Alumni serve in Washington

Two graduates elected to Congress, join three others in nation’s capital

By JOHN CAMERON
News Editor

With five alumni gaining or holding seats in Congress following last week’s election, the University’s ties to national politics are more prominent than ever.

Rep. Joe Donnelly’s election to the U.S. Senate, Keith Rothfus’ win for a seat in the House of Representatives and the re-elections of Peter Visclosky, Peter King and Michael Kelly to the House offer strong avenues for advocating the University’s interests on Capitol Hill.

State Sen. John Sturm, associate vice president for Federal and Washington Relations, Sturm, a 1969 Notre Dame graduate, was appointed to the newly-formed position on June 1. He’s been tasked with communicating the University’s views to federal officials, including the aforementioned alumni.

He said the degree to which the University works with alumni in Washington depends on the committees they sit on.

“We don’t know what committees [Donnelly] is going to serve on,” he said. “That has some effect on what he does and how he might interface with the University.”

Regardless of where Donnelly ends up, Sturm is excited for the opportunity to collaborate with the 1977 alumnus.

Motivational speaker lectures at Key Bank event

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

As a motivational speaker, writer and artist Joni Arredia tries to find the best in everyone.

“I reflect goodness,” she said. “I love finding the best in people. I am a creative that always follows through. I use this gift that God has given me to make the world a better place. That’s what I do.”

Arredia spoke at Saint Mary’s on Thursday night for a Key Bank event.

“I’m talking about lifestyle balance,” she said. “Key Bank puts this event on for women business owners that are their clients.”

With all the different ventures she is involved in, Arredia said she understands the importance of lifestyle balance. “All the things that I do … they feel that I balance life very well,” she said. “As an entrepreneur and creative businesswoman how do you keep your connection to yourself, your family and your business … [with] space in your life to balance.”

Motivational speaking was not Arredia’s first career choice. In 1982, she bought a jazzercise franchise.

“I was teaching about 500 students a week,” she said. “I really found that people were coming in and wanting to lose weight and get fit but what I found more than anything they were looking for a place that made them feel good.”

While teaching jazzercise, Arredia also became interested in the nutritional end of fitness. She studied with the “Fit or Fat” method under Cover Bailey and became a health of the economy.

Politician discusses Ireland’s global economy

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

Those who picture Ireland in terms of sheep and rolling green landscapes may be shocked to learn the nation is far more than a leader in agricultural exports: it is a business hub drawing major financial, technology and pharmaceutical corporations from around the globe.

In her lecture Thursday titled, “An Irish Perspective: Doing Business in a Global Economy,” Irish politician and legislator Mary Hanafin detailed Ireland’s successful integration into today’s highly interconnected global economy.

Hanafin attributed Ireland’s increased global economic integration in large part to the recent decline in sectarian violence and conflict between the Northern and Southern regions of the country. She said Ireland’s transformation into a “nation at peace,” a notion emphasizing friendship and cooperation rather than strife, has helped redefine negative perceptions of the country, improving not only the lives of citizens but the health of the economy.

During those early 70s years, when you said to people, particularly people who didn’t speak English, that you were from Ireland, they would say ‘boom boom,’ and they didn’t mean an economic boom,” Hanafin said. “They meant fighting and bombs and killing.”

Hanafin said taking a stroll through Dublin, the capital city, will reveal to any visitor detailed Ireland’s successful integration into today’s highly interconnected global economy.

Irish politician and legislator Mary Hanafin discusses her country’s integration into today’s global economy Thursday evening.
Riley Hall of Art and Design hosted its fall open house Thursday evening. The open house featured creative works by undergraduate students in the Department of Art.

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Graduate students in the Italian program in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures have the opportunity to work with leading academics at the University of Cambridge. Zygmunt Baranski, Emeritus Serena Professor of Italian at the University of Cambridge, joined the Notre Dame College of Arts and Letters faculty in 2011 as its first Notre Dame Professor of Dante and Italian studies. “The Italian sections are relatively small and this partnership with Cambridge ensures that students have contact with a broader range of professors, libraries and resources,” Baranski said.

Every year, one Notre Dame student goes to Cambridge and one Cambridge student comes to Notre Dame for a semester. This program is aimed exclusively for PhD students and one Cambridge student said.

By JILLIAN BARWICK

Saint Mary’s Edition

This past week, Saint Mary’s students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to support She’s the First! (Saint Mary’s), a new club on campus which is part of the national nonprofit organization, She’s the First.

Junior Mileva Brunson, founder of the Saint Mary’s chapter, was excited to share the present and upcoming goals for the club on campus.

“We creatively fundraise throughout the year to sponsor girls’ education in developing countries. This week, we held our first fundraiser, ‘Tie Dye Cupcakes For a Cause,’” Brunson said. “All proceeds from the bake sale will go towards our goal of $360, which would sponsor a year of school for a girl in Uganda.”

The cupcake fundraiser was initially started by Lindsay Brown, the president of She’s the First! (Notre Dame), where it became such a success that the organization made it national.

“The goal for this year nationally is to raise $50,000 for girls education, and there has been amazing success all across the country,” Brunson said. “We have been posting a lot on social media. We post daily on our Facebook and Twitter, and a lot of girls who purchase a cupcake are Instagramming them. It’s been great to see students posting in support of She’s the First across many different social networking sites.”

Brunson said she is thankful student reception of She’s the First has been great, as well as faculty support for the chapter at Saint Mary’s.

“We have had such wonderful support from both students and faculty. It’s great to have people come up to the table to buy a cupcake, and then want to learn more about our mission and our goal for the fundraiser,” Brunson said. While some students have

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Mileva Brunson
Junior
Founder of She’s the First

Brunson joined with Brunson with She’s the First! (Saint Mary’s), she is hoping that more will help raise awareness as the year progresses. “I would love to see this grow into a powerful force on campus, working to make a difference in girls’ education worldwide,” Brunson said. “We are hoping to partner with the She’s the First chapter at Notre Dame and work to hold a fundraiser together. Also, if we reach our fundraising goal, we could get to know the girl we have sponsored in Uganda and begin to build a relationship with her and to know she is doing in school, which would be so rewarding.”

As far as the cupcakes go, Brunson knows students will take away more than just a sweet treat after visiting the club’s table outside the dining hall.

“I hope that students realize how much of an impact they can have, just by buying a cupcake; because what begins with a cupcake ends with a girl in school,” Brunson said. “It is so inspiring to know that our actions this week are life-changing.

Brunson wants others to remember each cupcake the club sells adds up to opportunity for a girl in the developing world and helps her to achieve her dreams.

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Students study, research abroad in Cambridge

By CHARITHA ISANAKA

Graduate students in the Italian program at the University of Cambridge had the opportunity to work with leading academics at the University of Cambridge. David Benvegnu, a current PhD candidate in the interdisciplinary PhD in Literature Program at the University of Notre Dame, was the first Notre Dame graduate student to participate in the exchange. His dissertation research, “Primo Levi and the Question of the Animal,” investigates the animal imagery in the work of the Jewish-Italian writer Primo Levi, focusing on how his literature operates when the human/animal divide is at stake. He will defend his dissertation in May 2013.

“In this research I compare what has been considered the hyper-humanistic literary production of Primo Levi with the post-humanistic trend in contemporary philosophy,” Benvegnu said. “This comparison helps us to rethink not simply Levi’s life and his Holocaust testimony but also both the ethical and epistemological complexity of the human/animal divide in the second half of the twentieth century.”

Benvegnu spent the 2011 Michaelmas Term (September to December) at Cambridge and was part of Trinity Hall College.

“I had the opportunity to work at the fantastic University Library there and to have almost weekly meetings with Professor Robert Gordon, head of Department of Italian at the University of Cambridge, and one of my most prominent scholars in modern Italian literature,” Benvegnu said. “The opportunity to work with him not only was incredibly enjoyable and stimulating, but helped me to better frame my own research and ideas.”

Beatrice Priester, a Cambridge student, came to Notre Dame last year.

“I learned a great deal from the graduate research seminars, made extensive use of the libraries, including the special Dante collections, and had many stimulating discussions with professors, post-docs, and other graduate students about Dante, the Middle Ages, and beyond,” Priester said. “Additionally, the opportunity to teach American undergraduates Italian language was tremendously rewarding. I would thoroughly recommend the exchange program to anyone thinking of participating in it.”

Baranski stressed the importance of international partnerships.

“I believe that in academia there is a need to have international ties,” he said. “Since there is a limited number of faculty, we need to teach students the importance of collaboration so that there remains a healthy and proper exchange of ideas.”

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“That’s about as good a relationship as one can expect, and frankly, Joe Donnelly is a very easy person to be around.”

John Sturm
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“King has been pretty prominent when major things happen around the world or domestically... We’re waiting to see what happens with him.”

As for the remaining alumni in Congress, Sturm said the formal interactions with the University have been minimal so far. “Mike Kelly, I think he’s been on foreign affairs. We haven’t had much to do with Congressman Kelly as of yet. Committee assignments mean a lot,” he said. “Keith Rothfus [hasn’t had] any committee assignments yet. We’re not really sure where he wants to go.”

Regardless of whether their area of policy focus is directly relevant to the University, Sturm said each elected alumnus benefits Notre Dame. “Mike more the merrier. When members are Notre Dame alumni... for example, they can have an effect — especially if they’re the chairman or ranking member on a committee — on witnesses brought into a hearing,” he said. “To have witnesses in front of Congress to provide information for policy makers, they get quoted in the press or appear on TV, all that contributes to the overall image and success of the University.”

Sturm said the alumni voted into office last week aren’t the only ones on Capitol Hill building the Notre Dame alumni presence. “There’s also a strong, great group of Notre Dame alumni, parents and friends who make their living around the federal government — lawyers, lobbyists, trade association folks, journalists, defense contractors — who interact one way or another with the federal government or whose businesses depend on the federal government,” he said. “For them to be successful and prominent is another way the University’s image goes north, and they’re a resource for Notre Dame.”

While their relationship with the University doesn’t affect the voting or policy stances of Notre Dame alumni in office, Sturm said the affiliation allows for smoother communications. “It just is a lot easier. You have faster and easier access and there’s familiarity with the alums. I make it my business to get around and see them,” he said. “That extends to the Indiana delegation as well.”

Regardless of where officials were educated, Sturm said the University’s reputation carries weight in Washington. “Representing the University of Notre Dame, I don’t think there are too many people who haven’t heard of us. It’s a great brand. Other than some of the Ivies...we’re in that league, generally speaking.”

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Faith should ground its international development efforts, especially in light of the Vatican’s emphasis on “New Evangelization.”

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Ken Hackett
former president
Catholic Relief Services

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“[New Evangelization is]

about a new energy towards the revival of faith in the context of today’s culture,” Hackett said. At a Vatican synod concerning the topic, representatives from the Church around the world presented the issues most threatening to Catholic faith in their areas, such as secularization in North America and Europe and radical Islam and tribal conflicts in Africa, Hackett said.

“As Notre Dame strives to evolve into an international strategy that embodies the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and that creates linkages with the Church and other institutions, I would suggest that Notre Dame … has to take into consideration many of these views and realities that the Church has identified as part of the New Evangelization,” he said.

To do so, Hackett said the Kellogg Institute should devote resources to researching non-traditional approaches to human development as well as to shaping public policy.

In addition, the University as a whole must focus on many small, disparate programs in scattered regions of the world to a few big projects focused on particular topics.

“Bring the whole University behind something and stick to it,” Hackett said. “Small projects don’t make an impact, and this University has the capability to have a major impact on human development.”

Hackett said a good example of this strategy is the Notre Dame Haiti Program, which draws on different parts of Notre Dame to make an impact on a small geographic area.

O’Neill, stressed the complicated nature of human development and said it requires a complex response that reflects its nature, especially in today’s world.

“In many ways, to simply define what human development is in today’s context, I would say citizens at scale, in education, health and perhaps environmental services,” he said.

For Notre Dame to best address the many facets of human development, O’Neill said the University must pick out its strengths and use them to effect change.

He identified some of these strengths as the University’s Catholic faith, strong background in human rights and work with corporate responsibility.

The University should also tailor its development efforts to empowering governments themselves and enabling communities to thrive on their own, he said.

“Good development actually occurs when people own the process, think about, plan and own the process, taking risks as they do it, failing sometimes, but ultimately when they succeed, you get development on a secure course going forward,” O’Neill said.

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powerful and you have to be very responsible [with them],” she said. “I took speaker for the program. Then, one day, Arredia decided to speak for herself.

“One day I thought I’ll just get on that stage and … speak about what I believe in,” she said. “It worked, it worked to get on that stage and … speak along with motivation speakers.”

“Words are very, very powerful and you have to be very responsible [with them],” she said. “I took about another year before started speaking to motivate people [again].” Once

she began motivational speaking, Arredia said she realized she wanted to be able to offer people something to take home to continue their journey. It was then she decided to become an author. Arredia has since written a newspaper column on the East Coast and has published two books.

Along with motivational speaking and writing, Arredia is also a painter and a recent playwright.

“I moved to Chicago seven years ago and started to study [acting] ferociously for two years,” she said.

Arredia said she got interested in theatre because of her involvement in high school and she wanted to work in a team again.

Her play, “Resurfaceling,” debuted in Chicago in 2011. Even with all she has accomplished in her life, Arredia said her work with Hut Outreach, a Toledo, Ohio-based organization in Haiti has been the “coolest thing in my life, other than my family.”

“I went to Haiti in January, and when I came home worked furiously on pieces of artwork and staged a show in my home,” she said.

In one night we raised $25,000 dollars and went back a month later … to work on some exciting outreach programs.”

Through her career, Arredia said she has been able to understand people more and realize how to motivate them.

“I just love it. It is so much fun,” she said. “It is such a blast to watch light bulbs go off and peoples eyes sparkly. I thank God every day for this gift.”

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the nation’s leading role in international business. She said Dublin has become a major center for the communica-

tions industry, attracting corporate giants such as Microsoft, Amazon and Google.

Hanafin said Ireland’s educational system has played a large part in attracting foreign business and investment by fostering a highly creative, technically skilled young worker population.

“It is the quality and the availability of skilled people that make Ireland attractive and special,” Hanafin said.

Ireland’s membership in the European Union, as well as its low corporate tax rate of 12.5 percent, also boosts its appeal among corporations seeking high rates of return on their investments, Hanafin said. She said evidence of this can be seen in the large sums of money invested in Ireland internationally.

“The USA invests more dollars in Ireland than it does in Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa combined, and we’re only a little country of 4.5 million people,” Hanafin said. “But we’re also a country that takes our business, and our business with the world, very seriously.”

Hanafin said Irish companies continue to globalize, providing everything from airport biometric scanning in Japan to a communications system that currently directs roughly 50 percent of mobile phone traffic in the United States.

Hanafin was most struck by the extent of this global economic integration upon visiting a children’s school in the United Arab Emirates. She said watching students use Irish software to learn the Quran was “globalization at its best.”

Looking forward, Hanafin said Ireland will continue to foster cooperative economic ties with nations around the world, sharing its distinct culture and heritage while learning to appreciate the cultures of others.

“It is about respecting not only our culture, but the culture of the countries with who we do business,” Hanafin said. “It’s about appreciating the importance of dialogue, and friendship, and peace as a small, neutral country in a very troubled world.”

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Chinese leaders select Xi Jinping as nation’s chief
Software founder on the run from Belize police

Associated Press

SAN PEDRO, Belize — Software company founder John McAfee said Wednesday he is in hiding, unarmed and accompanied only by a young woman, changing locations and telephones frequently to stay one step ahead of a Belize police unit he says wants to kill him.

Belize police have said they want to question McAfee, who they describe as a “person of interest” in the slaying of fellow American Gregory Viant Faull. Faull, 52, was shot to death over the weekend on the Caribbean island where both men lived.

Prime Minister Dean Barrow said McAfee was only wanted for questioning and should report to authorities.

Barrow also expressed doubts about McAfee’s mental state: “I don’t want to be unkind to the gentleman, but I believe he is extremely paranoid, even bonkers.”

McAfee, 67, who had a run-in with police earlier this year, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from an undisclosed location that he didn’t kill Faull, though he acknowledged he had differences with the dead man.

“I barely knew him, I barely spoke ten words to him in the last three years,” McAfee said, speaking on a cellphone. “Certainly he was not my favorite person and I was not his.”

“He was a heavy drinker and an annoyance. But the world is full of annoyances; if we killed all of our annoyances, there would be nobody left,” McAfee said.

Other expat residents of the island of Ambergris Caye, where San Pedro is located, have described Faull, the owner of a construction business in Orlando, Florida, as peaceful and well-liked.

The dispute apparently involved several dogs that McAfee kept at his beachside villa and that drew complaints from neighbors. McAfee said that four of his dogs were poisoned late last week, but that he didn’t initially suspect Faull of having killed them, though he knew Faull didn’t like the dogs.

“He did threaten to shoot them once or twice,” McAfee said of Faull, adding that his neighbor was “always angry at them.”

But he said he now believes government agents or police poisoned the dogs.

“My assumption was it was some kind of government action again. This is more harassment - that was the first thing that went through my mind, and still is going through my mind. What else could it have been?” he said.

Faull was found with a gunshot wound to his head inside his two-story home north of San Pedro. The housekeeper discovered the body Sunday morning and called police. Raphael Martinez, spokesman for Belize’s Ministry of National Security, said no charges had been filed in the case, but urged McAfee to turn himself in, accompanied by someone else, if he felt safer that way.

Recession hits Eurozone for first time in three years

Associated Press

LONDON — The 17-country eurozone has fallen back into recession for the first time in three years as the fallout from the region’s financial crisis was felt from Amsterdam to Athens.

And with surveys pointing to increasingly depressed conditions across the 17-member group at a time of austerity and high unemployment, the recession is forecast to deepen, and make the debt crisis — which has been calmer of late — even more difficult to handle.

Official figures Thursday showed that the eurozone contracted by 0.1 percent in the July to September period from the quarter before as economies including Germany and the Netherlands suffer from falling demand.

The decline reported by Eurostat, the EU’s statistics office, was in line with market expectations and follows on from the 0.2 percent fall recorded in the second quarter. As a result, the eurozone is technically in recession, commonly defined as two straight quarters of falling output.

The eurozone economy shrank at annual rate of 0.2 percent during the July-September quarter, according to calculations by Capital Economics.

“The eurozone economy will continue its decline in Q4 and probably well into 2013 too — a good backdrop for another debt crisis,” said Michael Taylor, an economist at Lombard Street Research.

Because of the eurozone’s grueling three-year debt crisis, the region has been the major focus of concern for the world economy. The eurozone economy is worth around 9.5 trillion, or $12.1 trillion, which puts it on a par with the U.S.

The region, with its 332 million people, is the U.S.’s largest export customer, and any fall-off in demand will hit order books.

While the U.S. has managed to bounce back from its own recession in 2008-09, albeit inconsistently, and China continues to post strong growth, Europe’s economies have been on a downward spiral — and there is little sign of any improvement in the near-term.

Last week, the European Union’s executive arm forecast the eurozone’s economy would shrink 0.4 percent this year. Then only a meager 0.1 percent growth in 2013.

The eurozone had returned to recession since the financial crisis following the collapse of U.S. investment bank Lehman Brothers, mainly thanks to the strength of its largest single economy, Germany.

But even that country is now struggling as exports drain in light of the economic problems afflicting large chunks of the eurozone.

Germany’s economy grew 0.2 percent in the third quarter, down from a 0.3 percent increase in the previous quarter. Over the past year, Germany’s annual growth rate has more than halved to 0.9 percent from 1.9 percent.

Germany’s Chancellor, Angela Merkel, tried to strike a positive note when she spoke to reporters in Berlin Thursday.

“I think we all are working on getting back on our feet again rapidly,” she said.

“We see that economic growth is slowing, that overall we have a small drop in the eurozone but I’m also very optimistic that if we do our political homework … we will again have growth after this small decline.”

Perhaps the most dramatic decline among the eurozone’s members was seen in the Netherlands, which has imposed strict austerity measures. Its economy shrank 1.1 percent on the previous quarter.

Five eurozone countries are in recession — Greece, Spain, Italy, Portugal and Cyprus. Those five are also at the center of Europe’s debt crisis and are imposing austerity measures, such as cuts to wages and pensions and increases to taxes, in an attempt to stay afloat.

Saturdays with the Saints

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“BMW” sequel

Bridget Feeney
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Unless you’ve been living under a rock, you’re aware Disney is in the process of producing a “Boy Meets World” sequel called “Girl Meets World.” The series will focus on Cory and Topanga (still happily married) and their daughter, Riley. Cory has assumed a role exactly like that of George Feeny as he teaches seventh grade history.

If you’re like me, you rejoiced when you first heard of the news. My younger self was thrilled as I immediately thought back to the days of John Adams High and Eric’s Feeny call. The show defined childhood for many of us. However, once you get past the initial excitement, you might have realized just how poor of a decision it is to give it a sequel. Don’t get me wrong—I love “BMW.” Arguably, it is one of the greatest television shows our generation will ever witness. That is why Feeny’s unshakable friendship to Cory and Topanga’s iconic love story, that show is one of my favorites. The series finale in Feeny’s honor still makes me cry. It serves as a reminder that before the days of Snooki, “notre d ame isn’t a school, it’s a family.” and like any family, we have our flaws. We argue. We don’t get along perfectly all the time. But for all our whining about parietals and papers, we know deep down why we don’t get along perfectly all the time. But for all our whining about parietals and papers, we know deep down why we don’t get along perfectly all the time. But for all our whining about parietals and papers, we know deep down why we don’t get along perfectly all the time.

So when you’re digging into your third slice of pumpkin pie next Thursday, take time to be thankful for all the family members who couldn’t fit at your table, but would give anything to be there with you anyway.

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A Notre Dame Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving is just around the corner, bringing with it the requisite Thursday night feasts and the subsequent food-induced naps.

For students scrambling to keep up with hectic end-of-semester schedules, Thanksgiving break provides a welcome respite from the constant hustle and bustle of life at Notre Dame: a time to sleep, eat and catch up on missed episodes of favorite TV shows.

But Thanksgiving holds significance beyond its consistent ability to induce food comas and remedy our perpetual sleep deprivation. The very word “thanksgiving” encourages us to actively express gratitude for the blessings we’ve been granted, but the importance of that action is often overshadowed by Grandma’s delicious pumpkin pie. Though Americans have a tendency to commercialize holidays, Thanksgiving actually retains its traditional focus on uniting friends and family through a shared meal and quality time together. Whether you catch a plane home Tuesday night or stay on campus during break, chances are you won’t be celebrating Thanksgiving without some semblance of family surrounding you.

That essential emphasis on family is important enough to warrant days off work and school to allow people to spend time with their relatives and be grateful for their presence in each other’s lives. And beyond our individual family trees, we as Notre Dame students have another family to be grateful for this Thanksgiving. Despite its frequent, often clichéd overuse in Domer-to-Domer conversations, the tight knit “Notre Dame family” has a real, tangible influence on nearly every aspect of our lives whether we recognize it or not.

We can thank the academics of the family, our professors, for challenging us to think outside the box, to work to our full potential, to expand our learning beyond the classroom and into the local, national and global communities.

We can thank our peers for living with us, for studying with us, for having fun with us, for supporting us through the ups and downs of the four-year rollercoaster ride that is college.

We can thank our rectors and campus religious figures for providing spiritual guidance and moral support whenever we need it most. We can thank the people like the maintenance and cleaning staff that make the daily operations of this campus possible.

We can thank various branches of the University for giving us countless opportunities to become global citizens and expand our experience beyond the Notre Dame bubble through study and service abroad.

We can thank this year’s football team for unifying the student body and the worldwide Irish fan base behind an undefeated team with hopes of restoring the University to the gridiron glory of lore.

Through these and other avenues, the multifaceted influence of the biggest of Irish families encourages us to prioritize people and relationships over grades and individual glory. Thanks to our Notre Dame education and experience, we are a community of highly motivated, extremely successful individuals who also happen to approach all that we do with a compassionate spirit unique to past, current and future residents of this hallowed campus.

And like any family, we have our flaws. We argue. We don’t get along perfectly all the time. For all our whining about parietals and papers, we know deep down why putting up with those challenges for eight fleeting semesters sets us apart from the crowd.

Manti Te’o, perhaps the most visible member of the Notre Dame community right now, summed it up best in a recent interview with fellow Domer Kate Sullivan.

“Notre Dame isn’t a school, it’s a family.”

When we leave this University, whether a semester or three years from now, we will leave as lifelong Domers, knowing any member of the extended Notre Dame family will support us through thick and thin.

And so when you’re digging into your third slice of pumpkin pie next Thursday, take time to be thankful for all the family members who couldn’t fit at your table, but would give anything to be there with you anyway.

J.R.R. Tolkien
English writer and philologist

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world.”

EDITORIAL CARTOON

WHY DOES THIS AUTO-FILLING?

WEEKLY POLL

What’s your favorite part of Thanksgiving?

“Sleeping in my own bed!”
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Lackluster election for campus

Molly Howell
Directly Challenged

With the 2012 presidential election wrapped up and President Obama in office for another four years, I found the campaign more dramatic and my first-time voting for president more anticlimactic than I ever imagined. I have to admit I did not follow politics at all until I turned 18. I was completely unaware of policies and candidates alike. However, when I turned 18 I realized I needed to pay attention because my vote now counted, and though one vote may not seem to make a difference, as was seen in this race, it can. One vote often does have a significant amount of power, and it is crucial for voters are informed. That voters are informed is also a privilege that not everyone has. I was surprised that there was such little discussion in the classroom directly affecting us. As young adults we pay attention and invoke discussion because young adults have a duty to be aware, to engage, and to participate because sooner or later, when it is in office will be directly affecting us.

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Campaign finance

Campaign finance reform has long been a controversial issue, but its impact on elections has become increasingly clear in recent years. Supporters of the two major presidential candidates were set to spend at least 76 percent more in 2012 than in 2008. Whereas it was once an impressive feat for the campaigns to get their hands on $1 billion just four years ago, FEC reports indicate they are bound to break the $2 billion barrier this time around.

President Obama even used his 2010 State of the Union address to scold the Supreme Court Justices for their role in Citizens United. All this points to the need for the government to reign in what is frequently a controversial subject, so some may be suspicious of the motives behind my conclusion. Republicans, for example, probably find it nearly instinctive to oppose more stringent campaign finance regulations. This makes sense considering conservative Super PACs outspent liberals by an impressive $269 million during the past two elections cycles. While this may appear to give Republicans an advantage on the surface, in reality they would benefit from outside spending losing much of its influence over elections. The Republican Party took the country by storm during the 2010 midterm election, but it learned that a hands-off approach to campaign finance cannot guarantee victory. The influx of outside spending was unable to either gain them a majority in the Senate or win them the presidency. Though there are countless reasons behind the Party’s failure this past week, the lack of coherence amongst conservatives certainly did not help. Conservative Super PACs deserve much of the blame for this. Their omnipresent role in the election — it was tough to turn on the TV without seeing negative ads this past month — only served to associate them with Mitt Romney and the other Republicans in the eyes of the average voter. It is thus no surprise when Karl Rove, whose group American Crossroads raised more than $100 million for Republicans in 2012, comes across as the unofficial spokesman of the Party. This is not necessarily an issue — Rove has won elections before but it does become a problem when others want similar roles. After all, what happens when dozens of powerful individuals form Super PACs? They make use of different strategies because each one believes his/her approach will be remembered by history for winning the elections. This left voters confused about the direction of the Republican Party when they went to the polls, and certainly played a role in GOP’s loss.

Republicans were uncharacteristically decriminalized this past election cycle, and should realize that even outside spending has a tipping point.

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You’ve read the
Being a female pop star today entails more than just singing. In fact, on the list of requirements to make it big on the music scene, the ability to sing ranks pretty low on necessary traits. Higher on the list includes cultivating a certain persona or act, collaborating with the hottest producers and maintaining a certain degree of fame (or infamy).

This formula of sorts has been followed to a “t” by American songstress Lana Del Rey, whose latest EP, “Paradise,” was released Nov. 13. “Paradise” continues the development of Del Rey as both a singer and an artist following the release of her debut studio album "Born to Die” in January. Featuring just eight songs, “Paradise” fits in with Del Rey’s act while also being more tightly produced and efficient than “Born to Die”.

Del Rey’s music is based not so much in her talent (which she does have) as it is in her persona. Born Lizzie Grant, Del Rey took several stage names before settling on her current title. The singer describes her image best as a “self-styled gangsta Nancy Sinatra” or “Lolita lost in the hood”, Either are bizarre descriptions, but they are fitting; Del Rey takes cinematic music that harkens back to the 1960s and gives it a modern twist. It’s high-concept stuff and it sounds better in theory than it does on an album. Del Rey has crafted a persona to live up to, and her progression as a singer-songwriter is as much about crafting better music as it is crafting music that better fits into and pushes her role. With such a challenging character to portray, it’s only natural to think it is going to take time for Del Rey to get “better” at playing it. And in “Paradise,” she does.

The first track, “Ride,” might be Del Rey’s best song ever. It is sweeping and grandiose and has a remarkable way of being multi-faceted, a departure from many discs of Del Rey’s glam one-dimensional songs. Additionally, “Ride” isn’t hogged down by some of ultra-melancholy themes that can be repetitive in Del Rey’s work. Instead, the track, produced by Rick Rubin, is catchy without being generic, extravagant without being pretentious. Be sure to check the song’s mini-film—it’s hard to call it a music video when it’s longer than 10 minutes. It’s trashy, kitschy and American in the best (and worst) way possible, but also highlights one of Del Rey’s weaknesses: Sometimes, it seems like she is trying too hard and is being controversial for controversy’s sake.

This notion of trying too hard serves as a perfect segue to the second single off the album, “Cala.” Shockingly enough, the song is not about the drink but how Del Rey claims her boyfriend describes a certain one of her body parts. The song itself is catchy and fluid, but when combined with her playing a prostitute in the “Ride” music video and describing her act as Lolita-like, it sometimes seems like Del Rey is being a lightning rod of controversy so people will listen to her music out of shock or curiosity, rather than because of her talent.

It’s a bit of a shame, because listening to “Paradise,” it is readily apparent Del Rey has the vocals that so many female singers are lacking. Normally, pop stars use an “image” or “act” to cover up vocal deficiencies, but in Del Rey’s case, her persona can tend to mask or hide her true talent. Listening to “Paradise,” it is readily apparent that her voice caresses and plays with the lyrics in a beautiful, gentle way, especially on “American” and “Body Electric.”

Del Rey has also done a good job of singing about more diverse themes than her typical “sadcore” sound. Her signature melancholy sound achieves new dimensions in the spritely “Blue Velvet” and the aforementioned “Ride” and thus her music is a more enjoyable listen.

Overall, “Paradise” is a solid effort from Del Rey and a nice collection of songs — a step in the right direction, if you will. Del Rey’s next move as an artist is to discover a balance between “Lana Del Rey” and her music. It couldn’t hurt to further develop the themes and emotions behind her music. The talent is there, now she just needs to highlight it better.

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“Paradise” Lana Del Rey
Label: Interscope
Tracks: "Ride," "Blue Velvet," "American"
If you Like: Marina & the Diamonds, Ellie Goulding
We all have those days. We sit with our laptops open in front of us and our books sprawled out aimlessly across our desks. We write the headings for our seven-page papers and then reward ourselves with hour-long Facebook, Twitter and Instagram perusing extravaganzas. Some refer to this phenomenon as the nightmare of procrastination: an unavoidable disease that infects many a college student, many a day or night, inhibiting them from reaching their full potential of academic productivity. I, on the other hand, like to refer to this sort of behavior as normal and necessary. Here at Notre Dame, as well as at other top-level colleges and universities worldwide, students know what it means to work hard. We stay up late and wake up early. Most of us participate in a series of extracurricular activities, where we act as leaders, learners, pioneers and problem solvers. No matter how unlikely it may seem, at the end of the day, the seven-page paper, the extensive lab report, the business presentation, the acting monologue, and the musical composition are all miraculously done. This, my friends, is the art of being a college student. Like coffee and Taco Bell, Starbucks and Au Bon Pain, methods of procrastination are just ways to keep us up and working. So why have I written this long paragraph about the necessity of procrastination when this is a fashion column and you’re most likely interested in fashion? Well because if you’re anything like me, then you’re tired of always resorting to the common social media websites to temporarily free you from your studies. You’re looking for something new and exciting that will spark your attention and will keep you up and wanting more. You’re looking for websites that are fun, fashionable and procrastination-friendly, and you’ve come to the right place. I’ve scoured the web to find some of the most fun and interesting fashion sites in all the land. Check them out, and don’t forget to do your homework too!

**STEALHERSTYLE.NET**

Do you ever find yourself wondering where the rock celebrities get certain pieces in their wardrobes? I wonder the same thing, and for many years I would either keep an eye out for similar pieces when I hit the mall, or I would simply call it a lost cause. This all changed, however, when I stumbled upon a little website called stealherstyle.net. The website takes stylish photos of A-list celebrities and breaks down each element from their looks, detailing both the price of each item and the store from which each item originated.

Feeling a little edgy? The site also profiles different celeb hairstyles and tattoos, so if you’re interested in changing up your look or simply looking – then check it out for some of the best secrets for celebrity style.

**LOOKBOOK.NU**

If you’re interested in fashion, photography, business, or blogging, then lookbook.nu is the website for you. LB is, in layman’s terms, a huge fashion photo blogging database. Like any other social media website, on LB users can create an account and connect with other individuals worldwide. The site attracts people from all walks of the fashion world and encourages them to take photos of interesting looks that they find or create. As a result, they develop an online collection of their own looks to share with the rest of the world. So what’s the catch? Well, LB prides itself on exposing the world to high-quality imagery from the most passionate fashion goers. Therefore, if you’re interested in taking photos for your own account, then your photos can only be taken with a high-quality camera. Additionally, the site only allows for one photo upload every few hours. The rules seem a little annoying upon first consideration, but the result is a crazy cool website with some of the edgiest looks from all over the world. Plus, because of the website’s high quality, top brands like American Apparel, H&M, and Dr. Martens have teamed up with LB to allow bloggers to come up with styles for the brands clothes. Not interested in working taking photos? That’s cool! Creating an account is easy, uploading photos is optional, and you gain the ability to “hype” your favorite looks, “fan” your favorite lookbookers. You can then refer back to your choices whenever you need some fashion inspiration! iPhone, iPod and iPad app available.

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By MADDIE DALY

As their first Fall Concert of the year approaches, members of Notre Dame’s Glee Club stay calm, cool and collected, as usual. Through all their intense rehearsals and spontaneous performances around campus, these guys never lose their smiles and excitement. Brian Scully, this year’s Glee Club treasurer, described the club’s hectic schedule.

“Glee Club is entering one of its busiest seasons right now,” Scully said. “Our fall concert this Friday is only one in a long list of events for us. In the last week alone we’ve also sung for the residents of Holy Cross Village, at a wedding in the Basilica, at Baraka Bouts, and had a master class with the King’s Singers, a world-renowned men’s chorus.”

In addition, Christmas is right around the corner, meaning nonstop Christmas caroling around campus for the Glee Club.

Although this sounds like a strenuous schedule, club president John Kennett stressed the positivity of the club.

“Usually the intensity level goes way up in our rehearsals leading up to a concert,” Kennett said. “Focus is important and oftentimes our rehearsals will run longer, but we don’t mind. We love to sing for crowds at Notre Dame and have fun doing so — we’re less about stress and anxiety and more about having a good time and making sure our audience does the same.”

Even when not preparing for a specific concert, the Glee Club has a demanding rehearsal schedule, but according to Scully, the club still manages to have fun.

“Glee Club has rehearsal Monday through Thursday for about an hour and 15 minutes,” Scully said. “We also have some added open rehearsals on the Fridays of game weekends when the club definitely keeps you busy, but it’s time spent doing something you love with one of the tightest and most caring social groups on campus. It’s hard to beat that.”

This Friday’s fall concert is structured around various genres of music and features songs from the club’s new album.

“Our concerts are usually separated into two halves — what we like to call the ‘serious half’, during which we perform more classical, liturgical, and modern choral music, and the ‘fun half’, during which we get to sing some more light stuff including African American spirituals, folk songs, and barbershop numbers,” Kennett said. “One unique feature of this concert is that many of the pieces we will perform are a part of our newest album, Rocky Road to Dublin, released in August. Music themes range from the horrors of war to Marian devotion to drunken revelry, so there’s really something for all of us to relate to.”

As Friday draws closer and closer, Glee Club sophomore Joey Capp expresses nothing but positivity and excitement.

“I expect a really good show, we’ve all put in a lot of hard work, especially [our director] Dan [Scully], and I expect a great audience,” Capp said. “We’ve sold out the main house and we think it’ll be a real treat for everyone who can make it.”

Kennett keeps up the same enthusiasm, urging students to come even if just to see what the hype is all about.

“We’re Notre Dame’s oldest and most well known choir, but more than that we present music that is accessible and fun to listen to,” Kennett said. “If you’re a Notre Dame student who has never been to a choral concert at Notre Dame, then this is the concert you won’t want to miss.”

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It was April 4, the opening day of the Major League Baseball season, and the stadium was full. That is usually a normal occurrence.

But this? This was in Miami, where Lebron James’ welcome party garnered more attention than both Florida Marlins World Series runs. This was where attendance was always putrid whether or not the team was good.

Miami had just made a run at superstar Albert Pujols and acquired Jose Reyes, Mark Buehrle, Heath Bell and Ozzie Guillen. So it was April 4. Miami was playing St. Louis and Marlins Park was jammed with people, hope and big salaries.

But that now seems much further away than the seven months it lasted.

With midseason we give-up trades and post season giveaways that would make the South Bend Silverhawks jealous, the Marlins have signaled loud and clear that the party is over.

They traded away third baseman Hanley Ramirez during the season. The Pirates acquired hometown boy Gaby Sanchez. Omar Infante and Anibal Sanchez won an American League title with the Tigers.

Now comes the deal Miami agreed to trade Reyes, perennial ace Jose Johnson, lefty Mark Buehrle, utility man Emilio Bonifacio and unheralding catching John Buck to Toronto for nothing — now, at least. The prospects involved in the deal are supposed to be great in the future but for Marlins fans, they’ve heard the same thing too much before.

After the Marlins won the title in 1997, the entire team was gutted. After the Marlins won again in 2003, they let Ivan “Pudge” Rodriguez walk away following just one season in teal and black.

Now, what was supposed to be the start of something new and exciting now sounds old and familiarly painful. All the stars that wore the orange and black a year ago are now somewhere in another galaxy, lighting up someone else’s world.

Jeffrey Loria has been the best businessman he can be. The rich art dealer set up a good sports authority model years ago to lower costs and generate revenue in order to maximize profit. Sounds great, right?

Except that his model has no place in sports, where the fans want the best product on the field and not on the bottom line.

His spending spree last offseason carried multiple back-loaded contracts so that his trading spree this offseason wouldn’t hurt as much — or wouldn’t have as many suck costs, really. His money binge in the winter also generated buzz and interest around the league and the nation. Let’s put those expenses under marketing and not as salaries.

His cheap spending and his slimy deals have left a bad taste in all Marlins fans’ mouths. They are stuck footing the bill for a new, expensive, shiny stadium while a minor league team languishes inside.

The 2013 Marlins that Loria and the rest of his front office have built simply do not deserve to play in a beautifully-funded park.

It’s like drinking Natty Light from a champagne flute or like putting unloaded gas inside a Bentley. Something doesn’t add up.

The Marlins are the same franchise they always were, but now they are different. If you need further proof, check the box score from that opening day.

It was a pretty good one, by the way.

Reyes, Bonifacio, Ramirez, Sanchez, Infante, Buck and Johnson all started that day on a team managed by Guillen, Gorriarán, Bonifacio, Johnson and Logan Morrison.

This trade has irritated the Marlins fan base and will make it nearly impossible to win the Miami market back. And that’s precisely why Bud Selig is deciding whether to approve this deal.

Even if Selig denies the trade, the message has been sent loud and clear — the real Marlins are back. The Marlins put on a mask last winter that they shed as easily as they did their talent.

Now, they are just fish out of water with no team, no fans, no common sense and no dignity.

The Cleveland Indian left fielder will stop bumbling. The home run atrocity in the center field will cease to exist. The fans in right field will be gone.

Not that the Marlins care anyways.

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Selig reviews blockbuster deal between Marlins, Jays

Associated Press

ROSECOND, Ill. — Bud Selig was on hand when the Miami Marlins played their first regular-season game in their swanky new ballpark in April. The commissioner provided a glowing review of the $634 million project and boldly declared that opposition to the project would fade away within five years.

So far, it’s not looking so good for that last prediction.

Selig said Thursday he is examining the pending blockbuster trade that sends at least three of Miami’s best players to Toronto for a package of prospects just seven months after the Marlins moved into their new home, which was financed primarily with tax money.

Speaking at the conclusion of the owners’ meetings, Selig said he also is aware of fan anger in South Florida but is going to do what’s in the best interests of the sport.

“People have different views of that as to what you should do and how you should do it, but I think I’ve been able to come through all these situations and the sport’s been stronger and better as a result,” he said, pointing to his recent experience with the Texas Rangers and Los Angeles Dodgers going through bankruptcy proceedings.

“So when I say I have this matter under review and I’ve talked to a lot of our people and I’ve spent a lot of time here in between all the other meetings — this is a tough place to do it — that’s exactly what I mean. It is under review. I am aware of the anger. I am. I am also aware that in Toronto they’re very happy.”

The Blue Jays, who finished fourth in the loaded AL East last season, are bringing in All-Star shortstop Jose Reyes, left-hander Mark Buehrle and right-hander Josh Johnson under the deal, which is contingent on physicals for the players. Selig also said there is money going from Miami to Toronto, but did not offer any details and said the trade hadn’t been officially presented to his office yet.

Reyes and Buehrle signed lucrative free-agent contracts with the Marlins last offseason, and Johnson has been Miami’s best pitcher when healthy.

The Marlins get infielder Yunel Escobar and Adeiny Hechavarria, right-hander Henderson Alvarez and several top prospects, a nice haul but certainly not enough to satisfy a fan base that went through similar rebuilding after the franchise won the World Series in 1997 and 2003.

“I’ve talked to two baseball people — I have a lot of people that I check with and talk to — who have, actually, an interesting view on the trade,” Selig said at an airport hotel just outside of Chicago. “They think that (Miami), in terms of young players, did very well. These are two independent baseball people. These are not chefs in these kitchens here.

“So I want to think about all of it and I want to review every- thing. I want to be my usual painstaking, cautious, slow, conservative self in analyzing it. There’s a lot of variables here.”

Paul Beeston, the president and CEO of the Blue Jays, rushed by a group of reporters as he left the owners’ meetings. Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria was seen in the lobby at the hotel but did not make himself available to media.

Loria went on a spending spree last offseason, also signing free-agent closer Heath Bell. The Marlins thought they would contend for the NL East title and draw 3 million fans in the first year of their ballpark.

Selig talks to reporters after a meeting with owners Thursday in Chicago. Selig is examining the 12-player trade between the Marlins and Jays.
Cabrera and Posey claim MVP honors

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Miguel Cabrera has a Most Valuable Player award to go with his Triple Crown. And Buster Posey has an MVP prize to put alongside his second World Series ring.

The pair of batting champions won baseball’s top individual honors Thursday by large margins.

Cabrera, the first Triple Crown winner in 45 years, won the AL MVP by receiving 22 of 28 first-place votes and 362 points from a panel of Baseball Writers’ Association of America.

The Detroit third baseman easily beat Los Angeles Angels rookie center fielder Mike Trout, who had six firsts and 281 points.

Cabrera hit .330 with 44 homers and 139 RBIs to become the first Triple Crown winner since Boston’s Carl Yastrzemski in 1967. Cabrera also led the league with a .606 slugging percentage for the AL champion Tigers.

Some of the more sabermetric-focused fans supported Trout, who hit .326 with 30 homers and 83 RBIs, and he led the majors with 129 runs and 49 steals and topped all players in WAR — wins Above Replacement. Trout won AL Rookie of the Year earlier in the week.

“I was a little concerned. I thought the new thing about computer stuff, I thought Trout’s going to win because they put his numbers over me,” Cabrera said. “I was like, relax. ... if he wins, it’s going to be fair because he had a great season.”

His victory is a win for the traditional statistics.

“At the end of the game, it’s going to be the same baseball played in the day,” Cabrera said.

Posey, at a charity event at his mother’s school in Leesburg, Va., followed the AL debate and Googled to find out the winner.

“I think winning the Triple Crown had a lot to do with me winning this honor,” he said. “As a fan of the game, it was a fun race to watch.”

With three fewer hits or two less home runs, Cabrera would have fallen short of the Triple Crown. The last four Triple Crown winners have been voted MVP, including Mickey Mantle in 1956 and Frank Robinson in 1966.

“I think winning the Triple Crown had a lot to do with me winning this honor,” he said.

Cabrera became the second straight Detroit player voted MVP, following pitcher Justin Verlander in 2011, and was the first Venezuelan to earn the honor. Countryman Pablo Sandoval took home World Series MVP honors last month.

Before the season, Cabrera switched from first base to third to make way for Prince Fielder, who signed with Detroit as a free agent.

“I focused too much in spring training about defense, defense, defense,” Cabrera said. “I forgot a little bit about hitting, about getting in the cage like I normally do.”

In spring training, Posey’s focus was just to get back on the field. His 2011 season was cut short by a collision with the Marlins’ Scott Cousins on May 25 that resulted in a fractured bone in Posey’s lower left leg and three torn ankle ligaments.

Posey not only returned, he became the first catcher in 70 years to win the NL batting title and helped San Francisco win its second World Series championship in three seasons.

Posey, a boyish-looking 25, was the 2010 NL rookie of the year as the Giants won their first World Series since 1954. This year he set career highs with a .336 average, 24 homers and 103 RBIs as San Francisco won again.

Posey took the NL batting title after teammate Melky Cabrera requested a rules change that disqualified him. Cabrera, who hit .346, missed the final 45 games of the regular season while serving a suspension for a positive testosterone test and would have won the batting crown if the rule hadn’t been changed.

Giant catcher Buster Posey celebrates at San Francisco’s World Series parade on Oct. 31. On Tuesday, Posey was announced as the NL MVP.

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Irish set to open playoffs against USF

"Our loss to [Marquette] last weekend was disappointing but has pushed us to work harder and stay focused for this weekend," McHugh said. "Now that we are into the tournament, we have to focus on one team at a time and can't look past anyone," she said. "Ultimately, this is what we have been working towards for the whole season, so we have to do our part and leave it all on the court in order to be successful."

Although tournament play is beginning, Irish coach Debbie Brown has continued to emphasize to the team that they should remember to have fun on the court. "(Coach Brown has used) one word: grateful," McHugh said. "We are all so blessed to be able to represent Notre Dame in the game that we love playing, so remembering to enjoy the moment while being grateful is something that is huge for us as a team." The Irish defeated the Bulls in a three-set sweep on Oct. 28th, and are looking for a similar outcome this time around.

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By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

Playoff season has arrived, as the Irish will face off against South Florida this weekend in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

No. 3 Notre Dame (20-7, 13-2 Big East) is looking to regain its winning ways over the No. 6 Bulls (16-13, 7-8 Big East) after having its 11-match win streak snapped by Marquette earlier this month, but the Irish are still hungry for more. Notre Dame in the game that we love playing, so remembering to enjoy the moment while being grateful is something that is huge for us as a team.”

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Irish travel to Kansas

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Irish will compete in their first invitational of the season in Topeka, Kan., this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Jayhawks will be hosting Nebraska, Iowa State, Nebraska-Omaha, and Rice in addition to No. 18 Notre Dame at the Kansas Women’s Classic.

Although the team will be competing for three straight days, Irish coach Brian Barnes said that his team will get more rest than they would expect from a busy weekend of duel meets.

“For the most part we’re swimming a limited number of events, two-a-day per person, which is six total events, and then there’s two open swim relays, too,” Barnes said. “So we’re meeting the entry requirement.”

The Irish netted another individual accolade Tuesday when sophomore Emma Reaney was named the Big East women’s swimming and diving athlete of the week — the fourth time she has been recognized for the award.

“Well we’ve had two big East swimmers of the week the last two weeks, and both of them were well-deserved, said Barnes.

“I would say the focus right now, in a bigger sense, is establishing our identity for the year... Who are we? Every team’s different, and this team is not the same team we had last year.”

Brian Barnes
Irish coach

and this team is not the same team we had last year. First of all, we’ve graduated people, and we’ve added people. And things change in a year’s time. So we’re starting to see some good things across the board on our team and our identity but we’re not there yet, and that’s the beauty of a season. Those things take time to develop, and that’s what we’re working on.”

The three-day Kansas Classic will begin at 10 a.m. Friday at the Capital Federal Natatorium in Topeka.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Squads get ready for NCAA meet

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

A national title might be a long shot, but the Irish will be in the running at the NCAA championships in Louisville, Ky., this Saturday.

“There’ll be 31 teams there, and they’ll be the best 31 teams in the country,” Irish women’s coach Tim Connelly said. “Obviously there are some favorites like a [No. 1] Florida State and [No. 2] Oregon. I think our focus has to be on just going in and being as good as we can be. When you have 31 really good teams, you can’t focus on one or two teams, you’ve got to put your focus on doing the things that you need to do to run well.”

Men’s coach Joe Piane said that qualifying for the meet is so challenging that he will be pleased if his runners match the performance that earned them their spot in the championship.

“Our men are in the top 10 or 15 in the country,” Connelly said. “I think our runners really need to put their best foot forward just like any other team.”

Men’s coach Joe Piane said that qualifying for the meet is so challenging that he will be pleased if his runners match the performance that earned them their spot in the championship.

“We certainly hope that the men can continue to run as well as they did at the Region meet,” Piane said. “There’s 31 teams in the race out of 310 in the country, so just getting to the meet means you’re in the top 10 percent of the whole country.”

Piane said that the course will present much less of a challenge than the teams running.

“It’s fairly flat, but it’s loaded with turns, and it’s grass the whole way, so that’s nice,” Piane said.

But the turns and turns do mean that the Irish could find themselves boxed in if they don’t get off to a good start.

“Part of the strategy is dictated by the course, and this course tends to get narrow very quickly,”

Connelly said. “It’s kind of dictate that we get out hard and get up into the race. We pretty much ran that same race last weekend and tried to run that same race at the conference meet prior to that, so we’ll try to do what we’ve been doing and maybe just do it a little bit better.

The men’s team will be hampered by Achilles injuries to senior Jeremy Rae and graduate student Johnathan Shaw. Shaw will not be able to run on Saturday, and Rae, who has been one of Notre Dame’s strongest runners all season, is question-able after he retired two kilometers into the 10-kilometer race at the Great Lakes Regionals meet last Friday.

The women’s team, however, stands to benefit from a season unmarrred by injuries.

“The women are really healthy, and they can be as high as in the top 10 or 15 in the country,” Piane said.

Connelly agreed that his team has that sort of potential — he just needs each runner to run their best race.

“Every kid has run well at some point in the season, but every kid’s also talked away saying, ‘I can do this better and this better,’” Connelly said. “This is [their] last shot. So I think the big key for a lot of our kids is going to be to just race well and race hard for 6,000 meters.”

The race for the women’s na- tional championship starts at noon Saturday at E.P. “Tom” Sawyer State Park in Louisville, Ky., and the men’s race will follow at 1:15 p.m.

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**Irish face Demon Deacons in NCAA tournament**

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

Saturday’s football game between Notre Dame and Wake Forest will not be the only matchup between the two schools with national implications this weekend. The Irish and No. 10 Demon Deacons will take to the pitch Friday, as the two teams will meet in the second round of the NCAA championship at Pressly Stadium in Gainesville, Fla.

Notre Dame (14-5-2, 8-1-1 Big East) advanced to the second round after a come-from-behind 3-1 victory over Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Alumni Stadium on Nov. 9. The Irish fell behind in the 28th minute when the Panthers converted on a penalty kick but went into halftime tied after a goal by freshman defender Katie Naughton in the 44th minute. Notre Dame took the lead on a goal by sophomore forward Lauren Bohaboy seven minutes into the second half and iced the game when freshman forward Crystal Thomas scored in the 90th minute.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he wasn’t thrilled with his team’s effort in its playoff opener but noted several positives from the match.

“I know I was disappoint ed after the game because I didn’t think we played well compared to our standards,” Waldrum said. “Having said that, we did some really good things, especially as a really young group that hadn’t really played in a playoff game before. It’s not easy come tournament time to come back when you’re down a goal because teams can bunker in and make it difficult to score.”

Waldrum said Notre Dame’s biggest problem in its last game was its slow start, which came partly as the result of a switch to a new offensive alignment for the first half. Waldrum said he plans to stay with the old alignment against Wake Forest (14-5-2, 6-3-1 ACC).

“I wasn’t happy with the way [the alignment] played against Milwaukee, so I think we’ll just keep it in our back pocket,” he said. “It’s a little bit more defensive in the starting positions, and I wanted to have it in place in case we need it against Wake. I think we’ll just go out and play our way, but if we have to get more defensive, we’ve at least worked on it for the last couple of weeks.”

Regardless of the team’s offensive alignment, Waldrum said the Irish would need to play a sharp first half against the Deacons.

“I don’t think we can come out slow like we did with Milwaukee,” Waldrum said. “Wake’s a very explosive team, and you can find yourself down really early if you come out with a slow start. If we can come out right from the beginning and be sharp, I think we have a real good chance.”

Wake Forest comes into the game when freshman defender Brittany Von Eschen battles for the ball during Notre Dame’s 2-2 draw with Rutgers on Oct. 7 at Alumni Stadium.

Wake Forest features offensive weapons in junior forward Katie Stengel, a member of the United States U-20 World Cup team who leads the Deacons with nine goals, and junior forward Rachel Nuzzolese, who is second with five goals on the season. Junior goalie Audrey Bledsoe, who has trained with the Waldrum-coached United States U-23 National Team, has recorded nine shutouts on the season and boasts a 0.80 goals-against average.

Waldrum said one of the keys for Notre Dame is putting pressure on Wake Forest’s defense.

“Advancing to Round Three of the NCAA championships when it faces Wake Forest at 4:30 p.m. on Friday at Pressly Stadium in Gainesville, Fla. The winner of the game will meet the winner of Friday’s match between No. 8 Florida and Central Florida at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Pressly Stadium.

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**The Irish look to sweep the Deacons**

Irish senior defender Brittany Von Eschen battles for the ball during Notre Dame’s 2-2 draw with Rutgers on Oct. 7 at Alumni Stadium.
behind us. If it’s not then it becomes an obstacle for us.”

Notre Dame returns from a first-round bye to welcome in a Michigan State squad that also has a conference title to its name. The Spartans (12-9-1, 3-3-0 Big Ten) won the Big Ten tournament before defeating Cleveland State 2-1 in the opening round of their NCAA tournament campaign. Notre Dame notched a 2-0 home victory against the Spartans in the regular season on Sept. 14.

“I think they will be a very good opponent,” Irish assistant coach B.J. Craig said. “They are always a good game for us, number one. They are playing with a little bit of a different shape than when we played them before, but the last time we played them we won the game late. I think it will be similar this time. Boss [Clark] always says, ‘it’s what we do.’ And I think that’s key. If we play well and do it right I think we’ll be in a good spot when it comes down to the stretch.”

Michigan State has rattled off four straight victories and has won seven of its last nine contests. Since replacing red-shirt junior Bryce Dobbins in goal, Michigan State freshman Zach Bennett has accumulated a 9-3 record and owns a goals-against average of 0.83.

“They’ve won their conference tournament so they are coming in really hot,” Craig said. “They’ve got a real blue-collar mentality to them right now. They work very hard for each other and maybe that was the missing thing before. A big change is their goalkeeper, too, so we’ve got a different look there. It will be a fun game. Hopefully we’ll get a great crowd out for it. I think that would be great for us if we could put on a good show for college soccer.”

Notre Dame comes into the game averaging 2.40 goals per outing – sixth-best in the nation. Irish senior forward Ryan Finley leads the team with 20 goals and 44 points and ranks second nationally in goals scored. The Big East Offensive Player of the Year, Finley scored the overtime game-winner in the conference final to help Notre Dame capture the Big East crown. Another veteran leader for the Irish, senior midfielder John Benefield and captain Dillon Powers, is a finalist for the Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award and has 17 points on the year.

As the top seed, Notre Dame would have home- field advantage through the quarterfinal round, should the team advance that far. In Alumni Stadium this year, the Irish are 8-0-0, a statistic that offers no guarantees for Sunday, Clark said.

“The home field never wins you a game. The only thing that wins you the game is you,” he said. “It’s going to come down to how we play. As I said to our team at the start of the year, I said ‘If we play properly we need to fear no one… If we play badly - if we don’t come out and play - we should fear everyone.’ It’s as simple as that.”

Notre Dame will begin its pursuit of its first national championship Sunday at 2 p.m. The Irish will host Michigan State in second-round play in Alumni Stadium.

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**Brey**

As for his own guards, Brey said the Irish need strong performances from junior guards Eric Atkins and Jerian Grant if they are to win a title in Brooklyn. Through two games, Atkins and Grant are averaging eight and six points per game, respectively, and have combined for nine turnovers and 3-for-10 shooting from three-point range.

“We need them,” Brey said. “I mean we need them to be really good for us to win any games in New York.”

Should the Irish down Saint Joseph’s, they will play the winner of Florida State vs. BYU on Saturday. Though Brey said the Irish are not looking past the Hawks, Notre Dame knows winning both games will be a tall order.

“It’s hard for me to think past Saint [Joseph’s],” Brey said. “I’d jinx myself. Whoever you play on that other side (will be difficult). You’ve got Florida State, who beat the heck out of us two years ago [in the NCAA tournament] and can really defend. And you’ve got BYU, that is just that amazingly consistent every year. They’re a little bit like our program.”

Regardless of the match-ups, Brey said he is looking to see how his team responds to a primetime matchup against NCAA tournament-caliber opponents. Specifically, Brey said he will be watching how newcomers such as senior center Garrick Sherman and freshman forward Cameron Biekscheid perform and improve during the first legitimate test of the year.

“I just think this is our first big challenge in a big-time setting and how will this group react?” Brey said. “How will we react to it? Can we focus? Can we stay in character? I expect those five starters to do that because they’ve done it a bunch but we have got some other guys coming off the bench. What are they going to be like in this atmosphere?”

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**Irish sophomore Pat Connaughton dunks during Notre Dame's 84-57 win over Monmouth on Nov. 12 in Purcell Pavilion.**

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**Horoscope | EUGENIA LAST**

**Celebrities Born On This Date:** Shailene Woodley, 21; Jonny Lee Miller, 40; Beverly D’Angelo, 61; Sam Waterston, 72.

**Happy Birthday:** Emotions upstairs and down today may make you wish that the bottom was done at the top, regardless of what’s going on around you. Charm coupled with a good attitude and partnerships will bring you closer to your goals and present happiness.

**Love and romance are highlighted.** Your numbers are 6, 17, 23, 34, 36, 46.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Keep things flowing and you will avoid criticism. Offer up positive thoughts and compassion to those you deal with and you will get what you want even. Love is highlighted, and a past partner is likely to respond.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Put some power behind whatever you say you are going to do. Follow through with dedication and intensity. Concentrate on relationships that benefit you. Sidestep anyone who tries to get in your way. Strength and courage will result in leadership.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 22): Put more emphasis on what you have to offer and you will improve your position. Emotions will surface, but if you take a compassionate approach when dealing with others, you will gain approval instead of opposition. Love is in the stars.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): You’ll find some bargains if you go shopping. Picking up little things for friends or colleagues will be a nice way to show your appreciation. Networking and exploring pastimes that interest you will lead to new beginnings and exhilarating challenges.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Push through whatever you can complete. It’s important to show how capable you are if you want to avoid complaints. Physical challenges will help ease stress. Charm, diplomacy and refusing to let anyone upset you will be the key to maximizing good relationships.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): Your knowledge and expertise will separate you from any competition you face. Discuss your plans and seek support from your community. If you are in a position to help you accomplish your goals. A proposal based on the two you will make will pay off.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Open up emotionally and you will grab the attention of someone who can relate to your concerns. Make small improvements. More trips, shopping or getting together with a friend will brighten your day.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Express your thoughts and plans for the future. Personal changes can lead to improved financial balance as well. Re-evaluate your relationships with others and consider who is best. Don’t settle for less when you can have more.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep moving in the direction that suits you best. Someone may withhold information, but as long as you are aware and do your own fact-finding, you are not likely to miss a beat when striving to reach your goals. Love is accentuated.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Tie up loose ends. Set up your strategy and take stock of what you have and what you need to get where you want to go. Serious progress can be made if you are diligent when you negotiate.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your thoughts private until you see what everyone around you says and does. You can improve or harm your reputation depending on your actions. Spending time with someone special or fixing up your home will ease your stress.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Be sure that your emotions lead to your downfall. Modelling will not bring good results, but wheelering and dealing positively will make others willing to participate in what you are offering. Self-improvement will come at a price.

**Birthday Baby:** You are engaging and fearless. You are responsive and a powerful crusader.
**Men's Soccer**

Top-seeded Notre Dame hosts Michigan State

By JOSEPH MONARDO

The No. 3 Irish have achieved quantifiable success this season to a level that marks the 2012 season as one of the program's best. But all the year's achievements won't help the Irish on Sunday when they put their season on the line against Michigan State.

Having captured the Big East Championship title last week, Notre Dame (16-3-1, 5-2-1 Big East) will open its national tournament schedule as the No. 1 overall seed. The conference championship — the third in Notre Dame's history — and the top national seed have already taken a back seat to what lies ahead, Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

"We put it in the cupboard," he said of the conference achievement. "And we will put the No. 1 seed in the cupboard. The seed was a reward for what we did in the past, it's what we do today and what we do on Sunday that's important. That was a reward for past deeds, this is a completely different thing we're involved in. What you get if you do well in this tournament, you get a national championship. That's the reward you get for winning five games ... The No. 1 seed is all we're interested in.

**Hockey | ND 3, Michigan 1**

Team comes from behind to defeat Wolverines

By ISAAC LORTON

The No. 8 Irish had to fight back from a 1-0 deficit in order to overcome No. 13 Michigan and earn the 3-1 victory on the road at a packed Yost Arena.

A comeback win is new for the Irish (7-3-0-0, 2-0-0 Big Ten) as they were previously 0-3-0 in games when they did not score first.

The Wolverines (4-5-1, 2-3-1-1) scored in the fifth minute of the first period when Irish sophomore defenseman Robbie Russo gave up the puck in the defensive zone to Wolverine freshman forward Justin Selman. Selman took a quick wrist shot, putting it over Irish junior goaltender Steve Summerhays' shoulder for his first career goal.

Although the Irish and Wolverines were dead even at nine shots apiece in the first period, the Irish were lucky not to be down more because the Wolverines had hit two posts, Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

"We were fortunate to get out of the first period only down one," Jackson said.

Heading into the first intermission, the Irish faced the challenge of catching up to Michigan's explosive offense, but they would not be held scoreless.

"We stayed the course," Jackson said. "The Wolverines came out with a lot of energy. They had just come off a big loss against Michigan State and they looked like they had something to prove. We kept our cool and composure, didn't get down and continued to play."

In the fifth minute of the second period on a penalty kill, junior center T.J. Tynan leap into the air to stop a clearance from the Wolverine defensive zone, brought the puck down and took it across the blue line. Tynan then passed it to junior left winger Mike Voran at the left circle, who took a one-time shot past Wolverine freshman goaltender Mike Racine for the short-handed goal and Voran's first goal of the season. Eleven of the Irish goals this year have come within the first five minutes of a period and nine of them have been within the first four minutes.

With the assist, Tynan captured his 100th career point.