Mass honors D'Arcy's life

Observer Staff Report


University President Fr. John Jenkins will preside over the 5:15 p.m. service. Theology professor John Cavadini, director of the Institute for Church Life, will deliver a eulogy for D’Arcy.

D’Arcy, who passed away Sunday, visited Notre Dame often during his tenure as bishop to celebrate Mass, ordain Holy Cross priests and deacons and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for members of the University community. He received the Rev. Howard J. Kenna, CSC, award in 2003 for his service to Notre Dame and the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Council delays results

Election committee dismisses allegations of misconduct

By JOHN CAMERON

Students submitted their ballots online Wednesday for student body president and vice president, but the results of this year’s race will not be made public until 9 a.m. today due to allegations of campaign rule violations, Judicial Council vice president of elections Katie Hennessy said.

In the past, election results have been released shortly after student voting closes at 8 p.m. “We had decided a few days ago that we were going to wait until [Thursday] morning,” Hennessy said. “The way the Constitution reads is that people have until 11:59 p.m. [on election day] to submit allegations [of campaign misconduct].”

The Judicial Council, which is responsible for overseeing the fair processing of student government elections, did receive two allegations of rule violations regarding two different

Phishing scam targets ND network

By PETER DURBIN

A malicious phishing email recently appeared in the inboxes of an unknown number of Notre Dame students, faculty and staff, asking them to reset their NetID password. Instead of linking to password.nd.edu, the link led to a Google documents spreadsheet.

Jason Williams, an Information Security Professional with the Office of Information Technology (OIT), defined a phishing email as having some terminology that Notre Dame would use. “They’re not necessarily looking for credit card data or highly sensitive information; sometimes they’re just looking for access,” Williams said.

These emails vary in terms of sophistication, with some mimicking graphics and terms that companies use when sending out emails. “This recent email was fairly legitimate,” Williams said. “It had some terminology that Notre Dame would use.”

However, Williams said that the email had obvious grammatical errors that led potential victims to realize that the email was not from

Op-Ed: Zakas focuses on ethics

When it comes to ethical decisions, Indiana State Sen. Joe Zakas said he starts with the Constitution and also looks to state statutes.

As part of the Mendoza College of Business’ 2013 Ethics Week, Zakas gave a lecture titled “Governing for the Greater Good: Politics as a Public Service” on Wednesday.

Zakas, a Notre Dame graduate, joined St. Joseph County Councilman Jimmy O’Brien and St. Joseph County Commissioner Andy Kostelnky in a discussion on ethical matters as an integral part of politics. Zakas said his decision-making process as a public servant begins with the definition of ethics.

“Ethics has to do with behavior and providing guidance: to do the right thing and to act in the right way,” Zakas said.

The rules in Indiana limit legislators’ participation in lobbying activities for at least one year after they have left office,” Zakas said.

“A recent change in Indiana for legislators is the inability of these people to take jobs as lobbyists for at least one year after they have left office,” Zakas said.

O’Brien, who also teaches business law at Notre Dame, highlighted issues such as campaign financing as part of the current political climate that has impacted governing. He also offered a personal solution to the campaign financing problem, stressing the importance of transparency.

“There is widespread belief that there is a need for campaign finance reform,” O’Brien said. “I personally believe that the best approach is through disclosure, to make it clear who is paying for what.”

O’Brien addressed the issue
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
Just how cold are you on this wonderful Day of Man?

Alex Campbell  
freshman  
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“I would tell you if I could feel it.”

Matt Hardeger  
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Siegfried Hall

“I’m from Minnesota. It feels like June.”

Matt Micklavic  
sophomore  
Siegfried Hall

“In the words of Vanilla Ice, ‘Ice, ice, ice, baby.’”

Michael Murray  
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Siegfried Hall

“The violent shaking is not voluntary.”

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Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune columnist.

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Washington Hall
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For staff.

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Edith Stein Project: “Modern Beauty: Unveiling the Mystery”
McKenna Hall
All-day Conference.

Ski & Snowboard
Off campus
4:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
Day trip.

Saturday
Men’s Basketball
Joyce Center
9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
College GameDay.

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Basilica of Sacred Heart
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
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Sunday
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In the article titled “judicial council adjusts election rules” in the Feb. 6 edition of The Observer, the process by which certain proposed changes to student body election rules was incorrectly reported. The Judicial Council did not make the proposed changes but rather executed changes made to the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student body by the Senate. The Observer regrets this error.

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By MADIE DAILY
News Writer

At this week's Student Senate, University Director of Auxiliary Services Scott Kachmarik discussed the addition of eight off-campus vendors that have agreed to accept Doner Dollars at their locations. The vendors include Let's Spoon, Bigby Coffee, Einstein Bagels, Chipotle, Jimmy John's, Domino's, Papa John's and Five Guys. Looking to the future, Kachmarik said he hopes to add locations such as Target, Meijer, 7/11, Martin's, dorn snack stands and even cab companies, although certain items will be excluded, like alcohol and tobacco.

"We are very pleased to say that as of today we have eight merchants off-campus," Kachmarik said. "Chipotle is our hottest place. You guys seem to eat a lot of Chipotle. Five Guys originally didn't commit, but after seeing the success of Chipotle, they want to be want ed in. I guess the consumer sentiment first, the places that students will use most often. We're going to see how it's going to work for all of you.

"We are going to see how it's going to work for all of you. We're looking to create a system to have one to two technology commissioners for each dorm," Zheng said. "They are going to make sure that it is working for all of you.

"What led to the ability to have Doner Dollars off-campus is the organizational shift occurring in the technology office," Kachmarik said. "We're looking to create a new office space, maybe some self-service kiosks to replace those cards lost at midnight, so that it is just a one-stop shop."

Kachmarik expressed his enthusiasm at the recent accomplishments, especially considering their extended timeline.

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Saint Mary's senior Cassandra Jerkovic was named Wing Commander of the Air Force ROTC Detachment 225, marking the first time in the College's history that a student was given this honor.

"The award signifies that Jerkovic has reached the highest cadet rank possible, and her new responsibilities will include taking charge of the ROTC members from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross College, Bethel College, Indiana University South Bend, Trine, and Valparaiso. She was chosen for this position during the last week of the fall semester after submitting her application and résumé to the cadre. Jerkovic said her next task was to create the Master Plan for the spring semester, which dictates the activities that the wing performs weekly.

"I put together the Master Plan that correlates with what the Air Force headquarters wants," Jerkovic said. "It is like running an organization, and I am grateful for the help of my Wing Staff."

Jerkovic also is in charge of overseeing all the objectives assigned to the cadets, and reports this information in weekly meetings with the cadre.

"Coordinating is difficult, but with the diversity I have in my Wing Staff, objectives are accomplished smoothly," Jerkovic said.

Jerkovic said she will be able to accomplish as 2nd lieutenant upon graduation, continuing with the United States Air Force as an acquisitions manager at Maxwell-Gunter AFB in Alabama.

"I feel that my position as Wing Commander is going to help me with my career in the Air Force, because it is teaching me how to lead and still follow," Jerkovic said.

Jerkovic is the only senior from Saint Mary's who has remained with the Air Force ROTC program through her four years. Within the program, she also participated on the Honor Guard Team, Drill Team, and Arnold Air Society. She said she hopes the award will set a precedent for future members of the community in ROTC and beyond.

"I hope that this will be empowering to not only other women entering Saint Mary's, but to anyone who wants to accomplish her or her dreams," Jerkovic said.

Jerkovic said, "I want to reach my potential because I have been blessed with so much." Saint Mary's sophomore Lexi Pearl, a member of the detachment, said Jerkovic is a well-respected leader in the program.

"She is making sure we are all prepared, and she is doing a great job this spring," Pearl said. "Everyone listens to her and respects her, and I know the underclassmen really look up to her as our leader."

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of political party gridlock.

He said although accomplishing political tasks should involve some level of cooperation between two different parties, cooperation can be counterproductive if the task at hand supports a poor plan.

“There is gridlock. But, sometimes, gridlock is better than moving forward with a bad idea,” O’Brien said.

Kostielney said when working with political parties at a local level, the most important question to ask is “How do we get something done?” He said collaboration is essential even when dealing with smaller county issues, such as road potholes and efficient recycling.

“We need to focus more on how to work together to accomplish things rather than trenching ourselves in the political party positions that we may hold,” Kostielney said.

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Missing teeth
Brandon Keelean
Graphics Editor

Note: If you still believe in Santa or the tooth fairy, do not read this article. I am genetically missing 12 teeth from my mouth. Things this could mean in the future: I may need dentures, I may only be able to eat apple sauce, I might have trouble pronouncing words and I may look utterly ridiculous in photographs for a little while.

I should clarify, I have a full set of teeth, but many of the pearly whites in my mouth are still baby teeth. There are only 10 of them still left though, because when my lower incisors came in they took out two teeth each.

I always see my genetic deformity as my fun fact in introductions, and I always get questions about how it is possible to be missing so many teeth.

Sometimes I tell people I left them behind in the womb, which is somewhat based in reality. My brother had an extra set of his upper incisors.

Here is the full story: I was in first grade when I lost my first tooth in Mrs. Lubben’s class. I bit into an apple and out popped the tooth I had been working on for a week. The second one came later that day.

I, like many six-year-olds, proceeded to tell my parents and placed the teeth under my pillow in a plastic bag before I went to bed. When I woke up in the morning there was a dollar under my pillow instead.

This continued for another year as I continued to lose eight more teeth, but then it stopped. At 10 missing, my teeth losing days were done.

At the age of seven, a series of comprehensive x-rays showed I was without 12 of the adult teeth I would normally have.

It turns out I am genetically predisposed to missing teeth. My maternal grandmother and my aunt on my dad’s side are each missing one tooth.

My life was changed. Sorted. Really, nothing happened. My teeth just look smaller than most people’s. But seven-year-old me was very upset about the lost income from the tooth fairy.

I wrote notes to the tooth fairy once a month for a year. I very clearly explained the unique situation my genetic makeup had put me in and asked for compensation. I thought I was being so intelligent but it was strictly for fun.

I have spent ample time with countless Notre Dame women, and what I have found is that none of them match this old stereotype. Notre Dame women are intelligent, independent and ambitious. They know their strengths and have bright plans for their futures. They know who they are and what they want, and they are not afraid to take the necessary steps to achieve their goals. They are some of the hardest workers on this campus.

And yet they are often treated differently by their peers. Their professors and mentors expect them to be the intelligent, ambitious women they are, but their male peers often then expect them to be fun, attractive, loose and flirty. Men want them to swoon at their superior intelligence, their good looks or their “best dorm on campus.”

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Bianca Almada
The In-Between Time

At a time not too long ago, writing “female” on a college application qualified someone as a minority student.

Luckily, our world has made a great deal of progress since then, and the male-female ratio in colleges has been steadily moving in favor of females since the 1970s. Despite this fact, however, the male and female college experiences can still be very distinct from each other, and various traditional stereotypes regarding women in colleges still permeate college life.

It is common for college women to feel the need to prove themselves academically to their peers, especially at a university with such a strong male-only tradition. They must prove they are not here to earn their MRS degrees. They are not here to meet the pristine Notre Dame men of their dreams, get rings by spring, get married in the Basilica or populate the future of the university with their offspring

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SUCCESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

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Averting the sequestration that looms like an iceberg dead ahead of the United States’ ship of state should be Congress’ next priority.

The Congressional deal that averted our going off the “fiscal cliff” at the beginning of the year did not, unfortunately, solve the problems of pending spending cuts and revenue shortfalls. The language of the bill merely forestalled the date by which Congress must act to prevent government spending cuts that economic analysts and the White House say “would have a devastating impact on important defense and nondefense programs.” Now the spending cuts begin soon, on Friday, March 1.

This situation requires action. The possibilities are as numerous as the number of perspectives on governmental actions. My own preference is action that passes a budget for a whole fiscal year instead of continuing resolutions that postpone thought and decision, lower spending to arrest the decline in government revenue, and resolve a small annoyance before dealing with a problem that threatens our way of life. By nearly all accounts, failing to stop the sequestration of federal spending presents the latter kind of task. It is the lesser, not the greater, problems that should be procrastinated or put off, and we should do so for the sake of addressing the larger ones.

There is a word for failing to address until the latest possible moments such a “fiscal cliff” as we face: lazy. The members of Congress, if they failed to do something to put our fiscal house in order, would be, in the words of a wise, sage man, “a bunch of bums.” Inaction in this situation would be the opposite of the duty owed so much to so many.

Churchill — that “Never in the field of conflict was so much owed by so many to so few” — never have so few owed so much to so many. As we gaze upon a tradition of heinous adherence to party rather than truly public service, all that we can do is hope that they rise to the occasion made exceeding in driving them into more dangerous territory, tripling the death rate on the border.

So why do they think they can get away with doing nothing? Even the most partisan of congressional districts (Republican and Democrat alike) elected their representatives to office so that they could do work. And yet, although members of Congress obviously postpone their confrontations with the biggest challenges the United States faces, we continue to pay their salaries and benefits.

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That's nine seasons of "HIMYM." Sure it's weeks ago. If you fans are keeping track, picked up for another season several loved sitcom, "How I Met your Mother," and ask mom how it happened if you're really, just walk away from your father to eat lunch today, I wouldn't tell him/laughs. If someone asked me where I went hear about how I met your mom." Guess you'll have to wait another year to Lilly/Robin and Uncle Marshall/Barney!

By MADELINE DALY
Scene Writer

FREE CHIPOTLE, tonight at 7 p.m. in 299 DeBartolo Hall.

Now that I have your attention and your stomach is growling awaiting that delicious and free burrito, I hope that you will seriously consider attending this event, and not just because of the food. The Office of Sustainability, with the help of Chipotle Mexican Grill, is hosting a screening of the 2013 documentary "American Meat" to raise awareness about sustainable farming in the U.S.

This film features several workers from the U.S. farming industry and highlights those positive practices that Chipotle advocates. If you have ever been in the endless Eddy Street line staring at the menu detailing "sustainably-raised food," "organic and local produce," "no synthetic hormones" and "raised without antibiotics," I recommend attending this event to learn about what these descriptions really mean so that you know what you just devoured in that overflowing burrito bowl.

Junior Chris Grant is the campus representative for Chipotle and is orga- nizing the event with Myles Robertson from the Office of Sustainability. His job as campus representative includes advertising Chipotle (something he must be doing right due to the constant out-the-door line at the Eddy Street location) while promoting the restau- rant’s main ideas pertaining to health and sustainability.

“One of my assignments is to partner with an on-campus organization and host a screening of this documentary,” Grant said. “Chipotle’s core message is ‘food with integrity,’ and this film embodies that philosophy. Whether or not their customers know it, Chipotle offers delicious and authen- tic Mexican food made with chemical-free, ‘green’ ingredients produced at respectful and earth-friendly farms, something that not many fast-food chains can say. If that’s not enough mo- tivation to get double meat, three kinds of salsa and extra guacamole in your next burrito bowl, I don’t know what is.

Grant said the film looks into the present state of the American farming industry, specifically in regards to the challenges that farmers have faced due to the changing economic landscape. Even though more expensive than “nor- mal” farming techniques, sustainable farming is important enough to these farmers that they have made the sacri- fice of entering the industry with help from companies like Chipotle.

(“The film” highlights the efforts of some really amazing farmers who have started to fight back and have commit- ted themselves to sustainable farming practices,” Grant said. “[These prac- tices] ensure that the animals involved in the meat industry are treated in a hu- mane fashion.”

For all animal-lovers out there, espe- cially vegetarians like me, this film will provide reassurance that not all farms are so greed-driven as to subject their animals to cruel and unhealthy lives followed by torturous and unthinkable deaths.

In order to convince skeptical viewers even further after watching the film, Grant and the Office of Sustainability have managed to bring in a local farmer, a market manager and a chef to partake in a post-viewing discussion.

“In the hopes of framing the issue in a local context,” Grant said, “the Office of Sustainability has reached out to a local farmer, a farm-to-table chef and the manager of the Purple Porch Co-op. They have all agreed to participate in a panel discussion at the conclusion of the screening.”

Students who attend will receive a Chipotle give-away of some kind, rang- ing from free burrito cards to buy- one-get-one cards to Chipotle t-shirts. When redeeming these cards, make sure to enjoy that bulging burrito com- pletely guilt-free.

Well, unless you eat it all in one sit- ting, then you will probably feel like exploding and claim you will never eat again in your life ... until you go to Chipotle again next week.

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"Kids, I just remembered some more hi- arious and outrageous hijinks with Aunt Lily/Robin and Uncle Marshall/Barney! Guess you’ll have to wait another year to hear about how I met your mom.”

Ted Mosby, you’re awful at telling sto- ries. Don’t get me wrong, your memory is impeccable, but this is getting ridicu- lous. If someone asked me where I went to eat lunch today, I wouldn’t tell him/her about the last 29 restaurants I ate at before answering the question. Kids, really, just walk away from your father and ask mom how it happened if you’re curious.

Many of you who keep up with the be- loved sitcom, “How I Met Your Mother,” are probably aware that the series got picked up for another season several weeks ago. If you fans are keeping track, that’s nine seasons of “HIMYM.” Sure it’s a great show, but I’m basing that judgment off of the series as a whole and not its most recent seasons. The actors are just as loveable as they’ve always been, but the quality of the stories has plum- meted recently.

With the exception of the midsea- son finale, the biggest success this sea- son came last week with the return of Robin’s Canadian super-star alter ego, Robin Sparkles. It worked because they appealed to long-time viewers by bring- ing back a recurring plot from seasons past. For me, that says a lot about the current state of the show.

Sure, we all love the occasional mo- ments of nostalgia for our favorite long running TV series, but when your fresh storylines are consistently weak, maybe it’s time to call it quits. That’s what many fans, including myself, were saying back in the fall before season 9 was even announced.

To be fair, “The Office” announced their final season during a time when many considered the show unwatch- able. Thankfully, “The Office” has proven this year that it still has momentum and solid stories to tell, and hopefully “HIMYM” will do the same in its final season.

But the difference between these se- ries is that “HIMYM” draws in its fans in a similar fashion to “Lost” that’s almost manipulative. Most “Lost” fans weren’t going to stop watching until the big ques- tions were answered about the island (many things are still not clear), and the same goes for long-time “HIMYM” view- ers who just want to learn the answer to the question that the very title triggers.

I believe this is a sign that the series is now setting itself up to reveal the moth- er at the end of this season and spend next year telling the story of the couple’s relationship. But when I bring this up, I usually hear, “No way, the show’s called ‘How I Met Your Mother,’ not ‘How I Married Your Mother!’” By that logic, “New Girl” should have ended after the first season since Zooey Deschanel is now beyond acquainted with her roommates.

The “HIMYM” staff would be killing this show if they waited until the end of the series to reveal the mystery woman. It would mean more bogus storylines for the gang and pointless relationships for Ted that would just act as filler material until the finale.

I can’t get angry with anyone for agreeing to one more season, but I just hope they handle the storyline appro- priately. We fans have all been patient and it’s about time we learned who she is. I love this show and just ask for a final season fans can look forward to. If Ted Mosby waits any longer, I want to see him transform into Bob Saget.

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The NBC comedy “Community” will begin its fourth season today, February 7th, at 8 p.m. If you spend most of your time on websites like Reddit, Hulu, Tumblr, and Twitter, you are probably aware of “Community.”

However, if you spend most of your time watching TV shows on an actual TV and reading news in an actual newspaper, you probably have never heard of the show.

The fact that “Community” dominates in the digital world and whisperers in the real world is exactly why the show is worthy of a fourth season and why the show is worthy of your time. “Community” is centered on seven misfits who attend subpar Greendale Community College. At this point, they’re all pretty much failed in life in one way or another.

Whether it be failed marriages, failed businesses, or failed attempts at convince the State Bar Association that their degrees are real, each character has come up short in some undeniable way.

What starts as a makeshift Spanish paper, you probably have never heard of any of the shows’ main characters. When the season premieres tonight, the question will be whether the show’s new strategy will work to pull in new viewers and maintain the loyal. Perhaps, though, the fans that kept the show on air will be sacrificed for better viewership. If you haven’t watched “Community” before, tune in tonight. My bet is that the show will win you over. And hopefully, it will win me back.

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“Is This It”, the 2001 debut album from The Strokes, was just incredible. Julian Casablancas, the band’s lead singer, sang like he had a bad hangover and the lo-fi audio made each song sound like it was being recorded via an old payphone. This quality, along with the band’s affinity for catchy hooks and guitar solos, resulted in a sound that was beyond fancy for its time. The Strokes were masters of crafting a song and stringing together the strongest on the album, but signified a jarring break from the Strokes of old.

Five years of anticipation and hype finally resulted in shock: ’80s-reggae-synth-pop? The answer, in part, was yes, as the opening song of “Angles”, “Machu Picchu,” seemed to suggest. The track was among the strongest on the album, and signified a return to the blues of old.

While elements of “Is This It” still remained on “Angles” — like short, punchy tracks and catchy hooks — they were buried under a heap of strange ’80s production effects. The album’s key-board and synth production, not coincidentally, bore a strong resemblance to Casablancas’s solo album, “Phrazes for the Young.” While some songs were more typical of The Strokes, the album had a much different feel overall, and was largely a disappointment despite the few standout tracks.

Thankfully, The Strokes spared fans another five-year break between albums. As a “Comedown Machine” is set to debut March 26. However, this has done nothing to assuage The Strokes’ fans anxiety. The Strokes released a song from their upcoming album entitled “One Way Trigger.” If “Angles” was a step towards a new sound for the band, this song represents a full-blown immersion. The opening seconds of this new track will have any Strokes fan double-checking that this is indeed their beloved band performing.

Gone are Casablancas’ growling, nonchalant vocals. They are replaced with an unrecognizable falsetto, which gives way into the most ambitious vocal performance I’ve heard Casablancas give. Not trying and sounding cool has given way to trying really, really, hard and sounding tortured.

However, “One Way Trigger” has been deemed as a “grower” by fans, in the respect that it’s more enjoyable after a few plays. It’s definitely catchy, and has faint nods toward the band’s former glory, but strays too far from what the band does best to inspire any significant hope for “Comedown Machine.”

What’s indisputable is that The Strokes are masters of crafting a song and stringing it together. The chorus, bridge and inevitable guitar solo move forward in a smooth and dynamic way, and their songs have a definite sense of cohesion. “One Way Trigger” at least has this quality.

Judging the entire album by a single early release may come off as alarm- ist, but it seems hard to believe that The Strokes would put out something that’s not at all representative of their upcoming album. That would just be cruel.

“One Way Trigger” absolutely represents a furthering of the sound explored in “Angles.” That much is clear. What’s yet to be determined if whether this progression will persist throughout the album and abandon all that made The Strokes superstars.

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Editor's note: This is the ninth story in a 10-part series discussing the best event in sports. In this installment, Brian Hartnett argues the best event in sports is the World Series.

As America’s main form of summer sporting entertainment, baseball’s World Series has received the most attention during the dog days of July and August, when the season hits full stride and the pennant races start to heat up.

However, “America’s pastime” is at its best during the chilly autumn nights of late October. It is during this time of year when tense games come down to the wire, unseen heroes emerge from the depths of the rosters and the game’s biggest stars shine brightest, all on a stage large enough to extend the world over.

Yes, I’m talking about the World Series, the best event in all of sports.

To understand and appreciate the World Series is to understand baseball, a sport often criticized for its lack of action. And to understand baseball is to appreciate and treasure its extensive history, a history far richer than that of almost any other sport.

To give you a brief history, the World Series started in 1903 and has been played nearly every year since, with its 100th edition taking place last fall. And in its 108 years, the Fall Classic has seen just about everything.

Deeply intertwined are the game’s highly specialized roles and team-first mentality, a baseball has always had a special place for its larger-than-life superstar and team captain. These players have earned a mythical status in sports lore. But, while these players’ regular season feats are admirable in their own right, it’s arguable that many of them became legends in October.

Consider Babe Ruth, Willie Mays and Reggie Jackson. They were all incredible players but, to most people, the defining moments in their respective careers came in the World Series. Ruth had his called shot in 1932 (whether it actually happened is another debate).

Mays had his incredible over-the-shoulder catch in 1954 and Jackson had his three home run performance in 1978, which earned him the moniker “Mr. October.”

This legend-building has extend to recent years, when Derek Jeter hit his game-winning home run shortly after the calendar flipped to November of 2001 and Albert Pujols’ recent record of an incredible three home run performance in 2011. It is not always the big names, however, that have the greatest impact on the series. Time after time, players have (literally) come from out of left field to leave their mark on the big stage.

Don Larsen might have only won three games in his career, but he’s forever remembered in baseball history because one of those wins came as a perfect game in the 1956 series. Similarly remembered are players like Johnny Podres, who brought Brooklyn a long-awaited championship with two superb pitching performances in 1955. Gene Larkin, a career .266 hitter who drove in the series-winning run for Minnesota in 1991, Craig Counsell, a key contributor to World Series winners in 1997 and 2001, and, most recently, David Freese, who few outside of St. Louis had heard of before his breakout in the 2011 series.

Freese’s performance came in one of the most memorable series to date, a thrilling seven-game set captured by the Cardinals. While the World Series has seen its share of blowouts and duds, as has nearly every championship, it has also given fans some of the sport’s classic games.

Who can forget the ball rolling through Bill Buckner’s legs in 1986 or a hobbled Kirk Gibson’s walk-off home run in 1988 or Luis Gonzalez’s bloop hit off Mariano Rivera in 2003? These standout plays made history World Series memorable, but so have some of the incredible moments in every World Series. Incredibly, the Giants come to mind.

One of these teams is the New York Yankees, baseball’s big, bad villain but also America’s most successful franchise. The Yankees’ battles with teams like the Dodgers, Giants and Cardinals in the World Series are among the sport’s greatest games. On the other hand, there are teams that have seen decades go by without a championship, creating one of sports’ most compelling stories.

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Two of these teams, the Boston Red Sox and Chicago White Sox, finally snapped out of their championship droughts last decade. On the other hand, the Chicago Cubs are still in search of their first World Series championship since 1908.

Say what you want about the passion of Cubs fans, but I think you would be hard-pressed to imagine a more incredible sports scene than the one that would unfold if and when the Northsiders bring the Commissioner’s Trophy home to Wrigley Field.

And what would make this reaction so incredible? Quite simply, it would be the display of pride that comes from winning the World Series, the best event in all of sports.

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“Never Alone” –Lady Antebellum

May the angels protect you, trouble neglect you.

And heaven accept you when it’s time to go home

May you always have plenty, the glass never empty

And know in your belly, you’re never alone

May your tears come from laughter, you find friends worth having.

As every year passes, they mean more than gold

May you win but stay humble, smile more than grumble.

And know when you stumble, you’re never alone

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Jerry Bengtson took advantage of a defensive mix-up to score the go-ahead goal in the 79th minute, and Honduras rallied to beat the United States 2-1 Wednesday in the opener of the final qualifying round for next year’s World Cup.

Clint Dempsey put the U.S. ahead in the 36th minute but Honduras came back against the run of play to draw level in the 40th and win in stoppage time.

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Though DeSmet did not qualify to compete in last year's Olympic Games, he said the experience of training with and against some of the elite fencers in the world was a memorable one.

"Once I started competing internationally it was definitely eye-opening as far as what I would need to do for that year [to improve]," DeSmet said. "I think it definitely put me on another level, just training for that.”

As for how the competition at the international level compares to that in the NCAA, DeSmet said there is a small pool of fencers at the very top of the NCAA who match up with the world’s best. The foil said he is motivated to stay in that same class of the best fencers in the country.

A distinguished prep career set DeSmet apart from the rest immediately. He won the Oregon state championship in each of his four years at Reynolds High School. With four state titles to his name, DeSmet had his choice of schools upon leaving high school. Notre Dame’s emphasis on the team is what ultimately led DeSmet to join the Irish.

"I had a lot of friends who came here, and it just seemed like an awesome team environment," DeSmet said. "I visited some other schools and it was very competitive even within the team. Here it’s just like a big family.”

So far in the 2013 season DeSmet has been every bit as impressive as he was over the past two years. He began the year with a 13-2 mark in the St. John’s Invitational, including three wins against Ohio State, Harvard and Columbia. DeSmet then came back the next day with a perfect 15-0 outing at the NYU Invitational.

It’s clear in the early part of this season DeSmet is as motivated as ever to once again claim his spot atop the mountain.

"I’m constantly trying to improve my fencing and my competitive skills," DeSmet said. "Just constant improvement. ... A lot of people would be happy with winning [an NCAA championship], That was great but now it’s in the past and it’s time to work towards the future and continue to work hard this year.”

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poor shooting dooms Belles

After a disappointing start to the first half, the Belles failed to recover and suffered their seventh loss in a row as they fell to Calvin 84-54 on Wednesday night.

Facing Calvin (20-1, 12-0 MIAA) hasn’t been easy for anyone this year, and after a 34-8 run by Calvin to start the game, Saint Mary’s (5-18, 3-11) became the firstplace Knights’ twentieth victim of the season.

Following that start, however, the Belles nearly matched the Knights by scoring 46 points to Calvin’s 50 the rest of the way.

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Saint Mary’s is back in action Saturday when it takes on Alma. The Belles will try again to shake their losing streak against the Scots (7-15, 5-8). Like the Belles, Alma is looking for a win, having lost four straight.

In those games, Alma has lost by an average score of 76-52. Despite its fourth-place ranking in the MIAA, this is Alma’s fourth streak of three or more losses this season. Overall, four of the Scots’ seven wins came in January. Alma knocked off the Belles 67-61 on Dec. 8.

In that game, the Scots had four different players in double figures, with two scoring career highs. Alma sophomore guard Mallory Pruett scored 19 points and senior guard Stephanie Faller added 10 of her own.

For the Belles, sophomore forward Ariana Paul, who was currently abroad, was the team’s leading scorer and rebounder in that match- up with 21 points and 11 boards.

Freshman forward, Krista Knape will try to fill Paul’s void Saturday and continue her successful season, in which she has averaged nine points and nearly six rebounds per game. Bias will look to rebound from her four-for-17 shooting performance against Calvin.

The Belles will head to Alma to face the Scots on Saturday at 3 p.m.
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Belles begin season with doubleheader

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Michigan's famed Yost Ice Arena back in November — the first time they had accomplished that feat in over 30 years. But Michigan is coming off an impressive sweep of Michigan State and, despite falling to ninth place in the conference standings, Jackson said the pre-season favorites are back to playing their best hockey.

“They had a lot of injuries on the defensive end back when we beat them, and they have two freshman goalies,” he said. “But they dominated Michigan State last weekend for two nights. They look like the team that was picked to be second in the country at the beginning of the season.”

With no future matchups in sight, almost anything could happen when these two rivals fight for the last laugh this weekend. According to junior center and captain Anders Lee, only one thing is certain.

“I can guarantee that it’s going to be a grind,” he said. “It’ll be some good games and some good hockey.”

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Results before break no longer matter. The Wolverines look to be on the upswing after defeating Michigan State on Friday and Saturday, and Notre Dame is trying to make its February not look like January, and especially not look like last year’s skid in the second half of the season.

This season, though, is looking eerily similar to last season.

Last year Notre Dame went 13-6-3 in the first half of the season. In the final 18 games, the Irish scratched out a 6-12-0 record and finished the year at 19-18-3 and, to cap it off, did not make the NCAA tournament.

This season the Irish jumped out to a 13-4-0 record with a six-game winning streak going into break. But they have gone 2-6-1 since returning from winter break. In CCHA play, Notre Dame was 9-1-0-0 for the first half but are now 12-7-1-1 overall.

Well, what went wrong? And what do the Irish need to do to prevent missing the NCAA tournament for a second consecutive year?

Special teams need to be addressed. Overall, Notre Dame only converts 16.9 percent of its power plays. That’s 29th in the nation. As for the penalty kill, the Irish killed 91.2 percent of the power plays they faced before the break, which was good for fifth overall. Since returning from break the Irish have dropped 10 spots and are tied for 15th overall at 84.7 percent.

The powerplay should be revamped with junior right wing Mike Voran returning to full strength after missing four games due to injuries sustained Jan. 15 against Bowling Green.

“The problems on special teams stem from problems on defense and in net. Before the break, junior goaltender Steven Summerhays had a .934 save percentage and a goals-against average of 1.56, good enough for 11th and fifth in the nation, respectively. Now, Summerhays has a save percentage of .913 and a goals-against average of 2.17.

Against Ohio State on Friday, the Irish gave up four goals on nine Buckeye power plays. Three of the goals came after a five-minute major was called against Voran for hitting from behind. It was the first time in seven years the Irish gave up four power play goals. The last time it happened previously was against Michigan in 2005.

Yet there is some hope. Notre Dame rallied against the Buckeyes on Saturday and tied the score at one before the Irish gained the overtime win in a shootout. Irish coach Jeff Jackson saw something in Saturday’s hard-fought win.

“That wasn’t a shootout but us playing Irish hockey of old,” Jackson said.

The Irish look to sweep Michigan for the second time this season when they take on the Wolverines at the Compton Family Ice Arena on Friday at 7:35 p.m. and Saturday at 7:05 p.m.

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Note: None of these answers are incorrect. The missing part can be found in each clue in the grid.

CROSSWORD | WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS
1 Start of a motto first published in an 1844 book
7 1967 disaster
13 Lazy sort
15 Criticize naughtily
16 Unbreakable, say
17 “No use arguing with me”
18 It took 70 years to complete, in brief
19 Vinton’s need
20 Corkrey abode
21 Chateau
22 Tex-Mex order
24 Swimmer
26 Go beyond

DOWN
27 Hey? ...
28 Be a topper
29 Bookish
32 Single, slangingly
33 Dreams up
36 Ready for a drive
42 Hit hard, as the brakes
43 Was on tour, in a way
44 Most light
45 He趁eren casserole dish
46 Susan of “L.A. Law”
50 Not just threaten, say
51 Japanese vegetable
52 Group of whales

SUDOKU | THE MEPHAM GROUP

Level: 1 2 3 4

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Some map lines
Old guitarlike instrument
Tight situations
Country where marinated bear is a specialty food
Serious rap
Sports coup
Former San Francisco mayor Joseph
Make a hard, low hit that’s caught
Causals
Univ. body
Inversely re-shaped
Like “The Korate Kid” and “Total Recall”
Enliven
It helps one get a grip
Special
Three-pronged fishing spear
Steve Martin’s comedic
Beaverish animals
Purchase with a cell phone
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kris Humphries, 28; Kathy Najimy, 56; Natalie Cole, 63; Tom Brokaw, 73

Happy Birthday: Strength, courage and discipline will help you get through any thing. Do your best to stick to familiar people and places. Expand an interest that you used to enjoy. There will be no suggestions to someone you care about and you will make a difference.

TAROT (April 20-May 20): Take charge and do what needs to be done. Your unique way of seeing an impossible situation will enhance your reputation only if you make a firm stand. Keep your relationship with someone you love or who depends on you.

KABBALAH (May 21-June 20): True words, altering your position if you aren’t careful what you say or do regarding work or a colleague. It’s necessary to get together with someone you care about and you will make a difference.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Impulsive moves will lead to a mishap or unfortunate situation. Do your best to stick to familiar people and places. Expand an interest that you used to enjoy. There will be no suggestions to someone you care about and you will make a difference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take charge and do what needs to be done. Your unique way of viewing an impossible situation will enhance your reputation with acquaintances but may hamper your relationship with someone you love or who depends on you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Trouble will surface, affecting your position if you aren’t careful what you say or do regarding work or a colleague. An opportunity to get together with someone can change a decision you have to make regarding your professional direction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Follow through with your plans and you will reap the benefits. Changing your stance, spending time with creative people or joining a creative enterprise will enhance your life and lead to opinions that have related you in the past.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Cover up mistakes that might cause you sorrow. It’s up to you to deal with anyone making accusations directly before a problem has time to escalate. Do not get involved in a dicey relationship which will enhance your reputation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You’ll be able to attract positive attention from colleagues and your boss if you take action and responsibility for a job that is perplexing and difficult. The extra hours spent will result in experience, knowledge and advancement. Prepare to celebrate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may not agree with what’s going on at home or within your immediate family, but being an observer rather than taking sides will be your best alternative. An activity that will get you away from any ongoing turmoil will ease stress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Work alongside people who understand your position and relate to your creative and unique ideals, and you will receive the help and dedication required to reach your goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful what you say or do regarding work or a colleague. There will be no suggestions to someone you care about and you will make a difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take care of business. This is an ideal time to reassess your position and to apply for a new job or add responsibilities to the position you currently hold. A person who you consider in the past will enhance your life and lead to opinions that have related you in the past.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don’t limit the possibilities. Pick up information or skills that will help you reach your goals. Don’t let what others do or say spin out of control. Honesty is the best policy. Pampering will do you good emotionally and physically.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may have to keep a secret in order to protect your reputation and future prospects. Starting up a relationship with someone from your past will lead to a compromising position. Avoid acting impulsively or responding aggressively.

Birthday Baby: You are innovative, expressive, relentless and know how to get your way.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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(Awesome tomorrow)

Yesterday’s Jumble Answer: The new shoe store was doing quite well thanks to all the — FOOT TRAFFIC

WORK AREA

After forgetting to pay his Gym dues, he needed to

Now arrange the closed letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the Shortz Crew.

I’m so sad. I forgot all about it.

FOSTER Answer: IROG

You haven’t paid your dues in quite some time. You need to talk to someone about getting back up.
**Frosty relations**

**Weekend series marks next phase of historic rivalry**

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

The University of Michigan first opened its doors in Ann Arbor in 1837. Five years later, Father Sorin established the University of Notre Dame in a tiny cabin near the south bend of St. Joseph's River.

And almost ever since, the two schools have battled on both the gridiron and the rink. The first hockey game between the Irish and Wolverines was played in 1921, and they've faced off in a total of 132 games since. But with the CCHA dissolving after this season and future scheduling issues, this weekend's matchup between two of college hockey's oldest rivals could be their last.

“I'll be very disappointed if we don't play Michigan in the future,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “I have a lot of respect for [Wolverines coach] Red Berenson and that program, and we have a really good thing going with them. I would really like to play them in the future and right now they're the ones that don't want to get involved in it.”

Over the course of the series, No. 11 Notre Dame (16-11-1, 12-7-1-1 CCHA) and Michigan (10-16-5, 10-13-3-2) have built up plenty of enmity toward one another, and that usually translates into plenty of excitement and action on the ice.

“Any time we play Michigan it's always intense,” Jackson said. “I don't need to do much on my end to get them motivated or physically engaged — that will happen naturally.”

This weekend, that checking will fall to guys like junior winger Jeff Costello, who said that the history the two teams share is not lost on any of the players. “You feel that [history] during the weekend,” Costello said. “We know that these universities have a rivalry, and not just these hockey teams, and that history boils over to our sport. … It's definitely something special to be a part of.”

The Michigan series is especially meaningful for Notre Dame's local players who grew up around the rivalry — some of them have a little extra energy in those games, because you want to win it so bad.”

Junior winger Mike Voran, a native of Livonia, Mich., said, “I grew up in a family that loves the maize and blue, and actually grew up a fan of Michigan. You always have a little extra energy in those games, because you want to win it so bad.”

“I love the Michigan series; it's always my favorite of the year,” Voran said. “It was like a dream come true.”

In addition to his 2011 championship victory, DeSmet recorded a 28-1 regular season record before helping Notre Dame reach its eighth national title and winning his own individual championship.

“It was like a dream come true,” DeSmet said of the 2011 championship victory. “I hadn’t been fencing that much the year before, then kind of got recruited here and just busted my butt. It was a great end of the year and it made me want to [win] it again.”

Irish junior right wing Mike Voran looks to score during Notre Dame's 3-1 win at Compton Family Ice Arena on Jan. 20, 2012. The Irish face the Wolverines this weekend at home.

Irish junior foilist Ariel DeSmet, third from right, poses for a picture with fellow members of the 2011 NCAA Championship team. DeSmet won the 2011 NCAA championship as a freshman.