

Former Cavanaugh rector passes away

Amy de la Torre, Cavanaugh rector from 2005 to 2011, loses struggle with cancer

By **MEGAN DOYLE**
Managing Editor

Her residents battled skunk odor and dressed up like shepherds for her.

She struggled with cancer, but she was always put her residents' struggles before her own.

And now Amy de la Torre, former Cavanaugh Hall rector and adjunct Spanish instructor, will be missed across campus, but especially among the past and current women of her dorm. De la Torre, who served as the Cavanaugh Hall rector from 2005 to 2011, passed away Thursday after a struggle with cancer.

2006 graduate Elizabeth Callahan served as a resident assistant (RA) during de la Torre's first year as a rector in the dorm, and she returned to work as an assistant rector (AR) with de la Torre from



Observer File Photo

Upon receiving the news that former Cavanaugh rector Amy de la Torre passed away Thursday, Cavanaugh Hall women joined to share memories and light candles at the Grotto.

2007 to 2009 while earning her law degree.

"The smaller things, I remember

the most," she said. "When the RAs do rounds, Amy always walked around and did rounds with them.

That's how she got to know [her residents]. She wasn't just walking to walk. She would stop and talk. We

would talk about TV, we would talk about classes, we would talk about boyfriends, we would talk about careers.

"She gave great advice, and I think the girls really respected that."

Callahan remembered de la Torre as a good listener with a quick sense of humor.

"She took the job really seriously, but she didn't take herself seriously," she said. "Being a rector, there are some things you have to laugh at."

When a skunk sprayed de la Torre's chocolate lab Jackson on a late-night walk, Callahan said she remembered the rector laughing and wrangling the 90-pound dog in a shower stall and scrubbing the smell out with some of her residents.

"That shows how much they loved her," Callahan said with a

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Belle competes on "The Voice"

By **JILLIAN BARWICK**
Saint Mary's Editor

One Saint Mary's student is finally living her dream of becoming a professional singer. Sophomore Sylvia Yacoub, from Muskegon, Mich., was featured this week on "The Voice", a reality show for aspiring singers to compete and be coached by some of the music industry's biggest names.

Yacoub, who spent last year at the College, is currently taking a year away from school to compete on the show and further her career as a singer.

Yacoub's audition in front of coaches Adam Levine, CeeLo Green, Blake Shelton and

Christina Aguilera aired on Tuesday night on NBC. Even though she only aired during this week's auditions, Yacoub already has a huge fan base at home.

"My hometown has been amazing. The support is so humbling to see that just me appearing on 'The Voice' has touched so many lives and inspired so many people to go after their dreams," Yacoub said in a conference call. "Seeing someone from their town and school has really touched so many people in my town. It really means a lot to me."

When a competitor auditions, the coaches have their chairs

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Photo courtesy of Sylvia Yacoub

Saint Mary's student Sylvia Yacoub embraces "The Voice" coach Christina Aguilera after accepting the invitation to join Aguilera's team.

ND hosts regional debate

By **CATHERINE OWERS**
News Writer

Notre Dame will host the first regional tournament in the Ronald Reagan Great Communicator Debate Series on Saturday. The debate series, sponsored by The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, will feature high school students from across the nation. Students who make the championship tournament will compete at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in California, and the winner will receive scholarship awards, according to the foundation website.

Dr. Susan Ohmer, academic advisor to the Notre Dame debate team and film, television and theatre (FTT) professor, and Yvonne Waggoner, site coordinator, have been working since May to organize the tournament.

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OIT showcases technology

By **BEN HORVATH**
News Writer

Notre Dame's Office of Information Technology (OIT) hosted the Mobile Summit, an event designed to showcase the University's technological capabilities, gain student and

faculty perspectives and inform people on the expanding use of technology on campus Wednesday. The event, which took place in the Eck Hall of Law, featured panels, addresses from students and faculty and seminars about mobile technology on campus, according to

the event's website.

English professor Elliot Visconsi said students' mobile devices have the capability to change their classroom experience.

"These devices allow for students to be more hands on," Visconsi said. "Students now

have the ability to create rather than just receive information."

Visconsi said mobile devices, like the iPad, allow for collaboration among students.

"If I wanted a student to come listen to me read a script

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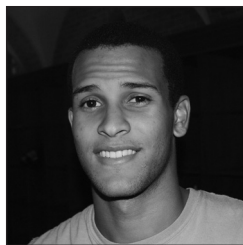
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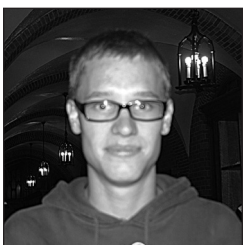


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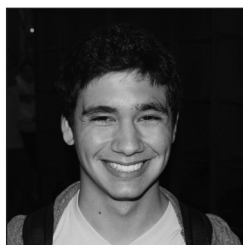


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Walsh Hall hosted its annual Mr. ND pageant Thursday night. James Durham of Zahm Hall was crowned the winner of this year's event, held in Washington Hall. The contestants are judged on their ability to entertain through singing, dancing and performing stand-up comedy.

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In a graphic running with the Sept. 19 Scene story “Home Away From Home,” the stated location of student ticket sections was incorrect. The section numbers are 150 and 151.

In the Sept. 26 article, ‘Students intern at Cannes Film Festival,’ the College of First Year of Studies and the Multicultural Students Programs and Services were mistakenly left out of a list of supporters for the documentary project, executively produced by Prof. Aaron Magnan-Park.

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Political scientist discusses 'How Rebels Rule'

By JOANNA LAGEDROST
News Writer

Jennifer Keister, who earned her Ph.D in political science at the University of California, San Diego in 2011, visited the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and delivered a lecture concerning Thursday rebels and their coercion techniques. She presented her dissertation, "States within States: How Rebels Rule," which is now being turned into a book manuscript.

The main purpose of the lecture, Keister said, was to answer why some rebels rule through

fear while others generate popular support through providing services to the population.

"I argue that rebels use coercion and services to get what they need from the population. Both of these are useful tools of government," she said.

Keister's hypothesis contends that all activists need a certain amount of resources to achieve their goals, adding that rebellion is a costly enterprise.

"You still need the population to do what you would like them to do in order to survive and operate effectively," Keister said.

"Rebels have three tools which

they use to rule populations. The first is coercion, which generates compliance through fear. The second is service provision, which generates compliance through a principle of exchange. The final tool rebels use is ideological positioning."

Keister used Mindanao, the southernmost island of the Philippines where she conducted her dissertation research, as an example in her lecture.

"Mindanao is home to between four-to-eight million predominantly Muslim Moros. They have been actively seeking secession since 1968," she said.

"They are represented by three separate rebel organizations, each of which has a slightly different ideological flavor, and has made different choices. We have the Moro National Liberation Front, or MNLF, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, or MILF, and the Abu Sayyaf Group, or ASG."

The MILF is predominantly domestically-backed, the MNLF is currently backed by the Islamic Conference, and the ASG is backed by an Indonesian terrorist group and individuals in the Middle East and is historically more violent. Humanitarian

concerns are not of high priority for these groups, she said. Keister surveyed Mindanao villagers and asked what group they would turn to for help in the event of a dispute or tragedy. 21 percent reported the MILF, five percent said the MNLF, and zero percent said the ASG.

Due to these results, Keister said rebels balance their own ideological positions and need for support with the interests of the domestic population and the influence of international ties.

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Saint Mary's student earns Gates scholarship

By REBECCA O'NEIL
News Writer

Saint Mary's freshman Clarisa Medina stands at 4-foot-11 but

her short stature does not hinder her plans for a big future.

"There's not a doubt in my mind that I'm going to be successful," she said.

In May 2012, Medina found out she was accepted to become a Gates Millennium Scholar. Of the 26,000 high school seniors who applied for the distinguished scholarship, she was one of the lucky 1,000.

"Students apply annually from all U.S. territories and states," Medina said. "The program is more prestigious than any university's admission process, including Harvard."

Medina applied online in

December 2011 and wrote nine essays discussing community service, activities she engaged in during her weekends and summers and the type of courses she had taken to prepare herself for college.

"We also had to write about things that have happened in our lives that we had to overcome to get to the point where we want to be, she said. "There are three rounds and in the final round they determine if you can become a Gates Scholar based off of socio-economic need. If you are chosen you get up to 10 years of education at any university of our choice."

Medina is the first Gates Millennium Scholar to enroll at Saint Mary's College. The financial aid office had never heard of the scholarship before Medina.

Medina was first introduced to Saint Mary's through her sister and current sophomore, Cecily Medina.

"I feel as if I have so many opportunities here. I get to double major and go abroad. It's the ideal place to master the basics and go on to a higher level of education, perhaps a PhD."

Clarisa Medina
Gates Millennium Scholar

"She loved it so much here and she strongly encouraged me to come," Medina said. "When I came to visit I liked the classroom size, it was very appealing to me. I feel as if I have so many opportunities here. I get to double major and go abroad. It's the ideal place to master the basics and go on to a higher level of education, perhaps a PhD."

Medina, a double major in global studies and political science intends to minor in justice education and Spanish as well as

earn her MBA from Notre Dame during her last year of college.

Medina finds another advantage of Saint Mary's is her ability to participate in two different sports.

"I run cross country and play softball here," she said. "It's a great stress reliever for me and my team provides me with an additional support system."

The second of eight children, Medina relies on her sports family to help her transition from her home environment.

"It is really difficult coming from a Hispanic family because we are very close knit and dependent on each other," she said. "It's so loud at home and here everything has been pretty quiet. I know I just have to remind myself to sacrificed that for a reason and that reason was to get an education and to have an opportunity that my parents never had."

"I am very proud of [Clarisa]," Cecily Medina said. "When she won the scholarship it wasn't just her winning, it was our entire family winning."

Despite engaging in an enriched athletic and academic life, Medina has not forgotten her background in service.

"I plan to open a camp here that I created back home," Medina said. "It's called Run the World and I believe that it is the reason why I got the Gates Scholarship."

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Debate

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"When you put together a tournament, you [have to] think of things like where's it going to be, how many rooms do we need, all the supplies and equipment," Ohmer said.

Notre Dame was selected to host a regional tournament because of historic ties between Reagan and Notre Dame, she said.

"[The connection] goes back to when President Reagan played the role of the Gipper in 'Knut Rockne All-American,' Ohmer said. 'And also, [Notre Dame] awarded him an honorary degree. So when [The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation] thought of schools in the Midwest, we came to mind.'

This series of debates is based off the format of presidential debates, assuming there is no expertise in debate, Ohmer said.

"[The students] don't have to know special techniques, special terminology; it's intended to encourage people to speak persuasively and logically on a situation," she said.

Ohmer said to make the debates even more like those during a presidential election, the Reagan Foundation

built in specific elements to make the debates more realistic.

There will be four preliminary rounds and two elimination rounds throughout

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Susan Ohmer
professor
Film, Television, and Theatre

the competition and the final debate round will be at 6 p.m. in Washington Hall. Debaters will be scored on their opening statement, rebuttal, response to questions, as well as their closing statement, Ohmer said.

"The Reagan Foundation built in some characteristics for it to be more like presidential debates so that in the middle of the debate, the moderator is allowed to ask a question of either side," Ohmer said. "And that's

straight from the presidential debates."

The most important thing to know about this debate is that you [the students] are asked to present your case to an interested, educated audience, who are *not* specialists in debate, so it's called public forum debate."

The judges for the competition are members of the debate team, debate team coaches, students in the Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars Program, as well as students in Ohmer's class, "Media and the Presidency." The final debate round in the evening has three judges: Mike Schmuhl, the chief of staff to South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Gary Sieber, who teaches in FTT and works for WNDU television station, and Professor Jay Tidmarsh of the Law School, she said.

Students participating in the event will also be able to get a feel for the campus by eating in South Dining Hall and listening to a presentation from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

"We felt strongly that we wanted the students to be welcomed to campus," Ohmer said.

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Voice

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turned with their back toward the singer for a blind audition. During Yacoub's performance, Shelton, Green and Aguilera all turned their chairs in hopes of gaining her on their teams. In the end, however, Yacoub picked Aguilera as her coach.

"I grew up listening to Christina a lot. She has been such a huge musical influence for me," Yacoub said. "I tried not to be biased and I listened to all the arguments [of the coaches]. When dealing with nerves and music, I think she can help me the best with where I want to go as far as pop music.

"It was probably one of the most exciting and tranquilizing moments of my life. I was so nervous to sing in front of her and when I realized she had turned around; it's crazy that your idol your whole life had heard something in me."

As for self-promotion for the show, Yacoub has utilized social media to help her connect with her fans back home and at school.

"It's really cool to be able to get feedback from fans and see how many people you've actually reached and touched and have been inspired by you," Yacoub said. "It's really cool especially when you're not airing yet."

While Yacoub had to wait until after her audition aired on NBC to share that she was Team Christina, she was still able to update her fans on when she would finally grace the television.

"It's really cool to keep in touch with them and keep them engaged," Yacoub said. "Then they kind of feel more involved and hopefully they feel more connected with the audience, which is cool about 'The Voice.'"

Before Yacoub made it onto the next round of the show, she had auditioned for other reality shows a couple of years ago.

"I wasn't really doing them for right reasons two years ago," Yacoub said. "I have a lot more maturity and my voice has grown since then. I am at the right place mentally and vocally and it felt right going into everything now."

Yacoub said she is really excited to have this experience with "The Voice" and hopes it will continue so she may meet her end goal of becoming a professional singer.

"I honestly don't think I would have had this experience two years ago," she said. "This is such an amazing experience and I can't believe I am here now."

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laugh.

De la Torre established the Christmas pageant that has since become a dorm tradition during Callahan's senior year. The hall residents perform the pageant, penned by de la Torre, every year for a group of local elementary students and children living at the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

"Every year, she had to rewrite it because more people wanted to join," Callahan said. "We had more shepherds and angels, and the shepherds were more chatty. ... She was always so excited about it that all the other girls bought into it."

2011 graduate Holly Hinz also remembered the flurry of activity and excitement around the Christmas pageant.

"She would always have a lot of fun with it, but she would also make sure we did it right because there were all these people coming," Hinz said.

Hinz became an RA during her senior year not only because she wanted to work on hall stuff, but also because she wanted to work with de la Torre. De la Torre retired at the end of Hinz's junior year, but she said the dorm community the former rector established lived on.

"She kind of just seemed like a mother away from home," Hinz said. "When I came to Notre Dame, I really bought into this idea of your dorm being your home. I know of assumed all dorms were like that, but I think Cavanaugh had an especially strong feeling of

that. That's because of Amy."

Hinz said de la Torre said the Divine Mercy in the Cavanaugh Hall chapel every Friday afternoon. The collection of girls in prayer was always an eclectic one, she said, because de la Torre would grab whoever she found in the hallway and bring them along with her to the chapel.

"She always had a really impressive faith," Hinz said.

Current senior and RA Meredith Kugar said the dorm will pray the Divine Mercy in the Chapel this afternoon and then visit the Grotto together in de la Torre's memory. After they heard the news of the former rector's death, a small group lit candles at the Grotto for her Thursday night as well.

Kugar's class entered Cavanaugh Hall as freshmen during de la Torre's last year as rector.

"From the very beginning, it was so apparent that everyone in the dorm loved her," Kugar said. "The three grades above us were speaking so unanimously, saying, 'We love her.' That word was used so much to describe her. For a dorm of over 200 girls to pretty much unanimously love their rector, that's special."

"I think the love that everyone had for her, she gave that right back to everyone in Cavanaugh."

During that year, 2011 graduate Celia Johns was also an RA.

When Johns was in trouble during her sophomore year, she said she was nervous to work with her rector, but she said de la Torre supported her as more than a disciplinary figure during that time.

"It wasn't just like she wanted to enforce those rules," Johns said.

"She asked about what else was going on in my life."

"My interaction with that was so transforming, and when I was an RA, I took so much of that with me, the way she was able to handle problems and help people through problems without losing sight of who they were as a person, recognizing people for more than just the actions they had done."

When she became an RA, Johns said she worried again about the effect that incident would have on her chances to be hired for the job.

"[Amy] said, 'I'm hiring for who you are now, not who you used to be,' she said. 'And that was really powerful that someone I admired so much was giving me permission to move on with my life.'"

Brian Coughlin, associate vice president for student affairs, said a funeral will be held for de la Torre in Florida, where her father lives. She has two children, who are both Notre Dame graduates.

"I know that the women in Cavanaugh absolutely adored her," he said.

2011 graduate Melissa Truitt, another former RA in Cavanaugh, echoed Coughlin's sentiments.

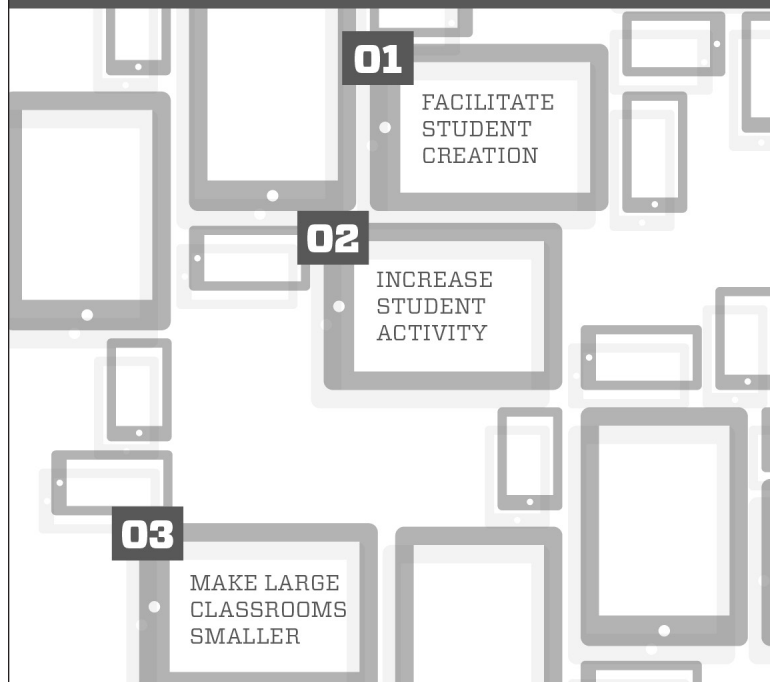
"She's pretty much the reason I got involved with my dorm community to the extent that I did," she said.

Truitt described hearing the news of de la Torre's death as "just overwhelming sadness."

"She was such an amazing woman," she said. "No matter who you were, you knew Amy cared about you."

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BENEFITS OF MOBILE TECHNOLOGY



BRANDON KEELEAN | The Observer

Thursday's OIT summit on mobile technology discussed the ways technology is changing the classroom and learning process.

Mobile

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or give a lecture I would give a podcast, and that's not interesting," Visconsi said. "I think of my courses as a seminar, a discussion enhancement."

Visconsi said mobile devices have the ability to foster this discussion, even in a large classroom setting.

"Mobile devices have the ability to make large classes small," Visconsi said.

Visconsi said he believes the iPad is one of the best educational tools and hopes it will become costly enough for every student and faculty member to possess one on campus.

Visconsi said he is in the midst of developing a class that features the use of the popular tablet device at the center of the learning experience.

"The challenge will be getting faculty and students to understand what is distinctive about the device and how it can change their experience," Visconsi said.

Academic Technologies Consultant Jon Crutchfield said he did not anticipate the recent boom in mobile technology.

"Ten years ago not many people had a cell phone, now you have a device that is a very powerful computer that can access data sources, GPS, and the Internet all in your pocket," Crutchfield said.

Crutchfield said following the first Mobile Summit in 2009, OIT decided to focus their resources on two main areas of technology: mobile and video.

"I think we've chosen wisely," Crutchfield said. "These two areas have grown exponentially in

the past years, and will continue to evolve."

Crutchfield said OIT has created convenient tools for students' mobile devices, which include the creation of "m.nd.edu" (a mobile version of nd.edu), which allow students to access features like campus maps, dining hall menus, grades and other resources on their mobile devices.

Crutchfield said, along with mobile and video, OIT will focus on collaboration.

"There are so many tools now that allow for students to collaborate in real time on a document," Crutchfield said. "We just expanded the use of Google, instituted Box (a cloud collaboration program), and are working to make programs like Sakai more mobile friendly."

Crutchfield said there is a renewed interest in communicating these new capabilities to students and faculty, which is one purpose of the Mobile Summit.

"A lot of people just aren't aware of these things," Crutchfield said. "We need an emphasis on how we can inform students of what we have, and then help them take advantage of those things."

Crutchfield said this event is a good venue to bring faculty and students together to discuss the rapidly changing world of mobile devices.

"The Mobile Summit allows for us to learn how people are using their devices, synthesize this information, and deliver more and better services," Crutchfield said.

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Anti-Islamic video creator jailed

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A federal judge on Thursday determined a California man behind a crudely produced anti-Islamic video that inflamed parts of the Middle East is a flight risk and ordered him detained.

Citing a lengthy pattern of deception, U.S. Central District Chief Magistrate Judge Suzanne Segal said Nakoula Basseley Nakoula should be held after officials said he violated his probation from a 2010 check fraud conviction.

"The court has a lack of trust in this defendant at this time," Segal said.

Nakoula had eight probation violations, including lying to his probation officers and using aliases, and he might face new charges that carry a maximum two-year prison term, authorities said.

After his 2010 conviction, Nakoula was sentenced to 21 months in prison and was barred from using computers or the Internet for five years without approval from his probation officer.

In July, a 14-minute trailer for the film "Innocence of Muslims" was posted on YouTube, leading to protests around the Middle East. The trailer depicts Muhammad as a womanizer, religious fraud and child molester.

Nakoula, a Christian originally from Egypt, went into hiding after he was identified as the man behind the trailer.

In court Thursday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Dugdale said Nakoula was flight risk, partially because of the uproar over the film. The violence in the Middle East broke out Sept. 11 and has spread since, killing dozens.

"He has every incentive to disappear," Dugdale said.

The balding Nakoula, 55, was handcuffed and shackled in court.

The hearing had an unusual wrinkle as the news media were banned from the courtroom where Nakoula was appearing, and reporters had to watch the proceedings on a TV in a different courthouse a couple blocks away. Court officials didn't give a reason for the decision.

The full story about Nakoula and the video still isn't known.

The movie was made last year by a man who called himself Sam Bacile. After the violence erupted, a man who identified himself as Bacile spoke to media outlets including The Associated Press, took credit for the film and said it was meant to portray

the truth about Muhammad and Islam, which he called a cancer.

The next day, the AP determined there was no Bacile and linked the identity to Nakoula, a former gas station owner with a drug conviction and a history of using aliases. Federal authorities later confirmed there was no Bacile and that Nakoula was behind the movie.

Before going into hiding, Nakoula acknowledged to the AP that he was involved with the film, but said he only worked on logistics and management.

When the judge asked him during Thursday's hearing what his true name was, Nakoula said his name was Mark Basseley Youseff and had been using that name since 2002.

Lawrence Rosenthal, a constitutional and criminal law professor at Chapman University School of Law in Orange, said it was "highly unusual" for a judge to order immediate detention on a probation violation for a non-violent crime, but if there were questions about Nakoula's identity it was more likely.

"When the prosecution doesn't really know who they're dealing with, it's much easier to talk about flight," Rosenthal said. "I've prosecuted individuals who'd never given a real address. You don't know who you're dealing with, and you're just going to have very limited confidence about their ability to show up in court."

A film permit listed Media for Christ, a Los Angeles-area charity run by other Egyptian Christians, as the production company. Most of the film was made at the charity's headquarters. Steve Klein, an insurance agent in Hemet and outspoken Muslim critic, has said he was a consultant and promoter for the film.

The trailer still can be found on YouTube. The Obama administration asked Google, YouTube's parent, to take down the video. But the company has refused, saying the trailer didn't violate its content standards.

Meanwhile, a number of actors and workers on the film have come forward to say they were tricked. They say they were hired for a film titled "Desert Warrior" and there was no mention of Islam or Muhammad in the script. Those references were dubbed in after filming was completed.

Actress Cindy Lee Garcia has sued to get the trailer taken down, saying she was duped.

Netanyahu issues action call

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — In his most detailed plea to date for global action against Iran's nuclear program, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Thursday the world has until next summer at the latest to stop Iran before it can build a nuclear bomb.

Netanyahu flashed a diagram of a cartoon-like bomb before the U.N. General Assembly showing the progress Iran has made, saying it has already completed the first stage of uranium enrichment.

Then he pulled out a red marker and drew a line across what he said was a threshold Iran was approaching and which Israel could not tolerate — the completion of the second stage and 90 percent of the way to the uranium enrichment needed to make an atomic bomb.

"By next spring, at most by next summer at current enrichment rates, they will have finished the medium enrichment and move on to the final stage," he said. "From there, it's only a few months, possibly a few weeks before they get enough enriched uranium for the first bomb."

Israel considers a nuclear-armed Iran to be an existential threat, citing Iranian denials of the Holocaust, its calls for Israel's destruction, its development of missiles capable of striking the Jewish state and its support for hostile Arab militant groups.

On Thursday he presented his case to the world just why a nuclear armed Iran would be a danger to many other countries as well. Casting the battle as one between modernity and the "medieval forces of radical Islam," Netanyahu said deterrence would not work against Iran as it had with the Soviet Union.

"Deterrence worked with the Soviets, because every time the Soviets faced a choice between their ideology and their survival, they chose survival," he said. But "militant jihadists behave very differently from secular Marxists. There were no Soviet suicide bombers. Yet Iran produces hordes of them."

Netanyahu has repeatedly

argued that time is running out to stop Iran from becoming a nuclear power and that the threat of force must be seriously considered. Israeli leaders have issued a series of warnings in recent weeks suggesting that if Iran's uranium enrichment program continues it may soon stage a unilateral military strike. This week Iranian leaders suggested they may strike Israeli preemptively if they felt threatened, stoking fears of a regional war.

President Barack Obama has vowed to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear power but has rejected Netanyahu's demands for setting an ultimatum past which the U.S. would attack. His administration has urgently sought to hold off Israeli military action, which would likely result in the U.S. being pulled into a conflict and cause region-wide mayhem on the eve of American elections. Netanyahu's 2013 Israeli deadline could be interpreted as a type of concession, but Israeli officials insisted action was still needed immediately and that in his speech Netanyahu was referring to the absolute point of no return.

Netanyahu appeared to be trying to soothe his differences with the White House when he thanked Obama's stance, adding that his own words were meant only to help achieve the common goal.

And he thanked the U.S. and other governments that have imposed sanctions which, he said, have hurt Iran's economy and curbed its oil exports but have not changed Tehran's intentions to develop the capacity to build nuclear weapons.

"I believe that faced with a clear red line, Iran will back down. This will give more time for sanctions and diplomacy to convince Iran to dismantle its nuclear weapons program altogether," the Israeli prime minister said. "Red lines don't lead to war, red lines prevent war."

Netanyahu did not detail what should be done if his "red line" was crossed, but the insinuation was clear. In perhaps his final plea before Israel felt the need to take matters into its own hands, Netanyahu

pounded away at the dangers posed by Iran.

"To understand what the world would be like with a nuclear-armed Iran, just imagine the world with a nuclear-armed al-Qaida," he said. "Nothing could imperil the world more than a nuclear-armed Iran."

Iran insists its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes, but Israel, the U.S. and other Western allies suspect otherwise. Four rounds of U.N. sanctions have already been placed on Iran.

A U.N. report last month only reinforced Israeli fears, finding that Iran has moved more of its uranium enrichment activities into fortified bunkers deep underground where they are impervious to air attack. Enrichment is a key activity in building a bomb, though it has other uses as well, such as producing medical isotopes.

While Israel is convinced that Iran is pursuing a nuclear weapon, American officials believe Iran has not yet made a final decision to take the plunge and that there is still time for diplomacy.

Iran's talks with world powers over the issue have stalled, however, and Netanyahu argued Thursday that "Iran uses diplomatic negotiations as a means to buy time to advance its nuclear program."

Israel's timeline for military action is shorter than that of the United States, which has far more powerful bunker-busting bombs at its disposal, and there is great suspicion in Israel over whether in the moment of truth Obama will follow through on his pledge.

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New York prepares for Ferris wheel

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Big Apple is getting another “biggest”: the world’s tallest Ferris wheel, part of an ambitious plan to draw New Yorkers and tourists alike to the city’s so-called “forgotten borough.”

The 625-foot-tall, \$230 million New York Wheel is to grace a spot in Staten Island overlooking the Statue of Liberty and the downtown Manhattan skyline, offering a singular view as it sweeps higher than other big wheels like the Singapore Flyer, the London Eye, and a “High Roller” planned for Las Vegas.

Designed to carry 1,440 passengers at a time, it’s expected to draw 4.5 million people a year to a setting that also would include a 100-shop outlet mall and a 200-room hotel.

It will be “an attraction unlike any other in New York City — in fact, it will be, we think, unlike any other on the planet,” Mayor Michael Bloomberg said as he unveiled the plans against the backdrop of New York Harbor. While the privately financed project faces various reviews, officials hope to have the wheel turning by the end of 2015.

The wheel would put Staten Island on the map of superlatives in a place where “biggest” is almost an expectation — home to the nation’s biggest city population, busiest mass-transit system, even the biggest Applebee’s restaurant.

The attraction stands to change the profile of the least populous and most remote of the city’s five boroughs, a sometime municipal underdog that has taken insults from New Jersey and was once known for having the world’s

largest ... landfill.

“It’s going to be a real icon. The Ferris wheel will be Staten Island’s Eiffel Tower,” Sen. Charles Schumer enthused.

As a visible addition to the skyline around the harbor, the wheel “gives Staten Island an identity beyond its role as a suburban community,” while letting it tap into the stream of tourist money in a city that drew 50.9 million visitors last year, said Mitchell Moss, a New York University urban policy professor.

The project is expected to bring \$500 million in private investment and 1,100 permanent jobs to the borough’s St. George waterfront, and the developers will pay the city \$2.5 million a year in rent for the land.

Staten Island isn’t entirely off the tourist map. Its free ferry is the city’s third-largest tourist attraction, carrying an estimated 2 million visitors a year alongside millions of residents, officials say.

But the city has long struggled to entice tourists off the boat and into Staten Island. Much-touted Staten Island sightseeing bus tours fizzled within a year in 2009 for lack of ridership.

Australian tourists Leah Field and Adam Lica, for example, were riding the ferry Thursday for its views of the Statue of Liberty. They thought they might have lunch on the Staten Island side but weren’t planning to explore further.

“We weren’t sure what there is to do there,” explained Lica, 32, of Melbourne. But were there a giant Ferris wheel, the couple likely would go ride it, he said.

Candidates plan for debate



President Barack Obama delivers a speech during the 2008 campaign. With the first presidential debate Wednesday, each candidate will seek to create a defining moment for his campaign.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In presidential politics, everybody’s searching for “the moment.” The campaigns don’t know when or how it will come, but they watch for something — awkward words, an embarrassing image — that can break through and become the defining symbol of the other guy’s flaws.

Now all eyes will be on the three presidential debates, especially the all-important first one Wednesday night, a perfect incubator for such a moment.

The unpredictable nature of the debates is part of what attracts tens of millions of live-TV viewers. A big blunder or “gotcha” quip is sure to be remembered. And President Barack Obama and challenger Mitt Romney will be fielding questions for 4½ hours in all, a long time to stay on message.

“If we have any moment in terms of seeing the true, the real, the unscripted candidate, it’s likely to happen on the debate stage,” said Mitchell McKinney, a University of Missouri associate professor who studies the presidential match-ups.

It’s the all-too-human slips that live on. Think of Al Gore sighing loudly and often, a bored-looking George H.W. Bush checking his watch, or Richard Nixon appearing clammy and tired next to a tanned and rested John F. Kennedy in the first televised debate in 1960.

“Whether it’s sighing or looking at your watch, people will remember that. And they’ll have a lot of help because the press is going to replay it and replay it and it’s going to show up on ‘Saturday Night Live,’” said Tad Devine, who was a senior adviser to Gore’s campaign. “It becomes part of their daily conversation, and it takes hold.”

The killer moments are the ones that seem to verify what voters already suspect, Devine said, usually after weeks or months of priming by the opposing camp.

Romney and Obama know the risk firsthand.

During the GOP primary debates, Romney played into worries that his wealth distances

him from ordinary people by offering to back his words with a friendly wager — a \$10,000 bet.

In the 2008 Democratic primaries, Obama reinforced criticism that he’s arrogant and aloof. As Hillary Rodham Clinton good-naturedly tried to deflect a question about her likability, Obama cut in. “You’re likable enough, Hillary,” he said dismissively. He didn’t even look up.

A defining moment can sprout anywhere, of course.

For John McCain, it was a Florida campaign rally on Sept. 15, 2008. As Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy, the nation’s financial system teetered on the brink and stocks tanked, McCain insisted that “the fundamentals of our economy are strong.” The Obama campaign jumped on that phrase to portray McCain as oblivious — and it stuck.

A question from a college student about funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan tripped up John Kerry in 2004. “I actually did vote for the \$87 billion before I voted against it,” Kerry declared. President George W. Bush’s campaign had what it needed: the perfect shorthand for Kerry as a flip-flopper.

This year’s campaigns already have spent months looking for that one devastating blow. So far the top contender is Romney’s secretly recorded dismissal of “47 percent of Americans” who don’t pay taxes and depend on government aid. And then there’s Obama’s “you didn’t build that” remark about business owners.

This year’s first presidential debate, focused on the economy and the role of government, offers each man a chance to explain away such mistakes — and the risk of cementing a new one into voters’ minds.

Brett O’Donnell is the debate coach credited with teaching Romney how to deflate Newt Gingrich during the Florida primaries. He says that on Wednesday the GOP nominee needs to confront his video-recorded setback head-on and turn it against Obama.

“He has to turn the 47 percent and make sure people understand the reasoning behind that argument, how that’s the result

of the president’s policies,” he said. Romney can emphasize the increasing number of people relying on food stamps, unemployment checks and other aid, suggests O’Donnell, who no longer works for the campaign.

The big moments don’t have to be bad, after all.

It was Republican strategist Lee Atwater who promoted the idea of a moment that defines a candidate’s character. He saw a positive one when Vice President George H.W. Bush stood up to CBS anchorman Dan Rather in a live interview about the Iran-Contra scandal. The aggressive performance quashed criticism that Bush was wimpy.

In his 1980 challenge to President Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan pulled off two famous debate lines that helped win a landslide. “There you go again,” he quipped when Carter accused him of planning Medicare cuts. And he asked America a question that still echoes today: “Are you better off now than you were four years ago?”

Reagan’s shaky performance in the first debate of 1984 raised questions about the 73-year-old president’s fitness for another term. Next round, when asked about the age issue, Reagan silenced doubters by declaring with a twinkle that he would not “exploit for political purposes my opponent’s youth and inexperience.”

At that moment, “the campaign was over,” the Democratic nominee, Walter Mondale, later told PBS journalist Jim Lehrer.

Debates rarely yield such total triumphs, however. And they’re seldom an election’s single deciding factor, scholars such as McKinney say.

President Gerald Ford’s insistence in 1976 that “there is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe” undermined confidence in his ability as a Cold War leader. Texas Gov. Rick Perry wiped out his chance at this year’s Republican nomination by forgetting the third of three federal agencies he wanted to eliminate. All he could say was, “Oops.”

Although it doesn’t happen often, McKinney said, “There is a chance to blow it.”

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The ideal house cast

John Cameron
News Editor

As many underclassmen are no doubt already researching senior-year housing to avoid a last-minute lease on a tent in Mishawaka, I thought I'd let you in on my secret recipe for the ideal off-campus house roommate cast.

The Train Wreck: Every house needs a go-to disaster of a human being. Ideally, he hasn't gone to a morning class in weeks and can be found on any given Wednesday night throwing back slices of Vesuvio's as if they were Tic-Tacs. He's always down to darty and is usually a good life-low benchmark.

The Monk: You need one roommate who you never see because he doesn't leave his room. He's always down to play Madden for upwards of seven consecutive hours, and offers a pleasant surprise when he chooses to go out, or to leave his cave at all.

The Wild Card: While houses are often amalgamations of guys from a given dorm (or marsupials from a noted elite West Quad luxury palace), if you really want to mix things up, bring in a rando from another dorm. He has different friends, different carried-over dorm traditions, can act too cool for your old dorm friends and is always available to gang up on when you're feeling low.

The Scrooge: You need one roommate who labels food and reminds you to turn off the lights when you leave your room. He may not seem like the most fun cast mate, but he'll keep things relatively in control and force you to begin acting like quasi-adults. And when he does go out with you it'll feel like a JPW de ja vu.

The Academic: It's midnight on a Thursday. Most of the cast mates have gone to expel their dignity on the floor at Club Fever. Back at the House, one light is on. The Academic is toiling away. He'll be there to pick you up at close, and to remind you how much work he still has to do before going to sleep. He'll be there senior year after you've locked down that job offer to remind you that you still have to actually graduate. An infatuation with ultimate frisbee is a nonessential bonus (curse).

The Glue: The common social connector of the house, the Glue forced this motley crew under one roof. When the Scrooge has to remind the Train Wreck to heed the "clean me after use" label on the Foreman Grill, the Glue is there to hear each one complain about the other behind their respective backs.

Recipe modifications: Add as much as you can stomach.

The Seventh "Roommate": That one guy—or Lyons Hall resident—who is just like a roommate except for the rent thing. She compensates for this by cleaning your dishes.

So there you are boys: The recipe for the perfect(?) senior-year house.

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The importance of creative expression

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

You can make a box out of newspaper. When you get to the end of this editorial, we'll show you how.

Creative endeavors as simple as using material in an unexpected way stretch the mind. In the context of a University, stretching the mind aligns with the goals we have for ourselves. Yet as a student body, we often slip into a creative rut. The energy that sparks passionate discussion and engagement inside the classroom disappears once we exit through the doorway.

Creative expression is everywhere, even where you might not first see it. Saying "I'm not creative because I can't draw" or "I can't sing" or "I can't dance" is simply limiting. Creativity by its very definition is the use of imagination or original ideas, and to subscribe to a limited conception of creativity boxes in the pursuit of knowledge and discovery.

In our experience, students often respond to challenges with formulaic responses. They are afraid to fail, and it shows. Discussions and assignments are treated like basic algebra problems with only one way to solve for the missing variable.

The University of Notre Dame is not just a place to solve problems, it's a place to solve them creatively. In "Any Given Day," a video recently released by Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Hugh R. Page, dean of the First Year of Studies says, "If we could actually replace the word 'research' with something like 'learning through discovery' — it's a mode of acquiring knowledge that's fully interactive."

Notre Dame provides support to students who would like to research or discover through creativity. The Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts promotes students pursuing creative endeavors. As a grant-based organization, it provides funds to students for independently designed creative projects.

Even so, all the funding in the world cannot provide the creative spark of a curious mind. We might do well to look at other universities, who are remodeling to support interdisciplinary

approaches in the classroom.

Stephen Tepper is a sociology professor and associate director of the Curb Center for Art, Enterprise and Public Policy at Vanderbilt University. During his Sept. 20 appearance on campus, he suggested moving college education toward a model that incorporates and rewards creativity in the classroom. Vanderbilt has already developed a program that teaches and rewards creativity called the Curb Creative Campus Initiative.

During the discussion after Tepper's talk, several Notre Dame faculty members noted that the students in their classroom fail to push themselves toward creative solutions. Final projects are assumed to be essays or speeches, not video logs, artwork or poetry.

That's not to say creativity is totally absent from our campus. Just take a look around you.

This weekend as a part of ND Theatre Now, student actors will perform in student-written and student-directed performances. They have seen the development of these plays from beginning to end, from the first idea to the final realization.

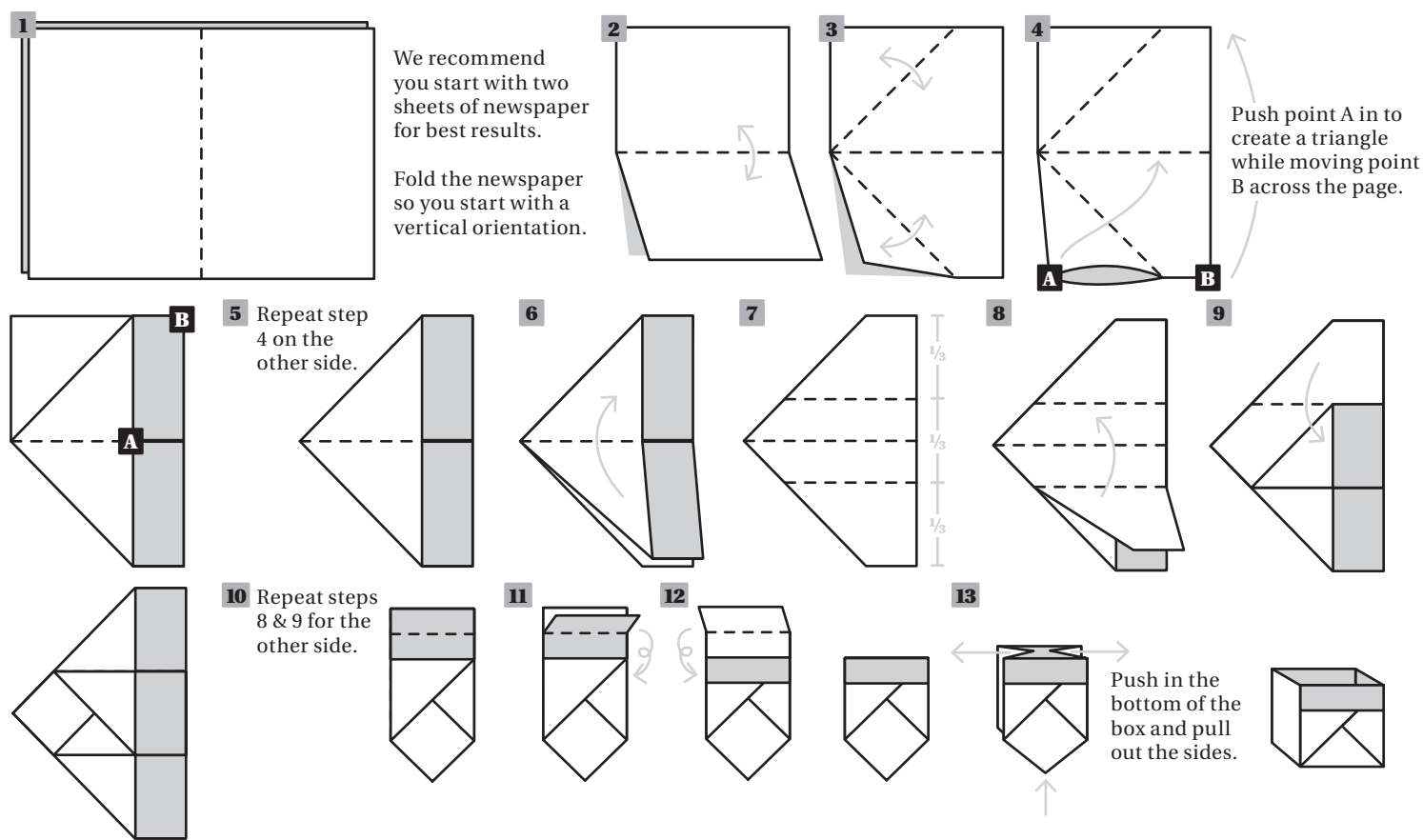
The Interdisciplinary Center for Network Science and Applications connects engineering students with other computing, science, mathematics, and social sciences researchers around the world.

English students can choose a creative writing project for their final thesis and a new crop of minors helps bridge fields within the College of Arts and Letters.

The Gigot Center for Entrepreneurship poses a challenge to business students to pitch new ideas and solve not only business challenges, but social ones as well.

There are creative people at Notre Dame, but that creativity is not injected into the classroom or undergraduate research as often as it should be. So we challenge you, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, to be creative. Stretch yourselves inside of the classroom and out.

If we believed in cliché, we would tell you to think outside of the box. Really, though, you should realize there is no box ... unless you make one.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money. It lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort."

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United States president

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The new wave of nuclear power

Dan Reitz
The Toolbox

In the United States there are 65 running nuclear power plants. There have been no new facilities built since construction of the final reactor began in 1977. That means the youngest of these facilities is approaching its 30th birthday. Sounds like it's time for an upgrade.

Only recently have plans for new nuclear facilities been drawn up, but these projects are still only in the preliminary stages of planning. Nuclear power provides about 20 percent of our nation's electrical energy, and it is my firm opinion our goal should be to increase this number. I'm sure many of you are sitting over lunch shaking your head in disagreement. You may be thinking of the disasters at Fukushima or Chernobyl as proof nuclear energy is not safe, when in fact the meltdown of these facilities can be attributed to poor design. Just look online and you will find plenty of reliable sources outlining the causes of these meltdowns. However, I'm not here to

change your mind about nuclear energy. Instead, I am here to introduce you to the up and coming nuclear reactor: The thorium-powered molten-salt reactor (MSR).

In an MSR, liquid thorium, a radioactive element, replaces uranium as the main fuel source of the reactor. The benefits of this are immeasurable. Thorium is four times more abundant than uranium, and the mining of this fuel is minimized by the large stockpiles. In fact, Thorium is plentiful enough to satisfy the energy demands of the U.S. for thousands of years. One pound of thorium can produce as much power as 300 pounds of uranium or nearly 3.5 million pounds of coal. This means less waste than current nuclear facilities, and since this waste is less radioactive it will only remain hazardous for a few hundred years compared to the tens of thousands of years uranium waste remains radioactive. For those of you concerned with nuclear weapons, you can breathe easy. Thorium is even harder to weaponize than uranium, which is pretty difficult to do in the first place.

Thorium plants can be much smaller than current nuclear facilities in both size and power production. Currently, nuclear facilities are generally built further away from large cities to minimize the potential damage of a worst case scenario meltdown. Since thorium is already in a molten state, the chance of a meltdown occurring is slim to none. Because of this, smaller facilities can be built closer to cities, eliminating a large portion of the energy lost due to transmission and bringing us cleaner, more affordable energy.

With the combination of safety features, new designs and the physical properties of thorium, nuclear power plants of the future will become even safer. If this quells the fear of reactor failure, widespread use of these plants could usher in a new era of energy production. With no greenhouse gas emissions, safe production and disposal methods and cheap, reliable power, there can be a significant reduction in the amount of coal-burning plants and other less-clean forms of energy production, thus helping the environment.

If you're thinking, 'Yeah, that's great, but this is all theoretical,' then think again my friend. In the 1960s, a thorium-powered MSR was built in Tennessee and ran for a total of 22,000 hours. We're talking about a live reactor built and run by engineers. That's some promising evidence MSRs could be the next best thing.

Now that I've got you anticipating the arrival of the first commercial MSR, I have some bad news: These facilities probably won't be around in the near future. The amount of funding and planning for such a nuclear facility is at a minimum. Don't expect to see one of these plants until after 2030. That being said, there is only room for improvement. Thorium MSRs may be the (theoretical) energy of the future today, but the sky is still the limit for energy production possibilities.

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Recognizing Notre Dame student-athletes

Molly Howell
Directionally Challenged

The University of Notre Dame, its students, faculty, staff, alumni and surrounding community, love Fighting Irish athletics. We love football games and the entire weekends we devote to them. Rain or shine, we love cheering on our soccer, basketball, baseball and hockey teams. We love wearing our ND apparel at every available opportunity wherever we may be in the world. We are immensely proud of our athletic tradition no matter what our season looks like or who the competition may be. However, this undefeated football season is looking pretty good. Notre Dame is a very strong academic institution, but at its heart, athletics most definitely have a place as well.

Unless you are a fellow student, it is sometimes easy to forget those athletes on the field or court, the ones making records and being written about in the newspaper, are students themselves. It's easy to watch their game and forget they may have a paper due the next day or a big exam to study for. On the other hand, the rest of the students sometimes forget they are also athletes playing in these much-watched games. Some days

they are just our friends, roommates or the kids we sit next to in class. But they are not just athletes or students: They are student-athletes. They handle the same class load as the rest of us on top of a very competitive and intense varsity sport. A high level of dedication and hard work is required of student-athletes, juggling both school and sports every day. They are among the hardest working students on our campus, making countless sacrifices to be able to represent the Irish on the field or court.

Living with a Notre Dame athlete, as well as dating one, I am a firsthand witness to the daily life of an ND student-athlete. As my roommate and boyfriend are both big parts of my life here, I am affected by their busy schedules. Both in-season and off, they both are constantly occupied managing classes, homework, studying, conditioning and practice. Some days there just isn't enough time to complete their to-do lists. Being able to play a sport at Notre Dame is an opportunity few are given, but those who do play clearly make a commitment that is not always easy to uphold.

Any athlete will tell you their collegiate sport doesn't end when the official season draws to a close; they have obligations to their sport almost

their entire time here. But I am sure every one of our student-athletes would say the blood, sweat and tears are worth it. Sacrificing time with friends and family, other interests on and off campus, breaks and most importantly sleep is worth it to be able to represent the Fighting Irish. They are able to play under the lights against Michigan, travel and compete against some of the best teams and schools in the nation and become heroes and role models for young Notre Dame fans across the country.

The student body and Notre Dame community witnessed a particular act of courage and determination demonstrated by a student-athlete these past few weeks. His name easily comes to mind: Senior football player Manti Te'o. After suffering two devastating personal losses, Te'o chose to stay and support his team, contributing to victories over rivals Michigan State and Michigan with 20 tackles and two interceptions. During the pep rally before the Michigan game, he told the student-body, "Four years ago, I made the decision to come here and I didn't really know why. It's times like these I know why." His unparalleled dedication is the best example of that of a student-athlete's at the Notre Dame.

Notre Dame prides itself not only

on tradition and athletics, but also on family. Just by watching the student body sing the Alma Mater together after every game one can immediately sense the bond that runs through this University. Every student, past or present, athlete or non-athlete, is included. The Notre Dame family came out strong last weekend in supporting Te'o by wearing leis to honor him and his family. Te'o summed it up best in an interview after the game, saying, "That lei for me represents family. It doesn't represent me. It represents everyone sticking together and everybody realizing what's important in life. That's families sticking together."

While Notre Dame and its student-athletes care about winning, they also care about each other and the name on the front of their jerseys. Their primary responsibility is not always scoring points or breaking records, but giving the Notre Dame community something to cheer and fight for. Athletics are so important at Notre Dame not because of a winning tradition, but because they are what bring us together as a family year after year.

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By **SAM STRYKER**
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They're back. Eleven years, one appearance on "Gossip Girl," two solo albums and four fragrances by lead singer Gwen Stefani since their last release, No Doubt has triumphantly returned with "Push and Shove," their sixth studio album. A throwback to our middle-school days, the return of the band is both tantalizing and worrisome. Could the band possibly live up to lofty expectations?

A listener could operate under two assumptions before listening to No Doubt's latest effort. Either the band had so much pent-up creative energy that they were bound to release their strongest album yet, or after more than a decade away from the studio, No Doubt would be as rusty as the Tin Man from "The Wizard of Oz." Surprisingly, neither of these seems to be true.

"Push and Shove" took a monumental two years to record, and comes with high expectations. If you can imagine an area where the band neither fails to deliver nor exceeds these expectations, this is where "Push and Shove" belongs. No one is going to mistake the album for the band's magnum opus, but at the same time, it is no "Chinese Democracy," the disastrous and long-awaited release from Guns

'n' Roses. All in all, every one of the album's 11 tracks feel like they fit in with No Doubt's catalog. After more than two decades as a band, would you want anything different?

No Doubt has sold more than 33 million records worldwide, won several Grammys and set a record when their single "Don't Speak" spent 16-consecutive weeks at the top of the Billboard Hot 100 charts. At this point in their careers, no one in the band needs to prove anything, nor do they need to "reinvent" their sound or image like Madonna seemingly does every other week. As their last album attests, No Doubt "rocks steady" and their fans wouldn't have it any other way.

"Settle Down," the first single released earlier in the summer, is the standout track off "Push and Shove." Featuring Stefani's signature luscious vocals, electric-reggae sound and dancehall-inspired beats, "Settle Down" is signature No Doubt — fun, flirty and the perfect summer jam. The first time you listen, you are reminded the band never fully departed the music scene, because they own the track — no other musical act could produce a similar hit.

Lyrically, the song also sets the tone for the rest of the album. Stefani croons about adjusting to

unfamiliar circumstances, but that she will be able to adjust and "settle down." Despite their 11-year hiatus, the band is indeed fine, and hopefully will stick around for a little longer.

The second single and title track "Push and Shove" is an initial disappointment, but upon further listen is one of the album's stronger cuts. Featuring Busy Signal and Major Lazer, the song digs even deeper into the band's ska roots. Perhaps because bassist Tony Kanal said the song was to No Doubt what "Bohemian Rhapsody" was to Queen, the track came with lofty expectations.

Once you walk away from that ambitious statement, one can fully appreciate what "Push and Shove" means to the album — it's a very modern take on No Doubt's unique sound. Undoubtedly musical trends have wildly warped in the past 11 years, but the song still sounds fresh and radio-ready, while also sounding like the No Doubt

of yore.

Other standouts from the album include the next single, "Looking Hot," along with "One More Summer" and "Heaven." "Looking Hot" displays one of Stefani's strongest vocal traits, the ability to use her pipes as the ultimate emotive communicator. Listening to Stefani sing, it's impossible to not connect with what she is feeling.

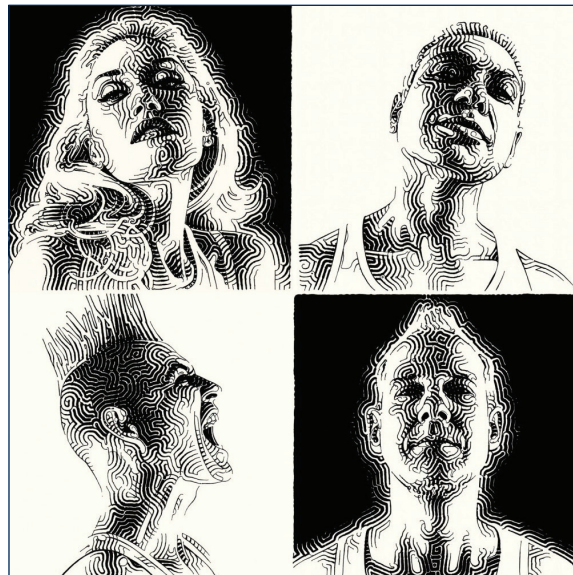
The song also features some awesome guitar synths. "One More Summer" is classic California rock, exactly the type of song you'd be listening to on the California Freeway with the top of your convertible down, sun shining down and wind whipping through your hair.

"Heaven" is a bouncy,

'80s-style track that makes you want to put on your legwarmers and windbreaker. It is bubbly, flirty and the bottled-blonde Stefani once again reigns supreme on the track.

While our middle school days are long gone, you wouldn't know it listening to No Doubt's latest release. "Push and Shove" doesn't break the mold, but it doesn't need to. At this point in the game, No Doubt has established themselves as the leaders in ska-punk-reggae-California rock — whatever you want to call it — and "Push and Shove" is more of the same. What more could you ask for?

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"Push and Shove"

No Doubt

Label: Interscope

Tracks: "Settle Down," Looking Hot," "One More Summer"

If you like: Gwen Stefani, Garbage, P!nk



MAKE THE MOST OF THE BYE WEEKEND

By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**
Scene Writer

So it's a bye weekend — no pep rally to go to, no tailgating, no game, not even Notre Dame football to follow on TV. Here are some ideas to make the best of the one weekend this semester that isn't eaten up by football:

Check out South Bend

It's actually got fun stuff to do! If you've already been to the South Bend Chocolate factory, the College Football Hall of Fame, University Park Mall and all the downtown restaurants and clubs, this weekend there's also the Flipside Potawatomi Zoo Trip on Sunday, leaving at noon from library circle and Community Energy Day concludes Energy Week with trolley, car and bike tours to the greenest places in South Bend from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Go see a show

Whether it's music, theater or comedy, there are professional and student performances on campus for you. Comedian Aaron Kominos-Smith is at Legends on Friday and contemporary Christian musician Matt Maher is there on Saturday, with both performances at 10 p.m. ND Theater NOW will be at DPAC for an entire week, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. For more music, Third Coast Percussion is performing at DPAC on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Cheer on another ND team

Did you know we have teams besides football? Really good ones? Cross Country's last home meet is Friday at 2 p.m. at Burke Memorial Golf Course, and women's volleyball plays Marquette on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Syracuse on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Purcell

Pavilion.

See a movie

Both SUB and DPAC have movies almost every week. This weekend's film include "The Hunger Games" on Friday at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and "Beasts of the Southern Wild" at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at DPAC. The performing arts center is also playing "Star Wars: Uncut" as its midnight movie Saturday night and continuing the films of Hayao Miyazaki with "My Neighbor Totoro" Saturday at 3 p.m. and "Castle in the Sky" Sunday at 3 p.m.

Help a Worthy Cause

Sign up to local cancer education and awareness with the Domer Run, a fun run that can either be a 6-mile run, 3-mile run or 2-mile family walk, starting at Legends at 9 a.m. Saturday. Keep on walking into Sunday with the

Project Hope Suicide Prevention Walk, which raises money for mental health facilities in South Bend, starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Rockne Memorial Center

Do something that is "So ND"

Crazy-themed events like a pirate- or Kentucky Derby-themed dance that only happen at Notre Dame are going down with no football game to stop them. Signature, alliterative dances include the Fisher Funk and the Howard Hoedown, plus events like Mr. ND and the Keough Chariot Race. And what's more Notre Dame than Legends Nightclub? Friday is Total Request Latino and Saturday is Retro Nightclub, both starting at midnight.

Go outside

It's supposed to be sunny and in the 70s all week: enjoy it while you can before the permacloud moves in (if you don't know what that is yet, you will). Wear all your

warm weather clothes now before they get packed away for months in the darkness of storage. Throw around a football or baseball, be really collegiate and toss around the Frisbee or be really Fisher and play spikeball.

Be chill

Who says you have to leave your dorm to have a good time? Take the chance to actually watch some college football. Gameday is normally so consuming you never watch any other team; size up the competition for the rest of the year. Or sleep all day because you can, and because you might not get any sleep for days once midterms start, so it's totally justified.

Get ahead on studying for midterms/catch up on homework

Nah, just kidding. Let's don't and say we did.

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SMALL TALKS WITH BIG PEOPLE

TED FOX

Editor's Note: Scene Editor Kevin Noonan sat down with '02 Notre Dame alumnus and humor writer Ted Fox, whose new book "You Know Who's Awesome? Not You." is on shelves now. Check his website www.tedfoxisawesome.com to find where it's sold.

Kevin Noonan: I'd say it's probably a good guess, not to diminish your accomplishments so far, that most university students probably don't know who you are.

Ted Fox: I'd say that's very accurate.

KN: So I'll give you the opportunity now to introduce yourself to the student body.

TF: Well, thank you first of all for having me in Scene. My name is Ted Fox, I'm a 2002 Notre Dame graduate; I lived in Morrissey Manor all four years. I'm also an alum of The Observer — I was a columnist for four years in the sports section. My column was titled "Fox Sports ... Almost," which was the brainchild of the editor calling me at like 10:30 on a Sunday night going, "Okay well, we need a title for the column now." And I was like, "Well when do you need it?" and he said "Well we need it for tomorrow, you've got five minutes to come up with something." After I graduated I worked at ESPN for a little while, and then I came back to Notre Dame in 2004 to work as a writer/editor for the College of Arts and Letters, developed a passion for wanting to be a humor writer professionally and that really became my focus. I moved over to the provost office in 2010, and I've been there a couple years now. I write for them: speeches, website stuff, things like that. I work for them part-time, and they've been great about letting me focus on my humor writing career, which gave rise to this, I always tell people it's my second book, it's the first that's actually been published, but "You Know Who's Awesome? Not you." It's based off a Twitter feed that I write and hopefully is kind of a gateway for me to get into eventually the only thing that I do would be humor writing.

KN: The Twitter feed that you've got, @YouKnowWhosAwesome, where did that start?

TF: The genesis of it actually was, and Notre Dame students, you will be able to relate to this once you graduate and you go out into the world, I was on the way back from a wedding of one of my Notre Dame roommates. That and football games are like the pseudo-reunions after you graduate. So this was a wedding out in Pennsylvania I think, and when my wife and I were driving back we were at a McDonald's, because all road trips end up at McDonald's at some point. We were stuck in line for like 10 minutes and the woman who finally got to the front of the line was sitting there looking at the menu like, "What am I going to order?" and I'm in the back of the line thinking "How many times have you been to McDonald's? There is nothing to think about. There's like three options." So I was so annoyed I got on my phone before we left saying something like, "You know who's awesome, people who are in line for 10 minutes at McDonald's and can't make up their mind."

A week later at the Pancake House over on Ironwood I had another kind of obnoxious experience with fellow diners, wrote a second "You know who's awesome?" But for me these were funny blog posts; I never was going to think about it again. In the process of trying to get the first book I mentioned published, and part of what you need to do if you don't want to be self-published but actually have a publisher is get a literary agent. In the process of trying to get a literary agent, I struck up a friendship with a woman who said, "I don't think I could publish that first thing you wrote," because, much like Notre Dame students, no one knows who Ted Fox is, "but would you be willing to take this idea that you came up with, "You Know Who's Awesome?," turn that into a Twitter feed and then once we build that up, I will try to sell a book based off that."

KN: Has it been successful so far?

TF: It's hard to say because I don't have anything to compare it against. It's certainly not in danger of hopping on the New York Times Best Seller list anytime soon. I think on Amazon right now I'm like the top 500,000 out of 8,000,000 books.

KN: Well that's pretty good.

TF: But the thing that's crazy is that you can drop down to like 1.2 million, you sell one book on Amazon and you go back

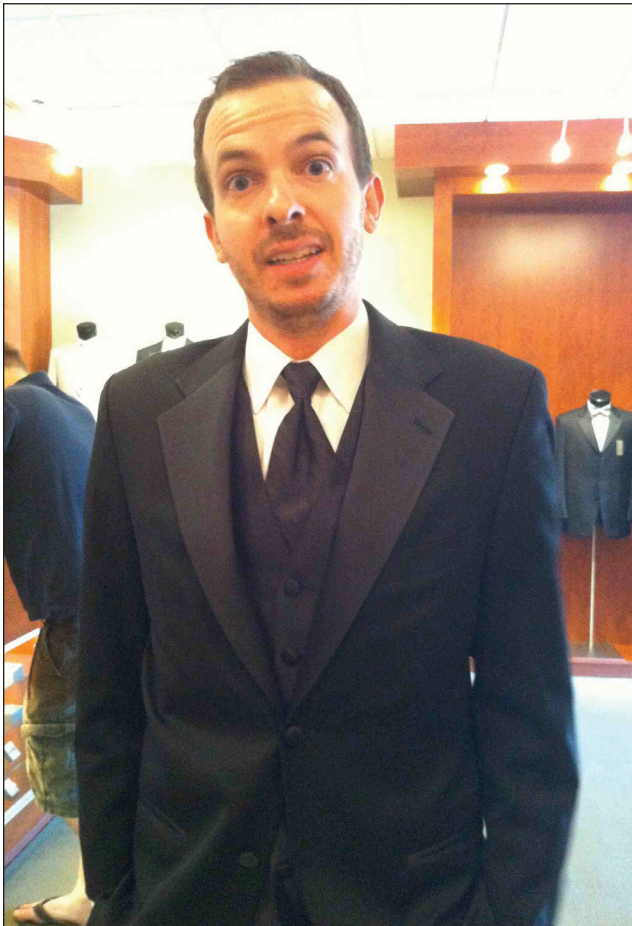


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up to like 150,000, which tells you how many bad books are on Amazon. I've been pleased with it so far, and I think for a first book I think it's doing well. I'm working on a second book right now that's not related to this one, but I certainly hope I get to write a second "You Know Who's Awesome?" and that will be determined by how well this one sells.

KN: And it's funny, which is the important thing, right?

TF: I appreciate you saying that. If you said, "Well I'll do a story on you but I really didn't think this book was very funny," then I'd be in trouble because, I mean the book that I'm working on now is what I tell people is like a book-book, like a real book with chapters and everything. A book based on a Twitter feed, if it's not funny there's not a whole lot else to hang your hat on. So I appreciate you saying that.

KN: And then the book you're working on now, "Project 33," what can you tell me about that?

TF: So I turned 33 two weeks ago, and so the book is based around the idea of, and this is potentially a little offensively put, this is my "Jesus Year," in that a lot of historians speculate that Jesus was 33 when he died. As a humor writer, it also turns out that Chris Farley and John Belushi also died when they were 33. So over the course of the next year, I have a list of, it's like a 33-year-old male humor writer's version of "Eat, Pray, Love." I don't like abandon my life and go live in Europe, I actually just do things that I've always wanted to do like, beat the "Legend of Zelda" on my original Nintendo because I never got around to doing it, or break 90 for 18 holes of golf or drive cross country, things like that. So I'm in the course of doing these 33 things during my 33rd year, and also at that point then kind of reflecting on what I have or haven't accomplished at this age, and things that I'm dealing with or struggling with. My agent described that as it's not a humor book, it can be funny but it has to have that like life deeply examined kind of thing that you hope a lot of people can relate to. "You Know Who's Awesome?" on the other hand, the target audience for that, and one of the reasons I was so excited that you guys wanted to interview me is that it's really 18-35, it really targeted that college age, those kids are kind of my target demographic. I had a Notre Dame senior one time tweet back at me [saying my tweets are funny], and I actually put that in my proposal, like, okay I don't have that many followers yet, but people who are the right age think it's very funny. They're very different kinds of books, but I enjoy working on both of them. I'm hoping to have a sequel for "You Know Who's Awesome?" and I've already written half of it.

KN: Who would you say are your comedic influences? I see a lot of Seinfeld references on your Twitter.

You Know Who's Awesome?



Photo courtesy of Ted Fox

TF: Yeah, I would say 1a, 1b and 1c would all be Jerry Seinfeld, and then by extension Larry David. I'm kind of a Seinfeld, Conan, Larry David, "Family Guy" kind of a mix in there. And I don't consciously try to emulate Jimmy Fallon, but I do think my humor tends to be a little more good-hearted. I'm not a mean comic, and I make fun of myself a lot too. That to me is very Jimmy Fallon. I try to be clever while not being mean-spirited, because I don't like mean comics, so I try to make fun of myself a lot.

KN: So, big question, if this was a job interview they'd ask you this (not that I'd know)— 10 years from now, where do find yourself?

TF: As much as I love my alma mater and the folks in the provost's office and Dr. Burish is one of my best supporters on the campus, I don't see myself working at the University anymore, I see myself writing books full-time for a living, writing funny books. Obviously, with what I'm trying to do with that "Project 33" book, getting beyond just that Twitter kind of book. Like I said I'm trying to do a sequel to that, and I'm planning to for it as if I will get to do a sequel. But really I want to write books that make people laugh. Those are my two passions: writing and making people laugh, and hopefully giving people joy that way because it's something that I really enjoy doing. And if it became something more than that, if I had opportunities in television or if I had an opportunity with a screenplay, to me that would just be like icing on the cake. What I want to be able to do, it's not about fame and fortune, I'm quickly discovering.

KN: All right, last question. You were a sports writer here, you worked for ESPN for a while, you're a big Boston fan, what is the deal with the Red Sox?

TF: It's so creepy, because we got our dog last, like August 21. We named the dog "Buckner," because the idea was, you know what, [forget] the curse, it's over. The Sox were nine games up in first place, so we named the dog Buckner, I put the video on my blog with the puppy, I'm wearing my Yaz jersey, and I say "[Forget] the curse, we named this dog Buckner, it's over." They go like 6-20 that September, miss the playoffs, and then this year happened.

KN: So it's your fault.

TF: It is, it absolutely is. And you can tell that I'm a Red Sox fan who did not grow up in New England, because no self-respecting New Englander under any circumstance would ever name their dog Buckner. Any Red Sox fans reading this on campus, please don't kick my [butt], and I am really sorry. I don't know what we're going to, we can't change the dog's name. In retrospect, I think we may have angered the baseball gods with that one.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Welcome to the gun show



Matthew DeFranks
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Forget the Seattle-Green Bay debacle and Golden Tate's catcherception. Forget the abundance of pass interference calls and the lack of illegal shift whistles. Forget the actual calls the referees have made. People are forgetting what we have all

taketh. His slight accent allows the crowd to get a true taste of who he is but also keeps him from completing some words like ball, which comes out as "baw." Nevertheless, no one should be challenging Jerome Boger at No. 3 — even if they have timeouts left.

No. 2. Mike Carey

Mike Carey is the Ron Cherry of the NFL. It's just that plain and simple. Cherry is known

The 60-something Arizona lawyer probably had a better reaction to the lockout's end than anyone out there — he did pushups ... as if his arms needed more volume. When he signals touchdown, it looks like he's flexing his massive triceps. He's not. The biggest travesty of this referee lockout was that we went three warm weather, short-sleeve weeks without Guns.

been deprived of — the officials themselves.

No, I'm not talking about their wealth of football knowledge or all their correct calls. I'm talking about their overenthusiastic penalty calls, their comically unathletic moves and their overall personality. When the NFL and the real referees agreed to a deal Wednesday night, the true winners were not the coaches, players, owners, or referees. The fans really won — but because we get to laugh at the referees' antics instead of cringe at the replacements' incompetence.

In honor of the referees that will return for the fourth week of the season, here are my four favorite NFL referees.

No. 4. Ron Winter

Winter may be one of the more nameless and faceless of the zig-zaggin' zebras but that doesn't mean he isn't one of the more entertaining officials. In 2011, Winter found himself buried in a pile like a sidewalk under snow after a fumble bounced his way. Despite his best attempts to get out of the way of the seemingly imminent pile up, Winter ended up on his back, fighting for breaths as much as the players were fighting for the ball. Plus, you've got to respect a man who explains the new overtime rules to players using phrases like "entitled to an opportunity to possess the ball."

No. 3. Jerome Boger

Oh, Jerome of the famous hey-look-it's-Vince-Young-and-I-feel-bad-for-him-so-let-me-give-him-a-high-five controversy from 2009. Give the man a break for not leaving Young hanging. Sheesh, refs can be good guys, too. Boger's penalty delivery is also spectacular. Whether it's a holding penalty or a personal foul called on the wrong team, Boger allows his twang to escape. But the twang giveth and the twang

for his "givin' him the business" call while Carey can break up fights by pushing Philadelphia Eagles around. Plus Carey's emphatic penalty calls are so dangerous, they should come with a five-yard warning. When Carey announces a foul, he'll do a softball-like arm movement that stops midway through, almost as if someone in the upper deck desperately needed directions to an end zone. Given the amount of penalties per game and per year, it's a physical marvel Carey still has both of his rotator cuffs.

No. 1. Ed Hochuli

Many of you reading this may be confused as to who Ed Hochuli is. Let me clear this up for you, his name is 'Guns' and he's not afraid to use them. The 60-something Arizona lawyer probably had a better reaction to the lockout's end than anyone out there — he did pushups ... as if his arms needed more volume. When he signals touchdown, it looks like he's flexing his massive triceps. He's not. The biggest travesty of this referee lockout was that we went three warm weather, short-sleeve weeks without Guns. Hochuli also is one of the best officials in the game, if that counts for anything. He'll apologize to a crowd when he messes up and getting him to call your game is a special bonus. It's kind of like when an extra onion ring gets thrown in with your French fries — just because Hochuli ain't no small fry.

So when you watch the games Sunday, enjoy the correct calls, the silence of complaining media members and, of course, the personalities.

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MEN'S GOLF

By **CORY BERNARD**
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After struggling in their first event of the season, the Irish look to improve this weekend at the Macdonald Cup in New Haven, Conn., at the Yale University Golf Club.

Notre Dame opened the year with a ninth-place finish at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate in Chapel Hill, N.C., but the field at the MacDonald Cup will look much different. Comprised mostly of small colleges from the Northeast, Notre Dame's competition this weekend is a far cry from the competition it faced in Chapel Hill. Irish coach Jim Kubinski said his team is excited for the opportunity to play there.

"We really chose this tournament more for the national schedule and maintaining that

presence," he said. "In terms of preparation it's the same every week. We just want to shoot the lowest scores we can. Yeah it matters for wins and losses but at this point we are trying to get better."

The Irish starting lineup will differ from the lineup used in Chapel Hill. Sophomore Peyton Vitter, who competed in two events as an individual last year, will be making his first start for the Irish after outplaying fellow sophomore David Lowe during the week, Kubinski said. Junior Niall Platt will also be competing for the Irish, but Kubinski said Platt was in better shape than he was in Chapel Hill. Platt struggled at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate while battling illness.

Other than Platt and senior Paul McNamara, Notre Dame sports an inexperienced squad. However, Kubinski said he will

measure the improvement of his youngsters this weekend less on their scores and more on other factors.

"I don't really look at scores as much as you would think because of weather conditions or a couple putts here and there that can really affect it," Kubinski said. "I think for [junior] Andrew Lane and [sophomore] Tyler Wingo, I want to see where they are comfortable. How is their decision making? Are they feeling a little more comfortable? We're just looking for different areas of improvement, not necessarily scores. I think right away we'll be able to see how they've gotten better."

Notre Dame tees off at the Macdonald Cup on Saturday, and wraps up action Sunday.

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Belles fall to Calvin

By **MIKE MONACO**
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Playing their third game in six days, the Belles lost a 1-0 overtime nail-biter to Calvin on Thursday in an MIAA matchup.

The Knights (5-2, 4-1 MIAA) scored the golden goal just 2:12 into overtime when junior midfielder Danielle Carter ripped a shot into the back of the net. Junior defender Heidi Scholten was credited with the assist on the goal, which came after the Belles (5-2-1, 3-2) blocked two shots but failed to clear the ball from the box.

Freshman midfielder and forward Beth Ruff led the Belles on offense, as she fired two shots, including one on goal in the first

half.

Saint Mary's will look to get back on track Saturday, when they hit the road to battle Kalamazoo in another league tilt.

The Hornets (6-3, 4-2) handed Alma its first MIAA loss 2-1 on Thursday. Sophomore forward Bjargey Olafsson scored in the 72nd minute to break the tie and give Kalamazoo the win.

Saint Mary's suffered its first loss of the season when Alma downed the Belles 2-1 on Saturday.

The Hornets, meanwhile, are on a three-game winning streak and have won four of their last five matches, including a 10-1 win against Albion. Senior forward C.J. McCarthy scored four

goals in the win and fellow senior forward Jackie Short added two of her own. Short leads the team with seven goals on the season.

The Belles defense has four shutouts in eight games and has allowed one or zero goals in seven games. Rosenbaum, along with sophomore defenders Mary Kate Hussey and Kerry Green, leads the Saint Mary's back line. Rosenbaum has compiled a 0.62 goals-against average and has 31 saves on the year.

Saint Mary's takes on Kalamazoo in another MIAA showdown Saturday at noon in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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"Come on Eileen"

Poor old Jonny Ray
Sounded sad upon the radio
He moved a million hearts in mono
Out mothers moved sing along, who would blame them
Now you're grown (so grown up)
So grown (so grown up) now

I must say more than ever
Toora loora torra loo rye aye
And we can sing just like our fathers

Come on Eileen, Oh I swear (what he means)
At this moment, you mean everything
With you in that dress, oh my thoughts I confess
Verge on dirty
Ah come on Eileen

These people 'round here
With their beat down eyes
sunk in smoke dried faces
They're resigned to what their fate is But not us, (no never) no not us (no never)

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish begin fall season

By KATIE HEIT and VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writers

The Irish kick off their fall season with the Adidas Hoosier Classic in Bloomington, Ind., on Friday at 11 a.m.

Notre Dame will be placed in two different flights. One will play round robin and the other will be playing in a draw setup. Juniors Julie Sabacinski and JoHanna Manningham will be playing in the draw tournament along with sophomore Katherine White. Freshmen Quinn Gleason and Molly O'Koniewski will be playing in the round robin with junior Britney Sanders. It will be the first time the freshmen will be able to prove their competitive value on the team.

Sabacinski said the team goals for this weekend involve using the tournament as practice for their upcoming season.

"As a team we've really been working hard," Sabacinski said. "We've been in the weight room, running, on the court. Everyone's been working extremely hard so I think it'll be a great opportunity to see exactly where our levels of match play are."



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Senior Chrissie McGaffigan returns a forehand during Notre Dame's 7-0 victory over South Florida on April 13.

Last season in Bloomington, the Irish won 15 singles matches and four players had three wins each. Notre Dame is looking for a similar result this year.

The Irish will also be competing in the doubles tournament. Sabacinski and Sanders will be playing as doubles partners. They've been paired together off and on for their college career, but Sabacinski was unsure if their partnership will last through both the fall and spring seasons.

"I guess it depends," Sabacinski said. "We're currently

pre-season ranked at [No.] 36, but I guess it all depends on how we do together. We played together last year at No. 2 and we did really well."

The Irish will begin their fall season Friday at the Adidas Hoosier Classic in Bloomington, Ind. Singles play will start at 11 a.m. Friday, with doubles play starting at 3 p.m. The Classic runs through Sunday.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish prepare for stiff competition at home

By **JOE WIRTH**
Sports Writer

Following decisive victories in their last outings, the Notre Dame men's and women's cross country teams will take on some of the best programs in the country at Friday's 57th annual Notre Dame Invitational.

This is the second home meet in a row for the squad, but Irish coach Joe Piane said that is where the

similarities end between the two meets.

"It was great to come out on top two weeks ago," Piane said. "But that race pales in comparison to the importance of this race. "In the race two weeks ago, we were the only ranked team, but in [Friday's race] there will be about five or six ranked teams on the women's side and 10 or 11 ranked teams on the men's side. The quality of opponents is significantly better."

Piane said this race is also very important for the team's NCAA tournament hopes. as the number of at-large points they accumulate this season could play a factor.

"A team gets at-large points based on how many ranked teams they finish ahead and, because this race has such a strong field, there are plenty of opportunities to pick up those points that we may need at the end of the year," Piane said.

As the team approaches the middle of the season, Piane said he is pleased with the progress of his underclassmen, especially the freshmen.

"The younger runners are coming along very well," Piane said. "I have two of them in my top seven and they are very competitive. [Freshmen] Kevin Durham and local boy Josh O'Brien have really run well."

Both the Irish men and women

have run well in this event over the years, winning a combined total of 21 team titles and 11 individual titles in the event's history.

The meet will begin at 2 p.m. Friday with the women's 3.1-mile race, followed by the men's five-mile race. Both races will take place at the Notre Dame Golf Course.

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Confidence, though, is nothing foreign to Pangborn. Bailey said she plans on riding the current success all the way to the championship.

"For us, it's really just playing our game regardless of who is on the other side," Bailey said. "Let [the opponent] worry about strategy. We plan to dominate and shut them down as much as possible."

Pangborn and Pasquerilla East kick off Monday night at 10 p.m. at the LaBar Fields.

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Welsh Family vs. Farley

By **MARY GREEN**
Sport Writer

With the season at its midpoint, Welsh Family aims for a strong second half that begins with Monday's game against Farley.

Coming off a big victory over a strong Pangborn team, the Whirlwinds (2-1) are finally starting to click as an entire unit, senior captain and quarterback Victoria Moreno said.

"[That game] was the first night our offense was 100 percent gelling, and we're looking for our defense to stay strong," Moreno said.

Despite losing a close 7-6 game against Ryan before rebounding against Pangborn, Welsh Family believes it has just started to peak, Moreno said.

The Welsh Family defense has held opponents to 12 points or less in all three of its games and relies on core players such as senior Kaitlyn Cole, whose interception last week closed out the team's win over the Phoxes.

On the other side of the ball, the Whirlwinds look to their potent offense to put points on the board.

"We just want to continue to do what we're doing, which is moving the ball down the field and scoring," Moreno said.

The Finest (0-2), on the other hand, have faced a tougher road to this week's game. Still winless after matchups against Pangborn and Ryan, they had a bye week to regroup and focus on the rest of their schedule.

"We need to get more coordinated and more in sync," Farley junior quarterback Lauren Ladowski said after her team's loss to the Phoxes.

The Finest will see if they have

reached that goal when they kick off against the Whirlwinds at 10 p.m. Monday at the LaBar Fields.

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Lyons vs. Breen-Phillips

By **ALEX WILCOX**
Sports Writer

In Tuesday's game between Breen-Phillips and Lyons, both teams will be working towards the same goal: improvement.

Due to an early rainout, Breen-Phillips (0-1) has played just one game, a 20-6 loss to Walsh last week.

"We have a lot of freshmen, so [last week] was their first game and naturally there was a big learning curve," Babes junior captain Molly Toner said. "We didn't play a very clean game, but there's a lot to improve on."

Toner said she is hopeful her team will come together now that it has game experience.

"I expect us to eliminate our mistakes," Toner said. "We're playing together now, so hopefully better things are to come."

Lyons (1-2) has also slowly come together as a team. The Lyonites were outscored 41-0 in their first two games but posted a 6-0 shut-out against Badin last week. Junior captain Christina Bramanti credited the team's improved defense to practice.

"Our last practice we had was all focused on defense," Bramanti said. "We're working on flag pulling, and we're able to anticipate and react much better."

In its victory Sunday, Lyons showed a sense of team unity and confidence, Bramanti said

"That game was crucial for us," Bramanti said. "It was the first time we showed how good we can be, both athletically and in coming together as a team."

With Lyons' first win secured, Bramanti believes her team is ready to take the next step.

"We're really excited about our first win. It really motivated us," Bramanti said. "It showed us that we can be better and it motivates us to continue doing what we're doing."

Toner displayed the same confidence for her Babes squad.

"We certainly have a lot to build off of for Tuesday," Toner said. "We're excited to play and are a lot more confident."

Breen-Phillips and Lyons kick off Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Riehle

Fields.

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Walsh vs. Badin

By **RICH HIDY**
Sports Writer

Walsh and Badin clash Tuesday night in a battle for bragging rights.

Badin (1-2) comes in off its first victory, a 33-18 win over Howard. Senior captain Tommasina Domel said she thinks the Bullfrogs are prepared for the challenges Walsh presents.

"We know how Walsh plays," Domel said. "We won't need to adjust much to them. We want to take home a win because we've finally worked out the kinks on our team."

Badin will look to its veteran leadership on the field. Fifth-year quarterback Carli Fernandez leads the offense in her fourth year on the Bullfrogs. The Bullfrogs feature a senior-laden defense and experience veterans on both sides of the ball.

Domel said the Bullfrogs are trying to improve day-by-day.

"Our defense has been really strong for a couple of years, so our focus has been trying to build an offense," Domel said. "We have a lot of new girls there so we need to improve, and we are still learning on offense."

Walsh (1-2) will look to rebound from a heart-breaking 18-12 defeat to Pasquerilla West last week.

"We showed a lot of heart against [Pasquerilla West]," senior captain Kat Leach said. "We want a repeat with a better finish."

The Wild Women will rely on Leach to spark their offense. Walsh features a pair of solid sophomore receivers in Kathleen Hough and Maddie Loper, along with senior receiver Erica Borst.

Walsh sophomore cornerback Molly Johnson leads the defense with multiple interceptions, and the defensive line has generated pressure on opposing signal callers.

Leach said she believes the game will be a tough matchup between two evenly matched teams.

"This will be a tight game, since Badin is always good," she said. "We are all excited to go out there."

Walsh and Badin play Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Big East home stretch begins

By **LAURA COLETTI**
Sports Writer

The Irish are preparing to open their home Big East slate this weekend as they take on Marquette and Syracuse.

Notre Dame (9-5, 2-0 Big East) is coming off a stellar weekend, in which it beat Cincinnati and then-No. 10 Louisville, and is looking for repeat performances against the Golden Eagles (10-3, 1-0) on Saturday and the Orange (8-8, 0-1) on Sunday. Senior middle blocker Hilary Eppink said the Irish have spent significant time all week preparing, especially for Marquette.

"As a team, we've been preparing a lot for Marquette these last couple of days in practice," she said. "They're the second best team in the Big East, so it's very important that we get this win because our goal is to win the Big East this season, so it's a pretty big match for us. We've watched film and noticed different hitters and player tendencies. We've also been working on different hitting schemes to defend against some of their better hitters."

The momentum and good feeling from last weekend should serve as motivation for the Irish to continue performing well this weekend, Eppink said.

"I think our team should be feeling really good about [last weekend] and wanting to go out there and repeat exactly what we

did against Louisville," she said. "We've been having good practices and playing with intensity and when it comes to game time, it's just about knowing what to do and getting it done."

Playing especially well for the Irish has been sophomore outside hitter Toni Alugbue, who garnered the Big East Player of the Week award for her performance last weekend. The team will continue to look to her for consistent play.

"Toni has really stepped up and is a huge asset on our team," Eppink said. "I'm so glad she's on our side because she's such a powerful player. She can hit, dig, pass — she can do it all. We're very lucky to have her on the court. She represents Notre Dame and the Big East so well, and we're very proud of her."

"She's been playing very consistently and strong and we're looking for her to continue playing at a high level and picking teams apart like we know she can. It's great too that she's a sophomore, so she's got two years to grow even more. We're very excited for her."

Eppink said the Irish will turn their attention to Syracuse once they've played Marquette.

The Irish are set to square off against the Golden Eagles at 2 p.m. Saturday and against the Orange at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Purcell Pavilion.

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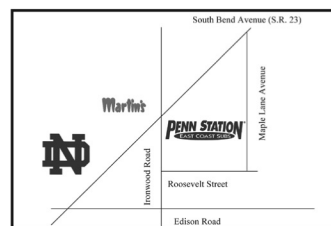
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focus this week is on making the run game work and organizing our plays a little bit better.”

Toner said her team has a strong freshman class on defense that will come ready to play.

Badin and Breen-Phillips square off at 6 p.m. on Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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Cavanaugh vs. Pasquerilla West

By ALEX STEMBAUGH
Sports Writer

Cavanaugh takes on Pasquerilla West in a much-anticipated showdown between a pair of undefeated teams.

Cavanaugh (3-0) boasts a stingy defense that has yet to allow a single point this season.

“We’re going to come in with confidence from our season so far,” senior captain Tegan Chapman said.

The Chaos want to limit mistakes, especially on defense, Chapman said. She also credited senior quarterback Rosemary Kelly with pulling together an offense that is starting to come into its own.

“We’re just really excited to play and get out there again,” Chapman said.

Squaring off to face the Chaos is a strong Pasquerilla West (2-0) that is looking forward to take the field after its previous game was rescheduled due to weather.

“We’re looking to work out some new plays on offense, and to adjust well on defense,” senior captain Meghan Schmitt said.

Schmitt said to look out for senior receiver Kirsten Danna and sophomore quarterback Lauren Vidal on offense, while she said she expects the entire defense to come out as a real threat.

“Our main goal is to score a lot of points,” Schmitt said. “The past few games we’ve won, but not necessarily by a lot. We want to change that.”

The Chaos and Purple Weasels will kick off at 5 p.m. Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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Lewis vs. Farley

By MEG HANDELMAN
Sports Writer

If the enthusiasm of the captains of Lewis and Farley is any indication, Sunday’s heated matchup between the Chicks and the Finest should be one to remember.

Finest senior captain Courtney Currier is looking to lead Farley (0-2) to victory by focusing on improving its defense to turn around the season.

“I’m hoping our solid defense can support the offense by stopping Lewis at all costs and getting the ball back to the Finest,” Currier said.

Currier said junior quarterback Lauren Ladowski has been working hard in practice all week to help her teammates develop individually and as a team. “They’re ready to pull flags and

make sacks all day,” Currier said.

Despite their record, Currier said she is confident in the Finest.

“Even though we are 0-2, we need to keep our heads up and work out the kinks during the time we have to practice,” Currier said. “We don’t have time to panic.”

The Chicks (0-2-1) are equally eager to get a win on the board in Sunday’s matchup.

Senior captain Connaught Blood said she is confident Lewis will shine against the Finest.

“We’ve been making a lot of strides with each game and I think our defense can handle anything,” Blood said. “Our offense will be ready to break out in a big way.”

Blood will play quarterback this weekend and is looking to junior Colleen Haller to help her put some points on the board. Additionally, seniors Katie Carney and Mara Catlaw will lead the defense to hold the Finest back as much as possible. Blood said she is confident in her team’s ability the rest of the season.

“We plan on winning the rest of our games and I’m hoping that we will still be in position to make the playoffs,” Blood said. “If we do that, I think our talent, experience, mental toughness and excitement will carry us to the championship.”

The Chicks and the Finest battle for their first victory of the season Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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KIRBY MCKENNA | The Observer

Senior Kelley O'Brien collides with a McGlinn defender during the Wildcats' 19-7 loss to McGlinn on Monday night.

Howard vs. Walsh

By DONG-HYUN KIM
Sports Writer

Howard and Walsh, a pair of teams with 1-2 records, look to reach .500 with a win Sunday.

The Ducks (1-2) played a solid game against Badin last week but fell short in a 26-18 loss. Junior quarterback Clare Robinson played the whole game with a broken finger, while scheduling conflicts caused the Ducks to begin the first half with only 10 players.

Robinson said the Ducks will be ready to play Sunday with a recovered quarterback and a full roster, making them a more potent team than before.

“We normally have 30 players,” Robinson said. “We had early difficulty and trailed by four touchdowns. But we played hard and caught up to them.”

Key players to look out for include freshmen Maria Ianni, who made a key interception in last week’s contest and ran for a touchdown, and Ashley Henry, who made several critical receptions.

Walsh (1-2) lost 18-12 against Pasquerilla West but the Wild Women fought hard until the final whistle, as sophomore receiver Kathleen Hough scored a pivotal touchdown against the Purple Weasels to keep the game close.

Senior quarterback Kat Leach has a strong arm and is quick on her feet, which will pose a dual threat to Howard’s defensive line.

Even with the losing record, Walsh is optimistic about the upcoming games.

“We take it one game a time,” senior captain and cornerback Lindy Navarre said. “It’s about making progress. Walsh is tenacious, adaptable and full of swag.”

Howard and Walsh are set to do battle Sunday at 6 p.m. at the LaBar Fields.

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Pangborn vs. Pasquerilla East

By ALEX WILCOX
Sports Writer

Monday’s contest between Pangborn and Pasquerilla East looks to be a proving ground for both teams. The Phoxes (2-1) hope to bounce back after a close loss, while the Pyros (0-1-1) attempt to get that elusive first win after a competitive tie against Lewis.

Pangborn got off to a quick 2-0 start in which they didn’t allow a point. On Monday, though, the Phoxes not only let up their first points, but also suffered their first defeat, losing to Welsh Family 20-12. Pangborn senior captain Colleen Bailey said the loss has only refocused her team.

“Having one loss behind us just makes it more important to win every game,” Bailey said. “We really have to focus now. We’ve got to put [the loss] behind us and improve.”

The Phoxes will try to improve against a Pasquerilla East team that has drastically improved since being shut out 8-0 in its first game by McGlinn. The Pyros tied Lewis 7-7 in week two, but senior captain Anna Perino said the score doesn’t tell the whole story.

“I thought we played great, our offense completed so many passes and our defense played really well,” Perino said. “We looked really comfortable and played with so much intensity.”

Instead, Perino blamed the tie on a familiar scapegoat.

“I feel we were robbed of a very clear win,” Perino said. “The refs were very tough on us. We had several big plays called back, including a pick-six.”

Although the tie doesn’t put Pasquerilla East in the win column, the game did instill a newfound sense of confidence in the Pyros.

“I think we’re going to be ready for [Pangborn],” Perino said. “I think Monday is going to go really well. I’m excited for a good challenge.”

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Wildcats, Phoxes look to recover from first losses; youthful Breen-Phillips ready to take on Badin

Pasquerilla East vs. Welsh Family

By KIT LOUGHRAN
Sports Writer

Pasquerilla East and Welsh Family face off Sunday with each team looking to find a win.

The Whirlwinds (2-1) are hoping their 20-12 win over Pangborn on Sunday carries over into their game against the Pyros (0-1-1).

"We're taking it one game at a time," Welsh Family senior captain and quarterback Victoria Moreno said.

According to Pasquerilla East senior captain and safety Anna Perino, the Pyros are trying to embrace a similar approach.

"We are just trying to play our game and keep working on getting the chemistry going," Perino said. "We played a great game against Lewis last Sunday, so we're just going to keep doing our own thing."

Both teams look to maintain their strong defensive units while improving their offenses.

"Our defense has been carrying our team," Moreno said. "We look to keep scoring in this next game."

With its victory over the Phoxes, the Whirlwind defense successfully held the Pangborn offense and opened the path for the Welsh Family offense to score. Senior receiver Kirsten Groody and junior receiver Stephanie Lobaccaro will help execute plays and get the team in synch, Moreno said.

The Pyros, on the other hand, are looking to come out of the gates quickly, Perino said.

"If we come out strong, I think we'll be pretty hard to get past," Perino said.

Sophomore receiver Alex Good will be a crucial asset to the Pyros executing their offensive strategy, Perino said.

"She's come down with some pretty amazing catches," Perino said. "It's great to have her as a returning receiver."

The Pyros and Whirlwinds meet at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields on Sunday.

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Pangborn vs. Ryan

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Sports Writer

Pangborn and Ryan will try to recover from their first losses of the season when they face off Sunday.

Ryan (2-1) is unconcerned about its recent loss, said senior captain and quarterback May Pillai. She said her team hopes it is a minor setback at the start of a strong season.

"It's great to have a winning record at this point," Pillai said. "We're really experienced, so when we play together as a team, we play very well."

Pillai has led a potent Wildcats offense bolstered by junior receiver Maddie Swan and senior receiver Kelly O'Brien.

Pangborn (2-1) hopes to counter the Wildcats with a strong, inspired defense.

"We have a lot of spirit, and ... we're really motivated," senior captain and center Colleen Bailey said. "Both our offense and defense have been really strong."

The Phoxes face a difficult situation this weekend, as sophomore starting quarterback Caitlin Gargan will be out of town. Gargan has started the first three games, but sophomore Liz Quinn will take over under center this week.

"Liz is still very strong," Bailey

said. "She has experience. Our game plan will change a bit with her as the quarterback."

Regardless, senior captain and receiver Meredith Angell will be sure to be a large part of that plan, Bailey said.

The Wildcats believe they can win if they focus on the little things, Pillai said.

"Our biggest weakness has been our inconsistency," Pillai said. "Pangborn is really athletic, so we need to limit our mistakes, and go out and execute our game plan."

Pangborn and Ryan face off at 5 p.m. on Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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Badin vs. Breen Phillips

By ALEX STEMBAUGH
Sports Writer

Badin and Breen-Phillips look to come out strong in their battle Sunday.

Badin (1-2) looks to secure another win after a strong offensive showing in its last game against Howard.

"We're just starting to click," senior captain Tommasina Domel said. "It's not just a matter of coming together as a team, but actually performing well and clicking."

Offensively, the Bullfrogs are looking to throw in a couple of new plays, while the goal on defense is to execute, Domel said.

"Our defense is really strong and has played together as a team for a while," Domel said. "They have things down."

Domel said her fifth-year senior quarterback Carli Fernandez to bring trouble to the Breen-Phillips defense.

Breen-Phillips (0-1) has a youthful squad and is looking to continue its improvement this week, junior captain Molly Toner said.

"We have a lot of freshmen, so now everybody has better understanding of what games are like, and we will definitely have big improvements from our first game last week," Toner said. "Our

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football-related at all."

Babiak said Stanford (0-2) has been improving, even though it has come up short in its first two games.

"Overall the team's been doing well; it's just frustrating to see us lose after playing so well in both the games and then just not coming up on top afterwards," he said.

Reed said O'Neill senior line-backer Scott Johnson would return this Sunday after missing last week's game.

"Having [Johnson] back will be a huge help," Reed said. "He's the one that anchors our line, so that should help us establish our running game a lot better."

The battle of two battered teams will kick off when O'Neill and Stanford meet Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Morrissey vs. Siegfried

By KYLE FOLEY
Sports Writer

Morrissey battles Siegfried on Sunday in a game both teams have marked on their schedules.

The Manor (1-0) look to keep their undefeated record intact, while the Ramblers (1-1) will try to keep their playoffs hopes alive with a victory.

In their opening win against Duncan, the Manor shut down the Highlanders offense with a lockdown defense. In particular, the linebacking corps, led by freshman Erik Rayno, sophomore Zac Plantz and junior Nick Conrad, commanded the team's solid defense, which allowed only three points.

As Morrissey heads into its next game, senior captain Taylor Stein said he believes a more rehearsed gameplan will help keep the team's winning streak alive against a fierce Rambler squad.

"With [Duncan] being our first game, I think the Morrissey tradition of 'talent over preparation' really came through and secured the win," Stein said. "Siegfried always seems to be a target among other teams, but, at the end of the day, their elitist uniforms and coaching staff on the sidelines can't put points on the scoreboard. It comes down to the guys on the field, mano-a-mano."

Still upset about dropping their opening game to Knott, the Ramblers know a second loss will likely keep them from a spot in the playoffs. In this week's practice, the Ramblers made changes to their offensive game plan.

"We've incorporated a lot more passing than usual in our game plan this week," sophomore running back Jose Linardi said. "We need to win to make it to the playoffs and our huddle is optimistic about winning out this season."

Siegfried and Morrissey will battle for a much-needed win Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at the Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Carroll vs. Sorin

By MARY GREEN
Sports Writer

Though they both remain undefeated heading into the third week of the season, Carroll and Sorin will look to make improvements before the two teams clash Sunday.

The Vermin (2-0) have put up impressive numbers in their back-to-back shutouts of St. Edward's and Zahm. Junior quarterback Tommy Spoonmore said he wants his team's defense to remain as formidable as it was in its first two games.

"The defense has been playing really well, and that continued into last week's game," Spoonmore said.

On the other side of the ball, Spoonmore said he hopes

Carroll's offense will make necessary adjustments this week.

"We need to open up the running game, which will help the rest of the offense," Spoonmore said. "Hopefully, we'll get a good week of practice in before playing Sorin."

The Otters (1-0), meanwhile, see their players' health as the key to success for the rest of the season. Although senior receiver Bobby Sullivan has been sidelined with a sprained ankle, Sorin's able-bodied players shut out Zahm 19-0 in the team's only game to date.

"We had a lot of key players missing and we still had a good game, so we need to get those key players back and involved," senior receiver and linebacker Ryan Robinson said.

Senior quarterback Ted Spinelli led the Otters to victory with two passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown.

Robinson said he anticipates a big challenge from the Vermin on Sunday.

"We know Carroll will be coming for us, so we just need to weather the storm for the first quarter and let our athletes come out and make the plays," he said.

With undefeated records on the line, Sorin and Carroll will battle Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Keough vs. Dillon

By SARAH CONNORS
Sports Writer

As defending champion Dillon and Keough get ready to clash Sunday, a confident Keough squad said it does not see the Big Red's recent past as a cause for concern this season.

"I know Dillon won the championship last year, but we are not looking too much into that, considering it also lost to Keenan in its first week," Keough sophomore captain Charlie Magiera said.



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Junior Kevin Rolfs runs the ball for the Dawgs during Alumni's 15-8 loss to Siegfried on Sunday.

The Kangaroos (0-1) dropped their first game 6-3 to Stanford, a loss Magiera blamed largely on offensive penalties.

"We have been working on our penalties in practice, but our defense was a powerhouse against Stanford," Magiera said.

Magiera also said the Keough offense looks really solid and should be a factor in Sunday's matchup.

"We plan on protecting our quarterback [junior Seamus Donegan] and having a really strong offensive line," he said.

On the other side of the field, Dillon (1-1) looks to maintain its expectations of a championship repeat, but the Big Red also face a rebuilding year, as many new faces have joined the team.

Going into the game, Dillon plans to place a greater emphasis on its rushing attack.

"We hope to run the ball more consistently and hopefully open up our passing game," Big Red junior captain and quarterback Kevin Fink said.

Fink said he expects to see a strong effort from the Big Red on both sides of the ball.

"Overall, we want to play hard on every snap," Fink said.

Keough will look to knock off Dillon and earn its first win of

the season when the two teams meet Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Knott vs. Alumni

By SAMANTHA ZUBA
Sports Writer

Sunday's game between Knott and Alumni looks to be a defensive grind, as both teams opened their seasons with low-scoring victories two weeks ago. The Juggerknotts (1-0) defeated Siegfried 6-3, while the Dawgs (1-1) edged Duncan in a 3-0 win.

Since those games, both teams have maintained a focus on defense and running the football.

Despite Alumni's 15-8 loss to Siegfried last week, Dawgs junior captain Tom O'Sullivan said his team would maintain its established mindset of physicality.

"We have to come out and be very physical, no matter who we're playing," O'Sullivan said. "Our division is very run-heavy, so we have to be strong on the line. On offense, we have to try to run the ball and be strong on the block."

O'Sullivan said the Dawgs came into the season with high hopes and expect consistently fierce efforts on the field.

"In the last two years, we've come up just short," O'Sullivan said. "Our goal is to always put the extra work in to get the extra yard."

Knott sophomore quarterback David Taiclet will face an aggressive Alumni pass rush, which may force the Juggerknotts to give more carries to senior running back Joey Beglane. Beglane scored Knott's only touchdown in its victory over Siegfried. The Juggerknotts' goal for the season was to improve on offense, and although the team did not dominate in its first game, the win was important for the Knott community, Beglane said.

"It was a great win because we haven't beat Siegfried since 2004," he said. "It's always great to keep some fire in a rivalry."

Alumni and Knott will battle Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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O'Neill vs. Stanford

By LESLEY STEVENSON
Sports Writer

Resilience and flexibility will be the keys to Sunday's matchup between O'Neill and Stanford. With each team suffering from injuries, fundamentals and integration of new players are top priorities for the Mob and the Griffins.

O'Neill (0-1) started off the season with two potential quarterbacks in freshmen Jack Larson and John Doran. Larson was tapped to start the season opener, but he fractured his ankle soon afterwards and will be sidelined for the rest of O'Neill's season.

Junior captain Eric Reed said he felt confidence in his team despite Larson's absence.

"As bad as it is to have him



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Junior Rob Gialessas runs the ball for Fisher during the Green Wave's 6-2 victory over St. Edward's on Sunday.

hurt, we should be alright because [Doran] was pretty even," Reed said.

On the other side, Stanford senior captain Paul Babiak said injuries are his team's biggest weakness.

"Our other captain [senior

Eric Zeltwanger] is out for the season with a fractured ankle," Babiak said. "It's definitely just been kind of random, unlucky events that have caused it. Some injuries haven't even been

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Dame denied Connecticut a win for the first time of the season by playing the top-ranked team to a scoreless draw at home. The Irish unleashed more shots and put more shots on goal than the Huskies in the tie game.

"Should have, could have, would have — it's what you actually did and at the end of the day we tied it," Clark said. "The year before that we tied with them, and I think the year before that we beat them, so I don't think there is any inferiority complex from our point of view. There will be a quiet confidence, but we also know that they are a very good team so we know we have a challenge ahead of us. And, you know, we are looking forward to it."

This year's edition of Connecticut welcomes Notre

Dame into Storrs, Conn., having not allowed a goal in the past four games, during which time the Huskies have outscored their opponents 13-0. Huskies sophomore goalkeeper Andre Blake, a Jamaica native, has led Connecticut between the posts this season. Blake ranks third in the nation with his save percentage of .905.

The Irish will turn to their experienced offensive leaders to apply the pressure on Blake and the rest of the Huskies. Irish senior forward Ryan Finley leads the team with six goals and 13 points, while senior midfielder and captain Dillon Powers and junior forward Harrison Shipp have each added seven points.

"We are a pretty experienced group in a lot of ways," Clark said. "Our guys are pretty resilient. There's a

quiet confidence about this team that I like, so I think we'll be just fine."

After facing Connecticut, the Irish will return home for two Big East matchups. The time on the road has been difficult, but may pay dividends in the future, Clark said.

"The way it came, you are playing three teams that could all be Final Four teams," the coach said. "You are playing them all one after another, and they are all on the road. It's a fairly daunting task but that's been a good experience for this team and it will help us grown and mature as a team."

The Irish and the Huskies will kick off Saturday at 7 p.m. in Morrone Stadium in Storrs, Conn.

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Connecticut

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a history of two of the best teams in the conference for the past 15 years that I've been here," Waldrum said. "They've gotten two early losses so I think they're going to be a very desperate team."

As a young team, Notre Dame has taken its lumps in the early going. After starting the year 3-1, the Irish dropped two of their next three and tied in double overtime in the third. But since then, they have won four straight.

"Obviously getting the four wins in a row and starting out undefeated in the Big East — that's kind of getting back to the norm that we have with the program," Waldrum said. "That's kind of the expectation."

Early in the year, there was some uncertainty in the lineup as players had to fill new roles.

The team was also without one of its top freshmen, midfielder Cari Roccaro, and junior tricapitain midfielder Mandy Laddish. But with the midfield shored up and momentum on their side, the Irish are finally moving ahead.

"The team seems to be confident about their play now," Waldrum said. "There's a difference of stepping on the field and hoping to win and stepping on the field expecting to win. I think we're getting closer to getting to that 'expecting to win' mentality. That's what we want them to have. I think we're gaining some confidence. This will be a big weekend moving forward with that."

The Irish take on the Friars today in Providence, R.I., at 3 p.m. and the Huskies on Sunday in Storrs, Conn., at noon.

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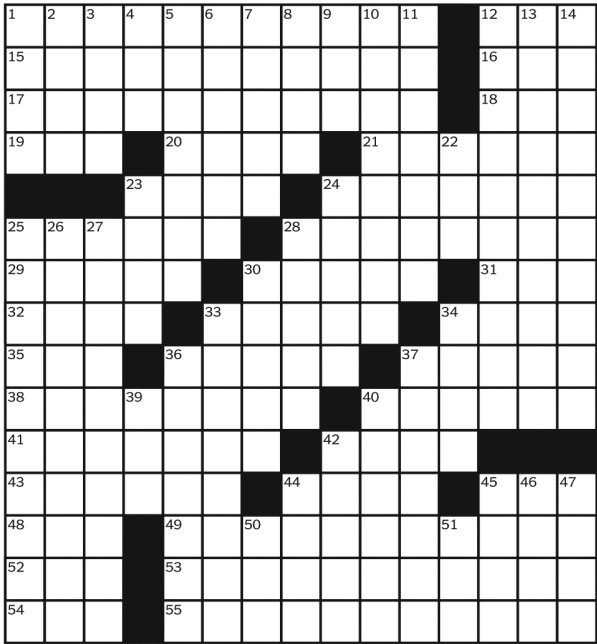
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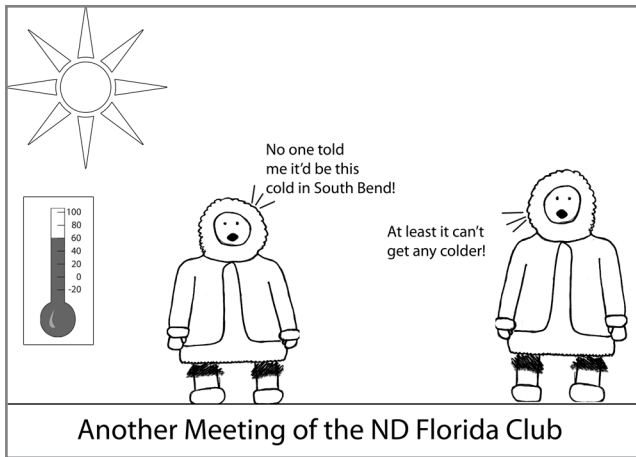
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Happy Birthday: Your observation will pay off. Expand on your plans and your mind. Pick up information and new skills that will help you reach your goals. Put less emphasis on the things that bother you, and more on how you can be successful. Your numbers are 3, 17, 23, 29, 32, 38, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Not everyone will share information. Listen carefully and observe what those around you are doing. It will be important to stay in the loop if you want to reach your goals. An interesting partnership will develop from an inquiry. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pick and choose your arguments and make sure you know what you are talking about before you engage in a conversation. Sticking to doing what you do best and saying little for the time being will bring the best results. Emotional deception is apparent. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You won't see what's going on around you clearly. Your emotions will supersede practicality, resulting in trouble at work and with those you count on for help. Keep life and the things you do simple. Avoid overdoing it. ★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't hold back; clear the air, even if it means you'll have to face adversity. It's better to know where you stand and who is by your side at the end of the day. Communication, travel and lifestyle changes are all prevalent. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Live life your way, and don't pick fights with those who don't do or feel the same way you do. Gravitare toward the people who do share your sentiments and are striving to make the same improvements as you, and you will find strength. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pick and choose your friends wisely. You may be attracted to someone for the wrong reasons. Don't let emotional deception lead to a problem. Mixing business with pleasure may entice you, but it will not be practical or productive. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Mixed emotions will surface over money matters and past relationships. Leave the past behind you and look to new opportunities that will enhance your chance to be successful. A change in the company you keep will pay off. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Rely on your intuition and you will make good personal and creative choices. A chance to make money is available, but will only happen if you adjust what and the way you invest. Support your ideas and believe in what you do. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid serious pursuits that are not clearly defined. You will end up running in circles if you believe everything you hear. Stop and decipher what it is you actually want and who is leading you astray. Don't take chances. ★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Learn from the past. Expose what hasn't worked and remember who may have gotten in your way. Do not make the same mistake twice when there is so much to gain by relying on what you know from the experience you have encountered. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let anger show your weakness. Concentrate on improvement and getting the most out of whatever you pursue. Fixing up your residence or expanding your circle of friends will lead to greater options. Love is on the rise. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20): Follow your intuition, but don't overreact, overdo or overspend. Not everyone will tell you the truth, and it's up to you to decide what is fact and what is fiction. Be true to your beliefs and standards first and foremost. ★

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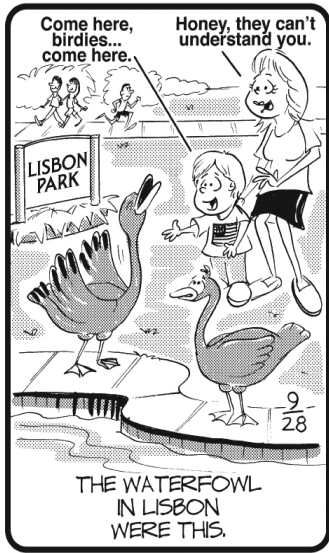
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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish conclude road swing

By **JOSEPH MONARDO**
Sports Writer

Fresh off a victory over No.10 Indiana, the Irish conclude their current streak of road contests tomorrow night with their fourth-straight game away from Alumni Stadium. Still seeking its first Big East victory, Notre Dame will square off with undefeated No. 2 Connecticut.

No. 8 Notre Dame (8-1-0, 0-1-0 Big East) began the road swing by beating Michigan, 1-0 in double overtime Sept. 16. After suffering their first loss of the season in the conference-opening 2-1 loss to Louisville on Saturday, the Irish defeated the Hoosiers (6-2-1, 1-0-0 Big Ten) on Wednesday. If the Irish are to conclude their time on the road with a victory, they will have to do so against a Connecticut team that has outscored its opponents 19-2 through nine games this season.

"I think you just see a very good team, you know?" Irish coach Bobby Clark said of Connecticut (8-0-1, 1-0-0 Big East). "They are a very mature team, they have a lot of foreign players that are a little bit older usually, and



PIERRE VERTIL | The Observer

Senior midfielder Dillon Powers dribbles the ball during Notre Dame's 2-0 victory over Michigan State on Sept. 14.

a lot of experience. I mean, the goalkeeper, for instance, is a 22-year old sophomore, so they are a little bit older, a little bit more experienced. But I think our guys will handle that. They are a good team — their record

states that pretty clearly."

The Huskies entered last year's matchup with the Irish ranked No. 1 in the country and riding an 11-game winning streak. Notre

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Top prospect commits to ND

Observer Staff Report

A year after hauling in the nation's No. 21 recruiting class, Irish coach Mike Brey's 2013 class got a big boost Thursday evening when point guard Demetrius Jackson committed to Notre Dame.

Jackson, a four-star prospect from Mishawaka Marian, chose the Irish over Illinois after initially considering Kansas as well.

He was supposed to announce his decision Thursday evening live on ESPNU but ESPN mistakenly posted a video commenting on Jackson's commitment to Notre Dame. The video was later removed.

Jackson, the No. 27 high school player in the nation, is a 6-foot-1, 185-pound guard who can create off the dribble and open up opportunities for teammates with his passing.

Jackson will join a formidable backcourt in 2013-14 that will include guards Eric Atkins and Jerian Grant.

Jackson becomes the second major recent South Bend-area basketball product to play for Notre Dame — joining women's senior guard Skylar Diggins.

This season, the Irish welcome Missouri Gatorade Player of the Year Cameron Biedscheid along with forwards Zach Auguste and Austin Burgett. Brey has already landed commitments from Indiana small forward V.J. Beachem and Pennsylvania shooting guard Steve Vasturia for the 2013 class.

The Irish return all five starters from last year's 22-win squad and could challenge for a Big East title after finishing the regular season third in 2012.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Big East road tests await

By **MATTHEW ROBISON**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame travels to the Northeast this weekend with a pair of Big East road matchups against Providence on Friday and Connecticut on Sunday.

Coming off two big wins last weekend over Pittsburgh and Oakland, the Irish (7-3-1, 3-0-0 Big East), have an important weekend ahead of them, Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

"I think we're working toward [our midseason stride]," Waldrum said. "I think we'll know a little bit more, probably, after this weekend. Going on the road in the Big East for the first time, I think if we can get through this weekend and get a couple of wins, then I think we might be in the stride that we want to be in at this point in time.

"It might be a little bit early to say we're in full stride right now. But we're awfully close."

The Irish shutout the Huskies (6-4-1, 2-2-0) and the Friars (7-4-1, 2-2-0) in a pair of 3-0 wins in

MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Zahmbies set to battle Green Wave

By **GREG HADLEY**
Sports Writer

Two sputtering offenses will go up against a pair of suffocating defenses when Zahm plays Fisher on Sunday. The Zahmbies (0-2) will look for their first win, while the Green Wave (1-0) will try to stay undefeated.

The Zahmbies have struggled mightily on the offensive side of the ball, failing to produce any points through their first two games. Despite his team's struggles, senior captain Alex Bowman said he is focusing on the positives.

"I think our struggles are a matter of perception," Bowman said. "We are making improvements every week."

Defensively, Zahm remains strong, surrendering only 10 points to Carroll in its last game. The Zahmbies will look for their defense to keep up the pressure while their offense continues to develop.

"Our defense has had some great players," Bowman said. "We're going to rely a lot on freshman defensive end Ryan Tang this game."

The Green Wave, meanwhile, have used their stifling

defense to make up for their lack of offensive prowess. In the team's season opener against St. Edward's, the defense shut down the Gentlemen offense, posting a shutout. Senior captain Matt Hart said he knows his offense, which only scored one touchdown against the Gentlemen, must improve to give the defense some breathing room.

"Last week's game ball goes to our entire defense," Hart said, "All our energy comes from them."

For the offense to improve, the Green Wave will need better play from their offensive line, a unit that gave up a safety last week.

"We have a young center who was a little anxious and excited last week," Hart said. "But that's not a bad thing, since it'll help us get a good push off the line. We just need to have more consistency."

The Zahmbies and the Green Wave will square off Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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SARAH O'CONNOR | The Observer

Junior midfielder Elizabeth Tucker advances the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Pittsburgh on September 21.

Alumni Stadium last year, but playing on the road is a different beast. The Irish expect rain in both games, Waldrum said.

"With the field conditions at Providence and their style of play, I think that's going to make it really tough for us," Waldrum said.

The Friars had won six straight before dropping two on the road to No. 14 Georgetown and Villanova. The Huskies, meanwhile, have lots of history with the Irish.

"With Connecticut, [we have]

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