Forum to address American political issues

Events will bring prominent campus figures to discuss the state of partisanship in the United States

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

As the presidential election looms on the horizon, partisanship has increasingly dominated American political discourse, a state often precluding real solutions to the problems facing the United States today.

The 2012-13 Forum, “A More Perfect Union: The Future of America’s Democracy,” will bring preeminent political figures to campus in a yearlong series of events to encourage thought within the Notre Dame community and at the national level on how to strengthen the political system to combat discrimination in this election but rather think at one level removed, in terms of the larger questions at the heart of government.

John Jenkins’ desire to see Notre Dame above the partisan fray has increasingly dominated America’s democracy,” will bring to strengthen the political system at the national level on how in the Notre Dame community and at the national level on how to support the people of the world to see just how big the counterfeit drug problem is, she said. “As part of our research, we are trying to help the people of the world to see just how big the counterfeit drug problem is,” she said. “By putting the PAD into the hands of pharmacists, they will be able to use and determine where the bad drugs are coming from.”

In collaboration with researchers at Notre Dame, Barstis, Pantoja and other student

Student government looks to combat discrimination

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Over the summer, student government worked as hard as its administrative counterpart to continue improving Notre Dame for its students.

Student body president Brett Rucheleau said the office accomplished its goal of installing a hydration station in every dorm on campus.

“Previously only four dorms had [a hydration station],” he said. “Now every one has at least one. We’re continuing to work on academic buildings, DeBartolo [Hall] mainly, but we’re trying to expand into others like O’Shaughnessy Hall and Jordan [Hall of Science].”

Rucheleau said he hopes these buildings, as well as the campus fitness centers, will have hydration stations by the end of the school year. Student government also made several reforms to the sexual assault section of Resident Assistant training over the past few months, student body vice president Katie Rose said. “We shifted it so it focuses a lot more on immediate response,” Rose said. “The RAs are supposed to be the first faces.”

Desch said that the rabid partisanship in Washington only compounds the specific issues faced by the electorate, and hampsters legislators who might devise solutions.

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Professor’s poem collection wins book prize

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

Not everyone understands poetry, but one Notre Dame professor uses poetry to understand everything else in his life.

Orlando Menes, associate English professor and director of the Creative Writing Program, won the 2012 Prairie Schooner Book Prize for his book ‘Fetish,’ a collection of poems. “Prairie Schooner” is a literary magazine based on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, according to the magazine’s website. 2012 was the tenth year of the annual Prairie Schooner Book Prize Contest.

Menes said he views poetry as a type of thought process and a means to understand the world around him.

“For me, writing poetry is a way of thinking about the world. I understand the world through writing about the world,” he said.

Menes said he submitted the manuscript of ‘Fetish’ to the Prairie Schooner Magazine’s Book Prize contest in early 2012.

His poetry focuses on Cuba, the birthplace of his parents; Peru, the country of his birth and where he spent the first ten years of his life and Miami, where he spent his childhood in the 1970s. ‘Fetish’ incorporates all these places from his life, as well as several important themes, he said.

“The title poems are about displacement, immigration, the struggle over poverty, leading a life of faith and holding onto faith,” Menes said.

The editor-in-chief of the ‘Prairie Schooner,’ Kwame Dawes, said ‘Fetish’...
If you could add any frozen yogurt flavor to the dining hall, what would it be?

- Anthony Abordo: Senior, O’Neill
  “I don’t eat fro-yo.”

- Claire Wack: Freshman, Pangborn
  “Coffee-flavored ice cream.”

- Emily Pollard: Sophomore, Pangborn
  “Peanut butter.”

- Molly Cullinan: Freshman, Pangborn
  “Reese’s or peanut butter...maybe with chocolate?”

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SMC seeks to grow student organizations

By TABITHA RICKETTS
News Writer

Saint Mary’s has moved ahead with the college’s goals to have student organizations focused more on global and social justice issues.

“We want to nurture the creative side of you,” Taylor said. “The recognition process for student organizations starts with you.”

After coming up with an idea, a student interested in creating a club must create an executive board, consisting of at minimum a president and vice president for the prospective organization, Taylor said.

A faculty member who is willing to advise the organization must be found, and a written constitution for the club must be submitted to the Office of Student Involvement and Multicultural Services, along with a completed recognition application.

“Mainly what we are trying to say here is that you have a lot of support for your club on campus,” she said. “When asked to share ideas at large, students named several ideas for potential clubs including a student organization for volunteer work, a club for future math teachers and a Saint Mary’s boxing club.”

Sophomore Theresa Silver wants to organize “Wishmakers on Campus” as a chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America.

“Our main goal is to fundraise for the Make-A-Wish Foundation,” Silver said. “So we can help them continue to do the wonderful things they do to help these kids.”

Other students, like junior Theresa Her, have more global ideals.

“I plan to start a Korean club, which will be a part of a multicultural club,” Her said. “We will be learning about Korean culture, and...about the language.”

Along with brainstorming, Taylor outlined the benefits student organizations will receive by gaining recognition from the college.

Benefits include the approved use of College facilities, a club mailbox in the campus Post Office and hanging promotional flyers around campus.

One of the greatest benefits, Taylor said, is the access to funding from the Student Government Association. This money comes from the student activities fees Saint Mary’s has not yet charged.

Senior Maureen Parsons explained the club funding process.

“We’ve changed a little bit of the process,” Parsons said. “Each club at Saint Mary’s will be given a $100 budget for the year. This funding is not to be spent on clothing, food, or anything like that.”

“Those are actual expenses, clubs are expected to fundraise for your club,” Parsons said. “They won’t fund something just for your club.”

Athletic clubs are allowed to submit a proposed budget plan to the Student Government Association detailing other expenses such as sports equipment, for which they may receive funding of up to $1,000.

“We also have a sponsorship process for events and travel,” Parsons said, which is not limited to athletic clubs.

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The researchers from Saint Mary’s have moved ahead with the project and found great results.

“We spent the summer working on it which has helped us move forward with receiving the patent we have applied for,” Pantoja said. “Through our countless hours of field testing, we had over 560 field tests completed between the Saint Mary’s campus as well as Trinity College and the University of Notre Dame. All of this field testing has pushed us along in our findings.”

The researchers did not just look to college campuses for field-testing, but also to alumni of Saint Mary’s and donors supporting the College, Barstis said.

“We were looking to see if the test was done differently depending on age or gender,” she said. “The field tests were used on men and women between the ages of 11 and over 80 years old. There was no difference in the results of the tests, but working with different age groups was definitely interesting to see the abilities of testing and learning each individual had.”

Barstis, Pantoja and recent graduate Elizabeth Bajema were invited to present their research results at the 244th National Meeting and Exposition of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

“Being invited to this conference was definitely an experience,” Pantoja said. “Undergraduates usually do not speak at ACS, so it was thrilling to be an undergrad who presented my research with Dr. Barstis and Elizabeth.”

Barstis said being asked to present at the meeting was an amazing feat for the women to accomplish.

“Audience members were very engaged by our research and the fact that here were three women, one being an undergraduate, presented research done from a college, not a university with a graduate program,” Barstis said.

After presenting at the ACS, Barstis and Pantoja learned other scientists had become increasingly interested in their research. They decided to submit their findings to be published.

“By proving that our PAD is sufficiently reliable based off our research, others learning about our research is just another accomplishment for us to be excited about,” Pantoja said. “People are actually interested in our research and that is such an amazing thing.”

Next on the list for the PADs project is to continue field-testing overseas to countries facing an increased amount of counterfeit drugs, like Kenya, Barstis said.

“At this point, the ASC has helped us to create awareness for this problem and has launched our project into the minds of people across the globe,” she said.

“This opportunity to help people from all over the world is a phenomenal accomplishment. Working with students from Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame, as well as the participants, has provided us with great information that we hope will take off into something great.”

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“I think that partisanship is part of it but that it also goes beyond that … the issues like the growing budget deficit, the future of Social Security and Medicare and stuff like that are not only a problem because of partisanship but because Americans want to have their cake and eat it too,” Desch said. “We’re not making the hard decisions that we have to make at this point.”

Even the language used to discuss politics in Washington presents its own set of problems, Desch said.

“The discourse in Washington has become more coarse,” Desch said. “We have to make at this point.”

David Campbell, a political science professor and Forum organizing committee member, said this year’s Forum should allow Notre Dame to exploit its unique position in America’s civil society to help build a more productive political discourse.

“Notre Dame occupies a unique niche in American higher education … this is a university with a clear and distinct religious mission that at the same time has a national and global profile that transcends its Catholic character,” Campbell said. “I think that one of the reasons that these speakers want to come here for these events is because this is Notre Dame.”

The first event, “Being a Person of Faith in a Liberal Democracy,” will address how religion interacts with politics in the United States, Campbell said.

“Whether it’s the contraception mandate,sandwiches at Chick-Fil-A or Representative Todd Akin, we can’t avoid the discussion of religion in this or in any other election, and what better place to grapple with the big questions about the role that religion plays in democracy than at Notre Dame,” Campbell said.

Campbell said the composition of this first panel makes this event historic.

“We wanted to make sure that we had representatives of many of America’s major religious traditions, and though we weren’t able to include all of America’s religions, this group does represent a pretty broad swath of America’s religions,” Campbell said. “I’m particularly pleased that we don’t just have Protestants and Catholics but also a prominent Jewish rabbi and a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints minister. This representativeness demonstrates how Notre Dame is a place able to facilitate dialogue across religious lines … it’s not just a place about being Catholic but Catholic as well.”

Desch said he wants to see the discussion reach beyond specific issues to talk about the larger interplay of religion and politics.

“I’m hoping to see elevated discussion (in addition to) talk about the HHS mandate and the ND law suit … to see talk about some of the first principle issues too,” Desch said. “This is a country founded on a longstanding notion of the separation of Church and state, but many of the religious issues that are in the public eye have demonstrated that this distinction is not so clear in practice … we need to think about how we will renegotiate those boundaries going forward.”

The committee’s hope is the panel’s diverse members will inspire more interreligious dialogues in the United States, Campbell said.

“What Notre Dame is doing is modeling for the rest of the nation something that has not happened a lot more: bringing people from different faith backgrounds to come together and find common ground,” he said. “That’s what you do in a democracy — acknowledge differences, and make the system work in spite of those differences.”

Desch said he hopes Notre Dame students will be inspired to work towards improving the political system as citizens and as leaders.

“Well like to see Notre Dame students assuming more positions of political leadership,” Desch said. “Not only do we want to prepare Notre Dame students to become more informed citizens, but also wanted everyone at least some Notre Dame students to make a career or spend part of their career in the public service.”

This Forum should encourage students to think critically before voting in November, Campbell said.

“It’s real job is to present real issues and ideas for students to use as they themselves go into the polling place … we do hope that students will be encouraged to think through the situation carefully, maybe even prayerfully about how they should vote,” Campbell said.

Michael Masi, student liaison to the Forum’s organizing committee, said student government will work to engage students in the political events on and off campus this year.

“We’re hoping to get students engaged and aware of both Forum events and events on campus,” Masi said. “With the election coming up in November, it’s really important that Notre Dame student’s actively engage beyond their four years at Notre Dame, because that is the future of our democracy,” students.”

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point of contact, so now it’s a little less policy-focused and more immediate skills and things they need to know.”

Rose said the new training program also requires at least one RA from each dorm to attend a more intensive training, teaching them technical aspects of the medical and legal procedures of a sexual assault.

With classes back in session, Rocheleau said student government has met with area police chiefs to discuss the interactions between students and area law enforcement.

“The relationship has been going great,” Rocheleau said. “We’re in constant communication, and everything we’ve heard from the South Bend Police (Department) and St. Joseph’s County has been good news.”

For the first time this year, Rocheleau said the Indiana Excise Police are including Notre Dame in their Intensified College Enforcement (ICE) program. In the past Excise had only targeted other schools in Indiana with this initiative to end under age purchase and consumption of alcohol.

“A few parties have been called up on, but they just got warning letters,” Rocheleau said. “They’re doing more if you’re underage in a liquor store or underage at a tavern. If you’re underage you can’t even be in a car with alcohol … Basically, if you’re underage, don’t be around any alcohol at all.”

Rocheleau said he plans to send students a safety reminder email, similar to the one sent prior to last weekend, before the first home football game.

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“Some of our groups and testing occur again,” he said. “We’re looking at several other universities to help in their mission to install a GSA at Notre Dame.”

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The police are focusing on disruptive behavior [at tailgates],” he said. “They’re not looking around checking everyone’s ID, but disruptive behavior is the main thing they’re looking out for.”

Rocheleau and Rose will also continue to work on two initiatives that became very popular issues at the end of last semester: the debate over a gay-straight alliance (GSA) and the call to action against racial discrimination.

Student advocates of a GSA kept last year’s momentum going over the summer, and now that classes are back, they have searched the backgrounds of alliances of several other universities to help in their mission to install a GSA at Notre Dame.

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“We’re going to start with about five vendors and do a test, then we’ll evaluate in a few months,” she said.

Rose and Rocheleau hope the proposal will finally be approved after years of effort toward it, Rose said.

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Jacob Palcic
Rising Voices

An influential way of thinking about poverty in America is that those who are poor tend to laziness. As a formulation universally applied to poor people, this way of thinking is absurd. And the vast majority of Americans recognize that, I think. Yet, there is a wide range of attitudes in between two extremes, while most still seem to miss the mark about the realities of poverty and welfare. The matter is complicated when political interest groups such as corporations, unions, Democrats and Republicans wield such power and use it not to advance the common good, but to strengthen their own interests. Yes, there is a legitimate worry that welfare programs weaken beneficiaries’ motivation to work. It is true that some people will sit on a monthly check and food stamps without seeking employment. People do milk the system. Some refugees do it, just like any other human might in similar circumstances. However, to slash funding for programs that are truly helpful in providing necessary footholds for people to climb out of poverty is equally destructive. The right path probably lies somewhere in between the opinions of the polarized interest groups, and the Church can help guide us. Upholding the rights and responsibilities for each member of society, the U.S. Bishops declare: “Human dignity grounds and is protected by a spectrum of human rights and corresponding duties. Society facilitates participation in all spheres of life by regulating economic, political, social and cultural conditions to make it possible for each person to develop his or her gifts and capacities to their maximum potential.”

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This past summer I participated in an SSLP accompanying refugees in San Antonio with Catholic Charities. Refugees are people outside their country of origin because they have suffered persecution on account of race, religion or other factors. Our mission was to give refugees of diverse nationalities, language groups and faiths the tools necessary to lead productive and fulfilling lives in the United States. I returned to campus with eyes opened. I have seen the struggle in a city in South Texas. I have seen service men and women strain their ears and minds to piece together the broken English of the refugees. I have seen the zeal of ESL instructors, and the eagerness of their students to learn. I have seen a group of Burmese Catholic teenagers sing “Amazing Grace” in their native tongue. I have seen the personal immediacy with which the staff interacts with the refugees; every encounter is a compassionate response to a cry for help. I have seen the HIAS program give hope to Iranian refugees, like bread from heaven, to a persecuted people struggling to find a new homeland. I have seen the stooped forms of many different nationalities harvesting vegetables and herbs from a community garden. Finally, I have seen the struggles of my host families to raise their children, by word and example, in the spirit of humble service. This is, I believe, the same spirit with which Mary accepted the charge of a Divine Son; it is the spirit of Notre Dame.

As we begin a new school year, let us begin to see and act as Christ instructs us. Let us stop judging the marginalized and vulnerable among us, and open ourselves to serve one another with hearts rejoicing in agapic love.

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Christopher Damian
Idea of a University

I have gone to the Grotto many times. I have lit candles for my grandparents, for family, for friends, for myself. My freshman year, I visited the Grotto nearly every night before walking the covered path beside Corby Hall and making my way back to my bed on the third floor of Dillon.

I rarely ever noticed the young man I passed every night on that walk. He stands at the corner of the Grotto. He, who is not much older than I, holds a small boy in his arm and smiles down to a little girl at his side.

He was like me once. As a student, he often came here to pray. That was back in the 1940s. Now he stands in eternal vigil as a man made of metal. Now a letter to Fr. Hesburgh, preserved in a plaque before his statue, relates this man’s longings from his deathbed in New York: “Just now … and just so many times.”

I first learned the name of this man after praying at the Grotto with a gay friend. The friend told me that this metalmay have been gay himself. Dr. Tom Dooley, known internationally as a great American hero, spent much of his 34-year life establishing hospitals and clinics in South East Asia. He so influenced the world by his faith-driven work that one religious order, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, sought recognition of his sanctity through canonization. We do not recognize the man today as a canonized saint. Anecdotal speculation accuses the man of engaging in regular gay sexual encounters. I don’t know him in this way. I know him as the man always standing at the Grotto, and I suspect that is how he would wish to be remembered. This is the man who once wrote in his letter: “If I could go to the Grotto now, then I think I could sing inside. I could be full of faith and poetry and loneliness and know more beauty, tenderness and compassion.”

I don’t know if Tom Dooley was gay. It doesn’t particularly matter to me. I don’t suspect it particularly mattered to him in writing these words. In them, he reveals that man’s greatest longing isn’t the desire for sexual union. He asks us: “How do people endure anything on earth if they cannot have God?”

He remembers protesting University policies, writing: “The Grotto is the rock to which my life is anchored. Do the students ever appreciate what they have, while they have it? I know I never did. I spent most of my time being angry at the University at school.”

Tom never made it back to the Grotto before his death. Like our gay friends, whose deep longings will be unable to find worldly fulfillment, he knew that he would not return to his life’s anchor. He wrote that it was difficult to accept that he could not be there: “Like telling a mother in labor, ‘It’s okay, millions have endured the labor pains and survived happy … you will too.’ It’s consoling … but doesn’t lessen the pain.”

Dr. Dooley has something here to teach us. I used to think that reaching out to my gay friends meant a reiteration of Church teaching. While I still hold these teachings close to my heart, I no longer assume that obeying these teachings is easy. There is great consolation in faith, but this consolation does not always lessen the pain of loneliness of unfulfilled longings. It has always been a mark of Christianity that the teachings have been hard to follow. Over the summer, I read a book by a gay friend of a friend, Wesley Hill’s “Washed and Waiting: Reflections on Christian Faithfulness and Homosexuality.” The author addresses struggling with his homosexuality in the Christian community: “I began to learn to wrestle with my homosexuality in community over many late-night cups of coffee and in tear-soaked, face-on-the-floor times of prayer with members of my church.”

For Whyler, struggling gay and committed to traditional Christian teachings on sexuality is no easy feat. He remembers speaking to a friend about feelings of shame and loneliness: “Even after a good day of battling for purity of mind and body, there is still the feeling, when I put my head down on the pillow at night to go to sleep, that something is seriously wrong with me … I feel in those moments that my homosexual orientation makes God disappointed or unhappy or even fairly upset with me.” These are the agonies of men and women who did not choose to be different. Yet, these are the men and women at the Grotto.

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FOR STUDENTS WHO DON’T UNDERSTAND FOOTBALL

Notre Dame’s football obsession presents a dilemma to a certain population of the student body. For there is a certain percentage, albeit small, that might not completely get football, whether because they don’t understand the rules or just don’t enjoy it. Though the rest of the football-crazy student body will gasp in shock at this blasphemous tragedy, this minority should not feel shunned or in any way stripped of their status as a Notre Dame student. Do not feel dishonored. Despite assurances from millions of fans that the rules are simple, there are actually many who are baffled that fans can understand what tiny figures are doing on a field seemingly miles away with an infinitesimal ball. You are not alone.

At the same time, do not feel that you shouldn’t participate in this Notre Dame tradition just because the concept of football is elusive. Notre Dame football provides an unparalleled sense of camaraderie. This is not something to be missed out on just because you don’t understand or enjoy football.

Regardless of your level of football expertise, there are a lot of positive memories to be had in Notre Dame stadium. The atmosphere of the crowd before a game is an experience in itself, and joining in for the plentiful array of chants and cheers is exhilarating and fun. Even if you cannot extract one drop of interest in watching the players on the field, it’s always entertaining to watch the antics of the Marching Band on the sidelines. The impressive half-time show the Marching Band puts on are reason enough to stay until halftime, and the feeling of togetherness felt when swaying along to the alma mater is reason enough to stay until the game is over.

Students who don’t get football, don’t despair; there are many who privately share your feelings. Don’t let this deter you from attending the games and cheering on your team. You can still cheer wildly when Notre Dame scores and let out a cry of disappointment when they lose. Maybe not because you love football, but because you love Notre Dame.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ND needs to reconsider lawsuit

Earlier this year, the University of Notre Dame, along with 42 other Catholic-affiliated institutions, filed 12 lawsuits against the Department of Health and Human Services, challenging the mandate that these institutions provide contraceptive coverage without charge. The mandate against contraception violates their First Amendment rights.

In response, my colleagues and I drafted and circulated a petition calling for the University to drop its legal complaint. We argued it is unclear whether providing contraceptives would violate the institution’s Catholic conscience, given a well-known principle in Catholic moral philosophy known as the Doctrine of Double Effect. Even if it did, the University, by refusing to pay for contraceptives, would be imposing an unreasonable burden on the conscience of Catholic employees that this mandate against contraception would violate the institution’s Catholic conscience, given a well-known principle in Catholic moral philosophy known as the Doctrine of Double Effect. Even if it did, the University, by refusing to pay for contraceptives, would be imposing an unreasonable burden on the conscience of Catholic employees that this mandate against contraception would violate the institution’s Catholic conscience, given a well-known principle in Catholic moral philosophy known as the Doctrine of Double Effect.

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New Fall TV Shows

Scene Staff Report

Beauty and the Beast

One show hitting TV this fall is “Beauty and the Beast,” and I’m sure everyone’s first thought is “...another one?!” just on the heels of 2011’s “Beauty,” this classic fairytale is popping up everywhere, with dark twists galore. In this adaptation, a girl gets saved from two thieves by a mysterious figure in the woods; she later finds out he is the doctor who, when angered, turns into — you guessed it — a beast. “Hey...that sounds like the Hulk.” Yes, yes it does. I wouldn’t expect too much from this cliché of a plot.

Vegas

Dennis Quaid and Michael Chiklis team up on the small screen for CBS’ newest drama. “Vegas.” From veteran gangster drama writer/producer Nicholas Pileggi (“Goodfellas,” “Casino,” “American Gangster”), the western pits Quaid as Las Vegas Sheriff Ralph Lamb against Chiklis as Chicago mobster Vincent Savino. The show is set in the early 1960s, just as Vegas was turning into the bastion of sin the world knows it as today. The trailer for the show looks intriguing and the familiar faces make this an early favorite for not getting cancelled in the first three weeks.

The New Normal

This edgy NBC comedy from television’s latest golden boy, Ryan Murphy of “Glee,” stars Broadway veteran Andrew Rannells (“The Book of Mormon”) and “Hungover” and “National Treasure” supporting actor Justin Bartha as a happy couple in Los Angeles who desperately want to add a child to their relationship. They meet a Midwestern single mother, Goldie, played by Georgia King, who agrees to be their surrogate, and along with Goldie’s eccentric mother (Ellen Barkin) and her 8-year-old daughter, they form a sort of family, what the show describes to be the “new normal” family in America.

Made in Jersey

Fan of the “Legally Blonde” movies? If so, you’ll definitely want to watch this new show. Martina Garretti (Janet Montgomery) is a young girl from New Jersey and she is the first in her family to have gone to college and law school. Now, she is trying to make it as a lawyer in New York City. Along with her new coworkers and clients are expecting from the new lawyer. However, as they get to know her more and more, they find in her a passionate and intelligent young woman and begin to take her seriously as a lawyer. Follow Martina Garretti’s journey in the big city starting Sept. 26th at 9 p.m. on NBC.

The Mindy Project

Coming to FOX this fall is a comedy starring Mindy Kaling (we all know and love her askew from “The Office”). It follows a girl who grew up expecting her life to be a romantic comedy. Unfortunately for Mindy, that’s not very realistic. After crashing an ex-boyfriend’s wedding, she is desperately trying to turn her life around and up her chances of finding Prince Charming by acquiring better habits, losing weight, reading books and going on as many dates as possible. I love this show already getting places thanks to the fantastic and hilarious cast and the immense relatability of the characters to real people everywhere.

Revolution

J.J. Abrams’s latest return to television centers around an “event” that changes the course of earth’s history forever; all electricity, machines, technology, everything that people rely on to do all the things they do every day of their lives, turns off instantly and for no apparent reason. Fifteen years in the future, society has tried to rebuild itself without any of the advanced technology it so desperately needed before. Abrams is a television wizard in many ways, helming some of the most popular shows of the last decade, and this looks to be yet another in the line of successful series from the man behind “Lost” and “Alias.”

Animal Practice

Dr. George Coleman (Justin Kirk) is an incredible veterinarian that runs the best animal hospital in the country. He takes great care of his patients, the animals, but he is not necessarily fond of their owners. However, when his ex-girlfriend Dorothy (JoAnna Garcia) comes back to administer her deceased grandmother’s animal hospital, Dr. Coleman’s practice is forced to change. This new TV comedy attempts to bring humor to the vet world. Nevertheless, I suspect it will not last long in the TV scene. If you want to take a peek at the show’s first episodes tune into NBC on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 8 p.m.

Nashville

Premiering Oct. 10 at 10 p.m. on CBS, “Nashville, similar to” the 2010 film “Country Strong” starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Leighton Meester, is the story of a slowly fading country music superstar, played by Connie Britton from Friday Night Lights, and an raking teen sensation played by Hayden Panettiere. The two team up in the search for fame and stardom. The show seems to be full of interesting drama and catchy songs that will have you hooked on the show. Don’t miss it!
The biggest factor that helps the restaurant’s case was the authenticity of every menu item, starting with the surprisingly good chips and salsa. They both tasted freshly made, were full of flavor, and the salsa had that perfect smooth, light texture that is far too rare. The only downside was that after the first free basket, it was $1.50 more for each subsequent order.

The tacos were made in a similar, traditional fashion, and I opted for the most authentic order by having them topped in “Mexicano” style. This involved the meat being topped with cilantro and onions. While that itself was pretty explanatory from the menu description, I had no idea about the extent of cilantro and onions would be packed on to my taco. There was easily over a fistful in each one, and while I am a fan of cilantro that was quite a bit too much for me.

Meat wise, I ordered two chicken and two pastor (pork) tacos. The chicken was delicious. It was cooked just right and had a mixture of spicy juices dripping from the meat. The pastor, as well as the “barbacoa” (shredded pork), according to the people I went with, tended to be dry and underwhelming. Hungry patrons have the option of corn or flour tortillas, neither of which had any faults, but they were not particularly noteworthy either.

Outside the dollar tacos on Wednesday and Sunday, their menu boasts relatively cheap burritos, enchiladas, fajitas, and everything else one could hope for from a Mexican restaurant, and if you are looking for a meal that is light on your wallet there are far worse options. That being said, personally I do not see myself going back on a packed Wednesday or Sunday for one-dollar tacos while the rest of the week they are $1.50 anyway.
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the tough situation of being one of only three seniors on this year’s team.

“If one of us isn’t working hard, it only leaves only two of us to pick up the slack,” Rae said. “So with the three of us seniors, we all live together and we all get on each other to work hard and set a good example.”

According to Rae, he has a unified team to lead — and that team unity has led to hard work and devotion on the part of the other runners.

“I don’t think the team has ever been this close in my four seasons here,” Rae said. “There are a bunch of us right around the same talent level and we’ve been pushing each other and working really hard together. Finally, for the most part, we’re very healthy. So, we’re very excited about this season.”

For Rae, team-first mentality is not a foreign concept. On the last leg of the race, when the race is at its hardest, Rae’s mind turns to his teammates.

“I’ve always told by my coaches that if I beat two guys at the line, that could mean two places in the team scoring,” Rae said. “When I’m trying to push through at the end, I’m thinking about my teammates and scoring points for us. I’m always thinking about my teammates.”

Rae willingly acknowledges that it was thanks to his teammates that he found success in the distance medley and was able to bring home a national title. So it works both ways.

“Those guys, they helped me a lot,” Rae said. “I ran only one of the four of the legs. I just happened to cross the finish line first.”

Yet this fall, Rae won’t be running just one leg of the race. The whole race will be in Rae’s hands. For this Irish runner, complete ownership is a well-relished aspect.

“I don’t mean to downplay [the national title] at all, but I’d just love to do it all myself, knowing I did all the work myself,” Rae said. “So, yeah, that national championship trophy sits at my desk at home, but I’d also like an individual one sitting right next to it. So, that’s what I’m working for now.”

With an already established and impressive resume, Rae has become one of the more prolific runners at Notre Dame. He is a part of the only relay team to ever win a national title in Notre Dame’s history and can claim ownership to one of only three indoor track and field national titles in school history. He is an all-American with four big east championships under his belt from various seasons. Yet, things continue to shine upward for this Irish athlete, as he looks to set new records and claim new titles this fall.

“Last year, we were 24th at nationals and we had a bunch of guys that were injured and didn’t run,” Rae said. “This year, with all us healthy, we can do really great things.”

Rae’s first run of the season will be Aug. 31 at the Crusader Invitational in Valparaiso, Ind.

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career is at its very earliest stages, Hight has not revealed many weaknesses in goal. After allowing a late goal in her regular-season debut at Wisconsin, the Edmond, Okla., native starred in her return home to the Sooners State, making five saves and earning her first shutout in a 2-0 victory over Tulsa on Friday. She maintained her clean sheet with three saves and a shutout in 75 minutes of action against East Carolina in Sunday’s home opener.

For her performances against Tulsa and East Carolina, Hight received the accolades of Big East Goalkeeper of the Week, becoming the first Notre Dame rookie since 2002 to claim that honor. She said her early season successes have helped her overcome the initial pressure of starting the season in goal.

“There definitely was a lot of pressure going into the college arena, but I’m really just starting to get used to the game and the flow of it,” Hight said. “With two shutouts under my belt now, I feel good going into these two harder games this weekend.”

Hight’s first major test as Irish goalkeeper will commence this weekend, as she will face the vaunted soccer powerhouse of No. 21/25 Santa Clara and No. 14/19 North Carolina in a span of three days. She said a major key to her success in goal this weekend will be her communication with the Irish defense, a young unit she has started to develop a bond with in her short time on the field.

“The defense and I have definitely developed a chemistry, even with having multiple freshmen coming in and playing on the defensive line,” Hight said. “It didn’t start out as chemistry right off the bat, but we’re building each game and getting better each time we go out there. I think we’ll be good coming into this weekend.”

Given Hight’s contributions to the team so far, it’s easy to forget she’s only in her second week as a Notre Dame student, a title that holds much significance to her. Hight earned the Bob Colon scholarship, presented to the top female high school student-athlete in the Oklahoma City area, for her performance in the classroom. She also compiled a lengthy resume off the soccer field, lettering in three other sports, serving in the National Honor Society, performing community service and earning citations for her poetry. She said she has already joined the choir for her dorm masses and plans to participate in various other activities on campus. But, make no mistake about it, Hight’s biggest goal at the moment is to help elevate her young team, dubbed the “Baby Irish” by coach Randy Waldrum, to the championship caliber level maintained by past Irish squads.

“I just want to keep getting better as a player and help my team in the best way I can,” Hight said. “Our goal is to go on to win the national championship, and I would be lying if I said anything other than that.”

If all goes according to her plan, then it seems Irish fans can expect to see Hight walking tall this December, accompanied by an extra spring in her step only provided by victory.

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Irish coach Randy Waldrum celebrates with the team after winning the national championship on Dec. 5, 2010. This season Waldrum and freshman goalkeeper Elyse Hight hope to return to the top spot.
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at having an opportunity to play a game for a living first, and then to actually survive and thrive in the competitive world for so many years,” he said.

“While playing his game against the world’s best golfers, Gump said he had to focus on continuously improving his game.

“Always learning, that was one of my keys,” he said. “I knew I had strengths and I had weaknesses, and I was always striving to figure out a way because I just loved being in the heat of battle so much that I wanted to be a part of it.”

By joining the Irish staff, Gump takes on some of the responsibility for developing a team with plenty of new faces in the mix. Having lost three seniors to graduation last year, the Irish are now in the process of determining their starting lineup.

Regardless of which players represent the starting squad for the Irish, Gump said he has lessons for the entire team.

“You when play with players like Ernie Els and Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson, you see how good of golf swings [they had] and how they did things,” he said. “I knew I couldn’t be those guys but I had to be the best that I could be. That is where it ties in for me being a college golf coach, is having these players realize, ‘be the best you can be.’

“Also, really to show these guys that they are not alone. Just about anything you can think of, other than a Ryder Cup and a Walker Cup, I have experienced. Anywhere from leading a major championship for a little while to winning some tournaments to playing poorly — to missing nine cuts in a row at one point. It’s not all a bed of roses, but if you can learn from it and move on, that is always key.”

Kubinski said he is confident Gump’s experience will pay dividends for the Irish golfers, specifically in learning how to maintain composure, how to practice and prepare for tournaments and how to block out distractions.

“Just from almost every possible angle you can look at, [Gump] is going to bring something to the table,” Kubinski said.

With the season-opening Tar Heel Intercollegiate scheduled for Sept. 15, Gump said he looks forward to helping the Irish athletes succeed.

“I will be there to support them and push them when needed and help them out when needed, things like that, hopefully I can have them climb that ladder of success that much quicker,” he said. “No free lunch — you have to go through the hard work and hard knocks — but if I can speed them along a little bit, that will be fantastic.”

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“Jenny’s always really organized and motivated... She’s one of the hardest-working girls I’ve ever met. There’s no slacking with her. And Chrissie’s so enthusiastic and so eager to lead the team that I really think she’ll do great.”

Julie Sabacinski
Irish junior

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NORMAN, Okla. — Times are changing in the Big 12.

A new commissioner, two new schools and a batch of new starting quarterbacks bring a distinctly different flavor to the conference this season after a period of turmoil when one-third of the original members left.

Big East champion West Virginia and Mountain West champ TCU will at least partially fill the void left by Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri and Texas A&M scattering to other leagues.

Exactly who will take over the superstar rules filled by Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III and fellow first-round NFL draft picks Justin Tuck and Michael Crabtree? Brandon Weeden and Kendall Wright remains to be seen.

It all makes for an unpredictable season. But can it be a great one?

“We don’t want the SEC to win another national championship,” new commissioner Bob Bowlsby proclaimed Monday during a stop on Oklahoma’s campus.

“We think the University of Oklahoma can compete at that level and have a chance, and we think there are several other this year that can do similar.”

Defending conference champion Oklahoma State (Wes Lunt), Baylor (Nick Florence and Kansas (Dane Crist) will all be breaking in new quarterbacks. And although they’re not new to starting college football games, West Virginia’s Geno Smith and TCU’s Casey Pachall will be new to the Big 12 and trying to continue their championship-winning ways.

“When you’re going into a new conference, a new landscape, it’s all about finding a way to win,” said TCU coach Gary Patterson, who’ll wait an extra week to make his Big 12 debut Sept. 8 against Grambling State.

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“There’ll be mistakes, growing pains,” said Gundy, whose players will be crowned the champion in December. The latter part of that deal never seems to be great competition every time you take the playing surface,” he said.

The league has been bumped on at times every two years as long time members have headed toward the door. Bowlsby believes there is stabilizing power in the Big 12.

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NORMAN, Okla. — Times are changing in the Big 12.

A new commissioner, two new schools and a batch of new starting quarterbacks bring a distinctly different flavor to the conference this season after a period of turmoil when one-third of the original members left.

Big East champion West Virginia and Mountain West champ TCU will at least partially fill the void left by Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri and Texas A&M scattering to other leagues.

Exactly who will take over the superstar rules filled by Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III and fellow first-round NFL draft picks Justin Tuck and Michael Crabtree? Brandon Weeden and Kendall Wright remains to be seen.

It all makes for an unpredictable season. But can it be a great one?

“We don’t want the SEC to win another national championship,” new commissioner Bob Bowlsby proclaimed Monday during a stop on Oklahoma’s campus.

“We think the University of Oklahoma can compete at that level and have a chance, and we think there are several other this year that can do similar.”

Defending conference champion Oklahoma State (Wes Lunt), Baylor (Nick Florence and Kansas (Dane Crist) will all be breaking in new quarterback.

Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby answers questions about the changes during a news conference in Morman, Okla. on Monday, August 27.
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- CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Alexa Vega, 24; Aaron Paul, 34; Sarah Chalke, 36; Paul Reubens, 60.
Happy Birthday: Take greater interest in finishing what you start. Don’t overload your plate to prove a point. Keep life simple and your plans well-organized, and you will reach your goals. Take time to update your image or your skills to stay current in what you have to offer others. Your numbers are 4, 10, 14, 23, 28, 33, 49.

- ARIES (March 21-April 19): Expect to be criticized for delays, imperfections or any other way you may fall short. Don’t promote more than you can deliver, and be prepared to do more than expected. Simplicity will be your biggest enemy. Don’t let low food levels feed.

- Taurus (April 20-May 20): Confront your fears. Participate in activities that broaden your outlook or help you to experience to make gains. Travel plans should include both business and pleasure. Getting the most for the least should be your plan.

- Gemini (May 21-June 20): Change your surroundings, or visit someone you don’t see often. You will learn more from people who have chosen a different path. Combining what you learn with what you already know and do will lead to an interesting new beginning.

- Cancer (June 21-July 22): Confront your fears. Participate in activities that broaden your outlook or help you to experience to make gains. Travel plans should include both business and pleasure. Getting the most for the least should be your plan.

- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Speak up and share your thoughts. The information you get in return will be valuable, allowing you to make changes crucial to your success. A unique or diverse approach to an old service or skill you have to offer will pay off.

- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Participate, but don’t overdo or overspend. Stay within your means if you want to get ahead. Networking events will lead to good connections and opportunities. Show interest in what others do, but be sure to add input to the conversation.

- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love will interfere with your ability to get things done properly or on time. Don’t get wrapped up in emotional melodrama when you have the opportunity to gather information that will help you get ahead or others.

- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don’t rely on others. Arguments are likely to occur. Focus on getting what you need done behind you so you can concentrate on building your personal life and financial future.

- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your attributes to work. Make changes at home that will lower your overhead. A moneymaking plan should be implemented into your schedule. Starting a service that benefits others as well as your cash flow should be your goal.

- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do your best to enhance your personal life and love relationship. It’s important that everything runs smoothly so you have the opportunity to concentrate on such work for others.

- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don’t get angry when it’s what you accomplish that counts. Let others see that everything runs smoothly as before you can expect others to do the same.

- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Self-evaluation may be disillusioned. Ask the opinions of others in order to come up with a realistic plan. Love is in the stars, and networking will lead to an interesting connection. Do your due diligence before making a commitment.

- Birthday Baby: You are determined, dedicated and always prepared. You adapt well.
Young squad fills big shoes

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Despite losing All-American teammates Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews, the Irish have lofty aspirations for their young team as the 2012-13 season begins. With six players returning from the 2012 squad who finished the season with a 21-8 record, there is plenty of experienced talent to lead the Irish. “It’s hard when you lose your No. 1 and No. 2 players at the same time,” junior Julie Sabacinski said. “I think the players we have returning worked hard this summer and I think we’ll be able to fill the gap that they left.”

Sabacinski said she has high hopes for the new freshmen on the squad, especially walk-on Darby Dawson. “It’s hard to fill Shannon and Kristy’s shoes, but I think the freshmen we have coming in will do just fine,” Sabacinski said. “It happens to teams all the time and certain people step up and fill those roles.”

Head coach Randy Louderback, now entering his 24th season with the Irish, has seen great success behind the helm. The 2012 season brought his fifth straight Big East championship, as well as a perfect 5-0 record in conference play. His players do not take this constant success lightly and are eager to continue the reign of the Irish. “Heading the race for success are new co-captains, senior Chrissie McGaffigan and junior Jennifer Kelchner. Sabacinski said that she sees great leadership qualities in the experienced duo.”

Senior co-captain Chrissie McGaffigan returns a serve in a home match against Georgia Tech on Feb. 26. The Irish won 4-3. By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

Standing guard over the goal with her six-foot frame, Irish freshman goalkeeper Elyse Hight, the tallest player on the Irish roster, fittingly lives up to her last name. While some might bristle at the notion of possessing height in a game dominated by speed and agility, Notre Dame’s newest netkeeper readily cites her stature as one of her greatest tools. “I think one unique thing I have is versatility with my height,” Hight said. “I think a lot of other keepers aren’t able to dive as well as I can.”

Just as telling about Hight’s skills in goal, however, is the other quality she said has helped set her apart from other goalies. “On the field, I believe nothing can get past me, which is a huge advantage as a keeper,” Hight said. “I think if you have the attitude that nothing can get past you, then most of the time it won’t.”

Hight’s combination of unique physical skills and unabashed confidence helped her emerge as the starter from a talented group of five Irish goalies, including the incumbent duo of senior Maddie Fox and sophomore Sarah Voigt, after a tough competition over the summer. Despite the battles over the starting job, the goalies have inspired each other to work harder, Hight said. “The keepers’ really push each other, and I think that’s the one place where having five keepers really helps,” Hight said. “When we know we have a weakness, we’ll really help each other push through it and figure out how to conquer that weakness, which has really helped us grow individually.”

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Men’s Golf

Gump returns to green as assistant

By JOSEPH MONARDO
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The Irish recently lost one of their top golfers to a professional career, as Max Scodro graduated in May. But this season they bring in a professional golf veteran in Scott Gump. Gump won’t be able to suit up and take to the links for the Irish, but he will do just about everything else as the new assistant coach. Gump replaces former Irish golfer and assistant coach Steve Colnits, who resigned this summer after seven years at the post. A former All-American at Brevard Community College before transferring to Miami, Gump brings with him 18 years of experience from the PGA and Web.com Tours. After earning his PGA Tour card in 1991, Gump accumulated $2.7 million in career winnings, made more than 150 cuts in 329 starts and competed at the Masters twice during his 10 major championship appearances. “Anytime you can bring in someone with that depth, not only experience but the depth of experience at the highest level of golf [it is a good thing],” Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

“Too spend so many years out there and see what it’s like week in, week out, competing against the best players, I think that brings something to our program that, quite honestly, I don’t know that any other college program really has at this point.” Gump comes to Notre Dame following a three-year stint as a coach and instructor at the Gary Gilchrist Golf Academy in Howie-in-the-Hills, Fla. Now several years removed from his professional career, Gump has fond memories of his playing days.

“Me for. I guess it was joy

Men’s Cross Country

Senior Rae excited to lead

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

For many athletes, winning a national title would satisfy that underlying drive to achieve greatness. For senior All-American Jeremy Rae, a title only further fueled the fire. Last winter, Rae was one of the four members on Notre Dame’s 4,000-meter distance medley team. Running with current seniors Randall Babh, Johnathan Hawel and sophomore Chris Giesting, Rae claimed a national title for the Irish.

“When I crossed the line at the national championship, I was super, super excited,” Rae said. “But, like 10 minutes after that, I started thinking about how much greater it will feel if I ever cross the finish line first in an individual race, just knowing I did it completely myself.”

This is a task Rae will look to achieve this fall. Rae, a political science major, didn’t stray far from campus this summer. While juggling summer classes and a job at the Notre Dame cross country camp, Rae put in a great deal of extra work.

“Most summers I hardly run at all,” Rae said. “This summer I did a lot of training; I was putting in 80 mile weeks.” Much of his motivation and drive comes from the new responsibilities that fall on his shoulders as one of three seniors on the team.

“I do have a lot more responsibility this year being a senior and I think that was also part of the reason I had to train a lot harder this summer,” Rae said. “I don’t shy away from trying to be a leader or anything like that. I just use the added pressure as motivation to train that much harder to ensure I can lead by example for the young guys.”

Most seniors on a collegiate team can turn to their classmates for help in providing mentorship for underclassmen. Yet, Rae is presented with