ELECTION 2012

Mourdock aims for Senate seat
Indiana State Treasurer vows to encourage austerity if elected in upcoming contest

By NICOLE MICHELS
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Editor’s Note: This story is the second in a series featuring the race for the Indiana seat in the United States Senate.

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Professor visits refugees abroad

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In the Bible, Moses is given a vision of the Promised Land atop Mount Nebo.

"We looked to the south and saw issues of trafficking. We looked southeast into Iran and Iraq and saw persecution of religious minorities. We looked north into Lebanon and saw the situation of undocumented refugees," he said. "We looked further north into Turkey and saw people fleeing violence there. We looked all around Jordan and saw refugee camps and unaccompanied minors fleeing Syria without parents." As a member of a seven-person delegation sent by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Migration and Refugee Services committee, Groody

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Students engage in mock debate

By CAROLYN HUTYRA
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Senior Mickey Gardella from the College Republicans and senior Adam Newman from the College Democrats addressed this question in a mock presidential debate Wednesday night. Students and faculty gathered in McKenna Hall for the hour-and-a-half event that covered the main issues of this year’s presidential election, followed by a mock election.

The questions were created and presented by the moderator of the debate, senior Clara Ritger, editor-in-chief of Scholastic. Gardella and Newman received the questions a week in advance.

Ritger said the major talking points were based on her close following of the election since the summer.

"I was a state politics reporter in Pennsylvania over the summer," she said. "I went to some Romney and Obama events so I had that whole experience.” She said she gathered information from watching all of the presidential and vice-presidential debates, as well as reading the newspaper every day. The questions were designed to give students the opportunity to engage in the election and trails his views on college democrats addressed in a mock presidential debate

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Libertarian speaks at IUSB

By SAM GANS
News Writer

Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson visited South Bend on Wednesday afternoon to address a political science class at Indiana University South Bend and to publicly endorse Joe Ruiz, the Libertarian candidate for Indiana’s 2nd District seat in the House of Representatives. Johnson has campaigned on his desire to break a two-party system in American politics, and he reaffirmed this idea Wednesday. As a third-party candidate, he has little chance to win the election and trails his

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is your favorite thing to do during Halloween?

Kyle Sant

sophomore

Soarin

“Definitely impersonating a scarecrow on my porch and scaring trick-or-treaters.”

Christopher Barnes

sophomore

Carroll

“Pass out after consuming too much candy.”

Rose Raderstorf

senior

McGlin

“Eat candy.”

Michael Gruliano

sophomore

Soarin

“I love to go to the one-piece-only houses and take two, then quietly celebrate my victory.”

Laura Mellitt

sophomore

McGlin

“Go trick-or-treating in Zahm.”

Matthew Kudija

sophomore

Siegfried

“Corn mazez.”

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Thursday

Zen Meditation

102 Coleman-Morse Center

6:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

Open to students of all faiths.

“Thriller”

Rolfs

8 p.m.-10 p.m.

Learn to dance like Michael Jackson with RecSports.

Friday

Writing Successful Grants

McKenna Hall

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Introductory workshop for grant writing.

NBA Exhibition Game

Purcell Pavilion

7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Joakim Noah and the Chicago Bulls face the Sooners 34-30, though Bob Davie coached Notre Dame through a 5-7 campaign that season.

Saturday

“next to normal”

Washington Hall

7:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

PEMCo’s fall production, a rock musical.

Film: “Take this Waltz”

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

9:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

For students.

Sunday

Vision Walk

Fundraiser

Irish Green

1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

$15 registration fee for stem cell research.

Film: “The Blob”

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

3 p.m.

Recommended for ages 7+.

Monday

“The Effective Leadership”

Geddes Hall

3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

An Irish perspective from Mary Haralin.

Film: “Alotrolado, To the Other Side”

Geddes Hall

7 p.m.

Screening and panel discussion.

Irish quarterback Javion Jackson leaps for a touchdown during a game against Oklahoma on Oct. 2, 1999. The Irish defeated the Sooners 34-30, though Bob Davie coached Notre Dame through a 5-7 campaign that season.
Group discusses discrimination, dorm alarms

By MADDIE DALY
News Writer

This week’s meeting addressed two main topics: dorm alarm systems and diversity on campus. Right at the start, student body vice president Katie Rose reminded the senators to be respectful of each other.

“For our discussions today some of the information might be sensitive. Just know that if there’s anything you want to keep anonymous you can come meet with any of us one-on-one,” Rose said.

Student body president Brett Rocheleau surveyed the senators to see how dorm alarms worked in their halls. After asking which male dorms had side door alarms set for midnight or any time, no one raised his hand. Conversely, when asking which female dorms did not have alarms, no one raised their hand.

Senators said they would like to see dorm alarms standardized around campus. Morrissey senator Billy McMahon said he can swipe in any door at any time.

“I fully support pushing for equality but by scaling back alarms rather than adding them,” Carroll said. “The reason we don’t want people to ‘keep tabs’ on them.”

Class of 2014 president Lizzie Helping said she is unsure of how effective the alarms truly are.

“We are moving off campus… Twenty-year-olds don’t want people to ‘keep tabs’ on them.”

From her experience as a residence assistant (RA), Helping said “Also, the doors that are alarmed are tucked away, making it difficult for the rectors to get there quickly.”

Student union treasurer Alexa Shaw shared insight from her experience as a resident assistant (RA).

“Being an RA myself, I know it is really, really tough for the first floor RAs to have to get up at 3 a.m. to turn off the alarm and run after whoever it was,” Shaw said. “Obviously the number one priority is safety, but the doors are locked anyway so are the alarms adding anything or are they really just detracting?”

The senators concluded that alarms should be uniform across all dorms and that they were maybe not the most effective method for ensuring safety. The group then transitioned to talking about diversity by explaining why it was immediately relevant.

“This is a bit of a followup from last spring, but it’s been one of our goals to get a Call to Action movement re-energized and to make sure all concerns are being addressed,” Rose said.

“We will be meeting with several groups over the next few weeks, and we need feedback so we can speak on behalf of undergraduate students.”

Walsh Hall senator Veronica Guerrero began the discussion with a specific comment from someone in her dorm.

“A girl from Walsh said that she felt like diversity was not addressed in a negative or a positive way on campus. It’s a topic we push to the side and sort of cover up,” Guerrero said.

“She said she thinks that interracial friendships are not encouraged on this campus.”

Helping compared the issue to sexual assault here at Notre Dame.

“Just personally I feel like Notre Dame is going about this issue the wrong way. They’re going about it in the same way they’re going about sexual harassment — they send out a survey asking us what we think and try to figure out the one thing we can do to fix it,” she said. “I think that’s discouraging for a lot of students who sense that Notre Dame is just trying to do a quick fix to improve the way we adhere to society.”

Lewis Hall senator Casey Spreen said the administration’s approach didn’t seem very effective.

“A lot of the stories from these people being discriminated against are a lot more individual and involve pain and suffering. You don’t want to talk about these stories; they just want us inside,” Spreen said. “A way to solve this could be sending out anonymous surveys.”

Carolina Ramirez, senator Pasquerilla West Hall asked if there is a better way to get people to ‘keep tabs’ on dorms.

“We need to show that there has been a huge report from last spring, but it’s been one of our goals to transform the feedback and topics from the town hall meeting to student affairs.”

Senior senator Veronica Guerrero began the discussion by suggesting further aid in addressing these issues and answering questions.

“I think you guys have brought up several good points,” Rocheleau said. “Maybe Dr. David Moss who is spearheading the campaign could come into a Senate meeting to answer questions and get feedback on what’s going on.”

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The Saint Mary’s chapter of Stand Up to Cancer will sponsor the second-annual Zumbathon from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. this Friday in the Angela Athletic Center with the local Party in Pink organization to raise money for cancer research and the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Senior Devon Graham, who organized the event, said Stand Up to Cancer ensures that all funds raised go directly to cancer research.

“Stand Up to Cancer is different from other organizations that raise money for cancer because 100 percent of anything you donate goes to cancer research,” Graham said. “All donations go to ‘dream teams,’ or research teams, that research many different types of cancer, including the rarer forms.”

While student donations go to Stand Up to Cancer, donations from the general public are sent to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Graham said.

“We’re working together in that way and both collaborating with each other,” she said. Though the donations will be separated, Graham said the event is an opportunity to combine awareness for both organizations.

“It should be a really good time,” Graham said. “They’re bringing in a DJ. They’re going to turn it kind of into a club with lights.”

Besides Zumba, guests can expect to learn new moves from Polynesian dancers, belly dancers, hip hop dancers and even one woman who created her own type of dance.

“There will be a lot of variety, and the bleachers will be down so people can sit or walk and see the vendors,” Graham said. In addition to the dancing, vendors will be selling pink glow stick bracelets for Stand Up to Cancer and Zumba clothing. Attendees can also try samples from Avon and eat free food.

The general public is very excited for the event, Graham said, and students should prepare to match their enthusiasm by being loud and wearing pink clothing.

“Apparently, these people really get into it,” she said. “You’ll see 70-year-olds out there shaking it to Zumba … They get the loudest. They get the most into it.”

The event will offer students the opportunity to interact with the public and work together toward a common goal, Graham said. Many Saint Mary’s alumnae are expected to attend the event as well, including some who will travel from Chicago.

“Everyone looks silly, except for the instructors. You just have to have fun with it,” Graham said. “You’re not there to look a certain way … you’re just there to be lively with everyone else.”

If one night of Zumba is not enough to satisfy your desire to dance, Graham said Stand Up to Cancer hosts several Zumba events throughout the year, as well as a prom dance in the spring for cancer patients and survivors.

Tickets for this Friday’s Zumbathon are $5 in advance and $10 at the door, and will be sold in the Saint Mary’s Student Center during lunch and dinner this week. Notre Dame students may email Graham at dgraha01@saintmarys.edu to reserve tickets and pick them up at the door. Ticketholders must also bring their student ID to the event.

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traveled to Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and Turkey last week to get a first-hand perspective on the situation of Syrian refugees fleeing the country’s ongoing civil war.

“It was no longer a CNN report,” Groody, a Notre Dame theology professor, said. “There were actually people right there in front of me, who I could touch, see, feel and hear.”

To gain a comprehensive understanding of the plight of Syrian refugees, Groody said the delegation met with government officials, ambassadors, Vatican officials, church leaders, ministers of foreign affairs and several faith-based organizations, including the Red Crescent, Caritas and Catholic Relief Services.

“It’s a major humanitarian crisis going on,” Groody said. “We looked at coalitions of governments and organizations trying to have concerted responses to the situation and, and tried to get their takes on what’s happening and how we can advocate for issues in the U.S.”

But more important than these diplomatic meetings, Groody said, were the conversations with the refugees themselves in official camps in Jordan and unofficial sites in Lebanon.

“The stories of these people meant the most in all those conversations. There, the statistics became human,” he said. “The people you saw in front of you were facing a level of vulnerability I’d never seen before. They had such a thin line of protection and, in some sense, no protection at all.”

With more than 100,000 registered Syrian refugees each in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey and an estimated 150,000 Syrians living in Egypt, the magnitude of Syria’s violent internal conflict now extends throughout much of the Middle East, Groody said.

In all, more than 350,000 Syrians fleeing the war have registered in four neighboring states, including Iraq, since conflict broke out between the Syrian government and opposition groups in the spring of 2011, according to an Oct. 23 report from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The majority of refugees living in camps are women and children, Groody said, many of whom lost one or more family members during the conflict.

“In one camp, we sat down with one extended family that included three women who married three brothers, all of whom were killed in the war,” Groody said. “Their fourth brother had been killed the day before, and the mother found out her grandson was just killed.”

Groody said unaccompanied refugee minors and young women, especially widows, face additional hardships in the camps.

“This was just a sea of children, of women who, in that culture, have very few opportunities and are unable to work at all,” he said. “Now they’re undocumented refugees, not simply migrants, facing a very unknown future.”

The “hardest part” for Groody is not knowing when the conflict in Syria will end because the longer it continues, the longer the refugees he met will be living in a state of limbo with no stability in any aspect of their lives.

“There were some common threads in our conversations with refugees,” he said. “They told us, ‘We are not safe. We have no home to go back to. We want to return to our country. The winter is coming. We have no food. And we are human beings.’”

Groody said the Catholic Church has been working “on the front lines” to provide immediate food and medical relief for refugees, assist with registration of refugees in United Nations records and create schools. These initiatives benefit any refugee, regardless of their religious affiliation.

“If the Church isn’t asking questions, if anyone is in need, if anyone is hurting, if anyone is suffering or if anyone is in pain, the Church is there for you because you’re a human being. You’re a child of God and you’re loved by God,” Groody said.

In the case of a refugee camp playground in Jordan, Groody said the Church created a space for children to “develop some sort of identity” in the midst of their emotionally and physically taxing displacement.

“The Church serves as a safe place to reestablish communities and connections and help people begin to develop their education and knowledge,” he said. “But I think part of the message is that the Church is … engaged in this, but most of us don’t have the awareness that this is going on, and we often don’t know what to do. We can’t do everything but we can do something.”

Additionally, Groody said the delegation was “impressed” by the high level of involvement of neighboring state governments.

“We were impressed by how much the government of Jordan is willing to take on refugees at great costs, how Turkey is not only providing tents but also areas for heating and insulation,” he said. “They’re not just giving out handouts. They’re providing space for refugees to be treated as human beings.”

But the common denominator among refugee relief efforts, Groody said, was the emphasis on maintaining self-worth and human dignity “for people whose lives are completely shattered.”

Upon returning to the U.S., the USCCB delegation is working to promote awareness of the refugee situation by holding congressional briefings to influence policy, writing about refugees’ stories and possibly creating a film, Groody said.

“To listening to those stories, seeing those faces, meeting those people was more than seeing people in poverty. It was seeing people with absolute vulnerability that simply cried out for some kind of solidarity and help,” Groody said.

“What’s important for the Notre Dame community to understand is the actual scope of the conflict and its human costs, as well as the desperate plea for humanitarian assistance.”

Despite U.S. and USCCB resettlement efforts and the U.S. government contribution of more than $100 million to refugee relief, Groody said more international cooperation is crucial.

“We’re left with the sense that there are many ways to be motivated to respond to this. Faith groups are responding, but even that cannot be done without the support of governments,” Groody said. “The needs are so much greater that we need a concerted effort from the international community to bring about some kind of durable solutions for folks in this kind of pain.”

Even more than a sense of motivation to act, Groody said was left with the images he saw from Mount Nebo.

“The question is, have we really crossed the Jordan into a Promised Land where all humans can live in dignity … and develop and grow as God intends?” Groody said. “That faith vision is something that still has yet to be realized.”

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Seniors create Facebook app, connect consumers
By ANNA BOARINI

Seniors Robb Crow and Kyle Kober never thought a summer wakeboarding trip would create a friendship between their career paths. The two met while they were interning in New York City between their sophomore and junior years.

“At a Notre Dame networking event, Kyle invited me to go wakeboarding on Long Island, and I stayed at his house for a few days before getting to really know him,” Crow said. “Ever since then, we’ve been best buddies.”

Soon after the two became friends, they decided to create ShopTalk, a Facebook application that provides discounts for online shoppers who post their purchases on their Facebook pages.

“ShopTalk… allows retailers to tap their online shoppers’ social networks through our unique plug in application,” Kober said. “By plugging into our platform, retailers can post their purchases to their Facebook networks’ news feeds and instantly receive a discount provided by the retailer beforehand.”

Kober has informed the initial idea while working at a venture capital firm specializing in e-commerce and retail space, Crow said. “After a couple of sleepless sessions and a few weeks of convincing me, I came on board and we finalized the idea together, creating ShopTalk.”

ShopTalk’s design drives traffic to retailers by linking both the purchased products and fan page of the retailer to the post, Kober said.

“This process is simple and automatic for the shopper, only requiring them to sign up for ShopTalk,” he said.

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In Indiana we have been one of the most fiscally responsible states in the country, and we are probably in the most healthy financial shape of any state in the country,” Mourdock said while speaking with Governor Daniels and with state legislators to impose the kind of discipline that it takes to live within a budget, that’s been a very good thing,” Mourdock said. Mourdock said his wish is for the Senate to maximize efficiency, accountability and transparency on a daily basis.

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“Ultimately, our mission is to save you money when shopping online, while promoting the interesting products and brands you find on Facebook.”

While ShopTalk’s Facebook application is not simple, Kober said the process has been quick. The pair started development in September, and nine months away from our beta launch in which we’ll have a select 25 retailers running on the application sites, Kober said. “Both of us don’t have an expertise in software or coding so we’ve been working closely with a team of developers based in New York City to make the idea reality.”

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Mourdock said he will solve at least part of the healthcare issue by allowing the private market to find alternatives not mandated by the government.

“Speaking broadly here, if you want to buy insurance for your car you can buy insurance from any number of national companies because car companies advertise their products across state lines — but health care companies can’t do that,” Mourdock said. “If we allow the health care companies to sell their products across state lines it would bring a lot more people into those risk pools, which would mean that there’s more cash there that is available to companies.”

The lawsuit filed by Notre Dame and other religious organizations against the Department of Health and Human Services revealed the excessive power of the government, Mourdock said.

“Obamacare is about more than just health care,” he said. “The fact that we think government needs to be involved in telling people what their morality needs to be and what their ethics needs to be is what we consider making process should be.”

Mourdock said he has supported Notre Dame’s position in the lawsuit from the outset.

“When Notre Dame joined the lawsuit against Health and Human Services, I actually came up to South Bend and did a news conference,” Mourdock said. “My comment was how ironic it was that a kid from Ball State was going to defend Notre Dame when my opponent has who two degrees from Notre Dame isn’t taking its position.”

Mourdock said he hopes college students take the time to discern which candidate will enact policies that will support pursuit of their dreams.

“I would hope that all college students would take the time to look at the long term view, and what I mean by that is to look at the candidates not just by what they’re saying today, but what it is they believe will make the world next year and the next year after that and five years out and ten years out a better place, and give each student a greater chance at reaching his dream,” he said.

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Junior Matthew Jewell said the Democratic representative was more eloquent and presented his argument better, but the Republican representative made more compelling arguments in regards to the functioning of the economy.

While I agree with the policies of Romney, that the Republican representative put forward, I believe that from an objective standpoint the Democratic representative won the debate,” Jewell said.

The debate was followed by a student election, and the results of that will be released Nov. 1.

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Thailand women undergo unsafe plastic surgery

Associated Press

BANGKOK — Her dream was to look less Thai and more like Jennifer Lopez, so the 25-year-old street food vendor went to the Internet and typed in “cheap Botox.”

That was the start of a five-year makeover for Ratphila Chairungkiti that included two nose jobs, two eye-widening surgeries, chin augmentation, lip trimming, skin whitening and dozens of Botox-type injections.

The goal had been to redesign her entire face, but things went horribly wrong. “I started to look like a witch,” she recalled. Her upper eyelids sagged; her lower lids erupted in tapioca-like bumps. Her chin drooped and her nose sagged; her lower lids erupted in silicone into her cheeks; her tiny button-like nose got a better face, she said, trying to smile through it all needed to be surgically scraped out. She spent 500,000 baht ($16,000) over three years in private cosmetic clinics, thanks to two powerful forces: Their prices are designed to attract the poor, and Thai society defines beauty as fair and delicate. It looks down on the ethnic facial features associated with the lower class — the wide noses and dark skin most of the country possess. “I used to look like a factory worker,” said Ratphila, now 30, cringing at an old snapshot of her smiling former self. “Now, when I look in the mirror, I’m happy. With a better face, you have a better chance in life.”

Her quest for beauty at bargain prices was a painful mistake. A pseudo-beautician injected commercial-grade silicone into her cheeks, chin and under her eyes; it all needed to be surgically scraped out. She spent 500,000 baht ($16,000) over five years, a huge sum by her humble standards, mostly to fix her handiwork. “I’m lucky I didn’t die,” she said, trying to smile through her cosmetically corrected face.

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As I write this column, it is currently 77 degrees. In South Bend. In late October. Which means it’s a perfect time for me to talk about one of the most notorious aspects of Notre Dame life: the weather.

South Bend’s weather is easily described as frigid, miserable and even bipolar. The area’s seemingly endless winter is marked by the appearance of an all-encompassing permacloud, a constant white blanket of snow and a biting wind fierce enough to turn South Quad into a veritable wind tunnel.

However, despite all these factors, I’m of the opinion that South Bend’s weather is nowhere near as bad as most Notre Dame students make it out to be. I think the climate of Michiana even enhances life at Notre Dame rather than diminishes it.

Yet, I must confess that I do love warm weather and wish at times that the weather here was nicer. However, in comparing my experiences to those of students at warm-weather schools, I’ve found that I’m not missing out on too much.

Although Notre Dame students may not be able to throw the Frisbee around or tan on the quad for more than 10 minutes, we can enjoy events like the massive north Quad/south Quad snowball fight and the quads full of baseball gloves and lacrosse sticks.

As nice as the weather is now, though, temperatures this weekend are supposed to dip into the 40s. Yes, we’ll see if my feelings about the weather are still the same come Monday.

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**Weather**

*Brian Hartnett, Sports Writer*

A reason for our routines

Fr. Lou DelFra
Faithpoint

At Mass a couple of Mondays ago, we read the Gospel of the parable of the Good Samaritan. As I proclaimed it during Mass, I did so with some worry. We have all heard this parable so many times that I feared the congregation would tune out as soon as I read the parable’s well-known opening line: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and was attacked by robbers.”

I was afraid others might become distracted, mainly because I found myself doing the same as I read that morning! My mind quickly summarized the remainder: two men pass him by because they’re too busy, then a Samaritan, who doesn’t get along with Jews, sees him and takes care of him. “Got it, we need to be more like him.”

Then, as is often the case when reading the Scriptures, I was surprised to find that a little phrase caught my eye. The Samaritan takes the beaten man to a local inn, gets him medicines, room and board to heal and then, as he is leaving, says to the innkeeper: “If you spend more than I have given you, I will repay you on my way back.”

“On my way back” grabbed hold of me. On his way back! So, he travelled this road often. For only someone trusted by the innkeeper could have run a credit line at the inn. “I’ll pay you the rest of it later.” The road to Jericho was the Samaritan’s turf. He probably walked it monthly, maybe weekly. He probably knew every turn, every ditch and every establishment along the way. This road was part of the Samaritan’s routine.

My interaction with this Gospel had come full circle. I began reading the Good Samaritan with the worry that there was nothing new to be gained. But, I ended with this insight: only because I had read it so many times could my mind and heart grasp something new, something unexpected in it, a surprising little revelation. It all got me thinking…

The routines of our life, the roads and pathways we walk week after week, can have two, totally opposite effects on us. They can become so repetitive, so well-known, so comforting or so boring that we become deadened to the dynamics that unfold in them. We hardly pay attention to them. If something unexpected happens, it is quickly perceived as something to be avoided.

Like the first two men, a priest and a Levite, in the parable who encounter the beaten man on the side of their well-trod road. They too, as Temple functionaries, walked that road to the Temple as a matter of routine. And, when something out-of-the-ordinary appeared on that road—a man, beaten, in a roadside ditch—they did what perhaps we all sometimes do when the unexpected enters our daily routine. They moved quickly to the other side, and kept their comforting or deadening routine uninterrupted.

The Good Samaritan, on the other hand, reveals a quite opposite insight about the remarkable opportunity that lies latent in our routines. Precisely because the Good Samaritan travelled this road so often, he knew every inch better than anyone else. He knew the perils of the road, and so was travelling with oil and bandages. He had established networks along the road, and knew exactly the innkeeper who would watch over this man. Routines can be opportunities for extraordinary love.

We understand our routines better than anyone in our existence. Who knows your family, your best friends or an issue you have been researching better than you? Yes, our over-familiarity with these routines can deaden us to the dynamics trying to unfold within them. But what if it has not been randomness, but God’s Providence, that has led us to these very people, places and issues? Our intimate understanding of the routines also empowers us to love in utterly extraordinary ways.

What and who are your roads from Jerusalem to Jericho? As November rolls in, and the routines of our semesters start to calcify, beware! They can lock us up, dull our vision and deaden our hearts. Or, our daily routines can sharpen our understanding, deepen our gaze and surprise us by calling us to extraordinary acts of love. Perhaps God has been leading us down this road, over and over, for a reason.

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**Quote of the Day**

“Our duty is to preserve what the past has had to say for itself, and to say for ourselves what shall be true for our future.”

John Ruskin, English critic, essayist and reformer

**Weekly Poll**

What would you ask the presidential candidates if you moderated the debate?

Tweet your response with #ViewpointPoll by 5 p.m. on Thursday

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bring back the Offbeat

Kevin Monahan
The Career Center

Some students, especially those with younger siblings, may know of VeggieTales, a children’s animated video series featuring Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber. At the end of each video, Bob the Tomato addresses the viewers by saying, “Remember, kids, God made you special and He loves you very much.” In addition to being a healthy message for kids, we can use this sentiment to help us in our career planning efforts; indeed, God did make you special. Each person is a unique creation, and we each have special gifts and talents.

A month ago I was addressing a group of students and asked them what differentiated them from their peers. ND education? No, everyone in the room had that. Intelligence? No, everyone in the room was of above-average intelligence. Leadership/teamwork/active in clubs? No, no, and no . . . everyone in the crowd could claim these attributes as well. I prompted the group by asking: “What makes YOU special? What are the gifts and talents that God has given you?”

This idea and subsequent questions shocked most of the audience. A Notre Dame degree did not separate the students from each other nor guarantee a job. When they looked around, students began to realize the room was full of individuals who had the same degree, same talents, same name, and who were applying for the same jobs. It dawned on them that each person had to discover the unique gifts and talents they could offer an employer, the unique gifts and talents that would make them memorable and valued to the hiring manager. They needed a personal brand.

Some readers may doubt the seriousness of personal branding. Is this a new fad or buzzword in career management circles? No, it is a concept that has been around for years. Tom Peters wrote a provocative article for Fast Company magazine entitled “The Brand Called You” (8/31/97). Peters’ message is timeless: you are the CEO of Me, Inc., and it is crucial to identify the attributes that differentiate you from the masses and identify the way you wish to communicate this message. No one else can or will market YOU as well as you can. You need to be in charge of promoting your skills and articulating the experience you seek.

The concept of personal branding is even more important today than it was fifteen years ago when the Peters’ article was published. With massive job boards and online resume submissions, it is more difficult each day to get noticed. Recently, an HR manager from a large aerospace firm mentioned that they had received over 1,000 applications for an engineering opening. Last year, a recruiter in the PR industry relayed that she received over 600 resumes from individuals vying for six spots. Job and internships seekers need to think about how they can stand out from the resume pile. This is accomplished by communicating one’s brand: a clear message of who you are, what makes you unique and what you can offer. Personal branding is not relegated to a minority group, a world. Being unique in the eyes of hiring managers at non-profits, government agencies or Fortune 500 companies helps you get noticed.

Some, how does one identify and manage his/her personal brand and how can one market themselves to their desired audience? FIrstly, identify your skills and passions; the Career Center offers assessments that can help you identify some of your gifts and talents. Talk to friends, family and mentors who can provide an external perspective on your unique attributes.

Hone your marketing materials: Refine your resume and cover letter to communicate your unique image of you, what type of opportunity you desire and what skills you can offer. Create an online presence: LinkedIn, blogs, Twitter and other social media sites can help craft an online image to support your unique brand.

Network: Many of the items we buy are ones that have been recommended to us by others. Reach out to your network and share your gifts, talents and dreams. These people can help communicate your brand to their circles of influence.

Thinking of one’s career search thinking through the lens of personal branding can give a sense of ownership and control to one’s career path. You influence how you are perceived, what opportunities you decide to pursue and how you react to setbacks as well as the opposite. In short, you are the CEO of Me, Inc. specializing in the brand called “YOU.” Remember, God made you special. Celebrate the unique aspects of you.

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Thanks to the power of positive thinking and some timely down hills, I finished the race strong and with a smile on my face. I gave a high five to Waldo (I had been wondering where he was), and then took a few laps around the block to cool off and recollect.

Telling myself “Trust your training” had worked, and deciding to make a repeated mantra a permanent part of my race strategy. Try repeating a mantra, yourself — yes, when you are out on a run, but also when you are stressing over homework, applying for internships or trying to navigate your bike through rush hour in front of Delfitto.

Everyone’s mantra will be different, but if it focuses on the positive, it will be effective. Maybe we should find out what the football players are telling themselves … it seems to be working.

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Scene Writer

This weekend the Pasquerilla East Musical Company presents “next to normal.” The musical tells the story of a mother’s chronic mental illness and the effects it has on her and her family.

It is not exactly typical musical fare. That seriousness, however, earned “next to normal” the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2010, one of only eight musicals to win that award. The show also took home three Tony Awards when it opened on Broadway in 2009.

Director Charlie O’Leary was at first hesitant to take on such a loaded and serious show but felt compelled to do so.

“I was one of the most powerful musicals I’ve seen,” he said.

He also knew that there would be a lot of interest in the show. The cast of six has been tirelessly rehearsing for only the past four weeks, not including full breaks, to put on this amazing production, which is entirely the result of the vision and talent of passionate students.

Producer Nathan Williams was confident that even though it is a difficult show dramatically, emotionally, and musically, the cast was able to handle it and turn in great performances.

Graduate student Will Docimo, who plays Dan, the father and husband character, said he likes how the musical is untraditional.

“It’s a good example of how musicals can be a serious medium, rather than just lights and flash,” Docimo said.

Indeed, by taking on more solemn subject matter than most musicals and handling it in a responsible and engaging way, “next to normal” proves to be a unique theatrical experience.

The plot, though full of revelations, is not really the point. Rather, the feel of the musical becomes paramount. More than a story, it is a sense of what certain things feel like and does it every well. “next to normal” is a moving show that does not allow the audience to forget the mental anguish or fragility of its characters. It is held back from being an outright depressing experience by deft direction and acting, and its beating heart, the rock score. The music, composed by Tom Kitt, with lyrics by Brian Yorkey, has an eclectic feel that can set different moods. Yet, it moves with a fluidity that never really makes you feel comfortable.

Although O’Leary says “characters and story remain forefront,” the show’s subject matter and portrayal of a character living with bipolar disorder creates an opportunity for this show to not just raise awareness, but start a dialogue across the campus community. To that end, the production is partnering with the National Alliance on Mental Illness chapter of Notre Dame, who will have a booth at the show.

For people who like musicals and even people who traditionally have been put-off by sillier and more chipper musicals, this production of “next to normal” is a must see. Honestly, it is nothing like, and so much better than when my high school did “Bye Bye Birdie.”

Tickets are available for purchase ($6 for students, $8 for the public) at the LaFortune Box Office and at the door. Performances will take place in Washington Hall on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

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By SCENE WRITER  
Meghan Thomassen  
Scene Writer

“I always wanted to be a novelist. I just never wanted to write a novel.”

So said Kathleen Parker when she visited campus Oct. 2 to talk about journalism in the age of “Twitterature.” With those words she gave a voice to the moral dilemma my inner Jane Austen wrestled with for years. I had all the right ingredients: an insatiable appetite for books, an inordinate vocabulary and an insane obsession with used bookstores, not to mention a major in English.

But when it came to whipping out a “Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius,” every idea fell flat. I would spend random afternoons crafting characters and plotlines in my head, only to have them fall apart on the rare occasion I tried to put them on the page. Eking out word after word was like carving into a chalkboard. Every sentence sounded painful and forced, and once composed, seemed irreversible.

Eventually I gave up, crammed my half-filled notebooks into the bottom of my bookshelf, and tried to accept my fate. I was never going to write a novel.

It wasn’t until last week, however, that I realized I was doing it wrong. Over fall break, I went to West Virginia as a part of the Center for Social Concern’s Appalachia program. The trip was awe-inspiring, my group was wonderful and I will never forget some of the things we saw or did. One of the goals of the program was to change preconceptions about poverty, the environment and social responsibility.

At Nazareth Farm, the staff encouraged us to put away our phones when with friends, spend daily quiet time with God and be better stewards of our environment. So far, these habits have stuck with me. Granted, it’s been less than a week, but I’m hopeful these changes are long-lasting.

One of the changes was truly unexpected. During one of our precious downtime periods, one of the volunteers from another college started telling me about how much he loves to write. At first I thought he had just another run-of-the-mill blog about life or politics or how much he loves the Packers. But I could not have been more wrong. To demonstrate his point, he reached into his backpack and pulled out a stack of manuscripts, covered in the red ink of his own comments.

This kid actually wrote a 200-page novel on his own accord, all while juggling the responsibilities of a student. He said his writing process consisted of sitting down and just doing a little bit each day. It sounded hard, but he was able to write something substantial just because he felt like it. For him, writing was more of a habit than an inspired, earth-shattering revelation. He also said he didn’t worry too much about getting each sentence perfect — he could spend forever being nitpicky about diction and structure.

I found a strange amount of comfort in his dedication, as well as a challenge. There are few things I can commit to doing every day. But to see his reward of a fascinating and personal body of work showed how it’s the daily habit that makes the novelist.

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THURSDAY

What: “Thriller”
Where: Rockne Memorial
When: 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
How Much: Reserve your spot for free at RecRegister

Are you ready for Halloween? Start getting ready for the weekend and learn the steps to Michael Jackson’s famous “Thriller” dance at The Rock. RecSports will provide food and Thriller-themed prizes. Don’t miss it!

FRIDAY

What: Rock Musical: “next to normal,” presented by PEMCO
Where: Washington Hall, Mainstage Auditorium
When: 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
How Much: $6 for students

PEMCO is back with what promises to be a great performance of award-winning musical “next to normal”. Although not a typical musical, the show will definitely capture the audience’s attention. It’s a must-see!

SATURDAY

What: Salsaween
Where: Legends
When: 12 a.m.
How Much: Free for students

Dance the night away in your favorite Halloween costumes Saturday night. Gather a group of friends and enjoy good music and a fun time at Legends.

SUNDAY

What: “The Blob”
Where: DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
When: 3 p.m.
How Much: $4 for students

Take a break on Sunday and watch Irvin Yeaworth’s “The Blob” at DPAC. The movie tells the story of a mysterious creature that lands on Earth and as time goes by keeps growing and destroying the land.
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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Athletes win at the lying game

If there is one thing my mom emphasized to me when I was a kid, it was never to lie. She always would say she would find it hard to win, in a half-threatening, half-kidding way.

“I would rather you tell me the truth, that you did something bad,” she would say “then to find out later you were lying.”

Well, it’s a good thing I stick to sports, because by following my mom’s advice, I would never be able to compete with the top professional athletes who also are frequently professional liars.

It seems to be that if you’re a coach or athlete nowadays, you better be able to lie your pants off. It doesn’t matter what you are not telling the truth about — you just cannot be caught. Anti-Doping Agency head Bobbio Petrino lied about their infidelity. Jim Tressel and Pete Carroll lied about recruiting violations. Pete Rose lied about betting on baseball. George O’Leary lied on his resume when he was hired by Notre Dame, and then resigned five days later.

But perhaps the most preva-

ent lie in all of sports is cover-

ing up doping — steroids, HGH, blood transusions and so on. When Pinocchio lied in the classic Disney cartoon, his nose grew. But the audience knew he was telling a lie. When athletes cheat, they too change physically — yet fans seem to accept the fact they clearly aren’t clean.

Barry Bonds? Roger Clemens? Sammy Sosa? They lied to fans. They lied to the press. They even lied under oath to the United States government. In the age of the Internet, of Twitter, of cell phone cameras and fact-checking, you would think athletes would know they will be caught and punished. It may not be punishment in the physical sense, but in terms of legacy, some things can never be recovered. Tiger Woods may lose the legacy, some things can never be caught and punished. It is the nature of the game.

“Maybe people are just pay-

ing more attention,” Wilson said. “I think every post season he has done, every sport they do the playoff beard. I remem-

ber watching as a kid all the playoffs, and guys would grow beards. It’s kind of like when you buy a new car and you real-

ize everyone has it on the road. ‘It’s facial hair. You either have it or you don’t. There’s only a 50 percent chance you’re going to have to shave it,’ he said.”

So, who is sporting the best beard this fall? That’s a tough one going into Wednesday night’s Game 1 at AT&T Park.

Romo’s hair has the Twitter account of (at)Romo’s Beard. Wilson’s growth has three dif-

ferent Twitter handles.

“We’re just a little weird. We’re a little wacky,” Romo said. “I just think we’ve got no shame. I wear mine confidently and I’m pretty sure he does as well.”

Wilson is still recovering from elbow surgery in April. Yet the quirky reliever continues to attract some of the loudest cheers from the home crowd. Wilson can’t remember when he last trimmed the beard. He figures it if been at least a year. “He hasn’t cut it in three years,” fellow reliever Santiago Casilla offered.

Giants general manager Brian Sabean — he has a small beard, too — recently watched some old clips of Wilson from the team’s 2010 run to the World Series championship. The year the right-hander led the majors with 48 saves. “He looked very groomed compared to (this) look,” Sabean said. “As he’ll tell you, the beard has its own checking account. Romo, Romo’s right-
ed himself up. Pence, not so good, bad, look. It’s like ‘The Axeman’ or something.”

any other grooming critiques?

“I’m not going to get into other people’s beards,” Sabean said.

If Wilson were healthy and available to pitch, Sabean kids that the beard might get in the way. “It’s not as aerodynamic,” the GM said. “Maybe things would fly out of it and be a distraction to the hitter.”

All over baseball, facial hair has become a hot topic. Last weekend, former Giants pitcher Brad Hennessey posted this as his status on Facebook: “Pence needs to shave that aw-

ful thing on his face! Are u say-

ing that it grows in all white trashly that all on its own?”

 Teams grow playoff beards

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — This is going to be a very hairy World Series.

Giants outfielder Hunter Pence is looking seriously McGras-

ly. Same goes for teammate Sergio Romo, whose facial fuzz has its own Twitter account. Tigers slugger Prince Fielder goes for a double — dreadlocks with an overgrown beard.

And not to forget injured San Francisco closer Brian Wilson. His dyed, jet-black thicket inspired a “Fear the Beard” campaign in the Bay Area and beyond.

“There’s good beards this se-

ries — I think they’re all good,” Fielder said. “Mine’s just my wife won’t let me shave it off. She just likes the way it looks.”

There have been a bushel of beards, mustaches and flowing locks throughout the post season, from the wild-

haired Oakland Athletics to St. Louis closer Jason Motte to Washington outfielder Jayson Werth.

Superstuous, busy schedules, hectic cross-country travel, there are all sorts of reasons for ditching the razor. Kind of like hockey, where playoff beards have long tradition.

Many people are just pay-

ing more attention,” Wilson said. “I think every postseason he has done, every sport they do the playoff beard. I remem-

ber watching as a kid all the playoffs, and guys would grow beards. It’s kind of like when you buy a new car and you real-

ize everyone has it on the road. ‘It’s facial hair. You either have it or you don’t. There’s only a 50 percent chance you’re going to have to shave it,’ he said.”

So, who is sporting the best look this fall? That’s a tough one going into Wednesday night’s Game 1 at AT&T Park.

Romo’s hair has the Twitter account of (at)Romo’s Beard. Wilson’s growth has three different Twitter handles.

“We’re just a little weird. We’re a little wacky,” Romo said. “I just think we’ve got no shame. I wear mine confidently and I’m pretty sure he does as well.”

Wilson is still recovering from elbow surgery in April. Yet the quirky reliever continues to attract some of the loudest cheers from the home crowd. Wilson can’t remember when he last trimmed the beard. He figures it if been at least a year. “He hasn’t cut it in three years,” fellow reliever Santiago Casilla offered.

Giants general manager Brian Sabean — he has a small beard, too — recently watched some old clips of Wilson from the team’s 2010 run to the World Series championship. The year the right-hander led the majors with 48 saves.

“He looked very groomed compared to (this) look,” Sabean said. “As he’ll tell you, the beard has its own checking account. Romo, Romo’s right-
ed himself up. Pence, not so good, bad, look. It’s like ‘The Axeman’ or something.”

Any other grooming critiques?

“I’m not going to get into other people’s beards,” Sabean said.

If Wilson were healthy and available to pitch, Sabean kids that the beard might get in the way. “It’s not as aerodynamic,” the GM said. “Maybe things would fly out of it and be a distraction to the hitter.”

All over baseball, facial hair has become a hot topic. Last weekend, former Giants pitcher Brad Hennessey posted this as his status on Facebook: “Pence needs to shave that aw-

ful thing on his face! Are u say-

ing that it grows in all white trashly that all on its own?”

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Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Rex Ryan already said he’s sorry. He thinks it’s about time Reggie Bush did, too.

The New York Jets coach is still bothered by the Miami Dolphins running back’s comments a few weeks ago that Darrelle Revis’ season-ending knee injury was a case of “what goes around comes around.”

“I apologized for my comment,” Ryan said Wednesday. “I expect him to do the same.”

Ryan drew the ire of the Dolphins star when the coach said the Jets were going to put “hot sauce” — saying he meant lots of attention, not intent to injure — on Bush before New York’s 23-20 overtime win last month. Bush hurt his left knee in the game on a hit by LaRon Landry, and later implied it was karma that Revis also hurt his knee and was lost for the season.

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Ryan said after the teams last played on Sept. 23 that his “hot sauce” comment was misinterpreted and he never coaches to hurt another player. Linebacker Calvin Pace raised some eyebrows, though, saying the Jets planned to “put him on out,” but later apologized and insisted there was no “bounty” on Bush or anything malicious meant by his comment.

Bush, whose injury wasn’t serious, was angry, though, saying during a radio interview: “They talked all week about putting hot sauce and this and that, and they ended up losing their best player for the rest of the season. So, it’s sad that it happened because of that, but I’m going to be back.”

Revis had surgery last week to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his knee, and hopes to be back in time for training camp next summer.

Ryan said he wasn’t worried about Miami retaliating, either, and again reiterated that his comments were taken out of context.

“I never said we were trying to injure Reggie Bush, that’s not even close,” Ryan said. “He’s going to get our attention. I’m sorry, but he’s a player that’s going to warrant a lot of attention and that’s what I meant by my comments. If it was taken differently, I apologized for that. But trust me, we know when he’s in the game.”

Ryan added that he respects Bush’s abilities and “that’s bad for football” when any player of his caliber is injured for any period of time.

Ryan calls for apology from Bush

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NBA

Knicks top Nets in exhibition

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Once their extended preseason fi-
nal was over, the Knicks and Nets could look ahead to the
one that counts next week in Brooklyn in the season open-
ing.

The Knicks hope their front-
court is ready by then.

Already without Amare Stoudemire, New York lost
center Tyson Chandler to a left knee injury less than a minute
into the game in a 97-95 over-
time victory over the Nets on
Wednesday night.

Steve Novak made two
3-pointers in overtime, in-
cluding the go-ahead shot
with 1:26 left, in the final
tuneup before the teams meet
in their hyped, nationally tele-
vised regular-season opener
Nov. 1 at the new Barclays
Center.

The Knicks expect to
play that night without Stoudemire, who has a cyst
behind his left knee and is out a couple of weeks. Chandler
left onouches and said he would have an MRI exam
Thursday, but said he didn’t have much concern about his
injury. Chandler can return to the court if he felt well
to the court after a col-
lision with the Nets’ Gerald
Wallace.

“It’s frustrating, because
like I say I felt great before the
game,” Chandler said. “I was
excited, team’s looking good
and I was looking forward to
try to set the tempo moving
into the first game of the year.
And I mean I look at the
stat sheet and I was 44 seconds,
so it’s just disappointing to hap-
pen at all.”

Chandler got up and walked
to the locker room, but the
Nets said there was no reason
to risk the defensive
Player of the Year’s return in
calling his injury a sore left knee.

“I was just hoping that
it wasn’t too serious. After
talking to him after the game,
I was hoping I could do that for
him. I’ve been through him at
time, after the game, doesn’t
seem like it’s too seri-
ous,” Knicks forward Carmelo
Anthony said. “Probably a real
bad bruise, I don’t know how
they’re going to call it. Good
thing is now preseason is over with
that one quarter but pulled
out the real thing starts, so hope-
fully he gets himself back ready.”

Anthony and Raymond
Felton each scored 15 points
for the Knicks before leav-
ing things to the reserves, who
blew a 12-point lead in the
fourth quarter but pulled
out the victory to finish 3-3.
Rookie Chris Copeland, who
has played well in the pre-
season, led New York with 16
points.

MLB

Sandoval lifts Giants in exhibition

Associated Press

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By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

While locked in a close race for the fourth and final spot into the MIAA tournament, Saint Mary’s won in a three-set sweep over conference rival Alma. The Belles won three close sets, winning the match 25-21, 25-20, 25-19.

“We had a magnificent game [yesterday]. We just played great volleyball,” Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. “We were so composed and under control. We’ve been very focused on control and consistency this week in practice and that really shined through.”

Offensively, sophomore outside hitter Kati Schneider paced the Belles (13-12, 7-7 MIAA) with had 17 kills. Close behind Schneider was freshman middle hitter Melanie Kuczek also managed to get into the double digits, as she finished with 11 while hitting at an impressive .55 percent.

“We had some phenomenal performances,” Kuschel said. “Three double-doubles with Kati, Katie and [senior setter] Danie [Brink] is just awesome.”

Brink led all players with 34 assists while also providing 12 digs in a strong defensive effort. Schneider and Hecklinski each had 16 and 24 digs, respectively.

Kuschel said that the Belles’ defense was key to the win. Saint Mary’s had a total of five players get into the double digits for digs, including sophomore defensive specialists Meredith Mersits and Samantha Grady. Mersits had 14 digs, while Grady was second on the team with 19.

“Both of them played great,” Kuschel said. “It was just an all-around fantastic defensive performance for our team.”

Based off of their conference record, Saint Mary’s is now tied for fourth in the MIAA with Alma (14-12, 7-7). Yet, Alma holds the tiebreaker over the Belles, as the Scots have a half-game lead in overall record.

Going forward, the Belles have three matches left in the season, including match-ups against two MIAA opponents. On Friday, the Belles play MIAA leader Calvin (24-2, 12-0). Then, on Saturday, Saint Mary’s wraps up its season against conference rival Hope (24-3, 12-2) before facing Wheaton (11-20, 2-5 CCIW). Hope currently sits right behind Calvin in the MIAA rankings. Both conference foes are ranked in the top-five nationally — Calvin is No. 2 in the nation while Hope is No. 4.

“We have a tough road ahead of us. We’re very excited to play them,” Kuschel said. “They are two of the best teams in our conference, and we’re excited for the remainder of our season. We just want to finish our season very strong.”

For the Belles, the team’s performance against Alma acts as model for how to play in those critical conference matches, Kuschel said.

“I think we need to play like we did [last night]. We hit extremely well,” Kuschel said. “We came up with big kills when we needed them and we played extremely tough defense.”

Still, Kuschel said that the Belles have plenty of room for improvement heading into their final weekend of the regular season.

“Our blocking does need to come along. We did get a lot of touches tonight, which bodes well for our defense,” Kuschel said. “Still, we will need to come up with some kill-blocks on Friday and Saturday to slow their hitters down.”

The Belles will first look to do just that against Calvin. On Friday, Saint Mary’s travels to Calvin for a 7 p.m. match.

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Saint Mary’s tops Alma in a three-set sweep

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

The Belles will enter their official MIAA schedule with two scoring events this weekend, competing in the Albion dual meet on Friday, followed by a double dual meet with Hope and Alma on Saturday.

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“I’m really curious about what our relays can pull out this weekend,” Benishek said. “We kind of retooled them all after last weekend. It’s a whole new lineup and different swimmers with each other so I think we should see some fast swims.”

Of all the swimmers competing this weekend, Benishek is particularly interested in the newest members of the Belles squad. Seven freshmen make up Saint Mary’s 13-person roster, which does not include a junior swimmer.

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Saint Mary’s prepares for Hope

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

As the season rounds to a close, every point will count as the Belles square up against Hope in an attempt to gain a spot in the postseason competition. Saint Mary’s (11-4-2, 8-4-1 MIAA) is currently ranked fifth in the MIAA standings. Only the top four teams are given the chance to compete for a spot in the NCAA tournament.

Senior midfielder and captain Maddie Meckes said her team has a good chance to come out on top in the matchup.

“Our game [Thursday] will be very challenging,” Meckes said. “Hope is a quick team with a lot of talent, but I believe we can beat them.”

The Belles are neck-and-neck in the rankings heading into their game against Hope (11-4-2, 8-3-2), who is currently ranked second in the conference. Hope, in Saint Mary’s postseason bid.

“The win is basically essential for our chances of making the postseason conference,” Meckes said. “We really need to focus tomorrow and play a full 90 minutes.”

Meckes said the Belles 2-0 loss against Alma on Tuesday taught them the type of focus they will need for a victory against Hope.

“Every person on the field needs to be on top of their game,” Meckes said. “I know that all of us are prepared to do just that.”

Meckes said the team’s devotion to success will play a key factor in their performance.

“Our team has a lot of heart, and all of us want all of our hard work this season to pay off as a post-season berth,” Meckes said.

The two teams last met Oct. 6 when Saint Mary’s claimed the 1-0 victory early in the match. Sophomore goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum was a key factor in the win, grabbing back-to-back saves late in the second half and preventing the Flying Dutch from scoring a late equalizer.

The Belles look to secure their place in the postseason as they take on Hope at 7 p.m. Thursday.

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Belles prepare for MIAA meet

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will look for a strong showing against its conference competition when the Belles travel to Albion, Mich., to compete in the MIAA championships on Saturday.

Saint Mary’s returns to competition after having last weekend off. The Belles last competed Oct. 13, when the team finished 28th at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Brooks Invitational.

Saint Mary’s was the top finisher at the Brooks Invitational, as she finished 74th in a field of 500 runners with a time of 23:31.50. Sophomore Samee Chittenden placed second for the Belles, as she set a personal record in the collegiate 6-kilometer event with a time of 24:52:30.

Saint Mary’s will now turn its attention to the MIAA championships, which are hosted by Albion. Belles coach Jackie Bauters said she feels her team is prepared to compete against the best of the conference competition.

“In preparation for the conference championships, I’m feeling very confident in our team’s ability to put out their best performances of the season,” Bauters said. “We had a productive fall break and put in quality miles. We are doing final tune-ups this week for championships and the final results will be a function of where our best lies against what other teams put out.”

The MIAA cross-country champion is determined by the MIAA Jamboree, which counts toward one-third of the final standings, and the MIAA championships, which account for the other two-thirds of the final standings. The Belles currently sit in sixth place in the standings after the Jamboree, which they hosted on Sept. 21.

Bauters said the team is looking to move up a few positions in the standings but noted she was more concerned about the team’s ability to turn in consistent performances.

“While we would love the fifth spot, if we are putting out personal records and keeping our pack tight, it is going to be a successful day,” she said.

Moving up in the standings will be a tall order for Saint Mary’s. The Belles will face three teams ranked in the top 10 in the Great Lakes region, including No. 1 Calvin, No. 3 Hope and No. 9 Alma.

Bauters said the rankings reflect the strength of the MIAA.

“Having three teams ranked in the top 10 of the region is an indication of the talent we compete with on a regular basis.”

Jackie Bauters
Belles coach
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didn’t know at first and it has helped me at the professional level.

“Off the field it’s incredible with his morals and his values that he instills in all his players. It’s something he reiterates and he wants us to be quality men with the right morals and the right work ethic and that’s so valuable as players and men in the real world.”

For Maund, the real world is now Toronto. The 22-year-old was selected with the 12th overall pick in the 2012 MLS SuperDraft in January by Toronto FC. Maund said it was thrilling to hear his name called on draft day.

“I have a great experience,” Maund said. “I was at home in Boston with my family watching on TV. I thought I would get drafted, but not that high.

It was a great experience just to see the looks on my parents’ faces and my whole family because they have sacrificed so much for me.”

But the excitement of being a first-round pick evaporated almost immediately for Maund, who found himself stuck on the bench in eight of his first 11 games with the Reds.

“(Being drafted) was really rewarding because it made me feel that my hard work had paid off,” Maund said. “But it’s short-lived because being a rookie is hard. Now I have to make being drafted worth something. It’s so hard to be a rookie in this league. That was my next thought.”

Maund said professional soccer has been more difficult due to both mental and physical factors.

“There’s more attention to detail,” Maund said. “You have to think a lot faster. There’s really no room for error. In this league if you make a mistake you get punished whereas in college there is room for error. That’s not the case at all in the MLS. It’s a very tough transition physically too, because it’s a very athletic and physical league. We have a longer season that started in January and ends in October, so you have to get your muscles ready. It’s tougher competition day in and day out and you have to take care of your body off the field.”

Despite the trials and tribulations of being a rookie facing stiffer competition, Maund said he felt well prepared by the professional nature of the Irish soccer program.

“The transition could have been a lot harder,” Maund said. “Bobby Clark runs a very tight ship. The program is very professional with its facilities and the responsibilities you’re given as a player. ... My time at Notre Dame taught me that level of responsibility you have to have to play professionally. As the level of competition gets higher and higher, you always have to be on top of your game. The way things were run at Notre Dame are not a far cry at all from the professional environment I’ve seen.”

Since getting accustomed to the professional ranks, Maund has made nine starts and played in a total of 15 games for Toronto FC. But the 6-foot-1, 185-pound newcomer has been playing a new position: center midfielder. And just as in his freshman season in South Bend, Maund has been making an impact in his inaugural campaign, albeit in a different role.

Things worked out just fine the first time.

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Maund prepares to strike the ball during Notre Dame’s 2-1 home win over Bucknell on Sept. 11, 2011.

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freshman midfielder Patrick Hodan earned the assist on Notre Dame’s third goal in the seven-minute span.

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Notre Dame continued to threaten even with a two-goal lead as the Irish forced Lyon to make a number of difficult saves to prevent his team from falling behind by three. The Golden Eagles countered with chances of their own but Notre Dame closed out the game in front of junior goalkeeper Patrick Wall, who recorded seven saves on the night.

The victory offered a chance for several Irish players to shine, Clark said.

“Patrick Hodan came on, really lit things up,” he said. “He’s doing a terrific job as a freshman. And, of course, Finley is always there. The great thing about Finley, Ryan is now bringing other players into the game. He is not just going himself ... he set up several good opportunities. There was a good spell in the second half where we could have had several goals, there could have been more.”

“Patrick Wall was very good in goal, he had a good save there near the end. I thought both fullbacks did well, because that’s one of the things. They are very good on the flanks, Marquette. They serve great balls and I think our fullbacks did a great job of stepping their service at source.”

Notre Dame will conclude regular season play on Saturday when it travels to Marquette for a rematch with the Golden Eagles at 8:05 p.m.

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with a then-career high 140 yards on 26 carries while former Irish quarterback Jarious Jackson also topped the century mark on the ground, totaling 107 yards.

Following a third quarter Sooners score that extended the Oklahoma lead to 30-14, the Irish faced a daunting task — erase a 16-point deficit against a team that threw the ball 40 times per game.

“It’s always tough [to come back] when they have a wide open offense,” Fisher said.

“At the same time, when you stick to your game plan and everything starts working for you, you can’t worry about what the other team is doing. You just have to continue to do what you’re doing and just grind it out. Hopefully, the chips fall your way.”

The Irish scored the game’s final 20 points to claim a 34-30 victory, sealing it with an 11-play, 98-yard drive for the winning score in the fourth quarter.

Notre Dame sputtered to a 5-7 record the rest of the way, ending the season with a four-game losing streak.

Fisher, who also considered Ohio State, Michigan State and Michigan, said he chose Notre Dame, in part, because of the weekly exposure the Irish had on NBC.

“It would be Saturday morning cartoons and then when the cartoons were done, it would be Notre Dame football,” Fisher said. “How many schools basically have their own television network like we’re on NBC every week throughout the whole country? Some schools could say they have their own network but it’s still only shown in that area. Ours is shown throughout the country.”

Fisher, a former Sorin College resident, had the unenviable task of replacing Irish all-time leading rusher Autry Denson, who was a senior when Fisher was a freshman.

“Autry Denson was there when I was a freshman so he was the big brother to me,” Fisher said. “It wasn’t tough because I had such good leaders to teach me the ropes and what’s going on.”

Fisher followed in Denson’s footsteps and played in the National Football League (NFL). Fisher was not drafted coming out of Notre Dame but signed a free-agent contract with the Green Bay Packers. Fisher said once he got the call from the Packers, his mindset changed.

“It’s time to go to work,” Fisher said. “I was happy and ecstatic about the opportunity because it was another dream that was able to come true.”

Fisher played four years in Green Bay and likened the atmosphere to the one at Notre Dame.

“It was a wonderful situation,” Fisher said. “The way Lambeau Field was set up was a lot like Notre Dame Stadium. It was a professional team in a college town. It was a great atmosphere.”

After four years with the Packers and one with the St. Louis Rams, Fisher blew out his knee, tearing his ACL, MCL and meniscus in his right knee.

“I rehabbed, came back, did some workouts with some teams but nothing really materialized the way I wanted it to,” Fisher said.

Fisher, 33, now coaches running backs at Euclid High School in Ohio, the same high school he was named Mr. Football at in 1997.

“It’s my way of giving back to the community,” Fisher said.

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Happy Birthday! You may want to act and make things happen if you want to improve your financial situation. A change in the way you do things or present what you have to offer will lead to a better lifestyle and greater opportunities. Love and romance are highlighted. Your numbers are 7, 12, 19, 27, 35, 43, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A sudden change in your financial situation looks positive. Check over investments and contracts carefully, and don’t be afraid to revise small details that favor you. Attending a celebration will result in an interesting conversation. Direction is uncertain and will lead to an uneasy situation if you are not upfront about what you are searching for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Enjoy pastimes that let you use your skills and interact with people who share your concerns. A chance to move ahead professionally or to find a position that suits your lifestyle will develop through a conversation with an influential individual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don’t make physical changes based on what someone else suggests. Get the lowdown on procedures before moving forward. Direction is uncertain and will lead to an uneasy situation if you are not upfront about what you are searching for yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Rework an old plan or pick up new skills and you will be able to raise your earning potential. Creative collaboration will bring good results. Your intuition will lead you down the right path. Socializing will be rewarding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don’t make a promise you cannot keep. Additional responsibilities will cost you mentally, physically and emotionally. Overspending to keep the peace will lead to stress and worry regarding your future. Look for alternative ways to cut corners. Do the work yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Mixing the old with the new will result in an interesting payoff. You’ll attract someone from your past if you attend a reunion or visit places you used to frequent years ago. An emotional issue regarding money can be resolved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Mixing the old with the new will result in an interesting payoff. You’ll attract someone from your past if you attend a reunion or visit places you used to frequent years ago. An emotional issue regarding money can be resolved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Share your talent, skills and knowledge with others. You will attract attention and interest in what you have to offer. Romance is in the stars, and planning a late-night celebration will ensure that you enhance your love life. Enjoy the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You’ll upset someone if you neglect your duties or you don’t show appreciation. A force play at home may appear detrimental at first, but in the end, it will help you move forward and follow a path better suited to your needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Pull in favors. Suggest different ways to use your skills more effectively and you will advance professionally. A financial gain is heading in your direction. A commitment made to someone you have something to share with will bring high returns.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don’t question what everyone else is doing. Take care of business and do what’s expected of you without complaint. Turning a new leaf will result in a new perspective.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Making a change at home can be good if it stifles someone’s poor habits.

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, intuitive, a helper, a giver and a dedicated lob- byist.
Running back reflects on win over Oklahoma

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
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Tony Fisher’s favorite Notre Dame memory was not a 196-yard outburst against Boston College his junior season. It was not leading the Irish in rushing in 1999 nor was it a First Bowl appearance in 2000.

It was Bookstore Basketball.

“I used to love when Bookstore Basketball came around,” Fisher said in a phone interview with The Observer.

Fisher’s team — named Coco Butter — consisted of cornerback Lee Lafayette, tight end John Owens and track distance runner Doug Conners and Marshua West. Coco Butter never won the title but made it to the second round.

“That’s all part of the Notre Dame, college experience,” Fisher said.

While Fisher fondly remembers his days on the outdoor courts next to the bookstore, some Irish fans note him for his career game in a 1999 win over Oklahoma, the last time Notre Dame faced the Sooners.

Coming into the showdown with the Sooners, Notre Dame had lost three consecutive games, bringing its record to a lowly 1-3 after starting the year ranked No. 18.

“Losing three straight games is never really acceptable at Notre Dame,” Fisher said. “We had to do whatever we had to do to right the ship. At the same time, we had to go out there, stay focused and handle your business and everything else will take shape. It was a real big game for us during that time.”

Oklahoma entered the game undefeated and ranked in the top 25 under new coach Bob Stoops and his wide-open offense. The teams had not played since 1968.

“Notre Dame, Oklahoma, they’re two storied schools in college football, there was a lot of hype going into that game,” Fisher said.

“Regardless of how both teams had been playing, there was still a whole lot of hype going into that game.”

On the opening play, Fisher took the handoff and darted to the right before rumbing 55 yards to the Oklahoma 21-yard line.

“Any big play in any football game of that magnitude is definitely a tone-setter, especially when it’s the first play of the game,” Fisher said.

“That’s how you set the tone and give the other team the mindset that it’s going to be a long day when we’re coming out the first play of the game like that.

“The offensive line did a great job and it was a good call. We caught them in the right defense and we had the right play called and I was able to make a play.”

Fisher, a 6-foot-2, 220-pound back, did not stop there. He finished the game 200 yards on the ground.

WAKING THE ECHOES | AARON MAUND

Standout moves on to MLS

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One thousand, nine hundred and thirty-six.

At the end of his freshman season in 2000, former Notre Dame star and current Toronto FC rookie Aaron Maund had played every possible minute for the Irish. Maund was one of just two Irish players to log the maximum. The other: then-senior all-American Matt Besler.

Given his successful freshman campaign, it may seem Maund had easily transitioned to collegiate soccer. That, however, was not the case, Maund said. After joining the team as an outside midfielder as an incoming freshman before the 2008 season, Maund had played every possible minute for the Irish before being switched to center back. The Dorchester, Mass., native said the move was a difficult one at first, but he acclimated gradually to his new position.

“That transition wasn’t easy,” Maund said. “I think personally, just the strides I made as a player while playing at Notre Dame over four years and the way I developed is my greatest accomplishment,” Maund said. “My knowledge as a player and my abilities as a player gradually increased by a lot. That’s a testament to my teammates and the coaching staff.”

Maund specifically praised Irish coach Bobby Clark for his role in developing him as a player.

“There’s a lot of [Clark] did,” Maund said. “Technically he’s so good with defenses and just that understanding he gave me of how defenses work and how other teams work and how the back four is setup to move and drop and work together. That’s something that...