

## ‘China policy’ changes spark discussion

*Faculty, students weigh in on updated policy regarding apparel production*

By MARGARET HYNDS  
News Editor

In an email to the Notre Dame community last Wednesday, University President Fr. John Jenkins announced six factories in China would be allowed to produce Notre Dame licensed apparel for the first time in nearly 15 years.

The announcement marks the evolution of a decision that came to be known as the “China Policy” and which disallowed factories in China and 10 other countries to produce apparel bearing the University’s logo. That policy, according to the website of the Executive Vice President, came about in 2001 based on recommendations by the

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## Firm releases lawsuit details

Observer Staff Report

The University fired the employee at the center of a recently filed lawsuit alleging sexual harassment and racial discrimination, according to a letter released Monday by the law firm representing the student who filed the suit.

The names of the student and the now-former employee, an academic coach, were redacted in the letter originally sent to the student by the University’s Office of

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## CSLC introduces language to ‘Humans vs. Vampires’

By JENNA WILSON  
News Writer

Beginning today, Notre Dame’s campus will be the site of an epic battle between humans and vampires.

Tuesday marks the first day of the annual Humans vs. Vampires game, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures (CSLC). According to Joachim Castellano, technology and administrative program manager for the CSLC, the game will run through Saturday and ends with an awards ceremony Sunday.

“Basically, it’s a game of tag,” Castellano said. “There are two teams, the Humans and the Vampires, and every student who participates will be assigned to one team. [Each team] has to kill each other. There are five missions throughout the games that take place at night, so [students] will see a lot of people running around shooting NERF guns at each other.”

According to Castellano, this

is the second year the CSLC has sponsored the event. Before the CSLC took over the event, it was sponsored by the Student Activities Office (SAO), he said.

Denise Ayo, assistant director for academic programs for the CSLC, said after the center took over the game, they began to incorporate foreign language elements into game play.

“For example, [players] receive clues or directions in, for example, German or another foreign language offered at Notre Dame,” Ayo said. “Last year, they had [a mission] where you had to take a big heavy box of dirt across campus. When the humans arrived to figure out their mission, the person there to describe the mission only spoke Korean. So they were sitting there talking in Korean. Also, there are hidden items that will help [members of the team] and give [players] immunity, but the riddles to find [these items] will be in a foreign language.”

Originally Humans vs. Zombies was played on Notre

Dame’s campus, Ayo said. However, after the CSLC became involved with the game, the center changed the game to Humans vs. Vampires, as Bram Stoker’s “Dracula” is one of the most widely translated texts in the world.

“You can find ‘Dracula’ in Catalan, German, French — all the languages we teach and have instructors here that speak the language,” she said. “That’s why we made the switch from zombies to vampires.”

According to Ayo, the “Dracula” aspect of the game and the foreign language aspect of the game intersect throughout play time and during the awards ceremony.

“[The game] culminates in a public reading of Dracula in the various languages, which is really exciting,” Ayo said. “It’s the biggest event where students can really interact with the professors. We have professors reading from the texts, we have peer tutors reading from the

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## ‘Like A Mighty Tree’ depicts SMC founding years



BECKI JEREN | The Observer

**Saint Mary’s faculty and students perform a dramatic reading of “Like A Mighty Tree: A Short History of Formidable Women”.**

By ALEX WINEGAR  
Associate Saint Mary’s Editor

Last night, first-year students at Saint Mary’s gathered together in O’Laughlin Auditorium to view the staged reading of “Like A Mighty Tree: A Short History

of Formidable Women,” a play written and directed by Susan Baxter, senior lecturer of communication studies.

Baxter said she wrote “Like A Mighty Tree” after Susan

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# QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What dish are you looking forward to the most this Thanksgiving?

Have a question you want answered?

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Want your event included here?

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## Tuesday

**Workshop: “Crafting a Strong Grant Proposal”**  
Brownson Hall  
5 p.m.-5:45 p.m.  
Learn about grants.

**Snite Salon Series**  
Snite Museum of Art  
5 p.m.-5:45 p.m.  
Gather to discover artwork and exchange thoughts.

## Wednesday

**Reading**  
Hammes Bookstore  
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Acclaimed Fairy tale author Kate Bernheimer will read.

**Student Micro Retreat**  
LaFortune Student Center  
7:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m.  
New micro retreat series.

## Thursday

**“The Morality of Capitalism”**  
Hesburgh Library  
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Steve Forbes delivers a lecture.

**Men’s Basketball vs. Caldwell**  
Joyce Center  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
The Irish take on the Cougars.

## Friday

**Silent Retreat**  
Moreau Seminary  
5:30 p.m.  
Retreat focused on silent prayer and reflection.

**Volleyball vs. Virginia Tech**  
Joyce Center  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Notre Dame squares off with the Hokies.

## Saturday

**Hockey vs. Minnesota**  
Compton Family Ice Arena  
6:35 p.m.  
The Gophers challenge the Irish.

**“Pericles”**  
Washington Hall  
4 p.m.-6 p.m.  
Production by the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare company.

# Experiential seminar on poverty immerses students in cities

By **EMMA BORNE**  
News Writer

This winter break, many students will celebrate the holidays enjoying time with with family, relaxing with friends and exploring the causes of poverty. Through Urban Plunge, a one-credit, experiential learning seminar offered by the Center for Social Concerns (CSC), students will travel to 32 sites in metropolitan areas across the country to gain a better understanding of poverty in America and the organizations that are trying to alleviate it.

Melissa Marley Bonnicksen, director of social concerns seminars at the CSC, said students spend time in the classroom for five weeks prior to the trip, studying poverty and the Church in action, and then spend time outside of the classroom in an immersion experience over winter break. There are 32 Urban Plunge sites, and students are encouraged to participate in a site that is close to their hometown.

“We think that maybe students might not have seen an aspect of that [city],” Marley Bonnicksen said. “They may have only been to these downtown areas or urbanized areas for entertainment or a financial district or a cute little artsy part of the section. They might not have seen kind of the full face of that area.”

Marley Bonnicksen said any student can participate in the Urban Plunge, not just those who have an extensive record of participating in service.

“[We’re looking for] a student who’s open to learning a little bit about themselves [and] about these organizations that are working in their backyard, students who are open to thinking a little bit more about poverty and folks that are experiencing that, students who are just looking for something fun and positive to do over break. It really is ... open to any one,” Marley Bonnicksen said.

The seminar has been around for 30 years and has grown over time, according to Marley Bonnicksen. The

CSC has added more cities as options and more sites within some of those cities, especially when the demographics of the Notre Dame student body are such that there is a large group of students from a particular area. The CSC has also extended the immersion experience — a few years ago students were on Urban Plunge for only 24 hours; now trips last for up to 5 days of immersion.

Marley Bonnicksen said the hope is for Urban Plunge to impact students in a way that will inform the rest of their time at Notre Dame and inform the issues about which they are passionate.

“I think it’s a very easy and tangible way for students to come into contact with a world that’s perhaps not their own, to see what’s going on in their own backyard and to really wrestle with these issues of what does it mean to respond and be active in light of injustice and poverty,” she said.

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# Lecture examines animal overconsumption

By AIDAN LEWIS  
News Writer

Fr. Denis Edwards, a professorial fellow in theology at Australian Catholic University, examined Pope Francis's encyclical on the environment, *Laudato si'*, during a lecture Monday evening at Geddes Hall. In his talk, Edwards focused on the value the encyclical places on nonhuman creatures.

In the past, Edwards said, it was largely believed that there should be "no ethical commitment to animals because they are there for human use." Edwards said the encyclical contradicts this, since it places an inherent value on the life of an animal.

"We must recognize that they have intrinsic value,"

Edwards said. "They have value before God, their creator. They give glory to God by being what they are."

As a result, this makes our overconsumption of animals morally wrong, Edwards said.

"Because of our human actions, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence nor convey their message to us," he said

In order to prevent further extinctions, Edwards said, we must stop viewing animals as solely a resource for humans to exploit.

"See other creatures as having their own God-given meaning and value, and so as demanding respect, protection and love from human beings," Edwards said.

Further, Edwards said we should respect animal life

because the natural world, which nonhuman creatures are a part of, can reveal God.

"We are called to find God in all things, to be open to dis-

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Fr. Denis Edwards  
professorial fellow  
Australian Catholic University

cover the divine presence in all the creatures we encounter,"

Edwards said.

Since every creature is a part of the natural world, every unique creature is vitally important to the appearance of God in the natural world, and must be treated as such.

"The manifestation of God in the natural world requires a multitude of diverse creatures. ... Divine goodness necessarily transcends the limit of any one creature, and the diversity represents the fullness of God," Edwards said.

Edwards explored the idea presented in the encyclical that both human and nonhuman creatures combine to form what the encyclical calls a "sublime communion." In this context, Edwards said sublime refers to "what is totally beyond us, to what is full of mystery, to what is

incomprehensible."

Because of this, Edwards said, the sublime communion supports the idea that "the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world."

As mysterious as this work is, it must relate to the coexistence and harmony of both humans and nonhumans in the natural world, he said.

"This is the basis of our conviction that, as part of the universe, called into being by one father, all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect," he said.

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## Reading

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Vanek, associate dean for advising, asked her if she would write a play about the history of the College and its early years.

Baxter said she received a faculty development grant from the Center for Academic Innovation to write the play. She said they reached out to alumnae and students to collect stories of Sr. Madeleva Wolff, the College's president during the 60s.

"We got alumnae to write in about their memories about her, because a lot of her students and people that knew her were still alive. We got floods of wonderful memories," Baxter said.

The play goes through various time periods, Baxter said. One section features Wolff in a fictitious scenario where she is at freshman convocation, meetings she used to have with first years to discuss various subjects.

Baxter said other parts of the play follow the struggles of the original four sisters of the Holy Cross and the struggles of the Holy Cross founders, including Fr. Moreau's commissioning the first four sisters of the Holy Cross, the founding of Saint Mary's

in 1844, moving the campus back and forth between South Bend and Bertrand and Mother Angela's serving in the Civil War.

Baxter said she only used secondary sources, not primary sources, because there was so much information to include in the historical play.

"I didn't even get to college archives. ... The challenge in writing it was not to find enough; the challenge was, 'What do I leave out?' Because there's so many amazing things that these sisters who founded Saint Mary's did," she said.

Baxter said each year, first-year students are asked, "Why are you here?" She said she hoped the play would help students be able to answer that question.

"As I began to take these stories apart, Sister Madeleva's included, I think before you answer that question you have to know what 'here' is," Baxter said. "What is this place?" It is not just another college. There is a pervasive spirituality here that's sometimes challenging and sometimes quite liberal in its thought, and I don't mean that in a political way I mean by constantly asking questions.

"So that's what I am hoping first years will

understand about this place, it is unique," she said. "... it isn't like some of these other places that you can more easily put your finger on where you are. There's a heritage here that affects the future."

At the end of the play there is a litany of some of the hundreds of places the Sisters of the Holy Cross established around the world over the years, Baxter said.

"Fr. Moreau says, 'Holy Cross will grow like a mighty tree,' and there's this three-branched tree and as each apostolate is read, a branch has to grow on the tree for it to spread out," she said.

Baxter said the heroic sisters she described in her play not as the exception for the Sisters of the Holy Cross, but rather the norm.

"As incredible as I think these stories are, I can't wait to see what [the Sisters of the Holy Cross] do next," she said. "I think that these extraordinary people as they come in and out of the Saint Mary's realm, we don't notice that until their legacies are put together. I'm not sure people knew how extraordinary Sr. Madeleva was, or Mother Angela, until all the stories come together."

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text, we have foreign language teaching assistants reading from the texts. It's a great way to integrate students who don't come into [the CSLC] normally and they come to get their awards and pizza and

***"We want students to be passionate about learning a foreign language, so we try to expose students to learning and practicing a language outside of the classroom."***

Joachim Castellano  
technology and administrative  
program manager  
CSLC

talk about the game and then they are exposed to foreign language."

Castellano said the main goal of the CSLC is to get students involved with foreign languages. Though the foreign language requirement varies depending on a student's college, the CSLC wants to engage all students in the study of languages, and this game

is a way for the CSLC to reach out to every student, regardless of their language requirement, or lack thereof.

"We want students to be passionate about learning a foreign language, so we try to expose students to learning and practicing a language outside of the classroom," Castellano said. "For anyone who really takes up a foreign language, there are a lot of opportunities to fall in love with it when you are using it in real life. It becomes less of an academic exercise and more like something that is part of everyday life."

By incorporating elements of foreign language into a fun game, Castellano said he believes the center can reach more students.

"This event creates a space to use languages in a game-like environment, and we are basically trying to say to Notre Dame students that learning a language is a lot of fun — it is more than what you do in the classroom, and it can open up your world to different opportunities in your life," he said. "It might start with a Humans vs. Vampires game, but hopefully it will inspire students to study foreign language more deeply and it may lead them to a future career or future life."

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## Lawsuit

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Institutional Equity and dated Oct. 16.

The suit, filed Friday in St. Joseph County Circuit Court, alleges a white University employee — "Jane Roe" — coerced the plaintiff — "John Doe," an African-American student at the University — into a sexual relationship with her daughter, who attends a "nearby school" and

is also an employee of the University. The suit also alleges University administrators knew about the misconduct and, under Title VI and Title IX, had a responsibility to intervene for the student's wellbeing, which was compromised by a racially and sexually hostile environment.

The letter from Karrah Miller, director of the Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX Coordinator, stated that the University

determined the academic coach's behavior "violated the University's values and the University's Sexual Harassment Policy. As a result [Academic Coach] was terminated from employment with the University. [Daughter] was not found to be in violation of any University policy."

According to the letter, the investigation used the "preponderance of evidence" standard to determine the University's course of action

against the employee.

"A 'preponderance of evidence' standard means that it is more likely than not that the event occurred (i.e., that there is a 51 percent chance the event occurred.) This is the standard of proof required by the Office of Civil Rights (a division of the Department of Education) in Title IX (i.e., sexual harassment) investigations," the letter stated.

Notre Dame's vice president for public affairs and

communications Paul Browne said Friday the University is aware of the suit but denies all allegations of misconduct on the part of the University.

"The allegations against the University of Notre Dame in the complaint are unfounded, as are gratuitous and unfounded references to 'student athletes' — an allegation that is nothing more than a cynical attempt to attract publicity," Browne said in a statement.



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Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives, which was appointed in 1999 by University President emeritus Fr. Monk Malloy.

In 2013, executive vice president John Affleck-Graves appointed the Worker Participation Committee (WPC) to re-evaluate the recommendations put forth by the task force in 2001.

University spokesperson Dennis Brown said the University re-visited the policy because the committee judged it had not had its intended impact.

"The hope when the policy was adopted in 2001 was that [the 'China Policy'] would be emulated by other universities, but no others followed our lead and our actions had no impact at all on Chinese practices," he said in an email.

At the heart of the 'China Policy' is the issue of freedom of association, which China and other countries do not recognize as a right. Professor Daniel Graff, director of the Higgins Labor Program, described freedom of association in terms of labor unions.

"Freedom of association means the freedom to form and join unions of workers'

own choosing, independent of employer or government interference," Graff said in an email. "Without that freedom, workers cannot in any authentic way express their interests."

Professor Georges Enderle, who teaches business ethics and marketing, sat on the committee. He said each of the factories that will produce University licensed apparel had been vetted by an assessment tool developed by the WPC in conjunction with the non-governmental organization (NGO) Verite composed of more than 70 questions in English and Chinese. Enderle said this helped the WPC create a larger picture of the factories it considered.

"These are important questions which we have asked not only managers but also workers independent of those managers, outside the factories," Enderle said. "That is an important thing — that we have the truth and honest information."

Professor Todd Whitmore, co-director of the Catholic Social Tradition minor, sat on the original Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives and for a time on the Worker Participation Committee.

Whitmore said in an email that he "respectfully stepped down" from the WPC when "it became clear that what the committee meant by worker

participation did not meet Catholic social teaching [and] the committee planned to recommend production in China anyway."

Whitmore said he disagreed with the decision to resume production of apparel in China.

"Given that the previous policy worked well, there is no compelling reason for the University to make product in China, a country where there is no recognition of the freedom of association," he said. "Moreover, given that Notre Dame licenses a limit amount of product, to make product in China is to take away production from workers in those countries that recognize the workers' freedom of association."

Graff, who does not sit on the committee, said he not was in favor of the pilot program.

"While I support the University playing a more active role in monitoring the conditions under which licensed goods are made, I don't understand why we should violate our code of conduct in regard to freedom of association in order to do so," he said. "Why not investigate where goods are already being made, in countries that do not violate our current policy? If our concerns are workers and their rights, there are plenty of factories that could use our attention. Why

China?"

Enderle said the law prohibiting freedom of association was not necessarily the only thing the committee needed to look at.

"... China isn't allowing the freedom of association in the law, and that is true. I regret that very much," he said. "But it is also a fact that a law of the country is one thing, and the reality on the ground is something else. And so, if we can cooperate with companies that are actually outstanding, I think it's good for Notre Dame, and it's good for the companies. We can support each other."

Professor Christine Cervenak, associate director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights in the law school, reiterated that the purpose of the six-factory pilot program is to determine the viability of ethically producing in countries that do not recognize freedom of association.

"We still don't know whether Notre Dame will expand production to China beyond the very limited production carried out during the pilot phase," she said in an email. "The pilot is meant to determine whether we can do better by limited and principled engagement at the factory level, versus continuing the policy of non-engagement."

Junior John Kennedy

currently serves as the president of BaseND, a student club that encourages socially-conscious business practices. Kennedy echoed the committee's sentiment that getting other universities and institutions on board with the policy needed to be a priority.

"While I do not agree with the limits of the Chinese government, I think that it is important to recognize and support the companies operating ethically even without governmental obligation," he said in an email. "The previous policy, though bold in its righteousness, failed to enact change due to the lack of participation from other universities."

Enderle agreed and said the steps taken to create the new policy would be helpful in creating a sustainable model for ethical business practice to be implemented in other countries and by other institutions.

"We want to get the full picture, not just China," he said. "China is, so to speak, the first step. ... The final goal is to have a consistent code of conduct for companies and factories around the world which align with our mission as a Catholic university. We want to do that in the hope that other universities will join us afterwards."

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# IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DEAD

A Conversation with Thomas Lynch  
on Living and Dying



Thomas Lynch is the author of five collections of poems and four books of essays. His work has been the subject of two film documentaries: PBS Frontline's Emmy Award-Winning *The Undertaking* and Cathal Black's film, *Learning Gravity*.

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# THEATRE IN THE STREAMING AGE

By **MAURA MONAHAN**  
Scene Writer

A new website has its heart set on shining the lights of Broadway on theatre fans everywhere.

In late October, Broadway producers Stewart F. Lane and Bonnie Comley launched a new streaming website called BroadwayHD, which provides, after payment of subscription or rental fees, access to a library of filmed stage productions. While its selections are still slight at the moment, its aspirations are high. The service's website describes itself as being "on a mission to promote and preserve live theatre, extending the reach of Broadway and Broadway-caliber shows to anyone, anywhere." Their project is among the latest to attempt to challenge and update the status of live performance in the Netflix age, where consumption of entertainment increasingly occurs online.

BroadwayHD is not the first website to feature streaming of theatrical content, but its proposed scope, its singular attention to theatre and its exclusively online platform differentiates it from many of its competitors. Netflix has occasionally included live-recorded productions, such as "Shrek The Musical," on its diverse roster, but such content is hardly the site's focus.

The "Great Performances" series through PBS prominently features plays and musicals, such as its October broadcast of "Billy Elliot," in its rotation. National Theatre Live out of the U.K. focuses on cinematic rather than online releases.

What all of these share in common is an endeavor to make theatre more accessible to more people. As a theatre fan who grew up in West Michigan and had access to Broadway only in delayed or partial forms, I greatly appreciate the attempt.

Conversations about theatrical accessibility found recent vigor following J.K. Rowling's announcement that "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child," a play written by Jack Thorne in collaboration with Rowling and set to premiere in London next summer, will function as a sequel to the books of the beloved "Harry Potter" series. The play marks the first release of a major installment in the franchise's story that will have significantly limited accessibility. Even fans who would gladly pay for the opportunity to experience the play but who live far from London or are unable to secure a high-demand ticket may be out of luck. The idea of conceiving a means to widely distribute this upcoming production is popular, at least among fans.

Even if broadcast, those who see the play live may have fundamentally different experiences than those who experience it recorded.

Different approaches to sharing theatre outside of the theater exist. While the above-mentioned sources generally film productions as they are performed on stage — with all their sets, lighting and choreography intact — NBC offers another model. Their recently ensconced tradition of broadcasting one musical live annually, which opened with "The Sound of Music" in 2013 and will proceed next month with a Queen Latifah-headlined performance of "The Wiz," represents not so much innovation in the televising of theatre as it does a revival. Fox has picked up the trend, too, planning a broadcast of "Grease" in January 2016.

Plenty of films are preserved in official videotaped recordings. These are housed in the Theatre on Film and Tape Archive at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts. In general, they are available for viewing only to academics and professionals in the field of theatre. There, they become artifacts — non-commercial, highly exclusive objects of study.

The potential of BroadwayHD and

similar sites may lie in their becoming able to share those artifacts to the general public. Should they accomplish this, they could broach not only the problems of distance, availability and affordability that inhibit access to theatre, but also the fourth crucial issue of timing — many of the shows that fans are eager to witness closed before they were born.

At the moment, that seems to be BroadwayHD's goal. However, theatre has always been essentially ephemeral. No two performances are ever the same. When live, a magical relationship develops between the audience and the actors. The audience accepts an invitation into the cast's world, sharing their air and feeding their energy, participating inherently in the work done on stage. Without sharing a space, the process of emotional exchange between performers and audience becomes stilted. Streaming of theatre, for all the richness that it can share, can never fully substitute for the experience of theatre live and in-person.

But without the option of the live experience, I'll take what I can get and stream whatever BroadwayHD offers me.

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## JUST BETWEEN US

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If you and your best friend have never discussed the fact that the two of you are essentially a camera-ready comedic duo that would surely make it big as reality stars or vloggers, then your friendship is due for a re-evaluation. The rarity, however, is obviously the BFF pair with real comedic talent who braves the YouTube uploading software and somehow creates a web show that will accumulate more than 25 million views in less than two years.

For best friends Allison Raskin and Gaby Dunn, this is a thing that happened. Their web show "Just Between Us", a low-budget scripted comedy production masquerading as a weekly love advice vlog, has amassed nearly half a

million subscribers since its inception in April 2014. Fans can email in their burning questions about love, sexuality, feminism and friendship, and (maybe) Allison and Gaby will give some solid advice about it. But it's not likely.

Recognizable from the occasional BuzzFeed Video you'll find scrolling through your timelines, Raskin and Dunn have made it clear that in all actuality they give terrible advice. The web series, which is more a vehicle for the team's comedic writing and acting skills than anything else, has managed to brilliantly maintain the feeling that the audience is just watching an odd-couple bicker hilariously to a camera, all the while weaving in clever quips and social commentary.

Character driven and fueled by the dynamic between two opposite halves of

an amusing whole, the stars of JBU play "heightened versions" of themselves, according to an interview the pair did with Bitch Media podcast "Popaganda."

Allison in the show is "neurotic, anxious and abides by old-school rules of what it means to be a woman," Raskin said, while Gaby is "just insane, very militant feminist [and] sexually aggressive," Dunn said. On second thought, Raskin said, "Gaby is pretty much Gaby" while she, Allison, is "playing the worse version of [herself] five years ago."

The characters have incited fan art, Tumblr hashtags and even hardcore shippers of the platonic couple, officially dubbed "Gallison". Capitalizing on the whirlwind success of their channel, the team has recently added traditional comedy sketches to their YouTube repertoire. Raskin and Dunn now produce

a second short weekly video in which they shed comedic light on subject matter such as adult tantrums, friendship breakups and how exactly Allison's "Bachelorette" audition would play out.

Despite all odds and lack of faith in the production on Allison and Gaby's part (given the fact that the e-mail they created for receiving questions is 2014justbetweenus@gmail.com), the show's unique format, heartwarming friendship and downright hilariousness, has incited a breakneck rise in popularity that does not seem to be slowing down anytime soon. Do yourself a favor, make like a hipster and become a fan before they make it even bigger. You'll thank me later.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

# Hot old buildings

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Three weeks ago, my roommate and I used phrases like “suffocating,” “sweaty” and “an oven” to describe our room in Walsh Hall. If you’ve never met us, you should know that we never exaggerate situations.

The next day, a repairman came to fix our broken heaters. Fun fact: we were all asleep when he knocked on the door.

Imagine our excitement when he later described the heating valves in our room as “a hundred years old and probably the worst valves I’ve seen over the course of his entire career.” It adds a little thrill to a Monday. Luckily, the heater was fixed in no time. Our room is back to its normal temperature. When we open the windows, the room actually cools down (this was not the case before).

I told this story to my friend from a different college, and she was shocked. She lives in a very standard college dorm room in a fairly new building. It’s a room that’s perfectly square, with fully functioning heating and air conditioning.

I think my friend was half fascinated and half horrified when I told her more about life in a building that is more than 100 years old. I wove a tale of bats and bay windows, arched doorways and ancient elevators. At the end of my story, she said she appreciated her boring dorm more.

I immediately thought of Lou Holtz’s famous quote describing Notre Dame: “If you’ve been there, no explanation is necessary. If you haven’t, none is adequate.” My friend certainly couldn’t understand why I count down the days until I get to sleep in a lofted bed in a tiny room. No explanation can adequately convey to her my reasons for loving Walsh Hall, bats and all.

Old buildings are cool (just not in a literal sense). There’s something special about living in a building that has 100 years of history and traditions. My dorm has high ceilings, tile runners and windows of all shapes and sizes. Each one of the rooms is unique. We like to say the building has “character.”

Someone once told me a story about a past Walsh resident who visited campus over the summer. The man got someone to let him into his old room. He started to cry, moved by a flood of memories. Over the years, thousands of men and women have studied for tests in the rooms of Walsh. They’ve hosted parties and watched football games together. They’ve called this building their home.

I can see myself one day returning to my dorm. I’d probably step into my room and look fondly at everything about the place I used to live — even the heaters.

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# Iraq had WMDs

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In Aesop’s Fable of “The Boy Who Cried Wolf,” a foolish shepherd repeatedly tells nearby villagers that a nonexistent wolf has come to attack his sheep. After failing to find the wolf, the villagers grow sick of his tricks. Unfortunately for the shepherd, a real wolf then appears, and when he tries to tell the villagers of the impending attack, they disbelieve him and his sheep are slaughtered.

Such is the fate of the George W. Bush administration in the wake of the Iraq War. As a major plank of the pretext for invasion, the administration repeatedly claimed that Iraq possessed and was continuing to develop weapons of mass destruction (“WMDs”), and that these could be used by the Hussein regime or Hussein-affiliated terrorists to kill American citizens. When we got into Iraq, however, many of these claims turned out to be false or overblown, and the American people were incensed. WMDs became a punch line; years of stump speeches and late-night comedy burned the knowledge that Iraq had no such weapons into the public consciousness. The strange part is that we actually did find WMDs in Iraq. We found thousands of them.

In February 2015, the New York Times released a detailed investigation of Operation Avarice. In this secret program, the CIA purchased rockets containing nerve agents from a secret merchant in post-Hussein Iraq, with the goal of keeping these weapons out of the hands of terrorists. (This sort of buyback program is conducted frequently by the CIA; they’ve done it with surface-to-air missiles in both post-Soviet Afghanistan and post-Qaddafi Libya.) From 2005 to 2006, more than 400 Borak rockets containing sarin gas were purchased and destroyed by the U.S. government, and others had been turning up as early as 2004. Meanwhile, American ordinance disposal teams were digging up M110 mustard gas artillery shells. In total, over 5,000 weapons, including airdropped bombs, were discovered over the course of the American occupation.

In response to this report, many of those who had sung loudly of Bush’s blunder in Iraq (most of whom had opposed to the war from the start) began spinning so fast you’d think they were trying to enrich yellowcake uranium. Glenn Kessler at the Washington Post Fact-Checker, for instance, concluded that, “Anyone who claims that the New York Times story vindicates George W. Bush-era claims of Iraq WMD automatically earns Four Pinocchios.” With regard to the chemical weapons discussed by the Times story, the Post claims these weapons were pre-1991 relics and were largely useless.

It is true that the recovered rockets and shells were not part of an active chemical warfare program. However, records from Operation Avarice indicate that many of these weapons were still dangerous. CIA reports indicate that the sarin recovered in some of the purchased rockets was “purer than the intelligence community had expected given the age of the stock,” while some of the artillery shells contained

up to 84 percent mustard gas. Another internal report stated that even an IED made with a Borak rocket “could effectively disperse the sarin nerve agent.” Rear Admiral John Kirby, Pentagon press secretary, stated, “the U.S. military worked diligently to find and remove weapons that could be used against our troops and the Iraqi people.” For the Post to claim that these rockets were harmless leads to a paradox — why would the CIA be trying to keep harmless weapons out of the hands of terrorists?

Perhaps the American public paid less attention to the discovery of chemical weapons because they don’t fit our preconceptions of the term “weapon of mass destruction.” Certainly, chemical weapons lack the apocalyptic potential of megaton nuclear bombs or pandemic-inducing disease. However, they are WMDs by any formal definition. Sarin of the type discovered in Iraq is even specifically named as a banned weapon of mass destruction by UN Resolution 687, which set terms for the behavior of Iraq after the First Gulf War. U.S. federal law is broader still — Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was charged with using a weapon of mass destruction in the Boston bombing.

I’m not going to argue that every claim about Iraq’s weapons program was true. Groupthink among political and intelligence leaders and sensationalism among journalists led to outrageous claims such as the rightfully-ridiculed assertion that Hussein could strike Great Britain in 45 minutes. Similarly, the much vaunted “mobile biological weapons labs” the Bush administration claimed it had discovered early in the invasion turned out not to exist, and none of Hussein’s chemical arsenal was produced after the Gulf War sanctions. In a sense, these early rumors inoculated the American public against the actual discovery of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, much as the shepherd’s cry of “Wolf!” inured the villagers to the wolf’s final assault.

It seems strange to me that the Bush administration didn’t make more noise about these discoveries during Operation Iraqi Freedom, instead choosing to be castigated for over a decade about the absence of WMDs. It’s possible that doing so might have exposed their buyer. Unfortunately, they also classified chemical injuries to ordinance disposal teams, leaving the soldiers without proper medical treatment. For its part, the Times speculates that treating these injuries would have called attention to the Western origins of the Iraqi chemical arsenal and the close cooperation of the United States with Saddam Hussein when he fought Iran.

Truth can be a complicated matter, especially when mixed with politics. Many statements the Bush administration made about Iraq’s arsenal of weapons of mass destruction were false. But some of them were true, and when you’re dealing with WMD’s, “some” is all it takes.

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# The winning ticket

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Once in awhile, I have an urge to buy a lottery ticket. Usually, this feeling strikes in the supermarket check-out line. While I’m putting my groceries away and preparing to leave, my eyes will catch a glimpse of the ticket machine that may hold a one-way ticket to fortune.

Of course, most tickets behind the glass promise payouts of amounts much less than a fortune. But, amidst the lure of a few extra dollars, I still find my hand reaching into my wallet to see if I have a few dollars to spare.

In the time between my initial excitement and the disappointment of losing (I’ve never won any money), I find myself entering into an imaginative exercise. I’ll ask myself what I would actually do with an extra \$50, \$100 or \$1,000.

My losing tickets snap me back to reality. Truth be told, I always feel a little silly afterward. My disappointment makes me wonder why I wasted my money in the first place.

You can imagine my surprise when I won \$5,000 two weeks ago.

The winning ticket came in the mail. It came unremarkably, amidst ads and junk mail. For this reason, I hastily yanked its pull-tabs without much thought.

At the last moment, I realized that I was looking upon three golden sevens. On the ticket, this was a winning combination that came with \$5,000 prize guarantee. As I read the details on the information page that accompanied the ticket, a healthy dose of skepticism

set in. Having never won a prize like this, deep down I couldn’t believe this was happening now. But, as I searched the promotional details, I couldn’t find a loophole. I made a decision to call the sponsoring organization the next day to see if this ticket was real.

The lady I spoke to on the phone was very friendly and excited to speak to me. After I described my ticket to her, she told me that it was real and to come by in person. Since the sponsoring organization was a car dealership about 30 minutes outside of town, I committed to driving down that day after work.

While \$5,000 is by no means a fortune, on the drive I couldn’t help but think about what I might do amid my good luck.

It was a strange feeling, but deep down, part of me didn’t actually want the money. I feared the additional responsibility that came with it. I also didn’t want other people to know, fearing a barrage of opinions about how I should allocate the funds.

I did like dreaming about the potential benefits. Part of me felt like giving it all away. Another part of me thought about splurging on some items that I would have normally not been able to afford.

Soon after arriving at the dealership, I got a bad feeling. As I walked inside, I caught glimpses of other people carrying tickets and smiles just like I had. Soon, I discovered that all these people had “winning” tickets just like mine. I learned that there was an additional seven digit number printed on my ticket that needed to match a seven digit number inside the dealership that guaranteed only one prize winner.

They were kind enough to try to sell me a car, though. This, I found out, was the real reason for the promotion. I didn’t stick around long after that.

On my way home, I thought about the whole situation. “Make money quick!” “Learn the secret to happiness!” “Shed pounds in just 10 days!” As this promotion demonstrates, we are attracted to opportunities that promise dramatic results, especially when they don’t involve much effort.

I say this in no way to criticize, but to observe that opportunities like these often aren’t as good as they seem. Dramatic results that lead to lasting joy don’t often follow from little effort. This is the danger of the promises of lottery tickets or fancy promotions.

Rather, lasting joy and happiness most frequently follow from hard work and from the insights learned from ups and downs experienced over time.

This is especially true of the life of faith. Most often, happy and joyful people don’t have lives that are consistently so. This is especially true of the saints.

Rather, their lives of faith involve journeys of active discipleship and of consistently choosing God in the midst of good and bad. It means diligently and patiently choosing to be grateful for God’s presence in every moment of their lives, rather than the obviously good ones.

The saints radically lived the promise that our real fortune lies in the love of God. In living as witnesses to that love, they won souls for God and for the kingdom, a reality that money can never buy or guarantee.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Response to “Chalk wars for life or choice”

Pro-life does not equate to anti-abortion. In a Viewpoint letter published last Thursday, “Chalk wars for life or choice,” Jennifer Vosters dealt with issue of pro-choice students writing over the Belles for Life Respect Life Week sidewalk messages. While Vosters is correct that there’s a polarized battle between the two sides at Saint Mary’s, she mistakes the pro-life position.

Being pro-life isn’t just being against abortion. Calling The Belles for Life anti-abortion is both mistaken and offensive to the pro-life community. Being pro-life means supporting the dignity of all human beings from conception to natural death. One of the activities they held this week was making cards for residents of the Cardinal Nursing Home. They hold activities with Hannah and Friends, an organization helping those

with special needs, and St. Margaret’s House, which helps poor women and their children in need.

Marginalizing the pro-life as merely anti-abortion is insulting because it denies the extent of their deeds and beliefs. Pro-lifers do care about the unborn and fight for them passionately. However, in this culture, pro-life is about fighting for all stages of life. By calling pro-lifers anti-abortion, Vosters framed them as only caring for one certain group of people. “Anti-abortion” is exclusive sounding, and it is not what the Belles for Life are about. Calling them this minimizes the breadth of their beliefs and concerns.

Being pro-life is being for women. Pro-life includes being for women during crisis and difficult pregnancies while still supporting them and their unborn children. Yes, women should support other women so long

as they are pursuing the good, but I have no obligation to support another woman promoting something that violates my conscience.

If women should empower each other, why did someone vandalize the Belles for Life pro-life sidewalk chalk? Saint Mary’s is about sisterhood, yet anonymous pro-choice women, arguing that women should empower each other, attacked the Saint Mary’s right to life group, which is counterproductive to what they claim women should do by empowering one another. No, this wasn’t a war, but an attack on the pro-life side during Right to Life week.

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## What’s next?

Why is it always so hard to talk about sex? Notre Dame students have a wide range of experiences and opinions regarding sex — ranging from hooking up, abstinence until marriage, slut-shaming and so much more. Sexual stigma on our campus often prevents us from having open and honest conversations about anything having to do with sex, including important issues like sexuality, gender identity and sexual violence. Various campaigns, clubs and departments have worked to open lines of communication on campus to discuss these issues, but “breaking the silence” and “inciting discussion” is not always enough.

It is also not enough just to be “aware” of these issues. There is more to a sexual assault victim than an email from NDSP and there is more to your dorm-mate than the rainbow flag they chose to hang from their window. That is why each year we perform Loyal Daughters & Sons, which takes anonymous stories from the Notre Dame

community that otherwise would remain unknown and adapts them for the stage. Ranging from a satirical skit about the term “hooking up,” to the emotional retelling of sexual assaults, our writers, directors and actors have worked to put these people’s stories on stage in a way that adds personal experiences to the continuing conversation on campus.

Since 2006, our production has asked Notre Dame students, “How can we give you the voice you deserve?” Now, we are asking anyone and everyone on campus, “What’s next?” What’s next now that we have an open discussion about sexual violence? What’s next now that campaigns like OutAtND and #ImSomeone have raised awareness for their respective causes? What’s next for sex on a Catholic college campus? What’s next for Notre Dame? If you or someone you care about wants to tell their story, we have a link for anonymous submissions on our website [loyaldaughtersandsons.com](#), or you can set up an interview to meet with our writers in person. Take a few minutes, fill out our online form or set up an interview and have your story told.

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## SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Defeating soccer's villains



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If you are even the slightest fan of the movies, you should know that this week marks the release of “Spectre,” the latest installment in the classic James Bond franchise. The film is a return to the screen for the iconic villain Ernst Stavro Blofeld and the criminal organization that lends the movie its title (full name: Special Executive for Counterintelligence, Terrorism, Revenge and Extortion).

As worthy adversaries to the iconic and quintessentially British spy, Spectre and Blofeld are surely the second-greatest villains Great Britain has ever seen. The greatest? Defending Premier League champions Chelsea F.C. and their manager, Jose Mourinho.

Pretty much every major English soccer team is easy to hate if you're not a fan, but perhaps none more so than Chelsea. The club's captain previously served a ban for alleged racial abuse. Their star forward is as famed for on-field violent conduct as he is for scoring goals. The team transfer policy for many years was to spend whatever it took to attract Europe's biggest names to West London, and it worked, as Chelsea rose from title race outsiders to one of England's most consistently successful clubs. Chelsea fans have been arrested for racist abuse during a game in Paris earlier this year. The team's owner, Roman Abramovich, is the most direct comparison to any “Bond villain” archetype: He's a Russian oligarch accused of crimes including bribery, fraud and theft in building his billion-dollar empire.

But despite all that, Mourinho serves as the strongest magnet for all the anti-Chelsea sentiment.

Since his very first press conference, when he famously declared, “I think I am a special one,” Mourinho has been a polarizing figure in soccer. He won games, easily delivering Chelsea their first league title in 49 years in his debut season in 2005 and won again the following year. He left London after a dispute with Abramovich but returned to win another Premier League trophy in 2015.

However, the “special one” always had his critics. His defensive style of play earned him results but was unpopular for many neutrals, especially when he criticized opponents who dared to do the same. He berated referees throughout his career, accusing them of bias and a “campaign” against his team last year. His public feud with Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger included him labeling the Frenchman a “specialist in failure.” And his famed arrogance always left people

wishing for his downfall. But for more than 10 years, it never came: Mourinho was one of the best — if not the best — soccer manager in the world.

That's why the last three months have been such a joy to neutral fans in English soccer. Chelsea, who cruised to a title under Mourinho last year and showed no signs of weakening before the season began, have inexplicably become one of the worst teams in the Premier League. The team is currently sitting 15th in the Premier League, and in the Champions League Chelsea currently sits third in a hardly-formidable group, enough to see them eliminated if results do not improve. In the League Cup, Chelsea was eliminated after a penalty shoot-out.

Stars like midfielder Eden Hazard, last season's Player of the Year, and midfielder Cesc Fabregas have suddenly turned from revelations to anonymous passengers.

And best of all, Mourinho himself is right at the center of the crisis.

From the first game of the season, Mourinho was embroiled in controversy after criticizing club doctor Eva Carneiro for treating an injured Hazard, forcing him to leave the field when Chelsea was in need of a goal. From there, each Chelsea fixture became a new installment of the “Jose Mourinho Show.” He declared a 3-0 defeat to Manchester City to be a “fake result,” publicly criticized referees and was early this morning suspended a game and fined for his antics during a 2-1 loss to West Ham United last month. Carneiro was dismissed from Chelsea and sued the club in response, and Mourinho refused to speak with the media after a game.

Mourinho's antics — once a convenient distraction from rare on-field slip-ups — are now fuel for the downfall of the “special one.” A Chelsea legend and the greatest manager in the world mere months ago, Mourinho is now facing a serious risk of losing his job by the end of the week.

Of course, sports aren't like a movie. Villains usually win: that tends to be what makes them villains. Maybe Mourinho will return to form turn things around. Maybe the sport would be more entertaining if he did; the Premier League might need Mourinho the way a Bond movie needs a villain.

Yet seeing a talented yet universally-disliked figure fail this catastrophically in sport is oh so rare. Maybe the soccer gods can give us this one.

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definitely really meant a lot to me.”

Seidel's happiness got an extra boost from the fact that Rohrer finished in second, she said.

“I remember coming to the finish line and seeing Anna coming through, ... such a cool moment,” Seidel said. “Knowing how hard she's worked throughout the season and being able to have a teammate right there is really special. Being able to have that strength and depth in the team really ups our confidence. It's a cool feeling to be able to share that with my teammates.”

Though the spotlight was squarely on Seidel and Rohrer in the women's race, graduate student Karen Lesiewicz and freshman Rachel DaDamio made strong contributions to the team by finishing 16th and 21st, respectively, to earn all-ACC honors.

Irish associate head coach Matthew Sparks said Lesiewicz and DaDamio's performances made the difference in the meet.

“The two that really surprised us honestly were Karen Lesiewicz and Rachel DaDamio

finishing in the all-conference spots,” Sparks said. “Karen especially is somebody that's a fifth-year [who] barely made the travel squad her first four years here, stepped up to help us out.”

On the men's side, Clevenger finished 13th with a time of 23:58.4 over eight kilometers, followed by senior Timothy Ball in 26th place and juniors Jacob Dumford and Chris Marco in 32nd and 36th, respectively.

Sparks said the key performer for the men's team was Dumford, who has shown bursts of excellence this season but lacked consistency on race day.

“[Dumford's] performance was huge for us,” Sparks said. “He's got a world of talent, and we see it everyday in practice, we just hadn't seen it come race time. The other four in that top five have run pretty consistently all year, we just hadn't have that consistency out of Jake yet. Jake slipped right up into that top five and managed to beat Florida State. ... That was a good step for our men's team.”

The women's third place finish is the best for Notre Dame since it joined the ACC for the 2013 season, while a sixth-place finish for the men marks an improvement over last year's

seventh-place finish, and Sparks said he was pleased with both results.

“[I'm] definitely satisfied,” Sparks said. “You can always look back and say, ‘Man if we'd done this or that, we'd have been a couple spots higher.’ I think we've set ourselves up for a championship run over the next three weeks. Especially on the women's side with our [top] four running that well. If we come out and do that again, we'll be close to an automatic berth.”

The team will have this week-end off before returning to action at the NCAA Great Lakes regional qualifying race for a chance to go on to the NCAA championships. Sparks said his goal for the upcoming weeks is to ease up on his top runners in terms of sheer mileage, but to increase the quality of the practices.

“We're going to back off the total volume of milage that we've been running,” Sparks said. “But what we'll do is bump up the intensity. The kids that run 100 miles a week will be down to 85, 90 miles, but we'll up the intensity of what we're doing.”

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## Volleyball

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fellow sophomore outside hitter Sam Fry led the team with 16 kills and five blocks.

Then the Irish made the trip from Raleigh to Chapel Hill for a match against North Carolina on Sunday. The Tar Heels (13-8, 10-2 ACC) proved to be too much as they outlasted the Irish on their way to a 3-1 victory (27-25, 25-17, 23-25, 25-20).

The opening set saw 11 ties and five lead changes as well as an Irish comeback from down 10-4 to tie it at 17 before the Tar Heels were able to close out a close first frame.

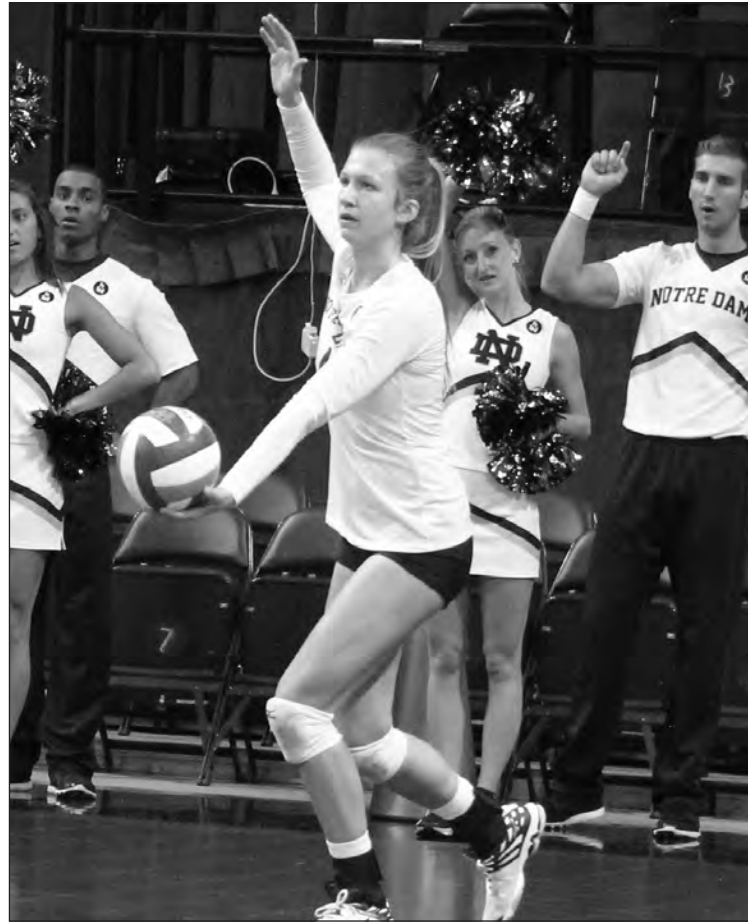
After another close second set that saw the Tar Heels finish with 12 of 17 points, Notre Dame came back from the break with a third set win to cut the Tar Heel lead to 2-1.

North Carolina was simply too strong for the upset-minded Irish in the fourth set, though, and secured a 3-1 victory over Notre Dame.

Against the Tar Heels, sophomore setter Maddie Dilfer and Kuhn both pulled off double-doubles. Kuhn had 13 kills and 10 digs to secure her second double-double of the weekend while Dilfer registered 42 assists and 11 digs.

DeJarld led the team with 28 digs against the Tar Heels, marking the third time this season she's had at least that many.

“Our UNC game was probably one of our best matches of the season defensively,” DeJarld said. “... We were really scrappy. We definitely should have had



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**Freshman libero Ryann DeJarld sets up for a serve during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss against Syracuse on Oct. 4 at Purcell Pavilion.**

the first set of the match. We just have to execute and convert our defense into hitting. Everything has to be on at the same time if we want to start getting some wins.”

In both matches, Irish head coach Jim McLaughlin played his underclassmen almost exclusively, something DeJarld said she thinks will help the team in the near future.

“We're obviously a really young team,” DeJarld said. “We started all freshmen and sophomores this weekend. We're getting that experience. To put it into perspective, we're

18 and 19 playing 22-year-olds, so going into the last few weeks and next season we can begin to utilize that experience, and we're definitely getting stronger as a team as this season is going on.”

Notre Dame will look to end its current losing streak when it returns to action Friday, though its tough stretch of conference matches will continue as well. The Irish host Virginia Tech at 7 p.m. Friday and Pittsburg at 1 p.m. Sunday at Purcell Pavilion.

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## Football

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tie the game, 17-17.

Shumate's ejection wasn't the only contentious point for the Irish in the second half Saturday, as Kelly was seen forcefully restraining assistant strength coach David Grimes on the sideline following an offensive pass interference call, an action Kelly said was necessary to avoid a potential 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Following the game, Kelly faced criticism in the media for his sideline actions. However, the Irish head coach deflected those criticisms Sunday.

"They don't know what happened," Kelly said. "It's typical of those that are just looking at the video without having any of the information. You know, only those that are clearly near the situation that have all the information can make those judgments."

"It's an internal matter, and we're handling it internally."

### Kizer's maturation

Trailing by three and facing third-and-four from its own 31-yard line late in the game, Notre Dame needed sophomore quarterback DeShone Kizer to step up and make a play — and Kizer delivered, completing a seven-yard pass to junior receiver Will Fuller for a first down, extending the

drive. It was a play Kelly said was evidence of Kizer's maturation.

"I think that's a very big play that some people wouldn't look at as — to me the mature quarterback makes that play," Kelly said. "He stays with it, lets Will kind of find himself open, and shows great patience and changes his arm angle and makes a throw off-balance. It just says a lot about DeShone's maturity and trust in his own ability in finding Will Fuller because that was probably in my opinion one of the best throws he made all night."

Three plays later, Kizer connected once more with Fuller for the 17-yard, game-winning touchdown that prolonged Notre Dame's playoff hopes.

The team felt Kizer's impact Saturday both through the air and on the ground — the quarterback rushed for 143 yards and two touchdowns in the win.

"[Kizer's] a dual-threat quarterback. We saw that with his ability to run the football," Kelly said. "He's got great escapability. I just think he continues to just gain more confidence in his ability, you know, to take over a game and win football games."

### Room for improvement

Despite another win to move to 7-1 on the season, Kelly said there's plenty of room for his team to grow, both offensively and defensively, in its final four games.



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**Irish senior safety Elijah Shumate rushes towards the line of scrimmage during Notre Dame's 24-20 win over Temple on Saturday. Shumate tallied two tackles before being ejected for targeting.**

"Cleaning up, obviously, mistakes in the red zone, [converting] scoring opportunities and then defensively continuing to shore up the lack of — giving up the big plays, and I thought we did a better job of that," Kelly said on his team's areas of improvement. " ... We're moving the ball effectively, and then just keep competing in the back end of our defense. I think those are the keys for us as we keep moving through November."

The Irish have failed to convert seven of 33 red zone opportunities this year into points, sitting

98th in the country in red-zone efficiency.

### Martin's pass interference

Notre Dame graduate student offensive lineman Nick Martin was flagged for pass interference during the third quarter of Saturday's game — and Kelly still wasn't sure Sunday what caused his center to be flagged for the rare penalty.

"I can't explain the call," Kelly said. "It was a screen. I'd have to dig deep in the rule book to find it in my 25 years. So it was a screen pass. I don't know how they discerned that. There were a lot of

things that I can't give you answers for from that crew that worked the game."

### Injury report

Once more, Notre Dame escaped suffering any more injuries during Saturday's win over Temple.

"No, it was a good [injury] report," Kelly said. "Everything came out really good, clean, you know, from our report at 1:45 [p.m. Sunday]. Good news on all fronts relative to those guys that were dinged up."

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away victorious Sunday at LaBar Practice Complex with an 8-6 win over No. 5 Pasquerilla West.

Pasquerilla West broke the scoreless tie late in the second quarter with a one-yard touchdown pass from junior Hannah Butler to junior Tess Wemhoener, putting the Purple Weasels up 6-0.

Farley started with the ball in the second half, but its drive quickly ended when senior Pasquerilla West captain Maddie Bray came up with an interception, her first of two on the day.

As time began to dwindle, Pasquerilla West drove the ball down inside the Farley 10-yard line before a defensive stand kept the Finest's chances alive.

Farley's offense finally came alive late in the fourth quarter. In a drive which saw a long fourth-down conversion, Farley was able to punch the ball into the end zone thanks to a one-yard run by junior quarterback Lizzy Moulton. The Finest were then successful on the two-point attempt when Moulton found sophomore Sydney Manista in the corner of the end zone. The Weasels were unable to muster an answer, thus securing the Farley victory.

Farley captain Ali Buersmeyer said she was elated with the result of the matchup.

"It was an awesome game and a great team win," Buersmeyer said. "Our defense came up big as did the offense late in the game, and we're excited to be moving on."

Bray said she was proud of her team after the game.

"It was a tough loss, but we put forth a good effort," she said.

After not making the playoffs last year, Farley is now just one win away from Notre Dame Stadium. The Finest play top-seeded Welsh Family on Sunday at 1 p.m. at LaBar Practice Complex.

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## No. 2 Stanford 6, No. 7 Fisher 0

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No. 2 Stanford defeated No. 7 Fisher, 6-0, in the first round of the interhall football playoffs Sunday at Riehle Fields.

For the first three quarters of the game, it was a defensive battle, with the biggest series of plays coming on a goal-line stand by Fisher's defense which resulted in a missed field goal by Stanford.

The first and only score of the game came on a touchdown run by Stanford senior Michael Grasso in the third quarter. However, the Griffins were unable to convert the extra point.

Fisher had two more chances to tie the game but was stopped on fourth down on one possession, and Stanford sophomore Aaron Lopiccolo snagged the

game-clinching interception on the second.

Throughout the game, Stanford switched between quarterbacks, working in dual-threat freshman Chase Jennings for the first time this season. Dan Babiak, Stanford's senior captain, said the offensive change saying his goal was intended to throw the defense for a loop.

"We're gonna do what works and that was working for us this game," Babiak said. "We were throwing different looks at the defense, and I think it confused them and made them uncomfortable."

Babiak pointed to the whole team's combined effort as the key to the game.

"In the trenches guys were firing off the ball, on defense we were wrapping up tackles, our corners were locked in tight coverage, and on offense we were catching balls and running great routes," Babiak said. "Everyone was doing their job, and that's how you win football games."

Fisher captain junior Shannon Massey said he was proud of his team despite the loss.

"Everyone came out and played hard," Massey said. "We held an undefeated team to six points. I'm proud of the way they worked today and how they've worked all season."

Stanford advances to the semifinals, where the Griffins will meet No. 3 Morrissey at 4:45 p.m. Sunday at LaBar Practice Complex.

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## No. 2 Howard 13, No. 7 Cavanaugh 0

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Sports Writer

The higher-seeded Ducks pulled out the 13-0 victory over Cavanaugh on Sunday to advance to the semifinals.

Howard started strong, with senior quarterback and captain Stephanie Peterson getting her team on the board on the first drive with a 15-yard touchdown run. Then, after running a trick play involving laterals, Peterson connected with a receiver on a 41-yard touchdown pass to cap an impressive first quarter for Howard.

However, Peterson left the game in the second quarter with a minor knee injury, limiting the Ducks offensively. From there, the game was largely a defensive struggle.

Howard senior co-captain and wide receiver Maria Ianni praised the Ducks' defense in light of the unforeseen injury to the team's star quarterback.

"The defense got their first shutout and really stepped up," Ianni said. "Unfortunately we lost [Peterson] after starting out really strong, but hopefully she'll be back for our next game."

Cavanaugh looked to find opportunities to cut into the lead, but the Chaos were stopped three times inside the red zone by the Howard defense.

"The game could have been better," Cavanaugh senior captain Katherine Kaes said. "We had

a couple tough breaks, but if we played to our potential it would have been a different game."

Howard moves on to face No. 3 Ryan at LaBar Practice Complex on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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## No. 3 Morrissey 14, No. 6 Sorin 6

By MAUREEN SCHWENINGER  
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No. 3 Morrissey outlasted No. 6 Sorin with a heavy ground game in its 14-6 postseason win Sunday.

Senior running back Hunter White and sophomore captain and quarterback Declan Zidar led the Manor to victory. Zidar said his team showcased its strategy and strength during the first possession of the game, a 78-yard touchdown drive.

"That was pretty big to start the game off," Zidar said. "First drive of the game, we run down the field and take up the whole quarter in the process."

The Otters held Morrissey to a three-and-out following halftime and gained further momentum after a muffed punt set up their ensuing 30-yard touchdown run. Morrissey was forced to punt on its next two possessions.

Zidar, who attempted only four passes and did not have any completions, said the apparent imbalance in offensive play is not a concern for the Manor looking ahead.

"I don't see a huge problem with [our play selection]," Zidar said. "I think we have a solid running game, and we'll stick to what works."

Sorin sophomore captain and safety Matt Requet said he was pleased with the Otters' performance on defense.

"Our defensive line especially played a heck of a game," Requet said. "Morrissey is a great running team, and they didn't do a whole lot of running."

Sorin managed to contain the explosive Manor ground game for most of the day, but White finished with 78 yards on 21 carries, punching in the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Morrissey's run game will be put to the test in its semifinal against No. 2 Stanford on Sunday at 4:45 p.m. at LaBar Practice Complex.

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## No. 3 Ryan 24, No. 6 Lewis 6

By TOBIAS HOONHOUT  
Sports Writer

It was a story of two halves Sunday, as Ryan pulled away to earn a 24-6 win over Lewis in the opening round of the interhall playoffs.

Ryan started with the ball and, led by senior quarterback and captain Erin Clark, looked to get the passing game going, especially to freshman receiver Lauren Longo. The Lewis defense held firm, however, and the Chicks got the ball after a fourth-down stop.

On the other side, Lewis's offense tried to get the run game

going with senior captain Hannah Skrbis, but the Wildcats also played solid defense as the game began to turn into a defensive battle.

In the second quarter, Lewis finally broke the deadlock with a 15-yard touchdown catch by Skrbis to put the Chicks up 6-0. Ryan attempted to answer before the half ended, but penalties hurt the Wildcats and the half ended with Lewis on top.

The second half, however, saw a reversal of fortunes. The Wildcats began to dominate the game on both sides of the ball. Clark scored on a 10-yard run to tie the game, and then the defense, led by back-to-back pick-sixes by junior Shawn Hall and freshman Allison Perez, stymied the Chicks' offense and helped Ryan put 24 unanswered points on the board to win the game.

"Our defense did an unbelievable job of anticipating the Lewis offense and really made big plays when they needed to," Clark said. "I couldn't be more proud of the effort the team showed today, especially against a strong opponent like Lewis."

"I'm pretty proud of how we evolved throughout the season," Lewis captain Penny Vorissis said. "And I'm not ashamed of how we played tonight."

Ryan now moves on to play No. 2 Howard on Sunday at 2 p.m. at LaBar Practice Complex.

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## No. 4 Keenan 7, No. 5 Siegfried 0

By BRENNA MOXLEY  
Sports Writer

No. 4 Keenan Hall shut out No. 5 Siegfried, 7-0, in a hard-fought defensive battle Sunday.

Freshman receiver Lukas Cepkauskas made a 20-yard touchdown grab to put the Knights up in the fourth quarter, and junior Keenan captain Michael Koller said the catch was a key play in the game.

"We needed to get more points on the board [early], but that was a clutch drive at the end of the game," Koller said.

Siegfried started off the game with an interception by sophomore Sean McMinimee, but Keenan responded with an interception of its own by senior Jon Wiese.

Turnovers proved to be a problem for the two teams, as they combined for a total of three fumbles and three interceptions. Siegfried junior cornerback Jake Maier said turnovers and mistakes hurt his

team.

"Misplaying killed us," Maier said. "We played a little bit short, and we missed some big opportunities."

With the win, the Knights continue on in the playoffs, hoping to make the championship game for the second year in a row. Koller said his team has to make some adjustments if it hopes to continue moving forward.

"We need to get special teams on point, and ball security is huge," Koller said.

Keenan will face No. 8 Dillon on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at LaBar Practice Complex.

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## No. 1 Welsh Family 32, No. 8 Pangborn 0

By MOLLY MURPHY  
Sports Writer

No. 1 Welsh Family defeated No. 8 Pangborn, 32-0, in the quarterfinals of the playoffs Sunday.

The Whirlwinds scored on their first possession after stringing together three consecutive pass completions to go up 8-0.

The Phoxes were forced to punt on their first possession, and Welsh Family took advantage by scoring again to go up 16-0, and the rout was on.

Pangborn's offense continued to have difficulty generating momentum, with only two pass completions to go with two interceptions. Junior Whirlwind defensive back and captain Sharon Chiang had both of the interceptions for Welsh Family.

Chiang said Welsh Family now looks ahead to the challenge awaiting it in the semifinal game.

"I've heard Farley is really good so that [will] also be a really tough game, so we've got a week to get ready," Chiang said.

Senior Pangborn captain and defensive lineman Molly Cullinan said she is proud of her team and its efforts.

"We came off [winning] the championship last year so we were here to have a good time, which we did. We had a lot of fun," Cullinan said. "I hope the freshmen loved it as much as we do. Welsh Fam is a good team, we gave it our all but at the end of the day all we wanted was to have fun and we did."

The top-seeded Whirlwinds will play No. 4 Farley at LaBar Practice Complex at 1 p.m. Sunday in the semifinals.

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## Dillon upsets top-seed St. Edward's

**No. 8 Dillon 14, No. 1 St. Edward's 0**

By **TONY ZAPPPIA**  
Sports Writer

No. 8 Dillon upset top-seeded St. Edward's, 14-0, in the first round of the playoffs Sunday.

On its opening drive, the Dillon offense marched downfield for the first score of the game. It appeared the St. Edward's defense had stopped Dillon's fourth-and-goal attempt from the 1-yard line. However, while being tackled, junior running back Tyler Dale lateraled the ball to a teammate who was able to score.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Big Red sealed their victory by scoring on a quarterback sneak by sophomore captain and quarterback Jack Walsh.

Walsh said many individual pieces were key to the Big Red's victory.

"The defense worked well, the line played well, the short passing game worked well and running back Tyler Dale had a great game," Walsh said.

Though St. Edward's fell short, junior captain and lineman

Phineas Andrews said the season was a success.

"We had a great season overall. We're one of the smaller dorms, so we're not expected to do much in the playoffs. We had a great regular season, and we thought we had a real shot," Andrews said.

Meanwhile, Walsh said there's still work to be done for Dillon before its next playoff game against Keenan.

"We'll get some good practice in this week, put some new plays in and hopefully get a win," Walsh said.

Dillon will take on the fourth-seeded Keenan on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at LaBar Practice Complex.

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**No. 4 Farley 8, No. 5 Pasquerilla West 6**

By **ALEX BENDER**  
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In what turned out to be a nail-biting finish, No. 4 Farley walked

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## FOOTBALL

## Kelly addresses Shumate's ejection, Kizer's growth

By **ALEX CARSON**  
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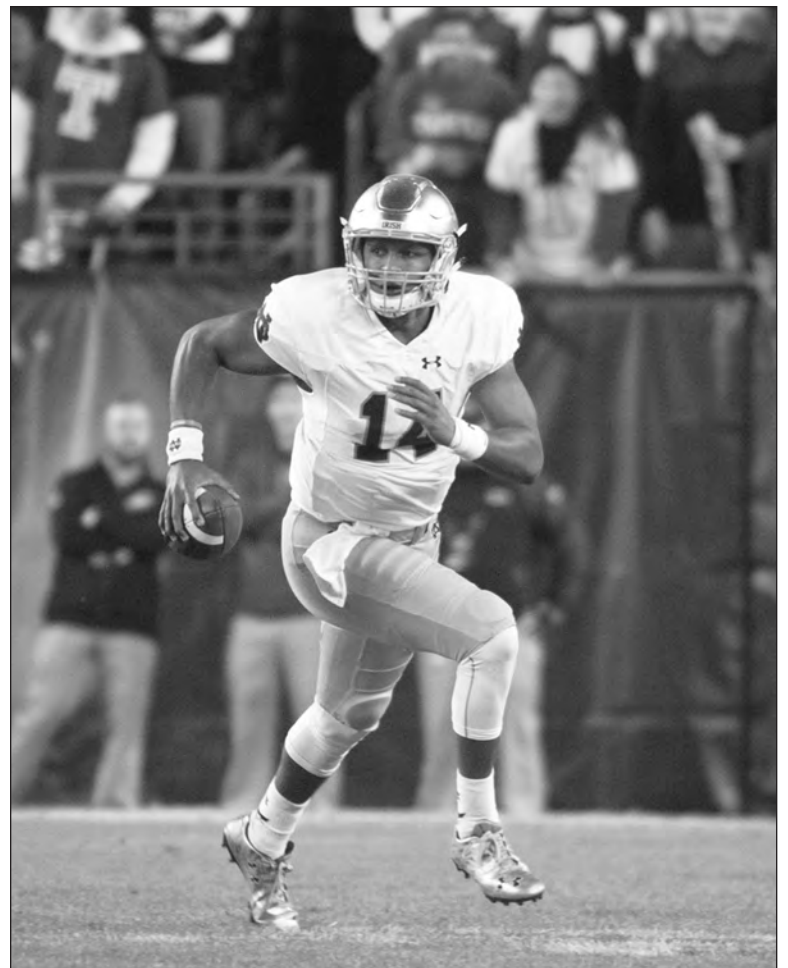
Early in the fourth quarter of No. 8 Notre Dame's 24-20 win over No. 23 Temple on Saturday, safety Elijah Shumate was ejected from the contest for targeting, meaning the senior will miss the first half of this Saturday's matchup at Pittsburgh — a penalty Irish head coach Brian Kelly said was irreversible.

"There is no appeal process," Kelly said, referring to the suspension during his Sunday teleconference.

With Shumate's absence for the first 30 minutes on the horizon Saturday, Kelly confirmed graduate student cornerback Matthias Farley and junior Max Redfield would be the two starters at the safety positions against the Panthers.

The targeting penalty overturned a third-down stop by the Irish defense, and four plays later, the Owls scored from the 1-yard line on fourth down to

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*Sophomore quarterback DeShone Kizer scrambles down the field during Notre Dame's 24-20 win against Temple on Saturday.*

## ND CROSS COUNTRY | ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Seidel, Rohrer pace Irish with one-two finish at ACCs

By **MAREK MAZUREK**  
Sports Writer

Senior All-American Molly Seidel has crossed the finish line first many times in her career. What was different at last Friday's ACC championship was freshman Anna Rohrer finishing right behind her.

The one-two finish by Seidel and Rohrer led the way for the Irish as the women's squad finished third behind Virginia and North Carolina State, while the men's team finished sixth at the conference championship behind an all-ACC performance from senior Michael Clevenger.

With her first-place finish in 19:36.2 over six kilometers, Seidel adds her first cross country conference title to her list of accolades.

"I definitely think this one is really special," Seidel said. "Being able to win a conference championship is something really special. You're out there competing for your team and representing your university. It

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*Senior Molly Seidel runs towards the finish line during the National Catholic Championships on Sept. 19, 2014.*

## ND VOLLEYBALL | NC STATE 3, ND 2; NORTH CAROLINA 3, ND 1

## Losing streak continues for ND

By **HUNTER McDANIEL**  
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The Irish continued their slide in the ACC over the weekend, dropping two matches and extending their losing streak to seven as well as 12 of their last 13.

Notre Dame (6-18, 1-11 ACC) spent Halloween weekend traveling through North Carolina, with stops in both Raleigh and Chapel Hill.

In Friday's match against NC State, the Irish saw some of their best volleyball in weeks, but the team was unable to translate that into a victory as it fell 3-2 (23-25, 22-25, 25-18, 25-19, 16-14).

"The first two sets we came out really strong," freshman libero Ryann DeJarld said. "We got them in trouble with our serving; we were really consistent. Our goals every time out are to be under 12 percent in hitting errors and 10 percent in serving errors. We did that in the first two sets but then slipped in the third and fourth.

"NC State came out with a lot of firepower. It was definitely a tough match, but I felt that we made a lot of progress in sustaining our solid play for a longer. We should've been able to close it out, especially since the fifth set finished 16-14. It kind of sucks when you look at it like that, but I feel like we made some progress and played better than we did last weekend."

The Irish got off to a quick start against the Wolfpack (14-10, 3-9), dominating the first two sets through a combination of strong serving and a number of Wolfpack errors.

Though the Irish found themselves up 2-0 at the break, NC State would not be denied a comeback and ultimately prevailed over the Irish in the fifth-set tiebreak.

Sophomore outside hitter Sydney Kuhn finished with 14 kills and 10 digs on her way to a double-double while

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