Students evaluate voter ID laws

As identification requirements tighten, citizens consider inequality, fraud

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

When voters across the nation visit the polls Nov. 6, residents of some states may be required to bring along a document they did not need in previous elections — a form of identification.

The popularity of so-called “voter ID laws,” the first of which was enacted in Alabama in 2003, has increased greatly over the past several years. Presently, 30 states have passed some form of law requiring voters to present a valid form of identification prior to voting in an election.

Senior Mickey Gardella, president of Notre Dame’s College Republicans, said voter ID laws are reasonable and present a very small infringement on liberty, if any at all.

“It’s very important in preventing voter fraud and making sure people are who they say they are,” he said. “In today’s day and age, lies’ experiences.

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Prior to the viewing, the form of identification required by states varies. Some state legislatures have passed strict laws requiring a government-issued photo ID, while others will accept anything with an individual’s name on it, such as a food stamp card or a utility bill.

Although Gardella’s home state of New Jersey does not have a voter ID law in place, he said he understands the laws are intended to protect the rights of voting citizens.

“We look at it as protecting the rights of citizens, that their votes count and there votes are not diluted by people who should not be voting because they are not citizens, not registered or they’re impersonating someone else,” he said.

Senior Jessie Brefl’s home state of Wisconsin recently passed a strict ID law requiring voters to present photo identification prior to casting their ballots. The law will go into effect after the 2012 elections.

Brefl said she was surprised she did not need to present identification when she voted in a recall in June and said she will be glad when the new law takes effect.

“All I needed was my name to be able to vote,” she said. “Any person could have said my name to be able to vote.”

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Panel discusses film on migration

By BEN HORVATH
News Writer

Panelists drew from fiction to tackle the real-world challenges faced by immigrants yesterday when the Center for Social Concerns and Department of Romance Languages and Literatures co-hosted a viewing and discussion of the film “Al Otro Lado.”

“Al Otro Lado,” Spanish for “To the Other Side,” relates the fictional migration experiences of three men from the perspective of each man’s wife and children. While the stories each take place in different parts of the world — Morocco, Spain and Cuba — the film focuses on the commonalities of the families’ experiences.

Prior to the viewing, Spanish professor Ben Heller gave a brief history of migration patterns from Cuba and Mexico to the United States and discussed the significance of geographical borders and distances.

“Geographical factors are not just things on maps, but are symbolic spaces of trial, transition and growth for migrants,” he said.

French professor Catherine Perry’s commentary focused on the recent immigration patterns within Europe, as one of the film’s narratives featured migration to Spain.

The feature-length film touched on some of the other challenges immigrants face, such as poverty and prejudice. Panelist and theology professor Fr. Dan Greody — who

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ROT C cadets participate in Field Training Exercise

By PETER DURBIN
News Writer

A group of Army ROTC cadets from Notre Dame and other Indiana colleges put their training to the test last weekend when they travelled to Fort Custer in Augusta, Mich., to participate in a Field Training Exercise (FTX).

Saint Mary’s senior Katie Roitz said 70 cadets were involved in the exercise from schools including Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, Indiana University in South Bend, Bethel College and Valparaiso University.

“The exercises are an opportunity to be challenged during land navigation assessments, garrison leadership positions, and during all Situational Training Exercise lane train,” Roitz said.

Roitz said the events took place throughout the day, as cadets were required to complete both day and night land navigation exercises requiring cadets to locate and plot a number of points on a map.

“They had to figure out their pace count and correctly use ... their compass in order to find these points,” Roitz said.

The cadets were split into different squads and given various tasks to complete, Roitz said. Each was designed to test how

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

If you could describe your roommate in one word, what would it be?

Erin Bouquet
Senior
“Spunky.”

Paul Hurley
Freshman
O’Neill Hall
“Pretty boy.”

Kim Mai
Freshman
Breen-Phillips Hall
“Quirky.”

Connor Carmichael
Senior
Fisher Hall
“I have a single.”

Patrick Albright
Junior
Dillon Hall
“Canadian.”

Dan Finan
Senior
Off campus
“Dimples.”

Members of the Notre Dame Beijing-Alumni Association react to an Irish touchdown during the fourth quarter of Saturday’s 30-13 victory over Oklahoma. Beijing alumni and abroad students gathered for a game watch at 8 a.m. local time.

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BAVO Speaker
Student Center (SMC)
7 p.m.

The Belles Against Violence host Debbie Riddle.

Art Dept. Fundraiser
Riley Hall
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chili cookoff. Funds go to breast cancer screenings.

Wednesday
Jewish Religious Expression in Byzantine Palestine
A Time to Heal Dinner

3 p.m.

5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Foster community healing against sexual violence.

Thursday
“Know Your Rights as an Author”
El Dia de los Muertos

Goddess Hall

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Day of the Dead festivities. Free and open to the public.

Friday
Readings from Dante’s “Divine Comedy”
ND Chorale Concert

Campus-wide

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

124 Nieuwland Hall

Public performance.

Saturday
Nuclear Accelerator
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Tours

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10 p.m. - 1 a.m.

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It may be the day before Halloween, but Saint Mary's fine arts students and faculty are already rewinding for the Christmas season.

The College’s Department of Music and Department of Theatre have begun preparations for the Madrigal Dinner, an annual medieval-themed holiday celebration in its 40th year at the College.

Theatre professor Michaela Duffy said the event incorporates song and dance into a commemoration of Christmas birth. "The Madrigal Dinner is a feast celebrating the nativity, with performers in traditional garb, usually singing traditional Christmas music and sometimes featuring actors, dancers, jugglers or other performers," she said.

This year’s event will include a redesign of the tradition’s traditional set. Duffy led a team of students responsible for the set redesign for this year’s celebration. "The previous scenery was a backdrop hung behind the risers where the singers stand," she said. "There were also Christmas decorations hung throughout the hall. This year, we’re adding backdrops throughout the entire hall and adding even more Christmas decorations." Having been at the College for seven years, Duffy said she is excited to see the revamped production come together. "We’ve been very busy painting and sewing and we are very excited to see the new elements for this year’s dinners," she said.

Senior Dana Korson is also a member of the team working on the set. Duffy tasked her scenic design class with the redesign last spring, Korson said. "As you can imagine, out of our ideas came some good ideas and not so good ideas," Korson said. "But Michaela took bits and pieces of our good ideas and added a lot of her great ideas and developed the design that you will see at Madrigals this year."

Korson said the event is not only a chance to perform but also an opportunity to engage with the audience. "It’s a great way to meet new people who come year after year to these dinners," she said. "It’s also just awesome to stand in the middle of a room with everyone watching as you make a fool out of yourself."

The Madrigal Dinner will run Nov. 30 through Dec. 2.

Migration

This year Florida residents with and without legal status will be able to vote in the community election due to the Florida Voter Rights Act, which allows non-citizens who do not have legal status to vote. The legislation is a part of the Florida Voter Rights Act, which passed in 2018 and allows non-citizens who do not have legal status to vote in the community election due to the Florida Voter Rights Act.

Citizen and non-citizen residents can vote in the community election, which will be held on November 30th, 2022. The election will take place at the St. Mary’s College Center for Civil and Human Rights.

"The experience was our first community election, and although we have had many supportive organizations, the lack of voter ID laws that discriminate against non-citizens is a significant issue," said Osprey. "By allowing non-citizens to vote, we are giving them a voice in the community and encouraging participation in the democratic process."

"We are proud to be a part of this historic change and support the efforts of the Florida Voter Rights Act to ensure that all residents have equal access to the ballot," said Osprey.

"The Florida Voter Rights Act is a step towards creating a more inclusive and equitable community," said Osprey. "We encourage all residents to vote in the community election and support efforts to ensure that all voices are heard."
Iran claims to have Israeli base photos

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran has images of sensitive Israeli military bases taken by a drone that was launched by Lebanon’s Hezbollah movement and downed by Israel earlier this month, a senior Iranian lawmaker claimed Monday in the latest boast from Tehran about purported advances in the capabilities of its unmanned aircraft.

The announcement gave no details about the photos — other than calling the Israeli bases “forbidden sites” — but it suggested Iranian drones have the ability to transmit data while in flight. It also appeared aimed at warning Israel about the options for retaliation for any possible strikes on Iranian nuclear sites.

A prominent lawmaker, Ismaeil Kowsari, also was quoted as saying that the Iranian-backed Hezbollah possesses more sophisticated Iranian-made drones than the ones that were downed, including some that could carry weapons.

“These drones transmit the pictures online,” Kowsari said. "The pictures of forbidden sites taken and transmitted by this drone are now in our possession.”

The lawmaker, who heads the parliament’s defense committee, said Hezbollah is “definitely” equipped with more sophisticated drones, but gave no further details.

A senior Israeli military official in Israel’s northern command said he did not believe the drone possessed a camera, though he noted an Israeli investigation is continuing. He spoke on condition of anonymity under military guidelines.

Hezbollah “won’t announce it as long as it doesn’t see the need to do so . . . That’s why we say we will respond to Israel inside (its) territory, should it take any action against us,” said Kowsari, a former commander of the powerful Revolutionary Guard.

Iran has claimed that Iranian-made surveillance drones have made dozens of apparently undetected flights into Israeli airspace from Lebanon in recent years. Israel has rejected the account.

Iran’s Defense Minister Ahmad Vahid also claimed on Sunday that Tehran has drones far more advanced than the Ayub unmanned aircraft launched by Hezbollah, saying it was not the “latest Iranian technology, definitely.” He did not elaborate.

Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah has said the Ayub drone was manufactured in Iran and assembled in Lebanon.

Iran routinely announces technological breakthroughs in its defense program. Last month it claimed to have started building its own replica. The Shahed-129, or Witness-129, covers much of the Middle East including Israel and nearly doubles the range of previous drones produced by Iranian technicians, who have often relied on reverse engineering military hardware with the country under Western embargo.

But it's unclear whether the new drone contains any elements of an unmanned CIA aircraft that went down in eastern Iran last year. Iran said it has recovered data from the RQ-170 Sentinel and claimed it was building its own replica.

Iran’s claims are impossible to independently confirm because the country’s arsenal is not open to widespread international inspection with multinational war games or other cooperation.

MYANMAR

Victims of ethnic violence criticize government

Associated Press

SIITWE, Myanmar — Victims of ethnic clashes in western Myanmar lashed out at the government for failing to prevent violence between Muslims and Buddhists that has displaced more than 32,000 people over the last week.

The crisis, which erupted in June, has raised international concern and posed one of the biggest challenges yet to Myanmar’s reformist President Thein Sein, who inherited power from a xenophobic military junta last year.

The latest violence between ethnic Rakhine Buddhists and Rohingya Muslims began Oct. 21 and has left at least 84 people dead and 129 injured, according to the government. Human rights groups believe the true toll could be far higher.

“The authorities are not solving the problem and soldiers are not defending us,” said Kyaw Myint, a Muslim who took refuge at Thetchuang camp outside the Rakhine state capital, Sittwe. He fled his home in nearby Pauktaw when it was torched Wednesday. “I feel as though I am in hell,” he said. “We have no one to take care of us, no place to go, and now no job to earn a living.”

A 37-year-old Rakhine trader named Maung Than Naing, reached by phone in the village of Kyauktaw, also expressed anger over the government’s handling of the violence.

“We are helpless because the government is not dealing with the root of the problem,” he said. “We no longer want to live with the Muslims.”

Maung Than Naing, who also lost his home in an arson attack, blamed the Rohingya for breaking the calm.

“These poor Muslim people who live hand to mouth burned their own homes so that they enjoy the U.N. aid where they are given shelter and free food,” he said.

A tense calm has held across the region since Saturday, Rakhine state spokesman Myo Thant said. More police and soldiers have been deployed to increase security, but he declined to give details.

The priority now is to ensure those who lost homes have adequate shelter and food, Myo Thant said.

Although many Rohingyas have lived in Myanmar for generations, they are widely denigrated as intruders who came from neighboring Bangladesh to steal scarce land.

The Rohingyas also face official discrimination, a policy encouraged by Myanmar’s previous military regimes to enlist populist support among other groups. A 1982 law formally excluded them as one of the country’s 135 ethnicities, meaning most are denied basic civil rights and are deprived of citizenship.

Human rights groups say racism also plays a role: Many Rohingyas, who speak a Bengali dialect and resemble Muslim Bangladeshis, have darker skin and are heavily discriminated against.

Bangladesh, though, also denies them citizenship. The U.N. estimates their population in Myanmar at 400,000.

Tensions have simmered in western Myanmar since clashes first broke out in June after a Rakhine woman was allegedly raped and murdered by three Muslim men. The June violence displaced 75,000 people — also mostly Muslims.

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Syrian regime launches widespread airstrikes

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian fighter jets pounded rebel areas across the country on Monday with scores of airstrikes that anti-regime activists called the most widespread bombing in a single day since Syria’s troubles started 19 months ago.

The death toll for what was supposed to be a four-day cease-fire between the regime of President Bashar Assad and rebels seeking his overthrow exceeded 500, and activists guessed the government’s heavy reliance on air power reflected its inability to roll back rebel gains.

“The army is no longer able to make any progress on the ground so it is resorting to this style,” said activist Hisham Nijim via Skype from the northern town of Khan Sheikhoun.

Activists said more than 80 people were killed nationwide Monday while videos posted online showed fighter jets screaming over Syrian towns, mushroom clouds rising from neighborhoods and residents searching the remains of damaged and collapsed buildings for bodies. One video from Maaret al-Numan in the north showed residents trying to save a boy who was buried up to his shoulders in rubble. Another showed the dead bodies of a young boy and girl laid out on a tile floor.

The airstrikes focused on rebel areas in the northern provinces of Aleppo and Idlib, as well as on restive areas in and around the capital Damascus. The regime has been bombing rebel areas in the north for months, but had sparingly used its air force near the capital, presumably to avoid isolating its supporters there.

But analysts say that rampant defections and rising rebel capabilities have lessened the regime’s ability to take back and hold rebel areas, making air strikes its most effective way to fight back.

U.S. seeks support against militants

Associated Press

ALGIER, Algeria — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton sought Algeria’s assistance on Monday for any future military intervention in Mali, pressing the North African nation to provide intelligence — if not boots on the ground — to help rout the al-Qaida-linked militants across its southern border.

Clinton, on the first stop of a five-day trip overseas, met with Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika as the United States and its allies ramped up preparations to fight northern Mali’s breakaway Islamist republic.

When Mali’s democratically elected leader was ousted in a military coup in March, Tuareg rebels seized on the power vacuum and within weeks took control of the north, aided by an Islamist faction. The Islamists then quickly ousted the Tuaregs and took control of half the country.

The U.N. Security Council has unanimously approved the idea of an African-led military force to help the Malian army oust Islamic militants, but its details are still unclear.

One plan would see Mali’s embattled government in the south and its West African neighbors taking the military lead to battle with the militants, with the United States and European countries in support.

Any military intervention would likely require Algeria, whose reforms have headed off the Arab Spring tumult experienced by neighbors such as Libya and Tunisia and left it with the strongest military and best intelligence in the region.

Clinton said she and Bouteflika spoke at length about Mali, with the Algerian leader appealing to caution against any rash action.

“I very much appreciated the president’s analysis based on his long experience as to the many complicated factors that have to be addressed to deal with the internal insecurity in Mali and the terrorist and drug trafficking threat that is posed to the region and beyond,” Clinton told reporters.
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Recession may defy next U.S. president

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Post-racial rhetoric won’t work

Alex Coccia
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Racialized rhetoric has been at the forefront of public conversation both nationally and at Notre Dame. It surrounded events such as the election of President Barack Obama in 2008, the shooting of Trayvon Martin and the Town Hall meeting last spring to discuss instances of racial harassment on campus. All of these occurrences have raised a series of questions: Is race still an issue? Do we create racial tension by bringing it up in conversation? Have we reached a post-racial society?

A recent letter to the Editor in The Observer (“Segregation at the tabernacle,” Sept. 3) made the case that we live in a post-racial society and that bringing up race only furthers any divisions. “By focusing incoming freshmen on their race, we are not ‘unifying’ them with the rest of campus. Until Notre Dame stops classifying its students by race or orientation, the campus will have problems.” We, as Notre Dame, are not made up of “white students,” “black students,” “gay students,” etc. No. We are Notre Dame. The intention behind this statement — a vision of a post-racial Notre Dame — is one of unity. This argument represents an individual assimilation model, which suggests that racial identities would not play any significant role in the incorporation, whether socio-economic, political, etc., of people into broader communities. The model suggests that racial divides would be diminished if proponents of policies, such as multiculturalism, that emphasize race would stop their advocacy. It suggests that prejudices and their concrete consequences can passively dissolve over time, and that ultimately, everyone, regardless of race, assimilates to the community, whether to American society or to Notre Dame’s.

However, there are problems in adhering to an individual assimilation perspective and in arguing that post-racial rhetoric is needed to bridge the racial divide. The following criticisms acknowledge that race is a social construct. However, they also recognize that it has pervaded societies and manufactured realities that bolster structural inequality. The “perception” of race has created consequences that are all too real and very recognizable. Post-racial ideology assumes that these consequences are eliminated psychologically by requiring the oppressed to forget the past wrongs that have been done to them. This assumes it is even a possibility, and practically requires the oppressed to accept the institutional inequality in fact a “new normal.” Notice, however, how both of these options place all responsibility on the non-dominant paradigmatic group.

This leads to the first criticism: An individual assimilation model subtly assumes there is a point of equilibrium to which people assimilate. However, the dominant paradigm, in the Notre Dame context, is white, upper-middle-class, straight male. This first assumption is in the phrase, “we are not ‘unifying’ them with the rest of campus,” as if the “rest of campus” is a paradigmatic group. The second criticism is that an individual assimilation model assumes a level of equality in historical experiences that influence opportunity in society. Whatever inequality and oppression that currently do exist are the results of perceived psychological oppression rather than actual physical oppression, and are, therefore, the fault of the oppressed. There is no physically descriptive, normative value to “American society” or “Notre Dame;” however, by arguing that we live in a post-racial society, we fail to appreciate the historical injustices towards different groups, and we add insult to injury the moment we ascertain that those experiences should be set aside in order for assimilation into the dominant paradigm.

The third criticism is that an individual assimilation model assumes that silence, or the idea of “the best way to end racism is to stop talking about race,” is the best means to overcome such inequality. Silence never works to eliminate oppression, whether physical, psychological or structural, because silence reinforces a status quo that is inherently unequal.

If the intention of “unification,” for which I believe we should all strive, is to be reached, post-racial rhetoric will not work. What is needed is a pluralist model, which does not place the burden of responsibility to actively create a unified community solely on the shoulders of the historically marginalized and regularly silenced. This model needs to address the causes of structural inequality of opportunity rather than silence all efforts. This model is not one where racial differences do not matter, but where racial differences are not subjugated to another. Such a model encourages conversation and coalition building, and states that racial distinctions, as components of self-identity, actually provide a participatory outlet for incorporation in a broader society. If we want unity, in American society or at Notre Dame, the process by which we achieve it must not be community-based, but community-based.

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Two weeks ago, a former student at Amherst College published a detailed account of her sexual assault and the administration’s subsequent failure to protect her rights.

Within 24 hours, the president of the College released a statement outlining immediate changes to the College’s sexual assault policy.

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Mia Lillis
Raising Voices

The morality of Mitt

Leila Green
Off the Wall

The vast differences between each presidential candidate’s life journey strongly influences the ways in which they decide to lead and steer our country. The manner in which President Obama or Mitt Romney will run this country is highly dependent upon various factors, one of the most important being each man’s moral compass.

President Obama, with roots in community organizing and law, grew up in Hawaii and Indonesia in a middle-class family as a minority. Meanwhile, Romney is privileged and was raised in an affluent family and had a career in business before becoming Governor of Massachusetts in 2002.

Consequently, President Obama and Mitt Romney hold vastly different worldviews — worldviews that substantially impact the way they view the citizens of this country and the world. Similarly, each man’s position in society influenced his respective moral code.

Being a part of the privileged, upper-class has undoubtedly impacted Romney’s bid for presidency, as the average American does not earn approximately $250 million. His massive wealth disconnects him from the reality of American citizens in the poor and middle class. His crafted tales of alleged struggle are key indicators of his blindness to the often-grim realities of those that are not put on pedestal.

Romney maintains a sincere belief in an American Dream that is not completely attainable by all Americans. We find it difficult to escape from socioeconomic立足点 from which to pursue this “dream” and he ignores this.

Mitt Romney’s potential policies and current ideology on issues like women’s rights, education, immigration and the economy indicate a lack of compassion and disregard for struggling Americans. This is an ethical failure. He lacks the morals that the leader of a diverse, complex country must have. The President is not the Pope, but he does need the character and ethics to view our country through a lens of compassion and recognize the marginalized and disadvantaged.

His campaign champions creating jobs for Americans and supporting special interest groups. Nevertheless, the policies and flip-flopping on essential issues like equal pay for women, contraception rights and education, can we really believe this? Who can trust a man through a moral lens, Romney’s continuous dishonesty and lack of true conviction points to a lack of rootedness and moral consistency.

Before Romney lessens our country’s deficit, he must relieve his own moral deficiency. We cannot fault Mitt Romney for being born into a wealthy family and not fault his business savvy. Being rich does not automatically diagnose you as morally bankrupt.

However, we can fault his business savvy, his understanding of the poor and marginalized and of minorities is what makes him a qualified leader for our complex country and is due to his aversion to the struggle in the poor and middle class.

While Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan have found relative success in other areas of society, they do not lead this country because they are unsympathetic toward the struggle of real Americans. Obama is by no means perfect; however, his accurate understanding of the poor and marginalized is of nationalities is what makes him a qualified leader for our complex country and is due to his character, experiences and upbringing in the middle class.

Neither the trickle-down economic approach nor the trickle-down presidential approach will work. We do not need a president who is too disconnected, too privileged and too uninterested from the American reality to adequately lead our country.

President Obama insists helping the poor and supporting the middle class is going to move our country forward. He is right. As Mahatma Gandhi said: “Man becomes great exactly in the degree in which he works for the welfare of his fellow men.” In order to win the election, Mitt Romney is going to have to work for all men — and all women. We need an approach that recognizes the dignity of all Americans and all humans. We need Barack Obama for president.

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I’ve heard it blasting through door rooms, talked about between classmates and burned by those walking behind lockers. It’s been discussed and glorified in Facebook posts and “22” has been playing in the advertisements for the upcoming Country Music Association Awards. I could only be talking about one thing — Taylor Swift’s “Red” album. Released Oct. 22, Taylor Swift’s “Red” still controls the No. 1 spot on iTunes top album downloads and the deluxe edition was sold out on Target.com as of Oct. 28. It seems Swift’s fourth studio album “Red” could more aptly be titled “Golden.”

As someone who became hooked on Swift’s relatable lyrics and down-to-earth country style as a young eighth-grader, and who has absorbed the tunes and lyrics of both “Fearless” and “Speak Now,” I was more than enthusiastic to see what Swift’s fourth album would bring. Though the subjects of her music have morphed from the abstract “Gory” and “Drew” into more well-known interests over the years and through the albums, Swift’s musical talent and poignant lyrics have remained the same. “Red” is marked by the same versatility and fluidity that has made Swift’s previous albums and songs such a success in transcending the boundaries between the country and pop genres.

Swift’s album runs the gamut of emotions, cycling through the colors and feelings she references in the title track “Red.” As the liner notes suggest, Swift shares with her listeners the feelings she has recently experienced and grown to understand in her relationships. Though all of Swift’s albums focus on relationships and life experiences, this album feels notably more mature. In addition to the obvious nod to growing up in “22,” Swift’s duets with Ed Sheeran (in “Everything Has Changed”) and Gary Lightbody (in “The Last Time”) reflects her strength at transferring deep emotions into song comes certainly worth the listen and one that showcases the flexibility and range of Swift’s voice.

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Swift’s earlier albums draw listeners in with her honest and real lyrics, “I Almost Do” has a simple and personal quality that captures listeners. Other songs reflect more ambiguous feelings about life and love, expressing twin feelings of risk and excitement (“ Trouble”), and dislomption with fame (“The Lucky One”). Taylor Swift’s “Red,” like all of her previous albums, only gets better with time, as listeners discover new tracks and learn more of her lyrics by heart. Most of Swift’s charm comes from the honesty and feeling that she instills in her tracks, and her fourth album certainly possesses these qualities. I’m sure we will be hearing more and more singing along to this album in the near future.

The deluxe album, which includes six bonus tracks (three studio tracks and three remixes) is available at Target and is certainly worth the buy.

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Classic Political Films

By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Editor

With the election only a week away, it’s every American’s duty to be as informed a voter as possible, and there’s no better way to do this than by watching some great movies that deal with the wild, wicked world of politics. Here are some of Scene’s favorite political films:

“FJK” (1991)
Director: Oliver Stone
Starring: Kevin Costner, Kevin Bacon, Tommy Lee Jones

Written/director Oliver Stone’s first — and certainly most controversial — in a trilogy of films focusing on American presidents presents what Stone calls a “counter-myth” as to how President John F. Kennedy was really assassinated.

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Where Are They Now?

Mischa Barton

By MARIA FERNANDEZ
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Turn on the television, read the news or log in to Facebook and everyone is currently talking about hurricane Sandy hitting the Northeast. I have a lot of hometown friends who go to school in the area, so I decided to call them and see how they were.

As I caught up with my friends, we began talking about odd hurricane names, and Sandy is definitely one to add.

So after four seasons of great “O.C.” gossip, where are these actors now?

Mischa Barton

Starring as Marissa Cooper in “The O.C.” was Mischa Barton’s claim to fame. She quickly became a Hollywood “it girl” and a fashion icon. Everyone loved Marissa, and after she tragically died in a car accident at the end of Season Three, the show was never the same.

Barton’s successful career was never the same either. After she left “The O.C.” cast, she starred in some minor films, such as “St. Trinian’s,” “Closing the Ring” and “Assassination of a High School President.”

In 2009, she returned to television in Ashton Kutcher’s “The Beautiful Life: TBL,” but the show did not last long. Mischa Barton is currently performing in the Irish stage production of “Steel Magnolias.”

Benjamin McKenzie

Actor Benjamin McKenzie played Marissa’s on-again off-again love interest, Ryan Atwood. His character in the show won the hearts of many young female viewers. However, his most recent and successful film projects have expanded his audience and fan base.

After the fourth and last season of “The O.C.” McKenzie played LAPD officer Ben Sherman in NBC’s drama series “Southland.” In 2008, he got his first starring role in feature indie film, “Johnny’s Got a Gun,” and earned great reviews.

Rachel Bilson

Who didn’t love Summer Robert’s bubbly personality and relationship with Seth in “The O.C.”?

Actress Rachel Bilson became well known in Hollywood by playing Summer in the show, and now she continues to be influential in the film and fashion world. After “The O.C.” ended, Bilson starred in films “The Last Kiss” in 2006 and “Jumper” in 2009. She is currently playing Dr. Zoe Hart on The CW’s “Hart of Dixie” series.

Adam Brody

Seth Cohen was my favorite “O.C.” character, and it was all due to my never-ending crush with the actor who played him, Adam Brody.

After the show got cancelled, he appeared in several popular films, including “Mr. & Mrs. Smith,” “In the Land of Women,” “Jennifer’s Body,” “Cop Out” and “Scream 4.”

Peter Gallagher

Last but not least, what is Sandy Cohen up to these days?

Before and after playing a cool California dad and well-known public defender in “The O.C.,” Peter Gallagher appeared in various Hollywood films, such as “Mr. Deeds,” “Center Stage,” “Burlesque” and “Step Up Revolution,” among others.

He currently plays CIA Clandestine Services Director Arthur Campbell in USA’s “Cover Affairs.”

Looking at the entirety of “The O.C.” cast, Gallagher is the most successful in the film and television industry today.

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A New Burrito Option

By ANKUR CHAWLA
Scene Writer

This year the University granted students’ wishes and opened one of the biggest cash cows on campus when they changed Sbarro to a Taco Bell/Pizza Hut Express. I was one of the biggest supporters of this change and still am a frequent visitor in the basement of LaFun. However, like many of you, I quickly lose interest in the food options that are readily available for the Monopoly money loaded on to my student ID card. Chipotle is generally a suitable substitute, but its closing at 10 p.m. on the weekends still left Taco Bell the only late night option if you’re craving a burrito. Or so I thought.

Enter Burrito Chulo. The re-branded store, formerly Julio’s, provides a much-needed option outside of the on-campus and Eddy Street burrito stops. While it is a bit of a hike for those of you in the dorms (it’s located on Ironwood next to Nick’s Patio), it’s open until 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday — and deliver within the area. I repeat: they are a Mexican semi-fast food place that delivers until 4 a.m. on the weekends.

Convenience and store hours aren’t the only draw for Burrito Chulo. The combo menu offers a dozen options for entrées each coming with either rice and beans or chips and salsa, and a large fountain drink, all for $5.99. That’s less than you’d pay for a single burrito at Chipotle. A la carte items are also available with everything ranging from three to seven dollars. In addition to being relatively inexpensive, the quantity of food is quite filling though admittedly not Chipotle-sized burrito.

In terms of taste and food quality, Burrito Chulo is as authentic as it gets for take-out or delivery. The burrito I got came filled with delicious refried beans, cilantro and lime glazed lettuce and black peppered chicken. My only complaint was that the chicken was a bit dry and the burrito could have used some type of hot sauce throughout, though the manager assured me that the California Burrito had just that. The side of chips and salsa were as fresh as one would get at a proper sit-down restaurant: the chips still warm and crisp from the fryer. The salsa was mild and thin for my taste, but certainly more authentic than the Old El Paso in my fridge.

Burrito Chulo is a solid option that should be added to your rotation of Taco Bell and Chipotle for a quick Mexican fix. It’s open late, delivers and offers a lot of fresh, authentic food for a relatively cheap price. And how can you say no to a place called Burrito Chulo?

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Burrito Chulo

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The Giants' play in the World Series was answer to that question clearly. They won through all facets of the game. Strong pitching, power hitting and small-ball were each utilized effectively. What makes the result even more impressive is they did it without some marquee players. Melky Cabrera, the All-Star Game MVP, was left off the playoff roster following a 50-game suspension for testing positive for high levels of testosterone. Young studs Pablo “Kung Fu Panda” Sandoval and Buster Posey filled the void. All-star closer Brian Wilson and his renowned beard missed nearly the whole season due to Tommy John surgery. Sergio Romo performed marvelously in his absence. In addition, Tim Lincecum and midseason acquisition Hunter Pence, both starters, struggled at times, yet found ways to contribute. Pence batted a miserable .210 in the postseason, but played a key role in San Francisco's 2-0 win in Game 2 with a run and RBI.

Meanwhile, Lincecum, a two-time Cy Young Award winner, had a terrible 2012 season and was demoted from the starting rotation to the bullpen for the pay-offs. Yet his relief role and pitched quality innings late as Aug. 19 — until San Francisco pulled away with a strong September. When the postseason finally arrived, it appeared a rough start would finally cost the Giants after they fell behind Cincinnati two games to none in the best-of-five NLDS. Yet San Francisco managed to win three in a row — all on the road — to advance. And in the NLCS, again needing three wins in a row to move on after trailing three games to one, the Giants did to the Cardinals what St. Louis notoriously did in 2011 to win the World Series: rally despite long odds.

San Francisco showed by that point it had the mental fortitude to win with its back against the wall. But was it a fluke? The Giants’ play in the World Series answered that question clearly. They won through all facets of the game. Strong pitching, power hitting and in middle relief to help his team. And speaking of Cy Young Award winners, how about the resurgence of Barry Zito? The 2002 AL Cy Young winner struggled with an injury and career-high ERA in 2011 and had an average 2012 regular season. But in his three starts this postseason, he pitched a total of 16 innings with only three earned runs allowed. San Francisco won all three games he started.

The Giants did it their way. They may not have had the offense of the Rangers, the pitching of the Reds or the type of the Yankees, but they had the best all-around team. And as a result, they’ve now won their second World Series in three seasons.

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**Giants prove to be the best team**

**Lattimore will return as a Gamecock**

By Sam Gans

Sports Writer

All year long, in both the regular season and National League postseason, the San Francisco Giants had to compare and contrast, leaving speculation from April to October about just how far the team would go. So, of course, the World Series they won Sunday night was the exact opposite of their style all season. The Giants dominated the Detroit Tigers, sweeping the Fall Classic and leaving no doubt about who was the best team in baseball.

As easy as they made it look in the final four games, they made things very difficult on themselves before the World Series. The Giants started the year on a three-game losing streak and were trailing their bitter rivals, the red-hot Los Angeles Dodgers, by 7.5 games in the National League West on March 30. Despite losing the Dodgers on June 27, the two teams alternated places at the top of the division — Los Angeles owned the possession of the NL West lead.

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**NCAA FOOTBALL**

**South Carolina running back Marcus Lattimore grabs his right knee after getting hit by Tennessee's Eric Gordon on Saturday.**

**Associated Press**

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier led the Gamecocks to victories over Tennessee and Georgia last month, but he didn’t get much help from his star running back. Marcus Lattimore took his usual role during practice this week, but he was under wraps Saturday because of a knee injury.

The Gamecocks’ star athlete graciously posed for the photo with the toddler.

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**Georgia coach Mark Richt said he and Bulldogs prayed for Lattimore’s recovery after their session Sunday. Rival Clemson coach Dabo Swinney, who heavily recruited the Lattimore before he chose the Gamecocks, said the player was everything that’s right about college football.**

“Regardless of what happens, he’s been a great representative of the game of football and a great representative for his university,” Swinney said.

Georgia has gotten messages of support on Twitter from a “Who’s Who” of sports stars and other celebrities like Miami Heat star LeBron James, New York Jets quarterback Tim Tebow and Hootie and the Blowfish singer Darius Rucker.

“I’ve never met anyone who says they dislike Marcus Lattimore,” Gamecocks quarterback Dylan Thompson, who’s known the running back since childhood, said Sunday night.

On Monday, the tributes continued. Gov. Nikki Haley — an unabashed Clemson fan — declared it “Marcus Lattimore Day” in the state.

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican, brought a bipartisan letter from the state Congressional delegation about the wonderful influence Lattimore’s had on South Carolina.

University President Harris Pastides shared words of good wishes from Vice President Joe Biden, whose personal aide is former South Carolina player Frank Parson.

Lattimore was watching the ceremony on the Internet, Pastides said.

Seth Rose, a former South Carolina tennis player, brought his 36-month-old son Cole dressed in a Marcus Lattimore jersey. Rose recalled this summer running into Lattimore near the school’s athletic complex and the star athlete graciously posed for a photo with the toddler.
**SMC CROSS COUNTRY | MIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Squad boasts personal bests**

**By BRIAN HARTNETT**
Sports Writer

Despite season-best efforts from several team members, Saint Mary’s fell just short of a top-five conference finish, as the Belles took the sixth spot at the MIAA Championships in Albion, Mich., on Saturday.

Junior Jessica Biek recorded her best time of the season, completing the six-kilometer (6K) course in 23:06 to grab the top spot for the Belles and finish 22nd overall. Senior Emma Baker finished second for Saint Mary’s and particularly proud with the results of some of the younger members on her veteran-laden team, which includes six seniors.

“It was great to see my non-seniors have stellar days,” she said. “Collette Curtis had the breakout race we’ve been looking for all season, and she finally finished where she is capable of running. Allie Danhof and [freshman] Katelyn Dunn put together great races, and we will be looking for more from them next fall.”

The Belles recorded a team score of 165 to finish sixth in the field of nine teams. In doing so, Saint Mary’s matched its finish at last month’s MIAA Jamboree and finished sixth overall in the conference standings, which are based one-thirds on the Jamboree and two-thirds on the championship meet.

Calvin took home the conference crown after winning the championship meet with an overall score of 26. Calvin junior Nicole Michmerhuizen was named the MIAA Most Valuable Runner. Saint Mary’s will now turn its attention to the NCAA Regionals, which will be held on Nov. 10.

Bauters said the team plans to use the extended break to build on its overall times.

“Thankfully, we have about two weeks to prepare for the regional meet ... We’ll look to improve on our times from championships at the regional.”

JACKIE BAUTERS
Belles coach

43rd overall with a time of 23:59. Behind them, freshman Allie Danhof recorded the best 6K time of her season to finish 53rd and junior Colette Curtis posted the first sub-25 minute 6K of her career to finish in 56th place.

Saint Mary’s coach Jackie Bauters said she was impressed with her team’s efforts.

“I do believe it was the best race of the season,” Bauters said. “The team really prepared for it both physically and mentally. I was really excited to see their hard work pay off.”

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**Weekend closes season**

**By AARON SANT-MILLER**
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For the Belles, an up-and-down season finale weekend started with a tough loss to No. 2 Calvin on Friday, as the team lost 25-16, 25-20, 25-16.

“We dug ourselves into a hole early. It’s very difficult to come out of a hole playing a tough team like Calvin,” Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. “The passing just wasn’t there. We went into the second set fired up and were able to play a lot more competitively against a very talented team.”

Against Calvin (26-2, 15-0 MIAA), sophomore outside hitter Katie Schneider led Saint Mary’s (14-14, 7-9). Schneider finished the match with 12 kills, while hitting at an impressive .42 percent. Defensively, freshman outside hitter Katie Beckins led the team with nine digs.

On Saturday the Belles saw more success against No. 4 Hope (27-3, 14-2) but still fell to another MIAA rival. After winning the first set, Saint Mary’s lost three consecutive sets to fall 25-23, 30-22, 25-27 to the Flying Dutch.

“At was very exciting. We played great volleyball and our team hit very well against a phenomenal team,” Kuschel said. “We passed extremely well. It was a great match.”

Against Hope, Schneider once again led the Belles. Schneider led all players in the match with 18 kills, while also providing strong defensive help with 14 digs. Sophomore defensive specialist Meredith Mersits led the Belles defense with 15 total digs. Senior setter Danie Brink and sophomore middle hitter Melanie Kuczek performed well also, as Brink provided 39 assists while Kuczek had 15 kills at 44 percent.

Following the match against Hope, Saint Mary’s wrapped up its season with a win against Wheaton (11-22, 2-5 CCIW). In their second match on the day, the Belles swept their out of conference opponent, winning in three sets 25-23, 25-23, 25-21.

“It was an all-around fantastic team performance,” Kuschel said. “It was a great way to end the season. Our goal was to have a 14-plus win season and we did that.”

Against Wheaton, Kuczek had 58 kills, 50 digs respectively. On the week, Saint Mary’s matched its finest finish in a team with nine digs. Saint Mary’s will not be continuing on to the MIAA tournament, which only the top four teams in the conference compete in.

“We had a great season overall,” Kuschel said. “We just had one really tough week of volleyball where we did not come up with a win like we would have liked to, which prevented us from making the top four. It’s tough to not make that top four slot.”

Still, things are on the rise for the Belles, Kuschel said. The team will graduate Brink, but will bring back all their remaining players. Outside of Brink, every player on Saint Mary’s is either a freshman or a sophomore.

“We are such a young team and so are excited to have so much potential to build on,” Kuschel said. “We think of the season as a success. We have improved in every area possible.”

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**Speed gameplan, just go out there and crash the defensive boards, play hard and execute on offense.”**

The 6-foot-10 Sherman, along with Cooley, anchored the Irish frontcourt, finishing with eight rebounds and 12 points on a perfect 5-for-5 shooting night from the field.

The highlight clip of the night came on an alley-oop from Atkins to Grant with 15.10 left in the second half. Coming out of a timeout, Grant stole the ball on the right wing and dished to Atkins, who gave his roommate a perfect lob pass. Grant finished the dunk and drew a foul to put the Irish up 68-28.

“That’s just our team,” Grant said. “Give it up and give it right back.”

The Irish went on a 19-2 run to start the game despite shooting 27.8 percent in the first half. Notre Dame finished the night shooting 62.3 percent from the field.

“Those starting five have really played a lot of basketball together and they know each other,” Brey said. “They do a really good job of mentoring those [younger] guys. That’s part of the culture we’ve created here that I’m really proud of.”

Notre Dame will wrap up the exhibition season against Cardinal Stritch on Friday at 9 p.m. at Purcell Pavilion.

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Belles gather record number of season wins

**By KATIE HEIT**

The Belles made history with their 3-0 victory over Trine on Saturday. The victory was their 12th win of the season — the most wins the program has ever had in a single campaign.

Senior captain Maddie Meckes gave the Belles (12-5-2, 9-5-1 MIAA) a head start with a long goal 30 minutes into regulation. Not long after, sophomore midfielder Hillary Burton converted a pass from freshman midfielder Maggie McLaughlin to give Saint Mary's a 2-0 lead. Trine (1-15-3, 0-13-2 MIAA) was unable to respond, getting only two shots on goal for the entirety of the match.

Freshman midfielder Kathryn Lucking drove the victory home in the last 15 minutes of the match with her first assist of the season, sending the ball to junior forward Jordan Diffenderfer to bring the final score to 3-0.

The game also marked sophomore goalkeeper Chandler Rosenbaum's seventh shutout of the year.

Mecckes said a whole the team was extremely unified during the game, "We really came together as a team and connected passes," Meckes said. "We played our game and eventually the goals started coming."

The 12-win season breaks the previous held record of 11 from 2005, but the Belles are looking to add at least one more win to their total.

"We have really turned the Saint Mary's soccer program around and we are a top team in the conference."

**Maddie Meckes**

**Senior captain**

"We're just going to do our normal thing," Golden said. "It's been working for us so far, so we're going to keep it up and try to get a little more focus."

The Shamrocks clinched a playoff berth after their last matchup against Welsh Family, which McGlinn won 14-6. Golden said that her team is hoping for a high seed but will remain focused on playing well.

"We're just going to do our normal thing," Golden said. "It's been working for us so far, so we're going to keep it up and try to get a little more focus."

The Finest (0-5) struggled to make offensive progress. Junior quarterback Lauren Ladowski was interrupted in the first half by McGlinn senior cornerback Caitlin Day. Ladowski went 2-for-8 passing in the first half, but the game ended by mercy rule after an interception by McGlinn's T grandfather Laura Thomas stopped Farley's last offensive drive late in the second half.

"We just couldn't put anything together today really," Ladowski said. "Their defense was really good."

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The Shamrocks clinched a playoff berth after their last matchup against Welsh Family, which McGlinn won 14-6. Golden said that her team is hoping for a high seed but will remain focused on playing well.

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Last-minute players motivate Fisher victory

Knott takes home win; Keenen, Keough tie: Morrissey, St. Edward's, O'Neill forfeit

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Keenan 6, Keough 6

By RICH HIDY
Sports Writer

Two of the top interhall teams played up to their level of competition Sunday as Keenan and Keough tied 6-6.

Both teams put everything on the line as the No. 1 seed in the playoffs was up for grabs along with divisional bragging rights. Keough, however, after the game couldn’t resolve the deadlock, Keough won the tie-breaker and the division title. Kangaroos sophomore captain Charlie Magiera said he was satisfied with the performance against a strong opponent.

“We expected the looks we got from Keenan,” Magiera said. “We were able to figure out some minor details with the back end of our defense at the end to hang on to the tie, so we like where we are right now.”

It was Keenan (3-0-1), though, that struck first when senior quarterback Andrew McDonough found junior receiver Jeremy Riche on a deep fade for a touchdown in the first quarter. Riche had his extra point attempt blocked following the touchdown, leaving the score at 6-0, where it would stay until the fourth quarter.

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Knott, meanwhile, has its sights set on the work still to be done if it hopes to garner the ultimate prize.

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McDonough said while the outcome wasn’t ideal, the Knights knew they faced a tough opponent.

“Keough is a good football team and we knew it would be a physical matchup,” McDonough said. “We drove the ball after missing four starters so we just have to work on the little things. We definitely didn’t take a step backwards, and this week of practice will make sure we take the next step forward.”

Keough will face Knott on Sunday in the opening round while Keough will battle Alumni.

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Fisher 27, Carroll 6

By ALEX WILCOX
Sports Writer

Just minutes before kickoff against Carroll on Sunday, it appeared Fisher would have to forfeit for not having enough players. At the very last minute, though, two more players showed up and the Green Wave (3-1) never looked back, dominating the Vermin 27-6.

With the win over its division rival, Fisher finished the season in second place in its division and, more importantly, clinched a playoff berth.

“We’re feeling strong,” senior captain Chris Sarkis said.

“We’re going into the playoffs on a high note. It’s always good when you get the offense going. It’s a real defensive league so if you can score a couple touchdowns usually you can win a lot of games.”

Fisher’s offense got going early and often, scoring touchdowns on each of the team’s first two drives. The Green Wave utilized the big play, including long runs by junior quarterback Joe Paggi and junior running back Ricky Neville, as each accounted for two scores.

Carroll junior captain Tom Knott opened the game with a 63-yard drive capped off by a 20-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback David Taiclet to freshman receiver Griffin Carroll to get the scoring started.

After a series of three-and-outs by Duncan, Knott again turned to Taiclet and its running game before Taiclet connected once more with a touchdown pass to Carroll. Duncan (0-4) was able to gain yardage by utilizing the speed of junior running back Gerrit Hobson, but the tenacious Juggernaut defense would not allow the Highlanders to convert yardage into points.

Duncan increased its intensity in the fourth quarter after sophomore running back Eric Krakowiak returned a punt 65 yards. On the following play, Krakowiak rushed for a seven-yard touchdown to put the Highlanders on the board.

In the second half we played really well,” Krakowiak said. “There was a lot more excitement.”

While the Highlanders finished the season winless, they are already looking to improve next year and view Sunday’s game as a starting point, Krakowiak said.

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By KIT LOUGHRAN | Sports Writer

In Sunday’s regular-season finale, Ryan defeated Pasquerilla East 7-6 to secure its playoff berth. The Wildcats’ and Pyros’ defenses were put to the test in this low-scoring battle.

“Our defense came to play today,” Ryan freshman receiver Erin Clark said. “They made some great plays and had some great flag pulls.”

With two minutes left in the first half, Ryan junior linbacker Kyle O’Brian intercepted the ball, paving the way for the Wildcats (4-2) to score. Senior quarterback and captain Maya Pillai threw a 30-yard pass to sophomore receiver Caitlin Connolly. Blood made the catch and an interception that killed the Pyros’ momentum. Pillai responded quickly to tie the game on a 30-yard touchdown run.

The Phoxes (2-4) struck first on opening drive that included two 15-yard pass plays. Pangborn’s passing game looked strong, and Lewis (2-3-1) initially struggled to respond, as the Chicks went three-and-out on their first possession. A turnover on downs by Pangborn, however, gave Lewis good field position and Chicks quarterback and captain Connaughton Blood capitalized, as she completed a 24-yard pass to start the drive and a 5-yard pass for the touchdown.

Lewis scored again to start the second half, but the Phoxes responded quickly to tie the game at 12. The Chicks went ahead in the closing minutes of the half with a touchdown. A turnover on downs by Pangborn, however, gave Lewis good field position and Chicks quarterback and captain Connaughton Blood capitalized, as she completed a 24-yard pass to start the drive and a 5-yard pass for the touchdown. Lewis scored again to start the second half, but the Phoxes responded quickly to tie the game at 12. The Chicks went ahead in the closing minutes of the half with a touchdown.

Midway through the half, the Pyros offense finally broke the Wildcats’ defense. Sophomore quarterback Mary Mulhall completed a 40-yard pass to put the Pyros (1-4-1) in scoring position. Mulhall then completed a quick 10-yard pass to sophomore receiver Nicole Ameli in the end zone. The Pyros went for a two-point conversion, but Mulhall’s pass fell incomplete.

For the remainder of the game, the Wildcats ran the ball down the field, as junior running back Leah Fisher accumulated over 40 rushing yards in the second half alone. Fisher ran the ball into the end zone, but the touchdow was called off due to an illegal contact penalty on the Wildcats.

Although the Pyros have reached the end of their season, they made a great appearance on the field today and played well, senior captain and linebacker Anna Perino said.

“We moved the ball really well today, and our defense was tough the entire game,” Perino said.

The No. 8 Wildcats will look to continue their winning streak when they meet No. 1 Pasquerilla West in the first round of the playoffs next Sunday.

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Lewis 20, Pangborn 12
By: SAMANTHA ZUBA | Sports Writer

Lewis and Pangborn put on an aerial display Sunday, but as the Chicks came out on top, they showcased their offense and defense with multiple tackles and an interception that killed any momentum.

“Toner completed 4 of 12 passes but was unable to get the ball in the end zone,” Domen said. “This was not Badin football.”

Senior quarterback Rosemary Kelly ran for the team’s first touchdown early in the first half. Toner ran for the team’s second touchdown and was closely followed by an interception by junior Meghan Ayers, one of three she had on the day. Ayers’ interception led to Cavanaugh’s second touchdown, scored by sophomore receiver Nicole Ameli.

Chaos coach Todd Huntington said he was proud of players on both sides of the ball. “It was an up-and-down year for us,” Huntington said. “We had a suffocating defense and the offense looked great.”

Freshman receiver Katie Martin caught Cavanaugh’s third touchdown, while sophomore receiver Olivia Dietzel hauled in the fourth one.

Kelly said she was thrilled at the performance of the Chaos (5-1) on Sunday. “Our offense broke through and learned to relax,” Kelly said. “They have greatly matured over the season and have made big steps in growing as a team.”

After a disappointing performance, Badin (2-4) plans to revamp the team in preparations for its playoff run next week. The Bullfrogs were without several players, including fifth-year quarterback Carli Fernandez, Howard and McGlinn.

Senior captain Tommasina Domen said she was disappointed at her team’s performance but knows it can do better.

“This was not Badin football,” Domen said. Badin senior coach Colin King maintained pride in his team despite its struggles.

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Crystal Thomas owns the next closest total with 38. It should come as no surprise that Bohaboy turned in another solid effort in Notre Dame’s 1-0 win against the Orange (9-7-2, 6-3-1) on Sunday. Although it was freshman forward Cari Roccaro’s turn to score the winning goal, Bohaboy still left her mark on the stat sheet. She recorded three shots, including two on goal.

“I think I’ve been effective by just focusing on moving off the ball and creating space for myself,” she said.

Bohaboy is just one of many talented players on Notre Dame’s roster, but said she has asserted herself more on offense this season.

“I think this year that I have,” Bohaboy said of assuming a bigger offensive role. “I think we count on all our forwards and offensive players and we need everyone to play their best in order for us to win.”

In addition to her efforts on the field, Bohaboy has helped bring together an inexperienced team off the field.

“I think that all the returners needed to be leaders for the freshmen this year and help bring the team together,” she said. “We needed to help incorporate them and make them feel like they’re part of the team.”

Though only a sophomore, Bohaboy has already acquired a soccer wisdom beyond her years. She spent last summer playing for Beach FC, a Women’s Premier Soccer League team in Long Beach, Calif. Bohaboy said her experience has helped her lead her young teammates.

“I think just playing with different players and older players and a variety of different girls just helped me to work with the new people on our team,” she said.

Bohaboy may already have helped Notre Dame win a regular season title, but make no mistake, she has her sights set on bigger things.

“Oh obviously, our goal is to win the Big East tournament and go to the Final Four for the NCAA tournament.”

If the Irish accomplish their goals, they will not have done it without significant contributions from their star forward.

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made 40 saves. Freshman forward Crystal Thomas has played in all 19 games for the Irish and leads the team with eight goals.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum and his staff have turned what most teams would surrender to a “rebuilding year” into a chance at winning the Big East tournament and making another run in the NCAA tournament.

With a roster of only two seniors and twelve freshmen, plenty of teams would be satisfied with a mediocre year, focusing on the future instead of the present. But that’s just not Notre Dame soccer.

There is a culture of winning in Alumni Stadium. Notre Dame has earned a berth in the championship weekend of the conference tournament 16 of the last 18 years. It has won three national championships, the most recent coming in 2001.

That said, the Irish have certainly dealt with their share of adversity this season. They’ve taken the proverbial bumps along the way: a 1-0 defeat at Wisconsin to start the regular season, a three-game stretch in early September during which they went 0-2-1.

But every time it seemed as though a series of events would crush the young team, it found a way to bounce back. Following the opening loss to the Badgers, the Irish came back and won three straight. After the tough three-game stretch, Notre Dame rattled off seven straight Big East wins.

Most recently, the Irish tied Rutgers 2-2 in double overtime and fell 1-0 the next game to Georgetown. But then it won its last two regular season games and its opening game of the Big East tournament against Syracuse on Saturday in Alumni Stadium.

Much can be said about the youth of this year’s squad, its inexperience and lack of strong corps of veterans. Certainly, the Irish don’t have an All-American like Melissa Henderson or Melissa Tancredi leading the charge.

But just as much can be said about the way Notre Dame turned what could have been a “down” year into a successful one thus far.

Some questions have yet to be answered: how will a young team perform under the pressure of the postseason? How far can talent take them?

These questions will linger over the course of the postseason. But if their performance this season has been any indication, the Irish will emphatically answer.

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Belles struggle in busy opening weekend

By ISAAC LORTON

Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s began its season with grueling back-to-back away meets Friday and Saturday, as they lost to Albion 196-97 on Friday and then in a double-dual meet, lost to Hope 244-52 and Alma 176.5-118.5 on Saturday.

Belles’ coach Mark Benishek said he was pleased with Bhs squad’s improvement from Friday to Saturday.

“Overall [on Saturday], we had much, much stronger times compared to Friday,” Benishek said. “The team as whole improved on their times … That was great to see. Our athletes handled the back to back meets very well … it shows we are growing and remaining focused. Our goal is to improve on our times as the season goes on. We focused on each race and it showed.”

Against Albion on Friday, the top performers were senior Ellie Watson, sophomore Anna Nolan and freshman Carolyn Neville, who all won an event. Neville finished first in both the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle, with times of 57.13 and 2:04.33 respectively. Watson captured the top spot for the 200-yard individual medley by three seconds with a time of 2:25.12. Nolan narrowly defeated Albion junior Rachel Francis in the 50-meter yard freestyle by three-hundredths of a second, with a time of 26.24.

The Belles’ sole diver, freshman Andrea Canacci, in her first collegiate dive posted a 189.95 in the one-meter dive for the fifth-best score in program history.

“It was a good meet for us,” Benishek said. “We matched up well with [Albion]. We had some strong swims. [Canacci] had a great dive Friday night. It was a tremendous night for her. Across the board it was pretty good.”

The trio of Watson, Nolan and Neville were again the top performers for the Belles on Saturday.

Watson finished second in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:02.74 and third in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:28.93. Nolan nabbed second place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 26.07. Neville finished in second in the 100-yard freestyle and third in the 200 medley with times of 56.93 and 2:25.75 respectively.

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Belles women won the 400-yard freestyle relay.

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“Since Saturday was a double-dual meet, the girls had more rest time between swims, which is one of the reasons I think they improved on their times,” Benishek said.

The last race of the day proved to be the highlight of Saturday, Benishek said, as the Belles took third in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The team of Watson, Nolan, Neville and freshman Emily Brown earned the bronze spot with a time of 3:52.81.

“The girls really capped off the afternoon with their performance in the 400 free,” Benishek said. The Belles will be back in action at the Wabash Woebker Invitational in Crawfordsville, Ind., starting Nov. 16.

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Irish start strong in exhibition game

Veteran starters lead squad to victory over Quincy with cooperation, assists

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Returning all five starters from last season, No. 23 Notre Dame didn’t miss a beat. Senior forward Jack Cooley and junior guards Jerian Grant and Eric Atkins combined for 57 points on 21-for-28 shooting as the Irish cruised to a 111-52 victory over Division II Quincy at the Purcell Pavilion.

The Irish put on a passing clinic from the get-go, combining for 30 assists in the game, led by Atkins’ 13.

“I just don’t think there is anyone in the country that can pass the ball better than us [...] And to have 30 assists, I don’t care who you are playing. When you’re sharing the ball like that, it’s something that’s a good trait and really positive.”

Atkins captured the offensive with 6-for-6 shooting — including 3-for-3 from beyond the arc — for 17 points to go with his 13 assists and five steals without a single turnover. Grant added eight assists and 19 points, 13 coming in the first seven-and-a-half minutes in the second half.

“I don’t really care how we score it,” Brey said. “We are just so good about reading what’s a good shot. If Jerian’s got a good shot three times in a row, I think we are secure enough to let him do that.”

As he did in Big East play last season, Cooley got off to a quick start, scoring 11 points in the first 11 minutes of the game. The preseason all-Big East first-team selection ended the half with 16 points, five behind Quincy’s total of 21. Cooley led the Irish with 21 points, seven rebounds, five steals and a technical foul.

“Don’t know what got in his head that he could just grab me like that,” Cooley said of the technical foul. “He just kept holding me and I told him ‘You have got to get off of me, I’m not going to stand this.’ He just didn’t listen so I threw him to the ground. You have to protect yourself.”

Senior center Garrick Sherman and freshman forward Cameron Biedscheid made their Irish debuts just over six minutes into the game. With an impressive display of quickness and length, Biedscheid proved to be a tough matchup for the Hawks. The four-star recruit ended the night with 12 points, with 10 coming during his first half-minute.

With 7:42 left in the first half Biedscheid scored five straight points to put the Irish up 27-6, forcing a Quincy timeout.

“It felt great just to be out there with my teammates,” Biedscheid said. “I have a lot of veteran teammates and when I went on the court I wasn’t nervous or anything because I knew they had my back the whole time.”

“Coach Brey always tells me that when I go out, I have to play like that,” Cooley said of the technical foul. “He just kept holding me and I told him ‘You have got to get off of me, I’m not going to stand this.’ He just didn’t listen so I threw him to the ground. You have to protect yourself.”

Sophomore forward Pat Connaughton goes up for a lay up in an exhibition game against Quincy on Monday. The Irish won 111-52.

Bohaboy’s game-winner propels team forward

Sophomore helps clinch Big East conference title

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Note Dame entered its Big East championship quarterfinal match against Syracuse on Sunday already boasting a share of the Big East National Division title. It would not have done so, however, without a certain sophomore forward.

Lauren Bohaboy netted the game-winner in a 1-0, double-overtime victory over DePaul in the season finale. Bohaboy’s goal provided the Irish (13-4-2, 8-1-1 Big East) a share of the regular season division title and provided the forward quite the thrill.

“That was really exciting,” Bohaboy said. “It was a great win for our team and helped us to win the Big East conference. I had a lot of fun in doing it.”

Bohaboy leads the Irish in shots with a whopping 61 on the season. Freshman forward Madison Purcell netted the game-winner propels team forward

Irish answer questions emphatically

Note Dame entered the season with plenty of questions about its team. How would it handle the departure of several crucial graduated seniors? How would a roster so young compete in the Big East? Who would step up to fill leading roles?

Over the course of the regular season, the Irish have made a statement, answering all those questions.

As one of only two seniors on the roster, defender Jazmin Hall stepped up as the leader of the back line. Junior midfielders Mandy Laddish and Elizabeth Tucker anchored a solid midfield, and freshmen across the roster proved youth would not hinder production.

Freshman goaltender Elise Hight played in 12 games, started 11, only allowed six goals and...