

Graduates teach in underprivileged schools

ACE participants promote Catholic education

By **ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI**
News Writer

The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Service through Teaching program at Notre Dame promotes learning from both sides of the classroom, providing education to students at Catholic schools nationwide while enabling their teachers to pursue master's degrees through the University.

Established in 1994, ACE sends Notre Dame graduates, among others, to Catholic



Courtesy of ACE website

Pictured from left to right are Ericca McCutcheon, Annelyse Giovannitti, John Kyler and Steven Alagna, all teachers currently working at under-resourced schools with the Alliance for Catholic Education

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TFA teachers foster students' development

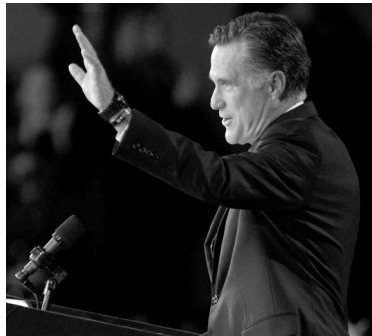
By **MEL FLANAGAN**
News Writer

One week ago, senior Chris Jacques received an email that read, "Congratulations."

Teach for America (TFA), a nonprofit education program that aims to eliminate educational inequality, recruits heavily from college seniors such as Jacques. The organization employs recent graduates and professionals to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools across the

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‘Signed, sealed, delivered’



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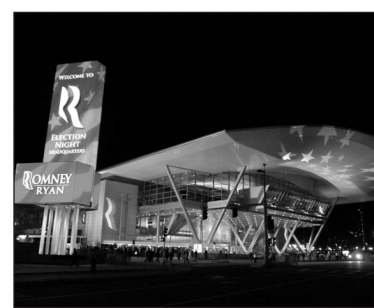
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Center: Same-sex couple Shayna Kramer, left, and Larissa Sims, right, embrace amidst the confetti to celebrate President Barack Obama's reelection at McCormick Place in Chicago in the early hours of Wednesday morning as the Stevie Wonder song "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" played over the speakers. Obama is the first president to openly endorse same-sex marriage, and voters legalized gay marriage in three more states Tuesday. Look to The Observer in coming days for more coverage of the 2012 election's implications, and visit www.ndsmcobserver.com for a full photo gallery of pictures from election night festivities at McCormick Place in Chicago and the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in Boston.

Theologian speaks on link between sexuality, religion

By **CAROLYN HUTYRA**
News Writer

In a talk on sexuality and Catholicism, sponsored by the Gender Relations Center,

theologian Terry Nelson Johnson actively engaged with audience members Wednesday night in the Joyce Center in hopes of going beyond "just another sex talk."

Johnson said his words were not aimed at providing information but rather at encouraging healing and transformation.

"Sexuality is a gift, a threat, a force to be reckoned with,"

Johnson said. "Sexuality is a mystery and that's my contention."

Mysteries, such as sexuality, are bigger than people are, he said. Human beings are called to enjoy and enter into these

mysteries but should not underestimate them.

"The point of mysteries is to acquaint people with them and

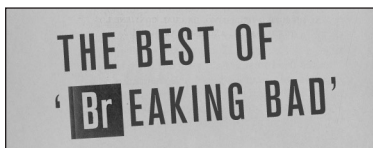
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Which Power Ranger would you be?

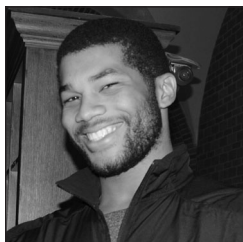


Kim Kirk

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Breen Phillips Hall

“The pink one because her name is Kimberly.”



Joey Brooks

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“The green one.”



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“The black one.”



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“The yellow one.”

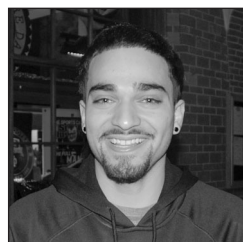


Kevin Camacho

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“The green one.”



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“The black one.”



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This Day in History: Jason Miller, a senior in Dillon Hall runs for the end zone during an interhall game against Morrissey. Although the crowd looks sparse, Notre Dame has one of the most competitive intramural sports programs in the nation.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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Thursday

“What’s Next for NASA?”

Geddes Hall

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

AME Seminar with Col.

Michael T. Good.

Friday

“We Are Made Of Star Stuff”

Jordan Hall

7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Digital Visualization

Theater show.

Saturday

Asian Allure

Washington Hall

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Asian

heritage and culture.

\$10 at the door.

Sunday

“The Servant of Two Masters”

DeBartolo Performing

Arts Center

2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Play by Carlo Goldini.

Monday

Lecture: “The Maya Mysteries”

DeBartolo Hall

4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Study on archaeology,

prophecy and fantasy.

“Reflections on the Early Years of Coeducatiion at ND”

Eck Visitors Center

7:30 p.m.-9:15 p.m.

Panel discussion.

Lecture: “Ethics in Contemporary Irish Journalism”

424 Flanner Hall

3 p.m.

Part of Irish studies.

Film: “Chicken with Plums”

DeBartolo Performing

Arts Center

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

\$4 for students.

Film: “Grand Illusion”

DeBartolo Performing

Arts Center

3 p.m.

Directed by Jean

Renoir.

Veteran’s Day Ceremony

Fieldhouse Mall

5 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

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ELECTION NIGHT TWEETS FOLLOW @OBSERVERNDSMC ON TWITTER

ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR SAM STRYKER IN BOSTON, NEWS EDITORS KRISTEN DURBIN AND JOHN CAMERON IN CHICAGO, LIVE-TWEET ON ELECTION NIGHT:



Sam Stryker @sbstryker

Naturally I am wearing a purple tie with a purple striped shirt to cover the election. #election2012 #bipartisanship #unbiasedcoverage
7:53 PM - 6 Nov 12



Kristen Durbin @kdurbs423

And the first cheers begin as people enter this giant room for the Election Night festivities #Election2012
8:31 PM - 6 Nov 12



John Cameron @Johnatron4000

Crowd erupts at Obama HQ in Chicago as the President's reelection is projected by MSNBC and CNN. #nowplaying: "Twist and Shout."
11:26 PM - 6 Nov 12



Sam Stryker @sbstryker

Romney camp's attitude — "Not so fast." According to Fox News, senior staff members are "frantically crunching numbers" for Ohio decision.
11:33 PM - 6 Nov 12



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According to an aide, Romney not ready to concede. People are sticking around the BCEC ballroom. Be ready for a long night. #election2012
11:44 PM - 6 Nov 12



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It will be interesting to see how the dialogue about the electoral college will compare with that of the 2000 election.
12:18 AM - 7 Nov 12



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In video montage, Obama tells story of supporter who started "Fired up, ready to go" chant at rally. Crowds chanted along with video tonight
1:10 AM - 7 Nov 12



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People have been waiting for Obama to appear/speak since doors opened at 7:30. Long day for everyone. #Election2012
1:21 AM - 7 Nov 12



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Ill never forget watching Obama through a crack in the curtains while standing on a table amidst a smattering of journalists #Election2012
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STUDENT SENATE

Group praises ACE, Career Center

By MADDIE DALY

News Writer

Student Senate heard about opportunities with Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program and passed resolutions about excused absences at Wednesday night's meeting.

Notre Dame graduate Sarah Greene, from the ACE program, spoke about her experience teaching high school English.

"I was an English major here at Notre Dame and went on to teach high school English in Mobile, Ala., for the ACE program," Greene said. "ACE is a great option for teaching since it's just two years and includes a Master of Education degree. Plus it prepares students well for teaching in Catholic schools."

Greene saw this as an excellent opportunity for members of Senate because of their interest in leadership.

"Teaching really cultivated my own leadership skills, and I know that's something you've been working to develop," Greene said. "I encourage you to share those gifts, give them back to students in need. I just wanted to come and thank you for the service you do and let you know that we are located in Carole Sandner Hall. We have ample study space and plenty of smiling faces to welcome you."

After thanking Greene for her information, the group invited sophomore Max Brown from the department of academic affairs to introduce two resolutions dealing with excused absence policies.

"The first issue we wanted to tackle is that regarding professional development," Brown said. "A lot of times you have to interview for post-graduate opportunities or internships and the Career Center can help students get those excused absences. There are a lot of ways to get one for an interview, but essentially all of those excused absences are only for seniors. Specifically in today's environment it is really important for undergrads to get those opportunities too."

The group unanimously voted in favor of this resolution, and Brown expressed his approval.

"I'm really glad you passed that last resolution. I think that it is really important for a lot of us in this room," Brown said.

Secondly, Brown introduced a resolution concerning the class absence policy regarding death.

"Currently, when a loved

one passes away it is very difficult to get an excused absence unless they are part of an immediate family," Brown said. "That doesn't seem to fit the bill for instances that demonstrate extenuating circumstances where the University should allow students to get excused absences. So we decided to add the ambiguous term 'loved one' to this section of du Lac."

Class of 2015 president Tim Scanlon asked how they came up with the specific addition of the term "loved one" in this resolution.

"We really thought a lot about how to define this. There are a lot of circumstances and it's hard to define and name

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Sarah Greene
ACE representative

them all. We are using 'loved one' so that the definition is at the discretion of the administration," Brown said. "What it allows the administrators to do is to give students an excused absence even when the death is not an immediate family member but still someone very close. Also, they feel that they can have the power to ensure that this policy is not being abused."

Every Senate member also voted in favor of the resolution. Student body vice president Katie Rose updated the group on last week's discussion regarding the Career Center.

"After our discussion last week I had two very good meetings with some people at the Career Center," Rose said. "Both were ridiculously productive, and a lot of the issues you brought up are going to be addressed. Thank you for your feedback; they were very appreciative."

Chief of staff Katie Baker expressed her gratitude for the senators who worked for the Department of Gender Studies.

"Thank you for all your hard work last week during sexual assault awareness week," Baker said. "The Time to Heal dinner was really amazing. I hope you guys were touched by it as much as we were."

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NDH debuts room of delights



EMILY KRUSE | The Observer

The Rec Room in Notre Dame's North Dining Hall offers students a place to relax by playing games and entering contests.

By KATIE MCCARTY
News Writer

Students eating in North Dining Hall can escape into a state fair, the Old West or a winter wonderland through the new Rec Room, which offers special food and activities in accordance with a different theme every week. Carla McDonald, a dining hall manager, said the Rec Room, which debuted the week after fall break, was “a collaboration” between her and her fellow managers.

“We came up with the Rec Room as a way to give something back to the students,” McDonald said. “It’s some place they can go to have a good time and give them a more fun experience.”

The room takes on a different theme every week, reflected in the food served there and its décor, McDonald said. The dining hall staff has already been brainstorming new and innovative themes.

“This week is a cornhole tournament, next week is a coloring contest and later there will be a Lego building contest,” McDonald said. “There will be prizes.”

The week before Thanksgiving there will be a rainbow chocolate fountain, and every day of the week the fountain will be a different color, she said.

The week after Thanksgiving, the Rec Room will celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with gingerbread house decorating. After Christmas break, a Wii tournament will take place, as well as a “create your own waffle cone” week.

“When it gets cold out, maybe in January, we are planning a Western theme with s’mores and chili,” McDonald said.

In addition to fun activities and prizes, the Rec Room also has special food options. For example, this week in conjunction with the cornhole tournament, students can enjoy freshly made tortilla chips and salsa in the room, McDonald said.

“Usually there is snacky foods,” she said. “For example, we are planning a circus week with corndogs and nachos. The food coordinates with the theme.”

McDonald said students are enjoying the Rec Room so far. “During the first week, which was state-fair themed, there were several people coming in and participating,” she said.

When the Rec Room offered pumpkin carving last week, students carved about twenty pumpkins. Many other students also participated in a costume contest, McDonald said.

McDonald said she encourages students to “like” the “The Rec Room at North Dining Hall” Facebook page which updates students about themes, activities and special foods happening in the Rec Room each week. The dining hall staff is also hanging flyers up in dining area to remind students to like the page.

“It’s a new program,” McDonald said, “but it is all about getting the word out.”

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Belles connect with area restaurants, businesses

By BRIDGET FEENEY
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students will get to taste and familiarize themselves with the services and products of food establishments throughout South Bend on Thursday night at the Taste of Saint Mary's event from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

Student body president and senior Maureen Parsons said the Taste of Saint Mary's, which is free to all students and sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA), is designed to help attendees establish connections with local restaurants and businesses.

“The Taste of SMC is an event that allows local businesses to market their product or service to students,” she said. “[SGA] wanted to have the Taste of SMC to build a relationship between the students and the community of South Bend. It is an opportunity for students to learn about what is available in the community.”

Parsons said she believes the Taste of Saint Mary's is a great way for

students to enjoy some free food while also getting acquainted with local businesses and dif-

“We hope that students will learn more about what South Bend has to offer. ... We really want to start working with the community and building a relationship with businesses for the future.”

Maureen Parsons
SMC student body president

ferent ways to enjoy their services.

“The business can offer free samples, sell merchandise, provide their services or simply talk about their business,” she said. “[Some of the businesses] will be giving away free samples of their products.”

Several local businesses

and restaurants are participating in the event, including Flourish Boutique, Papa John's, Salon Nouveau, Urban Swirl, Salon Rouge and Biggby Coffee, Parsons said. While the event is free, as are most of the services, Flourish is selling some merchandise. Parsons said the SGA organized the event by reaching out to businesses to gather an interest of which ones would want to participate in the event, then sent out informational packets to move the process along.

Parsons said she is hopeful this event will become an annual event and that more businesses will participate in the next one.

“We hope that students will learn more about what South Bend has to offer,” she said. “Many businesses in the community have great student discounts that our students are not aware of. We really want to start working with the community and building a relationship with businesses for the future.”

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Paving the Way: Reflections on the Early Years of Coeducation at Notre Dame

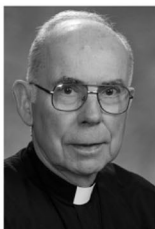
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Kathleen Cekanski-Farrand '73
JD, former Law School faculty member (1973-'78); she served as rector of Badin Hall (1972-'73) and Breen-Phillips Hall (1973-'74).



Ann Therese Darin Palmer '73, '75 MBA, editor of *Thanking Father Ted: Thirty-Five Years of Notre Dame Coeducation*; she is one of the first ND women graduates.



Susan Poulson, professor of history at the University of Scranton and co-editor of *Going Coed: Women's Experiences in Formerly Men's Colleges and Universities, 1950-2000*.



Dan Reagan '76, former associate vice president for University Relations at Notre Dame (2003-'12); he is a member of Notre Dame's first coed freshman class.



Jeanine Sterling '76 serves on the Alumni Association's ND Women Connect steering committee; she is a member of Notre Dame's first coed freshman class.

Moderated by **Kathleen Cummings '99 PhD,** director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism and associate professor in the Department of American Studies.

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This event is free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

Cosponsored by the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, the Department of American Studies, the Gender Studies Program, and Badin Hall.

Lecture

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engage with them, not domesticate them,” he said.

Johnson said words such as energy, passion and creativity are closely associated with the idea of sexuality. He said the physical aspect is not the point, and people need to understand sexuality as something beyond sex.

Johnson quoted Catholic priest and theologian Fr. Ronald Rolheiser to make this point, saying “Sexuality is an all-encompassing energy inside each of us. It is the drive for love, communion, community. ... It is not good to be alone.”

To explain this point, Johnson played a clip of the

Yankees celebrating their win in the 1996 World Series. Audience members said the video expressed the team’s happiness, excitement and pride. Although the players could have expressed these emotions without physical contact, they still chose to hug each other and huddle together.

“It’s just not as good from 10 feet away,” he said.

When sexuality is embraced well, Johnson said it makes love and life present. It also functions as a sacrament for God’s sake in mediating God’s presence in the world.

“Sexuality is a God-given resource to enhance our lives,” he said. “It is the source of life and love.”

In tying sexuality to

Catholicism, Johnson went on to explain Jesus’s sexuality. Jesus produced much love and life, he said. His sexuality was integrated, powerful and healing.

The hallmarks of sacred sexuality are gratitude, privilege, wonder and awe, he said. Johnson’s goal was to help students understand these aspects as positives in constituting the good of sexuality.

Sophomore Frannie Kelsey said the lecture caused her to think about sexuality in a new way.

“I thought he had some really good points about sexuality that I hadn’t thought about before,” she said.

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Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson explored the connection between sexuality and Catholicism on Wednesday in the Joyce Center.

ACE

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elementary and high schools across the southern half of the United States to complete two years of teaching. In addition to their work as full-time teachers, ACE participants also do master’s coursework through Notre Dame’s Institute for Educational Initiatives.

Sarah Greene, associate

director of ACE Service through Teaching, said the program’s mission is rooted in the Holy Cross tradition of the University.

“The Congregation of the Holy Cross that founded Notre Dame has a tradition of educating both the mind and the heart, and this is certainly something that the ACE participants live out in their Catholic schools,” Greene said. “We see a real

commitment to service through Catholic education in the schools, and this reinforces the University’s own mission.”

Greene said the program has expanded greatly in the past 18 years and now sends 90 teachers to 29 dioceses across the United States each year.

“The program began in order to send interested Notre Dame graduates to under-resourced Catholic schools in the southeastern [United States] and it developed over time,” Greene said. “Now it is a two-year Master’s of Education program coupled with this service teaching in Catholic schools, with four to eight ACE members living in each diocese to share the rewards and challenges of teaching.”

Steven Alagna, a member of Notre Dame’s Class of 2011 and an ACE participant, currently teaches at San Juan del Rio Catholic School in Jacksonville, Fla. Alagna, who studied political science and Spanish as an undergraduate, said he enjoys the sense of community among the ACE teachers in Jacksonville as well as the interaction with other diocesan teachers.

“One of my favorite parts of ACE is that ACE teachers live in community with the other ‘ACers’ serving in their diocese,” Alagna said. “The six of us in the Jacksonville community are at six different schools, so while we all have our living situation in

common, we also have different experiences at our schools. There is a wide range in racial and socioeconomic demographics, which always leads to enlightening conversations at community dinner.”

Alagna said outside of their teaching work, ACE participants take online classes during the school year to complete their master’s coursework and are observed by University supervisors once each semester. They also return to South Bend for two summers to take education classes at the University.

“The combination of living in a new city, completing master’s coursework and being first-time teachers can be very challenging,” Alagna said. “My experience in the Diocese of St. Augustine has shown me that ACE teachers are typically well-regarded by their peers in the diocese. I felt really prepared by my coursework at Notre Dame during the summer before my first year of teaching.”

Caitlin Wrend, another member of Notre Dame’s Class of 2011 and an ACE teacher at San Xavier Mission School in Tuscon, Ariz., said the balance between this master’s coursework and daily teaching duties is quite difficult to achieve.

“It is a challenge, especially to keep your primary focus on the elementary teaching, but it’s not an overwhelming amount of work,” Wrend said. “Plus, the intention of

the master’s coursework is to make us better teachers, so it’s important to keep that mindset and realize that this material will help us improve in the classroom.”

Wrend said her experience at the school in Tuscon reaffirmed her desire to work with children.

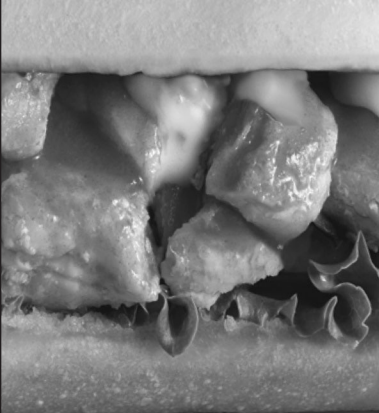
“Later on down the road, teaching is definitely something I want to go back to, but now I’m considering another avenue to work with kids that have unstable home lives,” Wrend said. “I really love teaching the kids, but I’d like to find a way to help provide more stability for them outside the [8 a.m. to 3 p.m.] time frame.”

Although Alagna has not yet determined his career path after his time in Jacksonville, he said the program has altered his perception of the working world.

“While many ACE teachers move on to other professions like law school or the business world, I think most are committed to teaching for the right reasons and not to further their own careers,” Alagna said. “I am not sure that I will continue teaching in the immediate future after my two years in ACE. Still, I know that whatever I end up doing, it will be informed and made more meaningful by the experience I’m having in ACE.”

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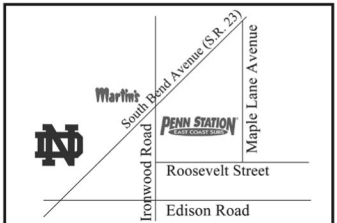


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Forum illuminates sports marketing careers

By **ADAM LLORENS**
News Writer

Over 75 percent of the Notre Dame student body participated in a high school varsity sport. The University boasts one of the greatest collegiate athletic programs in the country, its football team is ranked No. 4 in the nation and the interhall football program is one-of-a-kind.

Yet, the University offers no majors related to the business side of sports for a student population generally interested in athletic competition. Sponsored by the Marketing

Club, the annual Sports Marketing Forum offers students a chance to discover opportunities in the industry and network with established professionals.

"We have a lot of kids interested in sports but we don't have the resources here for students interested in sports," Marketing Club president Ally Schneider said. "The purpose of the forum is to give interested students an idea of the opportunities available in the industry and for them to hear from people successful in the sports marketing."

Schneider, a senior, said the

event is growing bigger and bigger each year.

"This is the fourth year we've done it," she said. "It has become one of the signature events of the Marketing Club."

The forum will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at Giovanini Commons inside the Mendoza College of Business. The event is open to students of all majors.

"It's a really great opportunity to network with some high figures within the sports industry," Schneider said. "All of our speakers are very high up in their

companies and all interested in meeting Notre Dame students."

Schneider said four speakers will share their experiences with students at the event.

The speakers include: Mary O'Connor, vice president of the Olympic Marketing and Global Platforms of Omnicom's The Marketing Arm; Julie Souza, vice president of business development for "Sports Illustrated;" Frank Murtha, president of Professional Sports Consultants Inc. and Theodore Loehrke, vice

president of team business development for the National Basketball Association.

Schneider said students' attendance at past events helped them land a job after graduation.

Regardless of whether students are seeking career opportunities right away, Schneider said the event has a lot to offer.

"It will be really interesting to hear from some careers in the sports marketing industry," she said.

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nation.

Jacques, who currently serves as an on-campus representative for the organization, said he was attracted to TFA because of its commitment to close the achievement gap between students.

"Through my studies at Notre Dame and the [elementary and secondary schooling] minor, I came to realize the inequalities in our educational system, and I really wanted to do something about it," he said.

Molly Sammon, class of 2012 and a member of the 2012 TFA Corps, said her time at Notre Dame also influenced her choice to join TFA.

"I did a [Summer Service Learning Program at Notre Dame] that was aligned with education and education policy in Lawrence, Mass.," Sammon said. "I saw what the kids in Lawrence had, what their schools looked like and the resources they were given ... I knew education equality was a social change I really wanted to get behind."

Sammon teaches college algebra and algebra II to high school special education students on the south side of Chicago, her home city.

As an anthropology major with a minor in the John G. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy, Sammon said she was surprised, as well as doubtful, when she received her placement.

"I thought they would see my resume and think, 'Okay, this girl needs to be an English teacher,'" she said. "If I had told myself senior year at Notre Dame that I was going to be a secondary math teacher I would have thought I was crazy."

Despite her initial shock, Sammon committed to the program and said she has thoroughly enjoyed her past few months of teaching.

"It's everything I wanted after graduation," she said. "I love my job. It's very tough, tougher than I ever thought and I work 12-hour days, but it's incredibly

worth it."

The difficulties involved with teaching youth are endless, Sammon said. These difficulties are amplified when teaching youth from rough, poverty-stricken neighborhoods.

While she expected her high school students to be challenging, Sammon said she did not expect controlling their behavior to be as exhausting as it is.

"I knew these were tough kids, but I thought at the beginning, 'Oh this is going to be a cool fun job where I just go hang out with kids and teach them math,'" she said.

Just last week, Sammon broke up a physical fight between a male and female student in her classroom. She later held a conference with the two students, their parents and the dean during which she described to the students why their actions were unacceptable, she said.

Learning to be strict with young adults demands even more of an effort, Sammon said.

"I like being nice and friendly and smiley," she said. "I wanted to be that way with my students but I had to learn pretty quickly that I can't be friends with all of them. They need a teacher who will get them in trouble when they need to be in trouble."

Like Sammon, Jacques will also tentatively be teaching special education in Chicago.

"I think [special education] adds an additional challenge, from learning the theories and pedagogies on how to teach special education," he said. "It's exciting to me though, something new is always exciting."

Jacques expects to experience a number of difficulties during his time as a teacher. But these obstacles can be overcome by remembering the mission of the program, he said.

"You just have to keep in mind that it's all about the kids, and that will make those hard days go by," he said.

Despite a wealth of post-graduate teaching options, Jacques said his heart was always set on TFA.

He did not apply to any alternative programs, such as the

Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), a faith-based organization whose mission is similar to TFA's.

"I think TFA aligned more with what I want to do in an urban setting, and it gave me a little more freedom as a professional to pursue my own growth," Jacques said.

Sammon, who did not apply to ACE either, chose TFA for multiple reasons. On a personal level, Sammon said she loved the economic and racial diversity at the public school she attended as a young student, and she wished to experience that atmosphere as a teacher.

On a political level, Sammon said she strongly believes in quality, free public education for all students.

"It's something that influences how I vote, how I think about the world and what I think each student deserves," she said. "All students deserve a good pub-

"I love my job. It's tough, tougher than I ever thought and I work 12-hour days, but it's incredibly worth it."

Molly Sammon
ACE teacher

lic school where you can get a quality teacher that doesn't sit behind a desk all day, but works

with you on improving your skills and giving you what you need."

In addition to furthering the education of disadvantaged students, Sammon said her personal returns from the experience so far have been incredible.

"For every fight, or every parent that yells at me, for every kid that swears at me, there is an equal and greater chance that a student looks at me and says, 'Wow, no one's ever taught me that before,' and you see the realization of a child learning something," she said.

"And I swear to you, it's the greatest feeling on the planet."

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Obama vows to confront partisan bickering

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the bitter election campaign that put President Barack Obama back into the White House now history, the U.S. faces the challenge of whether Republicans and Democrats can set aside deep partisan divisions and legislative gridlock.

The challenge is to overcome the self-imposed “fiscal cliff,” dramatic and automatic tax increases and spending cuts that could well slam the nation back in to recession.

In day-after-election remarks, Republicans on Wednesday signaled no readiness to give up on their ideological opposition to raising taxes on high-income Americans — as Obama has insisted — but instead were continuing to push for lower rates across the board. That theory, known as

trickle-down economics and dating to the era of President Ronald Reagan, holds that cutting taxes will vastly increase the size of the income and profit pie, thereby producing more revenue even at lower tax rates.

Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives John Boehner laid down that position yet again as the condition for working for any increase in government revenue in return for Obama’s stated — but undefined — willingness to cut spending on crucial social programs. Republicans maintained control of the House.

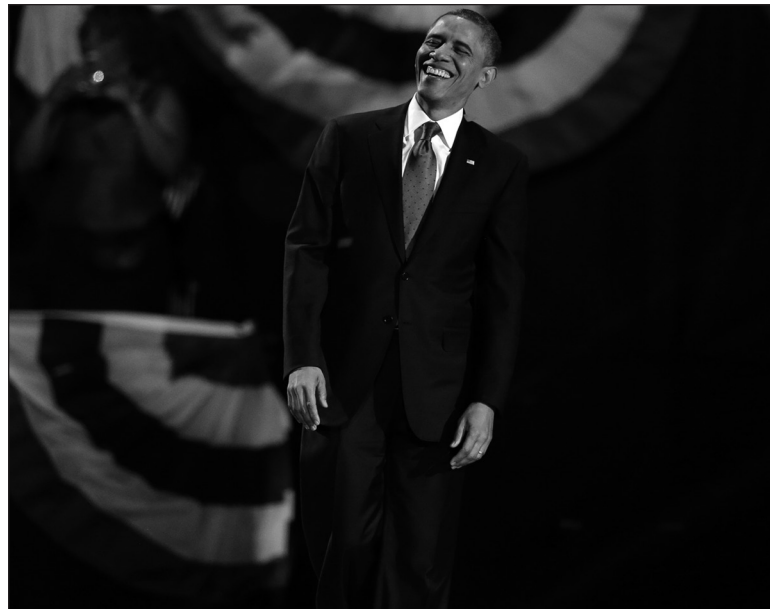
The opening gambits did not argue for a quick solution to the country’s skyrocketing debt and stubbornly high deficit that has the government now spending more than \$1 trillion a year more than it collects in taxes.

In the face of those challenges, Obama had told Americans on Election Day that he had never been more optimistic.

“The best is yet to come,” he said at his early Wednesday morning victory rally in Chicago, ticking off his legislative goals of reforming the tax system, working to ease climate change and overhauling the nation’s immigration laws.

Now the immediate test is whether the country’s deep partisan divide can be narrowed, as Democrats under Obama’s leadership try to work out a compromise with Republicans to avoid the “fiscal cliff,” that could force spending cuts totaling \$800 billion next year alone.

Obama’s victory and exit polling of voters showed a majority of Americans supported or were resigned to higher taxes to begin cutting national red ink. That



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Despite partisan forces, President Barack Obama promised Americans he is confident he can lead the country forward.

was shown in Obama’s victory even though he had led the country through a period in which

the economy suffered its biggest downturn since the 1930s Great Depression and stubbornly high unemployment that dipped only slightly below 8 percent in the final two months of the campaign. He campaigned on a pledge to raise taxes on American households earning more than \$250,000 a year.

Republicans could still moderate.

That’s because voter rejection of Republican challenger Mitt Romney and his party’s drift to the far right of the political spectrum will surely bring a deep reassessment of strategy. The Republican base — dominated by diminishing numbers of white men — is shrinking, while the country moves toward a day when minorities — blacks, Hispanics and Asians — become the majority. Obama’s second-term victory was sealed by massive minority support.

Obama’s re-election guarantees the full implementation of his signature legislative achievement, the overhaul of the nation’s health care system, which Republicans had vowed to overturn. Likely, too, will be a continued U.S. foreign policy that depends on multinational partnerships in dealing with issues like Syria’s civil war and Iran’s nuclear program. Romney said those tactics were a sign of American weakness. And China, facing its own leadership transition, should be relieved. Romney had pledged to declare it a currency manipulator, potentially leading to sanctions and escalating trade tensions.

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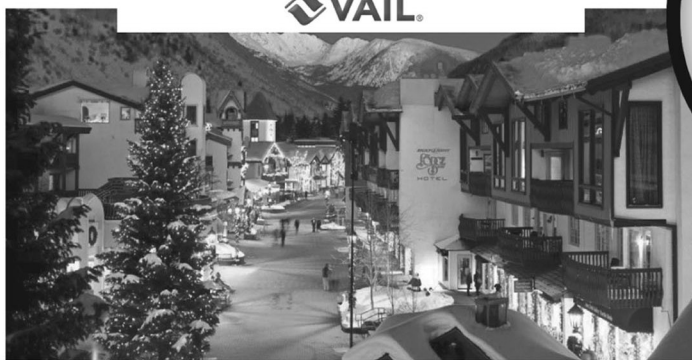
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Battered East Coast braces for next superstorm

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Coastal residents of New York and New Jersey faced new warnings to evacuate their homes and airlines canceled hundreds of flights as a new storm arrived Wednesday, only a week after Superstorm Sandy left dozens dead and millions without power.

Forecasters said the latest storm appeared weaker than first thought, but it still carried the threat of high winds, storm surges and even snow that could cause further damage to the already weakened infrastructure of the country's most densely populated region. Rain and wet snow started falling in New York City around midday, with the worst expected in the afternoon.

"I am waiting for the locusts and pestilence next," New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said. Public works crews with heavy machinery worked to build up dunes to protect the battered shoreline.

Exactly as authorities feared, the nor'easter brought down tree limbs and electrical wires, and utilities in New York and New Jersey reported that nearly 60,000 customers who lost power because of Sandy lost it all over again as a result of the nor'easter.

More than half a million homes and businesses remained without power as temperatures hit freezing at night, and finding tens of thousands of people emergency housing — in some cases, for the long term — was the greatest challenge.

The utility Con Ed, which serves New York City, said that by early evening, the nor'easter knocked out power to at least 11,000 customers, some of whom had just gotten it back. Tens of thousands more were expected to lose power overnight.

The Long Island Power Authority said by evening that the number of customers in the dark had risen from 150,000 to more than 198,000.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg ordered police to use loudspeakers to warn vulnerable residents, many of them in low-income public housing, about evacuating.

"Even though it's not anywhere near as strong as Sandy — nor strong enough, in normal times, for us to evacuate anybody — out of precaution and because of the changing physical circumstances, we are going to go to some small areas and ask those people to go to higher ground," Bloomberg said Tuesday.

But many were deciding to stay, worried about their



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New York and New Jersey residents have prepared for the looming storm weather analysts predict will soon hit the region. Superstorm Sandy left more than half a million homes and businesses without power.

empty homes being looted. Others decided the situation couldn't get much worse.

"We're petrified," said James Alexander, a resident of the hard-hit Rockaways section of New York City where many homes burned to the ground during Sandy. "It's like a sequel to a horror movie." Nevertheless, he said he was staying to watch over his house and his neighbors.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency put a number to the storm's homeless in New York and New Jersey, saying 95,000 people were eligible for emergency housing assistance. Just

under a million people were still without power in the region.

Storm surges along the coasts of New Jersey and New York were expected to reach perhaps 3 feet (0.9 meters), only half to a third of what the hurricane-driven Sandy caused last week. But Sandy destroyed some protective dunes, especially in New Jersey, making even a weaker surge dangerous.

High winds, which could reach 65 mph (104 kph), could stall power restoration efforts or cause further outages.

Major airlines cancelled

flights in and out of the New York City area ahead of the storm. Sandy last week led to more than 20,000 flight cancellations.

New York City was closing all parks, playgrounds and beaches and ordering all construction sites to be secured. Tuesday evening, Bloomberg ordered three nursing homes and an adult care facility evacuated from Queens' vulnerable Rockaway Peninsula.

New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said it wasn't wise to stay put. "I think your life is more important than property," he said.

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Latin American left supports Obama's reelection

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — From Caracas to Havana to La Paz, President Barack Obama's reelection victory was welcomed with a sigh of relief by many on Latin America's left, though others cautioned that the U.S. leader had not made the region a priority during his crisis-buffed first term and was unlikely to do so in a second.

In Cuba, state-run news website CubaSi called the outcome a victory for the lesser of two evils, saying: "U.S. elections: the worst one did not win."

"The news of Barack Obama's triumph in yesterday's general elections in the United States was received with some relief and without great optimism," CubaSi wrote.

On the streets of Caracas, some said they worried that a win by Republican Mitt Romney would have brought a much harder line against leftist leaders such as their own President Hugo Chavez, and that they hoped another four-year term for Obama would bring relatively peaceful U.S.-Latin American ties.

"The other guy would have cut off relations with Venezuela," said Cesar Echezuria, a street

vendor selling newspapers emblazoned with front-page photos of Obama celebrating. "It would have been a disaster for Venezuela if Obama had lost."

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has not commented since Tuesday's vote, but during the campaign he said that if he were an American, he'd cast his ballot for Obama. Despite years of strained relations between Chavez and Washington, the United States remains the top buyer of Venezuelan oil.

President Raul Castro's government is also often critical of the American president, but under a Romney administration it might have faced unwelcome rollbacks of Obama policies that relaxed restrictions on Cuban-American travel and remittances and increased cultural exchanges.

Oscar Espinosa Chepe, a Cuban government economist turned dissident who favors engagement between Washington and Havana, expressed hope that Obama may do more to improve relations between the two countries — even though U.S. law stipulates that Congress has the final say on the 50-year economic embargo against Havana, Cuba's chief complaint

against America.

"We think Obama in this second term could take some more steps, for example letting more Americans travel to Cuba," Espinosa Chepe said. "Although we know these policies cannot be changed overnight, we also think commercial relations could be liberalized."

On the streets of Havana, some Cubans said they had been pulling for Obama but also expressed doubts that his re-election would have any real impact on relations.

Javier Menes, a bartender, called it the second potential "tsunami" Cuba has dodged in a span of weeks, the first being Chavez's re-election in Venezuela last month, given that his government provides key economic support and fuel shipments to the island.

If Romney had won, it "would no doubt have produced a more bellicose rhetoric, and perhaps more aggressive actions towards Cuba, Venezuela and other left governments," said Miguel Tinker Salas, a Latin American studies professor at Pomona College in Claremont, California.

Tinker Salas and other analysts say Obama's administration hasn't deviated much in the approach toward Latin America that was taken by former President George W. Bush.

Beyond counter-drug efforts in the region, "the U.S. faces real challenges to its role in Latin America. It faces opposition to its efforts to increase economic ties with sympathetic



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Latin American leftist political actors agreed with Americans' decision in Tuesday's presidential election.

governments and to outmaneuver Chinese efforts to gain a stronger foothold in the region," Tinker Salas said.

The U.S. remains the top trading partner of many countries in the region, with exceptions including Brazil and Chile, where China has recently taken its place.

During the presidential debates, Romney had called Latin America a "huge opportunity" for the U.S. economically. The region, however, was far from a hot topic in the election and seldom garnered mentions by the candidates — although one pro-Romney television ad in Florida had played up Chavez's pro-Obama comments.

Ahead of the vote, some commentators in Latin America had groused that Obama and Romney were so similar in

foreign policy stances that the result didn't matter much. A recent front-page cartoon in Argentina's Pagina12 newspaper summed up such complaints, showing a conversation between two bearded men. One remarked: "What difference is there between Republicans and Democrats?" The other answered: "Both bomb you, but the Democrats afterward feel just a little bit bad about it."

President Evo Morales of Bolivia, whose relations with the United States have been testy since he expelled the U.S. ambassador and U.S. drug agents in 2008, noted that Latino voters were a key force in helping Obama win.

"Obama needs to recognize and pay that debt to the Latinos," Morales said.

Republicans consider party identity, voter preference

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Having lost the popular vote in five of the last six presidential elections, Republicans plunged Wednesday into an intense period of self-examination, blame-setting and testy debate over whether their party needs serious change or just some minor tweaks.

The fallout will help determine whether the Republican party might return to heights approximating the Ronald Reagan years or, as some fear, suffer even deeper losses as the nation's Democratic-leaning Hispanics increase in number.

"The party is clearly in some sort of identity crisis," said Rick Tyler, a past aide to former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Hard-core conservatives, furious at President Barack Obama's re-election in the face of a weak economy, called for a wholesale shift to resolutely right positions on social and fiscal matters. Some demanded that party leaders resign.

Establishment Republicans

largely shrugged off the tirades. But they split into two main camps themselves, portending potentially lengthy soul-searching, especially in Congress.

One group calls for calm and a steady course. It emphasizes that the party still controls the House, and notes that Obama's popular-vote margin was smaller than in 2008.

"The Republican Party is exactly right on the issues," said Terry Holt, a veteran Republican strategist with close ties to House Speaker John Boehner. The party mainly needs to nominate candidates who can relate to average Americans better than multimillionaire Mitt Romney did, Holt said.

Some other Republicans, however, see bigger problems. The party must shed its "absolutism on issues like tax increases," which congressional lawmakers oppose at virtually every level, said John Ulyot, a former Republican Senate aide.

"The only way the party is going to move more to the middle is

when we get sick of losing," he said.

That's essentially what Democrats did in the 1990s. Demoralized after big losses by presidential nominees Walter Mondale and Michael Dukakis — and still mindful of George McGovern's 1972 disaster — Democrats turned to a centrist Arkansas governor, Bill Clinton. He won two elections, repositioned the party and served as Obama's top surrogate this fall.

Some activists in both parties say Republicans eventually must follow suit to survive. But their primaries are dominated by staunch opponents of tax hikes, abortion, immigration reform and government regulations. Until and unless that changes, a shift toward the center may be impossible.

"It's harder for the Republicans, because they are more ideological than Democrats," said Democratic strategist Doug Hattaway. "The religious fervor of the Republican base makes it hard to change or compromise, even though that's what's needed to remain viable as a party."

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Christmas in October

Mackenzie Sain

Photographer

Let me preface the following by explaining that I love Christmas. I love the music, lights and time I get to spend with my family.

However, what I do not love is how early the Christmas season is apparently beginning this year. I visited the mall last Tuesday in search of last minute costume accessories, and lo and behold, a pile of large evergreen wreaths, some giant red bows and a red Santa chair sat near the entrance waiting to be organized into a holiday display. Keep in mind, last Tuesday was October 30 . . . the day before Halloween.

Granted, the Christmas display was still in pieces. The wreaths were stacked in a neat pile on the floor, and there was no mall Santa listening to small childrens' Christmas wishes. But it is clearly only a matter of time.

Target began airing its holiday-themed commercials at least two weeks ago. They aren't yet as pervasive as they will be, but the fact remains that Christmasy advertisements began while we were all on fall break watching "Hocus Pocus," "The Addams Family" and "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" on ABC Family.

Speaking of ABC Family, the network began advertising its "Countdown to the 25 Days of Christmas" during the "13 Nights of Halloween" promotion. We can all agree that their yearly "25 Days of Christmas" holiday special marathon is a great way to get excited about the Christmas season. But is a holiday movie-themed countdown to a previously existing holiday countdown necessary?

Even our beloved campus bookstore has jumped on the holiday bandwagon, setting up lights and a tree two weeks before Thanksgiving. This is getting out of hand.

Pulling out the Christmas decorations before Halloween, a time when most of us are receiving care packages full of candy and worrying about what Disney character to channel at Finny's, is just absurd. There are still leaves on some of the trees, and it's still pumpkin pie season. Radio stations, thank goodness, have not yet started playing Christmas songs on repeat. Plus, as of last Tuesday, there were still two (two!) major holidays before Christmas. Halloween's over now, but Thanksgiving, an important national holiday, is still waiting in the wings.

Why is everyone jumping the gun and already setting up Christmas decorations? Let's show Thanksgiving and the pilgrims some love and wait until November 23 to pull out the wreaths, trees and candy canes.

But after that, let's go all out.

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Blake J. Graham

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If your Instagram feed is filled with pictures of your face, you're doing it wrong.

Or rather, perhaps more delicately, you're treating Instagram wrong. You're taking the practices of online social behavior you learned from first MySpace, then Facebook and applying them to a completely different world. Instagram is a social network of sorts, but unlike its massive compadres, it's not about you. It's about what you see.

On Instagram, everybody plays by the same simple rules. You all have the same square to take or place a photo in, you have the same set of filters and adjustments to apply, you can offer the same minimal comments underneath it and you have the same way of viewing the images and responding to them. Maybe this seems trivial to note, but the underlying importance and consequence is not: The only way to differentiate your images from someone else's is found in the art of photography.

As soon as you open Instagram, you are participating in the largest citizen artist endeavor in existence. The filters will help you, but ultimately it's up to you to add to that art. But a pre-history of image saturation has turned most of us into image-junkies.

Image-junkies thrive in the narcissistic slop of Facebook's unrelenting waves of pseudo-social-emancipation, i.e. the more you attempt to be an individual on Facebook, the only way to confirm it is through the affirmation of "friends" via likes and whatnot. It's really more about you than it is your friends. Facebook

pushes images to the front of every screen, and each image is more or less the same: They contain people, and the people are posing. The images aren't artful. They're just folks with stage directions ("stand here," "smile," "move to the left so it looks like you're holding the Eiffel Tower," "sorority squat!"). Image-junkies love their own faces, their friends and participating in the drama of life. But you can't really see anything when you're attempting to alter reality for a frame.

Instagram works in reverse. Reality exists around you, you try to capture it, but when the photo looks twisted and the mood seems wrong, you can apply a filter to make your piece of recorded history match the event as it was. It's a chance to see cleverness in the world around you and share it. Most importantly, it forces you to see. One can't properly record the world and convey its moods if he or she is constantly intervening, adjusting and commanding. Instagram, at its roots, possesses that kind of integrity.

Not but several months ago, Instagram was a scrappy application for only the iPhone. It had a couple of filters and a feed. You could follow other people and like their photos. That's about all there was to it. Your own profile was buried underneath layers of menus. It was easier to find the images you had liked than it was to find the photos you had taken. It was impossible (and still is) to magnify your profile image or anyone else's. These things seem small, but they point to an Instagram mentality that is slowly slipping away.

It's not about you. It's not about you. It's about what you see.

Photography is the closest means we

have of trapping reality. And while you can't collect samples of reality or even of the present, you can collect images and samples of the past. The image-junkies are caught up in a transactional aesthetic where the image validates reality, i.e. "If there's a photo of me at a party looking really happy then I must have been really happy despite what I may or may not acutely remember from the evening."

It's hard that we can't see ourselves. To physically understand where we fit in, we have to turn to mirrors, reflections, shiny surfaces or cameras. There is nothing wrong with a desire to orient oneself that way. Facebook was built with that principle in mind. But sometimes it's okay to see the world without seeing yourself.

When Hurricane Sandy plowed into the east coast, users on Instagram responded with over 1.3 million photos. Each image added to the narrative and understanding of what was happening to the people, the buildings and the geography effected by the storm. It was Instagram's biggest moment, but also the biggest moment of collective photography. The images showed us the scale of the storm, they provided perspective between the damaged areas and they also surfaced key information that was integral to saving human lives and protecting the damaged cities. The people on Instagram didn't show us who they are; they showed us what they saw.

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What good lies in November?

Fr. Lou DelFra

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Our weaknesses and limitations are generally realities we seek to minimize, if not completely ignore. Perhaps that is what makes November such a spiritually uncomfortable month.

In November, the Catholic Church spends a significant amount of energy inviting us to recognize and meditate upon the one bedrock human limitation that underlies all others and threatens us at every turn, and yet which we spend most our lives trying not to think about. Death. At some point, our lives just . . . end.

In the Catholic Church, November is the Month of the Dead. Beginning with the celebration of All Saints Day on November 1 and followed by All Souls Day on November 2, the Church hardly enables our proclivity to turn a blind eye to this most discomforting reality of the finitude of our earthly life.

Have you ever noticed that the Church has always loved bones? Saints' relics — finger bones, shoulder blades and skulls — are some of the most conspicuous and sacred markers in Catholic churches. You likely celebrate Mass under the watchful eyes of a dead person — rendered, at least in the States, a bit less

bloody and grotesque by the sculptor or stained glass artist. If you have ever carried a rosary, you have carried a dead man in your pocket. If this seems rather odd, or even slightly disturbing, then you are getting the point. It's a point our culture is not always so willing consciously to acknowledge.

Yet the Church has rather defiantly reserved the month of November to meditate openly on the reality of death, beginning with All Saints and All Souls Days. At the doors of most chapels these weeks, you will note a book in which we can write down the names of the dead. (Of course, Halloween owes its origin and deathly overtones to being the eve of the Month of the Dead.)

As these days of chilling weather, baring trees and shortened periods of sunlight remind us, November comes bearing death in its winter winds. And the Church, perhaps somewhat surprisingly, has uninhibitedly embraced and celebrated its arrival.

Part of the reason for this is that there is actually something life-giving in the recognition of the deep realities, even the chilling ones, that surround us. Certainly, death is all around us and its seed is planted inextricably within us. If prayer is bringing our whole selves before God as honestly as we can, it doesn't seem to make much sense to leave our

helplessness before death out of the mix. Unhealthy? Depressing?

Death, handled clumsily, fearfully or unconsciously, might lead us down a dismal road of fatalism and depression. This, however, is precisely why the Church invites us each November to meditate on death more deliberately, with the full complement of our faith and the hope of the Communion of Saints at our disposal.

Around All Souls Day each year — it happened this Monday this year — I join my religious community in remembering the dead, through a very November-like ritual of walking the gravesites of our predecessors in Holy Cross. The deceased priests and brothers of Holy Cross are buried in a cemetery on the outer edge of campus, by the road to St. Mary's. For a while, this stroll among the dead and still-bright autumn leaves that are strewn across their gravestones is rather pleasant, even invigorating. I feel proud to stroll among the headstones, reading the names of the priests and brothers who built so much of Notre Dame. I recall then how much of my own life stands upon their earlier toil and sweat.

But, then I reach the last gravestone and, what is worse, the expanse of undisturbed green grass — future plots — that lie beside it. It is the space where

the rest of us in Holy Cross, including I, will one day lie. I move across it quickly. Though perhaps one of these years, I ought to find the courage to pause there for a moment.

Instead, I hasten to the rest of our community, huddled around the Pieta, a statue of Mary holding her dead son recently crucified. I listen as we proclaim into the graying autumn sky the words of St. John Damascene:

"Where is the ephemeral dream? All is dust, all ashes, all shadow. What glory does not fade? In a moment all is struck down. Now I know wisdom: I am dust and ashes. I search among the graves, see the bones laid bare. What mystery befell us? We wail and grieve at our beauty marred in the tomb. We stand over the graves of our lost, our bodies entwined by a mysterious wind — Christ murmuring: "trust, trust."

November, for many reasons, is a month to hurry through. But, slowly, our faith beckons, for it is also a month to pause and trust.

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Something better than contraception

Lindsey Marugg

Guest Columnist

As a female member of the Notre Dame family, I want to first say that I support whatever treatment is chosen for relief from endometriosis. It is a horrible disease that often goes undiagnosed for a long time. I know this from studying endometriosis this summer. I would also like to offer an alternative.

I had my own reproductive problems freshman year here at Notre Dame. Within the first month of school, I ruptured two ovarian cysts. The doctors in the ER didn't catch them early enough to do surgery, and I had to try to get by with narcotics that barely helped. After, I went through my own judgmental issues: Even though I had chosen to wait until marriage to have sex, my birth control prescription earned me judgment from friends and nurses on campus.

I did my own research into the Catholic teaching on using contraception for medical purposes. There is actually church teaching on the legitimacy of lawful therapeutic means in Pope Paul VI's famous contraception-condemning encyclical "Humanae Vitae." From this, I felt empowered to shout from the top of the Dome that sometimes there are

legitimate reasons for birth control and no one should be chastised for them. It is no one's place to cast judgment on why someone takes a prescription.

But something in my heart kept me searching. Perhaps it was unhappiness with the judgment I felt, or part of my career discernment between medicine and music, or maybe because I still was having some pain every other month on my left side. No matter what it was, it caused me to take more than a cursory glance at a flyer about NaProTechnology. It boasted: "What every woman has a right to know!" Although I was one of the only students at the seminar, I was fascinated by what Dr. Parker was saying. Things started to make better sense to me. Even though my pain was lessened, there was an underlying problem.

Birth control halts the natural menstrual cycle and suppressed ovulation. What was going to happen when I wanted to start a family in the future? I was magically expecting the problem to not reappear? Of course I would need to figure out what the cause of the problem was and work to fix it. Why wouldn't I do that now?

When you read about endometriosis online, it says that birth control pills are the medicinal treatment for it. It also says that endometriosis often causes infertility. It recommends fertility drugs

with artificial insemination or in-vitro fertilization as treatment for that. Now here's something that should strike a nerve with Catholic women. Are the only options birth control when you don't want kids and in-vitro when you do?

Another part of Pope Paul VI's same encyclical gives a call to scientists: "Medical science should by the study of natural rhythms succeed in determining a sufficiently secure basis for the chaste limitation of offspring" (section 24). Dr. Hilgers, founder of NaProTechnology, took this as a personal call to find something more effective than the rhythm method. In 1980, he invented the Creighton Model FertilityCare system, which has now been shown to have a 96.8 percent typical use pregnancy prevention rate, compared to hormonal birth control's 92 percent typical use rate. Since developing the Creighton Model, Dr. Hilgers now uses the charting to diagnose and treat the underlying painful gynecological issues and also infertility. His recent study on the rates helping infertile couples achieve a natural, full-term pregnancy are 50 percent and in-vitro's rate is 22.4 percent.

I helped work on this study this summer as a research intern in Omaha, Neb. I can tell you that the science behind NaProTechnology is real. Beyond that, I am a success story myself. I have

polycystic ovarian disease, am on medication to treat the underlying problem and am now 8 natural cycles in a row, pain free. NaProTechnology has been successfully treating endometriosis without birth control for years.

Why does no one at Our Lady's University know about NaPro? If we claim to be a preeminent Catholic research institution, why isn't NaPro on our radar? Why don't we ever talk about how the World Health Organization labels hormonal birth control a class 1 carcinogen? The conversation always seems to fall back on: "The Catholic Church is against women." False. The Catholic Church has been right all along. Catholic teaching has led to a better way. One that I confidently stand behind not based on the Catholic teaching alone, but on the proof offered in scientific statistics and in my own life. There is something better than contraception. But we need to open our hearts and minds to it.

If you want to learn more about NaProTechnology, contact Saint Joseph FertilityCare Center at 574-335-6472.

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THE BEST OF 'BrEAKING BAD'



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Scene Writer

"Breaking Bad" is about a lot of things — it's a story about the meth epidemic in the American Southwest, a critique of the American healthcare system or a trying tale of a boy with cerebral palsy that really loves breakfast. At its core, however, "Breaking Bad" is about the complete moral corrosion of its lead character, Walter White (Brian Cranston). Just about every other television series features a protagonist who possesses a constant set of character traits and qualities. For example, Dexter of "Dexter" has always been the serial-killer anti-hero with a close attention to detail. What makes Walter White so compelling and original is his total character shift over the course of four and a half seasons — from lovable loser to egomaniac, from high-school chemistry teacher to meth kingpin and from dedicated family man to remorseless murderer. "Breaking Bad" is in the midst of its fifth and final season, and has taken a break — a very long break. An excruciatingly long break, in fact, was directly preceded by one of the show's biggest and most dramatic cliffhangers. Yes, the American people will have to wait until the summer of 2013 for "Breaking Bad" to return, which makes now an ideal time to reflect on the greatest moments Walter White and company have provided us with over the past four and a half seasons.

Pizza on the Roof

Despite dealing with an obviously heavy and dark storyline, "Breaking Bad" never fails to inject some sort of humor into its shows, whether it's a witty one-liner or bizarre recurring theme. One of the best is the pizza on the roof. Walt, trying to win back his wife's favor and reenter the family, shows up at the house with an enormous pizza. When Skyler denies him entry, Walt responds incredulously ("But I have dipping sticks, Skyler, DIPPING STICKS") and flings the giant pizza onto the roof over the garage. It's one of Walt's funniest (and least violent) displays of frustration, and is continually referenced throughout the season, much to the delight of diligent viewers.

The Box-cutter

This scene is perhaps the show's most graphic, and without question is ingrained into the minds of every viewer who has experienced it. "Breaking

Bad" loves to open shows with a bang, and the Season Four premiere did just that — in bloody, stomach-turning fashion. Season Four introduces Gus Fring (Giancarlo Esposito), a mysterious man who owns both a fried-chicken franchise and an international meth empire. Gus seems genteel and unthreatening, that is, until he grabs an unsuspecting man and cuts his throat open with a box-cutter, much to the horror of Walt and his business partner, Jesse (Aaron Paul). This disgusting scene provided a valuable lesson for "Breaking Bad" fans — you really don't know what is coming next.

"Flynn"

Walt and Skyler's son Walter Jr., a lovable, albeit angsty, high-schooler with cerebral palsy, is arguably the only main character on the show who is wholly innocent. While this trait is unique among characters on the show, that doesn't mean Walter Jr. doesn't have his entertaining moments.

As his parents separate and his scowling, sassy mom becomes more and more intolerable, Walter Jr. inexplicably insists that his parents and relatives refer to him only as "Flynn." No reason is ever given for this identity change, and no rationale is given as to why this would be Walter Jr.'s pseudonym of choice. However, it never fails to get an easy laugh when Walter Jr.'s teen angst flares up, often when the family is gathered around the kitchen table. Which brings us to our next point...

Breakfast

"Breaking Bad" is not a family show. You shouldn't watch it with your family (your mom would be disturbed) and none of the characters have family values (Walt's family is occasionally in danger of attack from violent drug cartels and it doesn't seem to bother him all that much). Incongruously, the Whites still eat family breakfast together. A lot. Seriously, you'd think this was a "Full House" remake judging by how many wholesome family meals they share before Walter Jr. goes off to school. Once again, it doesn't make any sense. The only explanation is that it's a knowing wink to viewers who have caught on to the trend and cherish the show's gratuitous breakfast scenes.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW:

F.R.I.E.N.D.S

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Scene Writer

I don't know about you, but I just can't get enough of "Friends" re-runs. Every time I turn on the TV and encounter one of their famous episodes, I have to watch it. With 10 very successful seasons, friends Rachel, Ross, Monica, Chandler, Phoebe and Joey continue to capture viewer's hearts today. Their laughs, tears and overall stories and relationships have made "Friends" one of the greatest TV shows of all time. After the series finale in May 2004, our favorite friends parted in separate ways starring in new TV and movie roles. So, where are these actors now?

Jennifer Aniston

During the 1990s, Jennifer Aniston was known for playing bubbly and lovable fashion enthusiast Rachel Green in "Friends" and for dating and later marrying Hollywood hunk Brad Pitt. After the show ended, her personal life deteriorated while her professional life bolstered.

In 2005, Aniston divorced Pitt after speculation that he had been unfaithful to her with actress and now-partner Angelina Jolie. Since then, she has dated several well-known actors and musicians, and she is currently engaged to actor Justin Theroux.

Although she has been through many personal ups and downs, Aniston's acting career has blossomed throughout the years, becoming one of America's most popular celebrities. She has starred in successful films such as "Bruce Almighty," "The Break-Up," "Marley & Me," "Just Go With It" and "Horrible Bosses," among others. Furthermore, in February 2012 Aniston received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

David Schwimmer

Known for his interpretation of Ross Geller, David Schwimmer delighted "Friends" fans as

Rachel's on-again-off-again funny and likeable love interest. Before joining the "Friends" cast, he had already appeared in TV series such as "L.A. Law" and "NYPD Blue". After the show, Schwimmer has participated in a number of films, most popularly "Madagascar" and its sequel "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa." In 2009, he made a special appearance in "Entourage" and in 2011 he guest-starred on the British comedy series "Come Fly with Me."



Courtney Cox

Rachel and Monica's friendship transcended "Friends". These characters' respective interpreters, Aniston and Courtney Cox, maintain to this day a very close relationship.

After the show, Cox's professional life prospered.

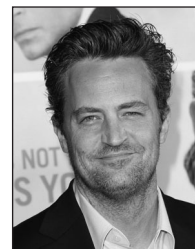
The actress is also well known in Hollywood for her roles in thriller "Scream" and ABC sitcom "Cougar Town." She owns her own production company and she was recently nominated for her first Golden Globe.



Matthew Perry

Perry rose to stardom as Chandler Bing in "Friends". However, after the show he continued starring in various television films and series that won him Golden Globe and Emmy nominations.

Perry is currently acting as Ryan King, a sportscaster, on the NBC comedy "Go On."



Lisa Kudrow

Kudrow gained popularity as an actress and comedian for her role as funny and quirky Phoebe Buffay, receiving an Emmy Award and two Screen Actors Guild Awards.

The actress then appeared in many films, including "Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion," "P.S. I Love You" and "Easy A."

Kudrow is currently starring in "Web Therapy" on Showtime, while also producing NBC's reality show "Who Do You Think You Are."



Matt LeBlanc

After "Friends," LeBlanc continued playing struggling actor and womanizer Joey Tribbiani in its spin-off "Joey." Then in 2011, he began starring as a fictional version of himself in BBC Two/Showtime's "Episodes" and won a Golden Globe for his role in the show that same year.



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WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY



What: “The Servant of Two Masters”
Where: DPAC
When: 7:30 p.m.
How Much: \$7

Ventian playwright’s Carlo Goldoni masterpiece comedy, “Servant of Two Masters,” comes to the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center this week. The play, set in Venice, follows Beatrice, a woman disguised as her dead brother and seeking revenge for his death. The mistaken identities grow more complex and humorous from there.

FRIDAY



What: Grouplove with PAPA
Where: Legends
When: 10 p.m.
How Much: Free

The band formed after meeting in a remote artist getaway in the Greek Island of Crete and has since put out an LP, “Never Trust A Happy Song,” that features their most widely known hit “Tongue Tied.” The song was featured in an iPod commercial and is generally fun and catchy.

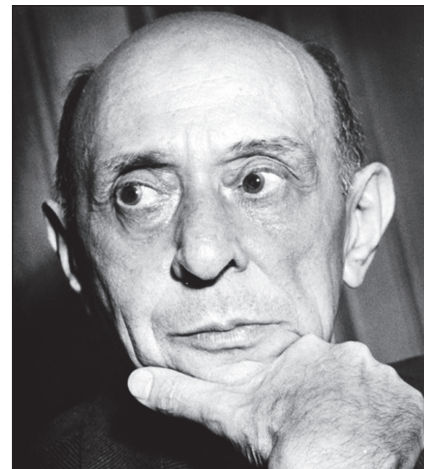
SATURDAY



What: ND vs. BC
Where: ABC
When: 8 p.m.
How Much: Free

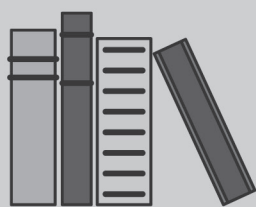
After last week’s nail-biter/heart-attack-inducer against Pittsburgh, the Irish take on traditional rival Boston College at Boston College’s Alumni Stadium. Boston College ended Notre Dame’s last two shots at national championship berths, beating an 8-0 Tyrone Willingham coached team in 2002 and a 9-0 Lou Holtz team in 1993.

SUNDAY



What: Schoenberg’s “Pierrot Lunaire” and Walton’s “Façade”
Where: DPAC
When: 2 p.m.
How Much: \$15

Tsung Yeh of the South Bend Symphony Orchestra will conduct two 20th century masterpieces, one from Austrian composer Arnold Schoenberg and another from English composer William Walton. Tufts University’s Dr. Joseph Auner, Chair and professor in Tufts’ school of music and a leading Schoenberg scholar, will be speaking on Schoenberg’s piece 90 minutes before curtain.



KNOW THY SHELF

LITERATURE IS NOT DEAD



Meghan Thomassen
 Scene Writer

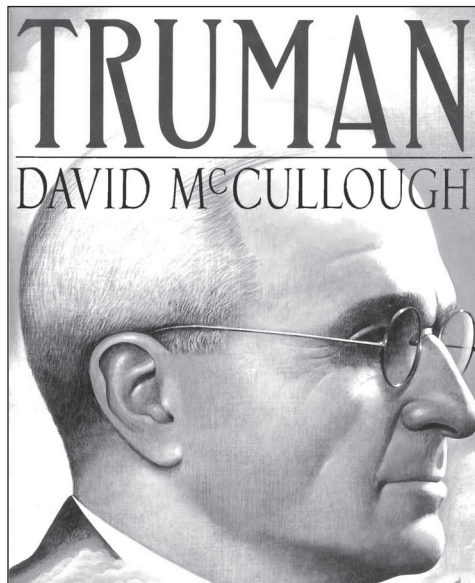
With the election this week, it would be remiss to neglect one of the greatest American popular historical authors of our time: David McCullough.

Biographers like McCullough not only know how to write, but also meet the challenge of portraying America’s history in a way that is engaging, enlightening and truthful.

Perhaps the best modern biography today, McCullough’s “Truman” (1992) won the Pulitzer Prize for Biography or Autobiography. McCullough took every step to understand Truman better — he literally reenacted the president’s daily morning walk around Independence, Mo. The book won a Pulitzer and HBO turned it into a movie.

“What I demand is accuracy for the sake of imagination,” he said in an interview with the New York Times in 1992.

The Yale graduate stands out for his thorough research and uncanny ability to bring historical figures to life. Charming



and eye-opening anecdotes from letters and diaries give subjects like Truman and John Adams a modern voice and modern relevance. McCullough, who won the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor for a civilian, in 2006, said he wrote “Truman” in response to what he viewed as shallow political debate.

“I felt that something needed to be said

before people made a choice,” he said. “This book is about the country, not just about Harry Truman. It’s about who we are and what we can be.”

Even though his books can be found at Barnes and Noble, don’t mistake McCullough for just another trade fiction sensation. McCullough writes American life through the details that made up our forefathers’ past. While this usually means his tomes sometimes reach 1,000 pages, the story is well worth it. McCullough reportedly read every page of “Truman” aloud to his wife to make sure it sounded like he was talking to his readers. McCullough also won the Pulitzer Prize for his non-fiction book, “John Adams” (2001), which was one of the fastest-selling non-fiction books in history. HBO made it into a mini-series starring Paul Giamatti, which is worth any history buff’s free time. McCullough’s writing is definitely well-informed, but he manages to stay away from pedantic plodding through history. He instead populates what would be dull records and lists with the most important part of historical study: the people. Sometimes

it’s easy to forget that movements, events, rallies, bills, wars and treaties aren’t just documents. They’re spurred by intensely dynamic and painfully human individuals.

Not only does this make politics enormously complicated, it also makes history heart-stopping and dramatic.

Even though the confetti probably still lies on the ground in Chicago, it’s strange to think: What will historians write about President Barack Obama? What parts of the election last night would McCullough include if he were to write “Obama”? Would this be the doom-and-gloom chapter? Or the tipping point for a new golden age in American history?

“History is the story of people,” McCullough said. Now more than ever, Americans are cognizant of how just one person can change the historical landscape.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Storylines define college basketball



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In the midst of all the discussions about the top -two teams in the BCS and lamentations that a college football playoff system is not yet in place, it is easy to forget that the college basketball season tips off Friday.

Perhaps this is because, in direct contrast to the dazzling spectacle of March Madness that ends the season, the beginning of the hoops season is marked with little fanfare. Top programs load up their schedules with cupcakes, tournaments pit a geographically random jumble of teams in locales as diverse as the Virgin Islands, Alaska and Disney World and most squads have not yet developed the team chemistry that makes them so exciting to watch.

Despite these factors, there is still much for college basketball fans to enjoy about this part of the season.

Much-heralded freshmen get their first chance to make an impact, the crazy nature of tournaments paves the way for upsets and several of the sport's powerhouse programs square off in non-conference matchups. In the next week alone, fans will have the chance to see such intriguing matchups as Florida-Georgetown, Michigan State-Connecticut, Syracuse-San Diego State, Michigan State-Kansas and Duke-Kentucky.

There is also the opportunity to examine the season's juicy storylines and, believe me, this season has about as many potential plots and subplots as the number of teams present in your bracket come March.

Just three years removed from a 6-25 season, No. 1 Indiana enters this year as the national favorites. I don't know why, but it just feels right to see the premier program from the nation's most basketball-crazed state at the top of the polls. Fresh off its first Sweet 16 appearance in 10 years, the Hoosiers feature a solid core in homegrown sophomore center Cody Zeller and senior forward Christian Watford, as well as a top-five recruiting class. It will be interesting to see how Tom Crean's squad handles sky-high expectations and fares in a loaded Big Ten conference that also features top-five teams Ohio State and Michigan.

Indiana's neighbor to the south, Kentucky, rode Anthony Davis's unibrow to a national title last season but lost Davis and the rest of its starting five to the NBA. Fortunately for Big Blue fans, Kentucky coach

John Calipari has replenished the depth chart with his latest group of mercenaries, a top-ranked recruiting class that features star center Nerlens Noel and his high-top fade. The Wildcats may struggle out of the gate, but, given Calipari's ability to develop team chemistry and manage egos, it wouldn't be surprising to see another banner hanging from the rafters of Rupp Arena at the start of next season.

Conference realignment hasn't hit the college basketball world too deeply yet, but the landscape is expected to change in the next few seasons. This season marks the final one in the Big East for Syracuse and Pittsburgh, two of the conference's most prominent programs, and both teams have the chance to leave their mark. With a strong front-court and senior point guard Brandon Triche running the show, the Orange should challenge Louisville for conference supremacy, while a talented freshman class that includes seven-foot New Zealander Steven Adams should help the Panthers return to the Top 25.

The Big East plans to replace Syracuse and Pittsburgh with several mid-major programs, which looks like a good strategy given the strength of the mid-majors this season. To realize this, one only needs to look at the oreseason All-American team, which includes Creighton junior forward Doug McDermott, Murray State senior guard Isaiah Canaan and Lehigh senior guard C.J. McCollum. McDermott, Canaan and McCollum all lead teams that can make some noise deep into March. They're hardly the only ones, though, as programs like UNLV, San Diego State, Virginia Commonwealth and Saint Louis all have the ability to bust the brackets of unsuspecting fans.

I guess the main storyline left is to discuss the national champion, but I won't provide you with that. Why? Well, the beauty of college basketball is its unpredictability and my prognosticating ability is no more accurate than that of your brother or grandmother.

Rather, I'll leave you with a simple suggestion: This weekend, feel free to tune into all the football you want, but take some time to watch the sport that truly does its playoffs right.

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NFL

Palmer must lead Raiders team hindered by injuries



AP

Raiders quarterback Carson Palmer throws a pass during the third quarter of the Raiders' 42-32 loss to the Buccaneers in Oakland, Calif., on Sunday. Palmer threw the ball 61 times in the game.

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Carson Palmer could be in for another busy day for the Oakland Raiders.

With top two running backs Darren McFadden and Mike Goodson slowed this week by sprained right ankles, the Raiders may need to rely on their passing game when they visit the Baltimore Ravens.

Palmer threw the ball 61 times last week against Tampa Bay as the Raiders (3-5) were forced to play catch-up in the second half after losing McFadden and Goodson to the injuries. Neither back practiced Wednesday and their status remains in doubt for Sunday's game against the Ravens (6-2).

"We've got a plan in place if either or both of those guys are not able to play," coach Dennis Allen said.

That likely will involve lots of passing with no other proven halfback on the roster. Palmer set a career high in attempts in last week's 42-32 loss to Tampa Bay, completing 39 passes for 414 yards, four touchdowns and three interceptions.

With McFadden out for the entire second half, Goodson getting hurt in the fourth quarter and Oakland falling behind by 18 points, the Raiders ran the ball just three times in the second half — their fewest in eight years.

"You got to adjust to what your health is of your team, but you know it's a team that's had some yards rushing on them, especially the last couple of weeks," Palmer said. "It's very odd. I have never seen that before in my career. So, there are some things we want to take advantage of in the run game."

"But you can't be one-dimensional at the same time, too, and throw it and throw it. We've got to figure out a way to get Darren back as quickly as possible and maybe have a selected or limited game plan for him or Marcel (Reece) or whoever is going to be back there."

Palmer is quite familiar with the Ravens, having spent the first eight seasons of his career in the AFC North with Cincinnati. Palmer's nine regular season wins as a starter against Baltimore are the most of any quarterback.

He has completed 61 percent of his passes for 3,202 yards, 15 touchdowns, 11 interceptions and an 84.5 passer rating in those games. Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs said Palmer looks as good as he did with the Bengals and when the two faced off in college when Suggs was at Arizona State and Palmer starred at Southern California.

"I don't fear any quarterbacks, but I'm always worried when I play Carson Palmer," Suggs said. "Me and him come

from the same draft class, 2003. This guy has kind of tortured me through all my college and professional career. I'm very aware of the talent. I know he can make every throw. If you ask me, he's very highly underrated. He's definitely one of the premier quarterbacks in the league."

He will likely need to be that way Sunday with Oakland's running game in the situation it is.

The Raiders chose not to sign another running back this week and will likely go with little-used third-stringer Taiwan Jones or fullback Marcel Reece if McFadden and Goodson can't play. They also could activate Jeremy Stewart from the practice squad.

"It's really a next-man-up philosophy and we're going to have to count on some guys to step up potentially and fill a bigger role," Allen said. "We'll know more at the end of the week exactly what we've got to do."

Jones, a speedster drafted in the fourth round in 2011, has been slowed by hamstringing, knee and rib injuries during his brief career. He has just 17 carries for 75 yards and three receptions for 29 yards.

He has played just seven snaps on offense all season with one run for 2 yards and he also caught a 4-yard pass on a fake punt.

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UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Manchester United, Chelsea score late winners

Associated Press

ROME — Barcelona lost for the first time since August, and Manchester United and Chelsea needed late goals to win in a wild night of Champions League action Wednesday.

Barcelona had been unbeaten in 12 matches since the Spanish Super Cup against Real Madrid before falling 2-1 at Celtic, which is two points behind the Spanish power with two matches remaining.

“It is not the first time we have lost a game like this and it won’t be the last,” Barcelona coach Tito Vilanova said.

United came back from a goal down to beat Braga 3-1 and qualify for the second round in a match that was stopped briefly because of a light outage.

Defending champion Chelsea needed a header from Victor Moses four minutes into injury time to beat Shakhtar Donetsk 3-2.

Last season’s runner-up, Bayern Munich, routed Lille 6-1, and Italian champion Juventus had a 4-0 win over Danish side Nordsjaelland.

In other games, Galatasaray

won its first away match in the competition in 10 years by beating CFR Cluj 3-1 with a hat trick from Burat Yilmaz; midfielder Sofiane Feghouli scored twice to help Valencia beat BATE Borisov 4-2 and take the lead in Group F; and Substitute Oscar Cardozo scored two second-half goals to give Benfica a 2-0 win over Spartak Moscow.

In Scotland, Victor Wanyama headed Celtic in front in the 21st minute and teenage substitute Tony Watt rounded off another swift counterattack in the 83rd. All four-time champion Barcelona could muster was a stoppage time goal from three-time FIFA player of the year Lionel Messi.

Barcelona has nine points in Group G, Celtic is next with seven, Benfica has four and Spartak three.

In Portugal, Braga went ahead with a 49th-minute penalty from Alan and the score remained 1-0 when the game was suspended for about 10 minutes in the second half because of a floodlight failure.

When the lights came back on, it was all United. Robin van Persie equalized in the 80th,

Wayne Rooney converted a penalty in the 84th and Javier Hernandez tapped in from short range in injury time.

United has an insurmountable 12 points in Group H. Cluj and Galatasaray are next with four each and Braga is last with three.

In London, Chelsea was outplayed for large periods and surrendered the lead twice, with Willian scoring both of Shakhtar’s goals in the ninth and 47th minutes to enhance his burgeoning reputation.

Fernando Torres had scored Chelsea’s opener in the sixth and Oscar had reclaimed the lead for the hosts in the 40th with a stunning 45-yard shot, with goalkeeper Andriy Pyatov to blame for both goals after botching attempted clearances.

Moses had the last laugh as Chelsea finished strongly, the substitute heading in Mata’s cross with almost the last touch of the game.

Shakhtar and Chelsea each have seven points atop Group E, with the Ukrainian side ahead on goal difference. Juventus is a point behind and Nordsjaelland is last with one point.



Manchester United forward Wayne Rooney celebrates after converting a penalty against Braga on Wednesday. United won 3-1.

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NFL

Bears look to improve, find offensive identity

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The idea that the Chicago Bears' offense will match its jaw-dropping defense this season just might be a little far-fetched.

That's the word from quarterback Jay Cutler.

"We're not going to catch the defense this year," Cutler said. "It's not going to happen. We're eight, nine years behind those guys. They've been in the same system a long time. We've just got to focus on ourselves. Every guy has just got to get a little bit better each week, every day at practice. If we get a little bit better by the end of the season, we'll be better."

For all the hype coming into the season, the offense remains a work in progress. That hasn't stopped the Bears (7-1, No. 3 In AP Pro32) from grabbing the NFC North lead heading into Sunday's showdown with AFC South leader Houston.

It just hasn't happened quite the way they envisioned. Now, they're going against a dominant defense in a matchup between two of the league's best teams.

It's a big test for an offense that many thought had the potential to be explosive isn't quite living up to the billing.

"I think you guys have to understand we're not going to look like the New England Patriots," star receiver Brandon Marshall said. "We're not going to look like the New Orleans Saints' offense. We're the Chicago Bears' offense."

And it might not be as shiny and flashy, at least not this season.

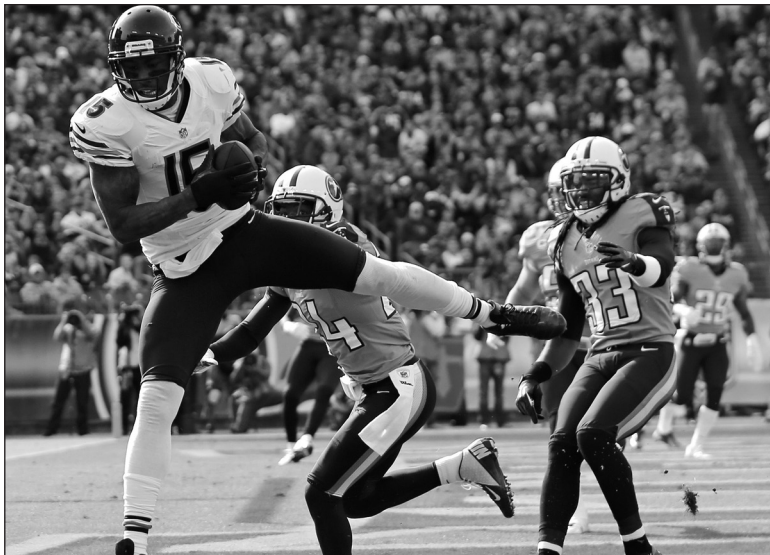
That didn't stop Marshall from pointing out that the offense scored 37 points in last week's 51-20 win at Tennessee, even though three of that group's touchdowns came on drives of 16 yards or less. The offense really didn't do much in that game until the second half.

He mentioned that the Bears have an elite quarterback in Cutler and running back in Matt Forte. Yet, he also said those expecting the Bears' offense to resemble New England's, New Orleans', Green Bay's or even Denver's when he and Cutler were there should probably forget about that, at least for now.

"We're going to do it our own way," Marshall said.

So when will it really click?

"I'm thinking 2015," he said in jest, before turning serious. "We have goals. We want to win now. We want to win now. We're doing a good job of it and will we be a No. 1 offense this year? I don't know. It doesn't look like it but what we're doing is effective. We just have to be a little bit more productive and start a



AP

Bears receiver Brandon Marshall catches the ball in the end zone for one of his three scores during Sunday's 51-20 win over Tennessee.

bit faster."

The Bears rank 25th overall on offense and 29th in the passing game, a surprise considering how dominant Marshall has been.

Now, they're about to meet a defense that might be overshadowed a bit this week even though it ranks among the league's best. For all the publicity the Bears' defenders are getting, consider what the Texans are doing.

They're third overall on defense, second against the run and fourth against the pass.

They're tied with Chicago for third with 25 sacks along with the New York Giants and Seattle Seahawks, including a league-leading 101 1/2 by J.J. Watt, and they're going up against a team with well-documented issues when it comes to protection. Cutler has been sacked 28 times and is second only to Aaron Rodgers in that category.

"He has been sacked a lot," Texans outside linebacker Whitney Mercilus said. "They're having a lot of difficulty in pass protection. Any defensive players likes that, so the thing is, we're going to work our best moves and try to get to him as best we can."

And yet, the Texans also realize they could be in for a tough time.

No one needs to remind them about Cutler's mobility and arm strength, Forte's versatility in the backfield or Marshall's sheer dominance so far. The Bears' prized offseason acquisition, he's second in the league with 797 yards receiving on 59 receptions.

"Everybody knows the type of player he is," said Houston safety Danieal Manning, who played in Chicago from 2006-10. "He's been targeted much now that he's back with his guy (Cutler). Those guys are hooking up a lot. Brandon has been catching it well, he's a big-body guy who can run routes and stretch the field. Wherever he is, you'd be crazy not to pay

attention to where that guy is. Not only him, they do have other playmakers on that team."

Yet, the Bears are still a bit clunky on offense at times, particularly early in games.

"I think we've got to recognize what they're playing and attack them a certain way according to what coverage and fronts we're seeing," Cutler said. "It's a mixed bag of things, but at the end of the day, with our defense, as long as we make another team's offense go 80, 90 yards, I think we're going to be OK."

NFL

Eagles lose another lineman

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The fate of the Eagles offensive line this season might be summed up the way the whole team has been so far.

From bad to worse.

Right tackle Todd Herremans was placed on the season-ending injured reserve list on Wednesday as Philadelphia's season to forget continues. Herremans suffered a dislocated bone and ligament damage in his right foot in Monday's loss to New Orleans. He should be ready for training camp, but the injury is the latest blow to a depleted offensive line. Herremans will wear a boot for at least eight weeks.

Philadelphia's makeshift line is now without Herremans, left tackle Jason Peters, center Jason Kelce and right guard Danny Watkins. It's one reason quarterback Michael Vick was sacked seven times by the Saints. Left guard Evan Mathis is the lone starter left standing.

"I've just got to believe in the guys in front of me and do whatever it takes to get the ball out whether I've got to slide or move, break contain. Regardless, I just have to continue to maintain trust in them," Vick said. "That's part of my job as a quarterback

and I have to keep believing. Keep believing."

It's getting tougher to do, though.

The Eagles have lost four in a row after a 3-1 start. When they defeated the New York Giants, 19-17, on Sept. 30 at home, they were in first place. Now, they are 2 1/2 games behind New York in the NFC East.

"Stay optimistic," Vick said. "Just keep playing the game and try to block out everything else."

The Eagles (3-5) host the Cowboys (3-5) on Sunday.

Rookie guard Dennis Kelly, a fifth-round draft pick out of Purdue, has filled in the last two games for Watkins, and knows some sort of continuity is going to be needed for the Eagles to hold off Dallas. Signed after Peters went down, Demetress Bell has had a rough go of it in Philadelphia, as well.

"They brought a lot of pressure and I think it led to us having a lot of miscommunication," Kelly said of the Saints. "There was confusion on who was getting who. That's where we have to build that rhythm, get that continuity that I was saying, and just have the trust in each other to know that we're going to know the assignment before we have to call it out."

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NFL

Falcons enter season's second half undefeated

Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Todd McClure can tell this is becoming a special season for the Atlanta Falcons, just from all the extra time he's spending on the phone.

He's getting hit up for tickets. And extra tickets. And anything with a signature on it.

"I guess it comes with the territory," the Falcons' longtime center said Wednesday, "so I'm embracing it."

McClure is also embracing the idea of perfection, the goal that every team strives for but few will ever reach. The Falcons have won their first eight games, the best start in franchise history and halfway to a 16-0 season.

The 1972 Miami Dolphins are the only team in the modern era to make it through an entire year without a loss. The 2007 New England Patriots are the lone squad to go undefeated in a 16-game regular season (before losing, of course, in the Super Bowl).

Now, along come the Falcons.

Can they reach perfection?

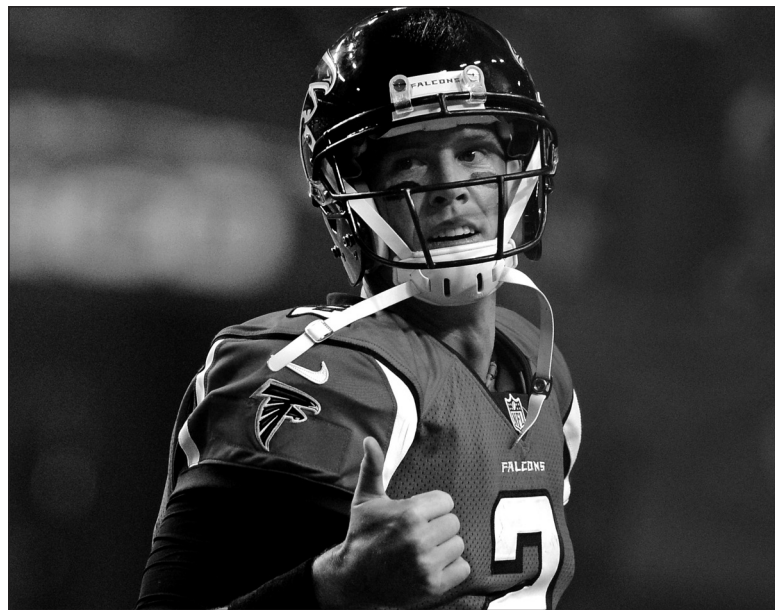
"We can," McClure said without a hint of hesitation. "There's no reason we can't. If we play our game, go out and do what we're supposed to go, we can. The sky's the limit for this team. Is it going to be hard? Yes. Will it be hard this week? Yes."

"But," he added, "if we approach it week by week, it's definitely possible."

An 8-0 start is not all that usual — the Falcons are the 10th team to do it in the last two decades, according to STATS LLC — but this is where the pressure starts to mount. There's more and more media attention, more and more questions about the streak. Opposing teams start to play with a little extra fire, eager to be the team that ends the unbeaten season.

That's why another Falcons' lineman, right tackle Tyson Clabo, is realistic about the chances of going 16-0.

"We're only halfway there," he said. "Statistically, the chances of that are really slim. I mean, we base our game plans on statistics. Statistically, this what's going to happen, so we're going to do this. So I don't think we should deviate



AP

Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan delivers a thumbs up in the second half of Sunday's 19-13 victory over the Cowboys in the Georgia Dome.

from our entire mindset based on this big, golden cow that everybody thinks we should try to get to."

Besides, despite being the league's only unbeaten team, the Falcons are still searching for a little national respect.

Outside of Atlanta, there's still a great deal of skepticism about whether this team will end up holding the Lombardi Trophy at the end of the season, no matter how good it looks at the moment.

The Falcons have defeated only one team (Denver in Week 2) with a winning record. The combined record of their first eight opponents is a rather dismal 24-41. Perhaps the two toughest games are still to come — Sunday's contest at New Orleans against the surging Saints, Atlanta's fiercest rival. Then there's a December contest against the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants, who thoroughly dominated when the teams met last season in the playoffs.

"At this point, we have so many other goals that are more important than" going 16-0, Clabo said. "Like winning the division. Like trying to get a game in the (Georgia) Dome in the playoffs. We have a whole bunch of things we have to do before we even worry about doing that other thing."

Still, the odds of the Falcons running the table start to look much better if they get to 9-0. Other than the NFC East-leading Giants (6-3), the remaining opponents on the schedule are a cumulative 17-24 (Atlanta still has two games left with division rival Tampa Bay). Four of the last seven games are at the Georgia Dome, where the Falcons have a 30-7 record since Mike Smith took over as coach in 2008.

"I think we've got the pedigree to do it," receiver Roddy White said. "Offensively and defensively and how we are as a team. The locker room is very, very united right now. We go into every week expecting to win. ... We've still got to be consistent, don't turn the ball over and get turnovers. That's been the key to winning games all over this league. If we continue to do that, we'll be just fine."

Indeed, Atlanta is among the league leaders in two categories that Smith considers the key to

success: turnovers and penalties.

The Falcons have lost only one fumble all season — when quarterback Matt Ryan took a hit — and are plus-10 in turnover ratio, which ranks fourth behind Chicago, the Giants and New England. They are by far the least flagged team in the league, called for just 26 penalties (17 fewer than any other team) accounting for 207 yards (118 below the next-lowest total).

"Coach Smith is always pointing out the penalties that players have and how they affect the game," defensive back Robert McClain said. "You don't want to be the guy who gets called out."

The Saints (3-5) have shown signs of bouncing back from an 0-4 start, and they've won their last three meetings against the Falcons. New Orleans would love nothing better than to snuff out hope of an unbeaten season in Atlanta.

"We've got an opportunity to do something nobody's been able to do this year, and that's beat Atlanta," Saints offensive lineman Jahri Evans said. "I'm kind of glad that they're undefeated."

But much like the Falcons have to ward off the natural tendency to look ahead, New Orleans must guard against putting too much emphasis on ruining the Falcons' perfect season.

"That doesn't make a difference really," linebacker Jonathan Vilma said. "It would be great for the fans. I know Saints fans would love that, but for us, we can't get caught up in all that hype and hoopla. They're a good team. They're 8-0 for a reason. It's not by luck that they're 8-0, so we have to understand who we're facing."

The Falcons know that this season won't be judged on how many games they win during the regular season. This team has been one-and-done in all three trips to the postseason under Smith, so there truly are bigger goals than going 16-0.

Winning in the playoffs is the main thing.

"That's what everybody is waiting for us to do," running back Michael Turner conceded. "We've been winning here for a while now. This is nothing new. We just happen to be 8-0."

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McGwire returns home to coach Dodgers



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Mark McGwire, former hitting coach for the St. Louis Cardinals, joined the Los Angeles Dodgers in the same capacity Wednesday.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mark McGwire is coming home as hitting coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers, lured by the chance to spend more time with his wife and five young children.

He was hired Wednesday to replace Dave Hansen and improve an offense that struggled last season when All-Star slugger Matt Kemp was hobbled by injuries. The Dodgers were 13th in the National League in runs scored and RBIs and 15th in

home runs.

"It's the first time in my baseball career I have an opportunity to live at home and work at home," McGwire said on a teleconference. "To do what I love, still be in the game of baseball and to be at home, it just fit perfectly."

McGwire spent the past three seasons in the same job with the St. Louis Cardinals, where he starred during parts of his 16-year major league career. During McGwire's tenure, the Cardinals led the National League in

batting average (.269) and on-base percentage (.337), ranked second in runs (2,263) and fourth in slugging percentage (.416).

He worked with All-Star sluggers Carlos Beltran, Lance Berkman, Matt Holliday and Albert Pujols, while helping develop 2011 World Series MVP David Freese.

But as much as he enjoyed the job and the team's success, McGwire said last season "was probably one of the hardest on me family-wise."

His two sons, ages 9 and 10, have started playing Little League, and he and his wife, Stephanie, have 2-year-old triplet daughters. McGwire also has a 25-year-old son from a previous marriage. The couple lives in Orange County.

"Being away from the girls, it took a little bit for them to realize Daddy was back a couple weeks ago," he said, adding that he wasn't certain he would have returned to St. Louis if the Dodgers hadn't pursued him.

Once they did, he turned down the Cardinals' contract extension and started phoning the team's players and staff to say goodbye.

"It was very, very hard to call everybody," he said.

McGwire is from the Los Angeles suburb of Pomona. He played college baseball at Southern California and was a

member of Oakland's 1989 World Series champion team.

"I grew up a Dodger fan," he said.

McGwire is a 12-time All-Star who in winter 2010 ended years of denials and a self-imposed exile from the sport by admitting he took performance-enhancing

drugs during his career, including when he broke Roger Maris' record of 61 home runs with 70 long balls in 1998. He retired in 2001 with 583 career homers, ranking 10th on the all-time list.

"It's a mistake that I've made, I've owned up to it, I've moved on," he said.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles travel for regional qualifier

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

The Belles will travel to Anderson, Ind., this weekend for the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regionals at Anderson University.

Seven Belles will participate in the regional meet. Junior Jessica Biek has paced her team in many meets this season. Seniors Emma Baker, Sarah Copi, Julia Kenney, and Elizabeth Majewski will also compete for Saint Mary's this weekend, as well as junior Colette Curtis and freshman Allie Danhof.

"We have been preparing for this race in a very similar fashion to how we prepared for our [MIAA] Championship meet [on Oct. 27]," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. "I expect that the team will run very well."

The Belles will compete in a field of between 35 and 40 other teams, along with some additional individual competitors. Bauters said she expects her squad to run a good race and to hopefully peak individually.

"I am looking to see some more personal records after our championship race, as I feel like [my team] is even more finely tuned now than

before," she said.

Majewski said she and her teammates are prepared to perform at a high level this weekend.

"We are all very excited and ready for this big race," she said. "Our entire season of training, especially these past two weeks, has prepared us all for the potential to run great races."

She also echoed Bauters' hope that the Belles set more personal records at the regional meet.

"We are hoping to break many personal records as well," Majewski said. "We need to run together as we have been all season and be mentally tough on the course."

Bauters said she is also hoping for overall team improvement from last year's regional, in which the team placed 22nd.

"There is a lot of great competition in our regional," Bauters said. "I would like to see us improve upon our place from last year in the region," she said.

The Belles are set to race for the NCAA Great Lakes Regionals at 11 a.m. at Anderson on Saturday.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Rae leads Irish into Great Lakes Regionals

By **JOE WIRTH**
Sports Writer

Both the men’s and women’s teams will be competing in this week’s NCAA Great Lakes Regionals beginning Friday in Madison, Wis.

After their strong performances at the recent Big East championships, the Irish hope to continue their good form this week against strong competition.

Senior Jeremy Rae leads Notre Dame’s men’s team. Rae is coming off a third-place finish last week and the all-Big East honoree is hoping to close out his Notre Dame career with strong performances this week and next at the NCAA Championships.

The other representatives from the men’s team competing at the Great Lakes Regional include freshman Michael Clevenger, juniors Martin Grady, Patrick Lesiewicz, Walter Schafer, D.J. Thornton and seniors Jeff MacMillan, J.P. Malette and Jonathan Shawel.

Senior Rebecca Tracy will lead the women’s team in

Wisconsin. Like Rae, Tracy also earned a spot on the All-Big East team after the conference tournament Oct. 26. Tracy comes into this regional in good form, having finished 15th in the Big East race. She finished 34th out of 227 runners at Great Lakes Regionals last year.

While the representatives from the men’s team are mostly upperclassmen, the women’s team is much younger. The Irish women’s field includes three freshman, four sophomores, three juniors and three seniors.

Throughout the year, coach Joe Piane has said he wanted his team to improve on their starts. He said the runners were too hesitant early and that cost them down the stretch, especially in races with large fields.

“We needed to be more aggressive and competitive early,” Piane said Oct. 12 after the Wisconsin Invitational. “I believe the experience we got from this race will benefit us in future big races.

The Irish did just that in the conference event as the men

finished third and the women took fifth. For the Irish to have success in the next two meets, Piane said they are going to have to stick with the quick-start philosophy.

“We were much more aggressive than we have been in other meets this year,” Piane told UND.com following the Big East Championships. “We will need to run similarly in two weeks to have a good shot at advancing to the NCAA Championships.”

The men’s field will include 30 teams with a total of 304 individual runners, while the women’s side will have a field of 32 teams with a total of 241 individual runners.

The women’s race will be a 6-kilometer race and will begin at 1 p.m. The men’s race will be a 10-kilometer competition and will begin approximately at 2:15 p.m. Both races will take place at the Thomas Zimmer Championship Cross Country Course on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisc.

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Freshman Tim Ball runs at the National Catholic Championships on Sept. 14. Ball finished 12th as the Irish won the meet.

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FENCING

Elite fencers prepare for national tournament

By **JOE WIRTH**
Sports Writer

The Irish continue their fall schedule this week as they participate in the North American Cup in Virginia Beach, Va.

The event is organized by USA Fencing and does not have any affiliation with the NCAA. Despite this fact and although the cup is not a team event, several of Notre Dame's fencers are participating in order to gain experience and advance their national rankings. Among the Irish fencers participating in the event are freshman Lee Kiefer and Sarah Followill

from the women's team and senior Gerek Meinhardt from the men's team.

Fencing is often an individualized sport, so many of the upperclassmen, like Irish seniors Jason Choy and William McGough, use this time in the early part of the season to help the freshmen get acclimated to the team aspects of collegiate fencing, Choy said.

"A few of our freshmen are very talented, including a 2012 Olympian," he said. "I would say that the biggest thing I will try and help them out with is the team aspect of collegiate fencing. Fencing is a very individual sport and the NCAA college scene is

probably the only time you are fencing for someone other than yourself."

Because the Irish team is

"Early in this preseason, our team is establishing its identity — finding its voice."

William McGough
senior

so talented and has such high expectations, the athletes need to make sure they stay focused on the task at hand, Choy said.

"The biggest thing to watch out for early in the season is to make sure we don't celebrate early," he said. "As talented as this team is, the competition has also gotten deeper. We need to practice hard from beginning to end — this season will definitely be a tough one."

McGough echoed these sentiments and added that early-season tournaments, whether team or individual, help the team come together.

"Early in this preseason, our team is establishing its identity — finding its voice," McGough said. "With such a talented group, leaders are not always obvious. And so,

I am glad to see some of my teammates beginning to establish themselves as leaders in their respective events as well as across the entire team."

This weekend's North American Cup is one of the biggest fencing competitions in the country. There are a total of 1,924 fencers competing across 18 divisions during the four-day tournament.

The competition will begin at 8 a.m. Friday and will continue through Monday at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach, Va.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish split for weekend meets

By **VICKY JACOBSEN**
Sports Writer

The Irish will be splitting up the squad this weekend, sending two athletes to Lakewood Ranch, Fla., for the Lakewood Ranch Invitational while the rest of the team travels north for the Western Michigan Invitational.

Irish coach Jay Louderback said juniors Britney Sanders and Julie Sabacinski will represent Notre Dame at Lakewood Ranch.

"No," Louderback said when asked if he had a specific reason for choosing to send the juniors to Florida. "We just had to separate them and those two play doubles together, and so we wanted to keep them together."

This will be Sanders' first competition after being named the Big East Women's Tennis Player

of the Month for the second straight month. Louderback said the Big East rarely gives the honor to the same athlete in consecutive months.

"It's usually spread around some, but I think she had such a good two months," Louderback said. "In September she won the [Adidas Hoosier Classic in Bloomington, Ind.] and then had a really good tournament at [the Midwest Regional Championships], getting into the finals in the singles and the doubles. So I think she had had such a good October that even though she had [the honor] in September they gave her a chance to get it both months. And there are lots of kids in the Big East who are good and well-deserving, I'm sure, so that was really good for her to get it two months in a row."

Winter matchups are quickly approaching, and Louderback said he will be using the upcoming tournaments to see his team's development and start finalizing positions for future matches.

"Right now we're using the fall to determine our lineup for the spring," Louderback said. "I feel like our depth's very good, so the big thing's getting the chance to see the kids with different doubles partners and seeing how they're going to do against similar opponents."

The Irish will be competing all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday at both the Lakewood Ranch Invitational in Lakewood Ranch, Fla., and the Western Michigan Invitational in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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Junior Britney Sanders lunges for a backhand during a match against Northwestern on April 4. Sanders won both of her matches, but the Wildcats beat the Irish 4-3.

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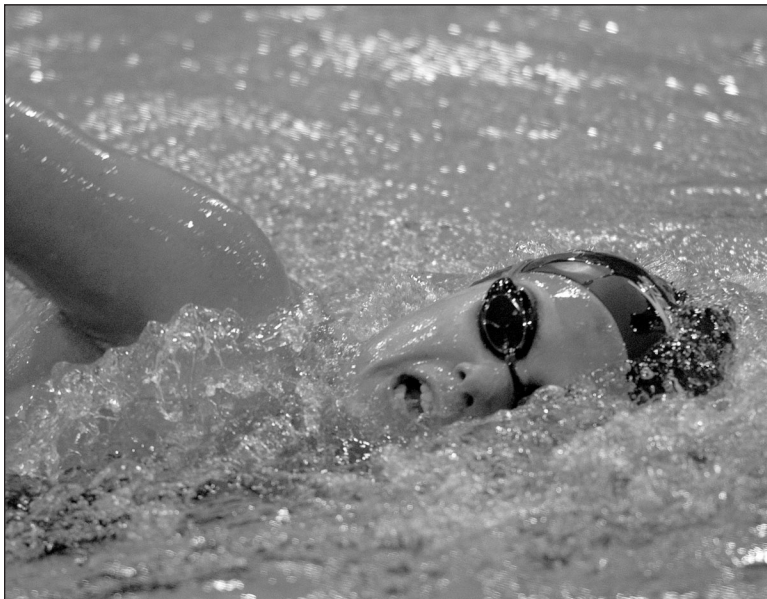
an advantage to having both Big East teams head in to compete in Notre Dame's home pool.

"We know the blocks, flags and overall set up, which is something every team must adjust to when they are competing at a new pool," Holden said. "Being at home also gives us the advantage of having support in the stands. The energy definitely makes a difference."

Holden said there was a lot of disappointment after the loss against Purdue but head coach Brian Barnes refocused the team during practice throughout the week.

"We met as a team after our meet against Purdue on Friday," Holden said. "Brian encouraged us to leave our frustration at the pool. We recognized that there were a lot of positive things going on and that it wouldn't help us to linger on a loss for too long."

Holden said the training



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Irish senior freestyler Jamie Malandra swims in the 1650-yard freestyle during last season's Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 27 at Notre Dame.

throughout the week served to give the Irish a new confidence heading into both duel meets this weekend.

"We've got in the hard work and revisited some of the detail work that we saw we could use improvement," Holden said.

The Irish will take on Pittsburgh on Friday at 5 p.m. and Louisville on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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Finishes

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Purdue, relying also on the extra push from second- and third-place finishes. The squad swept the top three places in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke. All-American junior Frank Dyer contin-

total team effort but there are things we can work on like walls and breathing patterns," Dyer said. "It is a great meet to come off of going into Pitt and Louisville."

Pittsburgh (2-1) comes off a 237-63 win at Cincinnati, led by senior Adam Maczewski and his unde-

"[Last weekend] was a total team effort but there are things we can work on like walls and breathing patterns. ... It is a great meet to come off of going into Pitt and Louisville."

Frank Dyer
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ued to lead the Irish against Purdue, taking wins in three events.

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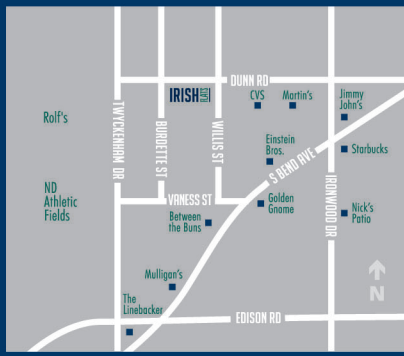
feated career record in the 100-yard backstroke.

Louisville (1-1), the only ranked Big East team, finds leadership in junior Joao De Lucca, who ranks third nationally in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 44.04 and ninth in the 200-yard freestyle at 1:38.76. The Cardinal also bring a comfortable newcomer, freshman Bryan Draganosky, who holds the No. 8-place ranking in the 1000-yard freestyle at 9:21.14.

Despite this, Louisville comes off a loss in its most recent match against

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"We are capable of competing with ranked teams in the country and we have the talent to take them down."

Frank Dyer
junior

Tennessee. The Cardinals fell 168.6-131.5 on Oct. 25 and have been out of competition for two weeks. The Irish hope to combine Louisville's long layoff with their own momentum from the victory over Purdue to defeat the Cardinals.

"We are capable of competing with the ranked teams in the country and we have the talent to take them down," Dyer said.

The weekend will start with Pittsburgh at 5 p.m. on Friday and conclude with Louisville on Saturday at 1 p.m. in Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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SUZANNA PRATT | The Observer

Irish junior center Anders Lee corrals the puck behind the net during last year's Feb. 4 contest against Bowling Green in the Compton Family Ice Arena. The Irish lost the game 3-2, but this year Lee and the Irish head into Friday's matchup with No. 1 Boston College having won four of their last five outings.

Lee

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to come in and get his game legs back and he's a very smart player with the puck and physical, and I think both those two guys helped Anders together last game."

Lee's size also affected his offseason approach during the position change. At 6-foot-3 and 220 pounds, Lee worked to improve his mobility on the ice to take on the challenges of playing center.

"[I've been] trying to work on skating and working on getting up and down the ice faster and my footwork," Lee said. "Being ready to go end-to-end with backchecking and skating. That's been real important. At center, you're all over the ice, so you've got to be ready to skate around and that's why T.J. does so well because he can fly around the ice."

After Lee was an alternate captain a year ago, Jackson named the junior the sole Notre Dame captain this season. Jackson said he has been impressed this season with the leadership ability of Lee, just one member of Notre Dame's leadership group.

"I decided to name only one captain this year, but we do have a leadership group of eight guys, and he's one of them, of

course," Jackson said. "The four seniors and three other juniors, we are meeting every couple of weeks. We talk as a group. I expect everybody, especially the upperclassmen, to take a leadership role."

"Anders is a mature young guy and he understands what I'm all about. I think I understand what he's all about. Good communication skills. He's got the character and I think he's doing a great job right now."

Lee said having a squad full of upperclassmen leaders has made his job as captain easier.

"[I] just try to be a vocal leader and lead by example on the ice," he said. "We have so much leadership on this team, it's not just me within the locker room talking. Everyone's talking, everyone has that positive attitude. We work together as a unit and we've got great senior leadership. [The] upperclassmen [and] junior class, they've made the job really easy on me. It hasn't been tough at all yet and I'm enjoying it, and as long as the team's winning, that's all that matters."

Lee and the rest of the Irish are next in action Friday night when they travel to Chestnut Hill, Mass., for a matchup against No. 1 Boston College at 7 p.m.

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5 Signs of spring

10 Feline face cleaners

14 Casino stock

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16 Settled

17 Ceremonial military outfit

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20 Like the worst excuse

22 Clink

24 The girl from Ipanema?

25 “You will be ____” (last line of “Wishin’ and Hopin’”)

27 Classic play whose title is an abbreviation

28 Dairy Queen treat
- 32 —

35 Drum kit component

37 “Oops, sorry”

38 Build on, with “to”

39 Deuce follower

40 Govt. security

41 Certain spot

42 “Delta of Venus” author

43 Actress Davis

44 One carrying dust, maybe

45 Hides, in a way

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53 “Man who catch fly with chopstick accomplish anything” speaker

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69 Crayola color since 1998

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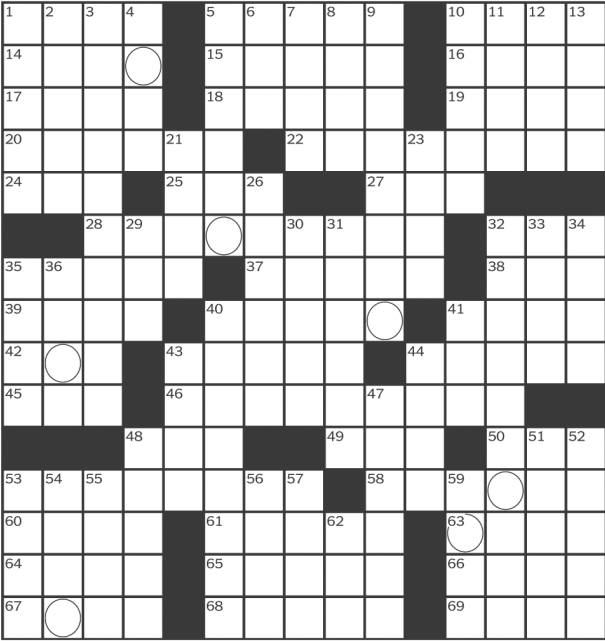
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30 Deceitful

31 Deafening



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43 Greeting in Oz

54 Rake

33 Purim’s month

44 Image on the “E.T.” poster

55 Team whose colors are blue and orange

34 Whirl

47 Feature of Mike Wazowski in “Monsters, Inc.”

56 Tech whiz, say

35 “____ ’em!” (mob’s cry)

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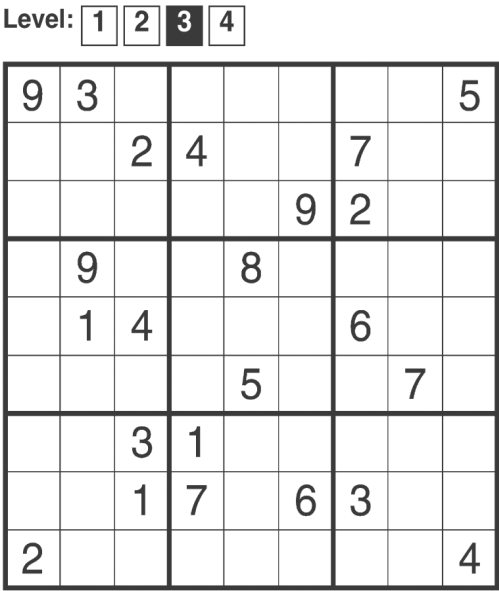
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Using emotional tactics to get your way will end up costing you. Honesty and integrity will count in the end; don't compromise your position due to stubbornness or a minor detail. Turn your attention to fulfilling an obligation. ★★ ★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Show off what you have to offer. Being consistent will determine whether you will be able to parlay what you have to offer into something substantial. Love and romance look promising. Take time out to socialize. ★★ ★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Give more thought to your personal life and future. The information you pick up now will alter the way you do things as well as the direction you follow. Let your creative imagination lead the way and you will not be disappointed. ★★ ★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Choose your battles wisely. There is no point making a fuss over an issue you cannot win. Devote your time to making the changes that will transpire into getting your way without using pressure or bullying someone to give you what you want. ★★ ★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Deal with the consequence of being honest. Face your demons and the people who drag you down. Start fresh and strive for the life you've always wanted to live. Set priorities, take charge of your life and you will find happiness. ★★ ★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will learn a valuable lesson from someone in a position of authority. Travel plans and getting together with old friends will open a window of opportunity that will transform your current situation. ★★ ★

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel plans or a change of scenery will help you make an important decision that will alter what you do for a living. Follow your heart. Love, romance and building an unusual connection with someone special will pay off. ★★

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HOCKEY

Lee embraces captaincy, move to center

The former winger finds success as leader of the No. 7 Irish after putting NHL plans on hold

By **SAM GANS**
Sports Writer

During the offseason, Irish junior captain and center Anders Lee had a decision to make. He could either sign a contract with the New York Islanders and move one step closer to the National Hockey League or return to school to work toward a degree in management and try to make another Frozen Four after the Irish missed out on the NCAA Tournament his sophomore season.

He chose the latter.

"I'm committed to this hockey team and this school and I value my degree really highly. We had unfinished business here as a hockey team and I hadn't earned my degree yet either, so I think it's just a combination of those two," Lee said. "And having such a good group of friends on the team and in my dorm and around school, I just wasn't ready to leave that behind, especially knowing how special the team we had coming back this year [is] and the opportunity for me to graduate."

So far this season, the No. 7 Irish (6-2-0, 3-1-0-0 CCHA) have been the beneficiaries of that choice.

Lee, a 2009 sixth-round pick by the Islanders, leads Notre Dame with nine points through

eight games. This past weekend, he notched three goals and an assist in a two-game home split against Western Michigan to earn CCHA Postgame Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Lee's strong start is in the midst of an adjustment from left wing to center. During his first two years at Notre Dame, Lee played primarily alongside junior center T.J. Tynan, with Tynan leading the Irish in points each of the last two years while Lee led the team in goals.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson, however, decided to move Lee to center this offseason, effectively splitting up the pair during five-on-five play. Jackson said Lee's playing style has made it difficult to find wingers to serve as Lee's linemates, but believes junior forwards Bryan Rust and Jeff Costello could be the answer.

"[In] most cases, centers are more like T.J. Tynan or [freshman] Steven Fogarty," Jackson said. "They're a little bit more of playmaker type of players. Anders is probably more of a goal-scorer. And to have a center that's more of a goal-scorer, you need to have wingers for him that are going to help get him the puck in the right areas of the ice. I thought Bryan Rust did a nice job, Costello's starting

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Irish junior center Anders Lee skates during a 4-1 win over Minnesota-Duluth on Oct. 19 in the Compton Family Ice Arena. Lee leads the Irish as the lone team captain for the 2012-2013 season.

MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish host conference foes

By **MEGAN FINNERAN**
Sports Writer

This weekend Notre Dame continues its stretch of home meets and looks to remain undefeated.

The Irish (3-0) most recently took down No. 18 Purdue in a dual meet with 156 points to the Boilermakers' 144. Now they welcome back-to-back competition from fellow Big East squads and seek two more victories.

Pittsburgh will head into Notre Dame on Friday afternoon, with No. 16 Louisville presenting Saturday.

"We have rival Louisville on Saturday," senior Chris Johnson said. "We're going to need to swim just as competitively [as we did against Purdue] and even faster if we want to take them down."

The Irish took seven of 16 first-place finishes against



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Irish sophomore Patrick Olson participates in the 200-yard breaststroke in the Shamrock Invitational at Rolfs Aquatic Center on Jan. 27.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Squad looks to rebound at home

By **KATIE HEIT**
Sports Writer

After a strong showing in a close meet against Purdue last week, senior captain Kim Holden will be one of the swimmers looking to lead the Irish to a victory against Pittsburgh on Friday and Louisville on Saturday.

Holden won Big East Athlete of the Week for swimming and diving after earning the top spot in three individual events in a 152-148 loss to Purdue on Nov. 2. In her events, Holden ranks in the top 20 in the nation and is ranked first in the 100-yard and 200-yard back in the Big East. The Irish will be looking to Holden to earn big points against two conference opponents this weekend.

Holden said the Irish are fired up after the close loss to Purdue and are ready to take on Pittsburgh.

"We are definitely going into Pittsburgh with the mentality that every swim and every place counts," Holden said. "We're feeling confident, but know that anything can happen in a meet. That just means racing tough and smart."

The last time the Irish faced off against Pittsburgh and Louisville was during the Big East Championship on Feb. 18, where the Irish placed second behind champion Louisville.

A year ago, Louisville defeated the Irish 188-112 in Louisville. A high point of the meet was then-freshman Emma Reaney, who won three individual events and was part of the winning 400-yard free relay team. Reaney went on to win the 100-yard breast and the 400-yard IM against Purdue.

Holden said there is definitely

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