

‘I knew this was the place for me’

Time as student, basketball player shaped Malloy's time growing the University overseas

By **MEGAN DOYLE**
Managing Editor



Editor's Note: This story is the second installment in a two-part series on University President Emeritus Fr. Edward Malloy's presence at Notre Dame. This series is also the second of three similar "From the Office of the President" series on the University presidency to appear in

coming weeks.

Before he was a University president, Fr. Edward Malloy was a basketball player.

In four years of basketball at Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, D.C., he kicked off what would become a 55-game winning streak for his team through his senior year season and the season to follow. Notre

Dame was one of 50 schools to of-

Fr. Edward Malloy
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fer him a college scholarship to

play basketball while earning his degree.

"I came and visited Notre Dame, and I knew this was the place for me," Malloy said. "I loved it from the first time I arrived."

Malloy's official basketball career at Notre Dame ended in the early 1960s, but the lessons he learned as an athlete returned to him when he ascended to the

University's Office of the President in 1987.

"I can honestly say I was never intimidated by the job or felt overwhelmed by the possibility," Malloy said. "My athletic career, I'm competitive, so there's something about my strength as an athlete, as a player. ... I played at high

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Obama receives Democratic nomination

ND sophomore acts as 2012 DNC delegate

By **ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI**
News Writer

Last night, the nation's eyes turned to Charlotte, N.C., as the Democratic National Convention (DNC) wrapped up, but Notre Dame sophomore Emily Voorde was there in person to watch President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden accept the Democratic nominations for president and vice president this fall.

Voorde, a political science and business economics

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President Obama delivers his acceptance speech at the 2012 Democratic National Convention on Thursday evening. The Democratic party used the three-day convention to rally support for the 2012 election.

Democratic Party convenes in Charlotte, N.C.

By **JOHN CAMERON**
News Editor

Rising stars, tenured figures and supporters of the Democratic Party converged in Charlotte, N.C., this week for the Democratic National Convention (DNC), which marked the party's official nomination of President Barack Obama for a second term in office.

Former President Bill Clinton gave the formal nomination in a much-lauded address. Dr. Susan Ohmer, a professor of modern

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Graphics project earns grant

By **KRISTEN DURBIN**
News Editor

After months of designing, two trips to South Africa and a summer of grant applications, a team of Notre Dame graphic design students was awarded a \$50,000 grant through the 13th annual Sappi Fine Paper North America Ideas that Matter program for their work to combat xenophobia in South Africa.

A "highly respected program aimed at helping designers create and implement projects for charitable causes," Ideas that Matter announced the 13 grant recipients in its 2012 competition this week, according to

Sappi's website.

The Notre Dame team, led by associate professor of design Robert Sedlack and consultant Andrea Pellegrino, submitted a proposal to Sappi this summer for its work in developing together+, an educational initiative aimed at alleviating xenophobia in the Kgosi neighborhood of Johannesburg.

"This grant takes the project from a theoretical level to practical implementation and seeing the results of that," Paul Horn, director of community outreach initiatives for the Kgosi Neighbourhood Foundation, said. "What's really exciting is because of where I sit

in the Catholic school network, this project has a major chance to influence thousands and thousands of schoolchildren and really make a difference in society."

Sedlack said the \$50,000 grant primarily will be used to produce and distribute the project's educational materials, but the sum only covers about a third of the funding needed to complete the entire project. He said Pellegrino would continue to assist the project in finding additional sources of funding through grants, donations and corporate sponsorships.

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Families cherish ND legacy

By **MEL FLANAGAN**
News Writer

When junior Ryan Gerspach applied to college three years ago, there was no question as to what school was his first choice. "Notre Dame was my number one, two and three," he said.

Gerspach, along with many other Notre Dame students, grew up visiting the University and watching countless football games because of the many Notre Dame graduates in his family.

As a result, these students often

have their hearts set on Notre Dame before they even enter high school.

"I woke up watching Notre Dame football every Saturday morning since I was less than a year old, and I've been coming here since I was six or seven," he said. "I wanted to come here from the earliest moment I realized college was a decision you had to make sometime."

Gerspach is one of the more recent additions to a long-standing Notre Dame tradition in his family. Both of his parents, two uncles

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ONLINE AVANT-GARDE LITERARY MAGAZINE

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
News Writer

While many think of reading as either an assignment or a pas-time, Saint Mary's graduate Sara Rajan has made a career of reading and sharing avant-garde literature through the online literary magazine she founded.

Rajan, a member of the Class of 2010, started her magazine "Literary Juice" in 2011. She said her motivation for the site came from a lack of originality in the literary magazines she subscribed to.

"I personally love to read a lot of lit magazines, but after awhile I found a lot of the stories conventional and predictable," Rajan said. "One morning, I just decided to start my own avant-garde lit magazine, a place where writers could take risks and get into unconventional territory."

Rajan said the decision to launch Literary Juice was motivated by an appreciation for unique writing.

"I did a little bit of research on publishing and began drafting the layout on regular notebook

paper," Rajan said. "I would experiment a bit on a free webpage design website, and then took it from there."

She receives submissions from writers from all backgrounds and of all skill levels, some of whom she personally invited to submit to the magazine and others who encountered the site on their own accord.

Rajan said Literary Juice is now in its fifth edition, and receives 1,200 to 1,500 unique webpage views per month. After publicizing the magazine by word of mouth, Rajan began to market it on various social networking and literary websites.

"When I first launched it, I relied on word of mouth," Rajan said. "After it got off the ground, things kind of snowballed."

She cited search engine optimization as a key concept in the magazine's continued success.

"I carefully select key words that will bring up my website when people are using Google or whatever search engine," Rajan said. "The more the website is brought up, the more people are encouraged to send submissions."

The avant-garde content is not intended to appeal to any specific population demographic, but rather satisfy the reading interests of any visitor to the site, Rajan said.

"We're looking for our audience to include absolutely everybody," Rajan said. "It's already very international, with readers and submissions from all over the world."

Literary Juice publishes fiction, poetry and flash-fiction, and Rajan said a major goal of hers is to keep the design sleek with minimal ads so as to keep the focus on the writers' work.

Rajan said her plans for the magazine include expansion and increased publicity.

"Right now, my long-term goal is to continue building its reputation," Rajan said. "I would love to put it up there with prominent magazines like the Iowa Review and Tinhouse Magazine, but before I can make that happen, I know I have to tackle small goals first. I hope to offer a print version in the near future."

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Professor speaks on Higgs boson

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
News Writer

Last night in the Jordan Hall of Science, Kevin Lannon, an assistant physics professor at Notre Dame, presented the fundamental principles of the research and technology behind the recent discovery of a Higgs boson particle.

The breakthrough was announced in Geneva on July 4. Lannon said it was the most significant scientific achievement in decades, and several Notre Dame professors, graduate and undergraduate students, were on location at the time of the announcement.

Lannon said the Higgs boson is the key to understanding the universe at its most fundamental level. "If you can understand the universe at its most basic level, and its most simple possible components, in principle, you can develop an understanding of everything," he said.

"But we are still trying to find the bottom of the rabbit hole ... We have more particles than we need to understand [the universe], but can we arrange them in a way that's easier to understand?"

the Standard Model is the most successful theory in this respect to date, he said.

"It's exciting because it makes a prediction," Lannon said, "We are trying to fill out the Standard Model's table of particles to see if we can validate this theory of how all these particles work together."

Lannon said the Higgs boson is the last piece in the Standard Model puzzle. He used an analogy to describe the nature of the Higgs boson particle, whose main function is to give particles mass.

"The Higgs boson is like the paparazzi," he said. "There is a sea of them filling all of space, and their effects depend on the person trying to pass through them." photons, Lannon said, which are particles of light, can move through space at maximum speed, like an unknown bystander walking through a crowd of paparazzi photographers.

"And because the photon doesn't react strongly to the Higgs boson, it has little to no mass," he said. "But if a person interacts strongly with the paparazzi, like [former Irish football coach] Lou Holtz, he will have a harder time moving through ... they're swarming around him, he's impeded, he can't change direction. This is how the Higgs boson gives mass to particles."

Lannon explained how the researchers in Geneva came to this discovery.

"Basically, we smash two

protons together and get a Higgs boson," he said. "But it weighs a lot more than two protons. We take their energy of motion and convert it into mass to make a bigger particle."

the difficulty of finding proof for the particle is its short life span and speed, Lannon said.

"It decays into two other particles, like photons, way too fast for us to capture," he said.

Lannon said the device capable of creating such a collision is the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva. The accelerator is so large it cuts into French territory, and shoots particles at just eight meters per/second slower than the speed of light, Lannon said.

"[I's power is] the equivalent to an aircraft carrier moving at 3.8H[miles per hour]," he said. "Colliding protons is like shooting two needles at each other from six miles away and having them hit in the middle. This is something that's done everyday at CERN."

In order to capture the particle during its brief existence, Lannon said Notre Dame graduates collaborated with the scientists working on the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) to build a supersensitive camera. While the Higgs boson is only produced every three billion collisions, the accelerator is efficient enough to create nine Higgs boson particles per minute at its peak rate, Lannon said.

"Even high speed computing can't record all the collisions," Lannon said. "We need to analyze them as it's happening."

Both undergraduate and graduate students from Notre Dame helped develop the camera and the computers used to record the collisions, Lannon said. Once the researchers combined the data, science history had been made.

"They saw an excess of collisions with the Higgs boson signature, and they had their discovery," Lannon said.

As for the future of particle research, Lannon said there was still more to understand about the particle. He said scientists had found two variations of the boson but were looking for three more.

"It should decay to a number of different particles," Lannon said. "We can't say we discovered the Higgs boson until we find all these variations of decay."

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Belles excited for football season to begin

By **TABITHA RICKETTS**
News Writer

Excitement builds around campus as the Saint Mary's community prepares for the first Notre Dame home game of the season, as the Irish prepare to square off against Purdue on Saturday. For many first-year students, this will be their first experience attending a Notre Dame football game and their first time in the student section.

"It will be my first game," first-year student Mary Margaret Artman said. "All I know is that I'm very excited ... I've heard a lot of great things from the other students."

Even though she is from Georgia, Artman said she is prepared for game day.

"There are actually quite a few people from where I'm from in Georgia who are Saint Mary's College alumnae," Artman said. "They gave me some advice on what to expect from the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's connection."

Artman said she is prepared for an exciting game day.

"I have jerseys, tattoos, all the decor for the football game," she said. "I'm going to go all-out. I might look a little ridiculous, but it's all for team spirit."

Some of the pre-game traditions Notre Dame has to offer are especially exciting to Artman.

"One of my roommates' parents are having a tailgate, so I'm probably going to stop by there," she said. "Apparently Notre Dame tailgating is the best, so I'm very excited!"

"I grew up around Notre Dame football... The student section is always great; since I've been a [first-year] I haven't missed a game. Everyone's more into it!"

Megan Lord
senior

Artman is not alone in her enthusiasm on campus.

Saint Mary's senior Megan Lord said she is excited to cheer on the Irish with her friends.

"I have six roommates, so I'm sure all of us will go together," Lord said. "We have a large group in our section ... It's just fun, we all get out, cheer for [the] team ... Usually

we'll end up dressing weird."

Lord, who grew up in the area, has a long personal history with Notre Dame football.

"My family goes to the games," Lord said. "I grew up around Notre Dame football. My first game was probably when I was six ... The student section is always great; since I've been a [first-year] I haven't missed a game. Everyone's more into it!"

Football rivalries between Notre Dame and other colleges are something Lord said she understands very well.

"Purdue versus Notre Dame is a big game around here," Lord said. "I expect a great outcome."

In addition to the actual competition, Lord said she enjoys many pregame traditions.

"My favorite aspect is the tailgating [and] getting to meet everybody's family," she said.

After graduation, Lord said she plans to get season tickets and continue attending games, but she said it will be different from sitting in the student section.

"The student section is the life of the stadium," she said.

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levels, and so when somebody was a challenge in the big game, I think there's something about that that prepares you well for various kinds of leadership roles."

Malloy led Notre Dame through 18 years of immense growth, but he stepped into big shoes when he assumed the position. His predecessor, University President Emeritus Fr. Ted Hesburgh, had just resigned after 35 monumental years.

"Fr. Ted was great to me in the transition and encouraged me to be my own person and do it my way, not to imitate him," Malloy said.

And Malloy did just that.

"I really believe in group effort," he said. "I think my experience in basketball, we were successful I think especially in high school because it was a team orientation, so that's the way I've always been. Not that Ted wasn't team-oriented, but I think in his time in history, he was trying to lead Notre Dame in a very dramatically different direction, and that required a lot of effort on his part."

"For example, he was always a great international citizen and involved in a lot of activities. ... I saw my goal as bringing the University in the same international direction that he tried to establish by his own personal example and leadership. I wanted the whole University to go in that direction."

Malloy expanded Notre Dame's international presence from nine countries to 17 by the end of his term.

"We had more affiliations with colleges and universities abroad," he said. "There's a lot more of our faculty and our administration traveling and building bonds and so on ... like what happened in Ireland [last weekend at the Emerald Isle Classic]."

Notre Dame connections followed Malloy throughout his travels to 80 different countries. A couple even recognized him in a hotel in Lhasa, Tibet.

"I could be in some obscure country, and somebody comes up to me in the airport or some restaurant or something 'cause I'm Notre Dame and they're Notre Dame," he said. "It's an amazing experience."

Malloy's term was not without controversies of its own, however.

In 1991, African-American and Hispanic students staged a sit-in outside the registrar's office against the University's slow progress to integrate more racial diversity into its student body and its policies, according to Notre Dame Magazine.

The University drew major controversy when Malloy presented the Laetare Medal to Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a New York lawmaker who supported abortion, in 1992.

In 1999, Malloy guided the University through its first major

NCAA violation. The organization put the Irish athletic program on two-year probation following the NCAA ruling that Notre Dame committed a major violation in regards to gifts to players by a University representative, according to The Observer archives.

"I think that got negotiated well," Malloy said of the 1999 incident. "We've not had any recurrence. I think we have in place better protective mechanisms."

For every controversy at Notre Dame before, after and during his presidency, Malloy said the University has always been and will always be a place for open discussion.

"It's a question about whether you want to be a full university where the great issues are represented and people come and give talks, and in a sense allow you to listen to them and make judgments about what you think about them, or to live in a more isolated way," he said.

"Notre Dame was a place where the Church could do its thinking, and we could help society think about the great issues of the day. And you can't do that unless you invite people or have sometimes controversial topics discussed. I think we've done that generally quite appropriately, and I hope we're always a place where that can go on."

In the future, Malloy said he hopes to see the professional and graduate schools grow further. But he said seeing the school in the hands of a Holy Cross priest like current University President Fr. John Jenkins is a reassuring moment for the future of Notre Dame.

"For the Notre Dame constituency, the priest-president like Ted and myself and John represent in a sense the whole institution," he said. "And because we celebrate Mass and do a lot of things that some lay presidents don't do, it allows us to have a visibility and the consciousness of the peer group that you have when you're in that role."

"So for the 18 years that I was president and for the years in which I have other roles in other people's lives, I can hopefully represent the best of what Notre Dame is about."

More than 50 years after he joined the Irish as a basketball player and eight years after he took a seat from the president's position, Malloy still plays for the Notre Dame team.

"You feel good about the place you've given your life over to, that the next person in line is carrying it forward in pretty much the same general direction that you've tried to lead it," he said. And so we can kind of sit on the sidelines and cheer and be happy that Notre Dame is prospering."

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Horn, Pellegrino and senior Brandon Keelean collaborated over the summer to write the grant proposal. The project's selection as a grant recipient stands out because Sappi generally funds projects proposed by professional designers over students, Pellegrino said. (Editor's Note: Keelean is The Observer's graphics editor.)

"The grant absolutely validates the work we're doing," Pellegrino said. "If we walk into a corporation asking for funding, the fact that we already have the grant validates what we've done so far."

The concept for together+ materialized in April 2011 when Horn, then-director of communications for the Center for Social Concerns (CSC), approached Sedlack and Pellegrino about the issue of xenophobia in Kgos. Horn said. "I knew both Andrea and Robert had a strong interest in and belief that design could effect social change and be used for social good."

After speaking to Horn and listening to research presented by Pat McCormick and Graham Thomas, both members of the Class of 2012 and former participants in the CSC's International Summer Service Learning program, Sedlack and his students began to develop the materials for the together+ project, which

consists of four student-generated projects that aim to inform the Kgos community about issues related to xenophobia: a refugee rights booklet, a healthcare rights booklet, a children's book and a community mural project.

"The students did a really wonderful job generating a wide variety of ideas that could manifest themselves in some way or another to address the issues," Sedlack said.

During fall break last year, Sedlack and Pellegrino traveled to South Africa to conduct some research of their own, which was

"There was a critical need in the refugee community for some outside agency to try to address the problem of xenophobia, and I thought it would be a perfect fit for design and communication."

Paul Horn
Director of Community
Outreach Initiatives
Kgos Neighborhood Foundation

followed by a spring break research trip that included seven of Sedlack's design students.

"We had the amazing experience of watching students get wrapped up in [the project] after doing research on how to develop an educational and promotional campaign to help alleviate

xenophobic issues in this community in Johannesburg," Pellegrino said.

"[The trip] wasn't a deep immersion, but it was enough to really see it," Sedlack said. "It was a powerful opportunity for the students to come face-to-face with these issues. It's one thing to read about it or see it on a computer screen or hear about it from someone else, but when you're sitting in a room ... where eight people live and talking to people who have been affected by such horrible atrocities, it's a totally different thing than reading about it in a classroom in South Bend."

Senior Lynn Yeom said her springbreak experience changed her perspective on the potential impact of the project.

"Our initial intent for all the projects ... was more about planting the seed within the community so they can develop solutions themselves by changing their thoughts about foreigners and refugees," Yeom said. "After going [to South Africa], we really thought that would be possible with the right tools and the right audience of young kids."

The together+ team is also collaborating with the Alliance for Catholic Education to develop the children's book into an interactive curriculum project that will potentially expand its use to sixth graders and high school juniors, Yeom said.

Pellegrino, Sedlack and Yeom said the success of together+ in moving into the production phase is somewhat unusual.

"Often, projects initiated by graphic design kids are really

innovative ... but don't get far into production because they don't get feedback or exposure," Yeom said. "But the fact that we got the grant is a firm cheer from other people that these projects are feasible and it's possible to change people's perspectives and solve problems by giving people solutions to progress from."

Some of the project's original student collaborators have graduated, but Pellegrino said that hasn't stopped them from remaining involved in the project.

"The thing that's so unique about Robert's approach, the project and its student involvement is that students who have graduated are still feeding into the project, and going and actually meeting people affected by xenophobia in South Africa is a big part of that," Pellegrino said.

Although all the students originally involved with together+ will have graduated at the end of

this year, Pellegrino said Sedlack would hand the project over to the next crop of students by integrating some juniors into the group in the spring.

"This is a long-term project. Xenophobia won't disappear next year because of what we do, but the idea affects people of different ages," Sedlack said.

But the heart of the together+ project lies in its foundation in Notre Dame's mission, Sedlack said.

"This is the kind of project that our Notre Dame design program pursues, that social model for design," he said. "A lot of programs around the country teach classes in that, but it's part of the fiber of our being at Notre Dame. We have students who want to affect positive social change, and this class and our program generally allow for opportunities like that."

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Legacy

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and two cousins attended at the University, and he has a cousin and a sister attending the school with him now.

The junior said his familiarity with the University has greatly enhanced his Notre Dame experience.

"I knew the place so well and I knew what it was about before I got here," he said. "I guess I felt kind of in-tune with the whole campus lifestyle. I thought it was really easy to become a part of."

For freshman Jess Guvanich, her previous knowledge of the University has made the first few weeks of college a little easier for her.

Both of Guvanich's grandfathers, both of her parents, two of her uncles and one aunt all attended Notre Dame.

"I grew up with it, so it was a very familiar place," she said. "I think I know a little bit more coming here. I know a little more about the history of certain places, and I'm interested in the connections [between the University and my family], like where my parents lived."

Guvanich said her family has been very interested to learn about Notre Dame from her point of view, and to find out what has changed at the University since their time in school.

"They always comment on how nice the new buildings are and how much bigger the campus is," she

said. "[LaFortune Student Center] wasn't like this when they were here, it was just a few study halls. And my mom always says the dining hall is 10-times better now."

Even though the University has changed since Gerspach's family attended the school as well, he said its important facets remain the same.

"From what I know it seems like it still embodies the same traditions, ideals, morals and goals," Gerspach said. "It's just as or even more prestigious as it was when they were here."

The prestige of the University and its post-college network both heavily factored into Gerspach's decision to attend Notre Dame, he said.

Although he knew his family would be thrilled if he chose to enroll in the University, Gerspach said he did not feel forced to make that decision.

"They never influenced me, not directly, and I never felt any pressure to come here," he said. "But what better place [than Notre Dame], you know?"

Guvanich had a similar experience during the college application process.

"They were very happy for me to go here, but my parents did not want it to be said that they made me come here," she said. "They encouraged me to look at other schools."

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communication, said the choice of Clinton for this role was significant.

"That speech was remarkable ... that a former president nominated a sitting president. President Clinton provided specific and detailed counter-arguments to Republican criticism of the Democrats' weakest area, the economy," Ohmer said. "[Clinton] referenced his proven success with the budget and linked his work to that of President Obama, in a way transferring his success to the President."

Although her speech was also highly visible, First Lady Michelle Obama had a very different role in the convention, Ohmer said.

"It seems to be the role of the First Lady or the candidate's wife to humanize her husband for the audience," she said. "They are generally not politicians and have their roles because their husbands were elected, not them. So generally they are careful not to speak as political figures."

That being said, Ohmer said nominees' wives speeches tend to draw parallels to the big issues.

"Yet of course their speeches and presentation of their personal experience link to the

party's themes: family, values, hard work, the immigrant experience, the American dream," she said. "They may show a softer side, but it is no less strong in supporting the party and the candidate's goals."

While Ann Romney gave a similar speech at the GOP's convention last week, Ohmer said the First Lady's ability to speak of her husband's experience in the White House made her address more effective.

"I would give the edge to Mrs. Obama, because she was able to connect her personal life with the president more directly to his political work. She can testify to his long hours and concern about American citizens. Mrs. Romney can talk about the concern that her husband has shown for people in his church, but it's not the same," she said. "A First Lady can offer personal testimony about her husband in situations that presidents face and that a political candidate hasn't faced."

Camille Suarez, president of College Democrats, also found the First Lady's speech more impactful.

"I think Michelle Obama's speech was more successful. She talked about Obama as a person and about things people could relate to," Suarez said. "For example, college loans, that's something students, and just about him being a parent.



AP

Vice President Joe Biden and President Barack Obama wave at the Democratic National Convention as they accept the party's 2012 nomination. The convention was held this week in Charlotte, N.C.

She hit a wide spectrum that I don't think Ann Romney did."

Ohmer said an array of factors went into determining the rest of the speech lineup at the convention.

"First and foremost, the party wants to address key issues in the campaign, build support for its candidate, and contrast its platform and ideas with those of the other party," Ohmer said. "A party can demonstrate its diversity by its choice of speakers and appeal to demographic groups who either clearly support it or whose support the party wants to ensure."

Ohmer, who teaches a course titled "Media and Presidential Ethics," said convention

coverage varied across outlets, but was generally more extensive for the DNC.

"I think the media have been more enthusiastic about the DNC than the RNC — certainly they have raved strongly about some speeches more than others — but in general I've been struck by the extensive analyses journalist provide," Ohmer said. "We really do have a rich pool of media to choose from and one can get a good sense of the different approaches of the conventions from journalists' analyses."

Regardless of the relative effectiveness of one convention to another, conventions do not determine the race's outcome,

Ohmer said.

"It is too early to be a 'make it or break it' point, but I think conventions can shift the grounds of discussion leading up to the election ... so in that sense the arguments or commercials after a convention start from a different place."

Suarez said she felt the DNC reinvigorated the party's support base more effectively than the opposition.

"From what I've been reading and people I've been talking to, I think people are more inspired," she said. "I think they kind of lit a fire under people."

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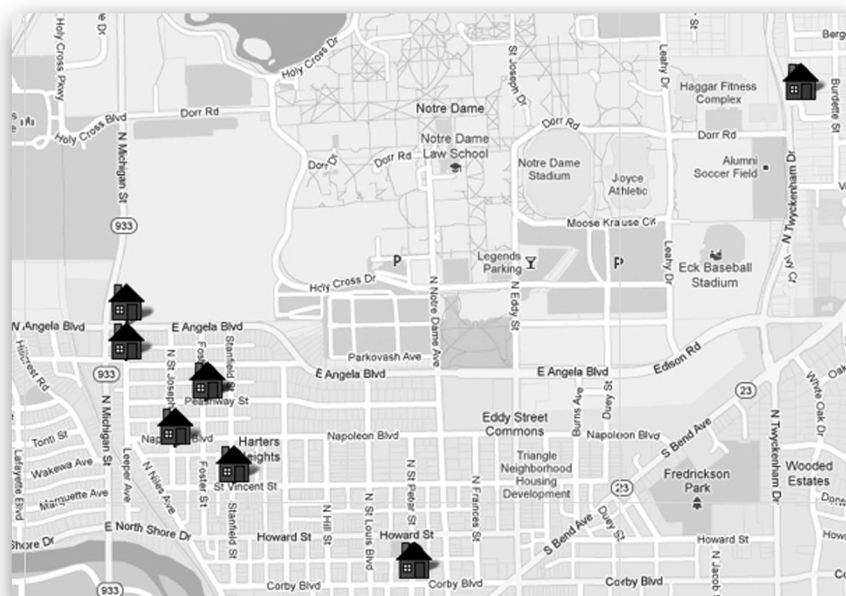


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Delegate

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major, is a South Bend native with a long-standing interest in politics and campaigning. She was contacted by her county Democratic Chairman in May, who asked if she would be interested in running to become a delegate for the 2012 DNC.

"My family has always been involved in local politics," Voorde said. "My grandpa was Mayor of South Bend and my dad is the City Clerk. I was involved in my dad's campaigns for my entire life, as well as the campaign for South Bend's current mayor, Pete Buttigieg."

Voorde said she filed the necessary paperwork to run for the delegate position, and then sent a letter to everyone in her district who would be attending the Convention, stating why she wanted to attend the DNC.

"Delegates for the National Convention are chosen by each District at the Indiana Democratic Convention," Voorde said. "I attended the State Democratic Convention held in Fort Wayne in mid-June. I gave a speech at the convention to members of my District, and then a paper vote was taken."

After the voting results came in, Voorde was invited to make the trip to

Charlotte to attend the 2012 Democratic National Convention.

"I was fortunate and honored enough to be chosen, along with eight other members of the 2nd District, to represent Indiana at the DNC this year," Voorde said.

Voorde is one of nearly 6,000 delegates attending this year's convention, including 105 from Indiana. As a delegate, Voorde listened to speeches from government officials such as Julian Castro, mayor of San Antonio, and First Lady Michelle Obama on

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Emily Voorde
sophomore

Wednesday night. She also attended a caucus meeting for the Youth Council.

The biggest responsibility she has, however, is to cast her official vote to re-nominate President Obama as the 2012 Democratic presidential candidate.

"[The speakers] did a fantastic job, energizing the crowd and even touching on some of the big issues,"

Voorde said. "In addition to all of the notable speakers, they had videos and live speeches from Americans directly affected by the work President Obama has done."

Voorde said she found these unofficial speeches moving, and motivating as she continues her passion for politics.

"While I understand that not everything President Obama has done is universally agreeable, it was really eye-opening to see these everyday Americans whose lives had literally been saved by things like the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Healthcare Reform," Voorde said. "It's easy to get caught up in the big business of these hot-button issues, but it really makes the issues personal when individuals share their stories."

Voorde described Thursday evening's program as full of energy and excitement, especially the acceptance speeches by Obama and Biden.

"It was like one big American pep rally," she said. "President Obama stressed the American dreamer, the middle class, everyday Americans — how we can only accomplish things together, pulling each other up along the way."

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Obama evolves as candidate

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — President Barack Obama's convention evolution is complete.

Eight years ago, the little-known Democrat rocketed into the political spotlight with a soaring convention keynote address. Four years later, he accepted the Democratic Party's nomination and became its standard bearer.

On Thursday and now the president, Obama took the stage fighting for his job.

"I recognize that times have changed since I first spoke to this convention," Obama said. "The times have changed, and so have I."

"I'm no longer just a candidate. I'm the president," he said, drawing cheers from the crowd of 15,000.

It was a telling transformation for Obama, locked in a tight re-election battle with Republican Mitt Romney. After taking office with sky-high hopes in 2008, Obama now is hampered by a shaky economy and dampened enthusiasm among his supporters.

His prime-time convention speech, delivered two months from Election Day, was meant to set the tone for the campaign's final stretch.

So, with thousands in the audience and millions watching from elsewhere, the president asked for more time. Obama urged voters to stay patient even though his economic policies have failed to fully fix the American economy. Once the candidate of hope, Obama's message was hang in there.

"America, I never said this journey would be easy, and I won't promise that now," he said, "Yes, our path is harder — but it leads to a better place. Yes our road is longer, but we travel it together."

In 2008, Obama ran for office on a platform of lofty ideas, many of which have gone unfulfilled during his years in the White House. This time around, Obama acknowledged that the campaign sometimes seems small, even silly.

"Trivial things become big distractions. Serious issues become sound bites," he said. "And the truth gets buried under an avalanche of money and advertising."

Obama never mentioned his own role in the 2012 campaign's increasingly nasty tone. The president's campaign has hammered Romney, a successful businessman, as a corporate raider who sought profits at all cost. A Democratic super PAC supporting Obama ran an ad linking him to the cancer death of a man who worked for a company Romney's private equity firm controlled. And the president never asked his allies to take it down, despite

questions about its accuracy.

On this night, gone was the excitement of someone new that was felt during his two previous convention appearances. And Obama, the graying incumbent, didn't try to recreate it.

Instead, he whittled the election down to a choice, spelling out his vision of how to create economic opportunity for all, and warning that Romney would restore trickle-down ideas that Obama says were quietly gutting the economy for years before crashing it completely.

The president offered a rousing defense of good government and how Democrats see the world. He made a case for citizenship over cynicism, part of a broad appeal to independent voters who want Washington to work better but loathe its growing cost at their expense.

"We insist on personal responsibility and we celebrate individual initiative. We're not entitled to success," Obama said. But he added: "We don't think government can solve all our problems. But we don't think that government is the source of all our problems."

Gone, too, was the setting Obama wanted for the biggest address of his re-election bid.

Democrats opted for their convention's rented basketball arena instead of a much larger, open-air football stadium for Obama, wary of the safety and political risks if rain came pouring down.

"We can't let a little thunder and lightning get us down. We're going to have to roll with it," Obama said in a phone call earlier Thursday to supporters who lost their chance to attend because of the site switch.

In a nation in which more than 23 million people are unemployed or underemployed, Obama focused on the millions who have found work, and how many more can, too. He talked of education and energy and innovation and job training.

He had help making his case this week.

As former President Bill Clinton put it on Wednesday: "No president - not me, not any of my predecessors - no one could have fully repaired all the damage that he found in just four years. But he has laid the foundations for a new, modern, successful economy of shared prosperity. And if you will renew the president's contract, you will feel it."

Obama walked off stage after 11 p.m. with wife Michelle and daughters Malia and Sasha by his side.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Lessons from Bruce



Mel Flanagan
News Writer

It's the Friday before the first home football game, a day full of pep rallies, Irish music and general debauchery. And I'm going to Chicago.

At about 7 p.m. this evening, I will enter Wrigley Field for a concert by one of the most epic musicians in history, Bruce Springsteen. Am I bummed about missing the first football Friday? Nope. I can't think of a better way to start football season and senior year than with some life lessons from Bruce.

When my high school valedictorian, a fellow Notre Dame senior, quoted Bruce in his commencement address, I realized the true power of Bruce's lyrics: their lessons, their relatability, their insights.

With a repertoire of over 200 songs, Bruce has a song for every moment, for every situation, for everyone. Many songs are for us, Notre Dame seniors, as we delve further into our last year under the Golden Dome.

So, fellow seniors, here are a few words of wisdom from the legend himself, as applied to our final year at Notre Dame.

1. "If there's a light up ahead well brother I don't know / But I got this fever burnin' in my soul / So let's take the good time as they go / And I'll meet you further on up the road."

In "Further On (Up the Road)", Bruce tells us to enjoy every minute we have left here. Even though we might not know what lies ahead of us, we're all pretty psyched that it's senior year. So let's have a blast and let life take us where it will.

2. "I'm working on a dream / Though sometimes it feels so far away, I'm working on a dream / And how it will be mine someday."

Contrary to what we may have hoped, senior year is not easy. We're juggling the usual classes and extracurricular activities with the added stress of job searching, all while trying to maintain a social life. In "Working on a Dream", Bruce acknowledges our struggles. He reminds us that if we keep putting in the effort, we'll have that diploma in our hands before we know it.

3. "Now you can't break the ties that bind / You can't forsake the ties that bind."

After graduation, we're all going to separate. We'll stay close with our best friends and stay friendly with some others, but most people will seem to have fallen off the face of the earth. In "The Ties That Bind", Bruce lets us know that no matter where we go in life, regardless of whether or not we will see each other again, we'll always be connected. To each other, and to Notre Dame.

So cheers to senior year, to the first home football game and to Bruce. Let's live it up because, after all, this is our one last chance to make it real.

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Our voice at the Forum

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

In a recent interview with The Observer, University President Fr. John Jenkins said he felt the 2012-2013 Forum would be a reminder to students that the temptation to "check out" of discussion on American politics and major issues is one to be avoided.

"I think Notre Dame students tend to be a thoughtful group and people of conviction, maybe not firebrands on one or another issue, but I think they can provide a thoughtful voice," he said.

This fall, Jenkins announced the newest Forum theme: "A More Perfect Union." The year's Forum events will focus on the United States democracy and its future, with special focus on 2012 as a presidential election year. The Forum, established by the Office of the President in 2005, has since brought experts to campus to share their ideas on critical issues ranging from education to immigration.

Notre Dame is the type of institution perfect for a conversation about the future of American democracy. We are a campus united under the gleaming image of the Mother of God, but we are also a campus of young voters and educated debate.

It should be our natural instinct to fuse the two issues, religion and politics, as we approach an election. That conversation should happen here at Our Lady's University, a premier college that is both quintessentially Catholic and quintessentially American.

Notre Dame is also at a crossroads with the federal government unlike it ever has been before. This spring, Jenkins filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of the University against the Department of Health and Human Services, challenging the relationship between the government and religious freedom established in the recent Affordable Care Act. In doing so, Jenkins inserted the University's voice into a conversation about the rights of the federal government and the place of religious freedom in democracy.

The national conversation on this issue now includes Our Lady's University.

This week, the President's Forum hosted its first event, "Conviction & Compromise: Being a Person of Faith in a Liberal

Democracy." Important figures, in not only the Christian faith, but also the Jewish faith, congregated on our campus to discuss the way religion should intertwine with political life in our democracy.

The voices of the experts present at the panel discussion were thoughtful and informed. But in the midst of their voices, our voice got lost. Only two students had the opportunity to ask questions at Tuesday's event. We have the ability and responsibility to be the people of conviction Jenkins described — to be that thoughtful voice. But the debate between panelists, however informative, overtook the chance for student participation at this first Forum event.

We are the students of Our Lady's University. How do we answer Jenkins' challenge? How do we add our unique voice to these conversations, just as he has added the University's voice to the national stage? Thus far, the Forum has not provided an adequate outlet for student voices and ideas.

Successful events that elicit student participation often happen at Notre Dame. The Center for Social Concerns often fosters discourse between visiting speakers and students. The Holy Votes debate, in many ways a precursor to this Forum's subject matter, incorporated students in its conversations along with the four featured professors. Smaller events based around the Forum, such as weekly lunches in the Department of Political Science, allow for more casual conversation among students. These events should be an example to the Forum's organizers on productive conversation between students and experts.

The University needs the Forum to be a means to answer the president's call to be a thoughtful voice during this important moment in the history of our institution and our nation. But students also need to check into the conversation, to speak up on the issues that are critical at this point in time and to be ready with questions for the esteemed Forum guests. Students should take the opportunity to inform and shape not only their views on today's issues, but also the views of religious and political leaders.

We are Our Lady's University, a premier college that is both Catholic and American. Check in, because our voice needs to be heard.

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My friend, Neil Armstrong

Gary J. Caruso
Capitol Comments

What a befitting time — the eve of Notre Dame’s 125th football season home celebration, featuring the annual intrastate gridiron clash between the Fighting Irish and the Boilermakers — to remember and honor one of Purdue’s most infamous and cherished sons, astronaut Neil Armstrong. Over the last two years of Armstrong’s life, I walked half a dozen small steps along his giant voyage. During those times, I witnessed both the private and public man from a behind-the-scenes vantage. Now that Armstrong is gone, those glimpses of him are among my most treasured memories.

As with the rest of mankind, my knowledge of Armstrong began on a July night in 1969. It was the summer before the start of my freshman year at Notre Dame. I lay prone on my stomach on the living room floor in front of our television set, while my family eagerly watched Armstrong step onto the moon. It was such an historic milestone and scientifically fascinating accomplishment. For my generation, it seared a marker in our personal timelines, not unlike a Facebook page might display today. In fact, the landing instilled such a sense of national pride among the

youth of that time that most of my college classmates displayed posters or photographs of the lunar landing on our dorm room walls. As a student, I never imagined meeting Armstrong, let alone one day actually earning his friendship or chauffeuring him around Washington.

My friend and fellow Notre Dame alumnus Mike Whalen ‘74, organized morale visits with American celebrities by flying them to visit with our troops in Iraq. In 2010, Whalen hosted two such visits featuring astronauts included Armstrong. When I first met Armstrong in New York City, I accompanied him on a bus and at a speaking engagement on the U.S.S. Intrepid aircraft carrier museum. At first, it was difficult for me to think of fresh topics that may not bore or agitate him. Armstrong was a typical, humble, Midwestern guy, so I quickly learned how to open a dialogue with him about people we both knew.

Joe Walker, who attended public school with my mother in Washington, Penn., flew experimental flights with Armstrong when they both were civilian test pilots. After explaining how Walker was close to our family and how my mother always pointed out his daring accomplishments in the news to us, Armstrong shared his insights with me. Walker had been killed during one such sound barrier breaking mission. Armstrong had reminisced

about Walker in a heartfelt way that one would convey about the loss of a brother.

Upon our arrival at the Intrepid, a public relations staffer for the museum suggested a change in Armstrong’s itinerary. Rather than just speaking to the audience of mostly children, the staffer innocently proposed, “Wouldn’t it be nice if the kids could ask Mr. Armstrong a few questions?” At that point, Armstrong’s voice quivered; his hand shook as he held his notes and he seemed uncomfortable in his skin. He had not agreed to take questions. After being hounded for more than four decades since he stepped onto the moon, he preferred not to answer what he had already said publicly. Who could blame him, the man who for so long had carried the weight of the cosmos on his shoulder of notoriety? He merely spoke as originally planned.

On our bus ride, I attempted humor with him which completely flopped. My college classmate, Steve Pallucca ‘73, had been our generation’s John Belushi in both stature and comedy. He joked about how the lunar landing was staged in the Mojave Desert, so I repeated the claim and asked Armstrong how he assures those who doubt. As his face turned red, Armstrong’s voice became forceful and deliberate as he emphatically replied, “I can’t assure you of anything.

They know where I landed. Someday they will return and see my footprints where I walked. I know what I did.”

With that faux-pas under my belt, I mentioned that I thought his parents had appeared on the television show, “I’ve Got a Secret.” Armstrong thought it was while he was on the moon, but I recalled it differently. When Armstrong arrived in Washington for his next morale trip, I had a CD of the show with his mother on the cover.

As I drove, I handed it to him and asked who the lady was on the cover. “That’s my mom,” he replied as he squeezed my hand in thanks. She had appeared the day he became an astronaut. The host asked what she would say if he was the first man on the moon. Without hesitation she meekly said, “I’d wish him luck and say, ‘God bless you.’”

To my friend Neil: Thank you, good luck and God bless you.

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‘Madden 13’ marks franchise’s biggest improvement to date

Nick Wesdock
The Daily Athenaeum

Football season officially began when the defending champion New York Giants took on “America’s Team,” the Dallas Cowboys. But for video game enthusiasts, the season started last week with the release of EA Sports’ “Madden NFL 13.”

Many people expected this latest addition to the “Madden” franchise to be the most advanced sports game to date, and the title was rumored to exhibit the biggest leap forward the series has ever taken in a single year.

I have to say, the game does not disappoint on these fronts. “Madden 13” features a number of new technologies that enhance both presentation and game play. A fresh new broadcast team in Jim Nantz and Phil Simms adds to the experience, while a virtual commentary booth creates aesthetic appeal. Another advancement in the presentation is motion blur, which some of you might have seen in EA Sports’ “NCAA Football 13.” While this reinvented version of the game still has some kinks to work out, most of the new components of “Madden 13” are unprecedented. Motion blur is the one development that seemed unnecessary. The game play element is designed to “blur” the screen during fast moments in the game, but unfortunately it does not bring any substance to the game’s presentation.

One seemingly flawless transition of this edition, though, was the new CBS-style commentary. In recent years, the repetitive Chris Collinsworth sayings got old, quickly. Now, there are more than 9,000 recorded phrases, with Nantz and Simms sounding as calm and natural in the game as they do on live national television. This makes the “Madden” experience all the more realistic. With the replacement of the previous annoying phrases every few plays, “Madden 13” deserves a check-plus.

As far as game play goes, the brand new Infinity Engine was easily the biggest change. Infinity Engine gives “Madden 13” something no sports game has ever had before: real-life physics. The engine implements physics into each and every collision, providing unique hits and tackles each play. Players no longer “morph” through one another and the engine also allows for in-air contact. In previous editions, receivers and defenders had to come

back down to the field before being tackled, which is neither realistic nor gamer-friendly. With revolutionary technology like Infinity Engine, initial imperfections are to be expected. “Real life” physics create some awkwardly overdramatic player movements, especially in the secondary and after the whistle. Regardless, other elements of the game make up for this small misstep. The pass ready system, for example, is another game-changer in “Madden 13.” This feature allows the receiver to catch the ball only once when he is ready and looking for the pass. This feature means receivers no longer catch the ball before running their routes; they must be actively looking for the ball. When a receiver is looking for the ball, the icon above his head will turn from grey to color and only then can the player make a catch. However, if you choose to user catch with a receiver, this feature is almost a non-factor.

The new read and react defenses further add to the realism of the game, essentially allowing the playbook to open up for the receivers. Before, defenders would occasionally jump routes before receivers even made their cuts, almost as if they knew the play. Now, defenders must read the play and react to the motion of the receiver, making both out routes and curl routes much easier to complete.

Last but not least of the game’s innovations is the 25 new pass trajectories thrown by quarterbacks. Users can choose to throw to a number of different places in attempt to put the ball where only their receiver can catch it. This skill is very difficult to master, but the advantages are numerous.

Combine these new factors with improved graphics – due in part to Infinity Engine – and a slightly faster pace, and “Madden 13” provides a freakishly-real playing experience. This game is revolutionary in the world of sports video games. EA Sports has brought football fans closer to the field than ever with “Madden 13,” undoubtedly earning the hype surrounding its release.

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FIRST FOOTBALL G



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MD: Let's make one thing clear, Sam. Notre Dame football fans are stingy, demanding and deathly afraid of change. Mention artificial turf in the sacred Notre Dame Stadium and they shiver just as much as the Jamaican bobsled team in "Cool Runnings." Pump in music during a night game and they'll cry more than a newly-crowned Miss America. But mess with the uniforms? Now, we have problems.

Forget the fact that Notre Dame's uniforms have been changing plenty over the years. The adjustments have been subtle and minute, so it makes sense the fan base has not gone into a giant uproar over them.

In the past, the pants have been shiny and glittering gold—old gold. More recently, the pants appeared in a darker mustard hue that looked like it belonged in Crayola's pack of 64 crayons. There have been stripes, numbers and the interlocking monogram on the sleeves of the jerseys. And sometimes, the numbers are under the sleeves in the jersey, like they are for this year's Shamrock Series uniforms.

Which brings me to my next point, Sam. I think those uniforms looked less like a mixture of a schizophrenic Domer and its alter ego and more like a mixture of Fergie and Jesus. What say you?

SS: Matt, it seems we are the only two fans who DIDN'T lose their shamrocks when they first saw the Miami game uniforms. The outcry has been ridiculous — you'd think they had asked Obama to speak at Commencement again. I've heard of an alum who bought two tickets so he can move to the opposite side of the field at halftime, and never see the leprechaun side of the helmet. Aren't there better things to spend your money on, like hot dogs or charity?

Seeing Notre Dame players in these uniforms is like seeing that quiet girl from your freshman seminar dancing in the cage at Fever. Yes, these uniforms are bold, but that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

Lest fans forget, there is more in common with these new uniforms and the traditional Irish garb than there has been in past seasons.

Blue and Gold? Check. Shiny helmet? Check. Yes, there is a leprechaun on the side of our helmet, and yes, the gloves are pretty snazzy for Notre Dame. But guess what — we're only wearing these uniforms once. After that, they're history.

Listen, the Shamrock Series is supposed to be a special

occasion for Notre Dame football. Think of it as visiting your relatives during the holidays — it happens once a year, you have to get dressed up for it nice and fancy and what you wear is certainly something you wouldn't don on an everyday basis. Listen, we'll never be the Oregon Ducks, who make more outfit changes than Lady Gaga at the VMAs, so cool your roll, Irish fans.

MD: Exactly, it's not like Notre Dame is trotting out the Maryland crash test dummy/medieval knight uniforms for a few games. The Shamrock Series getups are more like a Caribbean cruise to me: not everything is going to be pretty, but you only do it once in a while, so just go for it. If the Notre Dame faithful can withstand a 3-9 season, they sure can handle a half-blue helmet for one game. And if they can absorb last year's helmet that looked like the Dancing With the Stars trophy (what, no, of course I don't watch that show), they must be able to deal with lettering across the chest.

Enough about the Shamrock Series uniforms, let's get back to the normal Saturday attire.

Since the Irish introduced the new, sparkling helmets against USC last year, Notre Dame only had one sunny day to showcase the shiny headgear. That changes this Saturday against Purdue, when the forecast calls for partly cloudy skies.



The Fighting Irish will show off new gloves designed specifically for the Miami game Oct. 6.

shinier than a Vegas showgirl's sequined dress, Navy's were dull and gold in name only — they certainly lacked the luster of real Notre Dame gold.

It's amazing, because the Irish uniforms are about as timeless as you can get — we've seen fans go into an uproar over the smallest tweaks, yet I would say the helmets have been a resounding (and refreshing) success. After all, if you're going to splurge for gold helmets, you may as well make sure they glisten in the sun.

All in all, I think Irish fans get to have their proverbial cake and eat it too. Fans get to enjoy the classic Blue and Gold, while also seeing futuristic (a word I never thought I would use to describe the University) duds for the game in Chicago. While South Bend will never be confused for Milan or Paris, fashion-wise the football team looks better than ever.

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Scene Writer

It's officially college football season, and tomorrow the Fighting Irish will be suiting up to battle the Boilermakers of Purdue in their first home game of the year. The players, however, are not the only individuals who will be suiting up. Students, faculty and fans from all over will be showing off their Irish pride in various ways during the game day festivities. Many fans of Notre Dame football will pick up the classically essential game day top, ever-so-modestly named "The Shirt". However, if you are one of the few who is not hip to this traditional look, or if you're interested in finding an alternative approach to game day fashion, then this section is for you. I've traveled to the Hammes Bookstore and back to give you the breakdown on ND's fashion tradition, as well as the inside scoop on some of the bookstore's best tops for maximizing stadium style.

The Shirt:

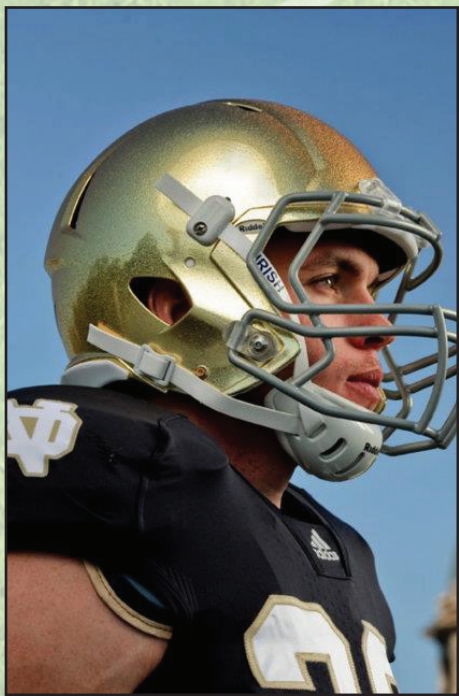
For those of you who don't already know, The Shirt is one of the fundamental elements of the Notre Dame student fan section. Time and time again, students have lined up to purchase the top that is reinvented annually so as never to become boring or fall out of style. The success of The Shirt's influence on the student body and other fans over the years attributed in part to the ceremonial "Unveiling". The ceremony involves football players, coaches and performances celebrating the unveiling of a new design and a new season to come. In terms of its power in the stadium, the overwhelming cluster of students all wearing the same top creates a unified sea, in this year's case, of navy blue. The unity brought about not only by the color but also by the messages and imagery that The Shirt displays is truly the cherry on top of the most lively student body in college football.

The League:

Because I honestly couldn't pick my favorite, I had to cast my vote on this brand as a whole. The League, a brand known for making collegiate wear, is all over the bookstore with a large variety and endless stock of cute pieces. Their biggest trademark is the their tri-blend polyester, cotton and rayon fabric which makes so many of the brand's pieces unforgettably soft. The bookstore offers League apparel with a wide mix of different ND logos, some of which immediately draw the eye while others are more subtly chic. This Leprechaun T-shirt is more the latter, as the muted colors blend nicely with the cartoon depiction of the school's epic mascot.

Sun's Out:

Boys, if you know the rest of the title phrase then this muscle tee is for you. The polyester sleeveless top is perfect for guys who are reaping the benefits of those long hours spent in the gym. Created by Adidas, the style and lettering of the shirt will have you looking like a Notre Dame football player yourself, as they are almost identical to that of the Notre Dame official issued gear. Going for a more



This year's football helmet is modeled by former safety Harrison Smith.



Accessorizing and be the game like these t

ND FASHION



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...a page from this model's book and find a creative way to wear this year's Shirt.

conservative look, yet still want the swag of a Notre Dame student-athlete? Not to worry — the shirt comes with sleeves as well.

Clover Will-age:

Ready for another dose of Irish tradition? Look no further than this t-shirt, branded with the phrase that has led the football team and many others to victories over top-notch competitors. Located on a plaque within Notre Dame Stadium, the players give the words “Play like a Champion” a final high-five before heading through the tunnel and rushing out onto the field. The popularity of the phrase has led to a mass production of “Play like a Champion” products, bringing good luck and great determination to Irishmen, women, and fans alike. Players will be ready to go if they see you sporting this driven slogan as they travel to the stadium during the player walk. Wearing the shirt on game day is also a great way to pump up the fan section so that

...s has been they make some noise as the Fighting Irish storm the field.



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...ing rain-ready are do's here in South Bend. Be ready for two models.

Tailgating Touchdown:

The Notre Dame lacrosse pinnie has become one of the most popular styles regardless of pre-game intentions, and it's easy to see why. The look is perfect while the weather's still warm, and because pinnies were developed initially as athletic gear, this top is particularly airy and yet still resilient. Spilled something on your top that has caused an irremovable stain?

This pinnie is reversible, so just flip it inside out and a brand new shirt is born! Feeling the temperature begin to drop? No problem — just slip on a long-sleeve thermal and you can still rock this shirt! The bottom line here is that this pinnie is comfortable, versatile, and extra cute. Oh, and did I mention that its unisex? You just can't lose, and with the Irish heading onto the field tomorrow, that's an offer you'd be crazy to resist!

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...v your ND spirit and stay comfortable on the chers with these crafty Irish shoes.

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Scene Writer

FASHION DOS AND DON'TS

On any given game day in Notre Dame Stadium, an onlooker can immediately spot the bustling student section. The sea of energetic students proudly wearing “The Shirt,” gives the impression that everyone has a uniform sense of style.

Up close, however, it's obvious that each and every student has his or her own idea about what a game day uniform should be. In fact, students often exercise much creativity in putting together ensembles. From a “Shirt” that has been carefully ripped and torn, to glitter and green eye shadow, we all have a very distinct way of expressing our game day spirit.

As a senior, I've been able to gather ideas about what tends to work on game day. Over the years, those things that one simply shouldn't do fashion-wise have been burned into my memory as well. So take them or leave them: my fashion “do's” and “don'ts” for the football season.

Dos:

Lots and lots of Notre Dame gear — You really can't go wrong with anything that shows off love for your school. Whether it's a Notre Dame hat, shorts, jacket and pants or just a cute fall sweater, being Irish is always in style.

Fun hair accessories — Bring on the ribbons, bows and sparkly headbands! These accessories undoubtedly add spunk to your pretty ‘do!

Jerseys/Lax Pinnies — Take advantage of the warm weather while it lasts, show off your sun-kissed skin, and go sleeveless in a pinnie.

Small purse or wallet — Skip the long line and hassle of getting your bag checked, and opt for a small purse instead.

Sunglasses — An absolute must for these first few games. A green-rimmed pair would be ideal, but just make sure you look chic!

Necklaces — Just about every Notre Dame girl loves her green, blue and gold beads. Throw just a couple of them on, and you are good to go.

Raingear — Per usual, South Bend will show its true colors and amidst sheets of rain, visitors will try to wear garbage bags. But, let's try to be just a tad classier. Come prepared with rain boots and a raincoat!

Don'ts:

Prior “Shirts” — There is a reason Notre Dame comes out with a new one each year. So let's not try and repeat the past — especially with the “2009” flesh-colored shirt. Did anyone even keep that one?

Too Many Face Tattoos — Whoa there, Mike Tyson. Use face tattoos sparingly, and try not to apply after too much tailgating.

Heels/Wedges — Don't! You will most definitely fall trying to stand on a small wooden plank. And then you'll take everyone down with you.

Skirts — Remember girls, you'll be bobbing up and down in the air for crowd push-ups.

Don't go overboard with the green eye shadow and glitter — We all love the spunky makeup, but be forewarned: excessive glitter + all-day tailgating = you as a Ke\$ha lookalike.

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STADIUM ACCESSORIES

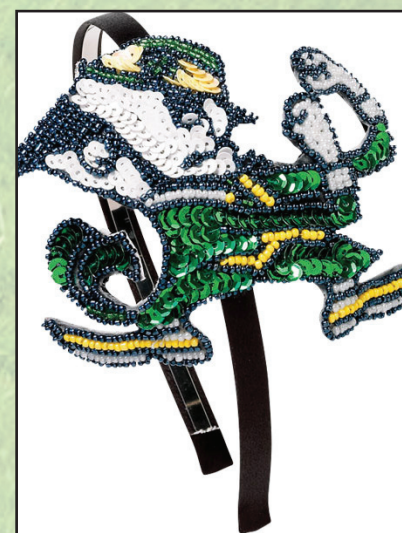
To add some extra spirit to the basics or to get a unique look while still wearing The Shirt, accessories are the perfect addition to your Notre Dame wear. Ladies, here are some ideas to add a feminine touch:

Bracelets — The bookstore sells soft cloth scrunchie-type hair ties that work great as bracelets: For cheers that involve your arms in the stadium, it's like having a hands-free pompom.

Face tattoos — Give your face a cute, cheerleader kind of spirit without painting your whole face or body. The cheap kinds you apply with water are great for one-day use and can be scrubbed off to go out later in the night. The bookstore stocks the signature blue and gold of Notre Dame and a green leprechaun shade.

Beads — Mardi Gras beads you might have lying around or those you can find at a costume store are cheaper than the basketball- and football-shaped ones in the bookstore. Green and gold are Mardi Gras colors (and also Notre Dame colors!), so add some shine with necklaces that work well with t-shirts, or wrap them around your wrists as bracelets.

Head bands/clips — Go all out with a sparkling leprechaun on your head band, or subtler with a blue and gold flower that can be worn anytime.



Courtesy of bkstr.com

Find this fun headband and others at the bookstore.

Earrings — In addition to Notre Dame shaped earrings in the bookstore, any gold earrings go well with navy and green, especially this year's The Shirt. Use earrings to add a sassy feminine contrast to the more masculine jerseys.

Pompom — Have short hair but want the pompom ponytail? Make one yourself by putting a pompom into the open hole in the back of a cap for a mix of sporty and girly. It also serves as an easy dorm room decoration.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Bellissimo



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Oh, you ain't seen nothing yet. We think we're fans. We think we know how to cheer on a team. But we have no idea. Because they were cheering on a country, whose fate rested not on a currency, but on a ball.

The colors were green, red and white, yet our shirts were blue — all of them. The newspapers say our numbers could have filled at least four Notre Dame Stadiums, maybe even six or seven. And yet we weren't even at the game. Actually, we were over 1,400 miles and more than a few borders away from the stadium, but I bet they heard us on the pitch in Ukraine.

It was the final for Euro Cup 2012 — just a soccer tournament — and my entire country shut down. There is a famous saying that all roads lead to Rome, but surely they were all empty. From the postcard-perfect Venice canals to the winding-road splendor of the Amalfi coast, all one heard was the hum of a single commentator's voice, echoing from the newest of plasma screen televisions into the centuries-old cobblestone streets. It was a moment known most widely in this sport, in a country known mostly for its history. And for once, the discernible image of my country wasn't a Colosseum — it was a shirt. Blue, to be exact. And one word came to mind: Bellissimo.

Experts say as many as 500,000 Italians packed the ancient ruins of Rome, where the city placed four giant 500-square foot screens. That was not a typo. Half a million came just to watch a soccer game on a glorified television from a quarter of a mile away in a 95-degree haze. Everyone had the same idea: When in Rome.

And there we were just two kids, mixed in with young families, elderly couples and raucous teens ready to party. But at that moment, we were all the same, wearing the same shade of blue. It didn't matter if you were a progressive student of the Information Era, a distrustful veteran of the Mussolini era or just a little kid out way past your bedtime. You were Italian, and that's what mattered. My mother's former home became my forever home. Their abiding, incessant pride for a shirt became mine.

Our version of pre-gaming was tying flags around our foreheads and adorning our backs with patriotic capes. Our flyover quickly became hundreds of thousands of flags flying over our tricolor crowns, fervently ripping through the scorching air.

And boy, was our anthem made national. The song I admittedly, yet proudly, know better than our own national anthem probably interrupted Mass all the way to our Basilica of the Sacred Heart that day. To say it was loud would be lying. I went from singing that very song alone in my living room in California for the 2010 World Cup to screaming past the top of my lungs (and probably still not having any effect on the volume) with 499,998 people I had never met for the 2012 Euro Cup. But with them, I shared the same language and culture since birth and the same passion since I can remember. Oh, and the same shirt too.

I was fortunate to be there in the Circo Massimo, where the ancient Romans hosted mile-long horse races, having survived being up-close and almost too personal with the widespread street riots just three days prior following a semifinal upset victory over the tournament-favorite, Germany. It wouldn't have been the first time Rome was burned to the ground, but maybe the first time for a soccer match.

Because that semifinal match meant so much more than redemption from the infamous one-and-done performance at the 2010 World Cup, it meant hope in the threads of an azure jersey. For just one night, it served as a welcome, refreshing distraction from one of Europe's worst economies and financial struggles that have affected everyone, including the "one percent", for the past few years. For just one night, a goal was the country's actual goal. And for just one night, it showed us the breathtaking power of sport, in the dazzling magic of a shirt.

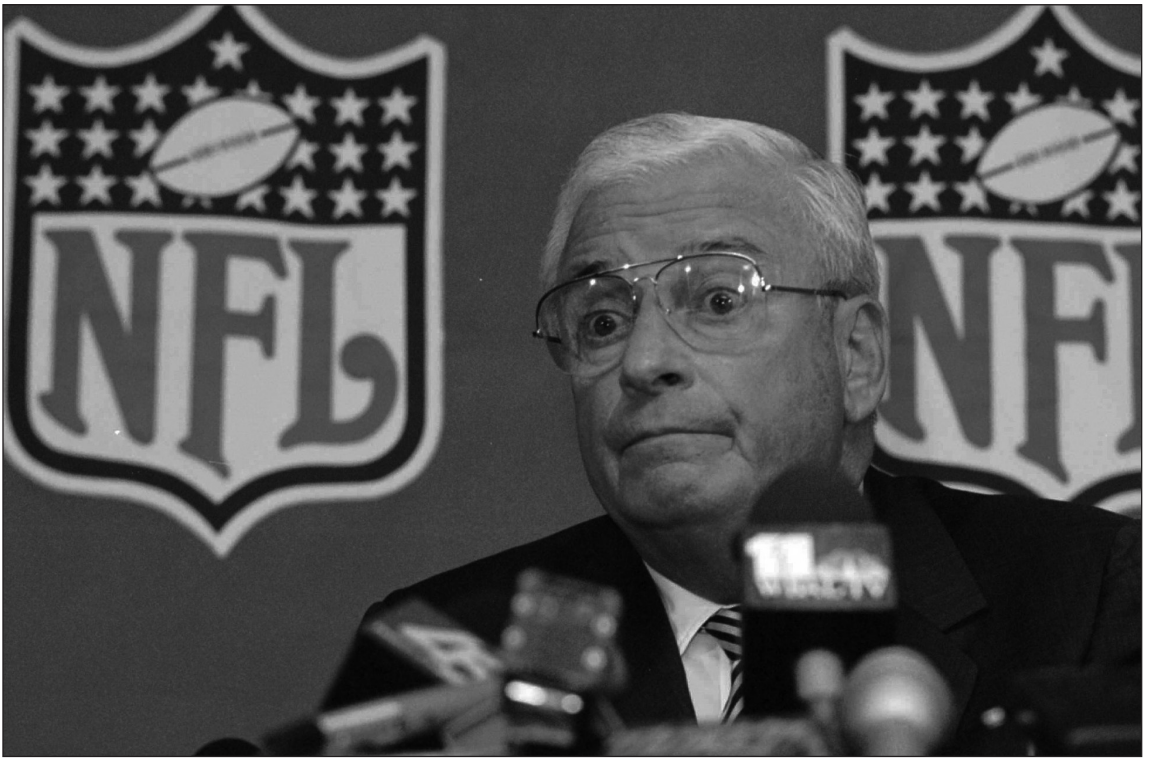
And the final game hadn't even started yet. It was... bellissimo.

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NFL

Former NFL owner Modell dies



AP

Former Cleveland Brown's owner Art Modell, who died of natural causes on Thursday, answers questions about the team's move to Baltimore at a Nov. 7, 1995 press conference in Grapeville, Texas.

Associated Press

BALTIMORE—Former Baltimore Ravens owner Art Modell died early Thursday, the longtime NFL stalwart who incurred the wrath of Cleveland fans when he moved the team from Ohio and admittedly tarnished his own legacy as a civic leader.

He was 87.

David Modell said he and his brother, John, were at their father's side when he "died peacefully of natural causes."

Modell was among the most important figures in the NFL as owner of the Cleveland Browns and a league insider. During his four decades as a team owner, he helped negotiate the NFL's lucrative contracts with television networks, served as president of the NFL from 1967 to 1969, and chaired the negotiations for the

first the collective bargaining agreement with the players in 1968.

He also was the driving force behind the 1970 contract between the NFL and ABC to televise games on Monday night.

Modell, however, made one decision that hounded him the rest of his life. He moved the Cleveland franchise to Baltimore in 1996 and Ohio fans never forgave him for it.

"It's a shame that one decision hurt how some people think of him, because he did so much good," said Doug Dieken, a Browns offensive lineman for 14 years.

Practically overnight, the man who was one of Cleveland's most notable civic leaders was a pariah in his own community.

"I have a great legacy, tarnished somewhat by the move," he said in 1999. "The

politicians and the bureaucrats saw fit to cover their own rear ends by blaming it on me."

The move was also believed to be the main reason why Modell never made it into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was one of 15 finalists in 2001 and a semifinalist seven times between 2004 and 2011.

The Ravens won their lone Super Bowl in January 2001, less than a year after Modell sold a minority interest of the team to Steve Bisciotti. In April 2004, Bisciotti completed purchase of the franchise but left Modell a 1 percent share.

"He worked alongside Lamar Hunt, Tex Schramm, Well Mara and Art Rooney, and all of those men are in the Hall of Fame," former Browns guard John Wooten said. "He worked with them in all of those meetings. He was there. It is indeed a shame that he is not in the Hall of Fame."

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Livin' in the Future
By Bruce Springsteen

A letter come blowin' in
On an ill wind
Somethin' 'bout me and you
Never seein' one another again
And what I knew had come
Stars struck deaf and dumb
Like when we kissed
That taste of blood on your tongue

(Chorus)
Don't worry, darlin'
No baby, don't you fret
We're livin' in the future
And none of this has happened yet
Don't worry, darlin'
No baby, don't you fret
We're livin' in the future
And none of this has happened yet

Woke up election day
Sky's gunpowder and shades of grey
Beneath the dirty sun

I whistle my time away
Then just about sun down
You come walkin' through town
Your boot heels clickin' like
The barrel of a pistol spinnin' round

[Chorus]

The earth it gave away
The sea rose towards the sun
I opened up my heart to you
It got all damaged and undone
My ship Liberty sailed away
On a bloody red horizon
The groundskeeper opened the gates
And let the wild dogs run


Alone I limp through town
A lost cowboy at sundown
Got my monkey on a leash
Got my ear tuned to the ground
My faith's been torn asunder
Tell me is that rollin' thunder
Or just the sinkin' sound
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NFL

Samuel puts Falcons first

Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Asante Samuel says he doesn't care if he starts at cornerback for the Atlanta Falcons.

His stance isn't much different from Week 1 last year in Philadelphia after the Eagles acquired Nnamdi Asomugha and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie.

Even though he started all 14 of his games, Samuel was initially the odd man out. By October, with Philadelphia off to a poor start, he complained about management's desire to reduce his role.

With the Falcons, the label of being a starting cornerback is somewhat less relevant. New defensive coordinator Mike Nolan is likely to use more schemes with three cornerbacks and two linebackers than he deploys in the base 4-3 scheme with two cornerbacks and three linebackers.

"We all are competitors, so of course everybody wants to be out on the field as much as possible," Samuel said on Thursday. "Like I always say, the coach is going to do the



AP

Falcons cornerback Asante Samuel, right, tackles Ravens wide receiver Anquan Boldin during the first quarter of a preseason game Aug. 9.

best thing to help the team win. You'll see how it develops and how everything unfolds on Sunday."

How it unfolds could factor heavily in the outcome when Atlanta opens the season at Kansas City.

If the Falcons are able to control the clock offensively and score when opportunities are presented, they will have taken advantage of a Kansas City defense that has

a long list of injuries and is without suspended linebacker Tamba Hali, the Chiefs' leader in sacks last season.

Atlanta's defense could face a tougher challenge. Kansas City has potential game-changing playmakers in Dwayne Bowe, Jamaal Charles and Dexter McCcluster, an eighth-year veteran in quarterback Matt Cassel and a stout offensive line.

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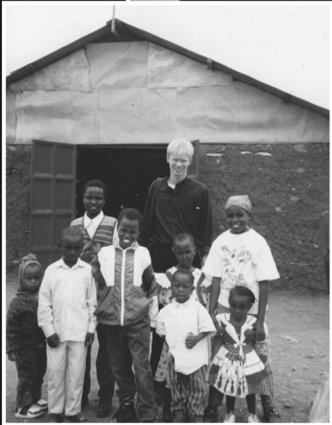
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Gurley follows tradition



Georgia running back Todd Gurley outruns Buffalo defensive backs Najja Johnson, left, and Marqus Baker during the second half of the Bulldogs' 45-23 victory Saturday.

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Todd Gurley knows the storied history of Georgia's running backs.

Herschel Walker. Terrell Davis. Knowshon Moreno.

He also knows the much different path taken by some of his more recent predecessors.

Isaiah Crowell. Washaun Ealey. Caleb King.

All arrived on campus with plenty of hype. None of them lived up to it between the hedges, their careers sidetracked by everything from off-the-field troubles to pompous attitudes.

Gurley is determined not to go down that path.

"You just want to stay on top of things and try not to make the wrong decisions," he said. "It's so easy to get in trouble and so hard to get out of trouble."

So far, he's off to a good start.

Gurley had quite the debut for the Bulldogs (1-0) last Saturday, rushing for 100 yards and two touchdowns on just eight carries. That's not all. He also returned a kickoff 100 yards for another score, leading No. 7 Georgia to a 45-23 win over Buffalo.

It seems just a matter of time before Gurley takes over as the starter — perhaps as soon as Saturday night's first Southeastern Conference game at Missouri — but Gurley shot down that sort of talk.

He wants to fit in with his teammates and quietly earn everything he gets. He quickly deferred to the guy who started the opener, third-year sophomore Ken Malcome.

"Ken is the starter," Gurley said, more decisive about the depth chart than even the coaching staff. "He started the last game. He's still going to be the starter this game."

No matter who takes the first snap, Gurley will surely get plenty of playing time against the Tigers (1-0). Coach Mark Richt is impressed with the freshman's physical tools, but seems more excited about the intangibles.

His humble demeanor. His willingness to listen and learn.

"Everything I've seen so far has been outstanding," Richt said. "He got a couple of As in classes he took this summer. He showed up to everything we asked him to show up to, on time. He's got a good attitude. He doesn't seem to have a sense of entitlement."

Those were telling words from a coach who clearly went a bit overboard after the Bulldogs landed Crowell, the state's top prospect a year ago. He was essentially anointed the starter on signing day, so maybe it shouldn't be a surprise that he showed up in Athens like he owned the place. He turned up hours late for a scheduled interview session. He treated schoolwork like an imposition. He failed a drug test, loafed at practice and irritated his teammates.

Even though Crowell showed plenty of promise on the field, leading the Bulldogs in rushing and winning the SEC's freshman of the year award, it wasn't much of a surprise when he was arrested on a felony weapons charge after the season. He was quickly booted off the team by Richt, who is determined not to make the same mistake with Gurley or another freshman back, Keith Marshall.

"When you have success early it can change a guy," Richt said. "It can make you feel comfortable too soon. We have not sat down and talked to (Gurley) about it, but we do have to keep an eye on him."

In recent years, none of Georgia's most-hyped runners has been able to complete his college career with the Bulldogs.

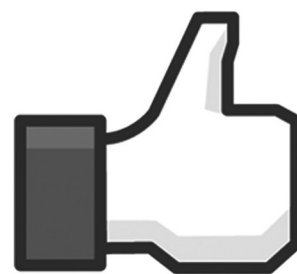
Crowell is now playing at lower-division Alabama State. Ealey, the leading rusher in 2009 and '10, took a similar path after he was arrested for a hit-and-run accident on the Georgia campus and failed to follow through on disciplinary measures. He wound up transferring to FCS school

Jacksonville State, where he was arrested on misdemeanor drug charges just this week.

King, who was one of the state's top prep prospects, turned out to be nothing more than a backup at Georgia. He, too, was arrested after he failed to appear in court for a speeding ticket and wound up being declared academically ineligible for his final season with the Bulldogs. He tried to make it in the NFL, but was has been cut a couple of times.

Those are the examples Gurley wants to avoid.

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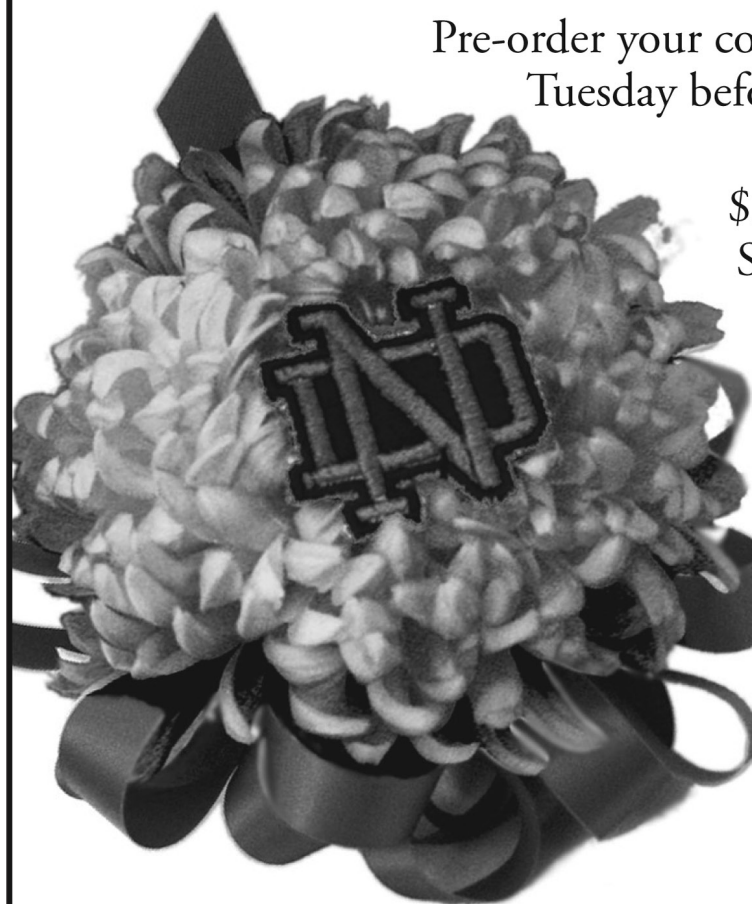
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NHL

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NHL commissioner Gary Bettman takes questions from reporters following negotiations with the NHLPA in Toronto on Aug. 23.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — While the NHL and the players’ association stay away from the negotiating table, discussions have taken place behind the scenes in an effort to restart talks as a lock-out deadline looms.

NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly and NHLPA special counsel Steve Fehr have discussed procedural details that could soon lead to a continuation of negotiations that broke off last week — perhaps as early as this week.

The current collective bargaining agreement between the NHL and the NHL Players’ Association expires on Sept. 15, and NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman has said he will impose a lockout then if a new deal hasn’t been reached.

“From our perspective, there has been a sense of urgency all summer,” Daly said in an email to The Associated Press, “but, obviously, it becomes more real as we get closer to September 15 with no meaningful progress being made.”

The first NHL preseason games are scheduled to begin Sept. 19, with the regular season slated to open on Oct. 11

with four games.

The NHL canceled the entire 2004-05 season and playoffs before the current deal with the union was finally hammered out in July 2005.

Donald Fehr, executive director of the NHL Players’ Association, told The Canadian Press that he stopped drawing a salary on July 1.

“It’s both a measure of solidarity and uniformity of interest,” Fehr told CP on Thursday. “You want the players to understand you’re in the same boat they are. You don’t have interests different than they do. We think it’s important.”

Talks broke off last week when the NHLPA responded to an offer from the NHL with changes to an earlier proposal.

The union’s most recent offer came three days after the NHL made its first counterproposal last Tuesday. After asking the players to cut their share of hockey revenue from 57 to 43 percent, the NHL upped its proposal to have the players get a 46 percent share over a six-year deal.

The union revised its initial offer by proposing to restructure the fourth and final year of its initial offer. The NHLPA was

willing to give back between \$465 million and \$800 million in revenue over the first three years of the deal as long as the system switched back to the existing agreement in the fourth year.

Donald Fehr countered by proposing “several concepts” in which the players would get less than 57 percent of revenues in the fourth and final year. The NHLPA, however, is still asking NHL owners to establish a revenue sharing program to help struggling teams.

Bettman called revenue sharing “a distraction” and questioned whether the union made an actual counterproposal or a mere response to the league’s presentation.

As for further talks, Bettman said then that he didn’t see a need to continue negotiations until new ideas can be brought to the table.

“What I thought was a promising week ended with disappointment,” Bettman said on Friday.

The union has questioned the NHL as to why it is attempting to have players bear much of the burden of cost savings, especially after the league reported record revenues topping \$3.1 billion last season.

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NFL

Lucrative QB contracts don't guarantee playing time

Associated Press

GLENDAL, Ariz. — In the NFL, money doesn't necessarily buy a starting quarterback.

That fact will plainly be on display when the Seattle Seahawks meet the Arizona Cardinals in the teams' season opener Sunday.

Millionaires Matt Flynn of Seattle and Kevin Kolb of Arizona will be watching from the sidelines as younger, less-wealthy quarterbacks get the start. The Seahawks will go with rookie Russell Wilson, the Cardinals with third-year pro John Skelton.

Flynn, formerly the backup to Aaron Rodgers in Green Bay, signed a three-year deal with Seattle this offseason with \$10 million guaranteed. Just before the start of last season, Arizona sent cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and a second-round draft pick to Philadelphia to acquire Kolb, then signed him to a five-year, \$63 million contract extension, with \$21 million guaranteed.

But both lost out in preseason competition.

"It never was about money and hopefully it never will be," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "This is a game that competitors play, and guys that win the battles should be playing. In my mind, they should be playing. I don't care how much money they make."

Wilson, a third-round draft pick from Wisconsin, lit up defenses in the preseason, but for the first time will face a defense that is game-planning against him. He also could be without star running back Marshawn Lynch, who is nursing a sore back that kept him out of the final two preseason games.

If Lynch doesn't play, expect Arizona's defense — a major reason the Cardinals won seven of their last nine last season to finish 8-8 — to home in on Wilson even more than originally planned.

"Being a rookie should help us out a lot," said Calais Campbell, the Cardinals' 6-foot-8 defensive end, "because he should be a little flustered. Preseason's a whole different ballgame. It's going to be a little bit more intense, a little more different. I think it will help us out a lot, him being young and stuff, but he is definitely an athlete so we have to be careful of him running the ball."

Wilson is 5-11 but can scramble away from trouble and has been good at finding the passing lanes against big defenders. Skelton is 6-4 and shows poise in the pocket.

Wilson knows the Cardinals will try to confuse him.

"I definitely know that is something they do and I have to be prepared for that and just

trust in the process of this entire week," he said, "and learn as much as I can and play as much as I can and have a full grasp of what they are trying to do."

Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt calls Wilson "a sharp young man."

"We are going to do what we do defensively," Whisenhunt said. "Hopefully that will be confusing. We will see."

Skelton, 5-2 as a starter last season, won a protracted competition over Kolb. A fifth-round draft pick from Fordham, Kolb has a strong arm but the ball sometimes has a tendency to sail on him. He has a knack for pulling out victories, though, engineering Arizona's 23-20 overtime victory over the Seahawks in last season's finale with a series of big passes to Larry Fitzgerald, including a one-handed grab that set up the winning field goal. Fitzgerald has more receptions and more yards receiving against Seattle than against any other team.

"Just a guy that catches crazy passes," Seattle strong safety Kam Chancellor said, "one-handed, between his legs, over his head. He's just a tough competitor."

Seattle's defense finished ninth in the NFL statistically last season and figures to be just as tough or tougher this year.

"They've got a lot of the same guys back and they're big and physical up front," Arizona offensive coordinator Mike Miller said. "They're fast off the edges. They just drafted 51 (Bruce Irvin) out of West Virginia that's a lightning bolt off the edge — quick, fast with great technique."

"The linebacking corps is solid and they've got big, physical corners on the outside. They're going to redirect and wear on you, so you've got to have a plan for them."

The Seahawks face what could be a wobbly Arizona offensive line that lost left tackle Levi Brown to a season-ending triceps injury. The Cardinals' two tackles, D'Anthony Batiste and rookie Bobby Massie, have never started an NFL game at that position, although Batiste had four starts at guard for Atlanta in 2007. Miller acknowledged that he might have to use additional players, a tight end or a running back most likely, to help out the line.

"It's just how we're going to protect it," he said, "on which plays should we lean toward maybe giving a guy some help based on what type of fronts and looks that that defense is giving us."

The Cardinals hope they can ease the pressure on Skelton by running the ball with the 1-2 punch of Beanie Wells and Ryan Williams. Wells, who

topped 1,000 yards rushing for the first time in his career last season, is still working back from arthroscopic knee surgery. Williams, extremely impressive when he's healthy, missed all of his rookie season with a torn patella tendon.

"We've got some backs that look good right now," Whisenhunt said, "but I know teams are going to try to load up the box and stop us, see if we can complete some passes, so we have to be able to do that as well."

Wells has never faced a Carroll-coached team.

"Pete is a great football coach and he's got a great team and he's been coaching that defense up well," Wells said. "It will be exciting to get me, Ryan, LaRod (Stephens-Howling) and WiPo (William Powell) going, because we have an exciting backfield."

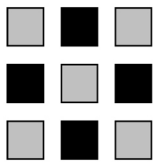
Just as Arizona has its sights on Russell, the Seahawks' defense is aiming to fluster Skelton. Unlike the Cardinals, they are familiar with the quarterback.

"They've got explosive players, they've got Larry, they've got a good running game and it seems once their quarterback gets into a rhythm he seems like he can move the offense," Seattle free safety Earl Thomas said. "We're just going to try and disrupt him."



Titans defensive end Kamerion Wimbley sacks Cardinals quarterback John Skelton during a preseason game in Nashville on Aug. 23.

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Orioles join Yankees atop the AL East

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Mark Reynolds hit two of Baltimore's season-high six home runs — three in a wild eighth inning — and the Orioles climbed back into a first-place tie with the Yankees in the AL East by defeating New York 10-6 Thursday night before a euphoric sellout crowd at Camden Yards.

Adam Jones' leadoff homer in the eighth off David Robertson (1-6) put Baltimore ahead 7-6 after the Yankees rallied from a five-run deficit in the top half. Matt Wieters followed with a single and Reynolds hit a drive into the left-field seats. Chris Davis then slammed the first pitch from Derek Lowe over the right-field wall.

Wieters and Robert Andino also connected for the Orioles, who have won 10 of 13 — a run that includes three of four over New York.

After trailing the Yankees by 10 games on July 18, the surging Orioles pulled even Tuesday, then dropped a game back on Wednesday before taking the opener of this

important four-game series.

Reynolds, who also went deep in the sixth, has homered in three straight games and has eight long balls in his last seven, including two in each of the three wins against New York. With Reynolds leading the way, the Orioles hit six home runs in a game for the first time since Aug. 28, 2007, against Tampa Bay.

Baltimore has played several significant games in September in recent years, but this is the first time since 1997 that the Orioles have been in the hunt for a playoff berth. The fans reacted accordingly, cheering from the first pitch to the very end.

The Yankees always attract huge crowds, but this time an estimated 90 percent of those in attendance were cheering for the home team. The full house and the boisterous orange-clad fans conjured memories of a time long ago, when Baltimore made two straight playoff appearances in 1996-97 prior to a run of 14 consecutive losing seasons.

New York trailed 6-1 in the eighth before mounting



Orioles third base coach DeMarlo Hale, left, congratulates catcher Matt Wieters as he rounds the bases after hitting a three-run home run in Baltimore's 10-6 home win over the Yankees on Thursday.

a comeback fueled by four walks. After Alex Rodriguez hit an RBI double and Curtis Granderson singled in a run, the Yankees put runners on second and third with two outs. The fans rose to their feet in anticipation after Pedro Strop prepared to throw a 1-2 pitch to Russell Martin, but Strop ultimately issued a walk to load the bases for pinch-hitter Chris Dickerson, who drew a four-pitch walk to make it 6-4.

Ichiro Suzuki followed with his third hit, a two-run single, before Darren O'Day (7-1) got the final out.

Orioles starter Jason Hammel gave up one run and

six hits in five-plus innings in his first outing since going on the disabled list in mid-July. The right-hander took a line drive by Robinson Cano off his elbow in the fourth, but stayed in the game.

After Hammel warmed up the rowdy fans with a 1-2-3 first, three straight singles against David Phelps in the bottom half produced a run before Wieters hit an opposite-field, three-run drive to left for a 4-0 lead. It was his 19th home run of the season and the first since he connected off Phelps on Saturday.

New York got a run in the fourth on Cano's hit off Hammel's arm and an RBI

single by Granderson. In the Baltimore half, Andino hit his career-high sixth home run to make it 5-1.

Reynolds made it 6-1 with a solo shot off Joba Chamberlain.

NOTES: On the 17th anniversary of the day Cal Ripken Jr. broke Lou Gehrig's mark of consecutive games played, the Orioles unveiled a statue of the Iron Man in the picnic area beyond the center field wall. Ripken is the fifth of Baltimore's six Hall of Fame stars to be so honored this season; the last will be Brooks Robinson. ... Yankees 1B Mark Teixeira (strained left calf) jogged lightly in the outfield at Camden Yards before the game and said he's close to returning to the lineup. ... Cano played 2B for the first time since suffering left hip soreness on Monday. ... NY manager Joe Girardi said LHP Andy Pettitte (broken ankle) will throw a simulated game at some point this weekend. Pettitte has been on the DL since June 28. ... Baltimore improved to 8-7 against New York this season. ... The Orioles will send rookie Wei-Yin Chen to the mound Friday night and the Yankees will start Phil Hughes.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles look for first league win



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Senior setter **Danie Brink**, right, hits the ball over the net during the Belles' 3-0 victory over Olivet on Sept. 10, 2011.

By **NICK BOYLE**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's looks to bounce back from its first loss of the season when the team travels to Albion on Saturday for a conference match.

This will be the second conference match of the season for Saint Mary's (4-1, 0-1 MIAA) following a strong start to the season.

"Saturday will be a great chance for us to get our first conference win, but we will have to perform to the best of our ability to do so," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said.

The Belles are coming off a straight-set loss to conference-foe Trine in what was a match marred by a plethora of unforced-errors from Kuschel's squad.

"Tuesday's loss to Trine was a good indicator on what we need to work on," Kuschel said. "The team knows we did not play our best and we let some uncontrollables affect our play."

To score their first conference win of the season, the Belles will have to overcome their nearby rival Albion (0-5, 0-1). The Scotts will be looking for their first win following a tough start to the season.

"Albion has a great senior outside hitter, Lauren DeLuyck, who is back again this year," Kuschel said. "She will be one to watch out for. They are a younger team like us, with a new coach, so we will have to focus on what we can control on our side of the net."

If Saint Mary's is going to compete on Saturday, it will need its leaders to bring their best effort, Kuschel said.

"We will need our hitters and setters to really step up this weekend," Kuschel said. "[Sophomore middle hitter] Melanie Kuczek and

[sophomore middle hitter] Taylor Etzell in the middle can make a big impact when they are on. We will be looking to them along with [sophomore defensive specialist] Meredith Mersits and [sophomore defensive specialist] Samantha Grady to lead our defense."

Although the Belles are coming off a loss, Kuschel said expects her team to come out strong.

"I will be looking for a dominating team performance," Kuschel said. "We need a solid mental performance and a disciplined defense."

Saint Mary's will travel to Albion, Mich., to square off against the Scotts on Saturday at 11 a.m.

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Bauters

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invitational would provide a great early-season test for her team.

"Racing with this level of competition early in the sea-

the best of the best in the region," Bauters said. "I'm hoping it reveals that our team is a tough group that is ready to work together to bring home results."

Saint Mary's will also face the test of adjusting to

"For most of them, it's been a long time since they've raced competitively, as we are limited to the racing experiences we can garner in the fall."

Jackie Bauters
Belles coach

son will provide the team with experiencing in racing in a large field, finding their racing strategy and being able to compete with

a longer-distance 5K race, in which many of the Belles haven't raced since last fall. Bauters said she expects the race to be a slight adjustment

for the team, but added she was confident in her squad's ability to succeed.

"For most of them, it's been a long time since they've raced competitively, as we are limited to the racing experiences we can garner in the fall," Bauters said. "My hope for the team is that they trust their hard work and instincts to go out and compete. The work is in, now it's just time to get to the starting line."

Saint Mary's will compete at the Calvin Invitational in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Saturday at 10 a.m.

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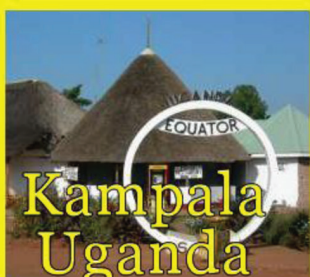
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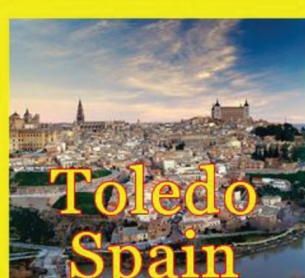
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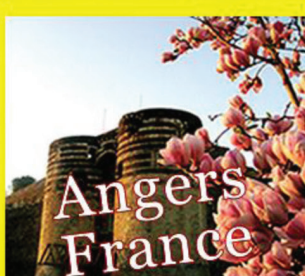
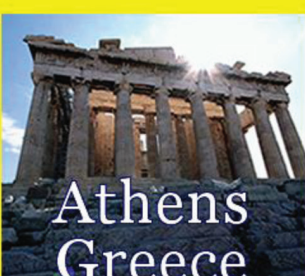
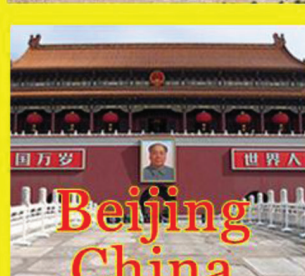


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Junior midfielder Elizabeth Tucker evades a North Carolina defender during Notre Dame's 1-0 loss to the Tar Heels at Alumni Stadium on Sept. 2. Tucker and the Irish hope to generate more offense this weekend.

Washington

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victories, outscoring its opponents 12-2 during that stretch. Waldrum said the Huskies have caught his attention.

"I've been really impressed with Washington," Waldrum said. "They are off to a great start and they are a team that I really think can go far."

In order to emerge victorious over the weekend, the Irish will have to create more scoring opportunities than they did during their shutout loss to North Carolina on Sunday. According to Waldrum, Notre Dame's forwards must control the ball better, while the rest of the team must do a better job of assisting the strikers.

"A lot of times this week we've been working on support of the ball," Waldrum said. "We couldn't hold the ball, number one, but then we didn't have the right support [against North Carolina]. It was kind of like everyone stood around and watched that player instead of getting in good supporting angles. We spent some time during the week working on the shape of our midfielders and getting them a little more involved."

Making things more difficult for the Irish will be the continued absence of midfielders Cari Roccaro and Mandy Laddish. The freshman and junior, respectively, are still in Japan representing the United States as part of the

U-20 national team. Waldrum said the team hasn't been too hung up on their missing stars.

"[The mindset]'s always just been 'Focus on what we have,'" Waldrum said. "Everyone is anxious for those girls to get back, but it's not something we've hearing about in training. I think they all believe in themselves. That's kind of the goal they have, and they're confident."

The Irish will put their continued training to the test tonight at 10 p.m. against Portland, before taking on the Huskies in Seattle at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

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Focusing

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on having good first touches and cleaning up our errors."

The Irish are coming off a successful home opening weekend, during which they won the annual Shamrock Invitational with a perfect 3-0 record. With two ranked teams at the USC Classic, McHugh said she is expecting this weekend to be a good challenge.

"The level of competition is going to be pretty high this weekend," McHugh said. "We are playing two top-20 teams, [San Diego] and USC, and then another good Cal Poly team. It is not going to be easy by any means, but we are ready for the challenge."

Even though the squad is pleased with its home opening performance, the Irish realize they have room for improvement, McHugh said. The team is focusing on improving its energy throughout a match and being more consistent in its play.

"Coming off of a weekend with three wins is definitely something to feel good about, but speaking for the team and myself, we are definitely not satisfied with our play this past weekend and still have a lot to prove to the volleyball community," she said. "We have set so many goals as a team and also individually this season, and while some individual goals may have been met,

our team goals are continuous throughout the season.

"We are so excited for this season, and can't wait to face our opponents in Southern California and achieve some of the goals we set as a team."

Notre Dame has received outstanding performances recently from some of their younger players. Sophomore right side hitter Toni Alugbue and sophomore opposite side hitter Jeni Houser have received Big East weekly honors, and freshman libero Taylor Morey earned Big East Freshman of the Week honors after the opening weekend of the season. McHugh said junior middle blocker Andie Olsen and senior opposite side hitter Marie Roof have also made key contributions to the team.

"Andie Olsen has been playing great out of the middle," she said. "She has been really explosive and dynamic out of transition and always comes away with a block at just the right time. Marie Roof stepped into middle this past weekend and played extremely well. She is so quick in reading and setting up the block."

The Irish will take on Cal Poly at 7:30 p.m. on Friday to begin the weekend, before squaring off with San Diego and USC on Saturday.

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Zips

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Scott Caldwell and sophomore midfielder Wil Trapp.

Despite being the highest-ranked team the Irish will have played to this point in the season, Clark said he is focusing on the Oregon State game first.

"We're not looking at Akron," Clark said. "We've got all Saturday to look at Akron and Sunday morning ... You must take one game at a time, and that's very, very important."

Though he is not currently game-planning for the Zips, Clark said this weekend's matchups display the difficulty of Notre Dame's schedule.

"I think if you're a soccer fan, this is a fantastic weekend of two teams that will be quite different," Clark said. "I think they'll be different teams, but

both very good teams. We do not have any [game on our schedule] that we can [put] in the win column before the game starts."

In addition to the Beavers and Zips, No. 10 Indiana will also participate in the tournament. The Hoosiers (3-0-1) will play Akron this afternoon and Oregon State on Sunday. Though the Irish and Hoosiers will not square off this weekend, Notre Dame will travel to Bloomington, Ind., on Sept. 26 to face Indiana.

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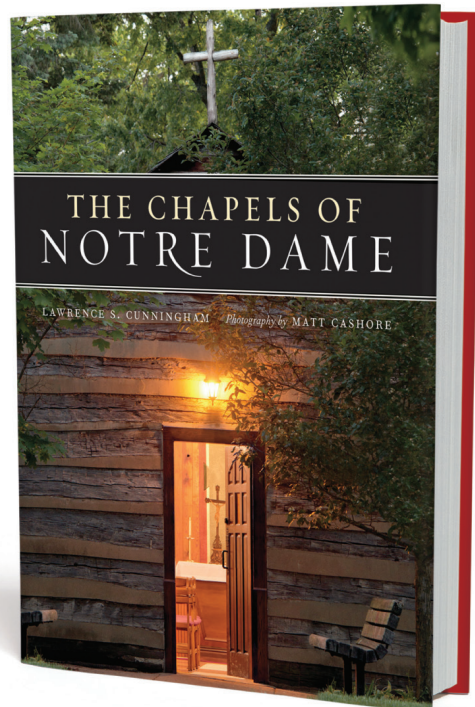
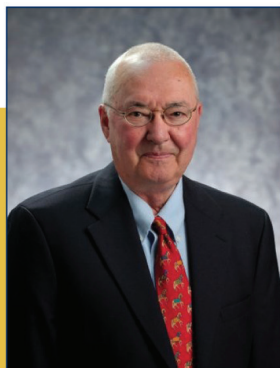
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10 Xerox rival

15 Real soon

16 One who comes from Qom

17 Pick, of sorts

18 Guilty gang

19 Mardi Gras, for one: Abbr.

20 Observant individual

21 These, to a Tico

22 Jazz setting

24 Yarn

26 Cool red giant

28 Adherent of the clockwork universe theory

29 Schlemiel

30 Out of practice?: Abbr.

32 Letters after Sen. Charles Schumer's name

33 Quote lead-in?

34 What a horse kicks with

38 Prepares

40 Anita of song

41 Super ____

43 Little jerk

44 Lid for a laddie

45 Zest providers

47 "Check," in cards

51 Common images on stamps

54 See 58-Across

55 Moral creator

56 Canal-clearing tube

58 With 54-Across, something worn on a road trip

59 Antelope with lyre-shaped horns

60 Be able to sue, say

62 Doesn't keep off the grass?

63 Introductory offers

64 Material named for a country

65 Special elevator?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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DOWN

1 Break

2 Places for jacks

3 Eye with awe

4 Cigna offering

5 Couple

6 Reply of denial

7 Brought home

8 Prepared to give a ring, say

9 Like much flatware

10 At maximal maturity

11 "____ perplexed with a thousand cares": Shak.

12 They often include balloons

13 Being displayed conspicuously

14 Diva's conspicuous display

23 Rugged

25 Hitherto

27 Kind of denom.

31 Halfhearted

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Puzzle by Jeff Chen

33 Accouterment for Fred of "Scooby-Doo"

34 Barely-there bottoms

35 Simple challenge

36 Junior, e.g.

37 One may follow the news

39 It might take the cake

42 Cuban coin

45 Digestive enzyme

46 Obama energy secretary Chu

48 Leavening agent, briefly

49 Rubber

50 Mother ____

52 Rubber-____

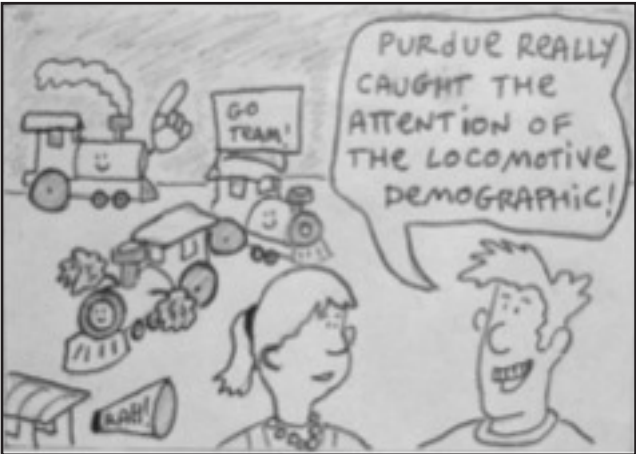
53 A real dummy

57 Site of many London hangings

61 No-goodnik

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Party Girl:

"Natural" Makeup

Leggings (Not Pants)

FUN FACTS:

-Travels in packs when hunting

-Just wants to meet a nice guy

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE 9/7/12

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

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HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Sarah Silverman, 41; Nestor Carbonell, 44; Bette Midler, 66; Woody Allen, 76.

Happy Birthday:Get serious about your goals. Honesty will play a major role in your future and your emotional well-being. You have everything to gain if you learn from past mistakes. Stabilize your life using discipline and the hard work required to do your very best. Do what's right and best for you. Your numbers are 9, 15, 27, 34, 37, 46, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Not everything will be visible. Step back and observe what everyone else is doing. Don't let your heart rule your head, especially if money is involved. A good decision will be based on fact and practicality. Make your move cautiously. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Open your heart and share your thoughts and plans for the future with someone you feel you can trust. The input you get will help you make up your mind and move forward. A chance to advance is more promising than you think. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Anger will mount if you are too pushy or you exaggerate the facts. An unexpected turn of events or last-minute change will leave you in the lurch. You'll have to think fast and cover up for something or someone.★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put love first. Whether it's love for someone special or for something you do, put in your best effort and you will not be disappointed. You can stabilize your future if you are responsible and attentive. Protect your home, family and partnerships. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Have fun, but don't overspend or you will have regrets. A change of scenery or pace will lift your spirits. Getting together with people who can offer you information, adventure or a unique variation to your lifestyle will encourage positive change.★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Bide your time and hold your thoughts. Sharing your true feelings will only lead to an argument you cannot win. Focus on love, learning and self-improvement, and look at your personal options. Love rules, anger loses. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Say what's on your mind. You may not please everyone, but you will have the edge when it comes to support. A change is inevitable, so don't fear the outcome. Be honest, elegant and true to you. Money is on the way. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Love will bring insightful ideas and plans to the forefront. Share with someone you believe in and you will prosper. Be honest about your feelings and don't let ulterior motives steer you in the wrong direction. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't get flustered by what others do or say. Pursue your own opportunities and don't look back. You don't need anyone else to bring about the changes that will put you in a better position for the future. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Opportunity knocks. Be willing and ready to take advantage of what's being offered. Alterations to your home or living arrangements look positive and can bring financial stability. Don't hesitate. Grab what's yours. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Let your imagination flow, especially when making changes at work that will allow you to get more done, with better results. A partnership will inspire you to resurrect old ideas and plans. Don't let emotions hold you back.★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick to your priorities and forget about emotional temptation. You have to do a good job for the right reasons. Ulterior motives and dishonesty are present in you or someone else, and should be monitored carefully. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are creative, sensitive and outgoing. You are disciplined and observant.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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

ASCEE

ETADD

EONCUP

NILEAH

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: UNCLE OCTET LIQUID SPEEDY
Answer: When Barbie would go out on a date, she'd get this — DOLLED UP

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish try to remain perfect



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Irish senior midfielder Dillon Powers maneuvers through a trio of Duke defenders during Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over the Blue Devils at Alumni Stadium on Aug. 25.

By **SAM GANS**
Sports Writer

Off to their best start since the 2004 season, the No. 13 Irish look to stay unbeaten this weekend when they host Oregon State and No. 6 Akron in the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament.

Notre Dame (3-0-0) will play the Beavers (2-0-1) tonight, before competing in a Sunday afternoon match against the Zips (2-0-1).

Though Oregon State only had a 5-11-2 record last season, the Beavers have not lost in their first three contests

this year. Led by sophomore forward Khiry Shelton's seven points, Oregon State has averaged four goals per game through its first three matches. The Beavers also played then-No. 4 UC-Santa Barbara to a 2-2 draw on Aug. 31.

Irish coach Bobby Clark said Oregon State's performances show how dangerous the team is.

"Oregon State's scored 12 goals already this year in three games," he said. "They're arguably the most athletic front-six in the country, so they're going to be a huge challenge."

Beavers coach Steve

Simmons has fielded teams that have played the Irish well in the past. This could make the matchup more difficult, Clark said.

"They're well-coached, they'll be a very well-coached team," Clark said. "I know that this will not be an easy game."

Akron, the 2010 national champion, has also started strong this year with a tie at then-No. 2 Creighton sandwiched between two victories. The Zips feature two Soccer America Preseason All-Americans in senior midfielder

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles travel to Calvin

By **BRIAN HARTNETT**
Sports Writer

After opening its season with a sixth-place finish, Saint Mary's will compete in its first 5K meet Saturday when it travels to Grand Rapids, Mich., for the Knight Invitational, hosted by Calvin College.

The Belles started their season last weekend with a sixth-place finish in the Wabash Hokum Kareem, a six-mile relay race consisting of two-person teams. The tandem of senior Emma Baker and junior Jessica Biek recorded the top finish for the Belles, taking 13th place overall with a time of 24:50. The senior duo of Elizabeth Majewski and

Sarah Copi also placed in the top-20 finishers, earning the 17th-overall spot with a time of 25:20.

Belles head coach Jackie Bauters said she was pleased by the team's energy in its first race.

"I was really encouraged by how excited and ready to race the girls were before the meet," Bauters said. "It's not always easy to get your team ready to compete, but I feel like they really brought the appropriate amount of energy."

Bauters said she was particularly impressed with the performance of Biek, a newcomer to the team who played on the Belles soccer team two seasons ago.

"I have been working on trying to get Jessie Biek to run cross country since she came in as a freshman, and I hope I'm right in saying that she has found her home," Bauters said. "She is a naturally gifted runner, and it has been fun coaching her thus far."

This weekend, the Belles will face the challenge of competing against a talented field of 21 schools. The Belles, who rank 10th in the Great Lakes region, will face five other teams ranked in the top-10 of the region — No. 1 Calvin, No. 3 Northern Ohio and No. 5 Case Western Reserve. Bauters said the

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Squad faces pair of road tests

By **CORY BERNARD**
Sports Writer

Last weekend, Notre Dame split a pair of contests against ranked opponents. The road doesn't get any easier for the young squad as they head for the West Coast this weekend.

They will take on No. 18 Portland tonight and No. 22 Washington on Sunday. Against the Pilots (4-1-0), Notre Dame (3-2-0) faces a team buoyed by a notoriously raucous home crowd at Merlo Field. Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he spoke to his team about the hostile atmosphere.

"We talked about it with them, that they've come close to selling it out," he said. "There should be 5,000 people there, and there are stands on all four sides of the field. It's a different place to play because

the student section will be loud. They don't have football, so soccer is their big sport and they will be harassing you the whole time."

Many of the younger Irish players will be experiencing a hostile collegiate environment for the first time. For this reason, Waldrum said this game is an important learning step for his team.

"I do think it's a big test," he said. "At times, for instance, at Marquette can be brutal. It's just something these young players have to get used to quickly. You have to put all that out of your mind. Portland will be a really good test for us, not only because of the team, but fan support."

The Huskies (5-0-0) will also challenge the Irish. Washington has opened the season with five straight

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ND VOLLEYBALL

ND heads west for USC Classic



ASHLEY DACY | The Observer

Sophomore opposite side hitter Jeni Houser hits the ball during Notre Dame's 3-0 victory over Eastern Kentucky on Sept. 2.

By **LAURA COLETTI**
Sports Writer

The Irish head west this weekend for their second road tournament of the year, the USC Classic. In its second road series of the season, Notre Dame will take on No. 5 USC, No. 17 San Diego, and Cal Poly.

Notre Dame (4-2) will open the weekend against Cal Poly (1-4) on Friday before taking on the Toreros (3-1) and the Trojans

(6-0) on Saturday.

Junior captain and right side hitter Andrea McHugh said for the Irish this weekend is business as usual.

"We are preparing like any other weekend, but really focusing on our serving and out-of-system play," she said. "We aren't doing anything too [specifically] related to our opponents this weekend, but we are focusing

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