Candidates debate domestic policy
Professor concludes Romney’s confidence outshone Obama in first debate

By NICOLE MICHELS
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President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney debated domestic policy Wednesday evening in the first of three presidential debates during an evening that seemed to focus more on style than substance at the University of Denver.

In a reversal of the usual pattern, Romney’s poised, polished performance seemed to outshine Obama’s lackluster appearance, political science professor Michael Zuckert said.

“Romney knew exactly how he wanted to put things and he put them pithily, he put them smartly and sharply — he was very smooth,” Zuckert said. “Obama was still looking for words and ways to formulate things … He should have had

NDSP makes two arrests
Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) arrested two area residents for stealing from campus residence halls Tuesday, according to an email NDSP sent to the student body late Thursday night.

NDSP apprehended a 24-year-old male and 26-year-old female for stealing laptop computers and a wallet, the report said. According to the email, hall staff members and a resident in O’Neill Hall reported suspicious activity to NDSP, along with a

Columnist gives Red Smith lecture
By JOANNA LAGEDROST
News Writer

One tweet says it all: “Journalism today all about speed, buzz, page views, instantaneous, not substance, leads to uninformed citizens, ends democracy, and probably civilization.” Kathleen Parker, author of the above tweet, Washington Post syndicated columnist and winner of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary, delivered the 2012 Red Smith lecture on “Journalism in the Age of Twitteracy.”

International students drawn by new programs
By CHRISTIAN MYERS
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While campus bustle during the summer months, a group of international high school and college students found a wealth of ways to keep busy during their summer at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame International introduced three new programs for students from foreign countries during the summer of 2012: International Leadership, Enrichment and Development (ILED), International Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (ISURE) and International Summer: America and the World Today (ISAWT).

Dr. Jonathan Noble, assistant provost for internationalization and the director of the Notre Dame Asia Office in Beijing, said the purpose of the three programs was to improve the image of Notre Dame across the world. “The programs were initiated with the goal of enhancing Notre Dame’s international collaborations and international reputation,” he said.

The programs provided different opportunities to different types of students, Noble said. “ILED aims to introduce outstanding high school students from around the world to academic life at Notre Dame, ISURE provides international engineering undergraduate students with the opportunity to work with research mentors and teams and ISAWT aims to introduce international university students to American life and culture,” he said.

Noble said more than 40
Question of the Day: Where is Waldo?

Brian Brown
Freshman
Knott Hall
“I heard Magic Mike took him.”

Camille Hayes
Junior
Breen Phillips Hall
“Waiting for me.”

Eric Hinterman
Senior
Zahn House
“I am color blind.”

Sarah Staten
Sophomore
Ryan Hall
“Lost in North Dining Hall.”

Breen Phillips Hall and Howard Hall hosted a trivia night in Reckers on Thursday. Gable Brady, Allison Berhndt and Charitha Isanaka asked the questions and kept score. The theme of their trivia was The Hunger Games to prepare for the campus-wide Hunger Games tournament happening later in October.

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Belle prepares for marathon

By BRIDGET FEENEY
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While some students are traveling to Chicago this weekend to watch the Fighting Irish take on the Miami at Soldier Field, Saint Mary’s senior Alyssa Vinluan is going to the city for her own athletic competition. Vinluan will run 26.2 miles Sunday when she races in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

This will be Vinluan’s first marathon, which she has been training for since June 1. Despite months of training, running and planning for Sunday, she has only been running for just over a year.

“I only started running in July of 2011,” she said. “That’s when I ran my first mile. I started to sign up for 5Ks and 10Ks, and then I did the Holy Half.”

Despite making a commitment in only January to run the Chicago Marathon, Vinluan said running a marathon has been a life-long goal.

“I have always wanted to do a marathon, but it was something I never thought I could actually do,” she said.

Vinluan’s inspiration to run a marathon came almost a year ago. Her older brother Gilbert, who has run five Chicago Marathons and participated in an IronMan competition, was visiting for Christmas and Vinluan said she was discussing with him her “new passion for running.”

“He was like, ‘Then you should sign up for the Chicago Marathon,’” and so in January, I registered for the race and committed to it,” she said.

Vinluan said her brother’s experiences with running and the Marathon have been a convenient and needed means of support.

“We’re not running the race together because he’s a much faster runner than I am,” she said. “But I knew I’d have somebody there with me the whole time, and that has been a big help.”

Vinluan has been emailing and texting her brother for advice, and the two update each other on their training runs. In addition to the support of her brother, she said her boyfriend and friends have been constant sources of encouragement for her throughout her months of training.

“[Senior] Dan Haydell, who is on the Saint Mary’s cross country team has done some of my runs with me,” she said. “And my boyfriend, Brier, who did track and field when he went to Notre Dame, also did some runs with me. Also, my family has been really encouraging and helpful.”

In addition to the intense training and constant self-discipline needed to prepare for the Chicago Marathon, Vinluan has also raised money for a charity, Opportunity Enterprises. Based out of her hometown of Valparaiso, Ind., Opportunity Enterprises is an organization that supports people with multiple disabilities. The funds from the marathon will support the organization’s early intervention program, All About Kids.

“I am proud to be running and raising money for such an amazing program,” she said. “The support of my family and friends in helping me reach my fundraising goal is the best part [of my marathon experience].”

Despite the support from her loved ones and her excellent experiences with Opportunity Enterprises, Vinluan said there have been some obstacles to her training and final goal.

“Training in June, July and August is that no problem because it was summer,” she said. “But once school started and I had to manage training with classes, Dance Marathon, my job at the writing center and my other responsibilities, it was difficult. It took a lot to make me go out and run 10 miles on a Wednesday.”

However, Vinluan said she is excited to participate in her first marathon and is eager for the family time that will follow the race.

“My boyfriend flew in from California and will be waiting for me at the finish line,” she said. “After the race, my entire family will be going out to a nice dinner in downtown Chicago. It will be great to celebrate the race and have everyone together.”

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Police fundraiser at doughnut shop

By CHARITHA ISANAKA
News Writer

Police officers from a number of St. Joseph County departments will poke fun at the stereotype of cops hanging around doughnut shops today and tomorrow at the second annual event Caps on Top of the Doughnut Shop.

The two-day fundraiser is sponsored by the Special Victims Unit sector of the Family Justice Center (FJC), a St. Joseph County non-profit that offers services for abused individuals.

“During the two-day time period, police officers from various agencies in St. Joseph County, including Notre Dame [Security] Police, will ‘live’ on the rooftop of Krispy Kreme ... to bring attention to the issues as well as to raise funds to help combat these crimes,” Sareen Lambright Dale, director of the FJC, said. The event will take place at Krispy Kreme Doughnuts at 5615 N Main Street in Mishawaka. Officers from the Special Victims Unit are partnering with Notre Dame Security Police, St. Joseph County Police, the South Bend Police Department, the Mishawaka Police Department and the Lakeville Police Department to staff the roof.

Activities at the event include doughnut-eating contests, cornhole tournaments, Zumba, fingerprinting and pumpkin painting.

“We hope to raise around $1,500,” Dale said. “We also want to raise awareness about our programs and how people can get help if they’ve been abused.”

Proceeds from the event will benefit services for victims of domestic and sexual violence, including child molestation, rape and intimate partner violence, Dale said.

The fundraiser will also donate profits toward the FJC’s victim and family support services, education programs and information and referral services, as well as the Protective Order Project, which grants protection orders to about 1,500 local residents per year.

“We hope to gain support from the community. We are hoping for a big turn out to raise awareness for the cause as well as raise money for the organization,” Saint Mary’s senior Kristina Sorensen, who works at the FJC, said. “FJC is planning on moving to a better location during our Winter break. The money would help great amount in writing child protective orders and the start in their new location.”

The FJC provides services to victims of domestic violence and their families in order to get their lives back on track, according to the center’s website. Their programs include confidential assessments, the distribution of emergency cell phones and a Clothes Closet and Diaper Bank.

Later in Oct., 5-O-S, a partner program of the FJC who holds a 24-hour crisis line, will hold a fundraiser called A Cut for a Cause at Haircrafter’s in South Bend.

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By ANNA BOARINI

Saint Mary’s Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) held an all-ages event Wednesday night to give students an opportunity to hear the stories of Saint Mary’s President Daniel E. Crist, a Dane and Saint Mary’s communities.

Saint Mary’s senior Francesca Bueno said being all means being open to different people and varying viewpoints.

An ally is someone who recognizes the differences of people in the world and is open and accepting of those differences, she said.

“I realized I was an ally when I came to Saint Mary’s, because that was the first time I really experienced the hatred and stress [the LGBTQ community] undergoes just because of who they are,” Bueno said.

Catherine Pritts, a professor of psychology at the College, said her role as an ally started when her sister faced discrimination and ultimately was forced out of her job because of her sexual orientation.

“I got very upset because I was unable to do more and I decided to get involved the next time I heard something was going on at Saint Mary’s,” she said.

Pittman was involved with the movement when Saint Mary’s added sexual orientation to its non-discrimination clause in the mid-1990s.

“We started PINS. People In Support, and got the non-discrimination clause added,” Pittman said.

“And we said why stop there, and decided to get sexual orientation and gender involved in the South Bend human rights ordinance.”

After eight years of fighting, Pittman said she and others involved in South Bend Equality successfully added sexual orientation to the South Bend human rights ordinance.

Saint Mary’s senior Cristina Bueno, the first president of SAGA, grew up in a very open family, but became a more active ally after watching friends get bullied, she said.

“When I went to high school and had more friends come out to me and watching them deal with being bullied, I wanted to stick up for them and other people too,” she said.

SAGA vice president Katie Carlisle said she never realized she was an ally because it just seemed normal.

“I remember a conversation with my dad when gay marriage became big in the political arena,” she said. “I wondered why do these people need to get married and I always wondered, ‘Well, why not?’”

Two Notre Dame students, Progressive Student Alliance co-presidents Alex Coccia and Lauren Morisseau, also participated in the panel.

Both are actively involved in the 4 to 5 movement, a student organization with the goals of getting allies involved, holding events to celebrate the diversity of our campus, getting a gay-straight alliance officially recognized and having the administration add sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause, Coccia said.

After deciding to go to Notre Dame, Coccia said he saw a gay rights protest mentioned in Scholastic Magazine.

“I started to look at Notre Dame policy... that the particular vision I had of Notre Dame and my Notre Dame family contrasted with the realities of students,” he said. “I guess I became an ally as a matter of principle, how [the University] would not protect their students.”

Morisseau said she became an ally when she unknowingly wandered into the founding meeting of her high school’s Straight Gay Alliance. Before coming to Notre Dame, Morisseau said she was shocked to find out Notre Dame did not have a recognized club.

“I didn’t understand how much being an ally was apart of my identity until I got to Notre Dame,” she said. “I didn’t fully adjust until I was in the role of an ally as acknowledging that we all have a duty to each other as human beings.”

Along with discussing why they are allies, the members of the panel talked about how to become an ally or a better ally.

Pittman said it is important for allies to understand the inherent privileges straight people have.

“Parents and the idea of things straight people are interested in, seeing those relationships in books, movies, TV, they are out there,” she said. “It’s a big privilege.”

Allies are important for the LGBTQ community, especially when they come out to their families, Pittman said.

“Allies are so important because people’s families may reject them and it is especially hard to come out if they already know their families’ opinion on homosexuality,” she said.

Carlisle said being a good ally is watching the language you use or the language your friends or family use.

“I don’t think it’s all about making sure the environment you place yourself in is open and safe,” she said.

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Group meets to discuss experiences of allies from Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s communities

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better formulations right at hand that he could have relied on and spoken more forcefully, instead of groping around for ways to express things that he could have had on the tip of his tongue.”

This impressive showing from Romney won him the debate, at least stylistically, Zuckert said.

“In terms of overall impression, Romney carried a lot of the debate, but in terms of issues, I think Obama had the upper hand,” Zuckert said. “I saw the polls afterward and they said that they thought Romney could handle the economic debate, that Romney could handle jobs better.”

The thermometer measuring audience reaction on the bottom of the CNN broadcast of the debate seemed to indicate that the audience was reacting more to style than substance, Zuckert said.

“It isn’t clear to me how much of the content of what they actually said made an impression, but I do think that style counts a lot,” Zuckert said. “That’s an example of why rhetoric is important — people react more to the impressions things leave on them rather than the substance of what is there — and the impression in this performance was that Romney is presidential.”

Film, Television and Theatre professor Eric Sims said this beginning gave Romney a lot of momentum starting the debate.

“I think people vote with their pocketbooks,” Sims said. “People want to ask the question ‘Are you better off now than you were four years ago?’ and I don’t think many people can say yes to that question — the president is taking a hit for that.”

Rarely has an incumbent candidate been reelected to the presidency after presiding over a downturn in the economy.

“Historically speaking it is surprising that a president would be running this well with the economy in this shape,” Sims said. “To be fair it is hard to tell how responsive the public is to the performance of the economy.”

Both candidates have very different visions on how to solve the jobs problem, but Romney’s points were more salient because he was able to put Obama on the offensive, Sims said.

“Barack Obama has a lot of pluses: he’s very likeable, at least four years ago he brought this attitude of hope and change to Washington, but the reality is that the economy stinks,” Sims said. “I think this was playing to Romney’s wheelhouse: domestic and economic policy: That’s where he has experience... in their discussion across as having a very good grasp of economics, in contrast I thought the President looked a little timid at times.”

The degree to which each candidate moved toward the middle was striking, Zuckert said.

“Even though people have said the two candidates are pretty strongly defined, they moved back towards each other,” Zuckert said. “Romney did maybe more than Obama, but both didn’t move as far as they might have wanted to in their litany about small businesses and job creation, and Romney in how he tailored his position from what we have heard before.”

The fundamental difference between the candidates is the role that each envisions for the government within the economy, Sims said.

“They characterize each other as free market capitalist and socialist, but on the broad level it is really that one side wants less government intervention and more power and choice in the hands of the individual, while the other side wants more government involvement — I think at the end of the day that’s the main difference here,” Sims said.

The debate has changed America’s perception of the choice to make in November, Sims said.

“I think the debate came across as in control of the debate, and looked presidential: He helped himself a lot,” Sims said. “I think the Obama camp will have a different strategy next time around — as they move away from domestic policy to foreign policy it will be more of an effort to watch — we have a much closer race today than we did 24 hours ago.”

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students participated in the three programs. Among these students were U.S. citizens who live overseas, as well as citizens of China, Japan, Taiwan, Australia, Canada and Colombia. Each program benefitted students beyond learning the particulars of the curriculum, he said.

“ILED helps high school students better prepare for university academics, and it aims to help them think more deeply about different academic disciplines,” Noble said. “ISURE prepares engineering students for graduate studies and post-graduate research while introducing them to research practice and methodologies in the United States. iSPTW provides international students with a greater understanding of American life, society, and culture.”

Notre Dame also benefits from these programs, he said, since they provide an opportunity for academic departments to show distinguished international students what they have to offer.

“ISURE, for example, aims to enhance graduate student recruitment opportunities,” Noble said.

Noble said high school students who participated in ILED were recruited from a group of top international high schools. Notre Dame selected the college representatives in the ISURE and iSPTW programs from two universities with whom Notre Dame has existing relationships, he said.

iSPTW and iSPTW were created on the basis of growing partnerships with Tsinghua University in Beijing and Keio University in Tokyo, respectively,” Noble said.

All of the more than forty students met specific selection criteria and were selected by faculty and administrators involved in the programs, he said.

Noble said the plan going forward is to expand these newly established programs.

“There are plans to diversify student enrollment so that more students from different countries and from different high schools and universities can participate,” he said.

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Smith Lecture in Journalism on Thursday, titled “Journalism in the Age of Twittercy.” Despite her title, Parker said she did not originally plan on becoming a journalist. Born in Winter Haven, Fla., she said reading was her protection from unpleasant household chores for her. She said she read quite a bit in her youth.

Parker left Florida in her early 20s, ventured north and began writing at the Charleston Evening Post.

“I fell in love with journalism the old-fashioned way,” Parker said with a humorous bent. “We met at a party, we had a few drinks and one thing led to another. It really was love at first sight.”

“We made no money — I was taking home 90 bucks a week — but we were happy because we were doing something important,” she said.

“There is nothing like going home at the end of the day with something in your hand that shows what you did.”

Although she is always proud of her work, Parker said she often becomes frustrated while writing.

“I do procrastinate and I do love hate writing, because it’s so hard,” she said. “Writing is extremely difficult. I have to sift through masses of information to determine what is meaningful, and then find the meaning in that.”

Her early experiences in journalism differ greatly from that of young journalists in the current age, Parker said.

“I am afraid that the spirit that I grew up with seems to be dead. Technology may have liberated us from newsprint,” she said. “I am a generation of journalists who believe in accuracy, but technology has caused us to re-navigate the way we create news.”

Parker, however, says the future of newspapers is not necessarily bleak.

“Technology may enable individuals to accomplish tasks faster and more efficiently,” Parker said, but such efficiency is often overrated.

“Twitter is fast, furious, spontaneous and immediate. But haste is the enemy of accuracy,” she said. “We know a lot of stuff. But are we really smarter?”

Parker said technology changes human behavior, even if it does not change essential human nature. “The consensus seems to be that we’re better off with more people, more non-journalists, more people who are non-media talking,” she said. Parker said she disagreed with the consensus.

All voices are not created equal,” she said. She added that writers today feel more entitled, without paying their “journalistic dues.”

Parker referenced her tweet when she presented the real problem of today’s generation.

“A 2008 study showed that 34 percent of young people age 18-24 get no news from any source on a typical day,” Parker said. “If no one is reading the news, how will we manage a democratic government that relies on an informed citizen?”

Parker’s experience with journalism will soon become simply a generation of journalist history, she said.

“We have to convince them [young people] of the importance of news to self-governance. I think this will be a real challenge in the Age of Twittercy,” Parker said.

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report from a building services employee. The pair was apprehended in nearby parking lots with two computers and a wallet, both taken from unlocked rooms.

The email said some of the stolen goods were also linked to a report from a resident in Zahm

Hall, who contacted NDSP and reported a woman entered his room and picked up his roommate’s computer before immediately leaving the building.

NDSP asks anyone who has information about the incident to contact its Investigations Section at 574-631-8340 or ndsp@nd.edu. It also encourages students to report suspicious activity by dialing 574-631-5555.

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the University, was the former chairman of the Kearns Tribune Corp, publisher of the Salt Lake City Tribune, according to a University press release issued at the Gallivan Program’s founding in July.

Journalism professor Robert Schmuhl said Gallivan dedicated his life to improving the journalistic craft and helping others.

“In everything John W. Gallivan did, he brought moral clarity and civic responsibility,” Schmuhl said. “Even after he retired from the news business, he never stopped his conscientious involvement in his community and his devotion to helping other people.”

JED Professor Jack Collwell said Gallivan stood out amongst his publisher peers for his strong character and altruism.

“Jack Gallivan was one of the old-style publishers, not a newspaper chain bottom-line executive. He cared about his community beyond just selling newspapers,” Collwell said, “He sought to engage civic causes and economic development in Salt Lake City and to keep the subscribers informed with accurate and ethical news gathering.”

Senior Emily Schrank, a JED minor, said the program has afforded her exceptional opportunities to explore her interest in journalism, both in and outside of the classroom.

“The Gallivan Program has opened up a whole host of opportunities that I might not have had in studying journalism at another school,” she said. “My internship with the South Bend Tribune [through the Gallivan Program] gave me invaluable real-world experience and showed me how important this industry is to our country and our world.”

Schrank said the program has attracted top-notch teaching talent and offered some of the most engaging courses she’s taken at Notre Dame.

“The journalism classes that I’ve taken have been some of my favorites during my time at Notre Dame and the professors that taught them are people who know the business inside and out,” she said.

Collwell said the Gallivan Program, established by Gallivan’s children, is a fitting tribute to the revered publisher.

“Generous support from his family led to the creation of the Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy here at Notre Dame,” he said. “It was a way for his family to honor Jack and his commitment to the best in journalism as well.”

Schmuhl said the program will continue to promote the talents Gallivan cared about most.

“His life is a tribute to journalism, ethics and democracy,” he said. “He really sets an example for Notre Dame students in the program that bears his name.”

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Man accused of espionage

Associated Press

HOUSTON — In his suburban Houston neighborhood, at least, Alexander Fishenko kept a low profile, living well but never mingling with others on his block. All the while, U.S. authorities say, the immigrant from Kazakhstan was hatching a plot to funnel cutting-edge military technology to Russia.

For the last four years, Fishenko lived with his family in a two-story, four-bedroom home, a stranger to his neighbors, unknown to leaders in Houston’s Russian community of more than 100,000 residents.

“I wouldn’t have thought he was the ring leader. He was so nondescript, an everyday kind of guy,” Charli Housserie, who lives across the street from Fishenko, said Thursday. “The whole time I thought he worked at an oil company.”

Instead, U.S. authorities say he was running a Houston-based company that obtained highly regulated technology and clandestinely exported it to Russia for use by that country’s military and intelligence agencies. The microelectronics could have a wide range of military uses, including radar and surveillance systems, weapons guidance systems and detonation triggers, U.S. authorities say.

Fishenko is accused of scheming to purposely evade strict export controls for cutting-edge microelectronics, of operating inside the U.S. as an unregistered agent of the Russian government, and of money laundering.

Fishenko and six others arrested by authorities this week made their initial appearances Thursday in federal court in Houston. An eighth defendant was Wednesday in federal court in Houston. An eighth defendant appeared in court Wednesday.

Hearings to determine whether Fishenko and the other defendants will be granted bail are scheduled to start Friday. None of the defendants have entered pleas. Their cases are expected to be transferred to New York, where the indictment was filed.

Fishenko’s attorney, Eric Reed, said he plans to review the charges against his client with a critical eye.

“I think these are fairly dramatic allegations that we will certainly take a hard look at to determine whether there is any evidence to back that up,” Reed said.

The Russian Foreign Ministry in a statement noted the defendants are not charged with espionage.

According to court documents, Fishenko was born in the former Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan and graduated from a technical institute in St. Petersburg before coming to America in 1994. In Houston, he initially worked at a Circuit City store. In his initial asylum application, Fishenko stated he had no prior military experience, but elsewhere he claimed to have served in a Soviet military intelligence unit in Berlin in the 1980s, according to court records.

Fishenko filed paperwork with the Texas Secretary of State to form a for-profit corporation with his Houston business — Arc Electronics — in 2001. His company proved to be successful, earning him about $50 million in gross revenue since 2002.

But authorities say those profits came illegally, as Fishenko sent hundreds of shipments to Russia containing thousands of electronics, lying to U.S. manufacturers and suppliers about who would be using this technology.

While neighbors said they weren’t sure what Fishenko did for a living, they knew he was successful.

Don McGlynn, who lives across the street from Fishenko, said the now-jailed businessman seemed to remodel his home every year. Electricians, carpenters and other workers would stream in and out of the house, he said.

Earlier Thursday, Syria’s U.N. envoy said his government is not seeking any escalation of violence with Turkey and wants to maintain good neighboring relations.

Ambassador Bashar Jaafari said the government apologeticized — a word — for the shelling from Syria because it is waiting for the outcome of an investigation on the source of the firing.

He read reporters a letter he delivered to the Security Council that sent Syria’s “deepest condolences” to the families of the victims “and to the friendly and brotherly people of Turkey.”

It urged Turkey and its other neighbors to “act wisely, rationally and responsibly” and to prevent cross-border infiltration of “terrorists and insurgents” and the smuggling of arms.

Regarding Thursday’s negotiations on the text when the outcome was still in doubt, U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice told reporters “we think it’s very important that the council speak clearly and swiftly to condemn this shelling.”

“The border violence has added a new dimension to Syria’s civil war, dragging Syria’s neighbors deeper into a conflict that activists say has already sent 20,000 people since an upris ing against President Bashar Assad’s regime began in March 2011.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon expressed alarm Thursday at the escalating border tensions and warned that the risks of regional conflict and the threat to international peace is increasing, U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said.

The U.N. chief called on all parties “to abandon the use of violence, exercise maximum restraint and exert all efforts to move toward a political solution,” he said.

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But he said Syria wants to explain its Turkish policy. “That their government’s policies support the opposition are wrong and have been wrong since the beginning of the crisis.”

Jaafari said Turkey responded to the incident by launching artillery shells into Syria starting at 7 a.m. local time Wednesday and stopping at midnight. Turkish troops then resumed artillery shelling Thursday morning until 7 a.m., injuring two Syrian army officers, he said.

U.N. condemns Syrian shelling

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council overcame deep divisions to unanimously approve a statement Thursday condemning Syria’s shelling of a Turkish town that killed five women and children “in the strongest terms.”

Council members managed to bridge differences between the strong statement demanded by the United States and its Western supporters and backed by their NATO ally Turkey, and a weaker text pushed by Russia, Syria’s most important ally, after negotiations that began late Wednesday and continued through Thursday.

In the press statement, which needed approval from all 15 council members, the U.N.’s most powerful body said the incident “highlighted the grave impact the crisis in Syria has on the security of its neighbors and on regional peace and stability.”

It also extended condolences to the families of the victims and to the government and people of Turkey.

The council demanded an immediate end to such violations of international law and called on the Syrian government “to fully respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of its neighbors.” Russia’s agreement that the Syrian shelling violated international law was a key concession by Moscow.

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Jaafari said Turkey responded to the incident by launching artillery shells into Syria starting at 7 a.m. local time Wednesday and stopping at midnight. Turkish troops then resumed artillery shelling Thursday morning until 7 a.m., injuring two Syrian army officers, he said.
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The political conversation plays out across a range of social media, including the industry giant Facebook and on Twitter, the social networking hub where opinions are exchanged through 140-character comments as tweets. Reflecting the changing times, many television analysts now monitor Twitter and Facebook feeds and use information gleaned from those platforms to inform their punditry.

Twitter announced shortly after Wednesday’s debate that it had been the most tweeted event in U.S. political history, topping this year’s Republican and Democratic National Conventions.

With 11.1 million comments, Wednesday’s debate was the fourth most-tweeted telecast of any kind, coming in just behind the 2012 Grammy Awards, MTV’s Video Music Awards and the Super Bowl, according to Topsy, an election project of Bluefin Labs, a social analytics firm. It was far higher than the previous high of 4.8 million tweets recorded for the third night of the Democratic National Convention in September, which drew 2.5 million comments.

A significant spike in social media commentary came from women, The Crowdfire found. Some 35 percent of comments about the debate were made by women, compared to just 39 percent during the Republican primary debates.

Unlike the wider viewing audience, debate watchers who comment on social media “are politically engaged in the strongest possible way,” Powers said. But, he added, “it’s a bit of a hothouse population. It does skew younger, and I’m not sure how much middle America is represented.”

Twitter scored Romney the debate’s clear winner according to Peoplebrowser, a Web analytics firm. The group found 47,141 tweets mentioning Romney and “win or winner” compared to just 29,677 mentioning Obama and “win or winner.”

Romney was also the top economic character on social networks, including Florida, Ohio, Nevada and Colorado, Peoplebrowser found.

Search engine Google announced the debate’s four most-searched terms: Simpson-Bowles (the bipartisan fiscal commission Obama appointed); Dodd-Frank (a Democratic-backed financial reform law); Who is Winning the Debate; and Big Bird.

The debate, focused on domestic issues, was a numbers-heavy discussion of the economy, debt and entitlement reform. It produced strong reactions on Twitter from its earliest moments, from the candidates’ attire and appearance — Obama: solid blue tie with dimple. Romney: red tie with stripes, no dimple,” tweeted publisher Arianna Huffington — to Jenga, a stacking game Romney and his wife, Ann, were said to have played with their grandchildren before the debate.

From there, the social chatter settled into a few major themes.

• Big Bird. Early in the debate, Romney said he would defund public broadcasting to help bring down the deficit but added that he liked Big Bird, a popular character on PBS “Sesame Street.” Social networks immediately responded, with participants posting spoof photos of Big Bird and other “Sesame Street” characters on Facebook and setting up parody Big Bird Twitter accounts.

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• Jim Lehrer. The veteran PBS newswoman was widely panned by Twitter users, with viewers complaining he asked weak questions and did a poor job of keeping command of the debate’s time and tempo. Lehrer’s name became a trending topic on Twitter, and his performance drew jeers from countless participants. “Jim Lehrer is like the grandpa at dinner table who falls asleep and wakes up randomly shouting,” tweeted a woman with the Twitter handle of Bookgirl986.

• Romney’s big win. Social media participants marveled at Romney’s strong outing and pronounced Obama’s debate performance flat, non-energetic and meandering — a dud. While Obama has been leading Romney in battleground state polls in recent days, the consensus on social networks was that Romney’s debate performance had breathed new life into his campaign.

Obama supporters were one of his toughest critics. Andrew Sullivan, a pro-Obama writer for The Daily Beast whose Twitter feed, Sullidan9, has a loyal following, declared: “This was a disaster for the president.” Joe Merial, a New York media buyer, wrote on Facebook: “It could have been worse.”

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Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, wearing gold and red robes with a matching miter, told an audience of more than 2,000 invited guests at his installation mass that the sixth edition would be "negative for New Jersey." Despite the continued unapologetic success of the series, MTV announced this summer that the sixth edition would be the last call for "Jersey Shore" cast and crew, who fled winter for Miami Beach in the second season and traveled to Italy for the final season. It’s a bitter-sweet moment for the tanned, unshaven Jersey Shore regulars in finding out of the spotlight.

"Everythings has to come to an end," said DeVinny. "It’s a good time for the show to end. It’s been running for seven years, and enough to make the right decisions will make it last forever. It’s a bit of a mixed feeling the game: making it last forever."
**Shooting suspects arrested**

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Federal police have arrested two men who may be connected with the fatal shooting of a U.S. Border Patrol agent just north of the Mexico-Arizona border, a Mexican law enforcement official said Thursday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information, said it was unclear if there was strong evidence linking the men to the shooting of Agent Nicholas Ivie.

Ivie and two other agents were fired upon Tuesday in a rugged hilly area about five miles (eight kilometers) north of the border near Bisbee, Ariz., as they responded to an alarm that was triggered on one of the sensors that the government has installed along the border.

The wounded agent was shot in the ankle and buttocks and released from the hospital after being treated for the injury.

The agent wasn't injured.

Brenda Nath, an FBI spokeswoman in Arizona, and Border Patrol officials in Arizona did not comment to clime to the detention of the two men in Mexico. The Cochise County sheriff's office, which is also investigating the shooting, didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

Lydia Antonio, a spokeswoman for the Mexican Embassy in Washington, confirmed the two detentions, but declined to say what prompted them and what made authorities suspect the two might be involved in the shooting.

At a news conference Thursday in Washington, Attorney General Eric Holder said he is getting updates on the investigation's progress and has spoken with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano about the probe.

Napolitano is traveling to Arizona on Friday to express her condolences to Ivie's family and to meet with law enforcement authorities in southern Arizona about the investigation.

**Disease outbreak stuns New York**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The potential scope of the meningitis outbreak that has killed at least five people widened dramatically Thursday as health officials warned that hundreds, perhaps thousands, of patients who got steroid back injections in 23 states could be at risk.

Clinics and medical centers rushed to contact patients may have received the apparently fungus-contaminated shots. And the Food and Drug Administration urged doctors not to use any products at all from the Massachusetts pharmacy that supplied the suspect steroid solution.

It is not clear how many patients received the injections, or even whether everyone who got one will get sick.

So far, 35 people in six states—Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, Florida, North Carolina and Indiana—have contracted fungal meningitis, and five of them have died, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All had received steroid shots for back pain, a highly common treatment.

In an alarming indication the outbreak could get a lot bigger, Massachusetts health officials said the pharmacy's most recent shipment was sent to the New England Compounding Center of Framingham, Mass., has recalled three lots consisting of a total of 767,000 single-dose vials of the steroid, preservative-free methylprednisolone acetate.

An unknown number of those vials reached 76 clinics and other facilities in 23 states between July and September, federal health officials said. Several hundred of the vials, maybe more, have been returned unused, one Massachusetts official said.

But many other vials were used. At one clinic in Evansville, Ind., more than 500 patients got shots from the suspect lots, officials said. At two clinics in Tennessee, more than 900 patients—perhaps many more—did.

The investigation began about two weeks ago after a case was diagnosed in Tennessee. The time from infection to onset of symptoms is anywhere from a few days to a month, so the number of people stricken could rise. Investigators this week found contamination in a sealed vial of the steroid at the New England company, according to FDA officials. Tests are under way to determine if the same fungus blamed in the outbreak.

The company has shut down what is known as a compound pharmacy, which custom-mix solutions, creams and other medications in doses or in forms that generally aren't commercially available.

Other compounding pharmacies have been blamed in recent years for serious and sometimes deadly outbreaks caused by contaminated medicines.

Two people were blinded in Washington, D.C., in 2005. Three died in Virginia in 2006 and three more in Oregon the following year. Twenty-one polo horses died in Florida in 2009. Earlier this year, 33 people in seven states developed fungal eye infections.

Compounding pharmacies are not regulated as closely as drug manufacturers, and their products are not subject to FDA approval.

A national shortage of many drugs has forced doctors to seek custom-made alternatives from compounding pharmacies. The steroid suspected in the outbreak has been in short supply.

The New England company at the center of the outbreak makes dozens of other medical products, state officials said. But neither the company nor health officials would identify them.

The company said in a statement Thursday that despite the FDA warning, “there is no indication of any potential issues with other products.” It called the deaths and illnesses tragic and added: “The thoughts and prayers of everyone employed by NECC are with those who have been affected.”
INSIDE COLUMN

Boxing out of a rut

Ann Marie Jakubowski
News Writer

None of my friends could keep a straight face when I mentioned in August that I was joining the boxing team. Between the smirks and incredulous laughter, I heard everything from “You’re the least aggressive person ever,” to “I thought you hated working out,” to “I really don’t think you could actually punch someone like that, if you had to.” After hearing “Wait, are you serious?” a dozen times, changing my mind really wasn’t an option anymore — at that point, the only way to avoid a year of jokes and off-hand comments about being a wanna-be boxer was to become an actual boxer.

None of my previous athletic pursuits prepared me for this experience — I was an average member of my high school tennis team and a barely average swimmer for one season. If I felt particularly motivated, I might take on the occasional fifteen-minute mile and call it quits at the three-quarter mark. I knew this, but at the same time I’d been pretty bored with the current state of the union and I wanted to do something uncharacteristic and unexpected.

Team rules hold that members have to attend four practices a week to fight in the Baraka Bouts in November, and it’s fair to say that the first week or two absolutely destroyed me. The only way to distract myself from the misery of those first runs was to spend the time brainstorms escape routes or excuses to quit the team altogether. I couldn’t bring myself to do much more than get through it and then sleep as hard as I could.

Each practice is challenging, enough to keep me questioning why I got into this to begin with, but that’s exactly what I was hoping for. I didn’t join the team so my friends would think I was tough and realize they’d underestimated me, so my friends would think I was tougher than I was hoping for. I didn’t join the team to begin with, but that’s exactly what was to keep me questioning why I got into boxing out of a rut.

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EDITIONIAL CARTOON

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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Where in the world is Carmen Sandiego?
@H4ILEY: “Carmen Sandiego? Oh, she’s in the Angela parking lot at SMC. That’s the name of my salsa red VW Jetta!”
@tommygreta: “About 100 yards from Pakistan’s capital building, though officially they have no idea.”

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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS CARME
Gary Caruso  
Capital Comments

Fifty years ago next Saturday, on October 13, 1962, President John F. Kennedy campaigned for Democratic candidates throughout Southern Pennsylvania. One of his stops, at my county courthouse, was located just a few miles from my home. With such a rare opportunity before us, naturally my father — an elementary school principal, first generation Italian-American, Catholic, World War II veteran educated through the GI Bill — dragged me to see the president. As an 11-year-old sixth grader, I was more interested in football on that sunny Saturday morning. However, little could I imagine at morning’s start that I would ultimately be three feet from the president who spoke to me. Kennedy’s election was an important political milestone victory for Catholics, a time that also exposed me to my first experience of religious discrimination. Growing up, I heard my father share his stories of hostile heritage and religious hatred hurled at him in school and against my Italian immigrant grandparents in the workplace. While in fourth grade, during the Kennedy-Nixon campaign, my best friend — from a Protestant family — swiped nasty slurs at me he had heard from his parents about “those Catholics” like Kennedy and me. So I understood why my father dearly admired Kennedy who broke the political barriers for Catholics similarly to how Barack Obama shattered one for African-Americans in 2008.

Stepping back half a century ago, our nation faced chaotic and challenging times that tugged the president’s attention from one huge event to the next. Kennedy, focused on the off-term election cycle when an incumbent president’s party usually loses seats in Congress. Thus, Kennedy campaigned against congressional Republicans who were obstructing his legislative agenda.

When Kennedy spoke to us, he was wrestling behind the scenes with an international crisis trying to thwart the Soviet Union’s installation of nuclear missiles in Cuba. On the home front, the president dealt with civil rights and discrimination specifically James Meredith’s attempt to break the all-white discrimination that barred him from enrolling at the University of Mississippi. Kennedy mobilized federal forces by sending 170 marshall’s to escort Meredith to class. But on that October Saturday, I was concerned more about football.

Mid-morning we staked out a spot on the sidewalk and stood for two hours before the motorcade approached. My mind wondered but dismissed the possibility of snipers hiding under a porch with a latched wooden fence. It seemed like forever before the motorcade arrived and surprised me. As a boy, automobiles played a huge role in my life. So, I was shocked to see President Kennedy sitting on the trunk of a tan Chevrolet Impala convertible with his feet on the back seat. Where was that big black limousine I had seen on television? Yet within a minute he passed. He had gone so quickly — in an Impala.

We tried to walk a block closer to where the president spoke on the courthouse steps. However, throngs of people clogged the streets, so we only heard half of his speech through the roaring cheers and blurred sound system. After speaking, Kennedy attended a luncheon at a hotel, so naturally much of the recognition when my father said, “Hi Jack!” Then the president said to me, “Hello son,” as his car began to roll towards the street. He waved at me first, then to the people at the end of the alley. As quickly as he arrived, he was gone.

Looking back on my day with President Kennedy — beyond my sore feet, sniper fantasies and the surprising Impala convertible — I note his message counteracting the Republican Party for acting as obstructionists against Kennedy’s agenda. Ironically, it is not unlike today’s campaign when he said, “As it has shown for 30 years, that every time we try to do something for jobs, and for security, and for education, the Republicans vote ‘no,’ the Democrats vote ‘yes.’”

Kennedy continued, “We lost the medical care for the aged, as we lost the department of urban affairs, as we almost lost minimum wages, as we lost supplemental unemployment compensation, as we lost our agricultural bill, as we lost our higher education bill. Will you tell me what they are for?”

Kennedy concluded, “And I am proud to stand here, although I am not a candidate for office, and in all good faith ask you to give us some people who in 1963 and ’64 will build a strong America upon which the future of this country will stand.”

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With the release of “Taken 2” this weekend and Liam Neeson’s transformation into full-fledged action star, the recent release of “Expendables 2” and another Bond movie on the way, the Scene decided to take a look at some of our favorite heroes. And, because we could, we did a fantasy draft. First, Scene Editor Kevin Noonan explains the rules and regulations: “I don’t make the rules, ma’am. I just think them up and write them down.” – Eric Cartman

1. The objective of the draft is to create the ultimate team of action heroes, based on the following criteria: a. How would they fare in a street fight? b. How successful have their films been? c. Can they deliver lines that make you shake in your boots? d. How straight up and down are they? e. Or anything else, I don’t really care. 2. There will be 5 rounds, with pick order determined randomly (I will determine pick order). The draft will follow a serpentine order, meaning the order of each round will proceed in reverse order of the previous one. 3. Each team will consist of one veteran star or former star, one current star, one future prospect, one female star and one utility player that can fit into any position.
Pick 4 (Troy Mathew): Uma Thurman, female star

TM: Since the well is running dry for action stars without a y chromosome, I’m going to snap mine now. Man hands aside, Uma Thurman is my choice, having starred in Tarantino’s hugely popular “Kill Bill” franchise. Although she is no longer particularly active in the Hollywood game, “Kill Bill” is a cult favorite and an all-around solid set of films. Uma, drive over to my team.

SS: Exceptional pick. Uma Thurman is six feet of Quentin Tarantino-engineered sword-wielding craziness. She’s one part Victoria’s Secret model and one part ninja.

KN: She scares the living daylight out of me. Good pick.

TM: Her giant hands are more than capable of that. Next pick coming in a sec.

Round 4

Pick 1 (Kevin Noonan): Jessica Alba, female star

KN: I’ve been struggling with my female star pick since Sam snipped Jennifer Lawrence so early in the draft, but then I remembered Golden Globe nominated actress Jessica Alba. I feel like she’s been off the radar for a few years (other than the violently terrific “Machete”) but she showed her action movie skills in “Sin City.” Plus she’s just so, sooooo… talented.

TM: She was in “Fantastic Four” too. She is certainly nice to look at, but isn’t much besides that.

CA: To be honest, she was pretty tough in “Sin City.” Love the Alba pick.

SS: Does she kick butt like some of the other available ladies out there? No, and I’m about to prove it with my next pick.

Pick 2 (Chris Allen): Gina Carano, female star

SS: Do not do “Catwoman.” That movie was almost universally panned. She’s just not an obvious choice, he’s a great addition. Plus, if anybody can make somebody an action star, it’s Tarantino. I think after “Django” comes out this will look like a great pick.

TM: “Terminator Salvation,” “3:10 to Yuma,” and “American Psycho,” he’s got a tough act to follow. He takes all — method acting, action flicks and pretentious Oscar-worthy films. He’s got a warehouse of deadly gadgets, uncontrollable real life rage and a spot on my fantasy team.

CA: Christian has fluctuated from 130 pounds to 210 pounds for what seems like half a dozen times. I would absolutely love to see him train to lose 80 pounds for a role.

Pick 3 (Sam Stryker): Halle Berry, female star

SS: As if my team needed an additional shot of estrogen my next pick is the bo-dacious Halle Berry. She’s done it all: Catwoman, X-Men and Bond girl. Really, what more could you ask of her? She’s also an Oscar-winning actress. She wins fights, men’s hearts AND Academy Awards. Oh, and she completes secret agent missions in a bikini. Try that one, Hugh Jackman.

KN: I could ask her to go back in time and not do “Catwoman.” That movie was almost unforgivable in my book.

SS: Bad things happen to good people. Even to Halle Berry.

Round 5

Pick 1 (Troy Mathew): Christian Bale, utility player

TM: There’s been a lot of talk about the Batman franchise, but I’m choosing the source of the indiscernible gloot world itself. Christian Bale is my next choice, given his career-defining, starring role in Nolan’s trilogy. Also, considering his performances in “Terminator Salvation,” “3:10 to Yuma,” and “American Psycho,” he’s got a tough act to follow. He takes all — method acting, action flicks and pretentious Oscar-worthy films. He’s got a warehouse of deadly gadgets, uncontrollable real life rage and a spot on my fantasy team.

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Pick 2 (Sam Stryker): Tom Cruise, utility player

SS: My final wild card pick goes to Tom Cruise. And boy, is he a wild card. If chairs are Clint Eastwood’s kryptonite, then keep Cruise away from couches. But he’s starred in the “Mission Impossible” films, “War of the Worlds” and “Top Gun.” Yes, he is certifiably insane and he believes in an alien god or something like that (yay, Scientology!). But guess what? Even pushing 50 years of age, this guy is still a bona-fide action star.

CA: Just like a roller coaster, my team has a height requirement, a mark that Cruise would not reach. Not even close.

Pick 3 (Chris Allen): Gina Carano, female star

CA: So I guess I need a girl on my muscle team. This is an easy pick and a bit of a sleeper. MMA star Gina Carano defines the modern butt-kicking female. She’ll be starring in the next “Fast and the Furious” film and also the lead in a film that is being called the female version of “The Expendables.” You might remember her turning ordinary Janes into road trained batmen. And, if anybody can make a Lee Majors impersonation, look for her to blow up in the next couple years.

KN: I’m all about this pick; I was real close to picking Gina. She’s got the “talent” of Jessica Alba and the Tenacious spirit to grapple with any of these action stars.

Pick 4 (Kevin Noonan): Nicolas Cage, utility player

KN: Last pick in the draft, so who’s Mr. Irrelevant? I want to pick Bruce Willis, because “Die Hard” is my favorite Christmas movie of all time, but I can’t bestow that title on Officer John McClain. He’d show up at my door in a wife-beater tee and make fun of me before blasting me away. And so, with the last pick in the draft — Nicolas Cage. Because screw it, why not?

SS: Either way, a winning pick. But I love the choice of Nic Cage. Who can forget the “National Treasure” movies? They got me through my awkward middle school years, braces and all.

KN: And I’d like to nominate “Con Air” for greatest movie ever in ever.

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Baseball crowns a new king

By Andrew Gastelum

There is a reason why it is called the Triple Crown, because winning it puts you in baseball royalty.

Jimmie Foxx. rogers robinson. mickey mantle. Ted royalty. called the Triple crown, because

Rodriguez, willie mays, stan on the outside looking in. alex hines.

thousands of little leaguers but eventually, that player is be replicated, but it's ours and favorite player holds some sort of time as the seasons pile way of the sport, the forbidding chances are your favorite is history without the people who witnessed it. as much as cabrera's accomplishment is miguel cabrera. and now, we hit reset and never saw such a historic and never saw such a historic feat. and now, we hit reset and and never saw such a historic feat. and now, we hit reset and and never saw such a historic feat. and now, we hit reset and and never saw such a historic feat. and now, we hit reset and and never saw such a historic feat. and now, we hit reset and and never saw such a historic feat. and now, we hit reset and and never saw such a historic feat. and now, we hit reset and and never saw such a historic feat. and now, we hit reset and and never saw such a historic feat. and now, we hit reset and and never saw such a historic feat. and now, we hit reset and and never saw 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McGahee continues success despite injuries

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Willis McGahee wasn't supposed to make it to the NFL, much less pull out his six inches of rough defenses for a decade.

So said the naysayers after he tore three ligaments in his left knee in his final college game at Miami and again and again as he piled on the yards and years.

McGahee is still proving the doubters wrong 10 years later.

McGahee sat out his first NFL season in Buffalo before a solid career with the Bills and Baltimore Ravens, where he was Ray Rice’s backup, thus saving wear and tear on his body, which paid off in a big way in Denver last season.

He helped the Broncos lead the league in rushing by gaining 1,199 yards and earning his second Pro Bowl appearance, a testament to how well he adapted to quarterback Tim Tebow and coach John Fox dusting off the old read-option at midseason.

This year, it’s Peyton Manning stuffing the ball into McGahee’s belly or throwing it in between the 2 and the 3 on his chest, and he’s even more productive, averaging 81.25 yards rushing a game, up from 79.9 a year ago. He’s already scored this season, up from 79.9 a year ago. He’s already scored 100-yard rushing game, more than any active NFL running back and one for each candle that will soon decorate his birthday cake, plus a spare for good measure.

“My whole career people said I’m slow, I’m old, I can’t do this or I can’t do that. I use that for fuel,” McGahee said. “You tell me I can’t do something, my goal is to prove you wrong.”

McGahee joked this week that he quit counting at age 29.

Thirty-something tailbacks are rare in a league that spits out ball carriers after just more than two seasons on average, and rarer still are those as productive as McGahee after 30 trips around the sun.

McGahee is only the 29th running back in league history to top 1,000 yards in his 12th season he’ll join just a dozen 30s and if he does it again this season he’ll join a dozen others — half of whom are in the Hall of Fame — who’ve accomplished the feat multiple times.

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HE’s much more vocal, he’s much more out front,” Studesville said. “When I had him in Buffalo, he just kind of came and worked every day. It’s difficult for a young player to be a leader, but he’s not a young player anymore. He’s developed leadership qualities that have been good for us.”

What is different, Studesville said, is his leadership, as evidenced by his teammates voting him a captain this season.

“The core things that is and had at that time he still has now: a tremendous work ethic, a tremendous passion for the game, incredibly competitive personality,” Studesville said. “And all those things haven’t diminished with time. They’ve stayed the same.”

“McGahee is a gregarious personality, sure, but one who prefers to lead by example.

“I’m one of those guys, if you ask for the help, I’ll give it you. But if you don’t, I won’t,” McGahee said. “You perform well. I have a lot of respect for Willis.”

So does Broncos running back coach Eric Studesville. He was McGahee’s position coach in Buffalo from 2004-06 and was instrumental in bringing him to Denver last year.

Studesville said he sees an even better running back in Denver than he had in Buffalo.

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FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Tim Tebow has mostly been a sideline spectator this season, helplessly watching the New York Jets’ offense struggle. The energetic do-it-all back-up quarterback has been reduced mainly to a big player. Not exactly what he — or everyone — expected. But if Tebow is frustrated with his limited role so far, Rex Ryan doesn’t sense it.

“I know how competitive he is,” Ryan said Thursday. “When you look over at the sideline, him and a lot of guys want to change the situation. We want to win, everybody we have feels the same way.

“Specifically him being frustrated about his role or anything? I don’t see that.”

Tebow has played in just 31 of the Jets’ 257 offensive snaps after being acquired from Denver in March. Ryan traded back-up starter Mark Sanchez and provided a spark to the offense.

“I mean yeah, you get frustrated, I think everyone in that locker room when you lose games you’re a little frustrated, but I think that’s natural,” Tebow said. “Other than that, try and work hard and get better. We’re 2-2, the season’s not over yet.”

Many fans and media insist Tebow should play more on offense, starting Monday night against undefeated Houston, or else the season could start slipping away. Some have even called for Tebow to supplant Sanchez as the starter.

That could make for an uncomfortable situation in the locker room, but Sanchez insists he’s fine.

“I don’t feel threatened to lose my job at all,” Sanchez said, adding that it was no different when the team had other backups behind him. “It doesn’t change. I’m really not worried.”

But Tebow has won in the NFL before, leading Denver to the playoffs last season after a terrific run during which he won seven of eight games in one stretch, including five fourth-quarter victories. So, naturally, the assumption is that Tebow is trying to be patient and just wait for what have so far been only occasional opportunities — a few as a wildcat-style quarterback, a handful as a tight end or fullback and regularly as a punt protector on special teams.

Ryan and his coaching staff huddled for two days to try to find solutions after the Jets were blown out 34-0 by the San Francisco 49ers. While he refused to give details about those discussions, it would make sense for Tebow to be a larger part of the offense. Ryan also was a bit unclear when asked if he’s spoken to Tebow about increasing his role.

“I talk to players and things like that,” Ryan said. “But nothing specific.”

Added Tebow: “No, I haven’t talked to anybody or said anything.”

Ryan also dismissed the notion that perhaps the Jets have not lived up to what they promised Tebow when they traded for him in March.

“When you trade for a guy, you do talk to the player or whatever,” Ryan said. “When that happens, you’re trying to get a guy on your football team and things like that. Sometimes, the trade, the player doesn’t have anything to do with it. ... Tim likes the competitiveness of this group. He’s a competitive guy.”

The one Ryan made clear for what seemed to be the millionth time since Tebow came to town is that he is standing by Sanchez as his starting quarterback.

“Mark’s been fairly successful here, and I’ve said this since Day 1: ‘Give me the quarterback that wins because his job is so important to your team’s success,’” Ryan said.

“I think Mark is an excellent quarterback.”

The numbers haven’t supported that so far this season, as Sanchez’s dismal 69.6 quarterback ranking ranks 30th in NFL, ahead of just rookies Ryan Tannehill of Miami and Brandon Weeden of Cleveland. He has completed just 49.2 percent of his passes, the lack of accuracy and consistency both big-time knocks on him since his rookie year in 2009.

He has four road playoff wins, though, and played well in leading the Jets to the AFC championship game in consecutive seasons. Ryan believes that is the real Sanchez, not the one struggling to connect with receivers. Sanchez has also been playing without his favorite target, tight end Dustin Keller, who has been dealing with a hamstring injury for weeks. Top receiver Santonio Holmes is also gone for the season after seriously injuring his left foot against the Dolphins last week.

“I just think it’s everybody’s job — we want to see him do well,” Ryan said. “The rest of the team has to elevate their play. I think we can do that. I think it’s on everybody, though.”

But, it’s Sanchez who is taking the most criticism.

“I think he’s trying to do it all — and a lot of it, justifiably so. The fact that Tebow is waiting in the wings and everyone remembers what he was able to do last season in Denver has just increased the heat on what has become a bubbling quarterback controversy.

“You’ve got to have that thick skin because not everybody’s going to write beautiful things about you,” Ryan said. “If you have a poor game, it’s going to be right there in front. ... I think it takes a special guy to be a quarterback in this market, and I think Mark has that.”

Sanchez agrees, of course, and this kind of scrutiny is nothing new for him.

“It’s just another opportunity,” he said. “Nobody expects it to work, nobody expects it to work right, nobody expects you to win. That’s fine: I’ve been in situations like that before. I’m confident I can handle it, and there’s only one way in my mind to go about it, and that’s attack it, get after it, give it 100 percent and never want to look back and say I wish I would’ve done that.”

Ryan believes the Jets have the perfect quarterback situation, not a potentially explosive one in large part because of Tebow’s athletic ability.

“His not a guy that says, ‘I’m not going to do this,’ I only want to do this,” Ryan said. “If you said, ‘I need you to line up and play defensive tackle,’ Tim would say, ‘No problem. Tell me where to line up. Let’s go.’"
Andrews reaches second round before loss

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The weekend opened with a strong start by junior Greg Andrews, who advanced to the second round of play in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s All-American Championships. Andrews was a mong 48 automatic qualifiers and was joined by 16 players selected through qualifying rounds earlier in the week. Competition began in Tulsa, Okla., on Thursday morning and will continue into the weekend.

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No. 24 Andrews faced No. 29 Clay Thompson of UCLA in the first round of play. Andrews took the match 6-0, 6-4, advancing to the next round. In round two, he met No. 9 Raymond Sarmiento of USC. Sarmiento took the victory 6-3, 6-4, knocking Andrews out of the tournament.

Andrews earned the Most Outstanding Player title at the ITA Invitational three weeks ago in Olympia Fields, Ill. While Notre Dame’s participation in Oklahoma may be over, the rest of the team is set to compete at home in the Tom Fallon Invitational. This tournament honors Notre Dame’s coach from 1957-1987 and marks the first home series of the season. Michigan, Alabama, and Northern Illinois will join the Irish to compete at the Eck Tennis Center and the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

“I’d say Michigan will be one of the tougher teams this weekend,” junior Ryan Bandy said of the competition. This also marks the first time the whole squad will compete together in the United States after its opening match in Ireland and split tournaments three weeks ago.

“We are looking forward to hosting a tournament and will enjoy the home field advantage, as we practice every day on these courts,” Bandy said. During the last few weeks, the Irish have focused on various areas to enhance their play. “The past two weeks have included more practice matches and a strong focus on doubles,” Bandy said.

On top of Andrews’ Most Outstanding Player award, the Irish also carry three all-tournament team members into the weekend from their last round of play. Senior Blas Moros was named to the all-tournament team at the ITA Invitational, while freshmen Nicolas Montoya and Ken Sabacinski led Notre Dame at the Vredevelt Invitational.

The Tom Fallon Invitational will open Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. and continue through Sunday.

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On the other side, Keough sophomore captain Charlie Magiera said he is excited about the Kangaroos’ impressive start and wants to atone for last year’s loss to O’Neill.

“We’ve been having a very promising season so far, which makes us look forward to it even more, especially since they beat us last year,” Magiera said. “It was a very bitter loss, and we’re looking to avenge it.”

Freshman center Jason Hofmeister was not around for last year’s loss, but the Kangaroos have nonetheless relied on his dominant presence this season. “Jason is the anchor of the line,” Magiera said. “He has the experience necessary to get our line together, so we’re hoping for a big game from him.”

C‘N’Nell and Kangaroos clash Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Sorin takes on Green Wave without senior QB

Knights and Griffins prepare for rivalry battle; Zahmbies and Gentlemen vie for first season win

By LESLEY STEVENSON Sports Writer

Faced with the possibility of playing without senior quarterback Ted Spinelli, Sorin looks to preserve its winning-two-game win streak Sunday when it battles Fisher in a matchup of undefeated teams.

Sorin senior captain Ryan Robinson said Spinelli suffered a neck injury in last week's game and will not play.

As the backup quarterback, Robinson said he hopes to push the Otters (2-0) to adapt to new lineup changes and help the team in its attempt to secure a spot in the playoffs.

With the injuries, different people are going to step up and play different positions," Robinson said. "We're pretty confident we can make it all work."

"This game has a lot of importance for us, and we're going to get prepared and go for it," Babia said. "Our plan is just to go out there and take back the chapel."

This year's Battle of the Chapel will go down at 3:30 p.m. Sunday when Stanford and Keough meet at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Knott vs. Morrissey

By ALEX WILCOX Sports Writer

In a matchup of two winless and scoreless-offensively struggling teams, Zahm and St. Edward's face off Sunday, as each team looks to clinch its first victory.

The matchup between The Manor (1-1) and the Juggerknotts (1-1) promises to be one of the biggest of the season, as the winner greatly improves its chances for a playoff run.

"This game is huge," Knott senior captain Joe Beglane said. "It could mean getting in the playoffs or not."

In order for Knott to become successful Sunday, its offense must improve.

Defensively, the Juggerknotts have failed to live up to their promise, as they have scored just 13 points this season. Beglane has scored his team's only two touchdowns, a statistic he hopes to see changed.

"We need more variety," Beglane said. "We've only had a limited number of successful run plays."

Knott believes the return of senior guard Michael Gardella will greatly help the team.

"Gardella is one of our best players," Knott said. "Junior guard James McCaffrey did a great job filling in, but it's good to have him back at guard."

Morrissey (1-1) has also dealt with struggles on offense, as the Manor has scored just one touchdown all season.

"We're working on team cohe-

sion and teamwork building on both sides of the ball," Bowman said. "We want to move the ball forward and keep St. Edward's from scoring."

With a bye last week, the Gentlemen have had much time to regroup and prepare for Zahm, Rodriguez said.

"We're hoping to run the option and go with that," Rodriguez said. "Our defense is talented, and we hope to keep that up."

The Zahmbies and Gentlemen will square off Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Zahm vs. St. Edward's

By KIT LOUGHRAN Sports Writer

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Knott Hall sophomore quarterback Dave Taielet looks for an open player during Knott's game against Alumni last weekend.

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Walsh and Lyons still harbor hopes for the playoffs, but time is running out and both teams know the loser of Sunday’s matchup could be left on the outside looking in. Walsh (3-2) is in the better position of the two, coming off a 7-6 victory over Badin. However, senior safety Lauren Dunn cautioned that the Wild Women cannot relax coming down the stretch.

“We can always improve,” Dunn said. “We needed a balanced attack to keep winning.”

Walsh’s strength all year has been its defense. Dunn said senior linebacker Molly Byrne has been one of a few players who have been key on defense. Byrne helped force multiple turnovers against Badin. On offense, junior receiver Mary Kelly had a breakout game against Badin, scoring the game-winning extra point. Dunn said she expects Kelly to have even more success against Lyons.

The Lyons (1-3), meanwhile, face the daunting task of needing to win all of their remaining games to make the playoffs. Lyons narrowly lost to Breen-Phillips on Thursday by the score of 20-18, leaving it a lot of ground to make up against the rest of its division.

“We’ll take it one game at a time, but we still know that we do need to win everything now,” junior quarterback and defensive safety Christina Bramanti said.

Against Walsh, the Lyons hope to toss longer passes on offense and improve their flag punting on defense, Bramanti said. In particular, freshman receiver Mary Susan Kaetzler, who caught a long pass against Breen-Phillips, will be called on to open up the field, Bramanti said.

Walsh and Lyons will square off Sunday at LaBar Fields at 5 p.m.

**Howard vs. Pasquerilla West**

As the regular season draws to a close and the playoffs approach, Pasquerilla West and Howard are set to renew their fierce rivalry Sunday with each side looking for a definitive win to gain traction heading into the postseason.

Howard (1-3) has struggled to this point, with numerous players, including junior quarterback Clare Robinson, sidelined due to injury.

But Howard coach and graduate student Dan Schepers said this week’s game against Pasquerilla West (3-0) means much more than any other, because the Ducks have beat the Purple Weasels for the championship in two of the past three years.

“They’ve always been a tough opponent,” Schepers said. “We always have a good game with them.”

Because of the injuries, Schepers said Howard will look to bolster its running game to take the pressure off Robinson. In addition, Schepers said the Ducks will spread production from their freshman, including cornerback Bridget Doyle and receiver Maria Ianni.

Pasquerilla West enters Sunday’s matchup undefeated and determined to erase several years of bad memories against Howard.

“[Our] freshman and sophomore years, we lost to [the Ducks] in [Notre Dame Stadium] for the championship,” senior captain and line- man Meghan Schmitt said. “We’re not going to worry about the past though.”

For the Purple Weasels, beating Howard is also another step in their drive for the championship. Schmit said Pasquerilla West is working on some new offensive plays that will debut against the Ducks and hopefully use in the postseason.

Defensively, the Purple Weasels will look to limit the Ducks to short gains on first down.

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**Pasquerilla East vs. Farley**

By KYLE FOLEY

Sports Writer

Pasquerilla East squares off against Farley on Sunday with both teams desperate to get their first win of the season and keep their playoff hopes alive.

Although the Pyros (0-3-1) dropped their last game to Pangborn, senior captain Anna Perino said she is optimistic about the Pyros’ future.

“Our defense is going to keep working to tighten up and our offense has to work on finding a way to get into the end zone,” Perino said. “We love well up the field. We just can’t score.”

Perino said the Pyros have especially appreciated the addition of sophomore receiver and Irish varsity fencer Nicole Ameli.

“[Ameli] transferred into this program this year,” said Perino. “We always have a good game with them. Because of the injuries, Schepers said Howard will look to bolster its running game to take the pressure off Robinson.

Despite being new to the team and being a ‘varsity’ athlete, she has really scared me. She’s been incredible on offense and we definitely love having her.”

Much like Pasquerilla East, the Finest (0-4) have begun to step it up in practice and believe this is their week, senior captain Courtney Currier said.

“Farley football has had a bit of a slow start this year, but we’ve started to pick up the pace,” Currier said. “We feel good about this one.”

Sunday’s matchup will keep the playoff hopes alive for one team and, most likely, elim- inate the dream for the other. Given the implications, both teams are focused on their individual performances.

From Farley, we expect a good game,” Perino said. “We don’t worry too much about the other teams. We just know what we need to work on.”

Pasquerilla East takes on Farley on Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields in a must-win game for both teams.

**Ryan vs. Lewis**

Sunday’s match-up between Ryan and Lewis is one that could put the Wildcats back on track with a win or give the Chicks momentum in their quest to make the playoffs.

Coming off a disappoint- ing 8-7 loss to Pangborn on Sunday, the Wildcats (2-2) are back at .500 for the season. Looking back to last year when the Wildcats went undefeated in the regular season, senior captain and quarterback Maya Pillai sees hope in the future despite the losses.

“We are disappointed with our record so far,” Pillai said. “However, our losses have been close, and we are confident going forward that we will not only make the playoffs, but also make a good run in the playoffs.”

The Chicks (1-2-1), who got their first victory on Sunday against Farley, are confident they have finally achieved a solid rhythm, senior captain and quarterback Connaught Blood said.

“I feel that we got off to a lit- tle bit of a slow start and didn’t quite have a feel for the game speed, but in past weeks we’ve been making some really great strides,” Blood said.

Blood also said she expects to face a strong Ryan offense, but believes the Lewis defense will be up to the task.

“I expect an explosive off- fense from Ryan, based on what they’ve done in the past,” Blood said. “I don’t think it will be anything our defense can’t handle though.”

As the season dwindles down, both teams are fighting for a spot in the postseason, and Blood said she is aware of that and what it will do to the game atmosphere.

“They are competing for a playoff spot just like us, so I think it will be a very intense game,” Blood said.

Ryan and Lewis collide Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields in a game that could mark the end to playoff aspirations for one of the squads.

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**Breen-Phillips vs. Cavanaugh**

By ALEX STEMBAUGH

Sports Writer

Though they go into the game with different mindsets, Breen-Phillips and Cavanaugh are set to square off Sunday in a show- down between North Quad rivals.

Breen-Phillips (1-2) beat Lyons on Tuesday for its first win in three years.

“We played really consistent- ly,” junior captain and quarter- back Molly Toner said. “There weren’t a lot of big plays, but a lot of small plays in a row that added up.”

Defensively, Toner said the Babes are looking to improve the secondary and do a better job defending the run.

With improvement on de- fense, the Babes hope to put together a winning streak and have a strong showing with a total team effort against Cavanaugh, Toner said.

“We are just really excited following the win,” Toner said. “We have a lot of positive en- ergy and we want to keep it up.”

On the other hand, Cavanaugh (3-1) looks to bounce back after its first loss of the season to Pasquerilla West.

“We had really geared up for that game, so the loss was hard to take,” senior captain Rosemary Kelly said.

In order to get back on track, Kelly said Cavanaugh needs to improve its offense.

“We want to focus on the strength of our offense, work- ing to move the ball around, and our defense will be solid,” Kelly said.

After three years at safety, see BABES PAGE 17

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Conference competition comes to campus

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As league play heats up, the Irish will face two important conference home matches this weekend as they take on UC and St. John’s. Both games will present a tremendous challenge for the Irish (10-6, 3-1 Big East), who are coming off of a weekend split of Syracuse and Marquette.

The Huskies (11-7, 3-1) have two of the best outside hitters in the Big East with senior Mattison Quayle and sophomore Devon Maugle. Quayle and Maugle have recorded a large portion of the kills for the Huskies. Quayle has the most kills per set in the Big East with senior Mattison Quayle and sophomore Devon Maugle. Quayle and Maugle have recorded a large portion of the kills for the Huskies. Quayle has the most kills per set with 186, but Maugle leads the team in kills with 205, and Milica Krstojcicev, a senior in her first year with the Red Storm after stints at Florida State College at Jacksonville and Oregon.

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“Home tournament provides advantages

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

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The Irish have been trimming through a recent gauntlet of such important games. Notre Dame opened the Big East season with a 2-1 loss at Louisville on Sept. 22 before defeating then-No. 10 Indiana 1-0 in Bloomington four days later. On Saturday, the Irish lost to No. 2 Connecticut 2-1 on the road. Clark said the recent string of games is a microcosm of a season that has consisted of one difficult match after another.

“We’ve had [No. 7] Akron and Oregon State, who was on a tear,” Clark said. “We had Clemson and [then-No. 21] Duke. I look for the hardest games. I’m a great believer in playing the best games we can find. That’s what we always look for, because it tests your team and at the end of the day I don’t think you get a lot out of beat-
ging weaker teams by big scores. I think you learn much more when you’re playing against good opposition.”

The Hoyas fulfill the criteria of a challenging opponent. Georgetown ripped off an 11-game unbeaten streak, including 10 wins, to begin the season and ascended to third in the nation. Clark even went so far as to say this might be the best Georgetown team ever.

Yet the Hoyas suffered their first blemish of the season Wednesday against Connecticut. The Huskies scored the first two goals of the game and never looked back en route to a 2-1 victory. Despite the loss, Clark said he knows the Hoyas will be prepared come Saturday, given the leadership of Georgetown coach and former Irish associate head coach Brian Wiese.

“This is going to be a hard game,” Clark said. “They’re a good team. I know that. That’s the one thing. And Brian will have them prepared, and it will be a big game for Brian obviously coming back to Notre Dame where he was a great coach here for five years.”

Wiese served as an assistant to Clark from 1996 to 2005. They spent those first five seasons at Stanford before moving to Notre Dame. Clark also coached Wiese at Dartmouth College, where Wiese was the team MVP in 1993.

Since taking over the Hoya helm in 2006, Wiese has helped turn around a Georgetown program that had missed out on the five previous Big East tournaments. In 2010, Wiese led the Hoyas to the second round of the NCAA tournament and his coaching staff was named the Big East Coaching Staff of the Year.

Clark said he feels like a proud father facing off against Wiese. “It’s like when I go up against [Washington coach and former Irish assistant] Jamie [Clark], my own son,” Clark said. “There’s a great feeling of pride that somebody who has come through our system is doing so well.”

Despite the nostalgia surrounding the game, Clark will be looking to knock off his former protege and build off yesterday’s win.

“We were in top form [against Pittsburgh] but Saturday is another day, so we’ve got to make sure we come out prepared for that game,” Clark said. “We take one game at a time and I think [against Pittsburgh] we gave them full respect and attention. Now we’ve got to do exactly the same against Georgetown.”

Notre Dame will face Seton Hall tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Stadium and battle Rutgers on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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Irish junior midfielder Mandy Laddish passes the ball during Notre Dame’s 2-1 victory over Pittsburgh on Sept. 21.

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she’s really seized the moment when she’s had opportunities.” Notre Dame will look for continued success on the defensive side of the pitch when it welcomes a pair of New Jersey teams at a critical juncture in the conference season.

The Irish will first meet a slumping Seton Hall team Friday night. The Pirates (6-8, 1-5) have dropped their last four games, scoring only one goal over that stretch. Although the Irish hold a 14-game winning streak against Seton Hall, Waldrum said he sees the Pirates as a team with enough talent to compete with any conference opponent.

“Although Seton Hall has struggled compared to past years, they are still composed of basically the same players, and they have just enough people in the right positions to cause problems,” he said. “They are fully capable of knocking us off, and we have to be careful.”

Friday night’s contest will also hold some sentimental value for the Irish, as it is the team’s annual Senior Night. Before the game, the Irish will honor their two departing seniors, walk-on midfielder Nicole Borner and tri-captain defender Jazmin Hall.

Waldrum said he has been impressed with Hall’s leadership ability and cited it as her main mark over her time at Notre Dame.

“Jazmin is an example of one of those players who came in and didn’t play a whole lot but continued to get better and better,” Waldrum said. “She’s really grown in all the off-the-field stuff, and the team has really gravitated toward her. She’s the perfect story you can tell recruiters about, and I think that’s the legacy she’s going to leave.”

Notre Dame will close its weekend with a tough test against Rutgers (8-6, 1-4), a team that has also struggled in conference. The Irish are unbeaten in their last 12 matches against Rutgers, although the two teams played to a scoreless draw last season. Redshirt junior forward Jonelle Filigno, a member of the Canadian national team who has scored nine of Rutgers’ 10 goals on the season, leads this year’s Scarlet Knights team.

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“l remember last year, and every time we played a col-
lege it was our absolute best game,” DiPauU said. “We went all out against college just to prove a point and upset them. I know they’re going to come out flying, especially because they have a few guys commit-
ted here. They’re going to be
throwing the body and skating hard, so we’ll have to match their intensity. It’s going to be a good game.”

While the final outcome of the exhibition may not mat-
er in Notre Dame’s quest to return to the Frozen Four,

The Irish will face Stony Brook on Saturday with a tough test against Rutgers on Sunday.

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Irish senior forward Jonelle Filigno looks to pass against Stony Brook on Friday night.

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

SUDOKU | THE MEPHAM GROUP

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JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Lower Your Expectations | LENNY HAGO & PATRICK CROSS

Brain Kelly’s New Motivational Tactics:

Prince Shembo, I think Miami stole your bike seat!

THE OBSERVER

Horoscope | Eugenia Last

Celebrities Born on This Day: Rachael Leigh Cook, 33; Alicia Silverstone, 36; Christoph Waltz, 56; Susan Sarandon, 66.

Happy Birthday: Take a look at your financial, contractual, legal and medical situations this year. You must strive to ensure that you have everything in order to ease your mind and prepare for upcoming changes that you will soon have to explore. Preparation will be key to getting what you want in a timely manner. Your health and current career are improving. Pessimistic beliefs will not be a problem. MXM

Taurus (March 21-April 20): A partnership may make your job difficult if you cannot agree. Don’t argue when it may be time to go your separate ways — at least where money or business concerns come into play. Love is highlighted, but romantically, your vision may be clouded. NM

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Don’t show your vulnerability. Uncertainty will be a mark against you when it comes to your position or personal status. Focus on knowledge and exploring new possibilities that will help you advance and improve your lifestyle. * * *

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Don’t overspend, oversell or overestimate to impress someone who interests you. You will be appreciated for your good qualities if you present exactly who you are, what you believe in and what your goals are for the future.***

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Choose your words carefully. It’s better to be silent than to have regrets. You will fall behind if you are too busy debating senseless topics. Let discipline lead to victory. Stay busy doing what’s important and you will discover a brighter future. **

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Tie up loose ends and address pending problems. Love is in the stars, but being honest about the way you feel and what you want will be necessary if you want to reach your personal goals. Home improvements will pay off. ***

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make alterations at home that will allow you greater freedom to expand an interest. Investigate an area you have interest in and elaborate on a plan that will help you achieve a goal. Take precautions if you are doing something that requires physical exertion.***

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Reconsider your personal and professional positions, and decide what you can do to regain a lost you incurred or to add to a service you already offer. Be honest regarding the possibilities, or you may find it difficult to reach your goals.***

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Offer assistance and you will impress someone you want to work alongside. An interest in someone may run deeper than you are admitting. Consider the changes you must make at home or personally before you can follow your dreams.***

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t push your will on others. You are likely to meet with aggressive reactions. Learn from past mistakes and abide by any rules until you understand that the changes you are making are the right thing. Don’t let low cost you emotionally or financially.***

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check out your options. A chance to secure your position or to make extra cash is apparent. Making changes or adding on to your current career may result in an improved relationship and a little extra security. Make changes carefully.***

Birthday Baby: You are quick to learn and to take action. You are an adventurer. * * *

SOLUTION TO TODAY’S PUZZLE:

TRENCHES

Welcome to our Grand Opening!
Now the fun is just beginning.

BOYBL

ECEINT

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by The answer is...

LORNEL

ECCINT

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LORNEL

The Grand Openings of the Car Dealership
Was a CHANCE for Them To

Each day: 1) Think of a 4-letter word or phrase you want to share with The Observer.
2) Write the word or phrase on your puzzle answer line.
3) Send the puzzle to us (at the Observer, POB 779, Notre Dame, IN 46556)."
Opening opportunities

Irish coach Jeff Jackson believes exhibition game will provide positive outlook for season

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

No. 10 Notre Dame will play an exhibition against the U.S. National Under-18 team on Sunday, which will serve as an early measuring stick and the team’s lone chance to compete before it opens the regular season next weekend.

With practice times severely restricted over the summer, the Irish value the exhibition as an important opportunity to work on their game against an unfamiliar opponent. With a schedule that includes five top-15 opponents in the first six weeks, working on systems and working out the kinks early on will be especially important for the team this year.

“This exhibition game is the first time we’ll get to work on a lot of game situations, like power play and penalty kill,” junior goaltender Steven Summerhays said. “So it’s definitely important.”

Sunday’s game will also be a first chance for freshmen and upperclassmen alike to make cases for starting roles and increased playing time. One of those players will be Summerhays, who will try to hold off senior Mike Johnson and keep his spot as Notre Dame’s top option between the pipes.

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There may be many unknowns surrounding Sunday’s opening game, but one thing is for sure: Notre Dame’s opponent will come out firing. The U.S. team is stacked with some of the nation’s best young talent, and includes future Irish forwards Dawson Cook and Kevin Labane. Several current Notre Dame players are alumni of the U-18 team, including freshman center Thomas DiPauli, who played on the team last year and knows that the Irish should expect a battle on Sunday.

ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Voigt’s consistency aids Irish success

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

No. 24 Notre Dame will look to continue its tear through the Big East when the Irish welcome conference opponents Seton Hall on Friday and Rutgers on Sunday.

Notre Dame (9-3-1, 5-0-0 Big East) extended its winning streak to six games after a pair of road victories last weekend. The Irish took advantage of a late Providence own goal to edge the Friars 1-0 on Friday and saw their offense break out for three second-half goals in a 4-0 win over Connecticut on Sunday.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said the team’s winning streak has come as a result of consistency in both the team’s lineup and in the play of Notre Dame’s young core.

“I think the biggest thing is that we’ve gotten more settled in our lineup due to the return of [freshman midfielder] Cari Roccaro and [junior midfielder] Mandi Laddish,” Waldrum said. “Other players have also gotten to the point where they’ve really grown and started to show some consistency in their play.”

The Irish have also been bolstered by a strong defensive unit, which has posted shutouts in four of the team’s last five contests. Sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Voigt has stepped into the role of starter and helped lead the unit, as she has recorded three solo clean sheets. For her role in last week’s shutouts, Voigt was named the Big East Goalkeeper of the Week, an honor Waldrum said indicates that the young netkeeper is playing up to her potential.

“For the first time, Sarah has really been close to healthy,” Waldrum said. “We expected this type of performance out of her last year, but she never really got healthy and struggled with a loss of her confidence. This year, we’ve seen a definite improvement.”

Irish face Georgetown

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Irish junior center Anders Lee battles for the puck during Notre Dame’s 3-2 victory over Bowling Green on Feb. 4. The Irish begin the 2012 season against the U.S. National Under-18 team next weekend.

Irish junior defender Luke Mishu sets up a pass during Notre Dame’s 7-1 win over Pittsburgh on Wednesday.