Speaking up
Jenkins adds University voice to debate on religious freedom, election

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By MEGAN DOYLE
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Editor’s Note: This story is the second installment in a two-part series on Jenkins’ voice in these ongoing conversations in the Notre Dame community. This series is also the first of three similar “From the Office of the President” series on the Notre Dame presidency to appear in coming weeks.

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Convention draws national spotlight

American eyes are trained on Tampa, Fla., today as the Republican National Convention comes to a close. The convention, traditionally held several months before presidential elections, marks the official nomination of presidential candidate Mitt Romney and vice presidential candidate Rep. Paul Ryan for the party’s ticket this fall.

By JOHN CAMERON
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Dublin, South Bend buzz with pregame spirit

Fans decked out in blue and gold flood Irish streets

By SAM STRYKER
Assistant Managing Editor

Dublin — While Fighting Irish fans may be looking forward to the kickoff of the Notre Dame’s football season Saturday in the Irish capital, the Emerald Isle Classic is more than just a game — it is a display of the University on an international stage.

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

Stateside football fans may not have traveled across the pond to see the football team take on the Midshipmen this weekend, but they still plan to celebrate the Emerald Isle Classic with Irish gusto.

While many students may elect to hold conventional game watches in their dorm rooms, common areas, apartments or houses, some will begin celebrating the night before the 9...
Question of the Day:

How many kids will you have?

Lizzy VanKula
Junior
Off campus
“Six.”

Caroline Thomas
Junior
Howard Hall
“Three.”

Ben Rosengren
Freshman
Fisher Hall
“Three.”

Allison Smith
Junior
Lyons Hall
“Good question ... two or three.”

Brendan Bacht
Junior
Dillon Hall
“Uh ... two.”

Eduardo Oronia
Sophomore
Stanford Hall
“Three ... boy-girl twins and then a girl.”

CORRECTIONS

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A number of Notre Dame students spent their summers not sitting by the pool but serving around the country in the Summer Service Learning Program (SSLP) through the Center for Social Concerns (CSC).

The SSLP program assigns students to multiple agencies across the United States, reaching out in many ways to people in need, according to the CSC website.

Sophomore Will Raaf said he worked with the homeless during his SSLP experience at the Hesed House in Aurora, Ill.

“During the day, [the other volunteers and I] moved the entire homeless shelter across the street to accommodate shelter renovations that were in progress,” Raaf said. “At night, we spoke with them, served them food and prepared them for bed.”

As he volunteered close to his hometown, Raaf said the SSLP experience was transformative for him.

“I grew restless as a result of my SSLP experience,” he said. “After experiencing poverty in an area only 20 minutes from my home, my eyes were opened to the immediacy of poverty.

Part of Raaf’s work was to assist with programs for resident development at the Hesed House, a resource center and shelter dedicated to ending homelessness, sponsored programs for resident development.

I participated in a morning running club three times a week with the residents of the Hesed House,” Raaf said. “The opportunity to do so was a pleasant surprise that extended the SSLP experience in an impactful way.”

Sophomore Holly O’Hara said she assisted women and children in a variety of ways through-out her two-month stint at the Shalom House in Harrisburg, Pa.

“I worked as a summer intern, so I worked on whatever the daily manager needed done on a specific day,” O’Hara said. “On one occasion, I painted a fence around the house, and on another day I escorted the children who were living in the house to the park to play.”

O’Hara said shared meals allowed her to cultivate relationships with the women she lived at the Shalom House.

“Every night [at the Shalom House], a different woman takes a turn in making dinner for everyone living within the house,” she said. “Dinners were a great opportunity to get to know everyone.

O’Hara said her time with the women and children at the Shalom House shaped her future plans.

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Senior Nicole Delfoche said she is glad she set aside this time to rest before the school year becomes more stressful.

“It feels good to just take it easy and relax in the sunshine with my friends,” Delfoche said. “This was a senior class president, said this event is just one of many the ways she intends to nurture the tight-knit bond she and her classmates have with the student government-sponsored activities.

“We want to encourage particularly parents, as well as teachers and friends,” Cuevas said. “So many of my bubble.”

Senior Bridgett Fey said she has mixed feelings about the beginning of the school year.

“I love being a senior, but I don’t want to leave SMC,” Fey said.

The same sentiment, Fey said she is enjoying the “good food, good people, good times.”

Senior Sarah Huser said she also does not want to rush her senior year.

“I speak for everybody when I say that every moment we have at Saint Mary’s is so right now is a bit- tersweet because we know it’s the last,” Huser said. “So we’re trying to take advantage of every moment we have.”

Events like the Senior Picnic and activities night and the amazing things that make Saint Mary’s, Saint Mary’s are so right now is a special now because we know that they are not going to happen again.”

Senior Calla Poythress said the senior picnic marks the beginning of the end of seniors’ careers at Saint Mary’s.

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Sophomore Matt Caponigro demonstrates proper handwashing methods to mothers and children during his SSLP in El Salvador.

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Students devote summer to service

College hosts senior picnic
celebration of Notre Dame for a new set of viewers. “Overall, it’s a great opportu-
nity to showcase the entire Univer-
sity to a new audience,” he said. “[If you] see the list of events we released … you can see there’s much more involved than just a football game.”

Indeed, with a pep rally at the O’Z Arena, tailgate in the Temple Bar District, Mass at Dublin Castle and numerous other affiliated events, Dublin is seemingly an extension of the University, if only for this weekend.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said in a statement to The Observer the football team has always been an important part of celebrating Notre Dame’s mission.

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This custom of travel and exposure is an inherent characteristic of the football team, Brown stated.

“Taking our team across the country, and now even around the world, is a long tradition at Notre Dame,” he stated. “In fact, before we were the Fighting Irish, one of our nicknames was the Ramblers, because we traveled anywhere and everywhere. That’s one reason why Notre Dame became so well known.”

Playing Navy is also a program tradition. Saturday’s game marks the 86th installment of the Notre Dame-Navy series, the longest continuous intersectional rivalry in college football. While squaring off in Ireland won’t be new to the teams — the two programs played a game in Dublin in 1996 — this game further displays the respect between the Midshipmen and the Fighting Irish.

Navy agreed to play one of its “home” games in a ten-game series with the Irish in Dublin, Heisler said. This also allowed the Naval Academy the opportunity to spread its message in Ireland like Notre Dame is, Navy associate athletic director Scott Strasemeier said.

“It was a request from Notre Dame and one we honored due to our longtime relationship,” he said. “It also made sense as the Navy brand is international in scope and gives us a chance to tell our story on an international stage.”

The event was no small feat for Navy to organize — it took three to four years to plan, and 1,000 midshipmen made the trip across the Atlantic for Saturday’s game.

Heisler said the football program at Notre Dame has also been preparing for the logis-
tics of Saturday’s event for several years. One of the biggest concerns for the team, he said, is “the seven-hour flight and five-hour time difference and the potential for those to affect our players this weekend and potentially in the weeks to come.”

This marks the third international game for the Irish — there was a 1979 game against the University of Miami in Japan and the previous game in Ireland. According to Heisler, fans may be traveling back to Asia soon to cheer on the Irish, as there have been discussions to play the Stanford in Beijing.

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are respectful and reasoned. … If I care about anything, if I have a voice for anything, it’s to find a way to give the past disproportionate, dis- honest, act-on-the-concern-dose ([direction] toward constructive debate that is absolutely essential in a democracy,” Jenkins said.

As the nation debates election issues and healthcare require- ments, Jenkins has spoken up on behalf of Notre Dame.

“We have a distinctive and a unique role in American life, and not only Catholic life but American life,” Jenkins said.

After a summer of planning, Jenkins announced the topic for this year’s Forum — “A More Perfect Union,” a discussion of American democracy and the po- litical system.

The Forum discussions can be a tool to avoid cynicism during an election season, Jenkins said.

He encouraged students to avoid “temptations to check out” and in- stead add their voices to reasoned debate.

“I think Notre Dame students tend to be a thoughtful group and people of conviction, maybe not firebrands on an issue, but they can provide a thoughtful voice,” Jenkins said.

The first Forum event of the year will be held Tuesday. Prominent leaders in the Christian and Jewish faiths will discuss the role of faith in political life in a panel discussion titled, “Conviction and Compromise: Being a Person of Faith in a Liberal Democracy.”

Jenkins, a member of the Commission on Presidential Debate, said he hopes to see “rea- soned and respectful” debate develop both at Notre Dame and nationwide.

“It’s been a wonderful experi- ence because it’s a committee composed of members, people from different political views,” he
said. “It’s been tremendously in- spiring to see them deliberate and to try to put on a reasoned debate, a fruitful debate, in this country.

“Students, get involved. Get in- volved in a way that makes our political dialogue in this country more constructive, reasoned, [one] that better serves the common good of the nation.”

This summer, Jenkins also added Notre Dame’s voice to the ongoing conversation about the Affordable Care Act when the University filed a lawsuit against the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The law- suit, filed in May, challenged the constitutionality of the mandate that requires religious organiza- tions to provide contraceptives as part of their minimum health in- surance policies.

“The fundamental issue for us is not the provision of contracep- tives coverage,” Jenkins said. “The fundamental issue is the limit of the power of government against religious organizations in this country.”

Jenkins said the University sent a public comment to the HHS in June to describe two or three al- ternatives to the current mandate.

“Because there are alternatives. I don’t think the government has a compelling interest to force reli- gious organizations,” Jenkins said.

“That’s why we’re doing this law- suit, to retain this fundamental commitment to take all reason- able steps to allow all religious or- ganizations, religious institutions, the freedom to practice their reli- gion in ways they see fit.”

The federal government has moved to dismiss the lawsuit, but Jenkins said he feels the University’s case will be success- ful as it moves slowly through the legal system.

“I saw a few headlines after we filed, ‘Catholic bishops, Notre Dame and 62 other institutions file lawsuit,”’ Jenkins said. “That Notre Dame is picked out, and I don’t say this with arrogance, but it just shows I think people look to us for leadership on these issues. If I didn’t see a vacuum, but sub- stial issue, an issue of the limits of government as against religious organizations, I wouldn’t have done this.”

As the administration worked this summer, a new face joined the members of the Building. Matt Storin, former editor of The Boston Globe and former associ- ate vice president for news and information at the University, returned to Notre Dame in July to occupy a new position — chief communications executive.

“I’ve heard this again and again, Notre Dame is a hidden jewel,” Jenkins said. “New faculty are so impressed and surprised by the quality of our education and the quality of our research. That’s good news on one hand, but it’s bad news. It shouldn’t be a surprise. … People just don’t know how good we are, and that’s our failure to tell the story of Notre Dame.”

Jenkins said Storin will be responsible for helping the University’s communications reach a wider audience to attract new faculty to the school and pro- mote Notre Dame research.

“So do we get that message out, how do we engage with the media, how do we tell our story?” Jenkins said. “Matt’s job is to kind of communicate this and give us a compound strategy so we can be effective.”

Storin will also help guide the University’s communications during controversial moments for Notre Dame in the media, Jenkins said.

“I’m not trying to make us con- troversial,” Jenkins said. “But we do want to communicate ef- fectively in the midst of contro- versies what we are doing and why we’re doing it, so that is a very im- portant part of Matt Storin’s job and our job here at Notre Dame.”

In the year ahead, Jenkins’ of- fice will continue to grow. In 2013, the president will propo- sea new strategic plan for all col- leges and departments at the University. The plan is rewritten every 10 years.

Jenkins said the University is stronger “in just about every mea- sure” than when the last strategic plan took effect 10 years ago.

“If I see Notre Dame is poised at this time in its history to make some major advances in im- portant areas. … We can’t be compla- cent, but we’re in a solid position.”

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Ryan speeches definitely reorient- ed the focus back to the economy,” Metzinger said. “I also thought former secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, an ND alumna, delivered a powerful speech. It’s clear that Mitt Romney will be a more- than-capable commander in chief in terms of national security and foreign affairs, but I didn’t find the tone controversial.”

Suqaar said Ryan’s speech was somewhat of a whoopie cushion, but he claimed his statements were not all factual.

“I think Ryan’s speech served as a successful introduction speech. We all have a better idea of who Paul Ryan is,” she said.

Ryan wasn’t the only conven- tion speaker who made an impact. Party members such as Christie, Sen. Marco Rubio of Fla., Gov. Nikki Haley of S.C. and Mayor Mia Love of Saratoga Springs, Utah, all ap- pealed to a broader constituency,
Somebody hire me
Kevin Noonan
Scene Editor

Somebody hire me. No joke. Open request.
Hit me up.

This career fair thing next week has me a little worked up. I don’t get worked up very often about pretty much anything. But right now, color me worked up.

I look around at my friends in finance or accounting or engineering. They’ve got ideas. They’ve got resumes full of career-specific experience and talents. They’ve got drive and motivation to talk to this guy from this company or firm about this internship program. And if that guy doesn’t seem fired up about it, they’ve got 30 more places to go.

I talk to my Arts and Letters friends, and even though it’s a much more wordy conversation full of lofty language and big words, they seem pretty right all with grade school, law school or, with the ambitious ones, a real job.

Well, I’ve got a suit. I’ve got a resume that screams, “This kid has no clue what he’s doing with his life.” My resume includes how many box tops I collected in my dorm last year. When I don’t get hired, at least the guy crushing my application into little balls can point to my basketball hoop-themed trash can in the corner of his slightly above average office. I’m a better person than he is.

What I don’t have is any clue under the heavens of almighty God what I should be shaping my future towards.

Yeah, I’m a marketing major. But do I want to do marketing? I don’t know. Maybe I want to be an astronaut or a cowboy or a fireman.

I work for the Observer, and I’ll probably get a journalism minor here. It would be cool to work for a newspaper, I guess. You know what else would be cool? Operating a telegraph. Being a chimney sweep. Working as a deckhand on the Titanic. Do you get what I’m saying here?

Everybody says I’m fine. It’s a process. Nobody knew when they were your age. You’ll figure it out. With a degree from Notre Dame, you can probably do anything you want. Don’t worry about it. I’ll be fine.

Well that sounds all good and well, but gee whiz guys, there’s a career fair next week. Who am I going to talk to? What tables am I going to stop at? Can these people see just by looking at me that I’m not qualified to do anything except ramble on in newspaper columns that nobody reads? And I’m not even qualified to do that, I just do it and nobody here has the heart to tell me to stop. I’m worked up, guys. Real worked up. And I know I’m not the only one. Holla if you feel like you’ve been down the same road.

All I know is that I would feel a lot better about all of this if somebody would just hire me.

So seriously. Somebody hire me.

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A message from ‘Gangnam Style’

Austin Lagomarsino
The Toolbox

It is probably a reasonable assumption that each of you reading this has seen the newest South Korean pop hit “Gangnam Style” by Psy. If you have not, immediately put your tray away, leave the dining hall, head back to your dorm and look it up on YouTube. For those still reading without proper context, the song was released in America in late July. Since then, it has racked up an astounding 75 million hits on YouTube. With a catchy beat and fantastic accompanying dance moves, the song is being hailed as the first South Korean hit to make it in America.

For those unfamiliar with the song (and accompanying video), it follows Psy around Seoul as he searches for a girlfriend who has class but isn’t afraid to let her hair down when the time is right. The style he is looking for reflects the lifestyle of people in the Gangnam Province of Seoul, the ritzy, upscale section of the capital, hence the title. For reference, seven percent of all the wealth in South Korea is located in this 15-square-mile area. Throughout the video, Psy dances around a number of locations in Seoul, becoming involved in several dance battles before finding the kind of girl he is looking for. But within the video, masked by high energy dancing and comic relief, lies a deeper commentary no one would expect out of such a silly song and dance number.

The Atlantic was the first publication to note the socio-economic commentary played out in the music video in its article “Gangnam Style, Dissected: The Subversive Message Within South Korea’s Music Video Sensation.” Throughout the video, Psy constantly sings about the actions of the men and women from the Gangnam province: how they drink expensive coffee, live lavish lifestyles and go to the most classiest of places. However, in his video, he is in the sauna not with businessmen, but with gangsters. His party bus is actually full of old tourists and disco balls. He even meets the girl of his dreams, not in a dance club or ballroom, but on the subway. When he is shown on the beach with girls, it turns out that he is simply at a children’s playground in a beach chair. This mockery of the Gangnam lifestyle serves to show that it is overrated; while many South Koreans dream of living a life of excess, Psy points out wealth isn’t all that will make you happy. After all, he does get the girl in the end. This is contrasted with American music videos, where the singer is often at parties and in expensive clothes, surrounded by beautiful women as cash falls down from the ceiling.

The culture surrounding music itself was also parodied. The Atlantic noted Psy also makes subtle jokes about the music industry. One scene involves him parading down a hallway with two models as trash blows in their faces, clearly a parody of the classic red carpet and confetti scene of the rich and famous. These events always occur while Psy is dressed on the nines, wearing a fashionable outfit, a suit or even a tuxedo.

While K-Pop (Korean Pop Music) is apparently not big on social commentary, Psy likely drew from his exposure to American culture during his schooling in the United States. For years, music has been used to express what the artist cannot put into words and has long provided powerful messages delivered in social, political and economic commentary. In recent times, however, artists that produce songs wrought with commentary never take themselves too seriously. Psy certainly doesn’t. Look at Macklemore, for example. Macklemore writes songs with powerful messages like the growing effect of consumerism (“Wings”), drug use (“Otherside”), crime (“Soldiers”) and even politics (“The Bush Song”), and then comes out with songs like “And We Danced” and “Thrift Shop.” These songs are wildly entertaining and also expose a different audience to his deeper songs. These artists continue to create moving messages and call attention to many issues not seen in the mainstream news by the general public.

Perhaps this is exactly what the public needs, powerful messages delivered in such a way that they stick. While a poster or article will influence you for as long as you read it, a song you play a dozen times a week will be more likely to stay with you. And, as long as Psy keeps dancing his way to a better tomorrow, he’s going to have quite a few supporters along the way.

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Race should not be ignored in politics

The Oracle Editorial Board
The Oracle

U.S. politics are raceophobic. As talk show host Chris Matthews chastised former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney for his racially undertoned birther jokes and Ariz. Gov. Jan Brewer said President Barack Obama’s grandfather immigrated to the United States, bear the sole responsibility for drawing attention to issues of racial inequity. Rather, while the race of political candidates may bear little significance to their political standpoints or qualifications, the fear of discussing race in politics needs to quickly dissolve for progress to be made in society. Politicians should be spearheading the dialogue that will bring the U.S. to a society where race can be ignored.

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Dublin — Greetings from Dublin, or as the locals call it, Baile Átha Cliath. Saturday marks the Emerald Isle Classic, the kickoff of the Fighting Irish football season. But before Notre Dame squares off against Navy, you have a city to explore. Take advantage of the fact this game is in a European metropolis. You don’t need the luck of the Irish to plan out your escapades through the capital of Ireland — we’ve done all the research on how to do Dublin right, and mapped out your journey from top to bottom. We know where to grab the perfect pint, capture a great view of the city, chow down on some scrumptious nosh, soak in some medieval history, stroll and shop to your heart’s content, experience the supreme drinking culture of the city and socialize with the friendly people of Ireland. So check out our perfectly planned itinerary to experience Dublin as a true Irishman would.

Christ Church Cathedral and St. Patrick’s Cathedral
You’re a Notre Dame student, so OF COURSE you have to make it to the two most venerable churches in all of Dublin. What the Yankees and the Red Sox are to baseball, these two medieval structures are to Irish churches — bitter rivals. A two-cathedral city is unprecedented, and the dispute between these two structures goes back centuries. St. Patrick’s Cathedral (the largest church in Ireland) is the National Cathedral of Ireland, while Christ Church Cathedral is the cathedral of the Diocese of Dublin. While Christ Church may be beat on size, it has St. Patrick’s on age — the latter “only” was erected in 1191, and the former was completed in 1030 — making it nearly a millennium-old structure. Let’s just call this one a draw, and enjoy the soaring medieval architecture of each.

Queen of Tarts
Dublin is a city known for its drinking, not eating — that’s what happens when you produce Guinness, whiskey and cider for libations and black pudding (don’t ask) for nosh. But if you search for the hidden gems, Dublin delivers. Queen of Tarts is one of these diamonds in the rough. From jolting coffee to scrumptious sandwiches to knock-your-socks-off desserts, the Queen serves up some of the finest goodies in town to line your stomach before you sample the city’s hallmark potent potables. Try one of the sandwiches on fresh-baked bread for lunch, and it should be against the law to skip dessert here. From rustic apple tart to chocolate fudge cake, the Queen will satisfy even the most discerning sweet tooth. Naturally, this is Ireland, so some of the desserts are boozy — we loved the Bailey’s cheesecake.

Trinity College and the Book of Kells
Want to be “so college” in Dublin? Then head to Trinity College, the preeminent institution of higher learning in Dublin. Established in 1592 as a Protestant university, Trinity College boasts Jonathan Swift, Bram Stoker, Oscar Wilde and three presidents of Ireland as its alumni. And while its bookstore certainly cannot match Notre Dame’s, the pristine grounds of the College will surely wow you. For all you medieval history buffs, be sure to check out the Book of Kells, housed at the College. One of the preeminent works of medieval art, this manuscript dates to around 800 A.D. Bonus movie trivia: Trinity College’s Old Library was used as the Jedi Archives in the second “Star Wars” prequel.
Grafton Street and St. Stephen’s Green
Shop ’til you drop on Dublin’s trendiest (and most touristy) stretch of real estate. Of course, you are going to want to bring some souvenirs home, thus a trip to Grafton Street is in order — and the street is named after an illegitimate son of King Charles II of England, so you know it has to be fun. Be sure to check out the buskers, or street performers, who display their talents along the street. At the south end of Grafton is St. Stephen’s Green, one of Dublin’s many public parks. A stroll through the Green is the perfect way to slow things down and savor your trip to the Emerald Isle.

Old Jameson Distillery
It might not be quite as popular as the Guinness Storehouse, but the Old Jameson Distillery is still worth some of your time and taste buds. You’ll get a guided tour through the history and process of distilling the world-famous Irish whiskey. As every good tour does, this one ends in a complimentary drink — and if you’re lucky, a mini-course in comparative whiskey tasting. The distillery also holds a restaurant and a gift shop, so it’s a great place to grab a meal and buy souvenirs for your friends back in the States.

Guinness Storehouse
The Guinness Storehouse at St. James’ Gate is the most popular tourist attraction in Ireland, and for good reason. It’s a massive facility dedicated to the craft of brewing Ireland’s most famous export, and it’s incredibly informative. The Storehouse is quite an impressive structure and an enjoyable visit (with a surprisingly affordable gift shop), but the crown jewel is the Gravity Bar at the top of the facility: a glass-encased bar where you can grab a complimentary pint — but the 360-degree view of Dublin is even better than that. It’s a totally breathtaking experience. Plus, how could you go travel all that way and not visit?

Walk along the River Liffey, with a stop at O’Brien’s Ferryman Inn
The River Liffey runs through the heart of Dublin and is a great walk with some beautiful sights. That starts almost exactly in the center of the city with the Customs House, a majestic domed building right on the north bank of the river. The south bank provides a great vantage point for photography (perhaps even a selfie or two), and a walk east takes you through some stunning architecture, including the harp-inspired Samuel Beckett Bridge and the modern Dublin Convention Center. Rest your feet at the O’Brien’s Ferryman Inn for a great atmosphere and view of the river — and a pint, or two.

Temple Bar
Every visitor to Dublin should make it a point to spend some time in the Temple Bar District. The site of Notre Dame’s massive tailgate party before Saturday’s game, the area is perhaps the best-known district of the Irish capital. It’s completely walkable, and the locals are friendly as always. You’ll find plenty of shops, but nothing will capture your attention like the many welcoming pubs in the area. Every establishment looks like it’s been around forever, and they’ll all be happy to welcome you in, serve you a pint and get you some food.

Aviva Stadium
Two-year-old Aviva Stadium is the center of the whole experience, as it’s the location of the sold-out clash between Notre Dame and Navy. Nearly 52,000 spectators (the vast majority of them Americans) will watch the teams play in a beautiful facility covered in glass panels that make the stadium a gem of modern architecture. Built to replace the old Lansdowne Road rugby stadium, Aviva is smaller than the much-older Croke Park (capacity: 82,000), but is undeniably Dublin’s prime venue. How do you know? Lady Gaga is playing a show there in two weeks.
It's time for Bryce Harper to grow up

Matthew DeFranks
Associate Sports Editor

What did you do before your 20th birthday? Were you on the cover of Sports Illustrated? Were you the top overall pick in the Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft? Were you deemed the next big thing in baseball?

Not good. Whew, I thought I was the only one that hadn’t accomplished those because all I did before my 20th birthday was, well, a whole lot of nothing.

But 19-year-old outfielder Bryce Harper has graced a magazine cover, has selected for that first spot and has been anointed as the next chosen one. For such a young age, Harper has received an unreal amount of criticism not for his play but for his reactions.

In early May, shortly after his MLB debut, Harper dashed his seemingly limitless potential. After Phillips pitcher Cole Hamels plunked Harper squarely in the back, Harper did not lose his cool. Instead, he advanced to third base on a single and then stole home for his first big league stolen base.

Harper could have unravelled into a swirling vortex of immaturity and stupidity that night but responded with his play instead. He let Hamels take the brunt of the criticism that night. He played it smartly instead.

But where has that Harper gone?

That Harper must still be somewhere, Bryce. His batting average. Harper has a respectable 14 home runs in his rookie season, but has hit only .250 while striking out nearly a quarter of the time. Once a lock for the National League Rookie of the Year, Harper has slipped into mediocrity.

Granted, he is still a teenager in his first season and playing on the best team in baseball, but his numbers have been lackluster. His potential has not shined through yet like Angels outfielder Mike Trout’s has, but Harper’s limit is still yet to be found.

Now, he just can’t let his attitude overshadow his clearly apparent talent. In May, Harper threw a bat at a wall in frustration. He broke the bat, cut his head and he needed 10 stitches to cover up the wound. Later in the season, Marlins manager Ozziel Guillen questioned the amount of pine tar on Harper’s bat. In his next at bat, Harper pointed the bat at the outspoken Ken Miami coach in a motion that basically said, “Hey look, I’m right, and you’re wrong.”

Even earlier this month, he slammed his bat on the ground at home plate, breaking it into pieces. And now he can add his first ejection to his now impressive tantrum resume.

On Wednesday night, it was the best of times, and it was the worst of times for Harper. He swatted two home runs out of cavernous Marlins Park (one of them traveling an estimated 425 feet) but was also ejected for the first time in his career.

After that, all that anyone wanted to talk about was his ejection. Forget his two mammoth dingers, let’s talk about his outburst where he spiked his helmet on the ground after getting into a double play. First base umpire C.B. Bucknor, known as a notoriously bad umpire by players, took off the helmet and tossed Harper from the game.

Whether Harper deserved to get thrown out could be debated, but the fact that he allowed the debate to happen is concerning, especially given his testy history. Did Bucknor toss the teen because of his fiery reputation? Would an older, respected veteran been treated the same way? Probably not, but that is only Harper’s fault.

Being young and immature is one thing. Being young, talented, stupid, immature and underperforming is an entirely different thing.

Once angry outbursts become the norm for Harper, his reputation will be tarnished at the very least.

So what has Bryce Harper done before his 20th birthday? That’s a clown question, bro.

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Roddick to retire after Open

Andy Roddick laughs during a press conference held to announce his impending retirement Thursday. He says this U.S. Open will be his last tournament.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — This U.S. Open finally got its first shockers.

After three days of the top players not only winning but winning decisively, the biggest news Thursday came off the court, with Andy Roddick announcing his impending retirement.

On the court, fifth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga was upset by Martin Klizan of Slovakia in the second round. The 32nd-ranked Klizan won 6-4, 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Before Tsonga’s loss, top-five seeds on the men’s and women’s sides had played 14 matches — and won all 14 in straight sets.

Roddick called a news conference Thursday evening to say that he’ll call it a career after his last match at this tournament, which he won in 2003.

“I don’t know that I’m healthy enough or committed enough to go another year,” he said on his 30th birthday, a day before facing Bernard Tomic in the second round. “I’ve always wanted to, in a perfect world, finish at this event.”

Tsonga was the runner-up at the 2008 Australian Open and a semifinalist at Wimbledon this year. He had reached at least the third round in 18 straight Grand Slam trips.

“I don’t know that I’m healthy enough or committed enough to go another year,” he said. “I didn’t play good tennis. It seemed like I couldn’t hit the ball enough hard to put my opponent out of position. I don’t really know why it was like this today, but sometimes it’s happen with me.”

The 23-year-old Klizan had failed to make it past the second round in three previous Grand Slam appearances. He had never defeated an opponent ranked better than No. 49.

“I had no pressure,” Klizan said. “If I lose, then I lose. I lose with [a] good player. But I won and I’m very happy. It means for me that I best finally a guy from top 10.”

This year’s Open has generated plenty of drama in one area: comebacks from two sets down. American Mardy Fish rallied to beat Nikolay Davydenko 4-6, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-1, 6-2, the 10th time in his career a player came back from two sets down.

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Coach says Belles primed to exceed past success

By MATT STEWART
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will begin its season tonight against nearby rival Bethel College. Following their first 10-win season in six years, the Belles have high expectations heading into the 2012 campaign.

Belles coach Mike Joyce stressed the team hopes to raise the bar even higher this year. “We’re hoping to improve upon last year,” Joyce said. “We finished sixth in our conference and would like to move higher. All the teams we’re chasing are very good.” Joyce emphasized the team’s goal of making the MIAA playoffs. To do so, the team must place in the top four in their conference, and with 18 returning players, Joyce’s squad has all the talent to reach their goal.

Seniors midfielder Ashley Morfin, defender Meaghan Daly, and midfield/midfielder captain Maddie Meckes will lead the Belles on the pitch this season as they try to surpass last season’s success. Joyce noted the team’s leadership does not end with the seniors. “All of the returning players show a lot of leadership in various ways,” Joyce said. “They all put a lot of time and effort into the team, have good attitudes and go about things the right way. It is nice that you aren’t relying on one person to guide the other 29, but have a collection of people all on the same page.”

With few practices prior to their first game tonight, the team will need that cohesion as the season begins. The team only had four days of practice before school started, so it was essential to make every practice count.

As season play begins tonight, those practices will be key to the team’s success. Joyce said the practices before school were short but effective. “We haven’t made too many changes with what we do,” Joyce said. “We’re just trying to get as much done as we can in a small window of time.”

The Belles’ journey to the playoffs begins at home tonight against Bethel at 5 p.m. Saint Mary’s will conclude its opening weekend with a Sunday trip to Illinois Tech, with kickoff at 11 a.m.

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Hokum Karem poses unique challenges

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will look to defend its preseason top-10 regional ranking, the first in program history, when it travels to Crawfordsville, Ind., on Saturday to open its season at the Wabash Hokum Karem. The Hokum Karem, which is hosted by Wabash College, poses a unique season-opening challenge for the Belles. The event features a mix of Division II and Division III squads in a relay-style race for teams of two. In the race, each team member completes a one-mile loop before handing off the baton to her teammate, who runs the same loop and returns the baton, a process that continues until the team runs six miles.

Belles head coach Jackie Bauters said the unique format of the Hokum Karem allows her team to return to competition in a fun, low-stress environment. “One of the benefits, I feel, of [the Hokum Karem] is the opportunity for the girls to get a racing experience without much pressure,” Bauters said. “It is a really fun event that the team looks forward to at this point, and it allows them to get back into the racing mentality with quality running.” Bauters has not yet determined her team pairings for Saturday’s meet, but she said she would try to pair team members recording similar times for the distance.

After recording a third-place finish in the Hokum Karem last year, Saint Mary’s will come into this year’s meet as one of the favorites. The Belles are ranked 10th in the Great Lakes region in the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association’s preseason poll. Bauters said the unprecedented ranking has energized the team and heightened its expectations as it looks to compete in the MIAA.

“We have a wonderful, talented group of women on the team this year, and I think [the ranking] has just heightened our awareness of what is possible to achieve this season as a group,” Bauters said. “I would definitely love to see that ranking hold as long as possible.”

In order to defend their ranking, the Belles will rely on a core group of six seniors, led by 2010 All-MIAA honoree Julia Kenney, and seek contributions from a variety of different names scoring points for the Belles.

Saint Mary’s will open its season at the Wabash Hokum Karem in Crawfordsville, Ind., on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

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Piane expresses confidence in Irish experience

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

The Irish may not be sending their entire squad to the Crusaders’ home turf in Valparaiso today, but the team expects the meet to set a positive tone for the season. Even though the start of every season is filled with unknowns, men’s coach Joe Piane said he is confident his team can begin the year on the right foot. The team will open its season at the Crusader Invitation for the 10th consecutive season.

“I honestly, the freshmen are probably not ready. They have only been here for a couple of weeks, and I do not expect them to be 100 percent comfortable until midseason. Senior leadership plays a big part in making them more comfortable.”

Joe Piane
Irish coach

Freshmen Belles shine in advance of first match

By BRENDAN BELL
Sports Writer

After a successful spring season, Saint Mary’s will look to carry its momentum into the new school year and a new fall golf season. Belles coach Mark Hamilton said he is optimistic about the team’s future, thanks in part to a strong set of new golfers for the Belles.

“Four first-year players in our top five, you would think it would be hard to forecast the outcome because of the adjustments we have made in the first couple of weeks,” Hamilton said.

“However, in our preseason scrimmage last week versus Bethel and Holy Cross, the entire team performed very well, and I look for that to carry into this week and beyond.”

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Belles coach

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said. “She is a special talent, and we expect great scores from her.”

Another new Belles golfer is transfer student and junior Justine Bresnahan.

“Justine has played well and is a great addition to our team,” Hamilton said. “Amanda Graham and Sammie Averill, freshmen, are also in this weekend’s tournament, but his team is prepared. “I have a feeling the rain suits will get a workout with Anderson being in the path of the remnants of the hurricane,” Hamilton said. Regardless of the weather, the Belles will start the season in Anderson on Saturday, with play concluding on Sunday.

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By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Exhibition fosters true Irish competition

For one sport this weekend, the term Irish will not apply strictly to the Notre Dame side. Joining the football team and fans from across the country, the men’s tennis team also will travel to Ireland in preparation for their own season opener.

In today’s exhibition match, Notre Dame will face the men of the Ireland Davis Cup Team, a unique matchup for a college lineup.

“This is essentially a collection of their country’s best players,” senior Blas Moros said. “Even though it is only considered an exhibition match, we will have a chance to go up against world-class tennis players that we otherwise might never have had a chance to play against.”

Among these elite athletes are Dublin native Barry King, who graduated from Notre Dame in 2007 after winning 90 singles matches throughout his career, and Wicklow native Niall Fitzgerald, Notre Dame’s team captain last year. Their teammates include Conor Niland, who played world No. 2 Novak Djokovic at the U.S. Open last year, and ATP players James McGee and Sam Barry. This squad will certainly challenge the college-aged men of Notre Dame, who graduated their No. 1 singles player Casey Watt. However, the players said facing a more experienced team is not putting a damper on the mindset of the Irish.

“We have all been looking forward to this trip since we heard it might be a possibility last year,” Moros said. “We could not be more excited about this unique opportunity.”

In addition to the time change adjustment, Notre Dame will also find a change of scenery across the Atlantic. The Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club, often called the Wimbledon of Ireland, uses an artificial lawn surface not present in college tennis. While this alternative ground will definitely impact the ball movement and the pace of the game, the Irish are ready to take this change with a positive attitude too.

“With the match being played on a different surface, people might assume that it doesn’t matter much how we do, yet I know this is a great way to kick off our fall season,” junior Billy Pecor said. “We can learn a lot from this trip.”

Last year, the Irish went 21-9, finishing third in the BIG East and advancing to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. This weekend marks the first match for the new team competing together, which includes five freshmen.

Junior Greg Andrews will pave the way in the No. 1 singles spot, moving up from No. 2 last year.

“This can potentially be a tremendous confidence booster for all of the guys and a great opportunity for the returning players to further strengthen ties with the freshmen,” Pecor said.

Notre Dame will compete today at 2 p.m. in Dublin. Competition will begin with singles and continue with doubles.

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**Belles face off in weekend games**

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s young team will kick off its 2012 season in Chicago this weekend, when they travel to the North Park Tournament.

The Belles will play four games over the weekend. The tournament will begin with matches against IU-Northwest and Howard Payne on Friday night, then finish against North Park and Kenyon on Saturday.

“I know that we will be facing some solid competitive programs this weekend,” Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. “However, a lot of them have graduated some great players, so we will have to scout out some of the competition when we arrive on Friday.”

With a squad featuring a core group of returning players as well as a strong group of incoming freshmen, Kuschel said she hopes her team will use the weekend to prepare for the upcoming conference season.

“I will be looking for our team to play to the best of our ability,” Kuschel said. “We start conference play next Tuesday, and it will be so important to find our starting line up, as well as start the year off well.”

Though the tournament will not count towards the Belles’ conference standings, Kuschel said she still wants her team to take the games seriously.

“It is important that we go into the tournament focused and ready to improve each time we step out onto the court together,” Kuschel said. “We want to play well and figure out what we need to improve on.”

With 14 of their players either freshmen or sophomores, the Belles will look to use the weekend to gain experience.

“We are such a young team so all of our matches this season will be great opportunities to improve as a team,” Kuschel said. “We need to be focused on what we need to do to improve ourselves.”

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is really nice because that’s
where the matches are actual-
ly played,” Eppink said. “We’ve
been getting used to the floor
and our surroundings.”

Notre Dame will return to
their home floor against
Alabama-Birmingham at 7
p.m. Friday. The team will
continue play against Buffalo
at 7 p.m. on Saturday and
will conclude the Invitational on
Sunday against Eastern
Kentucky at 2 p.m.

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North Carolina, mean-
while, is a historical pow-
nerhouse, having won
20 of the last 32 NCAA
Championships. The Irish
have won three in the past
17 years, including a win
over Carolina in 1995.

With so much rivalry and
history between the Irish
and Tar Heels — in addition
to high stakes and packed
stadiums — Waldrum said
matchups between the two
teams are always too close
to call.

“I don’t expect them
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learn plenty about them-

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can cover a lot of ground if you are open about what you want and where you want to go. An opportunity through a past collision will allow you to realize your goals differently. A partnership will help you diversely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Dignity will play a role in your success. Give and take will get you the help you need, as well as satisfaction for being able to give back. Impediments are in the enemy. Think and respond with diplomacy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Concentration on completing a job will offer you an opportunity to work through your plans. A problem will be easier to solve if you analyze it as a group. Relationships will develop with like-minded people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You’ll have to avoid over-reaction as too much empathy or ease toward someone. A mistake will be difficult to deal with, but if you handle matters efficiently, it can help you grow. A partnership will have its ups and downs. Be even-keeled before you make a decision.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Mix it fun and fine with you and most interesting people who can offer you great insight into solvers and puzzles that will alter your way of thinking or the way you do things. Self-improvement projects will bring you added confidence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You’ll learn from the people you associate with but you won’t please those close to you. Don’t pick on your pals and place into others. Keep what you do as good as you are. You want to turn a new leaf.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Let your emotions take the reins. Speak from the heart and share what you want to do with friends, relatives or neighbors. Sharing ideas and plans will help you bring about much needed change in your community. Love is on the rise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your heart into getting ahead. If you are passionate about what you do, you will get what you have to offer in such a way that it will be difficult for others to ignore you. Take advantage of a window of opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Think about your next move. You can turn your way into anything. Job opportunities will open up if you are not just resting, go for it. Don’t let a personal change keep you from doing what’s best for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your plans to yourself. Emotional issues will exist and be one too open. Male adjustments of home and you will find ways to make your own, or even extra cash. An old asset will come in handy now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be forced to bathe friends in love and, in the same time you will help you connect with someone who shares your interests. Age will be a factor in the next 18 months that could be either way. Avoid over-valuation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Stick to what you know. You will come up against opposition, which may require your expression or anyone. Learn from what’s being said, but don’t believe everything you hear. Don’t follow the crowd. Make up your own mind.

Birthday Baby: You are an outgoing fun seeker who adapts easily to change.

WORK AREA

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BEAT

GAIME

GENNIB

CYPAR

Print your answer here: __________

Yesterday’s Jumbles: HYPER PARCH WANTED TAMPER
Answer: After he picked a perfect game, he threw a party.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNURE

BITE AREA

Answer tomorrow.

Attire his cheming companion started to cry, “I told you so.”

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Irish look for luck at Shamrock Invitational

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After a challenging opening weekend on the road, the Irish are ready for their Purcell Pavilion home opener this weekend as they host the Shamrock Invitational.

Alabama-Birmingham, Buffalo and Eastern Kentucky will all compete during the weekend as part of the annual three-day round-robin tournament.

Notre Dame (1-2) faced two top-5 opponents last weekend in Nebraska and UCLA. Although the Irish dropped both of these decisions, they managed to sweep Saint Louis, their third opponent of the weekend, 3-0. Senior middle blocker Hilary Eppink said last weekend’s experience will hopefully carry over to strong performances this weekend.

“We went 1-2 [last weekend] and played some really tough teams, but I think it was good for us because we learned things and played some outside competition,” Eppink said. “It was a great experience, and we’re going to use that moving forward. We had a good week of practices, and that’s also going to carry into this weekend. Just knowing that we’re a good team, staying together, and communicating, I think we’ll take that moving forward.”

Some Irish performances last weekend stood out enough to earn individual accolades. Sophomore opposite hitter Jeni Houser was named the Big East Weekly Honor Roll for her efforts. She tallied 37 kills on .308 hitting for the weekend. Freshman libero Taylor Morey was named Big East Freshman of the Week when she collected 50 digs over the weekend in her first collegiate matches.

Her 29-dig performance against UCLA put her in 15th place in school history for a single match.

“I think it’s really great for our team to be recognized in the Big East,” Eppink said. “Our goal is to win the Big East Regular Season title as well as the Big East Tournament. (Houser and Moray) are both outstanding players, and being recognized this week gets Notre Dame’s name out there and lets other teams know that we mean business.”

The Irish are looking to take their second straight Shamrock Invitational. Last season saw Notre Dame sweep Eastern Michigan, Idaho and Butler for a combined score of 9-3 on the weekend.

“We’ve been doing routine practices and we’ve been practicing in the arena which see EPPINK. PAGE 14

MEN’S SOCCER

Squad looks to tournament despite injury

By SAM GANS
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The Irish opened their season with a 1-0 win last Saturday over Duke, but it did not come without a price. Senior midfielder Adam Mena left the game in the first half with what is likely a torn ACL. Irish coach Bobby Clark said. The injury occurred just weeks after senior midfielder and captain Michael Rose tore his ACL during the preseason.

While Clark expressed sadness over the injuries, he also noted his squad had dealt with similar circumstances in the recent past.

“There are no excuses here,” Clark said. “It’s been an amazing spell of ACLs — this is our fifth in the last 16 months — which is quite incredible, so we’ve had to deal with it before. So it’s not like this is the first time we’re dealing with this. You hate to say this, but you’ve got to move on, as far as the team is concerned and I think that also everybody knows that they’re playing for these two guys as well, because these two guys … these are two terrific kids I loved to coach, and I’m just so sad for them.”

The No. 15 Irish (1-0-0) began to move on this weekend when the team travels south to Bloomington, Ind., for the adidas/US Credit Union Classic. Notre Dame will play two matches in three days, beginning with a contest at 5 p.m. this evening against San Diego State. The Irish will conclude the tournament with a match against strong opponents, as both teams are familiar opponents for the Irish, as the squad let results slip away against both last year. Notre Dame controlled most of the game but settled for a 1-1 draw at Santa Clara, and the team lost a 2-1 heartbreaker in overtime to North Carolina.

One year removed from those near misses, Waldrum said he believes his team has learned to focus and close out tight games.

“I hope we’ve seen and learned that we have to focus for 90 minutes, because we lost that game against Carolina very late,” he said. “We lost a mark, and a player sprung in free, and we lost what could have been at least a tie against a good team. Santa Clara was the same story. Hopefully we’ve learned that lesson, and that’s why we play these teams, so we can improve in those areas before conference play.”

And while exacting some revenge against their two weekend opponents would be nice, a positive performance over the weekend could provide several more important benefits to this year’s squad.

While two victories would add a couple of impressive bullet points to Notre Dame’s NCAA résumé, Waldrum said he wants to see his 12 freshmen continue to improve — win, lose or draw.

“We’re such a young team, and we want our young players playing in these big games early so that when the playoffs come, they’ve already been in those types of games,” he said.

The Irish will have to play three disciplined hours of soccer to challenge their opponents, as both teams are extremely talented. Santa Clara will present a familiar scheme to the Irish with a gameplan is nearly identical to Notre Dame’s.

“Our systems are similar, we have a lot of the same types of players and we recruit against them quite a bit,” Waldrum said. “They’ve got a couple kids that can cause problems for us, and they’re going to be really solid at every