University athletes coach kids

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

What started out as a simple pick-up flag football game between Notre Dame’s men’s lacrosse seniors and community children last year has now developed into the Irish Experience League.

According to Director Kevin Dugan, manager of Youth and Community Programs, the Irish Experience League is a free five-week program for boys and girls in the local community and is led by student athletes and volunteers.

“The goal of the Irish Experience League is to use the virtues of the five pillars of Notre Dame athletics – excellence, education, faith, tradition and community – to positively influence children,” Dugan said. “These are the key fundamental principles we shape our student-athlete experience around. We want to impact as many young children as possible with the virtues inherent with these fundamental building blocks of success.”

The league was a collaborative effort between the

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Business students strive to improve stadium atmosphere

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

This season, Notre Dame fans have sought a few “altoids” in their gameday experience, specifically intimidation, motivation and elation.

Junior Kristen Stoutenburgh and sophomore Matthew Cunningham believe they have the solutions to achieve these states at every home game: music and a jumbotron.

After this year’s loss to Michigan, Cunningham and Stoutenburgh, Mendoza College of Business students, created a research project aimed at making the game day atmosphere in Notre Dame Stadium more exciting, energetic and intimidating.

“If you look at all the successful college football programs of the last ten years or so, they all have intimidating home field advantage,” Cunningham said.

“We think Notre Dame has the potential, with all it’s tradition, to have as good an atmosphere as anybody.”

Cunningham said the project researches how Notre Dame can achieve a more intimidating home field advantage.

Home field advantage, Stoutenburgh said, is the key to being more than just a tough game on paper.

“When opponents come in and see our name on the schedule, they are like, ‘Oh (man), we’re playing Notre Dame,’ she said. “But once they get [here] it is different … It is not as intimidating as other places.”

To begin their project, Cunningham and Stoutenburgh surveyed University students. The survey asked students questions such as, “How would you compare another school’s game atmosphere to Notre Dame’s?”

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Professor wins Nobel Prize

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

For Notre Dame Astrophysics Professor Peter Garnavich, a telephone call at 5:00 a.m. was a dream come true.

Over the line, his wife informed him that he and his scientific team mates had just won the 2011 Nobel Prize in physics.

Garnavich said he has always felt that he and his team, the High-Z Supernova Search Team, were capable of winning the prize, but he was surprised at just how quickly this was accomplished.

“It was really a pleasant surprise because it has only been 13 years since we made our findings,” Garnavich said. “Some people wait 30 or more years before their work is rewarded … I think it was great to have it go so quickly.”

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Students to ‘Raise an X for X’

By SARAH FELSSENSTEIN
Associate News Editor

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Senior Daniel Duffey, a resident assistant in Zahm and friend of Murphy’s, said the unified “X” is the perfect way to honor Murphy.

“Doing the ‘X’ for him is just a further symbol of exactly who he was. It represents him, the dorm and our community standing together,” Duffey said. “Normally … everyone hates us for it, but this time it obviously means something more.”

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: \ WHAT’S THE BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME YOU’VE EVER SEEN? \\

Jasmine Young \\
sophomore \\
on campus \\
"Pixilated female Link."

Truong Pham \\
sophomore \\
Siegfried \\
"The Holy Trinity."

Wendy Hatch \\
sophomore \\
Farley \\
"Genie in a bottle."

Michael Vella \\
sophomore \\
Siegfried \\
"An interactive "Words with Friends" costume."

Jamie O’Donohue \\
sophomore \\
Siegfried \\
"I had a friend in high school who was about 6’6, so he painted himself green and was the Jolly Green Giant."

Will Ivancic \\
junior \\
Siegfried \\
"Ricky Bobby, on fire, in his underwear."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com

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**In Brief**

General Anthony Zinni of the United States Marine Corps will speak today from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Zinni, a four-star general and former Commander in Chief of U.S. Central Command, will give a lecture titled “American Strategic Interests and Op- tions in the Middle East and Beyond.” The lecture will be held in the Digital Visualiza- tion Theatre at the Jordan Hall of Science and is spon- sored by the Notre Dame International Security Pro- gram and the James P. Reil- ley, Jr. Notre Dame National Security Lecture Series.

There will be a tailgate party today from 3 to 6 p.m. sponsored by the Center for Undergraduate Schol- arly Engagement in Dooley Room 102 of the LaFortune Student Center. Come enjoy donuts, coffee and cider and pick up a CUSE T-shirt.

Robert Schumih, Annex- berg Joyce Chair in Ameri- can Studies and Journalism, will speak today from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Hes- burgh Center Auditorium. Schumih will give the 2011 Hibernian Lecture: “All Changed, Changed Utterly: Easter 1916 and America.”

The 1942 classic film “Sullivan’s Travels” will be shown tonight at 8 p.m. in the Hes- burgh Center Auditorium. Schumih will give the 2011 Hibernian Lecture: “All Changed, Changed Utterly: Easter 1916 and America.”

Magician Mike Super will perform on the Washington Hall Mainstage Auditorium tonight at 9 p.m. Admission is free for students.

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Friday, October 28, 2011
ND switches to recycled paper

By AMANDA GRAY

The change will affect University requirements for making the paper.

Office of Sustainability Pro-

Program Manager Erin Hafner said the change, which will begin Nov. 1 and take full ef-

fect Jan. 1, 2012, is part of an initiative several years in the making.

We asked about this change a couple of years ago, but it wasn’t feasible,” she said. “When the Office of Public Affairs and Communications changed the Notre Dame brand standards, we saw this as an opportunity to update the paper.”

The change will affect Uni-

versity letterheads, business cards, envelopes and other pa-

per items printed from Express Press, a South Bend printer. As a result of an agreement be-

tween the University, the print-

er and the paper supplier, the change will come with zero cost increase, Hafner said.

“We pick and choose our ini-

tiatives based on the greatest impact,” she said. “This is a centralized change.”

Javier Hernandez, a procure-

ment specialist who worked on the project, said Express Press was an excellent partner to work with on the change.

“Express Press made this transition easy,” Hernandez said. “We’re trying to be a lead-

er with this initiative,” he said. Hernandez said the station-

ery will look slightly different.

According to the announce-

ment, six out of seven Neenah Paper company mills have achieved a company-wide goal of zero landfill waste.

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Student documentaries earn national honors

By ABI HOVERMAN

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In the next year, Notre Dame will have the power to save the equivalent of 18 trees, water from 130 showers and 453 gallons of gasoline all by switching to recycled paper.

Neenah Paper advocates renewable energy in Wisconsin hydroelectric power at their mills and their film department is part of an agreement between the University, the print-

er, and the paper supplier.

Neenah Paper is truly dedi-

cated to reducing its carbon footprint,” she said in the announce-

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“They generate their own hy-

droelectric power at their mills in Wisconsin and Germany, they are one of the largest purchasers of [carbon dioxide] emissions almost in half over the last decade.”

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this really reflects the importance of our discovery." According to a ND Newswire article, Garnavich and the rest of his team will receive the prize based on their 1994 study that proves the universe’s expansion is accelerating.

"Using supernovae, we were able to get a pretty good number on how fast the universe was changing its rate of expansion," Garnavich said. "In everybody’s surprise, the rate of expansion was increasing."

Although Garnavich is being honored, he will not directly receive the prize due to a long-standing Nobel Prize tradition.

"By tradition, the Nobel Prize is given to only three people at a time," Garnavich said. "This tradition stems from a time when science was done primarily by individuals alone in their labs.

very few students dressed up. "I would have dressed up if it wasn’t so cold outside," sophomore Kira Terrell said.

The Class Gift Campaign also raffled off $50, $25 and $10 of munch money in a drawing. Students entered the drawing by picking up tickets at the dining hall and student center throughout the week and by presenting them upon arrival at the event.

This year, the Class Gift Campaign co-sponsored the event with the Resident Hall Association (RHA).

"RHA has always hosted an Autumn Harvest, an event with fall-themed treats, for students. But this year, Class Gift Campaign approached us with the idea of working together on this event," RHA President Kat Nelson said. "The event has had a great turnout. We had canoe races around the lake earlier, and then everyone came over afterwards. Some faculty and staff members brought their families, and it was great to see some professors with their kids."

The event also gave students the opportunity to make individual donations.

"We hope that students will see how much tradition there is at Saint Mary’s and how important it is that everyone give back to the College," Amy Dardinger, assistant director of Phonathon, said. "It’s a fun event to host around Halloween time, but it’s also a way to remind students that many people before them made a Saint Mary’s education possible."

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On Thursday, the Saint Mary’s Class Gift Campaign paid homage to the ghostly inhabitants of Saint Mary’s with its “Sweet Treats and Scary Stories” event.

It is rumored that various ghosts, including the spirit of Sister Madeleva, former president of the College, roam the halls of Saint Mary’s after hours.

At the event, staff and students read excerpts from “Quiet Hours: Revealing the Mysteries,” a book written by three Saint Mary’s alumnae. This collection of short stories tells actual experiences of Saint Mary’s students, faculty and staff members with ghosts around campus.

Participants listened to ghost stories while enjoying a spread of sweets including a chocolate fondue bar, apple cider, hot chocolate, pumpkin pie and candy apples.

“I had read ‘Quiet Hours’ before, but my favorite story is of the girl walking down the avenue,” first year Madeline Have rilla said. “A murderer sees her on the road, but doesn’t attack her because he sees someone walking with her, even though she was alone. It gave me the chills, but it also made me feel like there is someone looking out for us.”

Continuing the scary theme of the night, students participated in a costume contest that awarded the scariest, creepiest costumes. First prize was a headless figure of Dr. Carol Ann Mooney, president of Saint Mary’s College, and her husband George Elta.

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could be the girl that lives down the hallway from you who’s battling cancer, [or] your Aunt Sally.”

On Nov. 4 at 5:15 p.m., Zahm will host a mass in the Basilica to honor those currently battling cancer and those who have died from the disease. Zahm priest-in-resident Fr. Jim Gallagher will celebrate the mass.

Zahm will also hold a blood drive Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom to benefit the Indiana Blood Center.

Colonna said the blood drive will mark the end of Raise an X for X.

After the campaign comes to a close, Duffey said members of Zahm will come together to decide on an appropriate way of memorializing Murphy in the hall.

“He was just, first and foremost, a guy of Zahm,” Duffey said. “He embodied the thing that we love about our community. This is what we bonded together at ND by a common interest, in sports, but getting to hear about school and home life was also interesting and insightful,” he said.

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and “Do you feel Notre Dame Stadium is an intimidating place for opponents to play?”

The response to the question was an outpouring of over 950 surveys, formulated ideas and presented them to the Blueprints Committee.

“We ... talked to members of the Athletic Department” and we “are supporting you and want to work with you on your project,” Stoutenburgh said.

The students worked with, first, the Blueprints senior assistant athletic director for event marketing and events management, Kristen and Matt appr...
SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK

10.29 - 11.5
Solidarity Displays
Presented by Student Government
(by residence hall)

Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention (CSAP) Posters

10.29 - 10.30
Petitions and Prayer Cards
at Campus Masses

10.31
Free T-shirt Giveaways
see grc.nd.edu for times and locations

"Teal Out Tuesday":
wear the shirt, buttons or ribbons

Resource Tables
LaFortune, Dining Halls
Joyce Center

Mass of Healing
Sorin Hall Chapel
10 pm

11.2
Men Against Violence Pledge Campaign
"49 ½ first dates"
Presented by PILLARS
LaFortune
8-10 pm

11.3
A Time to Heal Dinner
Club Naimoli
6-8 pm
RSVP at grc.nd.edu

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New evidence released in Michael Jackson case

LOS ANGELES — Lawyers for Michael Jackson’s doctor sought to shift blame Thursday to another doctor and a drug different from the anesthetic that killed the star, calling an expert to testify that Jackson was addicted to a Demerol in the months before his death.

They suggested the singer’s withdrawal from the painkiller triggered the insomnia that Dr. Conrad Murray was trying to resolve when he gave Jackson the anesthetic propofol.

Murray’s attorneys claim the ultimate blame lies with Jackson himself, but they also sought to implicate his dermatologist in the drug-laced path to his June 2009 death.

Late in the day, they called to the stand a top expert on the anesthetic propofol. Dr. Paul White is expected to cast doubt on a prosecutor’s theory that Murray administered a lethal dose of the drug.

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Murray did not. The doctor also noted that Murray described the propofol dose that killed Jackson.

He noted that Murray described to police a very low dose of the drug. If that was true, White said, “I would not have expected Michael Jackson to have died.”

White said if Murray did in fact put Jackson on an IV drip of propofol and leave him unattended, he could not justify it. White did not immediately offer an alternative theory of what happened.

Authorities contend Murray delivered the lethal dose and botched resuscitation efforts. Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter in Jackson’s death.

There was no mention of propofol during the testimony of Dr. Robert Waldman, an addiction expert who said he studied the records of Dr. Arnold Klein, Jackson’s longtime dermatologist, in concluding the star was dependent on Demerol.

Records showed Klein used Demerol on Jackson repeatedly for procedures to enhance his appearance.

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Waldman relied on Klein’s records from March 2009 until days before Jackson died. Waldman said he was not shown earlier records and didn’t review a police interview of Murray about his treatment of the star.

Under questioning by Murray’s lead lawyer, Ed Chernoff, Waldman said: “I believe there is evidence that he (Jackson) was dependent on Demerol, possibly.”

Klein has emerged as the missing link in the involuntary manslaughter trial, with the defense raising his name at every turn and the judge ruling he may not be called as a witness because his care of Jackson is not at issue.

He has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

But Klein’s handwritten notes on his visits with Jackson were introduced through Waldman, who said Klein was giving Jackson unusually high doses of Demerol for four months — from March through June, 2009 — with the last shots coming three days before the singer’s death.

Over three days in April, the records showed Jackson received 775 milligrams of Demerol along with small doses of the sedative Versed. Waldman’s testimony showed Klein, who also was Jackson’s longtime friend, was giving the singer huge doses of the powerful drug at the same time Murray was giving Jackson the anesthetic propofol to sleep.

“This is a large dose for an opioid for a dermatology procedure in an office,” Waldman said.

He told jurors the escalating doses showed Jackson had developed a tolerance to the drug and was probably addicted. He said Jackson had complained of insomnia as he prepared for a series of comeback concerts and was receiving the anesthetic and sedatives from Murray to help him sleep.

Murray’s police interview indicates he didn’t know Jackson was being treated by Klein and was receiving other drugs.

In response to questions from a prosecutor, Waldman said some of the symptoms of Demerol withdrawal were the same as those seen in patients withdrawing from the sedatives lorazepam and diazepam. Murray had been giving Jackson both drugs.

White is expected to be the final defense witness.

White and Waldman do not necessarily have to convince jurors that Jackson gave himself the fatal dose, but merely provide them with enough reasonable doubt about the prosecution’s case against Murray.

James Foster, C.S.C.

He trained as a medical doctor in an emergency room in inner city Chicago.

He works to help Notre Dame’s aspiring physicians to reach their dreams.

He is a professor educating minds and hearts on campus.

What can you be?
Come and see...

Waldman, who has treated celebrities and sports stars at expensive rehab clinics, told jurors treatment can work if the addict is willing to admit a problem.

Several prosecution experts have said the propofol self-administration defense was improbable, and a key expert said he ruled it out completely, arguing the more likely scenario was that Murray gave Jackson a much higher dose than he has acknowledged.

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Waldman said every doctor also must document when the drugs are stored and when they are used. Murray told police he kept no records on his treatment of Jackson.

Fr. James Foster, C.S.C. is a Holy Cross priest. He is a medical doctor, an in-residence priest in Knott Hall, and a professor at Notre Dame, so that like our Founder, Blessed Basil Moreau, his might draw others to share in the work of educating minds and hearts and to make God known, loved and served by all.

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Ohio widow unable to reclaim exotic pets

Associated Press

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Ghosts, goblins and the GreenMan

With the tailgating season wrapping up, you’re probably wondering — how can I go green now? Don’t worry, the holiday season is beginning with Halloween on Monday. While I’ll save my Thanksgiving and Christmas tips for a little later, greening Halloween is a great way to get a trial run in before the overwhelming chaos of turkey takes over.

So let’s get down to it, the two big C’s: costumes and candy.

While I’m a little late in informing you of National Costume Swap Day (occurring every year on the second Saturday in October), it’s not too late to swap with a friend. Dig in your closets and see what you can come up with. Hit the local Goodwill and find yourself a treasure. If half the kids in the US swapped their costumes, landfill waste would be reduced by 6,250 tons. Also, think of those store-bought costumes that come in that nasty plastic packaging and reek of chemicals — where does all that plastic come from and where does all of it go? Or get crafty. Some hand stitching goes a long way, or whip out that glue gun you’ve been hiding under your bed (if DuLac hasn’t banned them?). I’m sure there are many other things you’d rather be spending your money on as well. We’re college kids, we’re supposed to be thrifty. I’ll be scouting this weekend, so make me proud.

Now for candy and other noms. If you’re going to go for the traditional Snickers, Kit Kat or other packaged sugaryness, please don’t litter with your wrappers or throw them away haphazardly. Recycle and reuse. Make a bracelet, a purse or picture frame, if not for you, for a sibling or parent — you know they love that type of thing. If you’re willing to shell out some extra cash, there are dozens of websites that sell organic treats and Fair Trade certified chocolates. Go seasonal with your treats, if you can. Apples are always a great choice. Think about it — baked apples, caramel apples, apple picking, bobbing for apples, applesauce making, apple pie making ... The fun is never ending, so don’t be so quick to dismiss them. Also, if you haven’t tried toasted pumpkin seeds, I would highly recommend you do. Look for recipes and cooking times online. If plain salt doesn’t excite you, add some different spices (garlic, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, etc.). If you need any help finding recipes or stores with organic treats, email me.

And for those of you who like to go all out, let’s talk about decorations. Who doesn’t love streamers? Or those sticky sign things that hang on the doors? But PLEASE, don’t just pitch everything when you’re done. Reuse what you can and recycle the rest. After practicing on Game Days with this technique, it shouldn’t be too hard for you all.

To recap: swap costumes, avoid excess packaging, eat seasonal, buy organic, reuse decorations and recycle as much as you can. Please someone dress as a tree. I would also very much love to see someone as a leaf or a globe or an apple. Green Man Suits will score a few points too.

Until next time, go green, go Irish.

Email your predicaments to The GreenMan at askthegreenman@gmail.com and let him answer you with a sustainable twist. The GreenMan will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on until now.

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Weekly Poll Results

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE FOR HALLOWEEN?

EDWARD COUER 15%
MY DREAD PROFESSOR 10%
SNOOKI 10%
I JUST WANT FREE CANDY... 77%

Total number of votes: 10

Quote of the Day

"Lasting change is a series of compromises. And compromise is all right, as long your values don't change."

Jane Goodall
British ethologist & primatologist
Denmark has instituted a tax on foods containing more than a certain amount of saturated fat. Approved by nearly 90 percent of the Danish parliament, the tax mainly targets dairy and meat products. It rises retail prices of goods (such as butter, cream, certain cheeses, pork fat and especially cream, certain cheeses, etc.).

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The Men of O’Neill Hall

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Lewis Hall
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Supporting “X for X”

Notre Dame Family,

When the men of O’Neill Hall heard of the tragic news of Xavier Murphy’s death, it hit especially close to home. Xavier’s brother, Julian, a senior at Notre Dame, spent his freshmen and sophomore years in O’Neill. One of our O’Neill brothers lost someone really close to them. From the minute we heard of the terrible news, O’Neill wanted to help out our brother in need. Julian and the entire Murphy family are and will always be part of the O’Neill family. During the first quarter on Saturday, we will stand and join with our O’Neill brothers and the entire Notre Dame family, past and present, and raise our “X” for Xavier and the entire Murphy family, showing the strong love and support of the entire Notre Dame community.

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Raymond and Eleanor
Raymond, two, and Eleanor, one, are already preparing to be lifelong Domers. Their father is a faculty member in the biology department, as well as a 1996 graduate and resident of Keenan Hall. He has worked here for five years now. Raymond and Eleanor get to come out to every home game, but usually don’t make it through all four quarters. They love the marching band, though, especially the pre-game performance at Bond Hall.
Bill and Charlotte
Bill and Charlotte, pictured with their son George, are both members of the class of 1982. They met during their sophomore year at an SYR hosted by Holy Cross Hall.
They have since sent two children to Notre Dame, members of the class of 2011 and 2013, respectively. George, their youngest, is a potential 2020 graduate. They now come back to campus for one or two football games every year.

The Pruitt Family
Now married, Kristen and David Pruitt met while students at Notre Dame. Kristen, a resident of Lyons Hall, and David, a transfer student, had class together, and the rest is history.
After time living in Cleveland and Washington DC, the couple now reside in South Bend and make frequent visits to campus.

The Braun Family
Cecilia (nine), Caroline (seven), Eileen (four) and Blaze (two) Braun get to visit campus from Leawood, Kan., every year.
Although their father Gordon (’99) thinks one road trip a year with four kids is plenty to handle, he said they love the family experience.
“My wife and I, we both went to Notre Dame, so we try not to influence them too much, but I mean, look at them,” Gordon said. “Those are our college t-shirts on that skirt.”
Only Cecilia and Caroline get to actually go to games right now, but Eileen and Blaze love the gameday festivities anyway.
“They love coming back and all the shenanigans,” Gordon said.

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Baseball’s beauty is in the smallest details

“Baseball is 100 times more interesting to me now than it was 45 minutes ago.” I heard those words after attempting to explain some of the intricacies of America’s pastime to someone who only briefly described it as a baseball novice. We had just watched the last three innings of the World Series between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Texas Rangers, a game in which the Rangers had come back to win in spectacular fashion. And while most baseball games are interesting if one knows what to look for, games like this one are what make the sport, one which is often criticized for being boring, great. In the top of the ninth inning, after the Rangers had taken a 3-1 lead in the series, a hole that, if the Cardinals had been down to their last out, could have meant going down 2-0 in the series, a player rounding third base with a full head of steam. But that split second between a strike and a walk was all that it took for him to misplay the throw, allowing Andrus to take second base.

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NCAA Board approves new reforms

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The scandal-plagued NCAA is moving swiftly to clean up its tarnished image.

On Thursday, the Division I Board of Directors approved a package of sweeping reforms that gives conferences the option of adding more money to scholarship offers, schools the opportuni ty to award scholarships for multiple years, imposes tougher standards on recruits and changes the summer basketball recruiting model.

“It was one of the most aggressive and fullest agendas the board has ever faced,” NCAA President Mark Emmert said. “They moved with dispatch on it, and I think they’re taking positive steps toward being more student-athletes.”

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NCAA President Mark Emmert, right, talks with Northwestern University’s President Emeritus Penny Bienen, left, and Brit Kirwan, chancellor of the University of Maryland, during media day at the NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis. Emmert said his goal is to improve the 10-year-old vacation; it will have to be doled out equally to men’s and women’s athletes because of Title IX rules. While BCS schools have the money and are expected to approve additional funding, it may prove too costly for non-BCS schools.

There are fears it will increase the disparity between the haves and the have-nots and could prompt another round of conference realignment.

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Ridpath said he’s personally been involved with 50 or 60 appeals cases after a coach pulled a player’s scholarship.

“The reason usually is they find a prettier girl to bring to the dance,” he said.

“If you’re Frank Beamer or Nick Saban, they make a lot of-odds, you can be able to coach that kid up.”

University presidents are moving quickly to repair the damage caused by a year full of scandals. Schools from Miami to Boise State, including the reigning the champions in football (Auburn) and men’s basketball (Connecticut), have all come under NCAA scrutiny. The U.S. Department of Justice started asking questions about scholarships, Congress has held hearings about a variety of NCAA-related issues and conference realignment has continued to spin with it.

So, the NCAA’s board went back to basics and placed a renewed emphasis on academics.

In August, the board approved raising the four-year Academic Progress Rate cutline from 900 to 930 and linking that cutline to eligibility for postseason play. On Thursday, it passed a four-year plan to phase in the new requirements.

During the first two years, 2011-12 and 2012-13, teams scoring below 900 on the four-year average would be ineligible for postseason play unless the averaged 930 on the two most recent years. In 2014-15, teams that do not hit the 930 average would be ineligible unless they averaged 940 in the two most recent years. After that, everyone must hit 930, no exceptions.

Schools that do not make the grade could also face additional penalties such as reduced scholarships, halting small group and game limit, coaches suspensions, scholarship reductions and restricted NCAA membership.

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To a casual observer, this has not appeared as simply a physical mistake by Pujols which led to the Rangers’ ninth-inning rally. In the inning, rather than just one. But it was so much more than that.

When Kinsler saw that Andrus’ single was going to fall in the outfield, he took off from second base hard and rounded third base in a hurry. Andrus had third base coach for the throw to the stop sign. Pujols took his eye off the ball, just for a split second, gaining his footing and rounding third base with a full head of steam. But that split second between a strike and a walk was all that it took for him to misplay the throw, allowing Andrus to take second base.

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Lyons vs. Walsh Family

By ISAAC LORTON

Sunday in an intriguing battle of 3-2 teams. Both the Lyonsites (3-2) and the Whirlwinds (3-2) hope to continue their success after the one-week break.

“[Senior] Natalie Baldassare is the best receiver we have, and the connection between her and our quarterback [junior Vicky Moreno] is great,” Sealy said. “About the new stuff we’re adding, I don’t want to give too much away.”

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McGlinn looks to end Ryan’s undefeated season

Howard aims to keep three-peat dreams alive vs. Chaos; Lyons and Welsh Family to fight for playoff positioning

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

Ryan looks to finish off an undefeated regular season and possibly secure a No. 1 seed in the playoffs when it takes on McGlinn Sunday night. Ryan (6-0) has enjoyed great success in only its third year of interhall competition, as the Wildcats are one of the two undefeated teams in the league. Versatile junior quarterback Maya Pillai leads an explosive Ryan offense that has scored at least 27 points in every contest so far.

“Having played the full season last year, Maya has a lot of good experience,” senior captain and running back Brianna Curtis said. “It also helps that she is both a running and passing threat.”

Although a three-week break could be seen as a momentum killer, Curtis said the team benefited from the layoff.

“We had some injuries, so the break allowed us to heal up and be ready for Sunday,” Curtis said.

McGlinn (4-1) comes into the game also eager to improve its place in the standings. The Shamrocks currently sit at second place in the Gold Division standings, one game behind Ryan.

“The Shamrocks have relied on a strong defense and late game heroics, as their last two wins have come in the final two minutes of the game.”

“We have had a very stout defense all year long,” senior captain and quarterback Lauren Miller said. “This has allowed us to stay in games and give our offense better chances to score.”

Miller said that the team plans to stick to its usual defensive game plan and focus on finding any way to win on offense, relying on veterans like senior receiver Kate Tucker.

“We are anxious to play again,” Miller said. “We see this game as a chance to gain momentum going into the playoffs.”

This battle of the two playoff-bound teams will take place 6 p.m. on Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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By ERNST CLEOFE
Sports Writer

Faced with the regular season’s last week, Howard looks to keep its playoff hopes alive, while undefeated Cavanaugh looks to fine-tune itself before the playoffs begin.

Cavanaugh (5-0) comes into the game undefeated with a spot secured in next week’s playoffs. But the Chicks look to perform well in this game in order to shake off the rust from an extended break between games.

“I think it’s important with such a long break because of fall break and midterms to get back into things,” Cavanaugh senior captain Maggie Fahrenbach said. “It would be great to have a win and be undefeated going into playoffs undefeated.”

Cavanaugh will also use this week to work on a few new schemes to prepare for the uncertainty of the playoffs, Fahrenbach said.

“Defensively, we want to implement a new defense so we have options against the different offenses we might see in the playoffs,” she said.

Meanwhile, the Ducks (2-3) need a couple of games to fall in their favor to have a shot at the playoffs, but it all starts with a win against Cavanaugh, senior captain Jenny Gassner said.

“If we win it’ll give us a chance,” Gassner said. “We’re going to have to play as good as we’ve played all year and better.”

Led by a strong defense, the Ducks hope that by improving on offense they can reel in a crucial win.

“We’re working on implementing a new offense in practice,” Gassner said. “And our biggest weakness was our energy and not playing up to what we can.”

The two teams will meet with Howard pushing for the playoffs and Cavanaugh looking to smooth the kinks Sunday at 7 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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By JONATHAN WARREN
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Walsh will look to play spoiler on Sunday in a matchup that could make or break Lewis’ playoff chances.

“The Chicks (2-2) are currently tied with Walsh in the standings and find themselves just one point behind in the crucial point differential category. Lewis needs some help from Walsh to make the cut, but Sunday’s game is a must-win for the Chicks.”

“It would be very exciting for us,” senior captain Libby Redline said. “We’ve had a rollercoaster season so far, so to make it to the playoffs would be pretty cool.”

The Chicks are coming off of a blowout loss to Ryan, but hope the break gave the team time to regroup.

“Hopefully everyone used fall break to get over some injuries and rest up,” Redline said. “We’ve been a little scattered because of fall break and midterms, but we’re hoping to pull it all together in practice this week.”

Walsh (0-3-1) will have to stop dynamic junior Lewis quarterback Connaught Blood, who broke free for a 40-yard touchdown run last game, in order to salvage the season.

“It’s been a rough season for us record-wise, but we’ve grown as a team,” Walsh junior captain Lindy Navarre said. “This week we’ll step it up on both offense and defense.”

Junior quarterback Kat Leach and freshman receiver Maggie Fisher are two offensive playmakers who will try to lead the offense to a win over Lewis.

“It’s clear to us the talent we have,” Navarre said. “We’re pretty encouraged to have one last shot [at a win]. Walsh isn’t a dorm to quit or one to back down.”

Walsh will close out its regular season against Lewis on Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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**Knott vs. Morrissey**

By MIKE MONACO

Sports Writer

A playoff spot is on the line when Knott and Morrissey square off in their regular season finale.

The Juggerknotts (2-1) can clinch a postseason berth with a win over the Manor (0-3).

Despite Morrissey’s record, Knott knows from prior experience it cannot look toward the playoffs.

“We’re definitely not taking [the Manor] lightly even though they’re 0-3,” Knott senior captain Dan Shafer said. “Last year, we had the same situation. We were 0-3 and Alumni was 3-0 and we actually beat them. They took us too lightly, so we learned from last year. We’re going to come out with guns blazing.”

In their last game, a 3-0 win over Alumni, the Juggerknotts moved the ball well but left points on the field.

“We drove the ball pretty well (last game),” Shafer said. “We would move it into the red zone, but couldn’t score. We have got to finish some plays.”

The Manor hopes to close out the season with their first win. Morrissey is focused on executing and is not concerned with the game’s playoff implications for Knott.

“We’re going to have fun playing football, and we play for pride,” Morrissey junior captain Alex Oloriz said. “We’re here to win a football game. We try to do that every game. We’re not worried about the outside effects.”

While the defense has been solid, Morrissey has struggled on offense throughout the season.

“Last game, we had a flash of hope when we scored a touchdown,” Oloriz said. “We just need to try to do the little things right and get good execution.”

Knott and Morrissey take the gridiron Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Fields with a postseason berth for Knott at stake.

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**Keough vs. O’Neill**

By NICK BOYLE

Sports Writer

With both teams looking for their first win, West Quad neighbors O’Neill and Keough square off Sunday in one of the best rivalry games on campus.

O’Neill (0-3) is coming off a close loss against Stanford in which the Mob were leading at the half.

Against Stanford, we moved the ball really well on the ground,” O’Neill junior receiver and captain Alex Brolick said. “If we can run like that again I think we will have a good chance to win on Sunday.”

For the Mob, the game against Keough represents more than just a chance for the teams’ first win.

“This game is all we have to play for now,” Brolick said. “Winning against our rivals would be a great way to end the season.”

On the other side of the ball, Keough (0-3) finds itself also looking for its first win. The Kangaroos are coming off a 35-0 loss to Dillon in their last game.

“Though the Roos have yet to find the win column, Keough junior captain Bobby Toole believes the Kangaroos can come out on top Sunday.”

“It is our last game, so we are motivated to pull out a victory to end our season on a high note,” Toole said. “Our offense has been clicking more and more as the season has progressed. We just need to finish off drives and put the ball in the end zone.”

Toole believes the rivalry with O’Neill would make a Keough victory even sweeter.

“We want to win, there is no doubt about it,” Toole said. “A win over O’Neill [on] Sunday would be a great win for Keough Hall.”

Keough and O’Neill kick off their rivalry Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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**Fisher vs. Zahm**

By ALLY DARRAGH

Sports Writer

Although Sunday marks the end of two disappointing seasons, Zahm and Fisher will meet with nothing but pride on the line.

Fisher (1-2) is looking to go out with a bang, according to junior lineman Matt Hart.

“We are ready to hit from the first whistle to the last,” Hart said. “With this being the last game of the regular season, it’s the last chance to affect the playoff standings.”

In preparation for this game, the Green Wave has been focusing on forcing turnovers and showing consistency on offense by extending offensive drives.

Fisher is expecting Zahm to be ready to come out and be tough physically on both sides of the ball.

Zahm (0-3) is desperately looking to get a victory on Sunday against Fisher. Although the Zahmbies’ record doesn’t reflect their love for interhall, they feel like they’ve been the true winners all year, senior center Ryan Costello said.

“We are expecting about the same thing out of Fisher that we have seen all year, a team that comes out, runs the ball and plays good defense,” Costello said. “We just have to come out and do it better than them. We are excited for another fun Sunday afternoon.”

Blocking and tackling are both key factors of the game that the Zahmbies have been continuously focusing on, and they hope that their efforts will produce the win they have been searching for.

Fisher will be looking to sophomore quarterback Joe Paggi and senior running back Pat Herenstein for offensive productivity. Zahm will be looking at senior defensive lineman Luke “The Professor” Lennon and junior receiver Marty Flavin for laughs and leadership on and off the field.

Zahm and Fisher go head-to-head Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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Keenan and Stanford ‘Battle for Chapel,’ playoffs
Rivals Keough and O’Neill to fight for first win; Siegfried looks to complete perfect season against Duncan

By BRENDAN BELL
Sports Writer

Stanford and Keenan will face off this weekend in the Battle for the Chapel with playoff hopes on the line. These rival dorms, which share a chapel and common entrance, are both in position to make the playoffs. The Griffins (2-1) know that this game will likely determine the fate of their season.

“If we win, we’ll most likely get in the playoffs,” junior captain Paul Babiak said. “If we lose, it’s uncertain.”

Babiak said Stanford is not underestimating the Knights.

“This game will be a test. They look really good,” Babiak said. “On defense, we need to keep Paul Babiak said. “If we get in the playoffs,” junior captain -

Both teams are aware of the fate of their season.

“Things have been going well for us this year despite all the challenges,” senior captain Erik Blackwood said. “We had a lot of injuries this season, but managed to play well through -

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Both teams are aware of the match-up's importance.

“‘It’s always a lot of fun talking smack against those guys,’” Blackwood said, “but Sunday, we expect to win.”

Stanford is also looking forward to the contest.

“The future of our season is in our hands,” Babiak said.

From the playoffs to bragging rights, there is a lot at stake when Stanford takes on Keenan at 3 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Fields.

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By STEPHANIE BANTA
Sports Writer

St. Edward’s and Sorin will meet Sunday afternoon in the grudge match of the season.

By ANDREW CARDOZA
Sports Writer

This Sunday, Siegfried and Duncan will battle it out as both look to add another victory to the win column in a game that could affect playoff positioning.

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Siegfried and Duncan square off at 2 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Fields with playoff implications on the line.

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Duncan (1-2) is coming off a bye. They have used the extra time to rest and make adjustments to clean up any mistakes. Highland senior captain Neil Eveld said that they are going to have to play their best game of the year to keep pace with the Ramblers (1-0).

“Siegfried is the best team in the division,” Eveld said. “They have a good running attack, and we are going to have to be sure to make the open field tackles.”

The Highlanders have a very solid defense, having allowed only 13 points on the season. Eveld knows that for the Highlanders to win this game, they will need a team effort. The Highlanders need the win in order to have a chance of earning a playoff berth. A loss guarantees elimination.

“Everyone knows how important this game is,” Eveld said. “We are treating this game as a playoff play-in game.”

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Men’s Swimming and Diving
ND to renew rivalry with matchup at Pitt

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

The inexperienced Irish will travel to their Big East rival Pittsburgh for their first road meet of the season. Following a two-second-place finishes already this season, Notre Dame has continued its tradition of the preparation for a tough matchup against the Panthers.

The Irish (2-1) will serve as Pittsburgh’s (1-1) first taste of competition at home and first Big East opponent of the season. Trees Hall, home of the Panthers, has been named the site of the 2012 Big East tournament.

“The Pittsburgh team and the Notre Dame team have a great rivalry over the years and it is a college competition at its best,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said. “It is a very intense, competitive experience, but it is also very high on great sportsmanship. It’s got great spirit, intense competition. I think it’s going to be a very, very competitive meet.”

Irish sophomore Frank Dyer led the Irish to two second-place finishes on Oct. 14 and 15, where the Irish finished behind Michigan in each meet. Dyer earned gold in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle races.

Notre Dame senior co-captain Marshall Sherman said the Irish are counting on Dyer’s experience against their out-of-state rival.

Frankie Dyer, our sophomore, is probably definitely our standout,” Sherman said. “We typically have a couple guaranteed victories out of him.”

Notre Dame’s squad enters its regular meet with six freshmen on the roster 12 swimmers and four divers. Simply glancing at such an inexperienced roster might cause the team to lose confidence, but the Irish sense this is a special class of freshmen.

Welsh said he remains confident in this particular group, despite a looming test in the team’s first meet on the road.

“This is a mature group of freshmen, with a great deal of experience in their background. We expect them to be fine, but it is their first meet on the road, so we’ll see,” Welsh said. “The major advantage for us is that the Big East championships are also at Pittsburgh, so this is early season dress rehearsal for what will be our conference championship. If we’re going to win on Friday, the freshmen will play a part. We can’t win without them.”

Irish junior co-captain Chris Johnson said he believes the freshmen provide energy unlike anything this Irish team has seen before.

“The strength is that we are so young. Guys are coming in ready to go. They’re excited about being on a collegiate team,” he said. “They’re ready to race in whatever meet we have. They’re looking to go fast. Just the group of guys that we have, they have the right stuff, they like training hard. That’s a definite plus. Guys that like working hard and like sticking together and practicing is a big advantage.”

A challenging workout at practice on Wednesday provided the co-captains with a chance to lead this young group of swimmers by example.

“Number one, [I am] trying to guide them because the team is so new, and stuff that in years past we’ve been able to take for granted … now we kind of [have] to walk them through it at least once,” Johnson said. “At the same time, it’s a great opportunity just to give them an example that they can look up to, and hopefully they’ll take that, internalize it and be that someone else somewhere down the road.”

The Irish will begin competition on Pittsburgh on Friday at 4 p.m. at Trees Hall.

SMC Swimming and Diving
Belles set to begin MIAA play

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Belles will kick off their regular season with a Friday night dual meet against Kalamazoo.

Belles coach Mark Benishek said Saint Mary’s is expecting a strong performance from the Hornets, who finished last season with a third-place finish at the MIAA championships after compiling a 4-2 conference record during the regular season. The Kalamazoo women also sent four swimmers to the NCAA Division III Swimming Championships.

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Swimming Coach

“I think they’re strong across the board,” Benishek said. “They’re one of the top teams in our conference. We know they have some great breaststrokers on their team, and I know that they have some pretty good freestylers as well, especially sprinters.”

While the schedule lists Kalamazoo as the Belles’ opponent on Friday, Benishek said that the squad is also focused on beating the mental mistakes that plague many teams early in the season.

“I think, especially with it being the first meet of the season, we’ll be trying to limit some of the small mistakes for our team (and) just swimming smart,” Benishek said. “It’s been about a month’s worth of training that we’ve had so far, so we work a lot on technique and things of that nature at the beginning of the season to set the right foot forward.”

Benishek expects tight races between Hornets sophomore Molly DeWald and Saint Mary’s senior captain Audrey Dalrymple in the breaststroke events.

“They have a really great breaststroker (in DeWald). She usually challenges our breaststroker, Audrey Dalrymple, and there’s a really good competition between the two,” Benishek said. “Last year they were only a second apart, and both were just off the NCAA qualifying time in the first meet of the season.”

The Belles will jump out of the blocks at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Rolfs Aquatics Center.

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Belles to host Trine on Senior Day

The Observer

By VICKY JACOBSEN
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The Belles look to send off their seniors with a memorable win Saturday morning when they take on Trine in an MIAA battle.

A victory would give Notre Dame a winning streak when they go into the game and the game-winner 18 seconds into overtime.

“We were in a tough spot in the season and we worked so hard on getting rid of those mental lapses, but gave up two early goals,” he said. “We are at quite a different place in the season now. Having senior All-American midfielder Courtney Barg back in the lineup is going to definitely change things. I think we are a different team entirely.”

“Our kids have played in really big games this year and I don’t think the crowd is going to affect us. It’s going to come down to being ready to fight for 90 minutes, and I think we can do it,” Waldrum said.

Henderson, who is coming off a school-record tying four-goal performance Oct. 21 against DePaul, leads the Irish attack. The senior, who ranks fifth in the nation with 17 goals, was recently named to the Top Drawer Soccer and “Our Game Magazine” national teams of the week, while earning Big East Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors.

“It was a great way to finish off her home stand here. Every game she is on the brink of having that kind of game. That is just how good she is,” Waldrum said. “[What] a lot of people don’t realize is that she has always had someone else to kind of play off of to carry a lot of the load. This year has basically been about Mel. Teams are just putting double and triple teams on her and try to take her out of the game.”

Waldrum expects his Irish to shine heading into their final collegiate postseason, adding that “believing” is the key to the postseason, something the Irish know all too well in the prestigious conference.

“We always talk to [Melissa] about being more aggressive. Sometimes she doesn’t believe she is good enough,” Waldrum said. “We want her to have more of a dag- ger, and sometimes she doesn’t have that personality, but she has gotten better at it. She knows that she is counted on and she gets that.”

“This team has fought every inch of the way and this team has never really given up at all. They believe that when we get to the end, we will be ready for it. We are really talented and had some things not bounce our way, but we believe, and it’s all about believing.”

The Irish face Marquette at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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the Marquette attack, which ranks first in the Big East in goals, goals per game, assists and points. Kelly has scored 14 goals combined, along with 10 assists this season, to rank second in the Big East behind Irish senior forward Melissa Henderson. Kelly played a key role in the 3-2 overtime win over Notre Dame, chip-ping in a goal and an assist.

But Waldrum is confident his team has matured greatly since the devas-tating overtime loss, when the Irish gave up an early goal 36 seconds into the game and the game-winner 18 seconds into overtime.

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take care of business.

“I really don’t worry about the letdown because we have so much unfinished business and so much left to prove,” Brown said. “We are really focused and really de-t ermined. I don’t think our team is looking at it like ‘This team isn’t very good, we can relax.’ UConn and St John’s, I think, are bet- ter than some of the teams we’ve played with better conference rec-ords. They both have some pretty gifted players and have just not been consistent.”

Looking forward, Brown said her team would likely not have a chance to finish atop the confer- ence due to losses to Villanova, Cincinnati and Louisville. However, she said the Irish will be com-petitive in the Big East tournament due to their improved play down the stretch.

“This is a good year for Notre Dame to be in the Big East. We’re ready this year,” Joyce said. “We’re bigger and better this year.”

Joyce said the Thunder could be a different team entirely.

“They are an aggressive and physical team, so we’ll have to come ready to battle,” Joyce said.

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“The Thunder will have also to ad-just to the Trine coaching staff’s personnel decisions.

“It will be interesting to see where their senior Jena Wall plays. She is extremely talented. She’s been a top striker in the league, but has played goalie a bit for them this year,” Joyce said. “We’ll keep an eye on where they play her.”

The Belles will honor five se- niors on Saturday: midfielders Taylor Paton and Michelle Leonard and defenders Keeley Noon-an and Michelle Marshall and forward Kaitlyn Tondo-Steele, both served as team captains this season.

“Looking for emotional days — sometimes it’s going to affect us. It’s going to come down to being ready to fight for 90 minutes, and I think we can do it,” Waldrum said. “[What] a lot of people don’t realize is that she has always had someone else to kind of play off of to carry a lot of the load. This year has basically been about Mel. Teams are just putting double and triple teams on her and try to take her out of the game.”
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Lee leads the No. 5 Irish with eight goals while sophomore center Tyketos percentage Notre Dame with nine assists. The pair has the team with 11 points apiece.

In goal, Jackson has employed goalies of both junior Mike Johnson and sophomore Steven Summerhays Johnson. Jackson has started each Friday night game, has posted a 3.51 goals against average and a 2.33 goals against average. Summerhays, meanwhile, owns a .321 save percentage and a 4.61 goals against average.

Last year, the Irish beat Bowling Green (4-1-1, 1-1-0-0) in three of the four meetings, outscoring the Falcons 15-8.

“Every year is a new year. We’re going to have to be prepared for some tough room hockey,” Jackson said. “They have a really young team that kind of mirrors us last year.”

Bowling Green returns to action after splitting a pair of games against CGHA for No. 19 Lake Superior State last weekend. On Friday, junior goalkeeper Andrew Hammond stopped all 19 Laker shots he faced in helping the Falcons to a 1-0 shutout win. During Saturday’s contest, the Falcons allowed a season-high 37 shots in a 4-1 loss, marking the first time the Falcons had been shutout this season. “They are young, fast, up-tempo,” Lorenz said. “They always work hard. They’re very disciplined. They’re well-coached and they’re going to work hard.”

Sophomore forward Camden Wojtala and freshman forward Ryan Carpenter lead the Falcons with seven and six points, respectively. The Bowling Green offense currently ranks last in the CGHA in scoring, netting just 2.17 goals per game.

“Bowling Green is an up-tempo team and I think they’re going to give us a bit of a challenge,” Lorenz said. “I think we’re prepared for it. We’ve been gearing up well.”

The Irish and Falcons take the ice Friday and Saturday night in Bowling Green, Ohio. Both games start at 7:05 p.m.

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do well at this meet. Our goal is to win, and we have a very good chance of doing that if we have a good day.”

In the men’s previous two races, the team has placed 11th and 19th, respectively. Bennett is the No. 2 Notre Dame Invitational, while the Irish have had a bit of hard work in preparation for this meet.

Our team has been working very hard the past couple of weeks,” this page said. “Fall break gave us the opportunity to work really hard as a team and grow closer.”

When the women’s team takes the course to run the 6-kilometer race, it faces what is arguably a more competitive field, with seven teams ranked in the USTFCCCA national top 30, including four ranked in the top 10. The No. 23 Irish face off against No. 4 Villanova, No. 6 Georgetown, No. 7 Providence, No. 18 West Virginia and No. 28 Connecticut.

Velarde remains confident in Notre Dame’s ability to take on the fierce competition.

“Our goal is [to finish] in the top four,” Jordan Carlson senior captain said. “I don’t think anything has changed [during the three game winning streak],” Clark said. “I think we’ve been playing well all season. This team has played as well as any team I’ve ever had here.”

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After clinching a Big East tournament berth in its victory over Providence on Wednesday, Notre Dame (8-3-4, 4-2-1 Big East) returns home for the first time since Oct. 8, when it held then-No. 1 Connecticut to a scoreless draw at Alumni Stadium since Sept. 24.

It’s nice to get back home for a couple of games for so many different reasons. You’ve got to win your re- maining games.”

The Irish have lost their last two meetings against West Vir- ginia by one goal apiece.

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Notre Dame and West Vir- ginia will jockey for conference positioning Saturday at noon at Alumni Stadium.

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**ND WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**Crunch time**

Irish begin Big East championships at No. 15 Golden Eagles

By ANDREW GASTELUM

Senior midfielder Courtney Barg takes on a double team during a 3-2 loss to Georgetown on Oct. 14. After missing time due to injury, Barg returns to the Irish lineup Sunday at Marquette.

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS

In Irish coach Randy Waldrum’s 13 years as head coach, never has Notre Dame gone on the road to start the Big East tournament. But this season has been a year of firsts for the defending-national champion Irish, who are now thrust head-first into the role of underdog heading into a matchup at No. 15 Marquette in the Big East quarterfinals.

“We have never been on the road for a quarterfinal game,” Waldrum said, “but this season has been new and different. To finish third is unusual from us, but we made this bed and we are ready for the challenge.”

This matchup of powerhouse Big East squads brings history, as the Golden Eagles (17-2, 10-1 Big East) contributed to Notre Dame’s early-season struggles with a 3-2 overtime win Sept. 26 in Milwaukee. But Waldrum said the Irish (9-6-3, 6-3-2) view the game as a resume booster for the NCAA tournament rather than an opportunity for revenge.

**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Notre Dame heads east for two matches

By CORY BERNARD

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With a trip to Hawaii already under their belts, the Irish have more travelling on the horizon. Notre Dame (12-8, 4-3 Big East) will fly to Connecticut on Saturday to take on the Huskies and bus to New York to play St. John’s on Sunday, all before flying back in time for Monday’s classes.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said the travelling might seem unusual to some of the players considering the roster features a healthy number of young athletes.

“I think (playing on the road) can be difficult from that aspect,” Brown said of the constant travel. “It’s not too bad unless you’re sitting for a really long time, then it becomes more difficult. It’s a little bit different for the younger players who have maybe never been to these cities, it’s always a new experience.”

Notre Dame heads east after an easy three-set victory over South Florida last Sunday. With another few matches against sub-.500 opponents in Connecticut (11-12, 1-7) and St. John’s (10-15, 1-7) on the radar, Brown said she expects her team to finish third is unusual from us, but we made this bed and we are ready for the challenge.”

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**ND CROSS COUNTRY**

Both squads look for a win at conference meet

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**HOCKEY**

Squad leaves new home to face Bowling Green

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS

Sports Writer

This one will be without belts, without whistles, without banners and without grand openings. This will just be hockey.

After departing the sparkling Compton Family Ice Arena last Friday, the Irish will abandon their new home and travel to Bowling Green for a pair of conference contests.

“I’m looking forward to actually playing on the road and getting away from here for a few days,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “That’s where your team has to learn to play more intelligently, play with more discipline.”

Notre Dame (3-2-0, 1-1-0-0 CCHA), propelled by three goals from sophomore forward Anders Lee, downed BPI 5-2 in the opener at the new building. Junior defenseman Sam Calabrese chipped in three assists during the game, while two other Irish players also had two assists.

“He’s carrying on from where he finished last year,” Jackson said of Lee. “He was our leading goal-scorer last year and I expect him to do the same this year.”

The game marked the first time since the season opener that Notre Dame did not allow the opponent to score first. In each of the past three games, the Irish fell behind 2-0. They won two of those games.

“We’ve really been trying to focus on four slow starts in a row since the opener and we didn’t have a lot of starts like that,” said Lee. “We’re really just trying to dial it in on our slow starts in the past.”

**MEN’S SOCCER**

ND looks to lock up NCAA bid

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS

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With a Big East tournament berth secured, the No. 14 Irish will turn their focus to a larger bid: the NCAA tournament.

The Irish look to extend their winning streak to a season-high four games when they welcome No. 25 West Virginia to Alumni Stadium on Saturday. Irish coach Bobby Clark said he views the upcoming contest as a golden opportunity to achieve a goal as well.

“If we win this game, that will pretty much lock down a bid for the NCAAs,” Clark said. “If you make the NCAAs, you know it’s been a good year. You can’t win the NCAAs unless you make the tournament.”

**NIKE WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL**

Senior middlefielder Chris Sutton beats a defender to the ball during a scoreless draw against then-No. 1 Connecticut on Oct. 8.