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By MEGAN DOYLE
Managing Editor

The email that appeared in stu-
dent inboxes Wednesday afternoon
was the first of its kind this year, but
it is not likely to be the last.

"Crime alert," it read. "Sexual as-
sault reported."

The email informed students of the
first assault reported on campus
this year. It also arrived a little more
than a year after the beginning of a
new and more structured sexual as-
sault policy at Notre Dame.

That subject line may be jarring,
but associate vice president of
Residence Life Heather Russell is
familiar with reports of sexual as-
sault on a college campus.

And she doesn’t mind if, for the
moment, students are familiar with
them too.

"I’m a firm believer that if we’re
building a system that works … our
students will know, and the num-
bers (of reports) will go right up," Russell
said. "That’s not in my opin-
ion because there are more sexual
assaults or sexual harassment cases
on campus. It’s because people who
previously would not have reported
are now coming forward to report.
And that’s what we actually hope
will happen."

In addition to her position at
the head of Residence Life, Russell
served as the University’s Deputy
Title IX coordinator this past year.
As the University adjusted its sexual
assault policies to reflect new require-
ments from the federal government,
she was the first point of contact
for all reports of sexual assault on

campus.

In the first year of the new policy,
Russell said she handled eight re-
ported cases of alleged sexual as-
sault.

Six additional cases of alleged
sexual harassment, which include a
variety of environmental concerns
such as language or posters, were
reported.

In the first year of the new policy,
the University deferred to
the federal government for sexual
assault cases, which Russell
described as a "hobbling" move.

But she was more optimistic
about the second year.

"We will be handing to
case managers more often," Russell
said. "That means that we will have
more control and be able to get
more answers and information.
And that’s good."

Russell and her team have seen a
120 percent increase in sexual,
violence, stalking and sexual
harassment reporting since the
implementation of the new slogan.

It’s more than just an increase in
numbers. The University has seen
those who previously would not have
reported coming forward to report
because of an increased comfort
level and awareness of where to
report.

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AllianceND have worked
with the Saint Mary’s College
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to maintain the momen-
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al of AllianceND, a student
organization, as an of-
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early in the fall 2012 semes-
ter, according to the group’s
deferal letter from Peggy
Hnatusko, director of student

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

While most Notre Dame
students left campus and their
extracurricular pursuits for the
summer, members of the
Progressive Student Alliance’s
(PSA) 4 to Movement and
AllianceND have worked

Risky Business
Charity work empowers girls abroad

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Seventeen recognizes ND senior’s work with She’s the First

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

The next cover girl for Seventeen magazine might be a
familiar face. Senior Lindsay Brown has been named a final-
list for Seventeen’s second-ann
ual “Pretty Amazing Contest,”
and the winner will be put on
the cover of the magazine’s
October issue.

Brown said the contest re-
wards girls who have been do-
ing exceptional work.

"Each year Seventeen puts
a real girl on the cover to cel-
brate the accomplishments
of one of the readers that has
done something that they say is
‘pretty amazing,'” Brown said.

“It can be anything from …
charity work or an athletic ac-

complishment or dance.”

In addition to appearing on
the cover of Seventeen Magazine, the winner also
receives $20,000 toward her
work and tours the world giv-
ingen speeches on behalf of
Seventeen, Brown said.

Brown said she found out
about the contest from the
president of the non-profit
She’s the First, an organization
that sponsors girls’ tuition in
impoverished areas; she was
working for She’s the First at
the time.

“My friend in New York City
who’s the president of She’s the
First found out about it on
Twitter … and she forwarded it
onto me,” she said. “It was due
April 30th, and I never really got
around to it until the last day.”

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Student starts organization
chapter at St. Mary’s College

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
Name a song that described your summer.

Alex Hansen
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Knott
“Party in the USA”

Alexis Olson
Freshman
Farley
“All-American Girl”

Brian Carrión
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Saint Mary’s sophomore Callie Brown and her mother Lisa (Saint Mary’s class of 1978), pose for a picture in front of the Saint Mary’s gate along the Avenue during move-in week.
Lecture explores impact of Higgs boson

By CHRISTOPHER BARNES
News Writer

Professor Colin Jessop, an experimental particle physicist, delivered a lecture Wednesday on the landmark discovery of the Higgs boson, better known as the “God particle,” which surfaced last month at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), an underground facility located in Geneva, Switzerland.

Jessop said the standard model of particle physics describes the particles that exist in the universe and how they decay, and this model provided the foundation for the Higgs discovery.

“The standard model of particle physics includes two types of particles: hadrons, those that are composed of quarks, and leptons, elementary particles with no constituent parts,” Jessop said. “The Higgs field is the means by which these types of particles acquire mass.”

Jessop explained that the effect of the Higgs field upon hadrons and leptons can be likened to a boat floating in a lake.

“When a boat floats within a lake, the water particles interact with the boat’s particles to provide a drag force, slowing the boat down,” he said. “The lake represents the Higgs field, which provides fundamental particles with mass as they move within it. Just as the bottom of the boat is surrounded by the lake, so are all particles immersed within the Higgs field.”

Jessop compared a ripple on the surface of a lake to the boson’s effects.

“When an object moves on the surface of a lake, the event causes a ripple that disturbs the water’s surface,” he said. “In the same manner, the Higgs particle travels outward from the source of the disturbance in the Higgs field.”

Jessop said understanding the historical background of the search for the Higgs boson reveals the importance of this discovery.

“The Higgs mechanism was first proposed by Peter Higgs, a theoretical physicist working at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland,” he said. “The scientific community realized the significance of his ideas in the 1970s, and we have been searching for the particle responsible for the phenomena ever since.”

The United States was in the process of building a facility to house experiments for the search in the early 1980s, but the project was never completed, he said.

“The Superconducting Super Collider was approved by President Reagan to find the Higgs boson, but President Clinton cancelled the construction of the collider in 1993,” Jessop said. “Politicians overlooked the fact that it would have cost less to finish the construction of the collider rather than eliminating it entirely, so it was done away with.”

The LHC opened in 2008 in the hopes that it would quicken the path to the Higgs’ discovery, Jessop said.

“The LHC has a circumference of sixteen miles and collides protons together at an energy of 14 TeV, which is still only a fraction of a Joule of energy,” he said. “The project cost about $6 billion, $2 billion of which was donated by the United States in funding construction.”

The Higgs discovery is only the beginning of the work at the LHC, which will undergo improvements in the future, Jessop said.

“An intensive series of upgrades to the accelerator and detector to enhance data taking is planned through 2021,” he said. “The question that we will hope to ultimately achieve with these upgrades is the following: Is this exactly the Standard Higgs model we think it is?”

Jessop said he looks forward to pursuing the new question that will arise now that the existence of a Higgs-like particle has been confirmed.

“The Higgs particle could be either fundamental or composite, which means that it could be composed of smaller particles or be entirely uniform,” he said. “In addition, there could be more Higgs according to the Standard Model. One theory, known as supersymmetry, includes three neutral Higgs and two charged Higgs.”

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Professor Colin Jessop explains the history of the Higgs boson search, as well as the implications of the particle’s discovery.

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Assault

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of their safety and watch out for friends to reduce the chances of a sexual assault.

Information about sexual assault prevention and resources for survivors or sexual assault can be found online with both NDSP and the Committee for Sexual Assault Prevention, the email stated.

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Brown said she started working for She’s the First her sophomore year by running a simple bake sale with the help of her then-teammates on the Notre Dame women’s soccer team to raise money for tuition at a girls’ school in Nepal.

“I went on the Nepal website and emailed the founder,” she said. “It was really cool talking to her and telling her, ‘Oh, my soccer team helped me raise the money,’” and she used to play soccer. “We instantly hit it off.”

This experience led Brown to start her own non-profit, the S.E.G.W.A.Y. project, which stands for “Soccer Empowering Girls Worldwide and You.”

“It kind of worked out that it stands for that because when I got to Nepal, the girls … were just so timid, reserved and shy,” Brown said. “I was telling my mom, ‘What good is it to have them in the classroom if they’re not leaders in the community?’ That’s when I realized soccer can be used to teach confidence and leadership so they can segue into community leaders.”

Brown said she was amazed by the impact the soccer team had on that Nepali village.

“The boys really started respecting the girls when they realized, ‘Oh, they can play soccer,’” she said. “It was weird. [These are] things we don’t think about, but in their community it’s ground-breaking.”

So far, the S.E.G.W.A.Y. project has launched three girls’ soccer teams in Nepal and is expanding to other countries, Brown said.

“I’m creating one in Cambodia right now with the Somaly Mam Foundation which works with child sex-trafficking survivors,” she said. “We’re also partnered with a team in Kenya. Our goal is to help them fund their team trip to a tournament in Minnesota next July.”

Brown said she hopes the Pretty Amazing Contest will create publicity for her organization and inspire other girls to make efforts to perform service.

“I hope girls can realize that something as simple as a bake sale can make a huge impact on a girl’s life,” she said.

Brown said the contest’s results should be announced within the next two weeks.

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First

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and student leadership so they can be the first in their families to graduate from secondary school, Brunson said. “I found out about She’s the First through my women’s studies course last year,” Brunson said. “For my final paper I researched girls’ education in developing countries which is how I learned about She’s The First.”

After conducting research, Brunson said she wanted to get Saint Mary’s involved with the organization.

“Our Notre Dame chapter had a chapter so I knew it was possible for Saint Mary’s to create a chapter with She’s the First where students would be very interested,” she said. “While I was abroad in Rome last spring, I began the process of creating a chapter on campus.”

“Speaking with the Student Involvement Office at Saint Mary’s led Brunson back to her women’s studies professor, she said.

Brunson said her professor helped her to find an advising faculty member for the club while Brunson worked on getting together a small team comprised of herself as the president with a vice president and secretary to assist her while she was abroad.

“I had sent out a school-wide email through the Student Government Office on campus and received such a great response from the students here,” Brunson said.

Every semester, the Saint Mary’s chapter of She’s the First will hold an event to raise funds for the girls they sponsor, Brunson said.

“Our first fundraiser will be a cupcake bake-off, much like the one that Notre Dame’s chapter holds, in October,” she said. “Lindsay Brown, the president of the chapter at Notre Dame, began the cupcake bake-off which has become a national campaign for She’s the First.”

Brunson said she and Brown have been in contact with hopes to combine efforts with She’s the First to create larger events between the two campuses.

Tammy Tillett, founder and president of She’s the First, said she was impressed by the work Brown and Brunson have done on their campuses. “I’m so proud of the global impact students in Indiana are making through She’s the First. Both Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame, led by Mileva Brunson and Lindsay Brown, respectively, are using social media (and creative fundraising ideas, like cupcakes) to collectively change girls’ lives around the world,” Tillett said. “They are using their own access to higher education to pay it forward to girls who are simply striving to complete a basic education — an idea we hope continues to spread across their campuses and the state.”

Brunson said she wants to see her chapter succeed.

“With this being our first semester, I hope to have a good response from the girls so we can create a strong club foundation,” Brunson said. “My goal for She’s the First is to raise campus-wide awareness for our cause.”

If even one girl can receive a chance for education, the boundaries are limitless, Brunson said.

“Not only [is She’s the First a] great opportunity to reach out to global students, but to take the opportunity of our education at SMC and educate other girls around the world,” she said.

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and our decisions. “What I consistently heard was that our students knew what was going on, where there had really good communication throughout the process, and we were timely in our investigations and our decisions.”

Making adjustments
A report of sexual assault begins with police. Last year, the University’s new policy laid out guidelines for bringing that conversation to Russell's attention for a Title IX investigation.

“Rectors were considered confidential sources last year,” Russell said. “We would receive information not from the victim but from a confidant and the accuser, and each party is assigned a sexual assault resource coordinator (SARC) to help him or her through the process of investigation. Sometimes this process involved a series of interviews to describe the reported assault to Notre Dame's Office of Civil Rights (OCR), a Title IX investigator and the ResLife disciplinary investigators.

“What I consistently heard was it was predominantly our students, both the complainant and the accused, to go through what felt like a repeat process,” Russell said. "Sometimes there’s rivalry between the parties, especially in terms of its severity, which I feel is damaging but positive."

Looking ahead
This week marked the beginning of the policy’s second year in operation, but it also is the end of Russell’s tenure as Deputy Title IX Coordinator. As her reappointment to work on sexual assault investigations, Stackman will officially begin his job as the associate vice president for Student Services on Monday. Russell intends to focus on Notre Dame’s reaction to Title IX, which involves at least one of the parties, sometimes with both parties.

Notre Dame doesn’t have a chapter of the group, she said. “What we found to be a trend even before this year, which is in cases of sexual assault on our campus typically abuse prevention, Russell said, “where Title IX is less about our response and more about something that’s going on, and it shows the breadth of how far this [movement] has reached and the connection it’s made to the lives of people.”

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Karl Abad
Vice President for Student Services

“People at other Catholic uni-
versities wrote in to talk about their experiences and the good
girls and to ask, ‘How are we doing for
them there,’” he said. “Boston College
also reached out to us on Twitter, and a few other univer-
sities have joined our coalition and expressed their support, so that’s been great.”

Morisseau said that display of student support demonstrates camaraderie between college students around the country.

“Sometimes there’s rivalry between the parties, but there’s really no rivalry,” she said. “They want the best for us, and that’s a beautiful thing.”

Another way the campus envi-
ronment has changed is the creation of the Core Room in the Student Activity Center, which serves as a space for mem-
ers of Core Council and allies to come together, Abad said. “We really needed a physical space. The [Core Council] was really ambiguous before and no one really knew exactly what it was or how we were going to approach it, so we have the opportunity to reconstruct it, so it’s very important to keep pres-
sure on the administration for the growth and momentum about it.”

Over the past year, the Core Council underwent some major changes in leadership when St. Sue Dunn, former assistant vice president for student affairs, left her position at the University.

“Because the structure for Core Council was recon-
ducted after this semester, it was confusing on one hand,” he said. “But at the same time, it created a spark in the administration, so maybe this is a time to look things over for review and see what things can be improved.”

While the Core Council suc-
ceeds in terms of administration and programming, Abad said time and expansion have also been used as a limitation in the ap-
proval process for AllianceND.

“We’ve been told we already have the Core Council, so would we need AllianceND as well?” he said. “What should we be doing about Core Council if AllianceND is not approved the same time?”

Abad said the proposed AllianceND would help bridge the LGBT and allied communities at Notre Dame in an inclusive environment.

“AllianceND would provide a sense of community which I feel is very lacking. You can come to Core Council meetings, but it doesn’t feel like a com-
munity you can go back to,” he said. “It would provide a safe, welcoming environment where people can meet and learn about what they’re going through.”

Abad said the proposed club aligns with Christian beliefs, especially in terms of its ser-
vice component, which would include outreach to local high schools.

“We are planning to be very involved in the Michiana com-
munity,” he said. “Notre Dame is not a large university but it’s lightening and loving, so we need to maintain that the LGBT community doesn’t have those resources it needs to feel like it’s getting the same treatment.”

Although the coalition is re-
maining “cautiously optimistic” about the upcoming approval decision, Abad said this time “we’re going to be more proactive in terms of support from all corners of the Notre Dame community.

“Before, it was just the gay community who was feeling its concerns, but I feel like the ally voice is a lot more important in this movement because it’s not just about the people who aregay,” he said. “The fact that straight students are very concerned about this issue should bring up real concerns.”

More information about the 4 to 5 Movement and AllianceND, including the latter’s proposed club approval process for the 4 to 5 Movement Facebook page.
Okay, so this column is a year early. I’m not supposed to feel nostalgic as a junior. I’m not supposed to be looking back on my two years as a junior. Juniors are not supposed to reminisce.

But there I found myself Tuesday night sitting on DeBartolo Quad eating a hamburger, chicken and a few too many cookies, just as I had as a freshman two years prior. But the food (even the ice cream) was not what was on my mind. It was the people I was sitting there with, the people that weren’t there and the memories from just two years prior.

That day two years ago at the picnic, I stood in the ridiculously long line before trying and trying to track down my roommate to eat with him. His description of where he was went something along the lines of: “I’m under a tree by some brick building.” Yeah, I laugh at it now, but as a lost freshman who had just finished his first day of college, it was terrifying.

Even if he had said, “I’m sitting a few feet in front of the bench outside Stinson-Remick,” I’m not quite sure I would have known which building that was or where that damn bench was.

I finally located my roommate (thanks to his 6-foot-5 frame,) sat down on the damp grass that may or may not have stained my khaki shorts and ate with his high school friends as if I had known them before. I met some of my best friends that night and also some acquaintances that I would barely recognize today.

If I were to write a “Welcome to Notre Dame” article if you’re new and haven’t felt welcomed to death over the last five or six days, a column won’t do it, and if you’re returning, you don’t need to be asked one more time, “How was your summer?” Can we just all agree to have a campus-wide moratorium on that question, effective now, and talk about anything else?

Like the virtue of taking risks. Some of you tried out for the marching band and got rejected before your first class. Your natural reaction would be to become wary of being slapped down again and cruise through Activities Night focusing solely upon clubs and organizations that don’t hold tryouts and avoiding club sports where you might lose. The irony is only people who are bold enough to risk losing don’t become losers.

Did you see the commercial during the Olympics — the obese kid running real slow down a dusty road? The narrator said, “Greatness is no more unique to us than breathing. We’re all capable of it.” I’m not always wowed by the gospel according to Nike, but I like it. It makes us respect the kid in the class that’s usually the butt of the jokes for making the effort, kind of like the Jamaican bobbed team. As the boxing club chaplain, I know anyone who gets into a ring is a winner no matter how battered he or she is at the end.

Those are among the people I most admire at Notre Dame. But the ones who leave here feeling all the warmth of the intangible aura that surrounds Notre Dame are those who not only push themselves to do something that matters but who also take the risk to be family. You don’t have to be here long to realize that people who never take a class here get wrapped up in all the mythology of Golden Domes, golden helmets and golden moments — a thin veneer for a far less idyllic, yet still graceful, reality.

Just listen to the prayers of petition at any Sunday night Mass: dying grandmothers, parents with cancer, friends who are depressed. Sometimes it’s a lengthy list. We may be in a cocoon in some ways, but we aren’t immune from more fragility as human beings than we like to admit. There is no one reading this article who doesn’t need friends and whose life wouldn’t be richer from stretching out and being one for another. There are few who won’t hit a wall here in their personal life or academic career and feel clobbered by a right hook they never saw coming.

Families are inherently messy, rarely merit idolizing and require heavy labor. Good ones exhibit generosity, honesty, a willingness to be flexible and a determination to be present even at times when it’s not convenient for a busy study schedule. Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, firmly believed that God, life, love and vocation are best known and experienced within the context of family. It’s no accident that he shaped his schools’ environments to feel like family, including the University of Notre Dame, so people leave here after a few years with friends who are more like brothers or sisters.

Friendship and family are even harder than boxing or organic chemistry, but the way to be a winner is to have friends for the moments when you lose a round or worry you won’t get into med school with a C on your transcript. They have a way of keeping us honest and putting our losses into perspective. Jesus said, “You are my friends if you do what I command you.” He didn’t command us to be successful at anything else. Or as Fr. Monk Malloy, who used to run this place, once said, “Never confuse your self-worth with your GPA.”

Win or lose at whatever else you do, take the risk to become a great friend. Count those, and ephemeral as the concept is, you will know what it feels like to belong to the Notre Dame Family.

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Carolyn Green
Guest Columnist

Welcome to the future. Or, as we like to call it, the Holy Half Marathon 2013. The Holy Half Marathon and 10K has become an essential item on the Notre Dame bucket list, and if you haven’t had a chance to be involved with the race thus far, this is your year.

But the Holy Half isn’t until the spring; you protest. “Very insightful,” we respond. However, there is no better time than the present to begin preparing. It is fall, a runner’s favorite time of year, and we live on what is arguably one of the most beautiful campuses in the country. So, why wouldn’t you want to get outside and run? Furthermore, you most likely spent some time this summer watching the Olympics, essentially a 10-day long runner’s high of astounding feats of athleticism, uplifting Visa commercials and pride for good ol’ Team USA.

As if you need more motivation to take a jog around campus, I present a selection of the most inspiring moments from the 2012 Summer Olympics. All pertain to track and field, so you may visualize said moments as you run past the Pasegrishan statue near the stadium. Or at least look them up on YouTube when it becomes too unbearably humid to run outside.

A few days before his 4x100-meter relay qualifying heat, American Manteo Mitchell slipped on a staircase but felt well enough to race Aug. 11. However, while running, he heard a ‘pop,’ and felt a sudden, intense pain. In the middle of his race, Mitchell had fractured his fibula. Nonetheless, Mitchell ran a solid split and helped the U.S. tie with the Bahamas for the fastest qualifying time. “I heard it, and I felt it,” Mitchell told the Associated Press. “But I figured it’s what almost any person would’ve done in that situation.”

Of course.

When Dominican Felix Sanchez found out his grandfather had passed away the day of his heat in the 400-meter hurdles at the Beijing Olympics, he remained determined to qualify. To honor his memory, Sanchez ran in London with his grandfather’s picture attached to the back of his bib. After winning the gold medal, Sanchez removed the picture, placed it on the track and kissed it. As he took the podium, Sanchez collapsed into sobs of happiness. He described the moment later, saying, “It started to rain. It made me feel like she was crying tears of joy with me.”

In an 800-meter final so fast that the last place finisher’s time would have won a medal in any of the last three Olympics, a humble Maasai tribesman, David Rudisha of Kenya, won with an incredible time of 1:40.91. Rudisha, who trains with an Irish priest, broke the world record, which he had set previously. The last time Rudisha broke the record, his fellow tribesmen slaughtered 50 cattle in his honor. I would say such an outstanding performance deserves at least an extra cow.

In perhaps one of the greatest achievements in the history of distance running, Mo Farah took home the gold in both the men’s 5,000- and 10,000-meter finals. The 10,000-meter race came down to the last lap, but Great Britain’s Farah, defending his historic double victory brought tears to the eyes of his many British fans and to runners around the world. If seeing Farah congratulated by Galen’s picture, placed it on the track and kissed it. As he took the podium, Sanchez collapsed into sobs of happiness. He described the moment later, saying, “It started to rain. It made me feel like she was crying tears of joy with me.”

While I do have a tremendous amount of respect for Ryan, I still have many issues with him. While Ryan may promote himself as a fiscal conservative, his record does not reflect it. Ryan voted for the George W. Bush tax cuts, a Medicare prescription drug plan and two wars, all without finding a way to pay for them, leading to the major accumulation of debt during Bush’s presidency.

Moreover, Ryan tends to use language that teeters on demagoguery. He often references the works of Ayn Rand (“Atlas Shrugged”) and Friedrich von Hayek (“Road to Serfdom”). He also commonly describes President Obama’s initiatives using phrases like “government-centered,” “crony capitalism” and “class warfare.” These terms are disingenuous at best and lies at worst.

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What’s up with Taylor Swift?

Taylor Swift, thank you for ruining my senior year.

Just when I thought our midwestern paradise of a campus was safe, the “country” star has reemerged on the quintessential Notre Dame playlist, all thanks to her new single, “We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together.”

Some things in the life of a Notre Dame student are just routine — the North Face and Sperry uniform, Football Saturdays, Finn’s on Wednesday and dreadful weather. Well, add the latest Taylor Swift track bleeding about her “unfortunate” love life being on heavy rotation to the list. It would seem whatever the latest T-Swift jam is, it gives the Notre Dame Victory March a run for its money in terms of plays on campus.

They say lightning never strikes the same place twice. Unfortunately, Taylor Swift never got the memo. Hell hath no fury like a Nashville pixie scorned, apparently.

Taylor’s new song is about — surprise — her frustration with a former flame. Never one to not beat a dead horse, this is familiar territory for Taylor — think “Back to December” or “The Story of Us,” both dealing with the difficult waters following a relationship gone awry.

For the next semester, I know I can count on hearing Taylor’s depressing lyrical story about her ex-boyfriend several times each evening. It’s not so much that I dislike the song, as it is actually quite catchy. But I know this song will be beaten to death, resurrected, and beaten to death all over again, a musical zombie courtesy of the gaggle of Swift-crazed students at this University.

I’ll give it to her, Taylor is nothing if not consistent. Unfortunately, her consistency has infected Notre Dame students, male and female alike, like a pandemic — a Black Plague of gripping country-pop music, if you will.

Listen, Taylor, we get it — life is tough when you’re tall, skinny, rich, blonde, famous and have dated a who’s-who of Hollywood hunks. Unfortunately, her message doesn’t really resonate with me, and I’m not so sure why it does with so many students here.

I don’t know any fellow classmates who have encountered problems dating a Kennedy or Twilight star, all while shuffling between sellout concerts and award shows.

Even when Swift does focus on the sunny side of life, it always seems to be about boys. I mean, where would she be without “Love Story” or “Our Song”? When it comes to her music, Taylor is like a chameleon who can only alter between two colors — always about her love life, either singing a sad or happy tune. Show some versatility, girl.

Taylor’s lack of lyrical creativity is frustrating on several levels. First of all, there is no denying the girl is talented. She is gorgeous and has a voice to match. It would be great if she could show some range in what she sings about — family, fun, whatever. I mean, if Rihanna can create a smash hit singing about umbrellas, I think Taylor Swift can come up with something, anything to sing about aside from her dating life. She really is holding herself back, and it’s unfortunate to watch.

But more important and slightly more troubling, Taylor is being quite the hypocrite and a bad influence to boot singing about all this dating nonsense. For someone who supposedly despises the paparazzi and has engaged in legal wrangling with the tabloids, Swift seems awfully eager to air her dirty laundry and hang her exes out to dry.

While it may seem like her music may be therapeutic or empowering, Taylor is publicly painting the men in her life as the scoundrel and herself as the victim. Last time I checked, I haven’t heard Taylor Lautner or Joe Jonas singing about Taylor being a villainess — what gives her the right to do so to them?

Not only is that catty, but it also sets a bad example for her army of young fans, who are receiving the message over and over from Swift to fall in love, then drag their former Prince Charming through the mud once he has served his purpose. This is not quite the message we want from America’s sweetheart.

So Taylor, I just wanted to formally thank you. Just when I thought it was safe to go out at night, your new song came out. If it’s a love story, you probably should just have said no.

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The Student Union Board teams up with the Student Activities Office, the Office of Sustainability and Visit South Bend to bring Dr. Seuss’s "The Lorax" to campus in a special viewing on North Quad. Grab a blanket and a few friends and enjoy the free popcorn and reportedly beautiful weather, not to mention one of Seuss’s classics.

What: "The Lorax"
Where: North Quad
When: 9:30 p.m.
How Much: Free

The latest oddball comedy from Woody Allen features a wide-ranging cast including the director himself, Alec Baldwin, Penélope Cruz, Jesse Eisenberg, Ellen Page and Alison Pill. The film follows four different vignettes, and though it received mixed reviews, its illustration of the beauty of Italy can always be appreciated.

What: "To Rome With Love"
Where: DPAC
When: 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.
How Much: $5

Legends is putting on its annual kickoff party in the B1 parking lot this Saturday with featured band Boys Like Girls. But there’s more than just music, as there will also be a beer garden for those over 21, a wide variety of foods, games and other fun stuff to do. And don’t miss the other band of the night, Breathe Carolina, and their hit "Blackout."

What: B1 Block Party
Where: B1 Parking Lot
How Much: $10

Shakespeare’s classic tragedy puts on its final show this Sunday as the finale of the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival. The show features a number of highly talented and well-experienced players, and the story is as thrilling and relevant as ever. The play is even one of the fastest versions students are likely to see, running around two hours and 45 minutes.

What: Hamlet
When: 7:00 p.m.
Where: DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
How Much: $14 for students

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Looking for a book? Our library has a selection of Shakespeare's works, and we've also included a book from the popular "Harry Potter" series. If you're interested in more modern literature, we have "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" by J.K. Rowling.

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I'm sure everyone has already heard of the staple post-summer question, "What did you do this summer?" Students’ answers vary, from internships at consulting firms, to Social Service Learning Programs in faraway lands, to enviable caddying jobs. Their summers were filled with adventure, self-discovery and valuable life lessons. And so was mine, except my view was of a brick wall from a 14th floor window, somewhere between 37th and Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Thanks to a miniscule office, the literary agency I interned at had books coming out of their drawers, their file cabinets, even their refrigerators. Now, I could forgive the hoarding if these volumes were valuable texts or well-loved classics. But I spent the summer plagued with variations of the same theme, be it "1001 New Vegan Recipes" or "My Boyfriend is a Vampire Werewolf Faerie."

I stifled my nose at the newlyfangled fiction advertised along Broadway, I preferred the dusty tomes exhumed from used bookstores to the Kindles and Nooks toled by commuters on the morning train. It just smelled fake to me, especially with the “Fifty Shades of Grey”, drab etc. going on.

My personal library consisted mostly of classics: "The Collected Poems of Edgar Allen Poe," “Sense and Sensibility,” with the occasional modern fluke, like "On the Road." My education was founded on these wonderful books, and I was convinced anything written after 1950 was market-driven drivel, especially if it was read on a Kindle. Like Woody Allen’s nontypical character Gil in "Midnight in Paris," I yearned for "the golden time," dissatisfied with the modern disdain for tradition. And like every story about preconceived notions, my naivété was in for a rude awakening.

The wake-up call came as a gift from my mom, Carlos Ruiz Zafon’s second adult novel, "The Angel’s Game." At first, I thought this was just another escapist summer read, shelved alongside “Everyone Worth Knowing” and “The Memory Keeper’s Daughter” at the popular literature table at Barnes and Noble. It fit the bill perfectly: international setting, a golden era, a splash of romance, a dash of danger. In other words: formulaic.

In all my sophomoric, English-major, misinformed, I forget about the premise, or the location, or even the plot. It’s the craft of prose. Zafon’s writing can only be described as a joy. He writes in English (Lucia Graves translated "The Angel’s Game" and its sequel, "The Shadow of the Wind," into English), using words in a way that is both ingenious and virtuosic. I drew delectable pleasure from his gorgeous turns of phrase that thrummed of Spain and darkness and decay. His version of Barcelona is bewitching, and I soon felt the same attachment to his characters as I felt with the protagonist of "Harry Potter."

Without spoiling too much, the main character, David Martin, is an unsuccessful, altruistic mystery writer tasked with writing a “religion.” A sinister gentleman channeling a well-dressed Devil wants the poor author to write a novel so creatively intoxicating that it embeds itself into the hearts and minds of all who read it. Emboldened by his love for intrigue and mystery, Martin descends into a secretive, deciptive existence as he tries to decipher the clockwork of his mind and that of his patron. With his heavy focus on books and writing, the series bears "metaphoria," but with such expert storytelling skill that I scarcely noticed until I stumbled to the end of each chapter, speechless and strangely self-aware. Perhaps my love for Zafon is simply an act of affirmation. How hard can it be for an English major to love a book about books? All of his major novels are about books, authors, readers, and bookstores, including his most recent work, "The Prisoner of Heaven." I realized with horror that I had fallen in love with a modern novel with whole-hearted recognition. Literature is not dead (cue the hallelujah chorus).

In the end, it in Zafon’s thinly veiled commentary on his life as an author that makes his books “classics.” Why do scholars adore Jane Austen and Charles Dickens? They clearly and artfully expressed themselves as products of their time and history, Likewise, Zafon is a bonafide author, who has doubtlessly struggled to put words on the page, meet deadlines and find an audience. It is a daunting task, but Zafon cured my cynicism. I even got a Kindle, and I can’t wait to buy, or download, his next book.

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Steroids continue to affect baseball

Chris Allen
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No, it’s not the summer of 1998.

Baseballs are not flying out of Wrigley Field and the old Busch Stadium at record pace. Biceps have shrunk significantly as first baseman now look significantly less like co-MVP Mark McGwire still wears a Cardinals uniform, but only as he strikes a graying beard from the dugout as hitting coach. No, it’s not the summer of 1998.

But steroids are back in baseball. What’s worse? They really never left.

MLB commissioner Bud Selig was supposed to have delivered the drugs that divided baseball fans and delivered the drugs that impacted the on-field sphere since 2008, he has coached with Sean both in college (at Miami, Ohio) and here at the Saints,” Loomis said. “He is very familiar with our team and with the methods we have been successful with. He will do a great job.”

Kromer, who interviewed for a head coaching job in St. Louis last offseason, said he appreciated the confidence the Saints are showing in him, but also noted he sees his role as having much more to do with ensuring continuity than putting his personal stamp on the way the team is run.

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Santss designate Kromer as interim coach

Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. — The New Orleans Saints designated offensive line coach Aaron Kromer as the interim head coach for the first six regular-season games, when assistant head coach Joe Vitt will have to serve his suspension in connection with the NFL’s bounty investigation.

Vitt has been overseeing head coaching duties since Sean Payton’s full season suspension began in mid-April, but the Saints held off until Wednesday on a decision concerning who would become the figurehead of the coaching staff when Vitt had to step aside in Week 1.

The 45-year-old Kromer is in his fifth season with the Saints and also serves as running game coordinator.

“Vitt was being reviewed head coach the past three seasons,” general manager Mickey Loomis said. “He is very familiar with our team and with Sean both in college (at Purdue or Stanford) and our jobs are to make sure those of The Observer.

The lesson for the fan is to keep moving in that direction,” Kromer said.

Kromer had been mentioned as an interim head coaching candidate ever since the suspensions both Payton and Vitt were announced in late March, a few weeks after the NFL announced it had uncovered a bounty system in which New Orleans defenders had been paid improper cash bonuses for injuring targeted opponents.

Neither Vitt nor current and former Saints players have admitted to participating in a bounty system as the NFL described it. They have said they ran only a pay-for-performance pool that offered a few hundred dollars — minimal sums relative to NFL contracts — for big plays such as interceptions, sacks, forced fumbles and big clean hits.

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One week, two suspensions, 100 suspended games and two playoff races affected.

50-game ban for first-time offenders. Since that time, the game has returned to normalcy — somewhat. The numbers have returned to Earth. Roger Maris’ 61 home numbers have returned to the game has returned to 50-game ban for first-time offenders.

It began with Melky Cabrera, who in a handful of games and two playoff races affected.

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Life is a highway by Rascal Flatts

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Indians lose eighth-straight

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Cleveland Indians’ latest slide could be a costly one for manager Manny Acta, and he knows it.

Zach McAllister pitched six effective innings, but Vinnie Pestano yielded a tiebreaking two-run double to Eric Thames in the eighth and Cleveland fell 3-1 at Seattle for its eighth consecutive loss.

The Indians’ slide comes on the heels of an 11-game skid from July 27 to Aug. 7. Cleveland has lost 21 of its last 25 and is 10-29 since the All-Star break.

The last time the Indians dropped 21 of 25 was Aug. 28 to Sept. 24, 2009, according to STATS LLC.

“It’s never been done in the history of the game where 25 guys are released,” Acta said.

“They should relax. If one guy is going to go, it’s going to be me, not them.”

Seattle has won eight in a row from the hospital in a few days. Galarraga famously has four homers in his last four games.

Indians' lineup card to home plate.

Joyce, Urgelles and others involved were honored in a brief ceremony before Wednesday night’s series finale.

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MLB Umpire

Joyce did not respond to a request made through Major League Baseball on Wednesday to comment on this week’s incident.

But he told MLB.com on Tuesday that he knew he had to act quickly when he saw the woman go down.

“I knew something was wrong,” Joyce said. “And if I knew something wasn’t done, this lady could actually die in front of me. It was more instinct than anything else.”

He also said he and his wife had an emotional visit with Powers in the hospital on Tuesday.

In Wednesday’s pre-game announcement, the Diamondbacks said Powers was having a pacemaker instilled and would be released from the hospital in a few days.

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Umpire Joyce saves worker

PHOENIX — Umpire Jim Joyce is being credited with taking quick action to help save the life of a food service worker who collapsed of an apparent heart attack at Chase Field.

Russ Amaro, vice president of ballpark operations, says Joyce happened to be walking past Jayne Powers when she collapsed before Monday night’s game between the Arizona Diamondbacks and Miami Marlins.

After deciding it wasn’t a seizure, as some of her co-workers suggested, Joyce quickly started CPR.

Marlins bullpen catcher Jeff Ugrellas, a former firefighter and paramedic, was called to the scene and began helping Joyce.

Paramedics arrived moments later and transported the woman to a hospital, where her conditioned improved.

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MLB Umpire
Young talent promises success on links

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

As the Irish begin their fall season, they will be joined by two of the top high school players in the nation. Notre Dame hauled in two top-10 recruits this year—freshmen Lindsey Weaver and Talia Campbell. Irish coach Susan Holt has high hopes in these two recruits. Weaver will be bringing with her a 59 par-18 score and U.S. Women’s Open experience.

On Feb. 22 at a PING Junior Interclub match, Weaver (the No. 3 recruit in the nation) became the second woman golfer after Annika Sorenstam to shoot a 59 in a round of golf. Over the summer, Weaver became one of four Notre Dame women golfers to participate in the U.S. Women’s Open.

"One of my greatest accomplishments in high school was shooting a 59," Weaver said. "After that, playing in the U.S. Open was a great accomplishment. The U.S. Open taught me the importance of course management."

Campbell was named a 2011 Hewlett-Packard Scholastic All-American and a 2011 AJGA Rolex Junior All-American, as well as a three-time AJGA champion and quarterfinalist in the 2011 US Girls Junior Championship.

Weaver and Campbell recognize strengths and weaknesses.

"My strengths are putting and ball-striking," Weaver said. "My weakness is bunker play." Campbell also cited ball-striking as a strength.

"Ball-striking is at the core of my game," Campbell said. "If my short game was a little stronger, then I would actually be able to take advantage of those opportunities."

Many top recruits do not choose a school in the Midwest, preferring a school in the West or South. However, Weaver holds Notre Dame in high regards.

"Nothing compared to Notre Dame’s campus and facilities," Weaver said. "Once I visited for the first time, I instantly fell in love with the school and the many traditions associated with it."

On the other hand, Campbell, (America's No. 9 recruit) has long dreamed of being part of the Irish community.

"To represent Notre Dame as a student-athlete is a dream come true," Campbell said. "The athletic tradition of Notre Dame combined with the outstanding academic curriculum is unrivaled. Also, coach Holt and assistant coach Kyle Lymne Veltri are the best role models and coaches that any player can have."

Both Weaver and Campbell are looking forward to this season.

"We will have a strong team this year," Campbell said. "Our team has phenomenal chemistry and a tremendous amount of talent. We all have very high expectations. "We will grow in our game and improve in all aspects," Weaver said. "There will be enthusiasm and team spirit."

The freshman power duo of Weaver and Campbell will first compete for the Irish at the Mary Fussum Invitational in East Lansing, Mich., on Sept. 15-16.

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and Doubles Championships in October and November, respectively.

“The fall season is essentially an individual one,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “There is no team scoring in any of the events at a national level. Most coaches treat the fall to build and make changes of games of different players on the team and to try to figure what their doubles combinations might be and exactly who might be playing.”

Last May, the Irish graduated No. 1 singles player Casey Watt, as well as lineup mainstays Niall Fitzgerald and Sam Keeton. At least three starting roster spots, therefore, will be open heading into the spring season.

“I think with the graduation of three of our top five players from last year’s team, the focus of the fall is going to be about figuring out who, amongst the returning players and the freshmen, is going to really be in the starting lineup come January,” Bayliss said.

A variety of new players will be competing for these starting spots, as the Irish added five freshmen to their team this year. Four of the signees come from the United States and competed in the Junior Nationals this summer, while freshman Eric Schnurrenberger hails from Switzerland.

“I feel that when you can win at the very top of your lineup you have a chance to be good and Greg gives us that chance.” Andrews emerged last year as Notre Dame’s top singles player, ending the year ranked No. 54 in the nation. The junior from Richland, Mich., compiled a 35-10 record last season and was also named the Big East Player of the Year.

“Greg made some big strides over the summer,” Bayliss said. “He played in a number of professional events and really gave a great accounting of himself and our program. I predict that he is capable of becoming an All-American this year and really having a breakout season.”

The Irish will begin their fall season with a remarkable experience when they travel to Dublin. The team will face off against the Irish Davis Cup team, which includes former Notre Dame tennis player Barry King, at the renowned Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club on Aug. 31.

“Obviously, the opportunity to go to Ireland and have our guys experience the culture is probably the greatest benefit to going,” Bayliss said. “In addition, is the opportunity to play. We are playing at a great venue called the Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club. It’s one of the oldest clubs in the world and it’s the Wimbledon of Ireland.”

The Irish will practice this week before departing for Dublin on Aug. 29.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

**Houser determined to lead**

**Sophomore focuses on team unity, not individual gain**

*By LAURA COLETTI*

*Sports Writer*

Despite being named an All-Big East preseason selection, sophomore opposite side hitter Jeni Houser is focused on bigger things — much bigger things.

“To be honest, those awards don’t really mean anything to me,” Houser said. “It’s a team effort and in order to win, it takes everyone on the court, and sidelines, and pushing each other during practice to make teammates better. It’s a constant learning experience.”

Houser has already gone through a big learning experience herself. Coming in as a freshman last season, she was focused and determined to contribute to the squad. Soon enough, she found herself in the starting lineup.

“It was a really exciting experience,” she said. “I came in wanting to focus on working hard and making my teammates better, and I think through playing I got a lot of experience and I have a better understanding of the game. It’s quicker than high school. I’ve improved my overall skills as a player and as a leader on the court.”

Playing for Notre Dame is something Houser had been anticipating since her sophomore year of high school, see HOUSER PAGE 14

**ND CROSS COUNTRY**

**Piane forsees tough competition**

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It’s not easy to claim a conference title in the Big East, where the competition includes historical cross country powers like Villanova, Providence and Georgetown as well as three-time reigning men’s champion Syracuse.

And it’s not easy to qualify for the NCAA championship meet, where just 31 of 310 Division I schools race for a national title. But Irish men’s coach Joe Piane remains as ambitious as ever as he embarks on his 36th season.

“The goals are always the same: win the Big East and get to the NCAA’s. Our conference may be the toughest conference in the country for cross country for both the men and the women,” Piane said. “Then the other goal is to get to the NCAA’s, and certainly the next goal is to try and get in the top 10 in the country. Now that’s a pretty lofty goal when you consider that there are 310 teams in the country. If you’re in the top 10, boy, you’re pretty good.”

Although the men’s side graduated three of its top seven runners from last season, Piane expects returning fifth-year senior Johnathan Shawel and sophomore Jake Kildoo to keep the lineup from faltering.

“We didn’t run John Shawel last year, so you slip him in there. Then we have another fellow, Jake Kildoo, that didn’t run last year, and boy, he’s awfully good,” Piane said. “Kildoo ran in the World Junior Track Championships this year in Barcelona, Spain, so he wasn’t in our group last year. (He’s) going to be a major help.”

Piane is happy with what he’s seen from his five freshmen, three of whom (Michael Clevenger, Timothy Ball, and Kevin Durham) ran in the 40-man field at the Foot Locker Cross Country National Championships as high school seniors.

If all of his athletes perform well, Piane could be faced with the dilemma of which runners to hold out of the varsity seven instead of which to put in.

“You’ve got to look at [senior] Jeremy Rae, who was basically our No. 1. I can’t count out a junior, Martin Grady, who was at the NCAA’s in the 10,000 [meter]. And then you also have Walter Schafer, who is a senior. He has all the talent in the world. He could be our No. 1 man if he runs the way he’s capable of running. And there’s a ton of other guys. So we probably have a dozen guys to choose from to get seven.”

The problem for the Irish is that they have a pretty good array of talent on their rosters.

“Villanova had a terrific recruiting year,” Piane said. “Providence puts most of their efforts right into distance. And if Louisville gets the Kenyans they were trying to recruit, they’re going to be dynamic.”

The women’s side will face similarly difficult competition, but they will be buoyed by a strong freshman class that includes Foot Locker National Champion Molly Seidel.

“We have three really talented freshmen, Molly Seidel, Sydney Meunier and Dani Aragon, who are performing really well already,” senior Jessica Rydberg said. “It’s really exciting to have such a strong incoming class.”

Rydberg led the Irish last season, and has big plans for her final cross country campaign.

“We want to be top three in the Big East and win the region,” she said. “I would love to be an All-American this year, which would be top 40 in the nation (as an individual). So I think that’s my ultimate goal.”

Both Rydberg and Piane said they are excited for the two home meets of the season, the National Catholic Championship on Sep. 14 and the Notre Dame Invitational on Sep. 28.

“The Notre Dame Invitational is terrific,” Piane said. “We will have a pretty good group of teams who are coming, (including) Florida State, Princeton, Washington State, New Mexico, see PIANE PAGE 12

**MEN’S TENNIS**

**ND prepares for Irish competition**

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After falling short of expectations in the Big East championship and NCAA tournament last year, the outlook on the new Irish season can be defined by one word — opportunity.

Notre Dame has the chance to strengthen its team with a strong class of freshman and will travel abroad to play a national Davis Cup team. In addition, No. 1 singles player junior Greg Andrews can solidify himself as one of the nation’s best players.

A typical fall collegiate tennis season consists of individual tournaments, instead of team matches, and the Irish have five such tournaments scheduled for the next three months. Andrews may also compete in the ITA All-America Championships and the ITA/USTA National Indoor Singles.

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Irish junior Billy Pecor plays a stroke during Notre Dame’s 7-0 victory over Wisconsin on Feb. 10. The Irish begin play in Ireland on Aug. 29.