Group offers weekend activities

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s Student Activities Board (SAB) has begun offering weekend programming this semester in an effort to expand students’ social and entertain-
ment options on campus, SAB president Liz Kraig said.

“SAB has always discussed different weekend options throughout the year,” she said. “This fall we decided to finally make those ideas a reality. SAB wants Saint Mary’s students to have alternative options for weekend activities on campus.”

SAB traditional co-chair Liz Robbins said the group did not want the College’s students to have to rely on Notre Dame for weekend activities.

“We want to provide the students with an option [for programming] here instead of always having to travel to Notre Dame’s campus,” she said.

“We want the students to feel like SMC is alive and active on weekends.”

So far, SAB has hosted a bow-making event, a showing of “Snow White and the Huntsman” and “Sundae’s on Sunday,” Kraig said she was pleased with the turnout at the events.

“We have had an extremely successful outcome thus far,” Kraig said. “SAB has some great weekend programming events for the rest of the semester, so students should be on the lookout.”

SAB weekend and weekday programming will resume shortly after fall break, Kraig said.

“Oct. 28 is ‘Belle-a-Boo!’ This day of Halloween fun will include pumpkin painting, a 1920s Murder Mystery Dinner and a showing of the ‘Halloweentown Trilogy,’” she said. “All of the events will take place in the Student Center.”

SAB will also host a ‘Twilight’ Baby Shower on Nov. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Sps Unica

Student runs marathon to raise disease awareness

By CALIN CROWE
News Writer

While much of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s communities spent Sunday recovering from this weekend’s gameday festivities in Chicago and preparing for midterms, Saint Mary’s senior Emily Pearl revved up for the Chicago Marathon.

Pearl ran the marathon to raise money for Steps for Doug, an organization advocating research and awareness about amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease. She said the cause was personal for her, as the organization was established in honor of a friend’s father diagnosed with the disease.

“I think anyone who has ever thought about doing a marathon should. It was one of the best experiences of my life,” she said. “I’m not even a runner, but it was still something I would consider doing again and again. As long as you put your mind to it, anyone can do it.”

After struggling in last year’s marathon, Pearl came better prepared to this year’s race.

“Last year was my first time running [a marathon], so I didn’t know what to expect. I started the race too fast

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What is your favorite drink at Starbucks?

- Akosua Oben-Nyarko
  sophomore
  "Mocha Cookie Crumble"

- Francis Vu
  sophomore
  "Hot chocolate"

- Jack Goza
  freshman
  Knott
  "Pumpkin Spice (fall), Peppermint Mocha (winter), Passionfruit lemonade (summer) and black coffee (spring)"

- Kate Zanker
  junior
  Lewis
  "Small dark roast of the day with room"

- Kathleen Webster
  freshman
  Ryan
  "Grand peppermint mocha"

- Lucas Garcia
  sophomore
  Keenan
  "Tall Earl Grey hot tea"

Students enjoy the autumn season and throw leaves on God Quad. Fall will soon be an afterthought, as Mother Nature will swiftly change her course to winter and the leaves will be replaced with snow and students will revel in the bounties of the holiday season.
Apparel company comes to campus

By SARAH MCCARTHY | News Writer

University Tees, an apparel company offering custom t-shirts, sweatshirts and promotional products for college clubs and events, has established its presence at Notre Dame with its first campus representative, junior Mike Shepardson.

The company, established at Miami University (Ohio) in 2003, typically sells its products to fraternities and sororities at other colleges. However, Shepardson said Notre Dame students’ involvement in service work and nonprofits offers a different customer base.

“At other schools, the biggest clientele is the Greek life,” Shepardson said. “At Notre Dame, our biggest customers will probably be the charity groups because there’s so many different charitable events going on.”

Despite the lack of Greek organizations at the University, Shepardson said the company sees Notre Dame as an excellent opportunity to expand given its many clubs and service groups.

He said University Tees offers discounts to charitable organizations and fundraising events. “They were excited to work with Notre Dame, regardless of the fact that there’s no Greek life, because there’s a lot of opportunity here,” he said.

With University Tees having a number of online competitors, Shepardson said the company differentiates itself by offering a more collaborative and customized approach. “I can help work with people’s budget and control the pricing,” he said. “I’m able to get to know the customer and, by doing that, I can get them better service and help get what they need.”

Shepardson said the company’s business model offers Notre Dame students a more user-friendly experience. “[University Tees] makes the ordering process more efficient by having someone on campus who’s available 24/7, rather than dealing with a big company with a ton of different customers,” he said.

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Alumni, students manage housing rental business

By LILY MCGILL | News Writer

Founded in 2006 by three Notre Dame graduates, Rent Like a Champion (RLAC) offers football weekend rentals and off-campus student housing with the help of student managers. Student manager Jack Keller said the rapidly growing business was inspired by the founders’ experience living off campus in a dilapidated part of town. “[RLAC] founders lived off campus and saw how rundown the neighborhoods were and how bad the city was hurting,” Keller said.

Keller said the founders originally bought houses in.disrepair, renovating them and renting them to South Bend homeowners. The business later transitioned to providing student rentals and eventually incorporated weekend rentals to football fans, alumni and students’ families.

“At the start of RLAC, the focus was to benefit the community,” Keller said. “After doing that for so many years, a housing company naturally developed from it.”

The company originally offered its website as a venue to list their residences for rent on game home weekends as an alternative to pricey and scarce hotel rooms, Keller said. “It’s such a genius idea because it perfectly filled the void,” he said. “My family used to try to come back for football games when I was younger, and renting hotel rooms was always such a pain. We’d spend so much money… the hotels jacked up their prices.”

The need for alternative accommodations near campuses with major football programs has fueled the company’s growth to other college towns, he said. “We expanded to Penn State last year… and this summer we went to 28 new schools,” he said. “If you go down a list of the top 30 football programs in the country by attendance and popularity, we’re at all of them right now.”

Rentals marketed by RLAC’s partner University Tees, Football Rentals at schools such as the University of Michigan, the University of Iowa and the University of Texas have been met with substantial demand, student manager Pat Adams said. Last year we had over 300 rentals and made a profit of over $500,000,” Adams said.

“Thats huge.” Keller said the student housing side of the business has contributed to the company’s growth as well. “My first year we had about 40 people rent from us,” he said. “This year’s I’d say we’re going to have 60, maybe 70.”

Keller attributed much of the company’s success at Notre Dame to its staff being made up entirely by Notre Dame graduates and students. “Every person involved with the company is part of the Notre Dame family,” Keller said. “They understand what a lot of our renters are expecting when they rent and thus they’re able to better serve all our customers.”

Incorporating students into the company’s operations has helped get the word out about the relatively young business, student manager James Schappler said. “It’s very unique in the sense that the people who are marketing and selling the properties are students,” Schappler said. “The name’s easier to get out because the students are actually on campus with you: They go to school with you.”

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Obama hopes for campaign rebound

President Barack Obama speaks in front of the Cesar Chavez National Monument on Oct. 8. Obama hopes to rebound from last week’s debate. Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the White House race shows signs of tightening nationally, President Barack Obama’s campaign is banking on a massive get-out-the-vote operation and state-by-state grades of economic improvement to maintain its apparent polling edge in battlegrounds from Ohio to Virginia.

Republican Mitt Romney, reenergized by last week’s debate, is flashing new confidence on the campaign trail and pressing toward the political center on both foreign and domestic issues. But aides have outlined no clear path to winning the 270 Electoral College votes required to gain the White House.

“Things are going pretty good,” the usually cautious Romney said Monday with a smile.

Among Democrats, the swagger of the previous few weeks has all but vanished since the debate. “Ultimately this is a tight race, and it’s going to remain a tight race until the end,” said Bill Burton, who runs Priorities USA Action, a pro-Obama “super” political action committee.

Upcoming SAB Events

October 28

Belle-a-Boo!

November 15

Twilight Baby Shower

December 1

Winter Wonderland

Hall in celebration of the release of the final installment of the series, she said. As the film centers around the arrival of the main characters’ baby, the group will use the opportunity to benefit a charitable cause.

“We will be celebrating Renesmee’s arrival with fun snacks, games and ‘Twilight’ give-a-ways. We will also be having a children’s toy and women’s needs drive leading up to the baby shower,” she said. “All items will be donated to local women’s shelters.”

The group’s annual Winter Wonderland event will be Dec. 1. SAB is partnering with other clubs and organizations at the College, the South Bend School Corp., Notre Dame, Holy Cross, IUSB and Ivy Tech for the event, Kraig said.

“The Winter Wonderland event is a fun-filled day of Christmas activities,” she said. “All events will be held in the Student Center on the Saint Mary’s College campus and are free for South Bend students and their families.”

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Venezuelan leader faces poor economy

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — During his re-election campaign, President Hugo Chavez promised to deepen the “21st century socialism” that has meant an ever-greater state role in the economy. That message won him a surprising 11-percent-age point win in what many had thought would be a tight race.

Still, he’s set to start a fourth presidential term under challenging economic circumstances. The government’s free-spending ways are fueling the burgeoning public sector and privatizing the generous social programs that aided his re-election, may be seriously crippled.

Chavez faces immediate economic time bombs beginning with a rapidly expanding public debt, one of Latin America’s highest inflation rates and a weakening currency.

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LUXEMBOURG — Greece and its international lenders need to agree quickly on a program of reforms so the next tranche of bailout loans can be released, the head of the group finance ministers from the 17 countries that use the euro said Monday.

Inspectors for the so-called troika — the International Monetary Fund, the European Central Bank, and the European Commission — are currently in Greece, looking for ways to reduce the country’s debt.

Greek needs more money soon to avoid defaulting on its obligations.

European Central Bank president Mario Draghi, left, listens to European Economic and Monetary Af-fairs commissioner Olli Rehn during the Eurogroup meeting in Luxembourg on Oct. 8.

Bailey

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release.

As associate vice president for strategic planning, Bailey will assist the Office of the President in developing the University’s strategic plan, assessing pro-gress, overseeing departmental strategic planning and issuing reviews for the provost and exec-utive vice president, the re-lease stated.

University President Fr. John Jenkins said Bailey’s past expe-rience outside the University as well as his time as the interim head of the office have prepared him well for the position.

“David’s experience as a Notre Dame alumnus, his time in the office he will now head, and his long and distinguished career in business amply equip him for this critical position,” Jenkins said in the release. “His appointment further strength-ens the University’s advance-ment toward institutional excellence.”


Marathon

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and was not thinking about the four hours I had left to run,” she said. “This year, I knew what was ahead of me and I did a better job pacing myself.”

She said the milder weath-er made this year’s race more manageable.

“The weather was awes-ome. It was chilly out, which was perfect for run-ning,” she said. “It was real-ly hot last year, which made the run difficult. I feel most tired when I’m hot so it was great having a little chill in the air this year.”

Pearl said she is now con-sidering participating in a triathlon, but will definitely be competing in more mara-thons in the meantime.

“I am definitely going to continue running mara-thons,” she said. “During the actual race I always tell myself that I’m never going to sign up again because of how long it is, but the feel-ing I get when I’ve finished the race is like nothing else.”

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Minister urges Greek action

Associated Press

Greece has depended on bail-outs from Europe and the IMF since May 2010. To get the loans, it has implemented a series of deep budget cuts and tax hikes, while increasing retirement ages and fa-cilitating private sector layoffs.

However, Athens must pass further austerity measures worth 13.5 billion ($17.5 billion) over the next two years to qualify for its next rescue loan payment — without which the government will run out of cash next month. It is these cuts and tax enforcement measures that Greece and the troika are cur-rently negotiating.

Jean-Claude Juncker, the eurogroup chief, speaking to re-porters in Luxembourg after a meeting of the finance ministers of the euro countries, praised Greek officials and their willingness to do what is necessary for the coun-try and its economy. He said a report from representatives of the troika was largely positive.

“We were happy to learn that substantial progress has been made over the last weeks — and, mainly days,” Juncker said. “We called on the troika to finalize their negotiations and agree on a com-plete set of measures to close the fiscal gap for ’13 and ’14 as soon as possible.”

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Everyone loves St. Francis

Christina Mondi
Raising Voices

Everyone loves St. Francis. When I mentioned his feast day on Facebook, Catholic and non-religious friends alike gave the thumbs-up. The dining halls baked cakes. There was a special Mass in the Basilica.

Besides being struck by the irony of the vanilla lambs, I sometimes worry that we romanticize Francis too much. When a million movements claim him as their poster-boy, when we anchor statues of him in our gardens and imagine him dancing barefoot in the sun with the birds, we risk missing the point of what was really radical about him.

When St. Francis was about our age, he was coasting through life. He had made his name in the business world — he had it all. He had seen the up and downs of business and the hustle and bustle? Francis may have been the very first person to see him for who he really was: not a beggar, but a man and a brother.

The next radical thing that Francis did was to run after him. Francis was a lot like many of us: 20-something, well-off and well-educated. For him, there was no lightning from the sky or intellectual “aha!” moment. He just opened his eyes to what was smack-dab in front of him all along.

Not all of us can go to Appalachia for fall break, or make it to a soup kitchen. But for people like me — people who care too much but don’t see the payoff that often — this was special. BP is 1-14 since I arrived on campus, and I wasn’t happy to lose any of those games. But it’s those defeats that made the one victory feel so good. Well, that and the celebratory froys.

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In more than two years as a resident of Breen-Phillips hall, I’ve found there are a few things that we Babes can always count on. Firstly, we know that we will never feel neglected by NDdormjokes. Secondly, we never need to search too far to find a source of snacks. And thirdly, our flag football team has been and always will be bad. How bad? Cal Tech basketball level bad. But while I never thought I would see such a thing, the impossible happened on Oct. 2, 2012: BP won a football game.

We only had 10 girls playing. We had no time to warm-up and no practice since we’d been to every single Sunday. Half of our coaches were stuck in class or exams, and half of us were playing defense for the first time. But none of that mattered, and as we closed out a 20-18 win over Lyons, we all ran half-mad to embrace on the sideline as if such an event had never before occurred.

Of course, as far as we were concerned, this was a first. I do know that we were completely shutout in my freshman campaign — in four games, we didn’t manage so much as a safety — and last season we played in pinneys that had “No Mercy (Rule)” written across the back.

Lest anyone think I’m blaming my teammates for our failures over the years, I assure you that I hold more than my fair share of the blame. I’m no good at pulling flags, I’m too slow to make a good running back and as an offensive lineman I probably spent more time impeding the progress of my teammates than I did protecting the quarterback. If I wasn’t the most penalized player in the league last year, then I must have been awfully slow.

Let’s put it this way: There was a reason why no one questioned the appropriateness of my coaches bestowing me with the “Dr. Jekyll and You Better Hyde Award for Most Aggressive Pass Blocking.”

And that’s why it felt so good to finally, finally come out on top in a Recsports contest. As competitive as I am, I’m not sure I’ve ever entertained the thought of playing in the title game in the stadium. For those of you who have the luxury of setting your priorities straight and devote more energy to chemistry class than interhall sports.)

But for people like me — people who care way too much but don’t see the payoff that often — this was special. BP is 1-14 since I arrived on campus, and I wasn’t happy to lose any of those games. But it’s those defeats that made the one victory feel so good. Well, that and the celebratory froys.

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Inside Column

Taste the victory

Vicky Jacobsen
Sports Writer

Everyone, we all know the rest of the story: how Francis chased after the beggar, how he exchanged clothes with him and later denounced his father’s inheritance. That is awesome. But let’s rewind a bit.

The very first radical thing that Francis did, before he founded an order, cared for lepers, negotiated with a Sultan or whatever, was to see that man in the marketplace, to really see him, for the first time.

How many times had he sat there before, unnoticed amidst all the hustle and bustle? Francis may have been the very first person to see him for who he really was: not a beggar, but a man and a brother.

The next radical thing that Francis did was to run after him. Francis was a lot like many of us: 20-something, well-off and well-educated. For him, there was no lightning from the sky or intellectual “aha!” moment. He just opened his eyes to what was smack-dab in front of him all along.

Not all of us can go to Appalachia for fall break, or make it to a soup kitchen every week. Some of us may always live and work in environments like that marketplace — Notre Dame is certainly one.

But the example of St. Francis challenges us to not use our circumstances as an excuse for not reaching out to others.

He challenges us to look more closely for those who are poor and tired around us — a friend going through a rough time, a worn-out housekeeper, a dorm-mate sitting alone in the dining hall — and to go out of our way not only to acknowledge them, but to love them.

In those little moments, we might become saints.

Take a look around!

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Weekly Poll

What’s your favorite stress-reliever for midterm week?

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Henry David Thoreau
American author and naturalist

“I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion.”
Harmony and discord

Alex Coccia
Share of Glass

"Silent night, holy night … Dr. Martin Luther King says he does not intend to cancel plans for an open housing march Sunday into the Chicago suburb of Cicero … Police in Cicero said they would ask the National Guard be called out if it is held … Round you virgin mother and child … In Washington, the atmosphere was tense today as a special sub-committee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities continued its probe into anti-Vietnam war protest … Sleep in heavenly peace." 

Such is the chilling and poignant juxtaposition of the Aug. 3, 1966, 7:00 news and the simple carol, "Silent Night," produced by Simon and Garfunkel. Such is the dichotomous view of the world they present. It is a view of the world with a surface theme of harmony, but the undertone of conflict. Saul Alinsky says that if all of human history could be incorporated into a singular musical score, it would be one of discord. This song, while unifying disparate themes, is wrought with division and strife. 

As part of a story of an era in American history, the subtext is prejudice. It is a view of the world in which humans come together to praise what is sacred while underneath the ineffable is the mental, physical and emotional clash of these human beings. It contrasts the celebration of a single human life with the consecration of the view of human beings as objects and as means. The irony surrounding this juxtaposition is that it is the reality of our existence. James Carroll writes, "I claim an identity that limits me. Yet equally it gives me a place to stand." Here, Carroll identifies the present balance: standing tall in our self identity while not letting our height block that invaluable vision of others, not letting our vision of the sacred block our engagement with those around us. Recognizing this reality can lead to either a defeatist and apolitical attitude or a call to action. 

Unfortunately, there is certainly no definitive answer to change this reality. Indeed, the process throughout human history has been one of success and failure, where conflict has been either transformed means to peace, where the resolution of one conflict plants the seeds of another and where human beings are both the ends and the means to a perceived greater end. These road maps and limited signs. There is only direction. Yet, in the midst of all of this mixture of harmony and discord, our mission is to fully engage with the world and its problems, meaning that we engage further with each other in the complete understanding that this engagement will inevitably create more conflict. Yet, we do not shy away; we simply approach our interactions with a more pure vision of the world as it is.

We must start with this reality of the world — our limitations and our foundations and the sinuous curve of harmony and discord. However, as Alinsky notes, "that we accept the world as it is does not in any sense weaken our desire to change it into what we believe it should be — it is necessary to begin where the world is if we are going to change it to what we think it should be." We must have a vision of where we would like to be as a human race grounded in the reality of where we currently find ourselves. That vision must include others.

It is ultimately an "other-oriented" lens through which we must address our actions in life, a lens produced by the sacred and profound, not blinded by their radiance. It is a vision of religion as a path to God and in service to God through service to other human beings, not in spite of other human beings. Similarly, other lofty sentiments like democracy cannot merely be the ends for which human beings are the means. 

The Simon and Garfunkel rendition illustrates this fault in instances when order becomes the ends by which civil rights are refused, or national security becomes the ends by which dignity is violated. The necessary vision must be that "the least of these" refers to each of us at one time or another. It is a vision that both oppressor and oppressed have to bear.

Alinsky writes, "in the world as it is there are no permanent happy or sad endings," just a continuing appreciation for the beauty and struggle of human relationships and interactions. "No man is an island," proclaimed John Donne. At least, none should be — not in our successes, our failures, our ecstasies or our agonies. As human beings, we do have our moments of solitary experience. But the island paradise we seek is found in other human beings. Even when our personal melodies are one of discord, they are syncopated with others in the world.

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Mischaracterizing feminism

Becca Rothfield
The Dartmouth

Since the advent of second-wave feminism in the 1960s, the mainstream feminist movement has suffered at the expense of its popularity. According to a 2009 poll conducted by CBS News, only 24 percent of American women identify themselves as feminists. Among men, numbers are even more disheartening: Only 14 percent of the American male population identifies as feminist, while 24 percent of American men regard the term as an insult. It is difficult to see what could be so off-putting about a movement whose primary aims are so innocuous.

I doubt that feminism’s detractors would oppose the elimination of gender roles. The chauvinism responsible for the beauty and struggle of human beings is closely related to the resolution of one conflict plants the seeds of another and where human beings are both the ends and the means to a perceived greater end. There are few common logic, the feminist is an unshaven, combative creature intent on the utter destruction of the male sex. She is willfully ignorant of the difficulties that males face in our society, and she is self-righteously indignant at every opportunity. Although she is quick to blame the systemization of her own role in the process of female marginalization. Even the most favorable popular portrayals of feminists still tend to represent them as aggressive, abrasive and unappealingly sanctimonious.

Such a characterization could not be more misleading. Although the term “feminism” refers to a diverse array of stances and intellectual advocates, the position is not anti-men — it is anti-sexist. The position is not anti-men — it is anti-sexist. Feminism is nothing if not cautious. Feminism relies on the unfounded assumption that feminists ignore men’s issues or hope to fight misogyny by reversing them. In point of fact, most contemporary feminists are quite sympathetic to male plights. From a feminist perspective, male oppression arises from the same central source: the series of social expectations that conspire to create gender roles. The chain of vision responsible for the suppression of women is bound up with the very same cultural structures that demand certain behaviors from men. The notion that women should be demure, sentimental and delicate is closely related to the corresponding notion that men should be strong, stalwart and revered. Consequently, any discussion of gender norms that fails to address men’s issues is not only incomplete.

Mischaracterizing feminism is nothing if not cautious when it comes to assigning responsibility and blame — indeed, many women have been dedicated to an examination of women’s hand in their own subjugation, a consequence of the internalization of sexist ideologies. The position is not anti-men — it is merely anti-patriarchal and reason-ably so.

The myth of the domineering, hysterical feminist is one more attempt to silence the feminine voice and discredit the female point of view. The assumption implicit in such accounts is that women could only oppose their own oppression by assuming an unreasonably passive, an assumption that smacks of familiar stereotypes and prejudices.

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Instagram

@cocorocha

One of the most sought after top models is privileged enough to travel to some of the most exotic locations and enter the most elite parties, but she’s sure to document every minute of it so you feel you too are living glamorously.

@vanslyfair

Vanity Fair’s Instagram account is fantastic at showcasing everything from hot shoes to interesting timeplaces in a way that looks almost magazine quality. It also throws back to the good old days with classic covers from years past.

@hungryeditor

Ben Setiawan, a men’s editor at Saks, has a passion for food that comes through in his Instagram photos. It’s like Pinterest with the names of restaurants instead of recipes. His food photos are mixed in with other photos of trendy things going on whenever he is.

@evachen212

Eva Chen, beauty editor for “Teen Vogue,” is constantly Instagramming inspiring pictures of everything from home décor to fashion, but she’s best at showing what hot new products are on the market and the best ways to use them.

@doggotoinstagram

There are almost too many cute dogs on Instagram. This account complies the cutest of the cute so look no further when trying to find the perfect pick me up on a rough midterm day.

@badgirlriri

Nobody is better than Rihanna at giving her fans an all access pass to her life. She frequently Instagrams candid shots of her with her family and friends, but be warned she’s also notorious for uploading random quote photos.

Taken 2

ANKUR CHAWLA

Scene Writer

This past spring I spent my semester abroad in Fremantle, Australia. During our first week there, we had the brilliant idea of watching “Taken” to serve as a warming of stranger danger. Naturally, I was scared for the next month that I was going to be taken into the underground world of suburban Australia.

The prevalence and defining nature of the first of the two “Taken” films was just how realistic it seemed. The villains were highly intelligent, organized and enigmatic. Meanwhile, Liam Neeson delivered powerful and memorable lines attributed to a well-written script and strong acting skills. The dialogue and story line portrayed the intricate world of human trafficking and international security in a compelling and exciting way to make “Taken” a modern classic.

“Taken 2” was not. Riddled with horrible dialogue, overly dramatic camerawork and an antagonistic group that makes our political system seem organized and efficient, “Taken 2” was a sad box office stunt that you should not waste your time or money on.

Liam Neeson’s character is a former spy with a specific set of skills conducive to tracking down bad people and killing them. In the first movie, he tracks down a network of Eastern European human traffickers who had kidnapped his daughter and her friend. In the process, he snapped many necks and left a few dead bodies in his path. The sequel follows one of the deceased’s fathers in his quest for revenge against the man who killed his son.

The sequel fails to maintain the same level of intrigue and mystery surrounding its motives. Furthermore, a group of five of them is taken out while watching a soccer match and eating kebabs (I understand they’re crazy about that stuff in Europe, but it is a silly way to go). They seemed incredibly unorganized and at times under qualified to go after anyone played by Liam Neeson.

Adding to the absurdity and unreal nature of the movie, one particular scene shows Neeson’s character with a concealed cell phone while handcuffed in a prison communicating to his daughter. Kim, who was still at their hotel, he directs her to throw grenades in a few particular directions trying to triangulate his particular location.

Though admittedly a cool and clever tactic, I’m not sure how the detonation of live grenades in the densely populated city of Istanbul would go over with the locals and authorities (no I would trust a teenage girl to throw a grenade any sort of safe distance with no practice).

“Taken 2” tries to take you in to the whitewashed depiction of an outlawed city. Instead of a modern classic it does no such thing. With a lazy mess of a script and overly zealous “cinematography” it is no more exciting than Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz’s “Knight and Day” and with as much depth as any movie starring The Rock.

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“Taken 2”

Starring: Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen
Director: Olivier Megaton
If you like: Bad action movies
shows wisdom on the NFL’s part.

It’s a bit cynical, maybe, planning for the possibility of a scandal, and I’m sure if you asked the NFL they would say this reasoning had nothing to do with it. But what if it was, say, Kurt Warner, known as a fervent Christian and ex-actly the type of person the NFL might hold up as a role model for youth, on an ad like this when he was in his heyday? If he found himself in some hot water under the national media spotlight, the NFL would lose face and the ad would certainly leave a bad taste in the public’s mouth.

Now, with that in mind, take a look at the world of music. Seattle-based rapper Macklemore’s latest album “The Heist” drops in stores today. He released a video for a single off the album, “Same Love,” last week. Both the song and the video highlight the rapper’s support for gay marriage, which is certainly a socially conscious message not often seen in today’s mainstream hip-hop landscape.

But last week in an interview, Macklemore talked about wanting to avoid the “socially conscious” label. “Yes, he supports gay marriage, but that doesn’t define his music.”

“I think it’s a stupid box to put any-body in,” Macklemore said in his interview with thesource.com. “If you’re living, if you’re breathing, if you’re rapping, you’re conscious. I understand what they’re getting at; to me I’m not more or less conscious than anyone else. This is my perspective, this is the life that I’ve lived, and that’s why I’m rapping the way that I’m rapping.”

Macklemore is a former drug and alcohol abuser whose career, which showed promise in the early 2000s, was derailed for most of the decade. Since going clean, he’s teamed up with producer Ryan Lewis and adopted a new attitude in his music.

He doesn’t put on fronts; he doesn’t pretend he’s something he’s not. He raps from his life perspective, informed by all of his experiences and nothing more.

We’ve seen what can happen when a rapper takes on the social consciousness label and dives a little too deeply into it. Lupe Fiasco, who recently re-released his latest album, “Food & Liquor II: The Great American Rap Album Pt. 1,” may be the prime example of what happens when society forces a label on an artist.

Lupe was known as a talented lyricist with positive social messages, but his views evolved into more extreme and drastic statements. In one interview he called President Barack Obama a terrorist, and followed it up with a confusing and radical interview with Bill O’Reilly. From the outside looking in, it seems the “conscious” label got to his head, and judging by the mixed reviews of his newest release, it might be affecting his music.

I had the pleasure to meet and interview Macklemore and Ryan Lewis when they came to campus last winter. I was struck by how incredibly down to earth and humble they were. They’re just two good guys who make good music, and it seems important to them to stay grounded in their own perspectives.

When the album comes out, with tracks like “Same Love” and “Wings,” which critiques America’s consumer culture, it will be easy to label Macklemore. But when you free people like him and Ray Lewis of labels, and don’t place manufactured expectations on their lives, you free them to just do their thing in the way they see best. Maybe we should just let Macklemore make music, and enjoy it while he does, whether his messages are always socially conscious or not.

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Fans need some perspective

As Two-Face so eloquently stated in "The Dark Knight," "It's not about what I want, it's about what's fair!"
The notion of accountability — who it is fair to blame when a problem occurs and who it is fair to expect to fix it — has been in the news often recently as we move closer to the presidential election. Both candidates have tried to portray the necessity of different groups sacrificing some things they want for what the candidates believe is fair to help the nation.

Sports also have a nature of accountability, but in a different sense. All you have to do to see the fair result of a game is look at the score-board after it. The team that scored more points wins by virtue of making the biggest plays and making the fewest amount of mistakes — is the better team. But that's not the case on that day, no matter what you may want as a fan. The team that does not perform the best is held accountable in a simple way: It lost.

But that's in a perfect world that doesn't factor in a key outside influence known as game officials.

Fans, including myself, don't want to believe it's possible, but it can happen. A team could simply just not be as good as the opponent. This is what makes referees such easy scapegoats. It's a way to say the final score is not actually fair. It's a way to hold someone besides your heroes accountable for the fact they could not get the job done on the field that day. And the media only helps spur this view.

The officials have been in the news a lot lately. The most recent example was Friday's National League wildcard game between Atlanta and St. Louis. The Braves, batting in the bottom of the eighth down 6-3, should have had the bases loaded with one out, but a horrendous infield fly call gave Atlanta two outs and runners on only second and third.

The ruling was referred to as "game-changing" by fans and the media alike. Well, it technically did change the game. Outcome-changing, on the other hand? Probably not. The score would not have changed. The Braves still would have been down three runs. If the next three at bats went the way they did, Atlanta would still have entered the ninth down multiple runs, though 6-4 instead of 6-3.

Regardless of the call's impact, it makes an easy excuse to allow Braves fans to forget that Atlanta committed three more errors and left 10 more men stranded than the Cardinals, and, frankly, didn't deserve to win.

Another gaffe occurred in the now infamous ending to the Packers vs. Seahawks game two weeks ago. In this case, Packers fans have a much more legitimate gripe, it was outcome-changing, and Green Bay did deserve to win.

But it was also the Packers' poor offensive performance that put them in the position to lose in the first place, as they gained fewer than 270 total yards all night. I maintain there were three winners that emerged from that game. The Seahawks and the NFL referees, who were back on the field the following day after settling their lawsuit, were the obvious ones.

But also, ironically, the Packers' offensive line won. America's entire focus shifted from Green Bay allowing a whopping eight sacks to the call at the end of the game. Plus, guard T.J. Lang gained an additional 70,000 Twitter followers in a span of 24 hours due to his expletive-laden tirade. People were cheering Cassel's "bad" calls, but he said that with the emphasis on concussions in the league, they're making sure we do due diligence with the player's health, making sure he's not rushed back, so we'll see.

Cassel didn't officially rule Cassel out against the Buccaneers, but he said that with the emphasis on concussions in the league, they're making sure we do due diligence with the player's health, making sure he's not rushed back, so we'll see.

That was the predicament the Chiefs found themselves in last season.

Cassel hurt his throwing hand against the Denver Broncos last November, undergoing surgery and landing on injured reserve. Tyler Palko was an abject failure starting in his place, and the Chiefs wound up claiming Kyle Orton off waivers to finish out the season.

The move to Quinn may have happened even if Cassel hadn't been hurt.

The former Pro Bowl quarterback has struggled mightily the past two seasons, and his troubles this year have been especially glaring. Cassel was only completing 58.8 percent of his passes and had thrown five touchdowns and a league-leading nine interceptions.

His quarterback rating of 66.2 is the lowest since he became a starter in New England.

That's part of the reason some intrepid fans raised enough money to hire a plane to tow a banner before Sunday's game pleading for Cassel to be benched, and why a small segment of the crowd at Arrowhead Stadium cheered when he got hurt — drawing the ire of right tackle Eric Winston and his teammates, and touching off a national debate about uncouth behavior of some fans.

Winston called the cheering "100-percent sickening" after the game, and stood by his opinion during a meeting with a few reporters Monday. But he also made sure to clarify that he wasn't talking about all Kansas City fans, just those who were cheering Cassel's injury.

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Notre Dame struggles on home course

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

Despite improved play during the second round of the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic, Notre Dame left Warren Golf Course on Monday tired for last place.

The Irish shot a 14-over-par 304 in the first round on Sunday, and fired an 11-over-par 295 Monday. Freshman Cory Sciupider, inserted into the starting lineup for the first time on Oct. 28 against Ryan on Oct. 28, and Lewis was a game that had every member of the starting five Irish with an even-par 71 Monday.

In his brief college career, led the starting lineup for the first time. Cory S Ciupider, inserted into the 11-over-par 295 Monday. Freshman field after two rounds with a total Michigan State leads the 12-team Irish with an even-par 71 Monday.

round to really move up into the top five.

Kubinski also expects Sciupider to almost went in for a hole-in-one. It bounced over the back and he made a nice three.

The Irish begin the final round of the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Warren Golf Course.

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Offense

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momentum into our final game.”

The Finest will look to end the season with a win when they face McGlinn on Oct. 28. Looking to win two in a row, the Pynns impasse off against Ryan on Oct. 28.

Ryan 20, Lewis 6

Sunday’s matchup between Ryan and Lewis was a game that had major playoff implications on the line, with the losing team most likely missing out on the opportunity to advance to the playoffs this season.

In the end, it was Ryan (3-2) that won 20-6 over the Irish Irish with an even-par 71 Monday.

“This win puts us in good position to make the playoffs if we can beat Pasquerilla East,” senior quarterback Mayia Pillai said.

The Wildcats offense used an unstoppable sweep run by junior receiver and running back Leah Fisher. On Ryan’s first possession, a 30-yard sweep by Fisher set up a seven-yard strike to junior receiver Maddy Swan from Pillai.

Pillai commanded the offense for the Wildcats, going 6-for-15 throwing the ball and racking up many yards on the ground. The Wildcats scored once more before the half when Pillai sold a fake handoff to Fisher so well that it left sophomore receiver Ashley Veselik wide open in the end zone for the touchdown.

Down 13-0, the Irish stormed back in the second half. Senior quarterback Connaghe Blood led a run-oriented offense, as she was able to scramble to evade most of the Wildcats’ pass rush. A 30-yard scramble by Blood set up a short touchdown pass to freshman, Abby Dankoff that pulled the Chicks to within seven.

However, a 20-yard touchdown rush by Fisher on another sweep, complete with a flawless juke, extended Ryan’s lead to 20-6.

Pillai said she thinks the time off because of fall break will be beneficial to Ryan’s overall health.

“Hopefully with the week off for fall break, we can get some of our injured players back on the field,” Pillai said.

Despite suffering a loss that might have knocked the Chicks out of the playoff race, Blood said she thought the game plan was solid. However, she said Lewis still needs to focus on the details.

“Our offense played much better today than we have in past games but we were really hammering some penalties on key plays and drivers,” Blood said. “For the next game we’ll be working on getting the little things right and having fun as the season starts to wind down.”

Ryan hopes to continue its success Oct. 28 against Pasquerilla East in a game that could put them into the playoffs while Lewis battles Pangborn to close out the regular season Oct. 28.

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McGlinn 14, Welsh Family 6

By D.H. KIM
Sports Writer

Despite windy, rainy conditions, both McGlinn and Welsh Family battled until the end, when the Shamrocks (4-2) evened the game with senior captain and quarter-back Emily Golden proving to be effective as a dual threat quarterback. Golden scrambled and rushed to convert fourth downs on multiple occasions.

Welsh Family (4-2) had a staunch red zone defense that contained the Shamrocks in the first quarter. On the other side of the ball, Whirlwinds senior captain and quarterback Victoria Moreno was stymied in the first half as the Shamrock defense, led by senior cornerback Ally Scalo, pressured Moreno into incompletions. Scalo had two sacks in the game that forced the Whirlwinds to punt in the first half.

They rattled us on the blitz and played an excellent game today," Moreno said. "We missed pulling some flags and we were outplayed.

Golden put the Shamrocks on the board first when she connected with senior receiver Caitlyn Day for a touchdown.

But Moreno responded quickly with an incredible 45-yard rushing touchdown that tied the game. Welsh Family’s defense, led by senior linebacker Beck Tasker and senior defensive lineman Elizabeth Pallante, kept the score even until late in the fourth quarter.

Golden converted another fourth down with two minutes left on the clock. The senior quarterback then threw a touchdown pass to senior receiver Katie Ritter that proved to be the game-winner.

With the win, McGlinn clinched a spot in the playoffs.

Most importantly we made the playoffs and played an excellent game today," Golden said. "The defense was awesome and we just have to keep this streak and play McGlinn football!"

The Whirlwinds are also most likely playoff-bound despite the loss.

Welsh Family is finished for the regular season, while McGlinn plays its final game Oct. 28 against Farley.

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Keenan overcomes poor conditions to top rival

Knott, Keough and St. Edward's collect wins in low-scoring games; Fisher, Duncan forfeit

By CASEY KAHNES
Sports Writer

“The Battle of the Chapel” lived up to its name Sunday, as Keenan earned a physical 13-0 win over Stanford.

Despite the cold and wet weather, temperatures on both sides were hot, as both teams drew multiple personal fouls, and one player was ejected.

Keenan (3-0) didn’t allow the emotion of a rivalry game to distract it from its game plan, and followed dual-threat senior quarterback Andrew McDonough to victory. McDonough, who amassed 90 passing yards and 80 on the ground, said he couldn’t downplay the significance of the Knights’ win.

“This is a d orn win,” McDonough said. “It was for bragg ing rights, and it was for the chapel.”

The Knights’ joy comes at the Griffins’ expense, as Stanford (1-3) displayed a valiant effort on defense and put constant pressure on McDonough. The leadership of senior line-backer and captain Paul Babia, along with physical play from senior defensive back Will Tudor, allowed the hard-hitting defensive unit to hold McDonough at bay for most of the first half.

The Griffins’ offense, however, was not able to produce, and turned the ball over five times. Stanford junior quarterback Connor Healy struggled to control the game in the sloppy weather and threw three interceptions. Keenan sophomore cornerback Chris Deavoll picked off a Healy pass late in the second quarter to set up a touchdown pass from McDonough to senior receiver Trevor Yerrick.

From there, the defense took over, as it forced consecutive turnover-on-downs for the Griffins before recovering a fumble with two minutes left in the game.

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Meanwhile, Morrissey senior captain Taylor Stein blamed his team’s performance on a variety of factors.

“We only had 15 guys on the field Stein said. “It was the first time we won.”

Morrissey attempts to bounce back when it plays Alumni on Oct. 28, while Keenan looks to keep rolling when it faces Keough on Oct. 25.

By ALEX WILCOX
Sports Writer

In a sloppy game controlled by the weather, Knot defeated Morrissey 10-0 on Sunday.

Sluggish offenses, strong defenses and gnawingly cold wind and rain set the tone for the contest.

Morrissey (1-2) managed just two first downs all game, and Knot (2-1) only mustered three points in the first half, despite good field position. Knot missed a scoring opportunity on its first possession, as senior running back Joe Beglane fumbled on Morrissey’s two-yard line.

Morrissey couldn’t generate much on the offensive end either and fell behind when Knot scored at the end of the first half on a 29-yard field goal to go up 3-0.

Knot t carried the momentum into the second half, when it opened with a four-play, 65-yard drive that ended in a 3-yard touchdown run by Beglane. From there, the defense took over, as it forced consecutive turnover-on-downs for Morrissey before recovering a fumble with two minutes left in the game.

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By KIT LOUGHRAN
Sports Writer

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Purple Weasels continue undefeated streak

Walsh, Pasquerilla East, Ryan, McGlinn and Cavanaugh battle poor weather to take victories

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

As Pasquerilla West continues its drive toward Notre Dame Stadium, the Purple Weasels (5-0) exacted revenge on Howard, which has de nied their championship hopes in the past, with a 21-0 victory Sunday. Howard (1-4) entered the game scrambling to make the playoffs because of a rash of injuries and poor attendance at games. Still, the Ducks hoped to upset the Purple Weasels, whom they have be en for the championship before. Early on, the Ducks defense kept them in the game, with sophomore cornerback Marie Cole getting a key interception. However, the Purple Weasels finally broke through toward the end of the first quarter, when sophomore quar terback Lauren Vidal rushed for a score. After that, the Purple Weasels used a balanced attack of rushes and long passes to score twice more before the half to lead 21-0. After the half, the Howard defense stiffened and did not surrender any more points. However, the Ducks offense could not generate any momentum against Pasquerilla West’s stout defense. The stalemate lasted the four-yard line. However, the Lyons offense moved the ball easily, aided by Walsh’s penalties, and eventually reached the four-yard line. However, the Lyons (1-4) were unable to score and they turned the ball over on downs. Walsh’s offense proved to be equally unsuccessful at moving the ball, and the game had all the appearances of a scoreless stalemate. But on the Lyons’ next possession, Walsh senior cornerback and captain Lindy Navarre intercepted a pass and returned it 40 yards for the score. Then, on the very next drive, Lyons freshman receiver Alexa Lenedoguiz appeared to break free for a 50-yard touchdown run. The run was negated, however, by an illegal equipment penalty. The officials ruled that Lenedoguiz’s flags were too high to pull and Lyons, instead of tying the game, turned the ball over on downs. “When we had that call go against us, it really brought our spirits down,” junior captain and safety Christina Bramanti said. “We need to be tougher mentally.” The Wild Weasels, on the other hand, used the second-half allowance to expand their lead on a rushing score by senior quarterback Kate Leach. “Sometimes those calls go against us,” Leach said. “Today we were the ones that got the call.” Leach said the call was less important than the strong play of the Walsh offense, including junior quarterback Connor Sullivan and senior safety Lauren Dunn, which will be important in the playoffs. Lyons too looked past the penalty and instead focused on the positives. “We fought really hard,” senior defense coach Joe Pehauso said. “I was happy with the game we played.” The Lyons will next play after fall break with the chance to beat undefeated Pasquerilla West on Oct. 28, while Walsh has completed its schedule and awaits the playoffs.

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Pasquerilla East 22, Farley 7

By KYLE FOLEY
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Pasquerilla East recorded its first win of the season when it defeated Farley 22-7 on Sunday in a battle of two high-powered offenses. The inability of the Finest (8-4) to score in the red zone kept them wireless.

“It was our day,” senior running back Maria Ianni said. “We were very happy with the way we played.”

Farley (1-4) entered the game as a high-powered offense, but Pasquerilla East’s defense shut the Finest down, allowing the Weasels to run the ball for 208 yards.

The Finest took the opening kickoff and returned it to the 26-yard line. The Pyros were held to a three-and-out against the Finest defense, led by senior linebacker Sarah Barbak. Barbak reached over her defender’s head to secure the catch, putting the Finest up 7-0 going into halftime.

The Pyros shut the Finest down on a fourth down in the red zone to start the half, killing any momentum the Finest had garnered from their late first half score. Pasquerilla East then took the lead when junior running back Kiah Scharfner caught a touchdown pass after setting up the Pyros with a 35-yard rush.

The Finest had one final chance to even the score in the fourth quar ter. However Perino returned an interception for a touchdown, ending Farley’s chance at a comeback.

Ladowski was 20-for-30 through the air to lead the Finest to the Pyros’ first half score. Pasquerilla East then took the lead when junior running back Kiah Scharfner caught a touchdown pass after setting up the Pyros with a 35-yard rush.

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“It was a great feeling,” Morrow said. “I mean, being a first-time All-Star, you don’t re-
ally know what to expect. A lot of those guys know each other already. I was happy to do well on
the field and I thought all the All-Stars played really well and we had a good time. I think what helped me enjoy it so much was how good we were and the fact that we won. And just to be all
stars played really well and helped me enjoy it so much. I think what
had a good time. I think what

The 25-year-old was named
an All-Star in just his first season
as a full-time starter. Morrow,
who leads the Earthquakes in
minutes played while splitting
time between left back and
center back, said it was a tre-

century honor to be named an
All-Star.

“It was an honor; it was defi-
nitely humbling,” Morrow said.
“I keep on saying I was repre-
senting my team… because there are so many guys that deserve it. And then being on a team with all the MLS guys, that was great. Meeting everybody in the league that I had been around for a long time, that was really special.”

Morrow was honored by the Monogram Club for his All-Star accolade during half-
time of Notre Dame’s 1-0 win over Oregon State on Sept. 7 at
Alumni Stadium. Notre Dame’s
Department of Athletics and the Monogram Club presented
Morrow with a collage high-
lighting his illustrious career with the Irish.

“That was a really special weekend for me to be able to come back,” Morrow said. “That was the first time I had been back on campus since I left. It’s been a while. Just to see familiar faces, see some new faces, see how the campus has changed but still get back and see every-
ting was incredible.”

Morrow said it was always his
goal to play professional soccer.
He set up his course load so he
could graduate in three-and-
a-half years and then enter the
MLS draft. Despite his foresight,
Morrow said the dream didn’t come into clear focus until after the 2009 season, his senior year.

“You never know how your
career is going to work out,”
Morrow said. “There are a lot of young athletes who were amaz-
ing in high school but just don’t turn out the way they would have. So I don’t think the MLS clearly came into view until after my senior season, or right at the end of my senior season, when I started getting accolades and MLS teams started being interested in me.”

Morrow was an Irish team
captain during his senior year and garnered second-team all-
Big East honors. He appeared in
89 matches, including 64
starts, and helped Notre Dame
head into two Big East regular-season titles and four straight NCAA
tournament appearances, in-
cluding trips to the quarterfi-
als during his freshman and
sophomore campaigns.

Morrow played in 21 matches for the Irish as a freshman, but he never cracked the starting
lineup. During his next three seasons, though, he started all but four games. Morrow said
Irish coach Bobby Clark was key to his development as a player.

“[Clark] just wouldn’t take
any nonsense, any distrac-
tions,” Morrow said. “He to-
tally cut that out of our lives. …
He would always have his little things about being on time, be-
ing disciplined and whatnot, and when he is giving you re-
minders of those little things every day, things like going to
bed at the right time, staying away from parties. It just really
teaches you how to be a good professional and a good person as well. That’s what I remember most.”

In addition to the “extreme
discipline” Clark instilled in his
players, Morrow said he benefi-

cited from a Notre Dame socc-
er program that requires hard
work. A self-described hard
worker and leader-by-exam-
ple, Morrow said he grew into
to those roles thanks to the people
around him.

“I think I grew into that,”
Morrow said. “I mean, I was al-
ways a hard worker, but the way
the system is set up at Notre
Dame soccer it just presses you
to be a harder worker. Everyone
on our team was so dedicated and everyone wanted to play so
hard. They were always looking to go a step further than the guy next to you so you could stay on
the field.”

That competitive nature has
spilled over into the profes-
sional ranks, where former
Irish teammate and current Sporting Kansas City defender
Matt Besler has been duking it
out with Morrow’s Earthquakes
for the MLS Supporter’s Shield, won by the team with the best
record.

“It’s funny, it’s almost like I am going up against Besler and competing for this thing like we are in college competing,” Morrow said. “It’s fun.”

San Jose currently has a five-
point edge on Kansas City for
the Shield, thanks in large part
to Morrow’s defensive presence.

The team rewarded its left back
Thursday with a new contract.

“I just had a really good feel-
ing about staying in San Jose,”
Morrow said. “I think the club is headed in a great direction with the way the team has performed this year, and the coaching staff that we have as well as our pres-
ident and general manager. … We are going to have a beautiful new stadium, and seeing how
that has transformed cities and
teams, like Kansas City, who didn’t have a nice stadium in the past, now they have one. It’s just an incredible atmosphere there, so I think San Jose can be like that and I am looking for-
ward to being a part of it.”

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a constant for the young
defense, and helped
defenseman Stephanie Campo
learn to fill in for her at left back
while she was out.

Since her return last month,
Hall has slotted back into the
lineup, and is much of the reason
for Notre Dame’s current eight-game unbeaten streak, which has

Since she’s come back, she’s stepped up and won her spot back, and she’s been one of
our best-backs,” Waldrum
said. “She’s so good at getting
up and down the flank and getting
er her service across, and with her pace she’s a
handful to defend. She’s been big for us this year.”

Hall will graduate from the
Mendoza College of Business in
May with a degree in Man-
agement-Consulting, but she
is looking to pursue a career in sports marketing. And while Hall is excited to take yet another step for-
ward in life, she isn’t too
eager to leave Notre Dame –
and knows it will never leave
her.

“This experience has
meant so much,” she said.
“Just to be a part of some-
thing that’s bigger than
myself, and being part of a
winning tradition, has been
so much fun. It will defi-
nitely be something that I
remember for the rest of my
life.”

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Wildcats have faced all year.
Although the showdown with
Northwestern is a break from
the Big East schedule, Clark
said the game carries plenty of
importance nonetheless.

“It’s a big, huge, top-20, region-
al game,” he said. “You talk about building up [resumes] to get into the NCAAs, this is a critical, critical game for us.

And this could also be critical
doing when it comes to seeding in
the NCAAs. It is every bit as impor-
tant as any conference game, pos-
sibly.”

Looking to extend their win-
n streak to three games, the
Irish travel to Evanston, Ill., to
match up with Northwestern on
Tuesday night. Kickoff is
scheduled for 7 p.m. at Lakeside
Field.

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- Birthday Baby: You are unique, an inspiration to others, and a dedicated and loyal individual.
Home wins drive motivation

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

One week ago, the Irish were coming off a disappointing road swing in which they endured their first two losses of the year. This week the mood inside the Irish locker room is unmistakably different, as Notre Dame is coming off a pair of convincing home victories and heading to Evanston, Ill., to face No. 22 Northwestern tonight.

No. 10 Notre Dame (10-2-0, 2-0-0 Big Ten) unleased 36 shots, the most ever by the Irish in a conference game, in a 7-1 victory over Pittsburgh on Wednesday before shutting out No. 3 Georgetown, 3-0.

"I thought that it was a good week last week for us," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Obviously, we were very good against Pittsburgh and then it was a terrific game against Georgetown. Georgetown is a very, very good team, so that was a good game and it was a very, very good win for us.

In their final non-conference game of the regular season the Irish will take on Northwestern (7-2-2, 2-0-0 Big Ten) tonight. The Wildcats had tallied five consecutive victories earlier in the season before dropping two of their last three contests. Last year the two teams played to a 1-1 draw at Notre Dame.

"They are a good team," Clark said. "In my time here, we have played them four times over the past four years and we have yet to beat them. So we have lost twice in the NCAA tournament and we tied them [the last two years in the regular season] ... So this is definitely one we want to get ahold of." Although the Irish are coming off consecutive dominating performances, Clark said he wants his team to work on handling the pressure applied by skilled opponents. The Wildcats will provide another test, he said.

"I think Georgetown, they pressed us very hard," Clark said. "I think there are only three teams this year where I felt, not that we didn't play well, but three teams [against which] I thought we didn't always handle the pressure [Chivas Guadalajara in the preseason, Akron and Connecticut]."

"There were periods in that game against Georgetown where we struggled to handle the pressure ... I think we just have to keep working at getting better playing against very good teams. And, you know, when you play very good teams you are not going to dominate the game for 90 minutes, they are going to have their part of the game."

Notre Dame will look to limit any damage done by Northwestern during such stretches and secure another victory over a ranked opponent. The Irish have already beaten three teams ranked in the top-25, including three teams ranked in the top-10. Notre Dame is the highest-ranked opponent the Irish have faced this season.

Morrow reflects on UEFA

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

Editor’s note: This is the sixth of a new Observer feature. The “Walking the Echoes” series intends to inform fans about some former players and will feature weekly stories profiling them and their lives since Notre Dame.

It was a late summer night in Philadelphia. The MLS All-Star team trotted out its best 11 players to take on European powerhouse Chelsea in a high-profile exhibition match.

One of those MLS starters was former Irish defender and current San Jose Earthquakes defender Justin Morrow. The 2010 Notre Dame graduate and his fellow MLS superstars defeated the defending UEFA Champions League winners 3-2 in dramatic fashion when forward Eddie Johnson scored in the 91st minute to break the stalemate.

For Morrow, a first-time All-Star who earned four monograms for the Irish between 2006 and 2009 before he was drafted in the second round of the 2010 MLS SuperDraft by the Earthquakes, it was a surreal experience to top some of the world’s best players.

Four years later, Hall stands out as only senior

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

Three years ago, Notre Dame’s class of 2013 showed up on campus as freshmen: young, inexperienced and unsure of what to expect. That class has proven itself as winners and national champions during their first three seasons, and has continued to make an impact in their senior year. But only one player has made that entire journey from start to finish: Jazmin Hall.

Hall committed to Notre Dame from Marcus High School in Highland Village, Texas, and four years later she is the team’s lone senior captain, and one of only two seniors on the roster (midfielder and transfer student Nicole Borner is the other). The pair was honored before Notre Dame’s 5-1 win over Seton Hall on Friday, and Sunday’s 2-2 draw was their last scheduled game at Alumni Stadium.

For Hall, those four years have passed by in the blink of an eye.

"I can’t believe I’m already a senior," she said. "It’s sad, especially because this was my last guaranteed home game, but I think we’ll be able to go out and play some more here.”

Hall has been a mainstay on the Irish back line for her entire career, and took the step from substitute to starter last season as a junior. Irish coach Randy Waldrum asked her to take another step to the forefront of this team this season, and Hall has embraced her role as captain this year.

"I’ve just been trying to play hard, and talk a lot more, and get people communicating on the field," she said. "I’m really just trying to help out wherever I can. I think if I just play hard then hopefully everyone can feed off of that.

The beginning of the season challenged Hall though, as she was injured and forced to the sidelines with injury. Instead of fading into the background, Hall remained..."