Managing Editor

By MEGAN DOYLE

Last year’s temporary payroll tax cuts are scheduled to expire. "It did the auto industry," one professor said. "The unemployment rate in the United States is 7.8 percent. The country is more than $16 trillion in debt." The banks received a bailout from the federal government, so did the auto industry. At the end of the year, Bush-era tax cuts are scheduled to expire. Last year’s temporary payroll tax cuts are also scheduled to expire, resulting in at least a two percent tax increase for workers, when the Budget Control Act of 2011 takes effect. When the nation reaches this so-called “fiscal cliff,” the United States would also see the end of certain tax cuts for businesses, the beginning of health care taxes related to the Affordable Care Act and spending cuts to a number of government programs, including Medicare and the Department of Defense. No wonder polls by Rasmussen Reports, Gallup, Bloomberg National Poll and numerous news organizations rank the economy as the top issue for many voters on Nov. 6.

By SAM STRYKER Assistant Managing Editor

Like the other 46 states in the country, Tuesday is Election Day for Maine, Maryland, Minnesota and Washington. But for voters in those four states, casting a ballot does not just mean choosing a new president — it also determines whether or not gay marriage will be legalized. In Maine, Washington and Maryland, ballots feature referendums that would legalize same-sex marriages in the states. In Minnesota, a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriage will be put up for a vote.

For senior Maura Newell, a native of Seattle, the fight is personal. "With a gay brother, uncle and aunt, she says gay rights issues are "very much so" a consideration next Tuesday. "It is probably one of the deciding factors for me," she said. "Just as voters in these four states will cast their ballots differently, the two presidential candidates stand in opposition on many gay rights issues. Democratic candidate President Barack Obama voiced support for same-sex marriages earlier in the year, the first sitting president to do so. During his term in office, Obama also signed a repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” and announced the Department of Justice would no longer uphold Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) against same-sex marriage.”

By JILLIAN BARWICK and BRIDGET FEENEY Associate Editor and Saint Mary’s Student Editor

Visitation honors Zhang’s life

Students, faculty and staff wore green ribbons pinned to their jackets, dresses and suits as they celebrated the life of sophomore Ziqi Zhang during a visitation service at Kaniewski Funeral Home in South Bend on Wednesday afternoon. After procuring the necessary visas, Zhang’s parents, sister and uncle flew in from China last week in order to make final arrangements to bring their daughter back home. Ziqi Zhang, who passed away from AIDS, was 1993 - 2012.

"I think the broader issue is how to deal with the enormous federal budget deficits, on the order of $1 trillion a year," Fuerst said. "This is simply not sustainable. Even after the economy recovers, there will be substantial deficits because of the rapid growth in spending, primarily entitlement spending such as Medicare and Social Security." Democrat President Barack Obama and Republican former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney have both failed to explain what cuts they would make or how they would change entitlement spending, Fuerst said. "President Obama claims that his health care law will lower spending on health care and thus reduce Medicare costs," Fuerst said. "Gov. Romney disagrees, but instead suggests other reforms such as higher retirement age."
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What is your favorite pick-up line?

- Annie O’Brien junior Lyons Hall
  “How much does a polar bear weigh? It’s enough to break the ice.”

- Michael Masi junior Lyons Hall
  “Are you a parking ticket? Because you’ve got fine, fine, fine written all over you.”

- Meredith Houska junior Lyons Hall
  “Are you tired? Because you’ve been running through my mind all day.”

- Gina Rogari junior Lyons Hall
  “Did you just fart? Cause you’re blowing me away.”

- Scott Rousseau sophomore Fisher Hall
  “I lost my number. Can I have yours?”

- Grace Spaulding senior Panghorn Hall
  “Give someone a sugar packet and say: ‘Excuse me, I think you dropped your name tag.’”

Freshman Diana Vázquez donned a Quailman costume and fueled up on Five Guys to support Notre Dame’s Fighting Neglected Tropical Diseases club. The popular restaurant promised to donate 10 percent of its profit to the club from 7 to 10 p.m. on Halloween.

**THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:**

**Thursday**
- **A Time to Heal Dinner**
  - ND Stadium
  - 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
  - Foster community healing against sexual violence.
- **El Dia de los Muertos**
  - Hesburgh Center
  - 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
  - Dia de los Muertos festivities. Free and open to the public.

**Friday**
- **Readings from Dante’s “Divine Comedy”**
  - Campus Wide
  - 2 p.m.-5 p.m.
  - Public performance.
- **NO Chorale Concert**
  - DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
  - 8 p.m.-9 p.m.
  - Renaissance to present-day works.

**Saturday**
- **Nuclear Accelerator Tours**
  - 124 Neuhaufl Hall
  - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
  - Tours leave every 15 minutes.
- **BINGO**
  - LaFortune Student Center
  - 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
  - Free concert.

**Sunday**
- **U.S. Army Field Band and Soldier’s Chorus**
  - DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
  - 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
  - Free concert.
- **Hockey Game**
  - Compton Family Ice Arena
  - 6:05 p.m.-7:05 p.m.
  - ND vs. Western Michigan

**Monday**
- **“Seed of the Church: Today’s Christian Martyrs”**
  - McKerras Hall
  - All day
  - Keynote speakers.
- **10th Annual Baraka Bouts Tournament-Semis**
  - Joyce Center
  - 6 p.m.-11 p.m.
  - Proceeds go to charity.

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Group works to foster inclusive environment

By MADDIE DALY

After holding a diversity discussion two weeks ago, three experts on campus diversity, Emerald Woodberry, Dr. David Moss and Iris Outlaw, addressed Student Senate during Wednesday’s meeting.

Woodberry, academic and university affairs commissioner for the Black Student Association, began the conversation by updating the group on what her organization has been working on.

“We have spent our time trying to gather information from constituents of Call to Action, especially things that happened over the summer that we weren’t aware of,” Woodberry said. “We have focused on putting constituents together so a lot of Call to Action students from last year graduated. We’re actually still recruiting by contacting the multicultural commissioners from each dorm.”

She also spoke about her work with Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) to enact initiatives conceived of during last spring’s Call to Action Town Hall. “NDSP went through an increase in cultural competency training,” Woodberry said. “We made a pamphlet with information on reporting and tried to write it in a fair tone rather than one of authorities looking down on the students. Also, for increased accountability of officers they will start carrying business cards so students will know and be able to contact who they interacted with.”

Moss, from the Office of Student Affairs, described his office’s current project—a one-stop website for reporting any type of issue.

“Call to Action had a great deal of confusion on how to report, to whom, where to go … this way we’ll have one website called report.nd.edu to report different instances of issues that don’t fit into the Notre Dame environment,” Moss said.

He is also currently inspecting campus websites, working on amending course syllabi and continuing to encourage student involvement.

“We commissioned an internal and external audit of Notre Dame websites, basically to see whether or not they are welcoming and inclusive,” Moss said. “We are also working very hard to include on every course syllabus a phrase about valuing an inclusive environment. We’re all in the meeting, student body vice president Katie Rose transitioned to a discussion about students’ opinions of the Career Center.

“Our major concern is that for a lot of students the Career Center seems only for business jobs, so if you’re not interested in strictly business or graduate school you’re kind of lost on where to go,” Rose said. “We want to centralize all opportunities on campus because a lot of the students that fall into the gap just mentioned are going to other institutions on campus. We would like better communication and referrals between all these places.”

Chief of staff Katie Baker said the amount of resources available for students applying to graduate school is also very limited.

Kieran Hall senator John Vernon works for the academic affairs committee and advocated other student concerns.

“The days surrounding the career fair, students were really upset about Go Irish and the Career Center. They felt that it wasn’t helpful or that they didn’t know how to use it,” Vernon said. “There was also feedback from students in the College of Science that the Career Center is not really for them, that, like Katie said, it’s more geared towards business students.”

McGlinn Hall senator Ali Wellmannsaid girls in her dorm have an overall positive view of the Career Center.

“The McGlinn girls really love the Career Center because of the mock interviews, especially the College of Science girls,” Wellmann said. “However they said it was irksome to call in and make an appointment. Maybe they could make it online like the Writing Center and just have us fill out a timeslot. That would be really convenient.”

Monica Daegle, Farley Hall senator, provided perspective from the College of Engineering.

“There is also an engineering career fair in October,” Daegle said. “However, it comes right at the beginning of the year, so a lot of students hastily put together resumes and didn’t really know what they were getting into.”

Class of 2014 president Lizzie Helpling concluded the conversation on a positive note.

“Speaking as someone who very recently decided on a major, the Career Center was an invaluable resource,” Helpling said. “I think they are a completely untapped resource for many people. They have job shadows for every single job available. I think what people don’t realize is what they could find out if they just went and talked to somebody there, you just have to go find them.”

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Belles to hold concert raising money for charity

By MADELINE MILES
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College Dance Marathon club will host a benefit concert titled “Rock Out for Riley” Thursday night at 7 p.m. in Haggar Parlor to raise money for Riley Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis.

Vice president of Dance Marathon Kate Kellogg said she has been looking forward to “Rock Out for Riley” since the beginning of the school year.

“It’s an event we wanted to have first semester to really kick-off Dance Marathon and get the student body involved and excited for the marathon in the spring,” Kellogg said. “The concert allows the campus to come together and for students to get a break from classes and school work while also creating more awareness on campus for the marathon.”

Tickets are $5 at the door with all proceeds benefiting Riley Children’s Hospital. Notre Dame alumnus Pat McKillen, who recently released an album on iTunes, and Trent Romens, brother of Saint Mary’s senior Taylor Romens, will perform at the event.

Fundraising executive Alex Munsey, who planned and organized the event, said the concert supports a good cause.

“It’s a way to bring students together to enjoy good music for an even better cause,” Munsey said. “It encourages the campus to come together and have fun in support of charity … Having events throughout the year helps students understand that Dance Marathon is a year-long fundraiser. In addition to entertainment from Romens and McKillen, there will also be door prizes as well as Dance Marathon trivia questions in between sets. Popcorn, candy, hot chocolate and apple cider will be sold for $1 with all proceeds benefiting Riley Children’s Hospital.

Students will also be able to text donations all day Thursday b texting “Riley” to 90999, which automatically donates $5 directly to Dance Marathon.

Kellogg said any small donation will make a big difference for patients in Riley Children’s Hospital.

“We want students to understand that Dance Marathon is not just one big event in the spring,” Kellogg said. “We raise money year long and we are doing it for the kids — any child receiving treatment at Riley Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis. Any little bit helps.”

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SMC sponsors career tutorial

By SARAH SWIDERSKI
News Writer

Saint Mary’s students and high school students will have the chance to learn more about careers in the field of communicative disorders at the second annual Communication Science and Disorders Career Awareness Day on Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in 145 Spes Unica Hall.

The event, sponsored by the Saint Mary’s chapter of National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA) and a part of the Collegiate Speakers Series, is aimed at recruiting people to become speech pathologists and audiologists.

Megan Daly, president of NSSLHA and a communicative disorders major, said the day will be about “telling students that a career in the field of communicative disorders is a health [profession] option since we need more people in the field … There is a rising number of people [being diagnosed] with communicative disorders.”

Daly said not only has the club been working to recruit freshmen and sophomore students but area high school students as well. “I think [this day is] important because a lot of people don’t know about the possibilities with this major, especially in high school, she said. “This way people know if they want to be part of the major coming into college.”

The day will feature a tour of the clinic of the communicative disorders suite, a professional panel of audiologists and speech pathologists from the South Bend area and a presentation by current SMC communicative disorders majors. Daly said the presenters will explain what the major entails and the uniqueness of the SMC communicative disorders program. One notable aspect of the major is that students get opportunities to work with patients regularly, she said.

“Everyone is assigned a client during their senior year for 10 sessions [10 weeks] … This is something unique about our program. Not all people [at other colleges] get a client at the undergraduate level,” she said.

Daly also emphasized the versatility of a major in communicative disorders. “These people can work in schools, hospitals, nursing homes and private practice,” she said. “The best part of the degree is being able to help people, Daly said … “It’s one of those helping professions,” she said. “It is helping people to communicate which is vital and making their lives more enjoyable.”

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Halloween is not the only celebration on campus this week. Festivities to commemorate the Mexican holiday Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Great Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The event, sponsored by the Kellogg Institute, the Snite Museum and the Institute for Latino Studies, provides a way for students of all backgrounds to honor the dead and experience an important celebration of Mexican culture.

Kellogg faculty fellow and history professor Jaime Pensado said while celebrating Día de los Muertos is a very different experience here from in Mexico, it is still important to preserve the cultural elements of the holiday.

"There is definitely a nostalgia factor associated with looking back at your culture from the outside like this," Pensado said. "Many Latinos here are embracing the Day of the Dead as a time to revisit their past and a way to reconnect."

Pensado is one of the event's faculty organizers who collaborated with student groups to plan and orchestrate the celebration. Senior Alejandro Sigala also helped with the planning and will deliver a talk at the celebration tomorrow about the "ofrenda," or altar, that students constructed as a traditional part of the celebration.

Sigala said such ofrendas are put together in honor of the dead and can be personal or political in nature.

The ofrendas at this year's celebration honor the people who have died in Mexico over the last two years as a result of the drug wars, Pensado said. "It's an opportunity to politicize an ofrenda, and this year students put it together to articulate their own interests and concerns in Mexico."

Sigala said the ofrenda is the focal point of the celebration, and it has personal meaning to many of the students who helped construct it.

"For some of us, we have family members who have been affected by the violence of the drug wars in Mexico," Sigala said. "[The ofrenda] helps us to reflect on the violence, and the U.S.-Mexico relations that helped fuel it."

Sigala said the ofrenda includes offerings to honor the people who have died in Mexico as an academic opportunity for students as well, Pensado said.

"The group helps make sure students get the opportunity to participate in the celebration, and in this case, they also will present papers on what the Day of the Dead means, and one of our graduate students will lecture on the drug war," he said. "We wanted to give our students a chance to improve their skills academically, and this celebration is a good opportunity."

Pensado said the academic discussion that will take place at the celebration will continue in the spring with an undergraduate student conference sponsored by the Kellogg Institute where students can present their papers on Mexican-American issues, including the drug war.

"This is all part of our attempt to give students an opportunity to engage with their own heritage and also with political and social issues," he said.

Sigala said he hopes students of all backgrounds will come to the event and explore the culture presented.

"It's important to approach it all with an open mind," Sigala said. "You'll get a bit of history, a bit of academic learning and a bit of food and entertainment."

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ages and insurance vouchers that would allow retirees to shop the private marketplace for insurance.

The candidates are opposed on tax policy as well, he said. Obama has proposed gaining revenue by taxing those with incomes about $1 million, while Romney wants to expand the tax base by eliminating deductions and loopholes that he has not identified in full.

Notre Dame economics professor Robert Flood said the candidates, no matter their different philosophies, would both have to take the same basic steps toward a stronger economy.

"Both need to move the budget toward balance," he said. "Both will have to raise more revenue and spend less."

Economist Austan Goolsbee is a professor at The University of Chicago's Booth School of Business and the former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors under Obama.

Obama has focused on cutting taxes for the middle class and letting high income rates rise, Goolsbee said, whereas Romney has called for "across-the-board" tax cuts that tend to benefit those with higher incomes, abolishing the estate tax and cutting capital income taxes.

"I think it's a pretty fundamental issue of the election," Goolsbee said. "Do you think economic growth comes from a small group of people at the top or from broad-based relief with investments in training, infrastructure and innovation?"

Goolsbee called Romney "factually incorrect" in his statement that the unemployment rate has been dropping because people have stopped looking for work and left the job force.

"Suggesting that nothing has improved since January 2009 is absurd," he said. "We were in the middle of an epic downturn that almost careened into a depression. ... The route problem is that growth has been modest — around 2 percent — and that's not enough to really juice the hiring side."

Fuerst agreed with Romney's claim, saying the economic rebound after the recession has been tough on job hunters.

"The labor market recovery has been very, very, very weak," Fuerst said. "In my view, the best measure of (the job situation) is the percent of the population employed. This was just about 63 percent before the recession. During the recession, it fell to about 58.5 percent and has remained remarkably flat since then."

Shortly after Election Day, the nation could hit the approaching fiscal cliff, which Fuerst said will take consideration from more than just the president.

"My guess is that no matter who wins the election, that the Congress will push most of these issues down the road about six months so that the administration will have time to come up with a complete policy proposal," he said.

A mid-October poll from Rasmussen Reports found 50 percent of voters trusted Romney over Obama on the economy, while 43 percent favored the incumbent president. The race has only tightened as Election Day approaches, but one fact remains clear for the two men at the finish line: one fact remains clear for the two men will have to put the money where his mouth is.

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equal protection constitutional challenges brought by same-sex couples married under state law. In comparison, his Republican opponent Gov. Mitt Romney, supports a constitutional ban on gay marriage, in addition to a ban on same-sex civil unions if they differ from marriage in name only. Romney has said he would not seek to overturn the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

Newell said she was pleased with the increased discourse on gay rights this issue is a “hot topic” right now.

“I just think it is going to be one of those things that we’re going to look back and be like, ‘What were people even thinking?’”

A ‘big deal’ when casting the ballot?

Senior Pat Adams, who already has cast his ballot for Romney, said he does not support same-sex marriage because it conflicts with his faith.

“As a practicing Catholic — I am a theology major — I look to the Catholic Church to help me form my conscience on issues like this,” he said. “The Catechism is pretty clear there is a distinction between orientation and action.”

Gay rights issues were “relatively important” but not the most prominent issue in casting his ballot for the Republican candidate, Adams said. He said the issue of same-sex marriage and other gay rights have not been prominent in either candidate’s campaign.

“To be totally honest, neither campaign talked about it a whole lot,” he said. “I think it is a pretty good strategy on both sides because the focus of the election has overwhelmingly [been] on the economy.”

Senior Carson Kirkpatrick, who is gay, said gay rights issues are a “big deal” for him in the upcoming election.

“I would still hold the same position on both sides because the focus of the election has overwhelmingly [been] on the economy.”

Senior Molly Millet, a native of Seattle, said she has personal exposure to same-sex marriage.

“Having a gay relative makes the issue a lot more involved because of this issue is pretty clear there is a distinction between orientation and action.”

For Newell, those who make a decision to not support same-sex marriage based on religious beliefs without exposing themselves to the gay community is “really scary.”

“It’s just like they don’t know it, they make no effort to know, that’s why, their mind is made up,” she said. “I don’t get how other people can choose how other people’s lives are determined … It’s so archaic to me.”

Political ‘give and take’

Senior Tom Temmerman is gay — but he also has already cast his vote for Romney. While he said gay rights issues are “relatively important” to him, he has to engage in a “give and take” with respect to whom he votes for.

“I’m voting on all of the issues,” he said. “I’m not super pleased with either of the candidates.”

Temmerman said he believes he can vote for a candidate without agreeing with every facet of his platform.

“It’s hard,” Temmerman said. “It’s one of those things where people are like, ‘How can you even support that? They say terrible things about (gay rights), but at the same time … if they did say positive things, they would lose a lot of people who support them. As far as I’m concerned, I don’t support that. I’m not pleased when [Romney] says stuff like that.”

Temmerman said he does not take Romney’s opposition on same-sex marriage personally, but he is worried if elected, Romney may slow the momentum of the gay rights movement.

“That’s my only concern … but I don’t think he has the power to stop it from happening,” he said. “I don’t think the amount of power he has to slow it down is that great, just because it has become such a predominant issue. I think there are a lot of people who will rally in support of it and keep it moving forward.”

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serious human issues and go off in search of the truth no matter where that path may take you.”

While Zhang was known throughout Saint Mary’s for her bravery in academics, she was also regarded as someone who wasn’t afraid to take risks. Business and economics professor Richard Measell and his wife Nancy spend a lot of time with international students to provide comfort, entertainment and friendship to them while they are studying at Saint Mary’s.

One of the favorite destinations they liked to take students to was the beach in New Buffalo, Mich. On the way home, they would stop at Oinks, a popular ice cream place in the town.

“We always stopped at Oinks to get whatever flavored ice cream the students wanted,” Richard Measell said. “She got different flavors (each time).”

Nancy Measell said Zhang was someone who was always surprising people with her choices. “She was very adventurous and always wanted to try new things,” she said. “You would always go, ‘Well, why would you want to do that? She was just adventurously like that.’”

The Measells also introduced Zhang and other international students to horseback riding. For Zhang, who lived in a big city, Richard Measell said this activity allowed her to get out to the countryside and see more of nature.

“She was always interested in animals, and for me, the greatest memory of her was her riding horses,” Richard Measell said. “Here was somebody who maybe never even touched a horse before she came here and … she was riding on a horse and she just loved that.”

Richard and Nancy Measell said the students were supposed to just walk with their horse, but Zhang had other plans.

“Ziqi and her adventurous spirit decided, ‘Let’s just gallop,’” Nancy Measell said.

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The documentary was a project for professor Ted Mandell’s documentary production class, Kiley said.

“Grace and I both knew that we wanted to create a social change documentary, so we began searching for positive human interest stories that might fit what we were looking to create,” she said.

When the two found out about Project Hopeful, Kiley said they knew this was a message they wanted to spread.

“We have helped to get so much press and recognition for this non-profit, and that has become the greatest accomplishment,” she said. “This reflects our greatest fear and hopes that families have for their children. Our hope was that we could have ever imagined.”

Johnson realized the potential the film had for reaching wide audiences.

“After the first day of shooting, I think we realized how much good this film could do,” she said. “We had the power to use professional equipment, Kiley said she and Johnson realized the potential the film had for reaching wide audiences.

“We truly couldn’t have made this film happen if we had seen it on such a grand scale, if it wasn’t for the FTT Department,” Kiley said.

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Even though Kiley has a job at Lionsgate Films and Jax Media and Johnson works at Bravo, Kiley said they plan to make a sequel to “Project Hopeful.”

“We are currently in pre-production for a follow-up documentary. Our working title right now is ‘Adopted: The Project Hopeful Story,’ where we will be following the Twietmeyers and the Heims as they both travel to Ukraine this fall and winter to adopt more children for their already amazing families,” she said.

Johnson said she would like to see more Notre Dame film students help out with the sequel.

“Whether a joint venture between current documentary students at Notre Dame or another solo project, we’re hoping to receive assistance or funding in capturing more moments with these families as they continue to build their families and assist children in need,” Johnson said.

To learn more about “Project Hopeful,” visit www.projecthopefulmovie.com

“Hope” is a project created by Grace Johnson and Grace Johnson and Richard Measell. The documentary follows the families of children with HIV/AIDS.

The families then created Project Hopeful, a non-profit organization trying to provide homes and support for children with HIV/AIDS.

“The premise of our story is just to give you a glimpse into their everyday lives and how manageable these diseases are,” Kiley said.

Kiley and Johnson received the Broad Avenue Filmmakers Award, a grant through the Film, Television and Theatre Department, to fund “Project Hopeful.”

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“We have helped to get so much press and recognition for this non-profit, and that has become the greatest accomplishment,” she said. “This reflects our greatest fear and hopes that families have for their children. Our hope was that we could have ever imagined.”

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Even though Kiley has a job at Lionsgate Films and Jax Media and Johnson works at Bravo, Kiley said they plan to make a sequel to “Project Hopeful.”

“We are currently in pre-production for a follow-up documentary. Our working title right now is ‘Adopted: The Project Hopeful Story,’ where we will be following the Twietmeyers and the Heims as they both travel to Ukraine this fall and winter to adopt more children for their already amazing families,” she said.

Johnson said she would like to see more Notre Dame film students help out with the sequel.

“Whether a joint venture between current documentary students at Notre Dame or another solo project, we’re hoping to receive assistance or funding in capturing more moments with these families as they continue to build their families and assist children in need,” Johnson said.

To learn more about “Project Hopeful,” visit www.projecthopefulmovie.com

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Bears. Beets. Battlestar Galactica. It is perhaps the most recognizable quote from the show that reigned supreme on Thursday nights for nearly the last decade. But now after years of laughter, “The Office” is dying a painful death.

Most fans predicted the show’s downfall when Steve Carell announced he would be leaving “The Office” roughly two and a half years ago. Unfortunately, producers failed to contradict this prediction with last season’s abysmal effort to replace Michael Scott.

But if the demise of “The Office” has been a serious of unfortunate events that began with the departure of Michael Scott, then last year showed “The Office” was in pernicious peril. Someone hit the panic button, because this year the show has sort of got its groove back.

Sure, the season premiere and second episode provided a glimpse of hope that the show might just go out in style. But after three lifeless episodes in a row, these small successes have only served to remind us how terrible the current show is in comparison to seasons before.

The problems with “The Office” this season are plentiful. First is the confusing character of Nellie Bertram. Who is she and what purpose does she serve in “The Office”? Worst of all, Nellie has essentially replaced Jim as the character interacting with one of the funniest figures — Dwight Schrute.

Which brings us to the next problem: the changing personality of Dwight Schrute. “The Office” has tried to humanize Dwight. But conveying this beet farmer’s soft side doesn’t fit with the core of “The Office.” Did Dwight not once ask: “How would I describe myself? Three words: hard working, alpha male, jackhammer, merciless, insatiable.”

This ability to quote “The Office” has been a large contributor to the show’s success. In the first five episodes of the season, the memorable lines that Michael Scott used to deliver on a consistent basis have been missing.

The biggest problem with today’s office? The boss. Of course no one was going to replace Michael Scott, but who would have expected his predecessor to be so awful! Even though Ed Helms is a great actor, Andy Bernard has been a cruel and unbearable regional manager. While Michael insulted everyone in the office, they still loved him. It isn’t just that Andy has not been funny, but his new persona has ruined the entertaining chemistry of “The Office.”

A wise man once said, “Do I want to be feared or loved? Easy, both. I want people to be afraid of how much they love me.” Unfortunately, I’m afraid of how little I love “The Office.”

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The case against voter ID laws

Matthew Mleczko
Guest Columnist

Given the upcoming election, attention has been directed towards the recent efforts by state legislatures to protect against voter fraud by requiring a photo ID to cast a ballot. I applaud The Observer for featuring this topic in Monday’s paper, as I believe it to be an important conversation to have. I would, however, like to respectfully present the case against voter ID laws and shed light on what they mean for our democracy.

First, turnout in United States elections is abysmal. Just 55.45 percent of the voting-age population casted a ballot in 2008 compared to Denmark’s 82.3 percent in 2007 or Sweden’s 82.63 percent in 2010. Considering the growing number of citizen-voters — including students of this university — that throw away their votes, it’s not only hard to make the case for more voting requirements that will decrease turnout even further, but also justify them on the grounds that our elections are something sacred to be upheld.

Perhaps the main problem is how low and any one vote now has more influence, the need to ensure the validity of each ballot becomes all the more important. Yet, when the top 20 percent of earners in the country, it’s important to keep in mind whose votes are being protected and increasingly whose voices are being heard. The utter lack of any dialogue on issues relating to poverty or homelessness in the presidential campaign is striking. Additionally, we have the right to not vote at all and that’s fine, but we are increasingly protecting the rights of people to throw away their votes while challenging the rights of people, who, in many cases, want to vote.

Moreover, when News 21 conducts a study and finds 10 incidents of voter impersonation in all elections since 2000, the idea that voter ID laws are justified is ridiculous. Our government can’t bring itself to pass a budget, yet we don’t seem to have any trouble passing bills that Pennsylvania’s house majority leader claimed would “allow Gov. Romney to win the state of Pennsylvania.” How ironic it is that student journalists in The Observer would think my concern is “inserting a political agenda on an apolitical issue.”

On the surface, a voter ID bill seems completely reasonable, but it undeniably disenfranchises minorities, the poor, the elderly and college students. Even if these were unintended consequences, we certainly understand them now, which begs the question: If voter impersonation is such a non-issue, why are we still so adamantly about these voter ID laws?

Talk to Brian Metz, a Notre Dame senior, who can’t vote in this year’s election because his home state of Tennessee won’t allow him to cast his first ballot by mail, even though he is registered and can confirm his identity. Talk to someone in Kenosha, Wisc., without a car or license. In the case of a voter ID law, he or she would have to miss work, somehow find a ride to the DMV out in the county where the buses don’t run and wait in line to obtain an ID to vote. Talk to a resident of the South Royal Center for the Homeless, someone who wants to vote but doesn’t have a birth certificate, social security card or passport to obtain a “free” ID to vote. That resident must cast a provisional ballot on Election Day, somehow go to the county-city building within 10 days after election day and, in the presence of the circuit court clerk, sign an affidavit of indigence. Then only then, after going through the demeaning process of making it known that they are so poor they can’t even prove their citizenship, will their vote be counted, even though the election will be decided well before then.

Even if someone were to adhere to the law, nobody seems to understand it. It took numerous phone calls to the Election Division under the Indiana Secretary of State to figure out who anyone who understood the voting process for homeless citizens. The fact that our government officials don’t understand election laws that have passed, especially how they affect the poor, is highly suspect. And voter ID laws don’t even skim the surface of the problem. Voter intimidation and phony voting instructions by poll workers are an issue. Moreover, most states ban convicted felons from ever voting again. But who cares about these people?

These voter ID laws, reminiscent of Jim Crow poll taxes and literacy tests, are the nail in the coffin for people that have already such little incentive to vote. Why would these citizens vote in a system that not only ignores their interests, but has open contempt for them as people?

The persistence with which people advocate for these voter ID laws highlights the anti-democratic, intolerant notion alive and well in America: the notion that someone’s right to marry somehow infringes on my right to marry, that someone’s right to healthcare somehow infringes on my right to healthcare and that someone’s right to vote somehow infringes on my right to vote. We need to stop framing our differences in terms of what they take away from us, but what we can give to each other. It is a privilege to live in a country that subscribes to that ideal, to live in a social contract and those that still enjoy their right to vote should set a new precedent that encourages us to live up to that ideal.

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LETTERS

Oklahoma hospitality

As a 2008 graduate, I have seen my fair share of college football games, including Notre Dame or not. The experience I had the last weekend of October was incredible. I have not come across a friendlier and classier group of fans than the ones I encountered in Norman, Oklahoma. The overwhelming majority of Oklahoma fans were kind, welcoming and some even asked if my friend and former Zahm roommate Michael Loulan (Class of 2007) and I needed any help getting around campus. I was invited to one tailgate after simply greeting a few Sooners fans and striking up a short conversation. After the game, two separate encounters involved Sooners fans coming up to the two of us, congratulating us on our victory and shaking our hands. I had never experienced anything like this from opposing fans as a Notre Dame alumna and fan.

Several factors are involved in why I believe Notre Dame fans were treated so well in Norman. The president of the University of Oklahoma allegedly sent fans a reminder of how well they were treated at Notre Dame in 1999. Some believe that Sooners fans’ overconfidence heading into the game may have played a role in their friendliness. Also, the people of Oklahoma in general, including ones I encountered off-campus in a non-football-related manner, were friendly and hospitable. No matter the intentions behind their behavior, Oklahoma Sooners fans deserve the usual classy Notre Dame hospitality next September when Oklahoma plays in South Bend. I wish more fans behaved themselves like Oklahoma fans in general. If this if what we potentially have to look forward to by playing teams like Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue less, I fully support it. It seemed as if Oklahoma didn’t have to validate itself as a football program with derogatory comments towards our opponents. I would love to encounter more fan bases such as that of Oklahoma, and I hope Notre Dame takes this into account when creating future football schedules.

Andrew Digan
Alumnus
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Nov. 1

Dear Mr. Pearce,

I’ve read your Oct. 29 column a few times. First I rolled my eyes, not shocked by this opinion. Then, I became angry at the assumptions you made about categorizing diversity as “artificial” and personally agreeing that “struggling,” underrepresented minority students switch to “easier” majors because they feel they don’t belong with their peers. Your use of the “URM” acronym as a catch all for every “artificially diverse” student was also insulting. Maybe I should start referring to “majority” students as “PWMs,” an equally misguided acronym. I’m not going to try and debunk all the wonderfully well-thought-out arguments in your column. But I will say this:

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So thanks, truly. I’m going to print off your column, stick it onto the bulletin board in my office next Friday and your degree and picture of my chemical engineering Class of 2012 on the Dome steps and read it every time I think my top-5 ranked Ph.D. program is getting tough.

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How many of you are still watching “The Office” on NBC? From what I'm usually told, most of you stopped following the show a couple of seasons back when Steve Carell left the cast, or maybe long before that.

Fans of the show would argue the series has become monotonous. What documentary crew needs nine years of footage on a paper company?, or say the quality of the show has drastically declined in quality since it’s earlier years. There were even plans for a Dwight spin-off called “The Farm” (which NBC recently passed on). The real issue isn’t that the series hasn’t been delivering some quality episodes the past couple of years, but that “The Office” hasn’t felt like the same show fans have come to love.

For any of you who have lost faith in the show over these past few years, I’m here to tell you that your worries can be put to rest for their final season. “The Office” is good again.

There are several reasons for this turnaround. First, the original series show-runner Greg Daniels is back to take control of the final season. Not only will he be behind the wheel when “The Office” was at its comical peak, but he left the show to help turn NBC’s “Parks and Recreation” into the hilarious sitcom it’s become.

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Every November, students compete to play the same piece for his first concerto to establish himself as a virtuoso pianist. Most people don’t get to play a concerto with an orchestra in their whole life, Sievern said. Sievern gave a sneak preview of the concerto he will perform in Friday’s competition. He played the first resounding lines triumphantly and then eased into a lovely, complex melody. His hands were nimble and strong on the keys and his expression was firmly concentrated, even though he played the entire piece from memory.

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Extending his long fingers, he played a bittersweet piece that rose gracefully to passionate heights and fell slowly to melancholy lows. “It feels so real to me, what Chopin was writing,” he said as he played. “What’s awesome about it too, it changes character again at the very end. It goes up to some kind of a happy ending. Maybe this is the grieving process for someone.”

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Baylor favored in Big 12

Associated Press

There is no way Brittany Griner and Baylor can win 40 games again this season. As for winning another national championship, why not? Every starter returns, including preseason All-Americans Griner and junior point guard Odyssey Sims, from last season’s undefeated title team that was the NCAA’s first 40-game winner.

The simple math of fewer games this season won’t let them get to the 40-win mark again.

Top-ranked Baylor is so talented, so deep and so tall behind the 6-foot-8 Griner, they’ve seemingly relegated the Big 12, considered the toughest conference in women’s basketball, to a race for second place.

“It’s not in our books to go undefeated, but it’s hard not to think about it after going 40-0,” said Griner, one of five Baylor seniors. “It’d be nice to do it again, but our main goal at the end, win those six games and get a national championship.”

Griner has career averages of 21.6 points and 8.6 rebounds a game with a Big 12 record 599 blocked shots, 64 shy of breaking the NCAA mark. And don’t forget the seven duks. Sims had 174 assists last season while averaging 14.9 points a game. Destiny Williams, a 6-1 senior, averaged 10.1 points and 9.1 rebounds.

“Last season, we didn’t care about 40-0. Our deal was to get back to where we lost,” said Williams, referring to the Lady Bears’ loss to eventual NCAA champ Texas A&M in a regional final in 2011. “Our goal was to get back there and take it a step further. ... We have to do the same thing this year.”

Coach Kim Mulkey has given the Lady Bears a challenging non-conference schedule.

They play sixth-ranked Kentucky in the second game, and also have games before Christmas against Tennessee and Notre Dame, that one a national title game rematch.

Baylor plays out of conference only once after New Year’s Day, at Connecticut on Feb. 18.

“If I can’t get their attention, that schedule will get their attention,” Mulkey said. “Then you make sure you keep them focused to the extent that they’re still hungry, they’re not complacent, they still have goals, they still have individual goals that will make our team better, and you just challenge them.”

The rest of the Big 12:

OKLAHOMA: Coach Sherri Coale, who has more Big 12 wins than any other coach, returns all five starters after the Lady Sooners finished second in the Big 12 last season. The only senior is All-Big 12 guard Whitney Hay (13.3 ppg, 7.1 rpg), but there are three other double-figure scorers returning in junior guards Aaryn Ellenberg (14.6 ppg) and Morgan Hook (10.9 ppg), Oklahoma also added junior college transfer Portia Durrett, a 6-1 forward.

WEST VIRGINIA: Big 12 newcomer West Virginia, which went from the same conference with Connecticut and Notre Dame to the same league with Baylor, was set to return its entire starting lineup. But the Mountaineers, in the regular in the NCAA tournament, lost 6-4 senior center Aysa Bussie (12.1 ppg, 6.6 rpg) to a season-ending knee injury the second day of practice.

Coach Mike Carey said the injury at least gave his experienced team time to respond and learn new roles.

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I don’t know about you but I’m feeling cool kids
It feels like a perfect night to dress up like hipsters
And make fun of our eexs, uh uh uh uh
It feels like a perfect night for breakfast at midnight
To fall in love with strangers uh uh uh uh

Yeahaa
We’re happy free confused and lonely at the same time.
It’s miserable and magical oh yeah
NCAA Football

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Dave Campo has a national championship, three Super Bowl rings and 23 years of NFL experience. So what’s he doing at Kansas? Taking on the challenge of his life.

A year ago, the Jayhawks were ranked 120th nationally in total defense. Eight games into this season, Campo’s defense has climbed to 81st and is ranked 58th against the pass.

“As bad as it is being the head coach, I think the worst job in the Big 12 is to be a defensive coordinator,” said Kansas coach Charlie Weis, who made hiring the former Cowboys coach one of his priorities when he took over a program that won just twice last year.

“I mean, you should just sign up for gray hair, you know, because it’s a tough job.”

Perhaps the biggest improvement under Campo has been in the red zone. While the Jayhawks are still just 1-7, and 0-5 in the Big 12, they’ve been in a handful of games into the fourth quarter due in large part to a defense that is only allowing teams to score 69 percent of the time.

That statistic is a conference-best and 13th ranking nation-wide.

Kansas held Oklahoma State, the No. 1 offense at the time, to 20 points. Last Saturday, the plucky Jayhawks held Texas to 21 points — less than half of its season average.

“We’ve improved in a lot of areas on this defense and I think we have a lot more we can improve on,” said linebacker Toben Opurum, arguably the team’s top defender.

“I don’t know that our guys really understand what it takes to win right now, and that’s what we’re pushing and that’s what’s got to happen,” Campo said. “It is still a process.”

It sounds easy enough to change the atmosphere, but competing in the Big 12 brings a new set of challenges, even for someone with Campo’s resume.

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Campo said he realizes how much Kansas has struggled in the past, and he also knows that he’s basically starting from scratch after working with polished professional players. But he’s also keen on tackling the challenge of making the Jayhawks relevant again.

“I only know how to do it one way: Make sure we’re grinding on our guys and making sure that they know we have to be disciplined and do the things we are doing,” he said, “and not throwing in the towel and saying, ‘We’re not good enough.’

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Since Campo arrived in January, players appear to have bought into his style.
NEW YORK CITY MARATHON

NYC Marathon set to run Sunday in Sandy’s wake

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York City Marathon is a go for Sunday, and while logistical questions persist one thing is certain: The 26-mile route will have a disas- ter backdrop.

And a debate.

“I think some people said you shouldn’t run the marathon,” Mayor Michael Bloomberg said at a news briefing Wednesday. “There’s an awful lot of small businesses that depend on these people. We have to have an economy. There’s lots of people that have come here. It’s a great event for New York, and I think for those who were lost, you’ve got to believe they would want us to have an economy and have a city go on for those that they left behind.”

Race organizers were still try- ing to assess how widespread damage from Superstorm Sandy might affect plans, including getting runners into the city and transporting them to the start line on Staten Island. Easing those worries was news that 14 of the city’s 23 subway lines were expected to be operating by Thursday morning — though none below 34th Street, an area that includes the terminal for the ferries that go to the island.

And there were runners like Josh Maio who felt torn about whether the race should go on.

“It pulls resources and focus away from people in need,” said Maio, who dropped out due to an injury but is coaching about 75 runners.

He agrees the race is a boost to local businesses hurt by the storm — it brings an estimated $340 million to the city. But he is uncomfortable with devoting so much to an “extracurricular” event.

Top American Meb Keflezighi, the 2009 men’s champion, re- gards the marathon as “some- thing positive … because it will be motivation to say, ‘Look what happened, and we’ll put on the race, and we’ll give them a good show.’”

New York Road Runners President Mary Wittenberg said organizers planned to use more private contractors than past years to reduce the strain on city services. Many people have of- fered to work as volunteers and could fill in gaps, and many run- ners and fans plan to raise mon- ey to help victims of the storm.

She compared this year’s race to the 2001 marathon, held sev- en weeks after the Sept. 11 ter- rorist attacks, as a way to inspire residents and show the world the city’s resilience.

Jonathan Cane ran in that race, working for the police de- partment at the time as a fitness instructor, and it was “an amaz- ing experience.” But like Maio, he had mixed feelings about holding this year’s marathon.

“I think if they do pull it off, the city will get behind it,” said Cane, who is coaching more than 200 runners signed up for the race. “It’s almost a unique event, and this will make it more so.”

Wittenberg expects the field will be smaller than the 47,500 who ran last year because some entrants can’t make it to New York, but said so far organizers had received no more cancella- tions than normal. New York’s three major airports were ex- pected to be open Thursday morning with limited flights, leaving the nearly 30,000 out- of-town runners with hope that they can fly in but no guarantees.

Race organizers were re- scheduling the elite runners’ flights to get them into New York on schedule, with many rerout- ed to Boston. Number pickup for entrants is scheduled to open Thursday morning at the Javits Center.

Meanwhile, traffic choked city streets as residents tried to return to work and limited commuter rail service resumed. Utilities say it could be days be- fore power is fully restored in the city and on Long Island.

The course mostly avoids areas hit hardest by flooding. Getting everyone to the start on Staten Island could be the biggest challenge if two usu- al methods — the ferry and

brief swing through the Bronx. They finish in Central Park, which was closed Wednesday. Some 250 mature trees inside the park were felled by the storm.

The 43rd edition of the marathon is set to include three Olympic medalists and the reigning women’s world champion.


“Already what we’re hear- ing from people is we went through the 9/11 marathon, and there was never a more moving marathon, and what that mara-thon did was it unified this city and brought people back to the streets for the first time in weeks,” Wittenberg said. “What was most striking about that marathon to me was it was not about running and it wasn’t about the runners. It was about the city. And on that day, instead of the fans being there for the runners, the runners were there for the city. And this marathon already has that same feeling.”

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The entrance of Central Park has been blocked off due to Hurricane Sandy. This closure will affect the marathon Sunday. Officials are working to set up an alternate route.

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Giants fans celebrate championship with parade

Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO — Ecstatic baseball fans packed the streets of San Francisco on Wednesday for a confetti-drenched parade and rally honoring the World Series champion Giants — a Halloween treat made even sweeter as a repeat performance from 2010.

Tens of thousands of people decked out in the team’s holiday-appropriate orange and black stood 30 deep behind barriers, climbed trees, camped out overnight and mounted rooftops for a chance to see their favorite players wave from convertibles and get serenaded by Tony Bennett singing “I Left My Heart in San Francisco.”

Hordes gathered for the rally honoring the World Series victory in three years, an improbable double play for a franchise that had not won the title since 1954.

“In 2010, we characterized the club as misfits that came together and got it done,” Bochy told the roaring crowd into a frenzy as it turned raucous.

“It’s the second, but there are going to be a lot more,” Sandoval said, expressing special thanks to the Bay Area’s Latino community.

“Thank you for always being there, for never giving up,” he said. “Thank you for showing up wherever we’ve been and making this one of the greatest moments of my life.”

As with the 2010 parade, this year’s two-hour edition drew a cross-section of the region’s diversity, from children who were allowed to skip school to older couples who had been Giants fans since the team arrived in San Francisco from New York in 1958.

Series MVP Pablo Sandoval, who swatted three home runs in his first three at bats in Game 1, and second baseman Marco Scutaro, who batted in the winning run of the game that clinched the title, addressed the throngs at the rally in Spanish.

“My Heart in San Francisco.”

Tens of thousands of people lined the canyon-like, skyscraper-lined street. It showered spectators and parade participants, who included legendary Giants alumni Willie Mays, Willie McCovey and Juan Marichal and politicians such as House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi.

The unifying energy of the Giants’ latest victory was evident as San Francisco 49ers quarterback Alex Smith drove the car carrying Giants pitcher Matt Cain and his family, while 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh did the honors for the Giants’ Brandon Belt.

The convertibles gave fans clean views along the parade route that began at the foot of Market Street near San Francisco Bay and ended on the steps of City Hall, across from the overflowing plaza.

Star reliever Sergio Romo, wearing a T-shirt that read, “I just look illegal,” whipped the cheering crowd into a frenzy when he got out of his convertible and mingled.

“Buster is the reason I’m a panda.”

Tens of thousands of people danced, sailed into the air on brooms and held signs that read “Giants are the absolute best!”

With the victory parade coinciding with Halloween, costumed masses brought an even more festive feel to what city officials hoped would be a family friendly, alcohol-free event.

Richmond resident Kevin Yarbrough wore a giant white panda costume in tribute to Sandoval, whose nickname is the “Panda.”

“You’ve got to come out and celebrate like this. You meet a whole new family, make new friends, and it really lets the community celebrate in a positive way,” he said.

San Francisco police spokesman Michael Andraychak said a handful of people were arrested for public intoxication and officers issued a few citations for fighting, but the crowds generally were cooperative.

Some fans carried brooms as a reminder of the Giants’ four-game sweep of the Detroit Tigers. Later, San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee handed Giants President Larry Baer a ceremonial key.

Alex Warlen and Kelly Simms, both 17, were among the hundreds of people who cuddled up overnight in the plaza to ensure they had prime viewing spots. Warlen is a pitcher and Simms a catcher for the softball team at San Francisco’s Mercy High School. The team is co-champion of its division.

“Buster is the reason I’m a catcher,” read a sign Simms carried, referring to the Giants’ Buster Posey. The high school seniors said Mercy administrators gave students the day off, so they weren’t cutting school.

“We would have skipped anyway,” Simms said.
Dyer continues to set Irish records

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

Irish junior Frank Dyer made history for Notre Dame’s men’s swimming and diving team last season, becoming the program’s first swimmer to earn All-American honors.

Dyer’s fourth-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle at the NCAA Championships on March 23 earned him the honor.

In addition to his All-American status, Dyer solidified his status as one of the most decorated swimmers in school history by setting a multitude of records in his sophomore year.

“I’ve always said that there has to be someone who has to be first, but in the end I think it is more important how many people come after you,” Dyer said during an interview with UND.com. “I think last year was the turning point. I think we work together really well. I think we get chills about it now because that whole last hour and a half of the meet was just such an awesome experience to know that everything we had done all year was about to pay off. That’s probably the best moment that I have had at Notre Dame.”

The Irish are going to lean heavily on Dyer’s experience this year to succeed. The team is setting their sights high this year, Dyer said.

“We have set the bar even higher this year,” Dyer said. “There are people who think that we are on the rise but that it is going to take more time. I just want to get out there and prove them wrong and do the best that we can this year.”

Dyer and the Irish host Purdue on Friday.

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Belles victory ends season

Observer Staff Report

The Belles defeated Kalamazoo 1-0 on Wednesday in their regular season finale and clinched their most successful season in Saint Mary’s history.

In need of a win and some assistance from other teams to earn their rank, Saint Mary’s (13-5-2, 10-5-1, MIAA) earned three points against the Hornets (11-6-2, 9-5-2) to finish tied for fourth in the conference. The tie prevents the Belles from advancing to the four-team-post season playoffs. In the fourth minute of Wednesday’s game, junior midfielder and captain Mallie Valencia blasted a free kick from 22 yards out into the back of the net. The score ended up being all the Belles needed against Kalamazoo. The goal marked Valencia’s fourth game-winning goal this season.

For the rest of the contest, the Belles weathered the Hornets’ storm. Kalamazoo outshot Saint Mary’s 14-4 in the game, including a 5-0 advantage in the second half.

Sophomore goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum made three saves for the Belles and picked up her eighth shutout of the season.

In addition to knocking off the Hornets, the Belles received help from around the league. Calvin bested Adrian (12-3-4, 9-3-4) 2-1 in an overtime thriller. An Adrian victory, coupled with wins by Alma and Hope, would have eliminated even a victorious Saint Mary’s. The win was another milestone in an historic season for The Belles. The 13 wins are the most in Saint Mary’s history. The Belles also only allowed 12 goals all season, the lowest total since the program began in 1986.

Shipp

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has found plenty of players to receive his passes, adding a Notre Dame lineage that has the Irish ranked No. 1 in the RPI. The Irish (13-3-1, 5-2-1 Big East) have netted 2.35 goals per game, good for sixth in the country, in part due to Shipp’s ability to control the ball through the middle of the field with Irish senior midfielder and captain Dillon Powers.

“I think we work together really well,” Shipp said. “Playing in our third year together here now, we kind of have a good feeling where each other is going to be. So I don’t even have to think about where he’s running, I just kind of know. And that will get us to the point where we are interchanging, we are just switching positions freely. That’s really nice because I always have a security blanket.”

Shipp also makes regular use of Irish senior forward Ryan Finley, who is tied for second in the country with 17 goals on the year.

“I think Ryan is one of the best, if not the best, in the country at making runs behind the defense and just knowing when to time his runs and when to check to the ball,” he said. “He’s just a really smart forward, so I think that’s like a dream for me because I like giving the ball to people who make runs behind.”

Although Finley and Shipp combine to make Notre Dame’s most experienced front line, the duo begins every game on the bench and only enters after several minutes. Of play.

“It’s definitely something that is obviously different,” Shipp said of the strategy. “But it’s nice because we get to look for the first 20 minutes at what the other defense is doing and find ahead of time what ways we can take advantage of – the way the defense is playing, the little spaces and opportunities for us when we get in the game. So I really don’t mind it at all.”

Last year, the Irish ranked 64th in the country with a 1.5 goals-per-game average and failed to qualify for the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2000 after losing in the first round of the Big East Championship. Shipp said some key differences between last year’s team and this year’s, which will begin conference tournament play Saturday at Syracuse, have made the difference.

“The biggest difference is I think we are not panicking, especially when we get in the final third,” he said. “Last year, if a couple of things didn’t go our way … we would start to press and kind of panic, especially if we hadn’t scored late in the game, whereas now we always have a confidence that we are going to score.”

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“It was my dream always growing up to play overseas, and so it was a tough decision because I was happy where I was in the states but I never knew if this opportunity would come again – to have a chance overseas,” Thomas said.

“Without going over there and getting the playing time right away I don’t know if I would be where I’m at right now. So I am really happy with the decision I made, it’s led me to be able to come back and be able to play for my hometown team. I love it.”

Thomas signed with Sporting Kansas City in January 2012 after a stint with Ljungskile SK in another Swedish top division. Thomas said the reunion in another Swedish top division after a stint with Ljungskile SK in January 2012 for my hometown team. I love it. Thomas said he got drafted by the Wizards at the time and now that I had the chance to come back and play for my hometown team, at the time it was something I couldn’t pass up.”

In 2012, both players played a part in Sporting Kansas City’s successful regular season. Kansas City (18-7-9) finished atop the Eastern Conference and second in points for the season with 63, only three behind the San Jose Earthquakes for the Supporters’ Shield, which is awarded to the team with the most points in MLS soccer.

Besler, a consensus favorite for the MLS defender of the year, played in 31 of Kansas City’s 34 games in 2012, making 30 starts. After receiving recognition as a 2011 MLS All-Star he joined the U.S. Men’s National team in August for a friendly game against Mexico in Azteca Stadium in Mexico City. While the MLS All-Star team’s 4-0 loss to Manchester United was memorable, Besler said the call-up to the national team represented an important achievement and an experience he hopes to replicate.

“It was awesome,” he said in a phone interview on Oct. 4. “Awesome experience. I was so excited when I heard the news. It’s something I’ve been working toward pretty much my whole life. I’ve always wanted to represent the country I love. I was shocked first but once I was down in Mexico I wanted to take it all in and learn as much as possible but also show what I can do on the field. Looking back we were the first U.S. team ever in in the Azteca Stadium in Mexico so that’s something I’ll remember for the rest of my life.

“T’ve been in contact with [United States coach] Jurgen Klinsmann and his staff. They said, ‘Continue to work hard. You’re on our radar.’ I’m hoping to get another chance here in the future.”

Besler said he also enjoys the environment at Notre Dame — especially this year’s team.

“The culture that the team has at [Notre Dame] that [Irish] coach [Bobby] Clark brings to everybody, it sets you up for success in the professional game, he said. “For me, other than the speed of play in the professional game, there weren’t a whole lot of adjustments I had to make with how things were done. [Notre Dame] runs its program like a professional team.”

Thomas, who started in 81 of his 83 appearances in an Irish uniform and served as a two-time team captain, also said the environment at Notre Dame helped prepare him for a professional career.

“I love playing with Michael,” he said. “He got drafted by the Wizards at the time and now that I had the chance to come back and play for my hometown team, at the time it was something I couldn’t pass up.”

With the players that I was surrounded with and the coaches and the facilities and everything, it really just showed me how lucky I was at the time this year,” he said. “They’re off to a great start. I follow very closely and try to watch as many games as possible. I’m very happy and proud of how they responded to last season, [the first season in which Notre Dame failed to qualify for the NCAA tournament since 2000]. It was disappointing for them and for us as alums but they’ve done a terrific job of turning this thing around. I’m impressed.”

Thomas said he also enjoys following the No. 7 Irish (13-3-1, 5-2-1 Big East), who have had to overcome season-ending knee injuries to senior midfielders Adam Mena and co-captain Michael Rose. Still, Thomas said, Notre Dame has a chance to do this year something the Irish were unable to do during his time — or any other time in school history — reach the national semifinals.

“[Mena and Rose] are both strong leaders and both really good players as well,” Thomas said. “But I think the players that have come in for them have stepped up big time. And you can just tell by watching, there is a swagger about them. They have a confidence and they seem to be playing the right way. ... It’s not cockiness, it’s just confidence. If they can keep going, keep playing as well as they’ve been, hopefully they will be the team to get the first final four for men’s soccer.

And I am confident with the way I’ve seen them play. I just hope they keep it up.”

As the top seed in the Eastern conference, Kansas City will play the winner of the Chicago Fire and Houston Dynamo in a two-game series beginning Sunday.

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**Returnees**

Jewell Lloyd and Michaela Mabrey compose what has been ranked as high as the third-best incoming class in the nation. Lloyd is fourth in the ESPN HoopGurlz rankings while Mabrey and Huffman are 33rd and 52nd, respectively. Mabrey captured a gold medal with the FIBA Americas U18 Championships in August. The freshman guard led the team in assists while averaging 12.8 points and 4.0 rebounds per game. As promising as the new names in the Irish lineup look to be, success for this year’s team relies most prominently on the returnees. The team’s aspirations begin and end, of course, with Irish coach Muffet McGraw who has led the Notre Dame women’s basketball program for 29 years. The unquestioned leader of last year’s very experienced Irish squad, Diggins will be called upon to take her leadership to another level this year. She has already earned herself a spot on the Wade Trophy pre-season watch list, but the Irish will need their point guard to play well enough this season to earn serious consideration as the Wade Trophy winner at the end of the season.

Joining Diggins as the only other senior on the team is reliable guard Kaila Turner. But the Irish backcourt goes much deeper than the two seniors.

McBride is a returning starter who can do it all from the wing. The shooting guard can be a deadly scorer, but equally important for the Irish is her ability to use her size to contribute on the boards. McBride led last year’s team in rebounding among returning players with 4.6 per game. Sophomore guard Whitney Holloway is the final Irish guard with game experience. Sophomore guard Madison Cable, who missed last season due to injury, and the three freshmen will be added to the mix to give the Irish plenty of options on the perimeter.

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**McGraw**

“There are certainly tough shoes to fill, and we’re not go- ing to be the same defensively. We’ll be working to play team defense, relying on a little more help and rotation, and just try to be a smart team overall.”

Notre Dame returns two key starters in senior guard Skylar Diggins and junior guard Kayla McBride. Diggins, who was named a unanimous pre- season All-American for the second consecutive season and tabbed Preseason Big East Player of the Year, comes off a campaign during which she averaged 16.8 points and 5.7 assists per game. McBride av- eraged 11.6 points and 4.6 re- bounds per game last season.

McGraw said Diggins took on a greater leadership role in the off-season and will be es- sential to the development of the young team.

“Skylar is more of a coach on the floor than she’s ever been before because she has to,” McGraw said. “She’s encour- aged and helped the younger players to step up their games and get them to a level where we can compete for a national championship. She will be counted on to do a little more to put us in the hunt.”

Diggins will work closely with Notre Dame’s freshmen, which were part of a recruiting class ranked as high as third in the country. The Irish added a trio of freshmen guards in Hannah Huffman, Jewell Lloyd and Michaela Mabrey and also welcome sophomore guard Madison Cable, who sat out last season with an injury. “Jewell is really talented and can score and rebound, so we will be counting on her to fill needs from last year,” McGraw said. “Cable is really funda- mentally sound. Mabrey will be our first or second person off the bench, and Huffman has really been improving so far.”

McGraw said the exhibi- tion against Edinboro, a team ranked sixth in the preseason USA Today Division II Top 25 Coach’s poll, will give younger players a good introduction to the atmosphere of Purcell Pavilion.

“The first thing we’re going to do is to work the freshmen and give them a chance to be out in front of the crowd and get the game day experience,” she said. “I want to give them some playing time to get them comfortable.”

McGraw said she plans to start Diggins, McBride, Cable, Loyd and sophomore forward Markisha Wright against the Fighting Scots. She said ju- nior forward Natalie Achonwa is slated to be a starter but is out for the exhibition against Edinboro with an injury.

Achonwa is one of several Irish players who faced in- ternational competition over the summer, as she helped the Canadian national team reach the quarterfinals at the Summer Olympics in London. McGraw said she was im- pressed with Achonwa’s devel- opment during the off-season.

“I think Natalie came back a different person,” McGraw said. “She’s confident and self- assured and knows what she wants to do. I think her mental game is at a different level.”

In addition, Diggins helped lead the United States to the gold medal at the in- augural FIBA 3x3 World Championships in Athens, Greece in April. Mabrey also represented her country, playing a role on the United States team that won the FIBA Americas U18 Championship in Gurabo, Puerto Rico, in August.

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Irish junior Kayla McBride dribbles down the court during Notre Dame’s 73-62 victory over California on March 20 in Purcell Pavilion.
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Aries (March 21–April 19): Aggressively seek information or travel to places that inspire you and will help you use what you have learned to move forward in the future. A change in your relationship with someone special will bring you closer together.

Taurus (April 20–May 20): Getting along with others will determine your future. You must share and compromise when necessary if you want to be taken seriously. Someone from your past will lend you a hand, which could result in unforeseen change. Focus on positive, productive and compromising change.

Gemini (May 21–June 20): Emotions will be close to the surface, causing you to make choices that may not be the best for you professionally. Wager the pros and cons to satisfy both your personal and business needs without making a fuss.

Cancer (June 21–July 22): Look for answers in unusual places. If you revisit old ideas and incorporate what you’ve got with trends, you will show others your diversity when it comes to finding solutions. Don’t let love stand in the way of your professional progress.

Leo (July 23–Aug. 22): Take time out to do things you enjoy. The experience you gain from interacting with people from different backgrounds or by trying something you’ve never done before will inspire you to make changes that will improve your life.

Virgo (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Study what’s going on around you and base your decisions on factual information. Don’t let anger get the better of you when dealing with incompetence or family matters that could result in unexpected change. Focus on positive, productive and compromising change.

Libra (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): Stop procrastinating and start doing. Approach authority figures with sophistication, facts and experience to get whatever documentation you need to further your interests. Now is the time to travel, share your ideas and launch something new. Romance is highlighted.

Scorpio (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): Share your thoughts and form a partnership with people you find interesting and creative. Offer your services to people you want to further your business relationships with by finding a way to incorporate your specialty.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): Someone from your past will challenge you. Embrace whatever you face with confidence and you will surpass whatever competition awaits you. Opportunity knocks — don’t hesitate to go after what you want.

Capricorn (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): Discipline is required if you want to get ahead. Don’t let distraction keep you from meeting your goals. You must maintain your composure until you are at the top. An emotional situation must not be allowed to curtail your progress.

Aquarius (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): Be careful how you present yourself. Someone of importance will be watching every move you make to ensure you are good for your word. Now is a good time to slack or make unrealistic promises. Work hard, play hard and be honest.

Birthday Baby: You command attention. You are original, intriguing and a masterful spin doctor.

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Shipp leads Irish offense

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What began as a joke has turned into reality. Besler, who made 73 starts and 90 appearances as a defender in his Notre Dame career, was a two-time team captain, three-time member of the All-Big East team and an All-American his senior season. The Overland Park, Kan., native went eighth overall in the 2009 MLS SuperDraft to the Kansas City Wizards (now Sporting Kansas City). Besler became a full-time starter in his Notre Dame career, won the Steelman Award and earned a spot on the All-America team.

Shipp, who said he feels more comfortable in a midfield role because he is able to set up goals for others in scoring positions, has been a key player for the Irish this season. Despite the loss of three starters from last year's team, Shipp leads Notre Dame in scoring with five goals this season.

Irish junior Harrison Shipp dribbles the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Akron on Sept. 9 in Alumni Stadium.

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