoff system demonstrates just how subjective it remains.

Another example: When Alabama looked to be in danger of losing to Auburn last weekend and dropping out of the top four, you could almost feel the fear rolling in from the south. "But then which SEC team would make the playoff? You can't have a football playoff without the SEC!" I'm sure you heard the disgruntled whispers until Alabama pulled away.

A fine argument for the increased strength of schedule in the SEC exists. SEC teams with a loss or two are often better than undefeated teams from other conferences. But this still ends up being yet another subjectively tinged argument. How good is the SEC, really, compared to the other Power 5 conferences? Even if you feel strongly on the topic, you can probably admit there's room for debate and interpretation of game results.

And that's the enduring problem. The selection committee looks at stats and results — and then they must interpret these in order to arrive at a decision.

People — you know, the living, breathing, fallible kind — are still calling the shots. We call it the "College Football Playoff rankings," but it's really still a poll, just more mysterious and with a fancier website.

Frankly, I find the squabbling over rankings entertaining. Then again, as a student at Notre Dame, I watched my school faint out of the rankings. That's quite different from finding your school just on the outside, looking up at those top four headed to the playoffs without you.

Expanding to an eight-team playoff will fluster teams nine through 15 even more by bringing them even closer to the party but still leaving "almost" ringing in their ears. But including the top eight will eliminate some of the biggest controversies, as a one-loss team is unlikely to miss the playoffs at that point.

Here's the harsh reality: Good teams will miss the playoffs no matter what the system is.

Even if more computerized components are introduced to the process, good teams will miss the playoffs. Fan bases will call foul. But that's okay.

Making the playoffs should be hard. It shouldn't be an unfair process, but it should be difficult. There will always be a subjective component and people wondering about the fairness of the whole thing when their schools don't make it. Some of them will be justified, some blinded by love for their schools.

As long as college football remains the subjective, loyalty-driven craze that it is, schools will continue to try subjective, loyalty-driven, crazy things.

So don't blame Baylor.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Purdue supports Hazell despite poor season

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Indiana — Two seasons into a six-year contract that pays him \$2 million a year, Purdue's Darrell Hazell has compiled a 4-20 record, including 1-15 in the Big Ten.

There were improvements in 2014 as the Boilermakers won for the first time against an FBS opponent, increased the victory total from one to three and won a Big Ten road game against Illinois, which will likely receive a bowl game invitation.

However, Purdue finished the season with six consecutive losses, including an emotional 23-16 setback Saturday at rival Indiana, the second consecutive season the Boilermakers have lost the Old Oaken Bucket in finishing 3-9.

While Hazell was on the road recruiting and unavailable Tuesday, athletic director Morgan Burke said he believes in his coach and is convinced he is the right man for the job.

While Purdue will return nine offensive starters and eight defensive starters for 2015, Burke wants to see more consistent play within the same game from the offense and the defense. The offense, for example, played well against Michigan State and Minnesota,

but the defense gave up a combined 84 points in those two losses.

"I would like to see the offense and the defense consistently play at a high level," Burke said. "Last year was about the variability of the play from game to game. This year was about the variability of one side of the ball in a game, and then the other side.

"If both sides of the ball played at their best level, I think we would have been very happy with the results, but we didn't. When I sit down with Darrell, I will ask what we have to do."

Burke said Purdue got better in 2014 from 2013, but he says it must get much better next season. He and Hazell are eager for the day when Purdue's two-deep roster is comprised 80 percent of players with third- and fourth-year eligibility and not loaded with freshmen and sophomores, which it has been for two seasons.

"Darrell is a smart guy," Burke said. "Some people want the fiery, Gene Keady kind of mentality, and others kind of like the cool, calm and collected image. This guy has an unbelievable ability to stay focused and to be unruffled. I think this team needs to look over there and see a sense of calmness that we are going to get this done. He was at Rutgers when they

struggled and was at Ohio State when they won. We are really fortunate to have the leadership that we've got."

Yet despite the fact standout linebacker Ja'Whan Bentley, defensive back Frankie Williams, wide receiver Danny Anthrop, quarterback Austin Appleby and the entire offensive line is set to return, Burke said the bottom line is that there must be improvement in 2015.

"Obviously, in this past year, a ton of energy and effort were expended by the players, the coaching staff, our marketing staff and the fans," Burke said. "But we don't have much to show for it. That is disappointing, and it is discouraging."

Before Hazell left to recruit this week, Burke told him to sell the vision for this program and to add to the talent level that has won only four times in two seasons.

"If you look at many of the metrics that you would use to chart the progress of a team, they certainly moved in a positive direction," Burke said. "But at the end of the day, as Darrell has said, it is about winning. We have a very fractionalized fan base right now. I understand that. We do not have enough playmakers yet. I hope they are on the roster."

HIGH SCHOOL

Fall concussion numbers released in Indiana

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Schools across the state have reported more than 1,200 concussions among athletes taking part in the five-month fall sports season, according to the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

Those reports show that football players suffered nearly 70 percent of the reported 1,219 concussions, followed by girls and boys soccer players with about 20 percent.

This is the first year of the IHSA's voluntary system for reporting concussions, so the group doesn't have any comparison figures. Concussion reports were submitted by 189 of the association's 410 schools during the period between July 1 and Nov.

30.

IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Cox said the number of concussions seemed high to him, but that the school reports would become more useful as data continued to be collected.

"The numbers are fairly reflective of what we anticipated with the lion's share in football and on natural grass. Girls soccer numbers are up there like I thought they would be," Cox told WTHR-TV. "But I would never have thought about swimmers hitting their heads on the wall and getting a concussion, or one kid who hit himself in the head with a tennis racket and got a concussion."

A state law that took effect in 2012 requires schools to immediately remove from play or practice any athletes suspected

of sustaining a concussion. Those athletes are not allowed to return until they have written clearance from a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.

The school reported to the IHSAA that 92 percent of athletes who suffered a concussion were able to participate in their sport again within 30 days.

Most attention about concussion safety has been paid to football, but Cox told WRTV that some girls' sports are also areas of concern.

"The game's faster now than it's ever been, and with those girls in basketball and soccer playing with no head protection, then there's going to be incidences," he said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles set to open conference play against Alma

By MAREK MAZUREK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will face rival Alma at home Wednesday to open its MIAA conference schedule.

The Belles currently hold a 2-3 record after opening their season with three losses, but they have won their last two games against Trinity International and Anderson. Belles coach Jenn Henley said the winning streak is the result of improved team chemistry and simple execution.

"I can't say that we have been doing anything differently during the last two weeks," Henley said. "We just needed more time to come together as a team. We started to do more of the little things the right way and found success."

Henley said the performance of freshman forward Gabby Diamond has keyed the

Belles' turnaround. Diamond is the fourth-leading scorer for Saint Mary's, averaging 8.4 points a game.

"Gabby is doing well for us early in the season," Henley said. "Her teammates are doing a good job of finding her in the paint the last few games. I am expecting her to continue to contribute to our overall team success as she continues to improve."

The game against the Scots marks the first game on a competitive conference slate for the Belles.

"We are going to take one game at a time in the MIAA," Henley said. "Every year, our conference is tough. Our focus is on the little things as we open up MIAA play this week."

Henley said the key to defeating Alma is taking control of tempo and shutting down the Scots' star players.

"Alma is quick and scrappy,"

Henley said. "We have to set the tone of the game early on and maintain it. They are led by ... senior [guard] Mallory Pruett, who is shooting 50 percent from the 3-point line in four games. She makes them go. Defending her will be key."

The Belles head into the matchup after a week of rest due to the Thanksgiving holiday, but Henley said she expects her team to recover quickly.

"Long layoffs between games are never good for a basketball coach," Henley said. "We have enough returners on this team who understand what is needed to be done so that a holiday break does not become an excuse for not performing."

The Belles tip off against the Scots on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility.

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NHL | ISLANDERS 3, SENATORS 2 (OT)

Hickey's blast lifts Islanders in OT

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, New York — Thomas Hickey set up a third-period goal and scored 3:06 into overtime as the New York Islanders started December just as they ended November, with a victory — 3-2 over the Ottawa Senators on Tuesday night.

The defenseman netted his second of the season with a wrap-around goal to help the Islanders improve to 8-0 in games decided after regulation.

Jaroslav Halak, the NHL's No. 1 star last week, wasn't busy but earned his team-record tying 10th straight win with a 16-save performance. Brock Nelson scored in the second period for the Islanders, who have won seven of eight and 12 of 14.

Ottawa had used a crisp play to tie it as Mark Stone, on the goal line to Halak's left, fed the puck in front to Clarke MacArthur for his ninth goal at 11:14.

The Islanders took a 2-1 lead 1:07 into the third during 4-on-4 play. Hickey tried to jam the puck past Craig Anderson at the right post. It caromed across the crease to Ryan Strome, who stuffed it in on the left side for his fifth goal.

Mike Hoffman scored in the first period, and Anderson

made 25 saves for the Senators, who have lost five of six. These teams meet again in Ottawa on Thursday.

It took until late in the second period for the Islanders to get going, and for a brief moment they thought they might have taken the lead.

New York got even when Kyle Okposo forced a turnover and flung a backhand pass behind his back from the center-ice boards that Nelson tracked down in the Senators end. He skated in alone on Anderson and beat him with a shot with 1:34 remaining for his 11th goal.

Then, just as time was expiring in the period, Casey Cizikas fired a rising drive from above the left circle that hit the top corner of the net just as the green light behind it went on to signal time had run out. The officials went to video replay, and before they could announce "no goal," the crowd groaned as it saw on the big board that the puck was shy of the line when the clock hit 0.0.

Neither team could muster much offense in either of the first two periods. New York had a 15-11 shots edge through 40 minutes. The only two penalty calls in that span came 31 seconds apart in the final minute of the second.

NHL | PENGUINS 1, DEVILS 0

Penguins win with a Fleury of saves

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 29 shots for his NHL-leading fifth shutout as the Pittsburgh Penguins edged the New Jersey Devils 1-0 on Tuesday night.

Fleury matched his career high for shutouts in a season and was rarely tested by the Devils, who have just one victory in their last eight games.

Evgeni Malkin scored the game's only goal 3:32 into the third period, taking a feed from Blake Comeau and tucking it under Cory Schneider's outstretched arm for his 12th score of the season.

Schneider made 22 saves but received little help. New Jersey generated few quality chances against Fleury, who has won six straight at home against the Devils.

New Jersey forward Jaromir Jagr left in the second period following a vicious collision with Pittsburgh's Robert Bortuzzo. Scott Gomez played 22 minutes in his return to the Devils after being signed

on Monday.

The Penguins dominated New Jersey 8-3 in the teams' first meeting on Oct. 28. But the rematch looked more like an early December slog between two teams struggling to stay healthy.

Pittsburgh's patched-together lineup lacked injured defenseman Kris Letang and banged-up forwards Chris Kunitz and Marcel Goc. In their place were fill-ins such as Andrew Ebbett and Scott Wilson, who was called up from Wilkes-Barre Scranton on Tuesday morning when Crosby missed the pregame skate with an illness. While the reigning MVP played in his 574th game — the eighth most in team history — Crosby was surrounded by a sea of largely unfamiliar faces.

Then again, the Penguins received little sympathy from New Jersey. The Devils brought back the well-traveled Gomez hoping he could give the struggling lineup a needed energy boost.

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Irish senior defender Luke Mishu dribbles upfield in Notre Dame's 1-0, third-round NCAA tournament loss to Virginia at Alumni Stadium on Nov. 30. Mishu was selected as an Academic All-American this season.

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which the Irish were the better side. That didn't make it any easier for this year's graduating class, either.

After a few minutes back at Alumni Stadium, Brown sat down on the turf on which the Irish went 29-7-8 during his four years in the Irish lineup. This year, the pitch witnessed three Irish defeats, all by a score of 1-0. Yet it also saw plenty of high moments: senior midfielder Nick

Besler's header in double overtime against VCU, junior midfielder Patrick Hodan's beautiful strike to beat Louisville in overtime and a 3-0 victory over the Cavaliers in the ACC tournament quarterfinals just three weeks ago, to name a few.

Brown and his fellow fifth-year classmates — defender Andrew O'Malley, goalkeeper Patrick Wall and defender Luke Mishu, along with six seniors who may never again put on an Irish uniform — comprise a class that carried the Notre Dame program to new heights.

Notre Dame reached the ultimate peak last season, of course, by winning the program's first national championship. The year before, the Irish earned the No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament, as they did again this year, with the third overall seed during the 2013 championship campaign sandwiched in between. The Irish won two regular-season ACC titles as well as the Big East tournament title the year before. Over the last four years, the team compiled a 55-15-15 overall record, including a 13-2-4 record in its first two seasons of ACC play, far and away the toughest conference in all of college soccer.

In addition to the team accomplishments, this year's senior class racked up individual accolades both on and off the pitch. This season saw Wall named a Senior CLASS Award finalist and Mishu honored as an Academic All-American. The class boasts two NCAA All-Tournament Team selections, three All-ACC Team selections, two All-ACC Academic Team members, one All-Big East Team player and seven Big East Academic All-Star selections.

"[These seniors] took the program to a level it had never been before," Clark said Sunday night. "We've also been a top-three seed [in the NCAA tournament] each of the last three years. That's a phenomenal record for any team. ... These seniors can walk away and hold their heads up pretty high. I think this senior class can feel good about themselves."

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Irish graduate student forward Leon Brown corraling the ball against Virginia during Notre Dame's 1-0 loss Nov. 30 at Alumni Stadium.

FENCING

Bednarski retires as fencing coach

Observer Staff Report

Irish head coach Janusz Bednarski, who led Notre Dame to three team national championships and coached 14 NCAA individual champions over 12 seasons, has retired, University Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick announced in a press release Tuesday.

Bednarski will be replaced by associate head coach Gia Kvaratskhelia, who has spent eight years on the team's coaching staff.

Bednarski coached 109 All-Americans across every weapon while at Notre Dame, and his teams finished in the top three at the NCAA championships a combined nine times.

In addition to his success at the NCAA championships, Bednarski also leaves the Irish as the third-winningest coach in any sport in school history, with 623 combined wins between the men's and women's programs. He trails only former fencing coach Mike DeCicco and current women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw.

On the global stage, Bednarski has also left a

mark. Five of his former athletes have competed in the Olympics, with former Irish sabre Mariel Zagunis bringing home two gold medals.

Kvaratskhelia has been an assistant to Bednarski since 2007, when he came to Notre Dame from Salina, Kansas, to work with the team's foilists. In the eight years since, Notre Dame has qualified the maximum four fencers in the foil at every national championship. Of those 32 fencers who competed, 29 earned All-American status.

Kvaratskhelia spent his first five years at Notre Dame as an assistant coach before being promoted to the role of associate head coach three years ago. He was named the 2010-2011 U.S. Fencing National Coach of the Year, as well as the 2013 Midwest Fencing Conference Varsity Coach of the Year.

Kvaratskhelia and the Irish will send several individuals to the North American Cup in Dallas on Friday, but the next team event is not until Jan. 24, when Notre Dame travels to New York City to face St. John's.

Coach Janusz Bednarski

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Irish sophomore goalie Chad Katunar waits for the puck to drop against Union at Compton Family Ice Arena on Nov. 28. Notre Dame fell in overtime, 3-2. Katunar made a career-high 35 saves in the loss.

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from home can be huge. For many teams, it's the difference between a solid finish in the middle of the pack and a team that challenges for a regular-season championship.

But a team that cannot win at home? A finish in the

bottom part of the conference standings beckons.

And at a certain point, a team's ability to hold leads comes down to mindset as much as it does skill. It is no secret that the Irish are entirely devoid of confidence at the moment — their poor record this month shows that — but a lack of willingness to continue to play hard, to hustle and to do the things

that got them an early lead really has little to do with confidence.

Admittedly, this is a young Notre Dame team and in many ways, like their football counterparts, the Irish can point to their inexperience as a source for struggles. In many ways, it is a fair point to make — for many, holding leads in juniors may have been easier and without

having learned the lesson enough times, getting too comfortable with a two-goal lead could be an easy mistake to make.

But at the same point in time, it is a Notre Dame team that is carried — or at least should be — by a strong group of veteran leaders that maybe are not quite carrying their weight. A team's mindset should not be influenced by its youth, but instead by its leadership. Forwards make up the majority of this team's veteran core and fundamentally, they have to be the ones to set the table once the team goes up by a pair of goals. Rather than trying to take the rest of the night off, they need to keep playing hard, keep skating and keep generating chances, lest the team's pair of goaltenders (sophomore Chad Katunar and freshman Cal Petersen) keep having to make 30 saves a night just to keep the Irish from losing the game.

Then again, Notre Dame's approach could be worse, like it was Saturday night when it got taken to the woodshed by a mediocre-at-best Ohio State team. The Buckeyes entered Saturday with just four wins on the season and got drilled 6-2 by Western Michigan the night before. But they came onto

Notre Dame's home ice and put a 5-1 beatdown on the hosts.

From here? It would be hard to imagine it could be worse. A trip to Massachusetts beckons this weekend, and the Minutemen sit at the bottom of the Hockey East standings, posting a 1-7-0 record so far in the league. In eight conference games, this weekend's opponent has given up 42 goals. While it is a road series, this weekend presents Notre Dame an opportunity to start to turn its season around.

The bad news? A three-week layoff follows for the Irish, making it difficult to carry momentum forward.

Or maybe at this point, that layoff is good news. Maybe it gives the Irish a chance to clear their heads and start from fresh when the second part of their schedule picks up with a holiday tournament in late December.

The Irish have hit rock bottom. This weekend is a great chance to start the slow climb back up towards the top of the totem pole.

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Irish junior center and captain Steven Fogarty sheds a Union defender during Notre Dame's 3-2 overtime loss at Compton Family Ice Arena.

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over the past week, and I think we're anxious to find out really where we are. We haven't learned enough about ourselves — winning by 30, you don't really get to learn that much. It'll be good to be tested and see where we need to get the work in to get ready for the conference season."

McGraw said there are a number of similarities between Maryland and Notre Dame, especially in their balanced approach and depth on the bench.

"Both teams have a lot of balance," McGraw said. "[Maryland] in particular, really anybody can have a big night for them. They've all taken turns getting a 20-point effort, and I think four of their starters are in double figures, so I think [there is] really good balance on their team. It's going to be a really tough match-up for us. They play a lot of people, we play a lot of people, so there are a lot of similarities between the teams."

McGraw pointed to the guard play and post play as strengths of the Maryland team that will create several competitive individual matchups.

"I think the big matchups are going to be [Notre Dame junior guard] Jewell [Loyd] against [Maryland redshirt senior guard] Laurin Mincy and [Irish sophomore guard] Lindsay [Allen] against [Terrapins sophomore guard] Lexie Brown," McGraw said. "And then we have the inside matchup between [Maryland sophomore center] Brionna



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Irish freshman forward Brianna Turner lays the ball in during Notre Dame's 104-29 win over Holy Cross on Nov. 23.

Jones and [Irish sophomore forward] Taya [Reimer] or [freshman forward] Brianna Turner, so really it's difficult. I don't think we win any of the matchups on paper; I think they're all going to be really, really tough."

The problems posed by Maryland keep the Irish from looking ahead to a game against No. 3 Connecticut on Saturday, McGraw said.

"We're really focused on

this Maryland game," McGraw said. "It's a big rivalry for us, especially for Lindsay Allen, who's from Maryland. You know, we played them twice — we played them in the Final Four and had a big game at their place. I think this would've been a great ACC rivalry, so it's a shame they left the league."

McGraw emphasized the opportunity for improvement the game against the Terrapins offers her team.

"Living out here in Big Ten country, we get to play a lot of the Big Ten teams," she said. "We feel like we're always measuring ourselves against them. It's interesting that we're paired with Maryland again; I think we're starting to have a really good rivalry with them. It's going to be a great game for the challenge."

McGraw said the neutral site in Fort Wayne should provide a fun atmosphere for the players.

"We're excited about going to Fort Wayne because I've heard so many great things about the venue and the crowds," McGraw said. "We're taking buses over there, and I'm sure there are a lot of people in Fort Wayne who are excited to see us play, so it's a great opportunity for us. We'd rather have home court advantage, but that's the next best thing."

The Irish take on the Terrapins at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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Irish junior guard Jewell Loyd puts up a shot during Notre Dame's 104-29 win over Holy Cross. Loyd finished with 17 points.

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head coach Tom Izzo.

"It's a workmanlike program," he said of Michigan State. "[Its philosophy is], 'We're going to defend. We're going to rebound.'"

Brey, who started his head-coaching career the same year Izzo did, said Izzo has been successful by keeping his philosophy simple.

"He's just a regular guy," Brey said of Izzo. "He's one of the good guys in the business who's a fabulous coach. Certainly a Hall-of-Fame guy."

History aside, this year's Michigan State team has a different identity than Izzo-coached teams of the past, Brey said. The Spartans, who have a victory over Marquette and losses to current No. 4 Duke and No. 11 Kansas, are shooting 48.6 percent from the field and 42.1 percent from 3-point range, making their offense not too different from that of the Irish, he added.

"The thing that strikes you is how they're shooting," Brey said. "They're shooting the heck out of the basketball. Like us, they're making nine [3-pointers] per game ... so we're a little similar offensively."

Senior guard Travis Trice leads the Spartans in scoring with 16.4 points per game and assists with nearly six per game. Junior guard Denzel Valentine averages 14.4 points per game,

while senior guard/forward Branden Dawson has added 10.2 points and 7.8 rebounds per game.

Brey said Notre Dame will have to get back in transition and successfully defend the 3-point line to slow down Michigan State's offense.

"They really get down the floor on makes and misses," Brey said of the Spartans. "Trice gets deep outlets, and they shoot a lot of their [3-pointers] in transition. They throw ahead and fire."

"Transition defense and guarding the arc, I think, are the two big defensive keys for us on Wednesday."

Notre Dame will also try to counter with an aggressive defense that has forced 61 steals, second-most of any ACC program, on the season. Irish sophomore guard Demetrius Jackson has 14 of those steals, and Brey said Jackson's defense has played a big role in Notre Dame's early success.

"I think Demetrius Jackson's ball pressure — that right there makes us a better team," he said. "... I think it's something that comes very natural with Demetrius. He is an athletic defender."

"... He knows how important his ball pressure is, and his teammates continually reinforce, 'D, your ball pressure is really helping us.'"

Notre Dame and Michigan State will meet Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. at Purcell Pavilion.

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Irish sophomore guard Demetrius Jackson goes up for a score in Notre Dame's 104-67 win over Coppin State on Nov. 19 at Purcell Pavilion.

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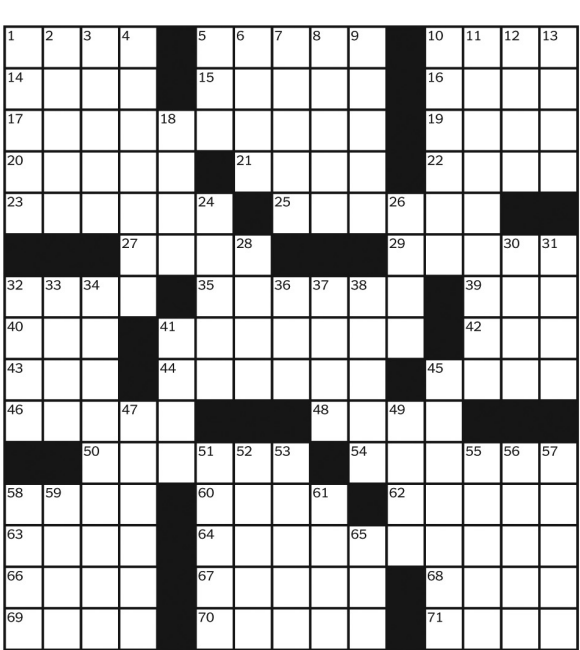
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SOLUTION TO MONDAY’S PUZZLE 10/2/12

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9	7	6	4	3	1	5	2	8
6	9	3	8	2	4	1	7	5
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9.

For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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Happy Birthday: You’ve got plenty of choices, so think big while remaining realistic. The combination will help you reach your goals successfully. Adaptability is your saving grace, and chance will keep you from boredom. Listen carefully, do your research and stick to the facts, and you will bypass any unfortunate mishap caused by vague conversations. Love is highlighted. Your numbers are 6, 10, 13, 20, 27, 34, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get together with people you find mentally stimulating. Enjoy sharing information and you will find a way to make positive changes to the way you live. Don’t let someone you work with bully you. Use your intelligence to outsmart an aggressor.★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Tie up loose ends. Financial gains can be made if you invest in yourself. Add to your skills or knowledge and you will be able to apply for a better position. Talking with someone you respect will lead to a new opportunity.★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Strive to reach personal goals. Self-improvement will result in compliments. Stand up to anyone who gets in your way. Your knowledge and expressive way of dealing with others will buy you time. Romance looks promising.★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Refuse to let your emotions take over. Listen carefully and take care of your responsibilities. Someone will take advantage of you if you don’t clearly state what you will and won’t do. Put yourself on the line and be consistent.★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Add a little excitement to your life. Plan a trip or indulge in something you’ve never done before. Open your mind to learning new skills that can be incorporated into your resume. Stop dreaming and start doing. Love is beckoning you.★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Hold on to what you’ve got. Don’t give in to someone pressuring you to spend your money. You can make an investment, but stay within your means. Do what feels right and works for you. Personal problems will be based on false information.★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get out and meet new people. A partnership will lead to new possibilities. Sharing ideas and space with someone looks favorable, as long as you iron out any kinks at the very beginning.★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Change can be good if it’s built on solid ground. Don’t be a follower or you will have regrets. Take your own unique path and develop what works best for you. Recognition is heading your way, along with new opportunities.★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Improve your surroundings and start getting ready for the holiday season. You can make financial gains if you take care of unfinished business. Concentrate on new beginnings. Love and romance are on the rise.★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Mull over any suggestions without feeling the need to make hasty decisions. Don’t fall for the tactics used by someone who wants to manipulate you emotionally. It’s OK to waffle if the cost is high and uncertainty prevails.★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Give whatever you do your best shot and head for the finish line. You have more going for you than you realize. A promotion, change of status or recognition will give you the confidence you need to forge ahead. Embrace change.★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Work on creative endeavors that can bring in extra cash or help you save during the upcoming months. Striving for greater stability or financial security will pay off. Good fortune can be yours if you make the right choices.★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are aggressive and challenging. You are a lover and a crusader.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame, Maryland eye Final Four rematch

By **RENEE GRIFFIN**
Sports Writer

No. 2 Notre Dame and No. 15 Maryland square off in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Wednesday at 7 p.m., marking the second game against a ranked opponent for the Irish this season.

The game is a rematch of last year's Final Four meeting, in which the Irish (7-0) earned a 87-61 victory over the Terrapins (6-1) to end their tournament run.

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said the game, part of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, will give good insight into the untried and undefeated Irish and that the team is well-prepared for the quality opponent.

"We're absolutely ready," McGraw said. "We've had some relatively easy games

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Irish sophomore forward Taya Reimer drives during Notre Dame's 104-29 win over Holy Cross on Nov. 23 at Purcell Pavilion.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Spartans loom for ND in Challenge

By **BRIAN HARTNETT**
Managing Editor

Notre Dame is no stranger to Purcell Pavilion this season, since the Irish have played five of their seven games thus far on campus.

However, Irish coach Mike Brey said he is fully expecting the atmosphere at the arena to be quite different when No. 19 Michigan State visits Wednesday night for the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, so much so that he has implemented practice measures typically only used before true road games.

"I actually piped in crowd noise before we went to Mohegan Sun [on Nov. 22-23]," Brey said in his Monday press conference. "Usually, you do it before you go on the road. We're going to use it today and tomorrow because it will be a different atmosphere [Wednesday]."

Gone are the Chicago States and Coppin States that have filled the home slate for Notre Dame (6-1) over the last few weeks. In steps Michigan State (5-2), a team Notre Dame hasn't faced since the Spartans had a point guard named Magic Johnson running the floor.

"Wednesday is a heck of a test to guard a really explosive offensive team," Brey said. "So I think that's a great test for where we are defensively."

The last meeting between the two teams came in 1979, when Michigan State defeated Notre Dame in the NCAA tournament Midwest Regional Final en route to a national championship. Since then, the Spartans have added another national championship and reached six Final Fours, all under

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish doomed by inconsistency



Zach Klonsinski
Sports Writer

After the crowd filed out of Alumni Stadium on Sunday, Leon Brown walked back out of the tunnel leading to the Irish locker room. The graduate student forward stopped and crouched at the edge of the pitch, where minutes before, his collegiate career had come to an end after Notre Dame fell to ACC rival Virginia, 1-0.

Sunday night's loss in the third round of the NCAA tournament was a fitting microcosm of the Notre Dame season. The two previous games against the Cavaliers ended in a 1-1 draw and 3-0 Irish win, yet this time around, the Irish failed to find the back of the net in 90 minutes of play. Irish coach Bobby Clark said after the game that of the three matchups against Virginia this season, this match was the one in which he felt his team played its best.

It was not the first time the Irish dominated a game in which they struggled to find the back of the net. It happened in a pair of 1-0 losses to Kentucky and Boston College but also in the 1-0 double overtime win against VCU and the 1-0 victory over Northwestern.

Inconsistency on offense was a concern all season, especially during the first half of the year. Although they scored three or more goals six times, the Irish were either shut out or managed only a single goal in 10 of their 21 matches. While Notre Dame seemed to find something offensively during the second half of the season, especially during its six-game unbeaten streak prior to Sunday night, the team's lack of consistent offensive production eventually doomed its playoff run.

This is not to take anything away from the Cavaliers, of course; they played a strong game defensively. Yet Clark was again left talking about a loss in

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HOCKEY

Leadership, finishing absent early in season



Alex Carson
Sports Writer

In its last six home games, Notre Dame has jumped out to a 2-0 lead on four occasions.

That is ... good. It is what home teams are supposed to do.

But there is an issue at hand — and that's what transpires after the Irish get two goals up. They get comfortable, crawl into a shell, get massively outshot and eventually, concede a pair of goals to tie the game.

It has so far been without fault as on all four occasions, the Irish have blown the lead. Granted, they came back to win one of those games and held on for two ties but, still, for a team that recorded one win in nine games during the month of November, not winning when up by two goals at home is not sustainable.

Especially in conference play, getting points away

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Irish senior right winger Peter Schneider skates after a loose puck during Notre Dame's 2-2 tie with UMass-Lowell on Nov. 21.