

Initiative to trim University budget

Strategic Funding Committee pursues creative opportunities to increase revenue, savings

‘Advancing Our Vision’ initiative

February 2011

Jenkins announces initiative, challenges the Strategic Funding Committee (SFC) to repurpose \$20 to \$40 million in University budget.

February 2011- August 2011

The SFC fields suggestions on savings initiatives from Notre Dame faculty and staff.

September 2011

Jenkins announces the committee has identified at least \$30 million in funds to redirect in the budget.

September 2011 -present

Programs to repurpose funds are put in place that could save as much as four percent of the budget.

Specific areas of focus included travel, procurement, food and beverage, printing, technology, the University's libraries, employee benefits and waste reduction.
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By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

When University President Fr. John Jenkins announced the campus-wide Advancing Our Vision initiative in February 2011, he challenged the Strategic Funding Committee (SFC) to identify internal changes that could generate about \$20 to \$40 million in savings for the

University's budget.

At the time, Jenkins asked the Notre Dame community to assess its financial needs as “a way to look inward to identify resources to advance Notre Dame's aspirations,” according to the initiative's purpose.

Twenty months later, after the committee analyzed more than 100 potential opportunities for increasing revenue and savings,

that goal is taking shape on campus without any job or pay cuts.

Linda Kroll, associate vice president for the Office of Budget and Planning, said the goal of Advancing Our Vision was to determine the “best and most appropriate” uses for funds already included in the University's \$1 billion annual budget.

“We asked ourselves, ‘What are creative ways and ideas we

can come up with to look at resources that are already here?” Kroll said. “Then we can use those resources to do things that we'd like to do long-term for the University, whether it's enhancing financial aid for students, developing new programs or building facilities for emerging needs.”

Between February and August 2011, the committee,

which included Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves and Provost Tom Burish, identified the internal changes that would meet Jenkins' challenge to repurpose what amounted to two to four percent of the budget.

“[Advancing Our Vision] is really a program of asking people to do things differently and

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ASA honors professor's career

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

Throughout sociology professor Christian Smith's career, he has written on the influence of morality on human life. This summer, the American Sociological

Christian Smith
Sociology professor



Association (ASA) honored Smith for his influence as an academic on his own field.

The Altruism, Morality and Solidarity section of the ASA selected Smith as the

recipient of its Distinguished Career Award in July. The honor, which is awarded annually, recognizes a scholar who has significantly contributed to the section's areas of focus.

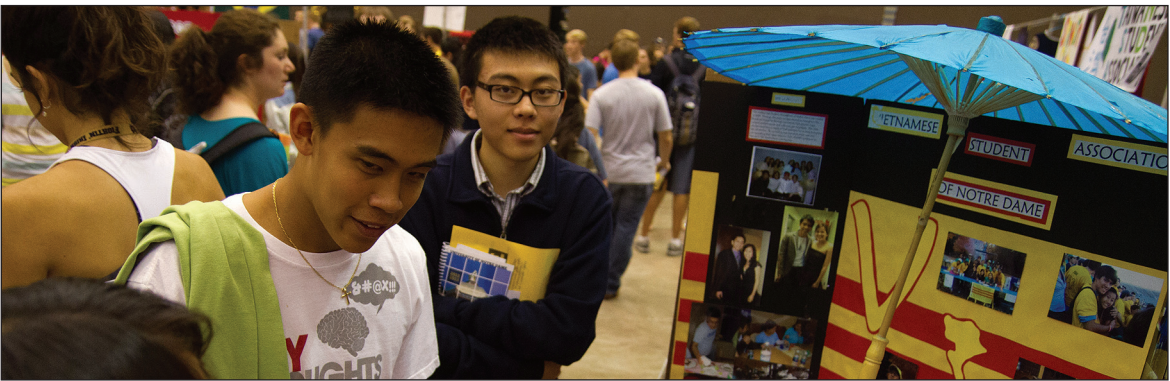
“Over the course of my career, the main thing covered in many of the books I've written has been the importance of morality in people's actions,” Smith said. “I think the award acknowledges this emphasis of mine on morality in human lives.”

As he reflected on his career, Smith said he is most proud of his work analyzing and debunking conventional models of human personhood.

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Students explore hundreds of clubs at Activities Night



KEVIN SONG | The Observer

Sophomores Chris Aquino and Brian Tong sign up for the Vietnamese Student Association on Activities Night at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse on Tuesday evening.

By CAROLINE SCHUITEMA and
CAROLYN HUTYRA
News Writers

Hundreds of students swarmed the Joyce Center Fieldhouse on Tuesday night with pens at the ready to sign up for a number of clubs and organizations that

attracted their attention.

The 2012 Activities Night was coordinated by the Student Activities Office (SAO), and co-sponsored by RecSports. Collaboration for the event involved the Club Coordination Council (CCC) as well.

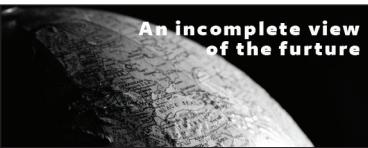
“Each table is responsible for

bringing their own stuff,” Ricky Bevington, an intern for SAO, said. “Such equipment includes banners, computers, sign-up sheets, and poster boards. Some clubs additionally use t-shirts, candy, and magnets in order to

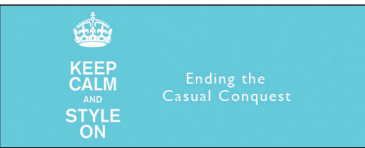
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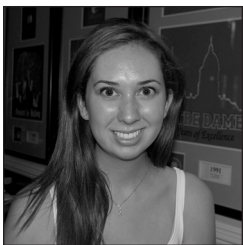
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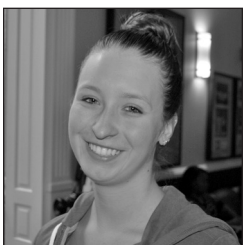
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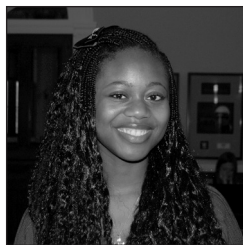
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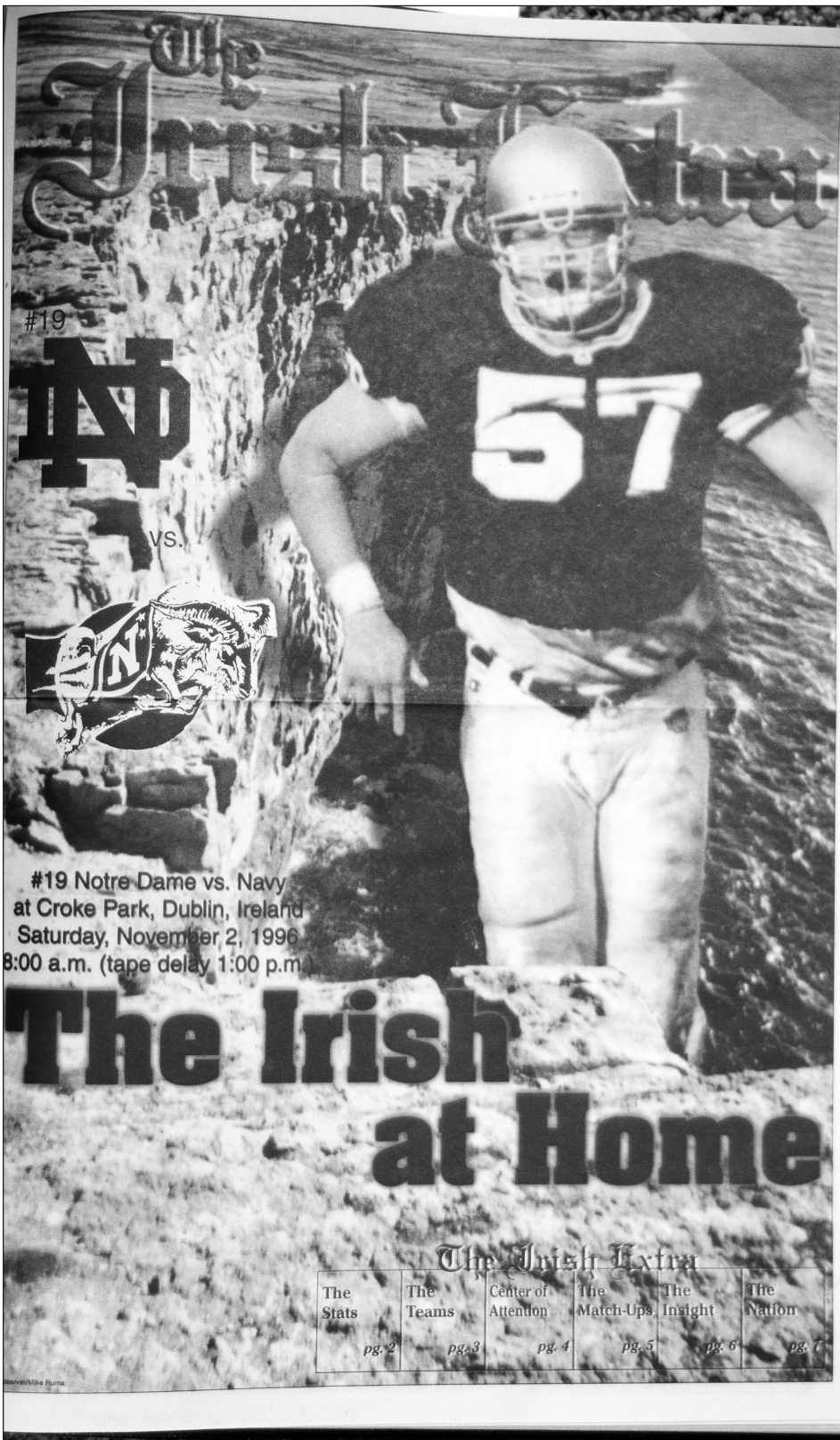
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This cover ran on the “Irish Extra” in The Observer prior to the 1996 game in Ireland. The Irish defeated the Midshipmen 54-27 at Croke Park in Dublin on Nov. 2, 1996. Notre Dame will play Navy in Ireland on Saturday at Aviva Stadium in Dublin.

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Reading by William O'Rourke

Hammes Bookstore

7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Personal reflections on American life.

Prayer Service

Grotto

4 p.m.-5 p.m.

Community prays for college students.

Thursday

Cassatt Exhibit

Snite Museum

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Showing of impressionist paintings.

Architecture Exhibit

Bond Hall

11 a.m.

Sketches by Brian Kelly, ND '81.

Friday

Women's Volleyball

Joyce Center

7 p.m.-9 p.m.

ND vs. UAB

Women's Soccer

Alumni Stadium

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

ND vs. Santa Clara

Saturday

Vigil Mass

Basilica

5 p.m.-6 p.m.

Music by the Women's Liturgical Choir.

Sunday

Women's Volleyball

Joyce Center

2 p.m.-4 p.m.

ND vs. Eastern Kentucky

SCC sets a 'knockout' Guinness world record

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

Last year's Sophomore Class Council (SCC) kept this phrase in mind the past spring semester when they attempted to break the Guinness World Record for largest tournament of knockout basketball, a feat Keough Hall had fallen short of in the fall of 2011.

The SCC achieved their goal March 2 when 433 people participated in the tournament in the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center (JACC). The results were recently certified by Guinness.

Junior Jake Frego, a member of last year's SCC, said the council held the event to unite the sophomore class with a common goal.

"Last year, one of the objectives of the SCC athletic committee was to help our class to realize a noteworthy achievement, and to have a great deal of fun while doing so," he said. "We wanted the achievement to bring together our classmates and offer them some sort of subsequent recognition."

The council arranged with the men's basketball team to hold the tournament immediately after the men's last home game against Providence College.

Keough Hall rector Fr. Pete McCormick, who spearheaded the attempt in the fall, said the collaboration helped the SCC succeed where Keough had come short.

"They coordinated this whole event with men's basketball and the community at large, and that was the reason we were able to make this happen," he said.

After the players exited,

"(The SCC) hoped to demonstrate that if Notre Dame students unite behind an effort, they can achieve something remarkable — even a Guinness World Record."

Jake Frego
member of last year's SCC

McCormick said everyone in the stands was invited to go down to the court and join the tournament.

Frego said the participants included both students and members of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities.

Throughout the tournament, the council took steps to ensure

Guinness would validate the attempt if they broke the record.

"We were required to inform Guinness of our record attempt and had to submit a very detailed description," Frego said.

On the day of the record attempt, McCormick said every participant was asked to sign a waiver, and the event was recorded.

Guinness also required a counter who sat at the foul line to double-check that the names on the waivers were legitimate, and two witnesses not associated with the University to verify the event.

Despite the success of the event, McCormick said he does not anticipate an immediate attempt to exceed the record.

"For now there are no plans, but it's one of those things that if some other school would try to break it or actually break it, then I would expect that we would try to regain that record," he said.

The event proved to be an extraordinary achievement for the class, Frego said.

"We hoped to demonstrate that if Notre Dame students unite behind an effort, they can achieve something remarkable — even a Guinness World Record," he said.

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BAVO hosts kickoff picnic



JULIE HERDER | The Observer

Students browse the food selection at the BAVO kickoff picnic on Tuesday evening on the library green.

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary's Editor

Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) welcomed Saint Mary's students back to campus with a picnic at their kickoff event Tuesday night.

Instituted in April by the College, BAVO addresses the issues of sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking, Connie Adams, assistant director of BAVO, said.

"Our three primary goals in BAVO are to provide support and advocacy services to students who experience violence or abuse or know someone who has experienced violence or abuse," Adams said. "Second, we want to provide educational and prevention programming on campus. The kickoff event is one example of this goal. The third is to offer training opportunities to students, faculty and staff to better respond to and prevent violence and abuse as it impacts our community."

Sophomore Linsey McMullen, a member of the Student Advisory Committee, was stationed behind the resource table, which held a multitude of information about BAVO and the organizations it partners with in the community.

"We are really trying to raise awareness and promote education about the issues women face everyday when it comes to violence," she said.

Spread across the resource table were BAVO bracelets, BAVO pins and pamphlets from local resources on sexual assault and violence that were given away to students who attended the event.

"There are many different things going on at our kickoff event," McMullen said. "We have our Clothesline Project set up so that people can decorate different colored shirts by writing a message to stand against violence. Each color represents the different forms of violence

that affects women."

Meghan Casey, Student Government Association (SGA) Vice-President, also participated in BAVO's kick-off event with a craft table.

"What SGA is doing is a project for Support a Belle, Love a Belle in which we have girls sign a petition stating that they pledge to be an advocate for all Belles," she said.

Casey said the signature of each student shows others that there are resources at Saint Mary's for everyone to access.

"No one should ever feel alone here," she said. "Our craft table is where girls can write out anonymous letters which will be handed out at Support a Belle, Love a Belle Week. The notes are love letters to encourage a more positive outlook to the students that read them."

Also co-sponsored by SODEXO Food Services, the kickoff event provided students a change of scenery from the dining hall with a picnic on the library green.

"Both SGA and SODEXO strongly believe in the mission of BAVO. Our kickoff event is a wonderful opportunity to collaborate," Adams said. "These partnerships allow BAVO to interact with a wider range of students and further demonstrate that violence is not one of our community values."

Adams and BAVO, along with SGA and SODEXO, wanted to hold a meaningful event with a fun atmosphere for the students.

"These activities combined allow students to become engaged with BAVO in a new way," she said. "The goal of these events is to have students interact with our cause in new and exciting ways, and a picnic outside with a photo booth, craft tables and shirt painting are great opportunities for BAVO to connect with the community."

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Sculpture garden under construction

By **CHRIS BARNES**
News Writer

The Snite Museum of Art is beginning construction on the Notre Dame sculpture garden located on the west side of campus between the Irish Green and the Compton Family Ice Arena.

Charles R. Loving, the Director and Curator of the George Rickey Sculpture Archive at the Snite, said that an appreciation of the arts played a role in driving the construction of this new

feature on campus.

"Through the sculpture garden, we hope to create an important artistic program for both campus and community audiences," Loving said. "This beautiful site at Notre Dame's community entrance could serve as a future campus fine arts district."

The presence of the sculpture garden on campus could catalyze the construction of facilities on campus devoted to the appreciation of fine arts, Loving said.

"Some folks on campus

would one day like to add a new art museum building, new art, art history and design building and a new music building to that region of campus that already features the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center," Loving said. "This project should regain momentum for the Snite Museum staff to develop funds for a new art museum building to be constructed at this location."

Doug Marsh, the University architect, said that the garden's beauty and location would allow visitors the opportunity for reflection.

"The sculpture garden will provide a place for walking and contemplation amid a naturally distinctive outdoor space," Marsh said. "Its location between the Irish Green and the Compton Family Ice Arena is a unique outdoor space given its change in topography and grassland context. A storm water retention basin that serves as a water feature further adds to the location's artistry."

The distinct image created from when the plants within the garden filter the sun's rays served as further reason for the site's selection, Loving said.

"The perfect quantity of light allowed through the canopy of

trees will be retained with the construction of the sculpture garden," Loving said. "This effect will celebrate the cyclical wonder of nature by symbolizing Notre Dame's four seasons."

Loving said that the art within the garden would shift on a rotational basis, with the first installment of the collection, which highlights the natural attraction of the landscape, bearing the platitude, 'Reclamation of Our Nature'.

"Landscape architect Michael Van Valkenburgh has specified the planting of indigenous trees and shrubs, as well as prairie grass, to return the site to what it might have appeared at the founding of Notre Dame," Loving said. "The sculptures selected for the first exhibit should speak to the beauty and power of nature, as well as to humankind's universal quest for spiritual transcendence."

The architecture present within the park spans a wide spectrum of images, both real and imaginary, Loving said.

"The sculptures are both representational and abstract," Loving said. "They are essentially of the human scale, and they are all by modern or contemporary artists."

Marsh said that the

University has invested much effort in designing the sculpture garden's plans and that financial support for its construction has been widespread.

"This project has been in the active planning and design process for approximately the last year," Marsh said. "Its funding has been drawn from a series of gifts from individuals."

The building contractor responsible for planning out and instituting the garden was selected on the basis of financial practicality, Marsh said.

"A local firm, Gibson-Lewis LLC, was the low bidder on the project and, thus, awarded the construction contract," Marsh said.

Loving said that although the building aspects of the sculpture garden will be completed in a few months' time, the area's natural features would not come to fruition for an extended period.

"Construction of the park has just begun and is scheduled to be completed in November 2012," Loving said. "Of course, it will take years for the trees and plants to fully mature."

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The Notre Dame sculpture garden, located between the Irish Green and Compton Family Ice Arena, will be completed in November.

Activities

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lure in more students."

With 234 clubs, 34 community organizations and 27 special guest tables present, some students may seem overwhelming to some, but to others it's a rite of initiation to campus life.

"Activity night makes me feel like I belong," freshman Dale Lobo said. "I signed up for around 15 clubs," he said.

"The main purpose of the night is to help students get involved," David Mattingly, a program coordinator for the Student Activities Office, said. "We want to expose them."

With organizations ranging from Gluten Free ND to the Irish Club and the Nordic Ski Club of Notre Dame, students had a difficult time choosing which booths at which to spend their time.

"There's so much stuff to do here," freshman Mike Zaleski said. "I have already signed up for Engineers Without Borders and Polish Club."

Elizabeth Stachnik, a freshman at Saint Mary's, agreed with Zaleski about the large number of clubs present at Activities Night.

"There are so many. My mind is blown right now," she said. "My friends and I are planning to talk to representatives of at least 10 different student groups."

Freshman Matthew Williams also left his name at several tables.

"I'll probably sign up for some and maybe do one or two,"

Williams said. "It depends on what I have time for."

Older students enjoyed the benefits of focus and hindsight when attending Activities Night this year.

"I'm looking for things that would look good on a *résumé*, like service or leadership positions," sophomore Laura Cronin said. "I'm not going to sign up for 50 clubs. I'm going to try to be more selective and actually go to the meetings."

Sophomore Diego Lopez was also looking for specific campus organizations, rather than signing up for anything that looked interesting.

"I want to look at clubs that I've seen on campus, since I've seen what they do and I'm interested in their movement," Lopez said.

Mike Marino, another sophomore at Notre Dame, returned to Activities Night in a different role. As president of the newly formed Hockey Club, he spoke of the work it took to create a new club at Notre Dame.

"We did a lot over the summer. We found a coach and joined the ACHA (American Collegiate Hockey Association)," Marino said.

Marino said coach Bill Murray comes to Notre Dame with extensive experience.

"Coach Murray worked with the hockey team at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne for the last six to seven years," he said. "He came over and was working with me all summer long so we could know

what to do."

Marino said starting a club was intense but seeing the results in action will be fun. Students in charge of other booths used creative tactics to make sure their club attracted attention.

"Last year I yelled at people," senior Jane Park, a representative at the Unchained Melodies table, said. "I stood up on a chair and yelled. Aside from that, we have Oreos and Hershey kisses."

Both food and noise seemed to be popular choices when it came to luring students to tables.

Circle K distributed packs of ramen noodles at their station, while Camp Kesem members sang along to Britney Spears songs. Climbing club member Margeaux Prinster distributed cups of granola to students to persuade them to stop at the table. However, attracting students is only half the battle. Now their focus turns to convincing students that their group is fun, engaging and worth the time investment.

"The girl who was in charge of the listserv last year sent out climbing jokes with the emails," Prinster said.

But the people who are genuinely interested in a student group come regardless of funny emails.

"It's basically on them," Prinster said. "We want people who want to be there."

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Award

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I've done, I think a lot of my theorizing has challenged or critiqued mainstream sociological models of human beings," Smith said. "I'm proud of challenging these assumptions and trying to provide alternatives I think are better."

The award put his life's work in perspective, Smith said, but

"Teaching is one of the greatest joys of my life. I wish I could do it more often."

Christian Smith
Sociology professor

it has not altered his concrete priorities as a researcher and professor.

"It helped create a kind of background awareness that all the research one does ultimately adds up into a larger project that can have some influence, but didn't change anything day to day," Smith said. "I'm still focused on finishing projects and not getting buried by piles of work."

Receiving the Distinguished Career Award from the ASA was an unexpected and deeply gratifying experience, Smith said.

"I certainly wasn't anticipating it," Smith said. "There are awards out there that you think, 'I could win that someday,' but I wasn't really thinking about this one, so it was a true honor."

Smith said he was not able to attend the August ceremony in person, instead sending a Notre Dame graduate student to accept the award in his place.

"I was moving into town here, into a new house, and I just couldn't travel," Smith said. "I apologized profusely, but it was just impossible at the time."

He is currently studying the religious and spiritual lives of young Americans, and he said he intends to launch a new project on parenting in the near future. However, Smith said he hopes his work on personhood will become his professional legacy.

"In a decade, the youth and religion stuff will likely be outdated," Smith said. "Ideally, my theories of human personhood will still be influencing people after I'm dead."

Moving forward, Smith said he hopes to shed some of his administrative responsibilities and spend more time teaching Notre Dame undergraduates.

"Teaching is one of the great joys of my life," he said. "I wish I could do it more often."

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conserve resources where they had the ability to do that," Kroll said. "As an institution, we're looking to recapture resources that were saved so we can move the University forward."

Kroll said Jenkins and the SFC appealed to Notre Dame departments, employees and the SFC working group for potential savings ideas. The working group, headed by Affleck-Graves, then examined each idea and analyzed its feasibility and potential for a favorable return based on the investments of time, money and energy required to implement a given change.

"Several subcommittees were formed with subject matter experts who could go deeper into the analysis of a specific type of change," Kroll said. "That analysis would go back up to the working group before moving onto the oversight committee, who then voted on the ideas that seemed the most appropriate and would have the highest return potential for getting to the [\$20 to \$40 million] goal."

Jenkins reviewed the final recommendations for the initiative last fall, and he announced in September 2011 that the committee had identified at least \$30 million in recurring funds that could be redirected inside the budget.

Kroll said many of the recommended changes have already been implemented. The programs to economize the budget

range from the installation of a voice-over IP phone system and motion-activated sensors on light switches to the promotion of web-based conferencing services and the improvement of printer efficiency.

Areas of particular focus were travel, procurement, food and beverage, printing, technology, the University's libraries,

"I probably haven't seen greater collaboration between departments across campus. Everyone is trying to see how to make those dollars stretch, so that collaboration has gone a long way."

Mark Kocovski
Senior human resources
consultant

employee benefits and waste reduction, as well as process improvement and organizational structure review, Kroll said.

"The Office of Continuous Process Improvement has been working with departments to break down their work processes and rebuild them to get rid of any inefficiencies or redundant steps," she said. "The Office of Human Resources is also partnering with leaders of various departments to look at organizational structures of employee

positions to make sure our people resources are aligned to be prepared to leverage services for the future."

Kroll said Human Resources considered the responsibilities of employees in any given position.

"They make sure the employee's work is logical and puts them on a trajectory of career progression," she said. "We need to make sure people feel valued, that they are doing valuable work and that they're directly contributing to the University's mission."

Advancing Our Vision's initiatives also helped improve employee services without making any pay or employment cuts in the process, Tammy Freeman, director of talent management and human resources strategy, said. In addition, there was no decline in hiring this year.

"At other universities, including Harvard and Stanford, things are much more severe," Freeman said. "People did lose jobs. Even among private universities, I think we're pretty unique in the approach we've tried to take."

"In looking at how we use our resources, we haven't cut any of our training budget for staff. We're continuing those programs and continuing to develop people, so our priorities have stayed intact."

Senior human resources consultant Mark Kocovski said his department viewed Advancing Our Vision as a means of improving the University for both

employees and students.

"The leadership of the University charges us with being good stewards of all the financials, the tuition dollars," Kocovski said. "We need to make sure that we do that and commit them to the people."

One initiative that achieved this goal was the recent construction of the Notre Dame Wellness Center, which provides primary care, laboratory services and a pharmacy to all employees and graduate student families, Freeman said. Human Resources also developed a retirement incentive window as part of Advancing Our Vision.

"The Wellness Center was designed to save health care costs but at the same time provide better services to employees," Freeman said. "[The retirement incentive window] was actually somewhat positive because people who were thinking about retiring got kind of a bonus to go ahead and make the decision to retire."

Kroll said one of the only areas in which benefits were reduced for employees was in purchasing football season tickets: Employees no longer receive the 20 percent discount as they did before.

"Football is in high demand and people want access to it," Kroll said. "Employees will still receive a discount in that the season ticket rights fee non-employees pay to buy tickets is waived for employees."

As more programs are implemented as part of Advancing Our

Vision, Kroll said the University will now monitor the success and outcomes of new programs, and determine whether they matched projections and estimates and track expectations in the future.

But as universities across the country assess their economic and financial situations, Kocovski said the unified effort by the Notre Dame community to search for internal solutions is unprecedented.

"I probably haven't seen greater collaboration between departments across campus," he said. "Everyone is trying to see how to make those dollars stretch, so that collaboration has gone a long way."

Freeman said the University's commitment to its vision and mission as a top-tier research university with a Catholic character has also made the initiative a success.

That approach is driven by the unmatched spirit of Notre Dame and the unity of everyone on campus behind a common vision of the University, Kroll said.

"Notre Dame is a special place, so you can get people really motivated to do what's best for the institution," she said. "They're willing to put their personal departments and interests aside to make Notre Dame the best it can be. That spirit was very much a part of this program, even if we were asking people to change the way they do things."

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Hurricane Issac hits southern Louisiana coast

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Hurricane Isaac spun into the southern Louisiana coast late Tuesday, sending floodwaters surging and unleashing fierce winds as residents hunkered down behind boarded-up windows. New Orleans calmly waited out another storm on the eve of Hurricane Katrina's seventh anniversary, hoping the city's strengthened levees will hold.

Isaac, a massive storm spanning nearly 200 miles from its center, made landfall at about 6:45 p.m. near the mouth of the Mississippi River. But it was zeroing in on New Orleans, about 75 miles to the northwest, turning streets famous for all-hours celebrations into ghost boulevards.

The storm drew intense scrutiny because of its timing — just before the anniversary of the hurricane that devastated that city, while the first major speeches of the Republican National Convention went on in Tampa, Fla., already delayed and tempered by the storm.

While many residents stayed put, evacuations were ordered in low-lying areas of Louisiana and Mississippi, where officials closed 12 shorefront

casinos. By late Tuesday, more than 200,000 homes and businesses had lost power.

Ed Rappaport, deputy director of the National Hurricane Center, said Isaac's core would pass west of New Orleans with winds close to 80 mph and head for Baton Rouge.

"On this course, the hurricane will gradually weaken," Rappaport said Tuesday night from the Miami-based center. He said gusts could reach about 100 mph at times, especially at higher levels which could damage high-rise buildings in New Orleans.

As Isaac neared the city, there was little fear or panic. With New Orleans' airport closed, tourists retreated to hotels and most denizens of a coastline that has witnessed countless hurricanes decided to ride out the storm.

"Isaac is the son of Abraham," said Margaret Thomas, who was trapped for a week in her home in New Orleans' Broadmoor neighborhood by Katrina's floodwaters, yet chose to stay put this time. "It's a special name that means 'God will protect us.'"

Officials, chastened by memories and experience, advised caution.

"We don't expect a



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People sit on a bench during the storm surges from Hurricane Issac on Lakeshore Drive as the storm approaches New Orleans on Tuesday evening. The storm arrived on the seventh anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

Katrina-like event, but remember there are things about a Category 1 storm that can kill you," New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu said, urging people to use common sense and to stay off any streets that may flood.

Tens of thousands of people were told to leave low-lying areas, including 700 patients of Louisiana nursing homes, but officials decided not to call for mass evacuations like those that preceded Katrina, which packed 135 mph winds in 2005.

Isaac also promised to test

a New Orleans levee system bolstered after the catastrophic failures during Hurricane Katrina. But in a city that has already weathered Hurricane Gustav in 2008, calm prevailed.

"I feel safe," said Pamela Young, who settled in to her home in the Lower 9th Ward — a neighborhood devastated by Katrina — with dog Princess and her television. "Everybody's talking 'going, going,' but the thing is, when you go, there's no telling what will happen. The storm isn't going to just hit here."

Young, who lives in a new, two-story home built to replace the one destroyed by Katrina, said she wasn't worried about the levees.

"If the wind isn't too rough, I can stay right here," she said, tapping on her wooden living room coffee table. "If the water comes up, I can go upstairs."

While far less powerful than Katrina, Isaac posed similar political challenges, a reminder of how the storm seven years ago became a symbol of government ignorance and ineptitude.

Alaska stockpiles food, prepares for disaster

Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — Alaska is known for pioneering, self-reliant residents who are accustomed to remote locations and harsh weather. Despite that, Gov. Sean Parnell worries a major earthquake or volcanic eruption could leave the state's 720,000 residents stranded and cut off from food and supply lines. His answer: Build giant warehouses full of emergency food and supplies, just in case.

For some in the lower 48, it may seem like an extreme step. But Parnell says this is just Alaska.

In many ways, the state is no different than the rest of America. Most people buy their groceries at stores, and rely on a central grid for power and heat. But, unlike the rest of the lower 48, help isn't a few miles away. When a fall storm cut off Nome from its final fuel supply last winter, a Russian tanker spent weeks breaking through thick ice to reach the remote town.

Weather isn't the only thing that can wreak havoc in Alaska, where small planes are a preferred mode of transportation and the drive from Seattle to Juneau requires a ferry ride and 38 hours in a car. The state's worst natural disaster was in 1964, when a magnitude-9.2

earthquake and resulting tsunami killed 131 people and disrupted electrical systems, water mains and communication lines in Anchorage and other cities.

"We have a different motivation to do this, because help is a long ways away," said John Madden, Alaska's emergency management director.

The state plans two food stockpiles in or near Fairbanks and Anchorage, two cities that also have military bases. Construction on the two storage facilities will begin this fall, and the first food deliveries are targeted for December. The goal is to have enough food to feed 40,000 people for up to a week, including three days of ready-to-eat meals and four days of bulk food that can be prepared and cooked for large groups. To put that number into perspective, Alaska's largest city, Anchorage, has about 295,000 people, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and Juneau, its third largest, about 31,000.

It's not unusual for states that routinely experience hurricanes or other large-scale disasters to have supplies like water, ready-to-eat meals, cots and blankets. But Alaska is interested in stocking food with at least a five-year shelf life that meets the nutrition, health

and cultural requirements of the state's unique demographics. That means, as part of the effort, trying to incorporate cultural foods like salmon for Alaska Natives as well as foods that would be more common in urban areas, state emergency management spokesman Jeremy Zidek said.

An estimated 90 percent of commodities entering Alaska are delivered through the Port of Anchorage. Air service is also a critical link to the outside world and generally the only way to reach many rural communities. A volcanic blast emitting a large amount of smoke and ash could disrupt supply lines by air and water for an extended period, Madden said, and an earthquake could knock out airport runways or ports. Those are just some of the disasters that might require emergency supplies.

Parnell has made disaster readiness a priority of his administration. His spokeswoman said he has experienced firsthand the devastation of natural disasters, including heavy flooding that knocked some buildings off foundations in Eagle in 2009, when he was lieutenant governor, and the Joplin, Mo., tornado last year. Parnell and his wife visited Joplin with members of the relief organization Samaritan's Purse.

Families question fundraising efforts



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Tom Teves, right, spokesperson of the families of the victims of the Aurora, Colo. theater shooting, addressed the press on Tuesday.

Associated Press

AURORA, Colo. — Anguished family members of some of the Colorado theater shooting victims lashed out at a fundraising campaign Tuesday, saying it collected more than \$5 million "using pictures and names of our murdered loved ones" but so far has given no more than \$5,000 each to families facing bills for medical treatment, travel and other expense from the attack.

The families also said they've been shut out of decisions on how the money should be spent and that fundraisers were unresponsive to their questions and suggestions.

"When you generate donations for a fund called 'the Aurora Victim Relief Fund' using pictures and names of our murdered loved ones, it would stand to reason the fund is for victims of the Aurora shooting," said Tom Teves, whose son Alex was one of 12 people killed in the July 20 shootings. Another 58 people were wounded, and many of them face long recoveries or permanent disability.

At a sometimes-emotional news conference, Teves read a seven-page statement demanding the fundraisers give the victims and their families a say in how the money is used and questioning why so far only a relatively small portion, \$350,000, was being distributed to the victims.

Teves said the statement was on behalf of 11 families. Eighteen other people crowded onto a small platform behind him, some dabbing their eyes with tissues, clasping hands or leaning on each other.

The Community First Foundation, asked by Gov. John Hickenlooper to operate the relief fund, said on its website it has raised just over \$5 million for the Aurora Victim Relief Fund. The foundation

announced on Aug. 17 that it would give \$350,000 to the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance to distribute among the surviving victims and the families of those who died. Earlier, it said another \$100,000 was given to 10 non-profit groups.

Marla J. Williams, president the Community First Foundation, said a gag order imposed by Arapahoe County District Judge William Blair Sylvester made it difficult to find all the victims and their families.

She said a group has been set up to recommend how to spend the donations but no victims' representatives have been chosen yet.

"I don't know who represents the victims. There are a number of people who were involved," she said, adding that the group at Tuesday's news conference did not represent all the victims.

Williams said she worries that Tuesday's statement will give donors second thoughts.

"I'm sad because I think there are people who have been very generous and contributors who might think their money has not been used wisely," she said.

The 37-year-old Community First Foundation supports community programs in the metropolitan Denver area.

Nancy Lewis, executive director of the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance, said the victims and the agencies involved want the same thing: "They want healing for all the crime victims."

She said Sylvester's gag order prevented her from commenting further.

Sylvester issued an order on Aug. 16 barring the organization from releasing names and contact information for the victims. The order does not appear to place any other restrictions on the group.

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INSIDE COLUMN

‘Zoolander’
pondering

Ankur Chawla
Scene Writer

In the fall of 2001, a movie premiered that expanded the boundaries of human thought and shined an introspective light on everyone who had the pleasure of seeing it. It's not a far stretch to say this film changed my life. Of course I am talking about the timeless classic, “Zoolander.” Now, in this column it is not my intention to discuss the film's deep commentary on the fashion industry, nor its political undertones against child labor and kung fu. I want to discuss Derek's internal struggle and search for identity to which all of us can relate.

After spending much of his career at the top of the male modeling world, Derek found himself being replaced by a newer, hotter Hansel. When Hansel won the “Male Model of the Year” award over Derek, the internal struggle commenced. Peering into a puddle on the side of the road, Derek asks, “Who am I?” When his reflection only responds with, “I don't know,” and a goofy face, he realizes he had a lot of pondering to do.

Seeing a new class of freshmen here on campus, it's hard not to feel the same way or to draw a parallel. Coming into the University of Notre Dame, each of us were the best and brightest from our respective hometowns and high schools. We were the “Male Model of the Year,” if you will. But as we have either recently started, are moving through or finishing up our time here at Notre Dame, we are going through the same process of forming and reforming ourselves and our identity.

In my time here at college, I've been a man of many hats (pun intended, I have a shelf with dozens of them). From the man who likes cupcakes way too much to The Observer's expert film critic, I've taken on many roles, names and concepts of who I am, and I'm sure you have too. When asked to tell people about myself, I jump to my list of activities, grade and major, maybe adding that I love to bake and cook. Still the list feels hollow and incomplete, even with the addition of the roles and traits I've come to be known by.

I'm not one to, nor am I one you'd want to, be offering an existential analysis on who we are as humans. But I will say to be sure there is more behind being the guy who makes crepes on Sundays and can quote “Scrubs” while naming the season and episode the quote comes from. Adopting catchy identities and being a guy with a thing (à la “How I Met Your Mother”) can be useful, ice breaking and fun, but ultimately that will leave you staring into a puddle asking yourself if you really are really, really ridiculously good looking, or, if you're like myself, you have a lot of pondering to do.

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Alex Coccia
Shard of Glass

In my first article freshman year, I referenced Kwame Anthony Appiah's “Cosmopolitanism,” which seems appropriate to resurrect in this current political context. Creating the metaphor for Truth as a complete mirror, he writes, “Each shard [of this mirror once shattered] reflects one part of a complex truth from its own particular angle. . . . You will find parts of the truth (along with much error) everywhere and the whole truth nowhere. The deepest mistake . . . is to think that your little shard of mirror can reflect the whole.”

There is great responsibility that comes when expressing what is reflected in a single shard of glass — whether it is a politician's platform, a Supreme Court justice's dissenting opinion or a columnist's criticisms. The glass shattered long before the founding of the country. What piece of truth there is must be handled in such a way that does not damage our pursuit of the whole Truth. The means with which we handle our truth requires humility.

An important framework for the need for humility in our current discourse can be found in 1 Corinthians 13: “For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. . . . And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love” (12-13). Dr. Cornel West, a professor at Princeton University, echoes 1 Corinthians 13 when he writes, “To be a part of a prophetic tradition is not to be a prophet or elitist. Rather, it is humbly to direct your strongest criticisms at yourself and then self-critically speak

your mind to others with painful candor and genuine compassion.” If we take our role as American citizens to be prophetic within our borders and examples to other countries, we must proceed with humble means. “The greatest of these is love,” and so, if in our humility, we are guided by love, we are more carefully collecting the various shards of glass, resulting in a more complete truth for our country.

It does a great disservice to our country when humility is notably absent in the political discourse. The lack of it augments the divisiveness of debate, debate which has the potential of being healthy and fulfilling. The epithet “war” is applied to almost any disagreement — Obama's “War on Religion” or the GOP's “War on Women.” Both political parties claim their side is the victim and the other side is the beast. There is the Truth according to Democrats and the Truth according to Republicans. Unfortunately, each claims to be the whole Truth rather than a simple shard of it.

When discussing humility in a political context, one main criticism emerges — a political leader must be confident and appear confident to his or her constituents and the rest of the world. Confidence, it assumes, rejects humility, because humility is seen as a form of weakness. However, confidence and humility are not incompatible; in fact, typically those who are the most confident are also the most humble. The presence of humility does not weaken a politician or his or her positions.

Rather, humility does provide a politician with the foresight to change his or her positioning, not position. Positioning allows maneuverability in achieving one's set position. Humility and willingness to

change one's means for the benefit of the end creates room for compromise.

Not surprising in today's political climate, compromise is both an afterthought and a fairytale. Today, compromise is defined as bipartisanship in which one side moves completely across the aisle to agree with the other.

However, true compromise is a platform for progress as a country, but it is impossible without humility. Compromise is certainly not possible nor recommended for everything — ultimate positions do not have to be compromised. When it comes to guaranteeing basic human rights and protecting the dignity of the human person, there can be no compromise. But when it comes to how politicians conduct themselves, willingness to compromise and admittance to the reality in which no politician holds the whole Truth, is absolutely necessary for progress as a country, because it relies on the assumption that there will be more truth to discover.

Our goal as citizens and as a country should be to create the space in our personal lives and our public lives for humble discourse. The means with which we reconstruct the glass, which we are all attempting to do, are as important as the final product itself. For, one mishandling can shatter each piece into more, setting back any further attempt at attaining the Truth. Let's not shatter the glass further.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Contraception is sinful

To quote the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “The innate language that expresses the total reciprocal self-giving of husband and wife is overlaid, through contraception, by an objectively contradictory language, namely, that of not giving oneself totally to the other. This leads not only to a positive refusal to be open to life but also to a falsification of the inner truth of conjugal love” (2370).

Paraphrasing, contraception is sinful. “[W]e have a responsibility for the sins committed by others when we cooperate in them . . . ?” (1868). Cooperating in the use of contraception by others is a sin. As a Catholic institution, the University would contradict its values by providing contraceptives. Moral philosophy has quite the

burden to overcome this straightforward teaching of the Church. Also, note the University is not preventing non-Catholics from obtaining contraceptives elsewhere and thus is not subjecting non-Catholics to Catholic conscience.

I am not familiar with the quality and affordability of insurance for graduate students and their families at Notre Dame. However, “the University should not provide contraceptives” and “the University should provide better healthcare to student-families” are different normative statements. The latter is beyond the scope.

Finally, consider the irony of all this. Looking back to The Observer in 2009, Fr. Jenkins was criticized for conferring an honorary degree on President Obama.

Three years later, Fr. Jenkins filed a lawsuit against him. Maybe Fr. Jenkins would have joined the 20-plus seniors who boycotted their graduation and instead held a Vigil for Life at the Grotto. I recognize the Church's teachings and Notre Dame's efforts are not popular. The numbers are staggering for the use of artificial contraceptives both within and outside of marriage for Catholics and non-Catholics alike. However, I applaud the University's efforts to live out fully and faithfully the teachings of the Church.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The World is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.”

St. Augustine of Hippo
Latin philosopher and theologian

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An incomplete view of the future

John Sandberg
Fisherman's Musings

I like Paul Ryan. I like that he is a leader with ideas and not just a loud voice and argumentative demeanor. I like that he views reducing the federal debt and enacting sound economic policy not only as responsibilities that come with being an elected official, but as moral responsibilities his generation owes to the generations which will come after him.

But as much as I respect Ryan for his willingness to put forth a concrete economic plan, I can't help but find his talk of working to leave behind a better country ironic considering he is one of several members of Congress who continues to deny the facts surrounding climate change. Global warming, if left unchecked, will have disastrous effects on the future generations of Americans, who Ryan champions. Economic strength is an important issue and will continue to be one, but the future entails much more.

Two weeks ago, Brad Plumer of The Washington Post summarized

Ryan's track record on environmental issues and highlighted how Ryan has (among other things) voted to block efforts by the EPA to regulate carbon-dioxide emissions, as well as disregarded the work of non-partisan climatologists. If the climbing annual temperatures, unforgiving droughts and increasingly unpredictable weather patterns of the past couple years are not enough to convince some of the reality of global warming, another story by Plumer in The Washington Post last year described how the consensus within the scientific community on man-made climate change is growing even stronger.

It's ironic Ryan claims to care about the country he will be leaving behind for the next generation, yet is so willing to block others' efforts to combat a different problem of monumental significance.

While Democrats typically champion themselves as defenders of environmental causes and alternative energy projects, there has still been little to no talk in this election about serious alternative energy plans for the country's future. I understand

this election is about the economy, and for good reason. Try finding someone who is unemployed and searching for a job, and convince him or her the federal government's top concern should be reducing carbon emissions. You probably wouldn't get too far.

While it's unrealistic, even foolish, to propose the fight against global warming should be objective No. 1 in Washington, the fact remains — more must be done about this very serious problem. If nothing else, our most prominent national figures could begin by giving global warming the attention it warrants.

The supposition that policy makers must choose between the interests of environmentalists and business owners, effectively pleasing one side and hanging the other out to dry, is as naïve as it is untrue. Who's to say we can't build a stronger economy and cleaner environment?

There was a time when America prided itself on being the world's solution center. Is that a standard we can't expect to meet again? Surely we have not reached our intellectual capacity as a nation. A favorite line

among politicians in recent years has been, "It's time for America to lead again." Why not let green business and effective, clean energy production be our starting points?

My frustration over this issue glosses over one stark reality — there are no easy solutions when it comes to global warming. But before battling the problem, let alone fixing it, government leaders and citizens alike must consciously choose to head towards a future that includes cleaner energy production and less dependence on dirty fuel.

This election is about many issues, climate change being one of unrecognized importance. To be honest, I still don't know who I'll vote for. When November does arrive though, I'll be punching my ballot with the feeling my selection is not doing enough to promote a cleaner future, as well as the hope it will change.

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To see the face of God

Scott Boyle
The Sincere Seeker

I've had "career angst" since I was little. While other children had dreams of becoming astronauts, teachers or firefighters, I was torn between three career paths: 1) Running a bowling alley, 2) mowing lawns or 3) manning the check out aisle at the local IGA. In spite of all this, there is one thing I have always wanted — to be more like my mom.

About eight years ago, my mom's dad (my grandpa), died of Alzheimer's. He was one of the most influential men in her life, a man who sacrificed his life for her dreams of college and law school. It was painful to watch my mom slowly lose one of the people she loved most. His mind, which once handled numbers and names with nimbleness and ease, slowly lost awareness of the family and the world he loved.

The disease was certainly not kind to him. It reared its ugly fangs for many years. So long, in fact, that I began to become very familiar with the commute between our hometown in Cincinnati to the nursing home in Dayton, where my grandpa was to spend the last years of his life.

We would often visit Grandpa

around meal times. And, save for the slow movements of fork and knife and the occasional clinking of glass, the Alzheimer's wing in which he lived was mostly silent. Staff shuffled around from place to place, attending to residents who needed help. Most residents, however, sat quietly and ate by themselves.

All this said, I doubt many people would say nursing homes are places of beauty. But, it hit me recently that these trips to visit my grandpa might be the closest I have ever come in my life to experiencing God, to understanding the mystery of the One who is unconditional love.

And it was my mom who helped me see it. You see, during these visits, my mom never left my grandpa's side. Although he never responded, she would talk to him and help him eat. And if the weather was nice, she would bundle him up and take him on walks around the building's paths.

But the most beautiful moments came when Mom would just hold Grandpa's hand. Alexander Schmemann captures what I saw in these moments with words more eloquent than mine, "In silence: all words had been said, all passion exhausted, all storms at peace. The whole life was behind — yet all of it was now present,

in this silence, in this light, in this warmth, in this silent unity of hands."

I can only imagine the day of my mom's birth, the day when my grandpa first looked and held her hands. Love must have burst forth from his heart, even though she could not respond or say his name. And now, in these moments, in this unity of hands, it was happening again. This time, however, it was my mom's turn. Although it was Grandpa who now couldn't respond, no words were necessary to express the love that burst from his daughter's heart.

Vincent Van Gogh once wrote, "Love is something eternal — the aspect may change, but not the essence." Alzheimer's could not alter the essence of love present in the relationship between my mom and my grandpa. Grandpa was always "Dad" to my mom. That is something no disease could ever touch.

These experiences were poignant reminders to me that, in a similar way, nothing can alter the fact we are beloved sons and daughters of a different father, a Heavenly Father. Although we can never understand completely or respond adequately to this beautiful gift, we can, bit by bit, try to live into its truth. And we must know, no matter how much we forget or remain

obstinate and silent before Him, that God always gazes on us with affection. It's what a loving father does for his children, and it's something we can give back to Him.

It's what my grandpa did for my mom, and it was something she was finally able to give back. My mom is a reminder to me that we have to choose love, even when it's hard, and even when we may not get anything in return. It's one of the most powerful things we can do because, when we love unconditionally and without any expectation of return, we have the opportunity, as Victor Hugo once wrote, "to see the face of God." So, this year, I am making a commitment to remembering that each time I have the opportunity to love a family member, a roommate, a stranger or a friend, I have an opportunity to experience now what awaits us in Heaven — the loving face of God.

Thanks, Mom, for modeling and showing me the way.

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PLAYLIST



With our Fighting Irish returning to Dublin to start the football season, Scene takes a look at some of the best of Irish-themed music, both traditional and contemporary. Everybody's got a little Irish in them on St. Patrick's Day, and the same goes for Irish gameday. Use this playlist to get in the right state of mind this Saturday.

- 01** "The Blood of Cuchulainn"
Jeff Danna
- 02** "Danny Boy"
The Irish Tenors
- 03** "Finnegan's Wake"
The Dubliners
- 04** "Johnny, I Hardly Knew Ya"
The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem
- 05** "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"
Bing Crosby
- 06** "Jug of Punch"
The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem
- 07** "Drunken Sailor"
The Irish Rovers
- 08** "Whiskey in the Jar"
The Dubliners
- 09** "Beer, Beer, Beer"
The Pogue
- 10** "Shipping Up To Boston"
Dropkick Murphys
- 11** "Drunken Lullabies"
Flogging Molly
- 12** "Irish Celebration"
Macklemore

Easy Eats by Claire

By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**
Scene Writer

Let's face it. We all get chronically lazy in the dining hall. Why wouldn't we? The cafeteria is often too busy to bother to try something different, and there's plenty of food already made for us. We either eat the closest thing we find, or go back to the same old stuff. Not anymore. Fellow students, I challenge you to try something new, to find something you didn't know was there and use the dining hall to put your culinary skills to work. Want to feel the creative thrill of make-your-own pizza all the time? It's time to spice things up (literally).

Goosey Granola

A warm sticky dessert that will make all your friends and anyone near the microwave at the time jealous. Lure in that cute guy or gal with the aroma of this sticky, delicious treat. **You only need:**

- Granola cereal (Quaker Natural Granola Oats and Honey)
- Peanut butter (smooth)
- Honey (Warning: it is very thick, and you may make a mess scooping it out)

Replace Natural Oats and Honey with low-fat granola and raisins, and swap smooth peanut butter with crunchy if you're feeling especially wild.

DIRECTIONS:

Pour cereal into a bowl, then scoop in peanut butter and honey. For a creamier mix, add more honey and peanut butter. For thicker consistency, add more granola. There's no right way, so anything goes. Go heavy on whatever ingredient you like the best. Heat for one minute in the microwave, then stir until granola is moistened. Allow to cool. Add more peanut butter and honey as desired.

Goes great with a glass of milk!

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KEEP CALM AND STYLE ON

Ending the Casual Conquest

By JESS CHRISTIAN
Scene Writer

Friday marked the closing of the ever-so-long-awaited first week of school. On that day, I woke up well rested to the sounds of birds chirping and without the help of the unwelcomed marimba chimes of my iPhone alarm. Once I managed to lazily maneuver out of my loft, I began to consider the positive prospect of a day left entirely unscheduled, minus a single hour-long Spanish class standing in my way. With plenty of time to spare before I had to leave my room, I began searching through my closet for an outfit as great as the day before me. I pieced together a look of bright colors, beautiful patterns and feminine cuts. I accessorized with a thin pair of silver hoop earrings, salmon shades and a pair of beaded bohemian sandals. I threw in a touch of confidence before I grabbed my acid-washed denim backpack and headed out the door.

As I walked across campus towards DeBartolo and casually scrolled through recent posts on Instagram, I glanced up to meet the gaze of an anonymous passerby. The student looked away, and we continued walking our separate ways. I resumed my Instagram investigation, but when a turn was fast approaching, I looked up again only to catch another individual watching me. I smiled, and she smiled back before the large crowd of students leaving their morning classes hid her from my line of vision.

Perplexed, I let the peculiarity of the reoccurring incident bounce around in the back of my mind throughout my one class. When the class was finally through, I reevaluated the series of events, catching a few more looks on my way down the steps. As I walked through the doors, I saw my friends calling me and went over to join them. Immediately, I was bombarded with a series of questions about why I was dressed so nicely and who I was trying to entice. When I began thinking of a response, the cause of all the stares dawned on me — I looked particularly nice that day.

I laughed and told my friends that I wasn't trying to look good for anything or anyone in particular, but I just felt like looking nice. They rolled their eyes and laughed in disbelief, and as we began walking, a huge question popped into my head that left me even more puzzled — why is it that looking particularly nice sets one apart from the normal Notre Dame collegiate crowd? Why do I have to be heading somewhere special in order to look classy on campus?

After pondering these questions for a couple of days, I realized that the regularity of this sort of reaction

is a result of a particular fashion culture that has been established here at ND. Somewhere between the single-digit, fashion-forbidding winter temps and the heavily sports-oriented culture on campus, many students have gradually let style to fall by the wayside, allowing for casual clothing to become the University's dominant form of fashion. Even more importantly, many of us have allowed the dominance of casual clothing to cause us to focus a significantly higher amount of attention on well-dressed individuals.

This focus on the fashionable minority undoubtedly drives those afraid of being over-observed away from pushing the envelope and dressing their best.

As someone who finds a person's expression of distinctive style to be almost as telling, if not more so, than speech itself, I find this to be somewhat concerning. I want my fellow classmates to feel free to wear what they want to wear because a fashionably diverse campus is a campus that can make a colorful statement without saying a word. And that's what fashion is all about.

Therefore, I propose the following challenge for students of this grand university we know so well. Do not allow a pre-established culture of casual style to hinder your desire to dress nicely. If

you want to look good, then choose to look good. If you want to wear the dress but are leaning towards the safe bet of a T-shirt and shorts, wear the dress. If you want to wear the combat boots but are hesitant

because you've spent your life in Jordans, wear the boots. I believe this campus is full of a wide variety of fashionable students with the potential to dress to impress all the time. I understand most students here on campus and around the world do not have Visa Black Cards. They are not celebrities, and Versace and Alexander McQueen are not tossing free designer collections their way. I am not implying we should all be dropping a pretty penny for a new closet. I am pushing students to take a stand, dust off those standout pieces in the back of the closet and help make looking good an everyday campus norm. I am pushing students to venture into that store full of striking clothes they

love but don't think they can pull off to hit the mall, buy their favorite pieces and dare to be bold. If you're hesitant to wear what you want to wear, then you're hesitant to be who you want to be. Don't hold back. Branch out and dress to impress yourself. You'll be shocked at who else is impressed.

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Don't be afraid to show off your style this semester — no special occasion necessary.



Style is a way to express your personality — like this leather jacket ensemble.

SPORTS AUTHORITY

Boise State needs tougher schedule



Jack Hefferon
Sports Writer

It's finally, finally football season again, when kids ages 5 to 45 pad up, line up in the trenches and hit each other as hard as they possibly dare.

Someone pushes the pile, someone gets pushed along. Somebody initiates contact, somebody else takes it. Someone wins, someone loses.

Football leaves no doubt.

Which is why I've got a bone to pick with a certain college football team. They have more wins over the past five years than any team in the FBS, and it's not even close. They've finished with a perfect record twice over that span — 13-0 in 2006 and 14-0 in 2009 — and have only lost six games since 2006. Yet they've never claimed a BCS National Championship,

Fiesta Bowl win in 2009.

2010 started with a win at No. 13 Virginia Tech. Last season, they opened with a win over No. 19 Georgia in the Georgia Dome. But the Broncos slipped up with a late loss in each of those seasons, and ended up with nothing but two wins in something called the MAACO Bowl.

This year, Boise State appears to be following the same game plan. The team will begin their campaign in East Lansing against No. 13 Michigan State, but if they can upset the Spartans there, the toughest challenge left on their schedule will be the mostly toothless Cougars of BYU.

But even if the Broncos do run the table — a distinct possibility with 11 cupcakes on their plate — they most likely still won't have a chance to

But if you play to compete and to dominate, believing in August your team is the best and have the chance to go out to show it to the world, then prove it.

or even had the opportunity to play for one.

That's right, Boise State, I'm talking to you.

The Broncos burst into America's consciousness on New Year's night in 2007. Previously known only as "that team with the blue turf," Boise squared off against Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl, with the Sooners favored by more than a touchdown. The Broncos played like kids in the backyard, running consecutive trick plays before going for two and the win in overtime.

Boise won 43-42, their star running back proposed to his cheerleader girlfriend and one of the greatest fairy tale games in history ended happily ever after.

Boise State made football look easy that year, and to a certain extent, it was. The team hadn't played a single top-25 team in the regular season, and its strength of schedule was in the bottom third in the FBS. Most argued any elite team could finish undefeated with that schedule, and the team finished fourth in the final AP poll.

In an attempt to boost their reputation and postseason résumé, Boise State began to schedule one signature game early on in each season. They beat Oregon — a top-20 squad — in September in both 2008 and 2009, and ran the table in the regular season both years. But voters were still unimpressed, sending them to the Poinsettia Bowl in 2008 and to another

play for the crystal ball. They need to learn the lesson that the polls have been trying to tell them for years: One game does not a season make.

So my question to Coach Chris Petersen and his team is this: Why do you play the game?

If the answer is to win a big game, coast and backdoor your way into the BCS, then stick to your guns. Your move to the Big East and the transition to a four-team playoff might even give you a fighting chance at a shot starting next year.

But if you play to compete and to dominate, believing in August your team is the best and have the chance to go out to show it to the world, then prove it. Why set up a schedule where perfection is not enough?

Knock down doors in the SEC and Big Ten, offer to play teams at their place and double-dog-dare them to accept. Get Notre Dame or another big-time school to play mid-season. Set up a murderer's row of a schedule that rewards greatness, not one that explains it away. If you're the elite program that you think you are, come out and prove to the rest of the country that you deserve a shot to be No. 1.

Leave no doubt.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Gators look for starting QB

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — One will start, both will play. And when the season opener is over, No. 23 Florida probably will decide between the two.

Offensive coordinator Brent Pease said Tuesday he's not sure the team's two-quarterback system is viable beyond Saturday's game against Bowling Green, meaning the Gators likely will choose between Jacoby Brissett and Jeff Driskel before traveling to Texas A&M for the Southeastern Conference opener.

"That's my gut feeling," Pease said. "I don't know if it's sustainable from there. It depends how they play, I guess, and what they create."

The sophomores have battled for the starting job since spring practice. Coach Will Muschamp said each will play a quarter in the first half Saturday, and then the coaches will decide how to progress after halftime.

Pease credited Brissett and Driskel with making strides in the offseason, and said that playing both is the fair thing to do.

"I think it would be difficult to name a starter right now," Pease said. "What would you be telling the other kid? If they had separated each other, yeah. But they've both made major progress and done good things. We have a situation in a game where we can play them."

The Gators expect to pick a starter later in the week.

Pease suggested they might flip a coin. Brissett joked that he figured they would decide it by playing cards.

In reality, starting the game means little. Each quarterback



AP

Florida sophomore quarterbacks Jeff Driskel, left, and Jacoby Brissett wait on the sidelines during a recent practice in Gainesville, Fla.

will get 15 minutes, maybe just a series or two, to show what he can do in front of 90,000 at The Swamp.

"This is our biggest opportunity and our biggest chance," Driskel said. "They're going to go with the guy who is going to give them the best chance for the rest of the season."

Both guys had a chance to shine last season. Driskel struggled in place of injured starter John Brantley against Alabama, and Brissett was mediocre while starting the next two weeks.

They were freshmen then. They have one less excuse now.

"At the end of the day, it's just going out and play football," Brissett said. "It's time to play. No more time for interviews and talk, just go out and have fun."

Although the quarterback race has gotten most of the attention the last six months, the reality is that if things go the way Muschamp hopes, neither will be asked to do too much. Muschamp is simply looking for a game manager, not a gun

slinger.

The Gators want to be a run-first offense, with Mike Gillislee, Mack Brown and Matt Jones handling much of the workload. And when Brissett and Driskel do throw, they just need to distribute the ball quickly and accurately.

Pease said Brissett needs to work on his pocket presence.

"He's comfortable in the pocket," Pease said. "He likes to sit in there and hold it and try and throw the ball downfield because he can throw off balance. He's got a strong arm. He can flick it. And, hey, if it's not there, you better pull it down and go. You know, make a quick decision and go vertical."

What about Driskel?

"Really with him, because he's not afraid to run, really protecting himself on the move," Pease said. "Sometimes he thinks he's a fullback in there or sliding into second." By all accounts, Brissett and Driskel have handled what could be an awkward situation pretty well.

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MLB

Castro agrees to seven-year deal with Cubs

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Starlin Castro was barely out of his teens when he made his big league debut. Now it looks as though he'll still be donning Cubbie blue when he hits his 30s.

The Chicago Cubs and their young shortstop agreed to a seven-year contract with a club option for 2020, the team said Tuesday. The deal could keep Castro in Chicago until after his 30th birthday.

"Only the most talented players get to the big leagues at 20," said Cubs general manger Jed Hoyer. "I'm sitting here with a 22-year-old veteran right now. That was a big part of our decision."

"The way it was looking, Starlin was going to be a free agent way too early. He's a big part of our future. We have four years of control with him after this year. By doing this deal, we now have eight."

Castro is a two-time All-Star in just his second full major league season, and he led the National League in hits with 207 last season. Since making his major league debut on May 7, 2010, Castro has more hits than any player in the NL with 486.

"I want to be here for a long time and winning," Castro said. "My family (will) change, but nothing (will) change for myself. (The money is) not going to stop me from working hard every day on the field."

Castro was originally signed by the Cubs as a non-drafted free agent on Oct. 25, 2006. Terms of the new deal were not released by the team, but published reports have placed the guaranteed money at \$60 million over the duration of the extension, a figure Castro was asked about in Tuesday's press conference.

"It's big, especially for my family, coming from very poor people," Castro said. "Now my family is going to be better, their lives changing."

Castro motioned toward his father, who was standing nearby, and said, "My dad wanted me to play baseball every time. He got me here."

While Castro's raw talent has always been evident, things have not always gone smoothly for a player who skirted with trouble off the field and suffered well-publicized mental lapses on it. He was accused of sexual assault following the 2011 season, though Cook County prosecutors declined to press charges, citing insufficient evidence.

Castro's on-field focus has also been questioned, most notably during a nationally-televised game last season when cameras captured him with his back to the plate as a pitch was being delivered.

Despite the occasional bouts with immaturity, the Cubs feel Castro is going to be a



AP

Cubs shortstop Starlin Castro turns a double play in Chicago's 6-1 victory over the Phillies on July 15. On Tuesday, Castro signed a seven-year contract with the Cubs with a team option for an eighth year.

foundation player for a club just beginning its rebuilding process under a new front office regime headed by vice president of baseball operations Theo Epstein and Hoyer.

"It's been fun getting to know Starlin as a person, but also watching him play every day," Hoyer said. "Shortstop is a really hard position to fill in today's game, especially with someone who can provide it with offense."

"There is no question in my mind that he can play shortstop in the big leagues on a championship team."

Castro whet the appetite of

Cubs fans from the start, homering in his first career at-bat and setting a big league record with six RBIs in his debut. He was taken in by Cubs veteran Alfonso Soriano, a fellow Dominican who helped mentor Castro at the beginning of his career.

"He's very important," Castro said of Soriano. "When I first got here, he took me to live in his house. He talked to me about baseball and how important baseball is for you and your family."

Castro, a career .296 hitter, was batting .276 this season

with 12 homers and 63 RBIs before Tuesday night's game against Milwaukee. He's struggled recently and admitted he might have been slightly distracted by the negotiations between the Cubs and his agent, Paul Kinzer.

"It'll be interesting to see if there is any change now that this thing is behind him and he'll be here for a long time," said Cubs manager Dale Sveum. "When you get that first contract, you can relax and realize that there really is only one thing to play for and that's winning the World Series."

NHL

NHL offers proposal with lockout looming

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NHL issued a new proposal to the players' association Tuesday as a lockout looms next month.

And at least one side is happy about it.

"We believe," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said, "that we made a significant, meaningful step."

Time will tell, but at least NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr and his players have another proposal — the league's second this summer — to digest. The two sides will meet again on Wednesday at the NHL offices.

A less optimistic Fehr labeled the offering "a proposal that we intend to respond to." Meanwhile, Bettman called it a "counterproposal" to the offer the players presented to the league earlier this month. In that proposal, the players had offered to take two-, four- and six-percent reductions in Hockey Related Revenue for the first three years of a new collective bargaining agreement.

"We felt in order to move the

process along," Bettman said, "we tried to address the fundamental issues."

Neither the league nor the players would divulge specifics of the proposal, although Montreal forward Mathieu Darche said he was "encouraged."

"We had a lot of people at the office evaluating the proposal," said Darche, who estimated he received "20, 25 texts" from players asking for details of the different proposal. "It didn't take them five minutes to write it and it won't take us five minutes to read it."

The current CBA expires Sept. 15 and the NHL has said it will lock the players out if a new deal isn't reached.

Limiting the personnel at the bargaining table in the hope of making progress, only Fehr and his top assistant, Steve Fehr, met with Bettman and NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly on Tuesday morning when the proposal was issued. Traditionally, several players have joined in on the talks.

Tuesday's session was the second time in six days that the meeting was limited to just the

four executives. They met for two hours last Wednesday in Toronto, exclusively. That meeting was to discuss the state of the negotiations.

"We don't know the answer to that," Fehr said when asked if the smaller meetings jumpstarted the negotiating process. "If it doesn't (work), we'll find another way."

After the sessions in Toronto, the return to New York was a strange one for both sides. Negotiations resumed in the morning, as planned, but then took a slight break while Fehr left the building. Upon exiting, he told reporters talks had paused just for a bit.

"I think the appropriate thing to do under the circumstances is go back (to our office). We've got constituents and so on," Fehr said at the time. "And so we'll see you later on I'm sure."

He eventually returned to confirm the proposal, and was joined by player representatives this time. Fehr was accompanied by Darche, San Jose defenseman Douglas Murray and Winnipeg defenseman Ron Hainsey.

Tuesday's session was billed as



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NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman speaks to reporters in Toronto on Aug. 14 following labor talks aimed at avoiding an NHL lockout.

"core economic," and if nothing else, the players now have more to work with.

"I'm trying to get us on to the same page," Bettman said. "I'm trying to get us on to a common language."

But, clearly, he knows what

he's up against. In fact, following the session, Bettman said he wouldn't "feel better about this process until it is successfully completed." He defined successful completion as having "a collective bargaining agreement."

Time's running out for that.

NFL

Wallace has “no regrets” after ending holdout

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Mike Wallace sat in his usual spot in the corner of the Pittsburgh Steelers locker room and decided it was time to hold court.

Hey, it'd been awhile for the leader of the self-proclaimed “Young Money Family.”

The Pro Bowl wide receiver posed for the cameras alongside teammates Antonio Brown, Chris Rainey, Jericho Cotchery and Ike Taylor while flashing a smile and cracking jokes, business as usual for one of the NFL's fastest playmakers.

It was almost as if Wallace's lengthy holdout — one that finally came to an end on Tuesday — never happened. Maybe because that's the way Wallace prefers it.

“I'm not dwelling on the past,” Wallace said. “I have no regrets.”

He also still doesn't have the long-term deal he covets.

Instead the 26-year-old restricted free agent will play under the one-year, \$2.7 million tender offered by the Steelers and hope something lengthier gets worked out before the regular season begins next week. As a rule the Steelers (No. 7 in the APro32) don't negotiate contracts during the season.

Wallace, who caught a

career-high 72 passes for 1,193 yards and eight touchdowns last season, remains optimistic an agreement can be reached sometime before Pittsburgh faces Denver on Sept. 9.

“This is the team that drafted me and it's where I want to stay,” Wallace said. “I'm not really worried about down the road. I'm worried about playing football. ... That was business. I'm not on that right now. I'm here to play football and that's it.”

Even if Wallace won't be able to actually practice until next week under the league's collective bargaining agreement. Still, Wallace believes he'll be ready to face the Broncos even if it means cram sessions getting up to speed on new offensive coordinator Todd Haley's complex system.

“We have two weeks to the game,” Wallace said. “I've been working out. I've been really good conditioning. I don't think that's going to be a problem.”

Neither does quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who kept in contact with Wallace during the holdout. The two have developed into one of the NFL's best deep-passing combinations over the last three years, with Roethlisberger's arm and Wallace's blazing speed giving the Steelers an ability to stretch the field few teams can

match.

While Roethlisberger allows there's going to be a steep learning curve for Wallace, he's eager to have Wallace back on the field.

“It's kind of like your parents telling you you get a new car then it has to sit in the driveway because you don't have any insurance,” Roethlisberger said. “Once you get that insurance, you get out and take it for a ride.”

Wallace spent a significant amount of time during his holdout working with trainers in Florida and refining his route-running looking to avoid another slump like the one he endured at the end of the 2011 season. He posted four 100-yard receiving games in the first seven weeks of the year but didn't top 82 yards in any of Pittsburgh's final nine games as defenses adjusted.

In his place, Antonio Brown developed into Roethlisberger's most trusted target and signed a six-year, \$42 million extension early in camp while Wallace waited for the phone to ring.

Don't expect any sort of rivalry, however, between Brown and Wallace.

“A player like Mike is so explosive and gets so many things done,” Brown said. “You need a guy like that on your team. It's amazing when you can get him



AP

Steelers receiver Mike Wallace makes a catch during a Sept. 25 win over the Colts. Wallace ended his holdout Tuesday without a long-term deal.

lined up on the other side and you know what he is capable of. It's a great thing to have him here.”

Wallace declined to get specific about what he accomplished by holding out and said only “my teammates need me” when asked why he decided to end it without resolving his contract situation.

“My teammates know what was going on,” Wallace said. “My coaches know, I kept in contact with them. So as long as they know, I really don't care about anybody else.”

Though he's had a copy of

Haley's playbook for weeks, Wallace knows there will be a breaking-in process. He felt he got a few “mental reps” watching his teammates go through drills in preparation for the pre-season finale against Carolina on Thursday and huddled with receivers coach Scottie Montgomery when practice broke.

“I'm learning the plays,” he said. “Here I at least get to see it. At home I couldn't see it ... I'll be back on Monday hopefully and I'll be ready to roll.”

MLB

Blue Jays lose Bautista for remainder of season

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Toronto Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista will have season-ending surgery to stabilize a tendon in his left wrist.

Bautista said before Tuesday night's game against the New York Yankees that the recovery period is three to four months and he would be ready to play long before the start of spring training next year.

“There's just too much instability in that tendon and it got to the point where risking injuring the tendon was not worth it,” Bautista said. “That's why we're opting to do it now.”

Bautista was initially injured in an at-bat against the Yankees on July 16. He chose to give rest and rehab a try and he returned from the disabled list Friday. But he says, while he did not experience any pain, he felt the tendon moving around too much and was taken out of the game against the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday. The two-time defending AL home run champion was immediately put back on the DL and sent to Cleveland to see a hand specialist.

Dr. Thomas Graham will perform the operation next week in Cleveland.

“Luckily for me the tendon is completely intact,” Bautista said.

“He just needs to make it stable again.”

Manager John Farrell said Bautista made it through his rehabilitation program without issue. But the instability he was feeling when he returned was

what prompted the recommendation for surgery.

“It's a definitive plan going forward,” Farrell said. “The tough thing through all this is Jose never felt any discomfort but, yet, he didn't feel the strong stable

feeling he typically does.”

Bautista spoke with Tampa Bay Rays outfielder Sam Fuld, who had similar surgery this spring after a more extended period of rest and immobilization. Bautista did not want to risk missing time

next year by trying lengthy rest since it didn't work for Fuld.

After a slow start in which his average didn't rise above .200 until mid-May, Bautista finished with a .241 average, 27 homers and 65 RBIs in 92 games.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Klein's leadership fuels Wildcats' resurgence

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The proclamation from coach Bill Snyder following No. 22 Kansas State's annual spring game was hardly surprising, even though what it represented was downright historic.

Senior quarterback Collin Klein would be one of four captains for the 2012 season.

Klein ran for 27 touchdowns last season to break a school record set in 1969, and threw for 13 more while leading the Wildcats to a 10-3 record and a berth in the Cotton Bowl. He spent most of the season bloodied and battered, often missing every practice between games, yet never once complaining as he put together one of the finest seasons in school history.

So everybody expected Klein to be a captain. But the fact that he was made a captain for the third straight year, something that had never before happened for an offensive player in school history, spoke volumes about how he's viewed inside and outside the program.

"I think the sky's the limit for anybody. It's just what you do with what you've got," Snyder said. "He does a great deal with what he has."

More than anything, that's

why Snyder has such an appreciation for him.

He doesn't have the greatest throwing motion — wide receiver Chris Harper called it "jinky," which he described as "not what everybody typically thinks is correct." And he certainly prefers to scramble out of the pocket than settle back and search down field.

But even though Klein is just about the furthest thing from the prototypical, 21st-century quarterback, he somehow makes it work in Snyder's modern adaption of the veer offense.

Klein had the third-most rushing attempts last season in major college football, the 317 carries trailing only Bobby Rainey of Western Kentucky and Robbie Rouse of Fresno State — both of them running backs, guys who are supposed to be totting the ball. The quarterback with the next-most attempts was Tevin Washington of Georgia Tech, and he was 75 carries shy.

It's no wonder Klein took such a beating last season he often joked he was becoming best friends with the Kansas State training staff.

Perhaps that's the biggest reason why Klein spent so much of his offseason working with Harper and the rest

of his veteran wide receivers. They toiled in the blistering, 100-degree heat of the Flint Hills, running endless routes and refining Klein's mechanics to the point where maybe — just maybe — he'll be able to air it out a bit more this season.

"The growth has been across the board, and it hasn't just been focused in one area," Snyder said. "He's grown in regards to his game management. He's grown in regards to his understanding of our offense and defensive football. He's grown in terms of leadership, in terms of his confidence level, in just his overall presence on the field, as well as the physical things, the running game and passing game as well. I've seen some movement, positive movement, in all those areas."

The Wildcats started to move away from a one-dimensional, run-first offense centered around their quarterback late last year, when teams began to stack the line to prevent the 6-foot-5, 226-pound wrecking ball from running right at them.

Klein averaged 124 yards passing over the first eight games, but nearly 184 yards in the final four games against Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Texas and Iowa State.



AP

Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein avoids tacklers during a game against Oklahoma State last year. The Wildcats lost 52-45.

The only loss was a 52-45 heartbreaker to the then-No. 3 Cowboys on the road.

The progress continued throughout the spring, and with Klein calling many of his own plays, he wound up going 47 of 56 for 480 yards and six TDs against the No. 2 defense in the spring game.

"The point man is Collin," said Harper, the Wildcats' leading receiver a year ago. "His release point is better. His mechanics are better. It's jinky, but he gets the ball there."

In other words, he gets the job done.

That's all that really matters to the Wildcats.

Klein, who was first-team

All-Big 12 as an all-purpose player last season, is already on the watch list for Manning, Maxwell, O'Brien and Unitas awards — just about all the hardware that is handed out to a quarterback each season.

But he's the first to say that personal accolades don't mean much to him. He'd rather talk about the success of the Wildcats last season, and what it would mean to duplicate such success this season, a task that begins Saturday against Missouri State.

"A new identity needs to be carved out," Klein said. "The 2011 team was amazing, it was a great run, but it was last year. It was a special group of guys, and we have a special

Nhim

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help the freshmen transition into team competition," Nhim said. "College golf is a completely different atmosphere than competition from when we were in high school."

Despite Notre Dame's youth, Nhim said she is not worried about how the team will perform this year.

"The team we have this year is extremely talented in all aspects of the game," Nhim said. "So, it all just comes down to executing under pressure."

Nhim has proven her ability to execute under pressure — she has twice been named to the All-Big East team and tied for sixth at the 2012 Big East championship.

Although Nhim has already exhibited her cool demeanor during her college career, she said she does have minor ticks in her habits.

"The only superstitions I have are that I never keep score when we play practice rounds, and I always mark my golf balls the day before," Nhim said.

This summer, Nhim and her partner Armstrong finished in tied-eighth with a four-over-par at The Pure Silk Collegiate

Team Championship in Powell, Ohio. Nhim said she believes playing with her teammate over the summer will be beneficial for the upcoming season.

"The Pure Silk Collegiate got me back into play competitively," Nhim said. "I had taken some time off, and it was a great experience to be back on the course playing. I also learned a lot about my own game playing with Ashley because she helped me see weaknesses that I could improve on."

On an individual basis, Nhim said she just wants to help the team win.

"I would just like to be able to contribute score-wise every time we play," Nhim said.

The team has yet to vote on a captain. Whether or not Nhim is selected, she said she will contribute with experience and advice.

"The best advice I can give to my teammates is to put everything they have into practice to get into the mindset of competing," Nhim said.

The Irish will begin their season at the Mary Fossom Invitational in East Lansing, Mich., on Sept. 15.

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Kelly

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the standards that I have for our program?" Kelly said in his Tuesday press conference.

Kelly said the suspensions handed down were his own, independent from the Office of Residential Life.

Lots of receivers to see action

With the departure of receiver Michael Floyd, the

"None of them are polished to the level where they're a standalone player other than Tyler Eifert."

Brian Kelly
Irish coach

Irish lost 100 receptions, 1,147 yards and nine touchdowns. While senior tight end Tyler Eifert is expected to provide a safety blanket for sophomore quarterback Everett Golson, depth behind him is a concern for Notre Dame.

Seniors John Goodman and Robby Toma, along with juniors T.J. Jones and Daniel Smith, should be contributors to the Irish offense. From

there, an inexperienced group of receivers will take on expanded roles.

"Each one of them right now has a different skill set," Kelly said. "None of them are polished to the level where they're a standalone player

other than Tyler Eifert."

Kelly said freshmen Justin Ferguson, Chris Brown and Davonte' Neal will all also see playing time this year.

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"We have a strong group of players this season; we're ready to prove ourselves."

“The team is extremely positive going into this season,” Kuschel said. “We have strong leaders in senior setter Danie

Saint Mary's starts off its season at the North Park Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

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Roddick, Williams advance




Associated Press

NEW YORK — That Andy Roddick's last match as a twentysomething would not be his last match at the 2012 U.S. Open was hardly in doubt Tuesday,

To close the second: ace at 134 mph.

"I saw the way the game was going. You have to get stronger and quicker. I don't think there was much room for a plodder who could hit the ball pretty hard," Roddick said. "It was a conscious effort, at times, and I feel like that's added to longevity a little bit."

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Jets remain quiet about wildcat

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — It has been shrouded in secrecy for months, a topic too taboo for any players to discuss at length — or in some cases, at all.

It's the New York Jets' wildcat package with Tim Tebow, perhaps the most intriguing and confidential set of plays being prepared in any NFL camp this summer. It's coming, the touchdown-starved Jets insist, but they won't say when or how.

"There's a lot of suspense," Sanchez said with a sly smile Tuesday. "It's crazy."

Picture the scene in "Men in Black" when the agents hold up the neuralyzer to make people forget everything they know. That's the Jets when it comes to discussing the wildcat package, which hasn't been used at all in the preseason games.

"It flashes and it's a mind eraser," Sanchez said before pausing and then playing along. "Wait, what?"

The Jets (No. 17 in the AP Pro32) have taken a lot of criticism for their preseason touchdown drought, becoming the first team since the 1977 Atlanta Falcons to not reach the end zone through their first three games. They claim they



Tim Tebow carries the ball in Sunday's preseason game against the Carolina Panthers. The Panthers won 17-12.

aren't too concerned, but offensive coordinator Tony Sparano made it clear that they're not satisfied in any way with the TD drought.

"It's field goals. We want touchdowns. There's no question about it," Sparano said. "Make sure you put that in, like, the headlines. We want touchdowns, not field goals."

That should ease the minds of antsy Jets fans, who just want to know if the offense will be able to score some points when the games start to actually count. That comes Sept. 9, when New York opens at home against Buffalo — with the Tebow-led wildcat wrinkle possibly sprinkled in.

Or, will it?

"Listen, that's assuming we're even going to do any of this stuff, OK, and when we're going to do it and when we're going to do it," Sparano said. "Just because we have a player in the building here that's had some history running the football — not really in the wildcat, by the way — does not necessarily mean that's exactly what it is that we're going to do."

Oh, the intrigue.

Even if they do use it a handful of times a game, it probably wouldn't radically change the Jets' offense, right?

"Umm, talk to Coach," Sanchez said, grinning. "I don't know."

Powers

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thought we tied too many games last year and didn't take over many games. We wanted to focus on getting the win, especially in that first game, is very important."

The Irish tied four games last season, all at Alumni Stadium, including the 2011 season opener against Indiana.

In order to turn those 2011 ties into 2012 wins, Notre Dame will focus on being more aggressive in the attacking third and converting more chances into goals, Powers said.

"The offensive half was a big focus for us, just being more aggressive and really getting balls in behind [the defense] is the key," Powers said. "We are trying to get their back four turned and facing their own goal. It opens up the entire field, and I think you score more goals that way."

The Irish managed to get in behind the defense against the Blue Devils over the weekend when senior forward Ryan Finley buried the game-winner in the 76th minute. Powers started the play when he delivered a searching ball to junior forward Harry Shipp, who then crisply sent it to Finley for the goal.

Powers frequently triggered the offense throughout the game with his visionary passing and strong possession. The senior captain also helped stabilize a relatively inexperienced backline, which included

three new starters.

Experienced or not, Powers said he believes this year's defensive unit is stronger than that of last season. Senior goalkeeper Will Walsh and senior defender Grant Van De Castele spearheaded a defensive effort that resulted in just one shot on goal from the Blue Devils.

"I think we have a lot of confidence in ourselves in the back four," Powers said. "I think we've learned from those ties last year, and we're really hungry."

Powers, who last season was also a captain and a member of the All-Big East Second Team, said he is similarly hungry to improve his individual game. This year, he will focus on being a more aggressive, attacking offensive catalyst.

"I watched a lot of film [during the offseason], and I thought to myself, 'I seem pretty passive, more passive than I'd like to be,'" Powers said. "I really worked on my ball skills and my [one-on-one] dribbling at guys because I feel that I can already see the field pretty well and I have a good touch."

If Powers can help the Irish avoid the multitude of ties that derailed the team in 2011, Notre Dame may be able to construct a postseason run. And if Powers can continue to develop into the more assertive, attacking playmaker that he envisions, he may have to stick with the appropriate jersey — No. 10.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Pace yourself. Helping someone is fine, unless your work suffers, making you look bad. You can advance by enlisting the help of someone you can count on and focusing on your goals. A past acquaintance will come in handy. ★★ ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Promoting, presenting and pushing what you want to do will turn out well, as long as you don’t let emotions stand in your way. Accept criticism and implement what’s suggested. Don’t let ego stop you from getting ahead. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick to your budget. You may have some great ideas that will improve your living arrangements, but if what you do is costly and adds to your financial stress, it won’t be worth it in the end. Check out more cost-efficient lifestyles. ★★ ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let your imagination wander. Implement some of the ideas you come up with to help you meet people who interest you personally or professionally. A contract can be written and signed that will help you financially. Love is highlighted. ★★ ★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Mingle, and try new activities that are conducive to meeting people who share your interests or your professional goals. Voicing your opinion will open doors that can bring about an offer that is too good to refuse. ★★ ★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Encourage others and you will get plenty of help to achieve your goals in return. Include a diverse group of people in your plans. A challenge will be exhilarating and prove that you are up for anything that comes your way. ★★ ★★ ★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Seeing is believing. Making sense of a situation that is spinning out of control may be difficult if you don’t separate your emotions. Stop ignoring facts and take action. You may need to make a move or change your goals. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be careful when dealing with someone in a competitive position. Giving away your secrets or ideas will leave you open to imitation. Love is on the rise, and interacting with someone you love will feed your creativity. ★★ ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Mixed signals may confuse you. Ask questions before you promise something you’ll regret. Greater opportunity to work as a team player or to broaden your relationships with people you find interesting is apparent. Try something new and challenge yourself. ★★ ★★ ★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put together a plan that will allow you to budget wisely and bank more. Consistency will count if you want to move forward. Too much waffling or impulsive action will be equally confining. Focus on what you can do in the moment. ★★ ★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Fix up your surroundings or pick up financial information that will help you prosper. Speak up and share your thoughts with someone who is capable of helping you make personal changes. Use your ability to maneuver into a favorable position. ★★ ★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Secrets are apparent, and it doesn’t matter whether it’s you or someone else withholding information; both cases will make you look bad or lead you in the wrong direction. Step back and focus on love and having a little fun for now. ★★ ★

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FOOTBALL

Picking up the slack

Irish coach Brian Kelly is counting on playmakers to make up for the loss of Cierre Wood

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
Sports Writer

Following the suspension of senior running back Cierre Wood, some fresh faces will get their chance to shine in the season opener against Navy on Saturday.

Senior running back Theo Riddick will move into the starter's role after rushing for 63 yards on only 14 carries last season, while sophomore running back George Atkinson will slide into the backup's spot.

Riddick was part of the Irish receiving corps a year ago and has since moved to the running back-slot receiver hybrid position created this offseason. Irish coach Brian Kelly said he is not concerned about Riddick's transition or Atkinson's development.

"Theo is obviously someone who has a lot of experience at

the wide receiver position, so you have someone who is extremely effective at catching the football," Kelly said. "He is a guy that was bred for this position."

"George is progressing every day. [Before,] he was strictly the tailback, in the [I-formation], getting the ball seven and a half yards deep. Now he's moving into different venues as a receiver. He's continued to evolve in that position."

In addition to Riddick and Atkinson, sophomore running back Cam McDaniel has been exclusively working with the offense after temporarily switching to cornerback. Meanwhile, sophomore running back and USC transfer Amir Carlisle, hampered by an ankle injury, will not play against Navy this Saturday.

"We're very encouraged [by Carlisle's development],"

Kelly said. "I'm very optimistic as we stand here right now that we may be close. ... He's a really good football player, and we don't want to play him at 80 percent."

The active running backs will be counted on to replace Wood's production first against Navy and again a week later against Purdue. Last season, Wood rushed for 1,102 yards and nine touchdowns on 217 carries.

Notre Dame released a statement Sunday confirming not only the ban of Wood for two games, but also a two-game suspension for junior defensive end Justin Utupo. Both players were suspended for violating team rules.

"When we suspend somebody, I look at it in terms of 'How are we going to get this young man to live up to

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KEVIN SONG | The Observer

Running back Theo Riddick fights off a defender during the Blue-Gold Game in April. Riddick will receive more carries in the absence of Wood.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles to begin season at North Park Tournament

By **NICK BOYLE**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's kicks off its season this weekend when the Belles head to Chicago to participate in the North Park Tournament.

After finishing last season with a record of 8-17, the Belles hope this

tournament will mark the beginning of a better season and a winning record in 2012.

"Our goal is to have a winning season this year," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "We're looking to finish with 14-plus wins and make the MIAA conference tournament. Most importantly, we really hope

to grow as a team over the course of the season. Right now we have a great culture led by a strong group of returning players."

The non-conference tournament games at North Park this weekend will give Saint Mary's a chance to test their mettle, Kuschel said.

"We want to tryout some different things at the tournament," the fourth-year coach said. "Everything is new for us now at the start of the season. We have some new faces and we will get to see how they figure into our starting rotation. It's a good time for us to figure out how we can win."

Coming off a below-.500 season, Kuschel said she believes her team has the ability to fare better in the upcoming year.

"We want to come out and push a little harder and expect a little bit more from ourselves going into

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MEN'S SOCCER

Powers not going out quietly

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Writer

Just as in the past three years, a new season means a new uniform number for Irish senior midfielder and captain Dillon Powers.

This season, the Plano, Tex., native is wearing No. 10, an esteemed number in the soccer tradition often worn by the attacking playmaker.

"I've had a different number every year," Powers said. "I kind of did this in high school as well, and [No.] 10 is always a desired number in soccer, so I thought, 'Why not finish my senior year wearing [No.] 10?'"

Powers wore No. 22 as a freshman, No. 8 as a sophomore and No. 5 as a junior. He said he is hoping the newest number in 2012 will prompt different results for his Irish squad, which concluded



GRANT TOBIN | The Observer

Senior midfielder Dillon Powers handles the ball during Notre Dame's 1-0 victory against Duke on Saturday at Alumni Stadium.

a disappointing 2011 campaign when it did not qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

Saturday's season-opening 1-0 win against then-No. 21 Duke was just the start Notre Dame wanted for the year, Powers said.

"Starting off with a win [against Duke] is huge for us," Powers said. "That was one of the things we've had on our list throughout the entire preseason. ... We really

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Nhim called upon to lead young Irish

By **ISAAC LORTON**
Sports Writer

Remove all underclassmen from the Irish roster. Only one name would remain — junior Kristina Nhim.

Barely an upperclassman this year, Nhim will be the most experienced collegiate golfer in the young Notre Dame lineup, which also includes three highly-recruited freshmen and two sophomores. Nhim's sophomore teammates, who proved themselves as strong golfers last season, are Ashley Armstrong and Kelli Oride.

Nhim said she recognizes the difficulties inherent with being the team's only

upperclassman, but she believes her sophomore teammates will be helpful.

"As the only junior on the team, I know it'll be challenging at times," Nhim said. "But, I do have [Ashley Armstrong and Kelli Oride] to rely on for help, in terms of leading and setting an example."

With a tough schedule ahead, including four tournaments in the fall season, Nhim said she hopes she can be helpful with the many changes the freshmen will encounter.

"My past experience being on the team will hopefully

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