Duncan wins construction award

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Duncan Hall was honored with an award of merit in Midwest Construction's "Best of 2008" competition in the residential/hospitality category, the University announced Friday.

Midwest Construction is a monthly magazine focused on the construction industry in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Eastern Missouri. It is one of 10 regional magazines published by McGraw-Hill Construction.

The University did not submit Duncan Hall for consideration for the award, according to University Vice President of Business Operations Jim Lyphout.

"I and the University Architect [Doug Mursch] were pleasantly surprised to learn of the award," Lyphout said in an e-mail to The Observer Monday.

"We are extremely pleased with Duncan Hall," Lyphout said.

Duncan Hall shares the award of merit honor from Midwest Construction with Dana Hotel and Spa, which is located in Chicago.

The project of the year distinction in the residential/hospitality category was awarded to One Museum Park East, the tallest residential structure in Chicago.

An independent jury of experts judged the 128 considered projects on criteria including quality, property management, team work, and sense of community that is so characteristic to Notre Dame.

Phelan, Kenney chosen by peers to serve as president, vice president for academic year

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Notre Dame's Freshman Class Council (FCC) elected its officers last Thursday and is already working on its plans for the coming year. Malcolm Phelan, who was voted president, said the Council's main goals are to represent the Class of 2012 and to build a sense of community within the class.

"As we go forward we want us to be the class that people talk about years later, the class that just clicked," said Phelan. "We want to build that sense of family that keeps people coming back for years... to build the incredibly strong sense of community that is so characteristic to Notre Dame."

He said the FCC was responsible for the Halloween dance last month and has plans to sell căiars and make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for homeless shelters in the area. There is also talk of a possible dance in the spring and giving out free hot chocolate on the quad, said Phelan.

Phelan was elected FCC president. Jay Kenney was voted vice president, Shannon Crotty treasurer and Michael Ryan secretary.

The election took place later than in past years because it took longer than usual to get representatives from each dorm. Sophomore Class Council vice president and advisor to FCC Kate Clitheroe said student government received special permission to extend the deadline of the election for this reason, she said.

The officers were elected by their fellow FCC members, which consist of one representative from each dorm, Kenney said. Each candidate gave a short speech, and after the speeches those running left the room and those not running voted, he said.

While there were many people running for each position, Clitheroe said that this election was not as competitive as last year's contest.

"The freshmen are really more enthusiastic than competitive. They really weren't cutthroat about it. They're all pretty good friends by now," Clitheroe said.

"I've never seen such gung-ho.

Students support hotel workers

Coalition for Economic Justice hosts HEI employees at LaFortune

By JOSEPH McMATHON
Assistant News Editor

Socially-conscious students concerned about where the University's endowment is being invested gathered in LaFortune Monday to support the Hotel Workers Rising movement, which is attempting to form a union for workers in HEI Hotels.

"Rising in the sense that there's a poverty level and we're trying to bring the hotel workers up," Coalition for Economic Justice member Thanh Le said.

HEI Hotels is a large chain that receives much of Saint Mary's Web site has a list of biographies of deceased Sisters of the Holy Cross beginning with Sister Agnes Eileen Walshie who passed away on Jan. 7, 2007.

The list, entitled "In Memoriam," began in 2007. The department of Missions has been keeping these records long before then, Sister Schultz said.

The Department began mass e-mailing students as a result of several people coming to Sister Schultz and asking why they weren't being informed of the Sisters' deaths, she said.

The information can go on
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Don't knock YouTube**

Are you guys fans of viral video? Are you pecked by YouTube's affluence? Seekers of the next big thing in that popular genre known as "the ridiculous video of the week that everyone and their mom are watching?" As the Scene Editor of this fine paper, I like to engage with you, fellow fans of Internet phenomen- na, with our weekly YouTube feature that we post in the Scene spread. We'll put together an amalgamation of quirky, ridiculous or punny videos for your benefit (and, to be hon- est, ours). The content can vary depending on which member of my staff is editing that night. So far, my favorites have been "It's Beat of the Day," a clip from the kids show "Yo Gabba Gabba" in which Biz Markie instructs your children on the fine art of beat boxing; "Noelzsa's Owns," a curse-laden discussion of the merits of various Pokemon, particularly of the clumsy and sleepy variety; and the well-known and oft-quoted "My New Haircut." Sometimes the YouTube features are influenced by working in the Observer Office itself. For example, if I'm working with our lovely Managing Editor, Jay Fitzpatrick, my video choices tend to lean towards the more absurd side of life. You can thank Mr. Fitzpatrick for our inclusion of "Barack Roll," by the way. For those unfortunate souls who still haven't seen this little gem, "Barack Roll" is an exercise in video splitting taken to the point of I-don't-know-what. Clips of Barack Obama's speeches are cut to precisely fit the lyrics of Rick Astley's "Never Gonna Give You Up," creating a viral sensation the baggy pants way. "Barack Roll" video is our inclusion of "Barack Roll," by the way. For those unfortunate souls who still haven't seen this little gem, "Barack Roll" is an exercise in video splitting taken to the point of I-don't-know-what. Clips of Barack Obama's speeches are cut to precisely fit the lyrics of Rick Astley's "Never Gonna Give You Up," creating a viral sensation the baggy pants way.

Intelligent stuff, I know. But, to all you intellectual snobs out there, those who think YouTube video viewing is a pedes­

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT MUSICAL ARTIST WOULD YOU BE HAPPY TO NEVER HEAR FROM AGAIN?**

**Casey Martin**

Senior Stanford

"Celine Dion, I hate everything she has ever done in life."

**Daniel Nolan**

Senior off-campus

"Jessica Simpson, because she's an expert at destroying music (but an acceptable country singer)."

**Leora Wallace**

Senior McGinn

"Akon, because he has a whiny high-pitched voice."

**Jay Wade**

Junior off-campus

"Nickleback, because they are all that's wrong with music. And they're Canadian."

**Chris Godia**

Senior off-campus

"Rihanna, 'cause somebody's got to stop the music."

**Kara Coyle**

Junior PW.

"Aaron Carter, because I have doubts that he actually beat Shag."

**IN BRIEF**

The Tri-Military Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) will hold its Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony today at 5 p.m. at the Clarke Memorial Fountain. President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C. will be the guest speaker. In case of inclement weather, the cere­

**Student Government is host­

**OFFBEAT**

**Big purse snipes bullet from hitting student**

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Don't knock those trendy, oversized purses—they could save your life, as one college student found out. Police say the contents in an oversized purse saved Elizabeth Kittenger, a 22-year-old Middle Tennessee State University student, by stop­

**Correction**

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.
By MEGAN LONEY

This week, Saint Mary’s chapter of the White Rose Society is commemorating the 70th anniversary of Kristallnacht, when over 20,000 men were sent to concentration camps. Kristallnacht, or the Night of Broken Glass, is known as the event that marked the beginning of the Holocaust.

The Saint Mary’s White Rose Society is the second chapter of this group in the United States — the first is at the University of Texas-Austin. Senior Sarah Testa, president of the White Rose Society chapter at Saint Mary’s, discovered the group in a class her junior year.

“I took a class on the Second World War where the White Rose was briefly mentioned in conjunction with other resistance groups,” Testa said.

The modern White Rose Society has applied the ideas of the original White Rose Society, but integrated them with issues that are prevalent today.

“The Saint Mary’s White Rose Society seeks to honor to actions of the original White Rose, remember the Holocaust and speak out against current human rights abuses,” Testa said. “Right now we have a marriage of Holocaust remembrance and activism for Darfur, Burma and the Congo.”

Testa worked closely faculty members involved in the planning of last year’s Kristallnacht Commemoration. She said she feels it is important to mark the anniversary of the start of the Holocaust and to make sure that the memory of the Holocaust does not die.

“It’s easy to say that the world will never forget the Holocaust,” Testa said, “but it’s actually more of an issue than many realize. In our lifetime, there are actually people that are personally affected by the Holocaust will perish. In addition, people are actually denying that the Holocaust ever existed. These things are such an issue that it’s actually more before ever, we need to come together to honor the memory of the Holocaust.”

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ment with the Society along with two other members.

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Saint Mary’s Chapter president

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Monday evening in Vander Vennet Theater, David Stefancic, an associate professor of history, introduced ‘Cabaret,’ a film set in Berlin in 1931. After showing the movie, Stefancic led a discussion about the events presented in the film.

For the commemoration, the White Rose Society will be giving away white roses to remind people of the importance of the anniversary. Allied Cut Flowers, a company in Cleveland, donated the 500 roses that will be given away.

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A Special Information Session for Mendoza College of Business Students
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5:00 pm to 6:00
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service, according to a Midwest Construction press release.
Lincs Oil Stadium, the new sta­
dium built for the Indianapolis
Colts, was designated as the
Overall Project of the Year.
The 128 submitted projects were
divided into categories to
allow the parties to better judge
the merits of comparable pro­
jects, according to Midwest
Construction.

Duncan Hall currently houses
232 multi-undergraduates and
opened in August 2008. The resi­
dence hall features single, double,
triple and quad rooms, in addition
to some doubles and quads that
offer private bathrooms.
The dorm also features a sec­
ond-floor chapel with a vaulted
celing.
The hall was named after 1952
alumnae and donor Raymond
Duncan.

Residents recently decided
upon the "Highlanders" as the
West Quad dorm's official mascot.

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its contributed capital from
student endowments, from
schools such as Harvard,
Brown, Michigan and Notre
Dame, HEI touts Notre
Dame as one of its top investors.
The Coalition for Economic
Justice had previously raised
concerns over Notre Dame's
stakes in HEI when they deliv­
ered a personal letter to
President Fr. John Jenkins.
"I think the big thing, and
this is true too said it whenever
we sent the letter to Fr. Jenkins,
is that we want Notre Dame to be
a secular university that makes a
stand on the issue of labor
rights," Coalition for Economic
Justice member Michael Angulo said. "That is the Catholic Church has
made a stand on the issue of
fair labor rights," Coalition for
Economic Justice member
Nicolas Duncan said. "That is
what the Catholic Church has
always done."

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In his response, Jenkins praised the University's social investment policy and suggest­ ed the students begin meeting with
Notre Dame's Chief Investment
Officer Scott Malpass.
"Our position regarding those types of issues is
well known and unambiguous. A situation in
which we find that the legal­ly
protected rights of workers are
inflicted upon is unacceptable," Jenkins said in his letter.
Jenkins also met with Malpass and felt that his con­
cerns were taken seriously.
"It's very open, it has done a
lot of good research, and has been
very supportive," Angulo said.

However, the University
remains invested in HEI, prompting the Coalition for
Economic Justice to invite the
HEI Workers' Rising Move­
ment and four actual workers from
HEI's major hotel, the Hotel in
San Francisco — R i i a r d\nQuan, Vincent Mac, Eliza
Chang and M i c h a e l
Ancheta — to campus.

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atives, or any kind of general
Notre Dame students who came in as freshmen,
MacAuliffe said that her
work force would be looking into
ways of adapting the Hotel in San Francisco to
the 0 format and possibly involving
the Office of Student Affairs to
increase emphasis on student
life at Notre Dame. She said that
involving student employees and
counselors from each dorm
would be involved.
"We really feel we can make this
happen and give trans­f ers a better sense of what
Notre Dame is," she said.
Fr. Jim urges, rector of Car­roll Hall, said that the work of
CLC would be to help
"enhance what already exists."
"We're not looking to usurp
anything from admissions or the Provost's Office," Lewin
said.

In other CLC news:

Nicole O'Connor, student
government Parliamentarian
and chair of the Task Force on
Student Safety said her task force
designed to launch a Web site
for student safety at Notre
Dame. The Web site will feature
information taken from student
government's guide to living on
campus. O'Connor said that the
task force is in the process of
gathering con­
tent related to attractions,
retailers, activities and other
information about life in the
campus community.

O'Connor said the planned
launch date is in March, 2009,
and that students are moving
campus at that time will use
the information.

Student body vice president
Grant Schmidt, chair of the
Task Force on Student Safety
in the study Spores in Dorms, said his group is continuing
discussions about the use of Google calen­
dars on campus, and recently discussed their use with the
Hall Presidents Council.
Schmidt said that the Hall Presidents Council will continue
to consider using Google calen­
dars.

Schmidt also detailed a res­
olution his task force is con­
structing.
The resolution deals with
installing Pharron printers in all dorms, and Schmidt said
while the printers may not be
seen as a need, they are always
available.

"I think we've come up with
enough issues to get the reso­
novation passed," Schmidt said.

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The Sari Soldiers
Directed by Julie Bridgham
90 min. NR

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people," she said of the members
of the FCC.
Phelan described and agreed
his fellow FCC members as "incred­
ible and full of ambitions and ideas.
Phelan told The Observer that the
FCC members "are the best ideas "ambitious," which he
thinks is an accurate description of what the FCC will be.
"They're ambitious but I think
with the group that we have, we
actually can get stuff done," said
Phelan.
He said the FCC plans to send
surveys out to the freshman class
to get input from them as to
how that dorm representative are
going to make themselves avail­
able to their fellow freshmen.
"We're going to need [the stu­
dents] help in doing it. We can't
do nothing without the support of
the freshman class. It's our job
not to lead them, but to support them," Phelan said.
He also said that the mem­
ers of the FCC want "to do our absolute best [and] not let kids
would do ... a reality."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraq suffers deadliest attack in weeks

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber Monday struck a crowd rushing to help schoolgirls trapped in a bus by an earlier bombing. The Interior Ministry said at least 31 people were killed — the deadliest in a string of blasts that raise questions about security forces as the U.S. prepares to reduce troops.

The ministry said another 71 people were wounded in the twin blasts, the deadliest attack in Baghdad in six weeks. A third bomb exploded about 130 yards (meters) from the second.

No group claimed responsibility for the attacks during the morning rush hour. But suspicion fell on al-Qa`ida in Iraq, which has made suicide bombings against Shiites civilians its signature attack.

In recent weeks, there has been an uptick in small-scale bombings in Baghdad. An Associated Press tally showed at least 19 bombings in the city this month as of Sunday, compared with 28 for all of October and 22 in September.

2,000 year old ring found in Israel

JERUSALEM — A luxurious gold, pearl and emerald ring could provide new visual clues about the life of the elite in Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago.

And its discovery was a true eureka moment for excavators. The piece was found beneath a parking lot next to the walls of Jerusalem's Old City. It dates to the Roman period just after the time of Jesus, said Doron Ben-Ami, who directed the dig.

The earring was uncovered in a destroyed Byzantine structure built centuries after the piece was made, showing it was likely passed down through generations, he said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Inauguration tickets not to be scalped

WASHINGTON — The senator overseeing Barack Obama's swearing-in ceremony said Monday she's writing to Internet sites like eBay asking them not to sell scalped inauguration tickets.

Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., also said she's drafting a bill that would make a federal crime of selling tickets to the historic event Jan. 20.

Feinstein, who chairs the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, said she foresees overwhelming demand for the 240,000 available tickets and has heard reports they may be selling for as much as $40,000 online.

The tickets are supposed to be free to the public and distributed through congressional offices.

Priest agrees to pay sex-abuse victims

SPOKANE, Wash. — A former priest to own up to his actions will help them put the abuse behind them.

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Congressional Office, with no handlers or press teams are assembled."

WASHINGTON — All smiles and compliments, President-elect Obama owned any other of the inaugurations and planned to show the world how he intended to handle the classified information inher­ent in some of the most sensitive cases. Obama, a man who has served inside the Obama camp, some detainees would be released and others could be charged in U.S. courts, where they would receive constitutional rights and open trials. But, underscoring the diffi­cult decisions Obama must make to ful­fill his pledge of shutting down Guantanamo, the plan could require the creation of a new legal system to handle the classified information inher­ent in some of the most sensitive cases.

Many of the about 250 Guantanamo detainees are cleared for release, but the Bush administration has not been able to find a country willing to take them.

Advisers participating directly in the planning spoke on condition of anonymity because the plans aren't final.
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the Web site, but if students don't know it's there, they would have no way of finding out about this, she said.

"It's just communicating," Sister Shultz said. "Students don't have to open the e-mails if they don't want to," she said.

The idea is to keep students involved with their founders, Sister Schultz said. "Here's the group who are our sponsoring body, they've served through out the world, and they deserve to be remembered," she said.

The on-campus Center, which happens to be the "Motherhouse of the congregation," according to Sister Schultz, is a vital part of the Saint Mary's community. Keeping students informed and involved with the Sisters is important, she said.

"Because Saint Mary's is so closely [tied to the Sisters], this has more meaning for students here," she said.

The program that has helped with building student relationships with the Sisters is the Friends With Sisters program, organized by Sister Louisita Welsh. Many students who were involved with the program and had their friend pass away have been involved in the program and attended their wakes, Sister Schultz said.

One student involved in the program, junior Brooke Draktenis, developed a friendship with Sister Mergary Mitternich, who passed away on Sept. 16, she said.

"I had been working with Sister Mergary for 12 months (even over the summer) since I was working here in South Bend. She was bed-bound, so it was easy to find time in her schedule to come visit, which is not always true since the Sisters of the Holy Cross are so active for the most part," Draktenis said in an e-mail.

Sister Mergary's funeral was the first funeral I had ever been to so it was tough for me since she was the first person I have ever had to grieve and celebrate the life of. The Sisters of the Holy Cross' funerals are truly a celebration of life and I was surprised at how upbeat the funeral was," she said.

Liz Brown
SMC sophomore

WHY CHOOSE A MINOR OR A SUPPLEMENTARY MAJOR IN LATINO STUDIES AT ND?

Changes in American demography make it imperative for professionals and leaders in all fields, to understand the cultures, art, history, literature, religious life, political expression, and public policy issues of the US Latino/Hispanic community. Health professionals, for example, are already implementing programs tailored to the needs of US Latinos/Hispanics; the private sector is recognizing their growing purchasing power; and policymakers and political leaders have come to realize that Latinos/Hispanics may play a decisive role in the US electoral vote.

The minor or the supplementary major in Latino studies will deepen students' knowledge of the cultures, art, history, literature, religious life, political expression, and public policy issues of nearly 40 million Latinos/Hispanics in the United States.

The programs encourage research into new issues such as changing immigration patterns, remittances, emerging transnational communities, and cultural flows between Latinos/Hispanics in the United States and their families' countries of origin.

While the emphasis is on domestic communities, consideration of globalization, immigration, and border issues introduces an international dimension.

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WASHINGTON — When the government offered an emergency loan to insurer American International Group in September, eyebrows shot up at the $85 billion price tag. Now it looks like pocket change.

The original Fed loan to AIG was $85 billion, but the Fed added a $138 billion loan in October. But that hasn’t been enough to firm up the company, which is so big and interconnected to other firms that its failure would devastate the economy.

Under the new plan, the Fed will provide $60 billion in loans. The U.S. Treasury will provide $40 billion to buy up preferred stock. And the government will spend close to $53 billion to buy up mortgage-backed assets and other AIG contracts on debt.
With hyper-liberal Senator Barack Obama ascending to the presidency, in conjunction with a near filibuster-proof majority in the Senate and a clear majority in the House, Democrats can now ref­rame their victory as one that affirms the princi­ples they hold most dear: bigger government, spineless foreign policy, and increased spending on ineffectual social programs.

In the deeply pro­found words of Bob the Builder, “Yes we can!” Or can they? In the back of their collective mind, there remains the stub­born fact that Obama managed to clinch the election on November 4th largely by riding a wave of personal popularity and widespread resentment toward the previ­ous administration. He campaigned, not as a Democrat, but as a symbol of a new, bipartisan era that transcends the petty political bickering of the past. And although his electoral and popular vote victories were decisive, the question of why his election means for the direction of his presidency has yet to be answered.

If we attempt to look to Obama’s campaign for some clues, we are left just as miffed. His call to arms can be summed up in a single word: change. But let’s face it, when vying for the presidency when the approval rating of the outgoing incumbent from the opposing party has flat-lined around 28 percent, the campaign script was practically written for him. Perhaps Obama understood that he needed to de-emphasize during the campaign. It seems that his definition of trying to compromise with the oppos­ing party by presenting his plans with a deceptive twist. History has not been kind to presidents who overstep their authority. If Obama declares, “the change we need is coming,” what he has in mind is that the change he promised to voters indicates the necessity of appealing to their center-right tenden­cies. Perhaps in addition to acquiring more votes, Obama was hoping to gain favor with conservatives so that they will go along with his leftist agenda as president. He has already begun to set the biparti­san tone for his administration during his victory speech by insisting that we “resist the temptation to fall back on the same partisanship and pettiness and immaturi­ty that has poisoned our politics for so long.” Just days later, he appointed Rahm Emanuel, former Clinton advisor, Freddie Mac: board member from 2000 to 2001, and notoriously foul-mouthed partisan hack, to the position of chief of staff.

A wide gap exists between Obama’s claims to champion bipartisanship and his actions. Unfortunately, he has con­vinced most Americans that he will lead in a manner that transverses the partisan divide, which does not give him the authority to implement the radical agen­da he managed to de-emphasize during the campaign. It seems that his definition of bipartisanship involves building support for liberal policies among moderates instead of “tying the hands” of the oppos­ing party by presenting his plans with a deceptive twist.

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Christie Pesavento
Guest Columnist

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Christie Pesavento is a Political Science liberal member of the Senate in 2007. Obama was the most winning candidate since 2000. According to The Observer’s editor, the amount of spending Obama promised to cut, if he is elected, is significantly lower than the amount promised by his predecessor.

Christie Pesavento is a Political Science student at the University of Notre Dame. In her free time, she enjoys reading, writing, and playing tennis.

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Letters to the Editor

Tropic Thunder: not so funny

The summer before my freshman year here at Notre Dame, I volunteered at the Special Olympics Games. I helped in the skills division of sports. One particular athlete, Ben, was very excited to go first. He came out on the court, and I asked him if he needed any practice repeated to him. He ignored me: "You’re ready!" Ben completed his challenges and was pretty good at all of them. I complimented him on his skill and he proudly responded, "I know I'm good! I'm PERFECT!" True words have never been spoken. Ben had Down syndrome.

This past week S.U.R. movies hosted the film, Tropic Thunder. This film repeatedly degrades those with disabilities. Men and women with disabilities are the greatest gift God has given to our world. They are full of pure, unconditional, perfect love. My sister, Marita, has physical and mental handicaps. While some students here at Notre Dame struggle with trying to make the division one sports team, Marita struggles with walking. While students here struggle with Aristotle’s philosophy, Marita struggles with learning how to read. While students here struggle with relationships and learning how to love one another—well Marita’s got that one covered. Marita never gives up—not only can she walk, but she can run and play sports too. Not only can she read, she writes her own stories and spells a whole lot better than I do. Not only does she love, but she loves unconditionally, unselfishly, and unreservedly. She sees people for who they are, not for what they look like or what they wear or how smart or athletic they are. She simply loves the person. Marita never makes fun of anyone—one day each day when I walk around campus, I hear people using the word "retarded" with a negative connotation.

I see our beloved Notre Dame sponsoring a film, Tropic Thunder, that openly degrades those with disabilities. If a movie openly made fun of Jewish people or black people or those with disabilities, is it deemed as funny? It’s not funny—it’s hurtful. It’s degrading a group of people who should be praised and commended by society—not made fun of. This is a Catholic university named after our Blessed Mother—and right now, I’m pretty sure she is ashamed of us.

Mary Forr
sophomore
Proctor’s Row
Nov. 9

Take a step back

We all know that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. I love this day. What are the first thoughts that this holiday brings to mind? Food, obviously. Gathering with family, playing football with the cousins, cooking classic dishes, and discussing religion and politics are just a few of the day’s activities. At some point, however, I do sit back and think God for all He has given me (and I should be doing this more often). Family, friends, faith, freedom, education, health, and the list goes on and on. But there is one especially prized gift that God has given my family: two incredible people with special needs.

My brother Patrick has Asperger’s Syndrome, a high functioning form of Autism. My sister Meg has Acomatoplasia, a form of dwarfishism. These two people may be the greatest blessings in my life. And that’s why it hurts so much when I hear daily the words “retarded” and “midget” thrown around. It hurts because I have lived through the suffering they have endured from this reckless or malicious use of language. I suspect that we all react similarly when someone mocks or demeans one of our siblings—for any reason. I think that most, if not all, of us immediately become defensive and want to support our siblings. At least that’s how I respond every time I hear those words used in disparaging or negative contexts.

I am so grateful for Pat and Meg in my life. I wish everyone could have the gift of someone with special needs in their family life. Those with special needs have a deep, genuine love of life. They may lack intellectual or physical capabilities, but their abilities to love and to forgive are admirable. They are much younger than I am, but I sincerely look up to each of them. So, I invite all of us to take a step back, thank God for all He has given us and reflect upon ways we may misuse our words and submit to stereotypes that really do inflict great harm to those with special needs and to their Creator. Thanks Pat and Meg for being who you two are.

Mary Conroy
sophomore
Pasquerilla West
Nov. 9

Drunken revelry justified by ‘Change and Hope’

Last week seemed to be the pinnacle of my existence as an American when I learned from downstairs miles away that Barack Obama was to become my future president. I became overwhelmed and on the verge of tears while observing the millions of people cheering for our nation’s soon to be first African-American president. Although I was watching from a computer all the way from Yaniu, a small Chinese city conveniently sandwiched between Russia and North Korea, and had only two other Americans to share this historical occasion with, my overwhelming happiness could not escape me for several days.

Unfortunately, my elation came to a screeching halt upon learning of the viewpoint article titled “Drunken Revelry Inappropriately.” Does this student realize what had just happened in our beloved nation last week? A smart young adult, who happens to be black was able to obtain arguably the most powerful position in the world only several decades after African-Americans were not even allowed to vote. Amidst this, all Mr. Miller can do is worry which seems to be way more important than the huge big screen TVs cause havoc among the hardcore college basketball fans amidst the clueless, studious students.

Maybe Mr. Miller was a stringent McCain supporter, or maybe a hardcore conservative, wealthy Republican, or simply does not know how to have fun and loosen up when necessary. Maybe he should be going back to his home-off-campus to focus on his studies which seems to be way more important than this historic election. Although, I am sure the people of South Bend took to the streets as well, like the rest of the world did. Who knows? But in the words of Obama, I can only HOPE that his upright ways CHANGE in order for him to realize the joy of being a college student and a proud American under the future guidance of Barack Obama.

Wyn Norris
junior
class of ’65
Nov. 9

The Observer is accepting columnist applications for the Spring semester!

Are you excited yet?

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The real American spirit

After living through an exhausting presidential campaign and all the good and the ugly connected with it, I just wanted to comment on a bright spot. As an "old grad" who loves Notre Dame and is interested in the current state of the union and opinions on campus, I must say that Nicole Barson’s letter on “America the Beautiful” in the November 10 The Observer Email Edition re-affirms my hope and shows the real spirit of America shining through. This country was founded upon a deep faith in God and trust in His guidance and blessings.

Congratulations, Nicole, as you have beautifully expressed the greatness of our democracy and the responsibility of all Americans to continue in a positive way to support our country, affirm the sacredness of human life, and pray for the well-being of this great nation.

Wyn Norris
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Nov. 10
The latest in a seemingly endless stream of R-rated comedies is "Role Models." Starring Paul Rudd, Sean William Scott and Christopher Mintz-Plasse, "Role Models" provides viewers with an Apatowian humor and sentimentality hybrid that has been a box office success since 2005's "The 40-year-old Virgin.

It's the story of two co-workers who are forced to volunteer their time in a Big Brother Big Sister type agency to avoid jail time, after an energy-drink-fueled accident on the job. Danny (Rudd), a bitter cynic, and Wheeler (Scott), a careless party boy, are then stuck with two of the most difficult prospects the Sturdy Wings program has to offer: Augie (Mintz-Plasse), a foul-mouthed little boy who is obsessed with a certain characteristic of the female anatomy. The interactions between these four characters are the core of the film: each characters humor relevant to their personality.

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The film is neither directed nor produced by the comedy guru Judd Apatow, but it resembles his technique quite significantly. The casting reflects strongly on the direction of the film and each actor plays an all-too-familiar role but that's what makes "Role Models" work so well. The jokes are fresh, the references charming, and the payoff is grand. The actors may play the characters that they have always been known for, but they do it successfully and entertainingly. With a strong supporting cast and an even stronger chemistry between the four main characters, the film works. It works, and it's funny, and the final payoff is legendary.

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**TIDBITS on CHRISTOPHER MINTZ-PLASSE**

**Szymon Ryzner**

His debut was in the extremely popular "Superbad," where he played the awkward nerdy friend of the two main characters. He attended an audition with his two high-school friends, where despite the lack of a headshot and any true acting classes, he was cast. Though his characters name was Fogell, he will no doubt be forever known as the Hawaiian organ donor. His second film role is in the recently released "Role Models," where he plays a geeks youth that is obsessed with L.A.I.R.E., Live Action Interactive Roleplaying Explorers. He is fond of a roleplaying "goddess" but is too afraid to talk to her. Betrayed and kicked out of L.A.I.R.E. he makes a dramatic comeback in another memorable Mintz-Plasse role.

In 2009 he will be a supporting cast member of two potential blockbusters. "Year One," a Python-esque comedy taking place in biblical times, has Mintz-Plasse playing the role of Cain alongside Michael Cera, Jack Black, Hank Azaria as Abraham, David Cross as Cain, and Paul Rudd as Abel. The second film will be "Kick-Ass," a film version of a self-published comic book in which Mintz-Plasse will fill the role of Kick-Ass' nemesis The Red Mist.

He is doing voiceover work for "How to Train Your Dragon," an animated film based on the novel. Mintz-Plasse will be the voice of the character Fishlegs.

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NEW SURRENDER

Opening with the edgy, steady guitar rhythm of "The Resistance," alternative rock band Anberlin's newest album, "New Surrender" is a fresh affirmation of the band's talent. Anberlin has released five albums (if you include their CD of B-sides, demos, and acoustic, "Lost Songs," in the count since their conception in 2002, and each one has offered something new to their sound. And each album has been touted as better than the last.

"New Surrender" is the first album by the band to be released with a major record company. But this did not concern fans. Anberlin has consistently stayed within their genre while noticeably altering their sound. The band is not afraid of experimenting, and does so with skill. In fact, each track on "New Surrender" displays a different aspect of their sound, while maintaining some of their classic touches. The end track, "Miserable Visu (Ex Malo Bonum)" is in the vein of their other final tracks, like "(*Fin)," which concluded their last CD, "Cities." As with the band's past final tracks, "Miserable Visu (Ex Malo Bonum)" is the longest track on the album and adds a nice sense of closure to the work as a whole.

Another notable track is "Feel Good Drag," a rewrite from their second CD "Never Take Friendship Personal" (released in 2005). The mellow rock song alternates in intensity, starting soft and intensifying in the chorus. Alone in this one song, Anberlin displays their array of talent, both in terms of vocals and musicianship.

"New Surrender" can be called nothing but a success. Anberlin has once again created an amazing, diverse album that anyone can enjoy. This band is talented, and they’re not afraid to show it. Stephen Christian has the vocals to carry the songs, and is backed up strongly instrumentally by band mates Deon Rexroat, Joseph Milligan, Nathan Young, and Christian McAlhaney. This band talent only continues to please fans in their most recent release.

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Best of You Tube

Penguin Slip

Help get yourself prepared for those unfortunate run-ins with icy patches. It's consolation to know that penguins fall too!

Seven-Year-Old: Hood Rat Stuff with My Friends

Fender-benders, angry grandmothers, cops, and a seven-year-old priming himself for a life of crime make a hilarious combination.

My Hardcore Three-Year-Old Brother

You think you’re hardcore? Well, after checking out this pre-k pageant gone wrong, one little brother might just change your mind.

Yes Dance

If you are dead after too much homework, the yes dance could bring you back to life. Just like Kiki.
Celtics edge Raptors on back of Pierce's strong finish

Wade has big fourth quarter to lift Heat over Nets; Roy leads Blazers past Magic; Ford has double-double

Associated Press

BOSTON — Paul Pierce scored 22 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Boston Celtics to a 94-87 comeback win over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night. Kevin Garnett added 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Ray Allen had 19 points for the Celtics (7-1). Boston scored 58 points in the second half and went with a full-court press in the opening 24 minutes.

Pierce got off to a rough start in Sunday's win over Charlotte, leading the Raptors with 17 points on 11 rebounds. Anthony Parker scored 12, and Jason Kapono 14 for Toronto.

With the score tied 84-all, Boston center Kendrick Perkins, who had trouble containing O'Neal most of the game, blocked a turnaround and Pierce hit a jumper on the other end, giving the Celtics an 86-84 lead with 1:38 left.

On the ensuing possession, O'Neal hit the ball out of bounds. Pierce then hit a 12-footer to give Boston a four-point edge before putting the game away with a spinning, driving scoop shot that made his 36 points in the fourth quarter.

The Raptors, which trailed by 15 points in the third quarter and by six entering the fourth, used a full-court press to try to contain defense to bottle up the Raptors' offense while going on a 9-2 run to tie the score at 83-83.

A three-pointer from Pierce gave both for Boston — before FosterHouse names for lease 09-10 PROPERTIES 574-234-2436 OR 574-532-0204

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MLB

Colorado outfielder Matt Holliday throws baseballs to fans while taking part in the team's walk around Coors Field to mark the final regular-season home game in Denver. A proposed trade has Holliday headed to Oakland.

Judge orders NFLPA to pay nearly $330m to ex-players

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — A federal jury on Monday awarded the NFL Players Association to pay $28.1 million to retired players after finding the union failed to properly market their images.

The figure includes $27 million in punitive damages, just short of the $31.9 million award the players' lawyer had asked of the jury to reflect roughly 10 percent of the union's net worth at the start of the year.

A union lawyer had urged the jury to award a far lesser amount so as not to damage the union's ability to represent its members.

Hall of Fame cornerback Herb Adderley filed the lawsuit last year on behalf of 2,056 retired players who contended the union failed to actively pursue marketing deals on their behalf with video games, trading cards and other sports products.

Adderley, 69, played cornerback for the Green Bay Packers and Dallas Cowboys and appeared in four Super Bowls.
**MLB**

Longoria, Soto win Rookie of Year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The rookie races were all but over by July, when Evan Longoria and Geovany Soto arrived. But the Associated Press Star glimpse of things to come...

Longoria won the American League Rookie of the Year award, and Soto ran away with the NL honor Monday, capping impressive seasons that included All-Star appearances for both players at Yankee Stadium.

Pretty rare staff for a pair of first-timers — but those were no ordinary freshmen.

"I had a great year, bar none," Longoria said. "I knew I have the ability to do more."

Soto became the first AL rookie pitcher to start an All-Star game. In addition to his productive hitting, he also pitched well, but it was a nice job handling a Cubs pitching staff that compiled a 3.87 ERA, best third-in-the-NL. He even caught a no-hitter.

Soto credited backup catcher Henry Blanco and other veteran teammates for giving him confidence and plenty of hits.

"That's what helped me have a strong season and the way around," Soto said. "I did try to be very sure about myself, very secure. But I had doubts."

After his injury, Longoria, who turned 23 last month, returned to the Rays for Tampa Bay's playoff run. He homered in the postseason for the AL champion Rays, then connected four times against the World Series champion Phillies.

But his offensive tear ended in the World Series, when Longoria went 1-for-20 with nine strikeouts and two RBIs against the Phillies. His running game is ranked 25th in the NL with 94.1 yards per game. The Rays are 22nd with a per-carry average of 3.9 yards. Up next is Sunday's game at Pittsburgh, which will be key to their defense overall — allowing only 28 percent of runners on base, including just 69.2 rushing yards.

"It's going to be a difficult one, and we're going to have to put a lot of pressure on the runners," Longoria said.

Said coach Norv Turner: "I'm sure a lot of people would want to run the ball better."

"We're not going to let LT, not going to let this offensive line really be successful and do what you want to do you have to be able to run the football."

"We definitely could be running the ball better," left fielder Carlos Zambrano said. "We definitely want to run it."

The Rays (45-41) remain a game behind the Denver Broncos in the American AL West.

"We've been so up and down this season, obviously that can drain you mentally," Longoria said. "We're just trying to find ways to continue to get better at this time of the year with not being able to come in to close the wire right now."

The Rays were 5-4 in their final 10 games before falling behind the Boston Red Sox in the AL East.

Of course there's the little bit of cold weather because being a running back and loving to run the football.

"I'm really concerned about it because football to me is simple," he said. "I think in order to really be successful and do what you want to do you have to be able to pass the football. That's the way it's always been. Football is a running game."

"We're not going to let our backup, Michael Turner, and our third-string, Michael Turner, and our fourth-string to me, and the problem, "

"That's something that needs to be felt by them. So that's always something that needs to be felt by them."
NFC Football
Alabama looks to finish year strong

Associated Press
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — No. 1 Alabama's road to a perfect regular season seems paved in crimson and white.

The next two opponents are Auburn and Mississippi State, after all, two teams mired in disappointing seasons who are a combined 3-8 in Southeastern Conference games. Time to start gearing up for that matchup with No. 3 Florida in the league title game, right?

Not for a team that has lost two straight to Missouri, Saturday's opponent, and an exorcising six in a row in the series against the SEC East leader.

"If somebody were to say that our kids aren't up to it, I'd believe they haven't seen them," Crimson Tide offensive tackle Drew Dreamble said.

"Because it doesn't matter what your record is right now; everybody's going to play you tough, especially when you're No. 1 and playing in your stadium."}

NFC Football

Associated Press
Atlanta Falcons can't lose.

It seems Matt Ryan and the Atlanta Falcons can't lose.

At least not at home. Their 34-20 win over New Orleans on Sunday was the first of three straight home games for the Falcons, who are 4-0 at the Georgia Dome this season. Atlanta never trailed and led the Saints by 21 in the fourth quarter while improving to 6-2.

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NFC Football

Associated Press
Law returns to Jets' defense

The 34-year-old Law, who wears Law's No. 24.

He's a good defensive end. B randon Deaderick said. "That's my little boy," Law told NFL Network. "That's how I feel about our players. They've done a true job of working the clock as he comes to the line and he does a good job in the hurry-up mode.

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Lawsuit filed against Rob Johnson

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY — A Kansas woman filed a lawsuit Monday against Johnson, saying he knocked her to the ground in 2011.

Johnson, 35, was charged with sexual battery in the incident, but a Missouri judge dismissed the case in 2012.

This is not about money,” said Kirra N. Jones, Stewart’s attorney. “My client has worked her whole life to be the person who finally has won a Super Bowl: the bad shoulder, his reduced practice time. He is our quarterback because he is our quarterback.”

Johnson offered to buy Stewart a car with his bodyguards.

“Weather you feel like it’s your fault, it really hurts.”

Ben Roethlisberger Steelers quarterback

“I don’t think it’s that big of an issue,” Roethlisberger said of the reduced practice time. “I’m taking mental notes and I’m seeing everything that is going on, so it’s not as tough as it seems.”

The fallout in Roethlisberger’s play is a worry, especially with the Steelers ready to play two home games in five days, on Sunday against the Chargers (4-5) and a week from Thursday against the Bengals (1-8). Roethlisberger’s slippage is evident. He has been sacked more than any of his opponents.

“I am not concerned about his confidence,” coach Mike Tomlin said after Roethlisberger’s three interceptions proved pivotal in a 24-20 loss to Indianapolis on Sunday. “He is our quarterback because he is our quarterback.”

“Mike, he’s a war veteran,” said Playstation 3 executive John Giansanti. “He has won a Super Bowl: this one.”

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“I wanted to tell you is I’m going to compete with my shoulder injury,” he said. “I didn’t do anything crazy to be No. 1.”

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Son, Stanford will face rival 
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The first round of the playoffs
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Ethical Leadership: The Cornerstone to

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would discuss the matter further. He said he was happy to help. "Exactly what his role in the area where you believe that the head coach thing where you stand is, I'm trying to do this defense right now, and this is where we are on offense, and I think Crane passed for only 79 College to 10 offensive points because he feels comfortable Eagle's first touchdown in the AlamoDome that season in San Antonio, where the Irish took down No. 8 USC and No. 6 Florida, pro- pelling them to No. 8 in the ACG National Poll. "We beat them both in three and won the tournament," Streemick said. "I had a lot of fun, being on the road with the team for the first time."

Sophomore Dan Stahl and Stephen Havens combined for 10 wins on the weekend. "My expectations for this year are that we continue to improve," Bayliss said. With a schedule like ours in which the majority of our opponents will be rated in the nation's top 25 teams, we know that we had better meet that level quickly or be ready for the defense to try to get the number of the trick that just bit us. Certainly we will take some losses and our destiny will be shaped by how we respond to these challenges."

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The defense, however, played well, limiting Boston College to 16 offensive points (safety Paul Anderson ran an interception back for the Eagles' first touchdown). Eagle's quarterback Chris Czerniak passed for only 79 yards. Weis said he may focus more on the offense because he feels comfortable with where the defense stands.

"We've gone the last game and a half without production on offense, and I think that I feel very confident with the depth we have on defense right now, and this allows me at this time—look it, I'm trying to do this backcourt thing where you kind of get a feel for where you need to be. But I think that when there's a problem and it's an area where you believe that you can be part of the answer, I think you'd better go help." Weis said the defense played well enough to win, but the offense and special teams failed to hold up their end of things.

"Defensively, they actually played well. We had been playing," Weis said. "That was a pretty gutty performance by the defense."

Weis had not yet decided exactly who his role in the offense would be. He said he would discuss the matter with his coaching staff to finalize his role before the team game—planned for Tuesday.

Weis said he wanted to spend more time with the special teams, which had a multitude of problems on Saturday. Golden Tate fumbled a punt return and gave the ball to Boston College, which set up a touchdown. Panier Eric Maust had a punt blocked and only averaged 26.1 net yards per punt. The Irish also committed penalties during returns that cost them yards.

"Take that one in combination to what I just talked about with the offense, and that's two-thirds of the team really didn't play very well yesterday," Weis said.

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Sophomore year, Streemick stepped in as a full-time starter for the Irish, playing in all 114 games. She led the team in hitting percentage (.304) and blocks per game (1.56). Streemick asserted herself as a dominant player in the Big East her junior year, ranking fourth in the league in both hitting percent-age (.369) and blocks per game (1.58).

So far this year, Streemick leads the Irish with 1.06 blocks/game, despite missing the first six matches recovering from injury. Last March, Streemick tore her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and meniscus. She completed her rehab a month earlier than doctors expected, but still had to sit out Notre Dame's first two early-season tournaments. "It was just hard to sit out and watch," she said. "So I really appreciated being able to play more than I did before."

Streemick said that despite all the individual accolades she has achieved with the Irish, she said she wished the team could have more success during her four years. "I didn't want my freshman season to be my best season, as far as the team goes," she said. "I had a lot of fun, the team has been a lot of fun. As a player I've learned a lot. It was hard for me to be nice to see more win's the last couple of years, though."

Streemick will have a chance to achieve some of that success this postseason, starting with key matches this weekend against conference leader St. John's and fourth-place Connecticut, fol-lowed by the Big East conference tournament.

"Obviously this weekend is going to be important," she said. "I think the attitude I'm taking is just to finish strong. We know that we have a good team."

"Just really bring my confidence to the front line when we're serving and blocking and let everyone know what they're coming up against and where the hitters are," she said. "I just really take control of the net when I'm in the front row."

Streemick said she fully expects the younger players will be ready to step in and fill her role after she graduates. She said when she was injured at the beginning of the year, she got to run some drills in practice and was struck by how quickly the younger players developed.

"I think they've definitely ready to step in," she said. "We've got some good young talent."

Leaving Notre Dame volleyball in good hands, it's time for Streemick to move on to other things, like saving lives.

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I’m trying out for our team, I’m going to play offense.

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Irish pick up top-seeded ranking in NCAA Tournament; games to be played at Alumni Field

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There was no question top-ranked Notre Dame felt it deserved its No. 1 seed for the NCAA Tournament. The Irish were just happy they didn’t have to wait long to see their opinion validated.

On the NCAA Tournament Selection Show Monday night on ESPNEWS, the Irish earned the top overall seed in the Tournament and the "Notre Dame Region." The team watched the telecast in the Joyce Center auditorium and cheered as its seed was the first one displayed.

"We're just up right away on the No. 1 seed, that's fantastic," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "I think it's a huge degree based on the way we've had.

But the top overall seed was not as much of a sure thing as it might have seemed for undefeated Notre Dame. Waldrum warned his team before the show that since its RPI was just through Nov. 2, the selection committee might not award the

In the first half, Stanford junior defensive back Chris Gill had both an interception and a fumble recovery deep within Stanford's own territory. This defensive strength compensated for Stanford's inconsistent offense.

When the second half began, a mixture of rain and hail was pelting the field horizontally. Dillon junior quarterback Joe Rizzo really stepped up in fighting for the last few yards in the game.

In the second half, the Eagles in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, took the momentum from senior quarterback Jimmy Clausen by executing an effective running game, four of which ended in punt. Only the second drive garnered points, culminating in a 20-yard touchdown connection from senior quarterback Brian San to receiver Tony Rizzo.

"Everyone stayed focused and made the plays they needed to in order for us to win," senior captain John Burke said. "Tony Rizzo really stepped up in fighting for the last few yards in the score."