‘A unified front’

Student body presidents and vice presidents from ND and SMC honored during Michigan State game

By EMILIE KEFALAS

Notre Dame football brings the Saint Mary’s College and Notre Dame student bodies together each year, and Saturday it brought together the student government executives of both institutions.

Prior to Saturday’s football game, Saint Mary’s student body president and vice president Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce were honored alongside Notre Dame student body president and vice president Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce.

The ceremony consisted of both teams walking the American flag across the field and presenting it to members of the Irish Guard, who hoisted it onto the flagpole during the national anthem.

The names and hometowns of the four leaders were also announced, she said. The four also watched the game from the press box.

“I was just in shock when we were walking out. I was like, ‘This is a really surreal experience,’” Sullivan said. “I was just so excited, and I felt really blessed to have that experience, and the fact that Notre Dame really considered us a part of the community. That they allowed Saint Mary’s to be involved was nothing less than a reformation,” Sullivan said. “I was just so excited, and I felt really blessed to have that experience, and the fact that Notre Dame really considered us a part of the community. That they allowed Saint Mary’s to be involved was nothing less than a reformation,” Sullivan said.

Irish engineers continue service work in Nicaragua

By CAROLINA WILSON

Each year since February 2008, six engineering students from the University have combined their passion for academics and for social service to build a bridge in Mata de Tules, Nicaragua.

NDSEED is the University’s chapter of a multi-national non-governmental organization called “Bridges to Prosperity,” Krug said. “So we already talked to the community and they’re all thrilled for us to come back.”

Senior Spencer Ness said the project includes a team trip during fall break to assess the land and the community, as well as an eight-week trip during the summer of 2014.

“We fundraise for the entire project, we design the entire project, and then we go down and build it with the students as they carry the American flag that flew in the stadium during the Saturday’s game.

‘Nothing less than a reformation’

By KIERA JOHNSEN

Tippet said the modern, technologically driven century forces society to reexamine questions they considered answered. We are reimagining the very nature of authority and leadership, of community,” Tippet said. “We are fundamentally reconsidering how we structure our lives together. We are in the midst of nothing less than a reformation, but this time it’s all of the institutions including...”

Michigan State game results in few arrests

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI

Saturday’s football game against Michigan State University brought a victory for both the team and the game day personnel coordinating the influx of visitors to campus over the weekend.

Director of Game Day Operations Mike Seamon said, overall, it was a “very successful” home game weekend with approximately 100,000 people on campus Saturday and 81,000 in the stadium.

“The weekend unfolded very smoothly,” he said. “We were anticipating it to be a much busier home weekend compared to the Temple game. The noticeably cooler weather was a welcome change, as we had fewer heat and humidity-related medical calls.”

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What do you first notice about someone?

Emanuele Baruffaldi
freshman
Duncan Hall
“Hair.”

Patrick Bottone
junior
Dillon Hall
“Facial expression.”

Ana Christian
senior
Lewis Hall
“Eyes.”

Jared Lamp
graduate student
Off campus
“Hair.”

Emily McConville
sophomore
Cavanaugh Hall
“Face.”

Anna Nussbaum
sophomore
Pangborn Hall
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The Next Five Days:

Wednesday
Blood Drive
Rolf’s Sports
Recreation Center
11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
All donors receive free t-shirts.

Postgraduate Service Fair
Joyce Center
5 p.m.-8 p.m.
Meet over 70 program representatives.

Thursday
Annual Blue Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.
Honoring police and firefighters.

Lecture: “The Practice of Human Dignity”
Geddes Hall
7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
Spencer Professor Clemens Sedmak.

Friday
Lecture: The Story Behind “Touchdown Jesus”
Hesburgh Library
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
About artist Millard Sheets.

Men’s Soccer
Alumni Stadium
7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
Free admission to staff and students with I.D. card.

Saturday
Lecture: “Dante and the Birth of Modern Literature”
Snite Museum of Art
12 p.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday Scholar Series.

Presentation: “Inflammation and Cancer”
Jordan Hall of Science
12 p.m.-1 p.m.
Science Exploration Series.

Sunday
Fall Exhibition Public Reception
Snite Museum of Art
2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Free gallery viewing.

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Lecture examines mobility of ancient empires

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
Managing Editor

Margaret Mullett, director of Byzantine Studies at Dumbarton Oaks Research Library in Washington D.C., spoke about her research on late Byzantine emperors at McKenna Hall on Tuesday night, in honor of the late Prof. Sabine MacCormack.

Mullett’s lecture, titled, “Writing a Mobile Empire” focused on Byzantine emperors’ war-time lodging of choice: tents. It was the second in a year-long series of talks, “Writing Empire: Rome and Byzantium,” hosted by several academic departments, including the Department of Classics and the Department of Theology.

“The emperors were on campaign for half the year,” Mullett said. “I studied how much of the governmental functions travelled with them and how much they left behind. How much evidence went with them.”

MacCormack, a Hesburgh Professor of Arts and Letters who died last June, published “Empire and Securities: the Byzantine cultural impact of tents on the antiquity” in 1981. Mullett said she wants to update his work. Sullivan said “[the increased traffic volume was due to all of the governmental] functions travelled with them and how much evidence went with them.”

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SMC Senate holds first meeting of the semester

By KELLY KONYA
News Writer

Saint Mary’s student senate met Tuesday night to discuss a new amendment to the student government constitution and to establish the fiscal budget for the remainder of the school year.

The meeting was the first official Student Government Association (SGA) senate meeting of the year and was open to all students.

Student body president Kat Sullivan said this all-inclusive town-hall meeting encourages members of SGA, board members, and students alike to come with questions and learn more about the future goals of the school year.

“My personal goal for this year is to get more people involved and aware of what our student government does,” Sullivan said.

In attendance were representatives of each “big board,” which includes the Student Diversities Board (SDB) president, Residence Hall Association (RHA) president, and Student Activities Board (SAB) president. These representatives were joined by senators elected from each class, officers of SGA and ordinary students.

The meeting began with an introduction of each member of the senate board, when each member took the opportunity to share their personal and senate goals for the year. Following introductions, student body vice president Maddy Martin proposed a new amendment to the SGA constitution related to the structure of the senate board.

“We are proposing the following structure because we want to add more voting and non-voting members to represent the Student Body in a more holistic manner,” Martin said.

The new structure will include nine voting members, mostly members from SGA, and the rest of the senate will be made up of non-voting members from an assortment of programs on campus, including a representative for international students.

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education, economies, politics, and religion. The interesting and challenging thing about this moment is that we know the old ways aren’t working, but we can’t yet see what the new forms will be.”

Tippet said words shape how people understand the world, how they understand themselves and how they treat others. She said, in this light, tolerance is a problematic word for people of faith.

“Tolerance was the primary civic virtue we chose to navigate difference. And I think this word was always problematic,” she said. “Tolerance connotes allowing, enduring and indulging. In the medical context where it comes from, tolerance is about the limits of thriving in an unfavorable environment.

“Now I’m not saying that tolerance doesn’t have value and doesn’t have its place but it’s not a big enough word, and don’t think it’s ever a big enough word, for people of faith. Tolerance doesn’t ask us to care for the stranger. Tolerance doesn’t even bid us to know each other, to understand, to listen, to be curious.”

Tippet said Christians need to rediscover the way in which questions can be spiritual virtues and civic tools.

“Tolerance doesn’t have value or to be a problem,” she said. “A simple question elicits a simplistic answer; an inflammatory question elicits an inflammatory answer. There is something redemptive and life giving about asking a better question.”

Tippet said science demonstrates that humans don’t do their best thinking when afraid, but rather that is when they do their worst.

“Fear shuts down imaginations rather than opening them up, and depending how vulnerable we are to fear it sends us sheltering back with our tribe, behind our baricades, and makes creative open hearted encounter with the other almost impossible,” she said.

Tippet said humans are complex creatures and change takes time. She said she is encouraged by the possibility of this societal conversation working when people are realistic and start small.

“My encouragement is to honor the difficulty of what we face, the complexity of what it means to be human,” Tippet said. “To be realistic about how difficult this has been up until now. To start small, to realize for example the critical importance of the creation of safe places before anything can happen, to realize we can immediately take part in this work.”

The annual Christian Culture Lecture is sponsored by the Humanistic Studies Department and honors the late Christian Culture professor Bruno Schlesinger.

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Krista Tippet, Peabody Award-winning journalist and broadcaster, spoke as this year’s Christian Culture lecturer in O’Laughlin Auditorium. She addressed the need to reform Christian society in the 21st century.

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community. We’ll go down during fall break for our assessment trip where we’ll survey our site and come back and go through our entire design process with some advice from different faculty here and members of bridges of prosperity staff.”

Ness said. During the fundraising process each year NDSEED raises an average of $28,000. Sophomore Jonathan Weiler said the bulk of donations have always come from generous alumni donors, although selling apparel at football tailgates raises some money.

“The biggest money comes from donations,” Weiler said. You can only sell so much apparel for $20. So when we get some of our generous alumni or local organizations to contribute, it is so important to us and the completion of the project.”

Sophomore Andres Gutierrez said he hopes word will spread about the mission of the project and organization at large.

“Although we’re standing out in tailgates to try and sell apparel, the most important aspect is making ourselves visible, getting out there,” Gutierrez said. “People walk by and may buy a sweatshirt, but what’s important is that they ask what NDSEED is.”

The goal of this 2014 group is to really grow from the experiences of the past teams, junior Angelene Dasciano said.

“We are building from the previous years and also helping next year’s team. So last year’s team actually chose our site for this year. That way, we will actually be assessing last year’s bridge, doing an annual inspection on it and ultimately choosing next year’s site after we complete our own project,” Dasciano said. “Our group has evolved from just doing our bridge, to helping last year’s initiatives and contributing to next year’s successes.”

This past weekend, some NDSEED members attended the Bridge for Prosperity Bridge Builder’s Conference in Tenn.

“It was a weekend of camping in the Smoky Mountains with about 10 other university teams. They put on some workshops for us to learn some of the critical construction stages of the bridge. They also had presentations from people that have dedicated their lives to this organization,” Krug said.

“In general, it was an extremely motivating and inspiring experience.”

Dasciano said the most memorable piece of advice she received was the importance of the group’s ability to establish strong relationships with the community of Mata de Tules.

“That’s something we actually learned at the conference this past weekend, the key part of our project is building the bridge with the community. We’re building the bridge with the community,” Dasciano said. “The bridge becomes more of a model of what they accomplished themselves, not just this gift that was given to them.”

Gutierrez said without relationships and communication between the students and the community, the project would not complete its mission.

“I think that building that relationship gives the bridge itself a life, making it another member of the community because if they put so much effort over five-six weeks over the summer,” Gutierrez said. “The most important thing is the relationship. If the relationship with the community does not exist, pretty much the project is nothing.”

The team is ready to face inevitable challenges that will come up during their initial visit following fall break. These include establishing contacts, initiating a relationship with the community, and maximizing their time there, Ness said.

“Material procurement for construction is one of our biggest challenges, along with establishing contacts in the community, making sure that there is a lot of community involvement,” Ness said.

Krug said staying in communication with the community after fall break is another important obstacle they must overcome.

“Keeping that communication with the community from when we return after fall break to our next visit in May is going to be one of our biggest challenges,” Krug said. “We leave them with some tasks that we hope can be accomplished by the time we come back, and we need to establish some way of making sure that actually happens.”

Sophomore Nick Hauser said members of the University community should watch for a commercial about NDSEED during the USC game on Oct. 19.

“For the USC game, NBC is running a ‘What Will You Fight For?’ commercial that features NDSEED,” Hauser said. “We are really excited about that.”

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really cool. It was just exciting that my whole family was there to see me for that.”

Martin said she agreed that it was a great experience, emphasizing how nerve-wracking the experience was for her and how close they were to the players.

“Although it sounds simple, I was so nervous,” Martin said. “We were all really excited. We got there around 2:45 p.m. We just got a chance to walk around the field by the fifty-yard line. I was close enough that I probably could’ve touched one of the football players, probably like Tommy Rees when he was walking by.”

Martin said this is the ninth year in which both Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame student executives have been included in performing the ritual, and she said she felt honored to participate.

“I know it was started back in 2004. However, it is such an honor that Kat and I are able to share such an exciting experience with the Notre Dame student body president and vice president, especially since we are not technically students of Notre Dame. It was awesome to look like a unified front,” Martin said.

Before the game commenced, the student government leaders met Irish basketball head coach Mike Brey, University President John Jenkins, Assistant University Vice President Dennis Brown and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Sullivan said.

Sullivan said Rice was very relatable and the group relished the chance to meet her.

“We shook hands with her, and she asked if we were seniors, what our plans were for next year. She was very down-to-earth. She’s a Notre Dame alumna. She was awesome. It was a really, very cool experience. It was really cool that all four of us got to share that as well,” Sullivan said.

Sullivan credits the fellowship between Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s student governments for their immediate association following elections last spring.

“Maddy [Martin] and I have a really good relationship with Alex [Coccia] and Nancy [Joyce]. We started hanging out with them right after all four of us were elected to plan to collaborate this year on different events,” Sullivan said.

The two administrations and Holy Cross student government will collaborate on a yearlong calendar of community events, Sullivan said.

There’s an event called Support-A-Belle-Love-A-Belle here [at Saint Mary’s]. It’s for Mental Health Awareness. It was started three years ago, and when we described it to Alex and Nancy, they wanted to introduce something like that at Notre Dame. So now they’re doing Irish State of Mind. We’re doing our own [collaboration] on three different events. We happened to get a hold of the Holy Cross student government as well this year. So it will be all three schools, and that’s in a few weeks,” Sullivan said.

Martin said, ultimately, she was honored she was able to represent Saint Mary’s College with Sullivan.

“I am so proud of my school and the women that attend it,” she said. “My opportunity to participate in the flag presentation signifies the importance of Saint Mary’s as a whole. I was honored to be able to represent an incredible group of women in front of thousands of people.”

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Obama welcomes signs of Iranian moderation

President Barack Obama said Tuesday that there has been a signs of moderation from Iran, as he welcomed the news that Iran's new Outreach to the West.

The president also addressed the situation in the region and said that he was willing to take risks to get a diplomatic resolution.

The situation in Syria mirrors a contradiction that has persisted in the region for decades: The United States is chastised for meddling in the region and accused of having a hand in all manner of conspiracy, he said.

At the same time, the United States is blamed for failing to do enough to solve the region's problems, and for showing indifference toward suffering Muslim populations.

Obama announced that the United States would provide $339 million in additional humanitarian aid to refugees and countries affected by the Syrian civil war, bringing the total U.S. aid devoted to that crisis to nearly $1.4 billion.

As the General Assembly meetings opened, the situation in Syria was overshadowed by a flurry of friendly gestures between the U.S. and Iran's new government. Obama said recent statements by Iranian President Hasan Rouhani, a moderate cleric elected in June, should offer the basis for a meaningful agreement on Iran's disputed nuclear program.

The West has long suspected that Iran is seeking a nuclear weapon. Tehran has consistently denied the charge.

Iran's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Tuesday that the world "should not be fooled" by signs of moderation from Tehran. He said Iran's new outreach to the West is merely a ploy to ease international sanctions while it secretly continues to build a nuclear weapon.

"Iran thinks soothing words and token actions will enable it to continue on its path to the bomb," Netanyahu said. Still, he added that he welcomes Obama's efforts to engage Rouhani.

Obama, reflecting the skepticism of many in the U.S. and around the world, said Rouhani's "conciliatory words will have to be matched by actions that are transparent and verifiable."

Obama said he was asking Kerry to pursue diplomatic progress with Iran, in coordination with five other world powers. Kerry will join representatives from those nations Thursday in a meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif.

It's unclear whether Kerry and Zarif will meet one-on-one on the sidelines of that meeting. And Obama also offered no hints of whether he will meet Tuesday with Rouhani. Even a brief handshake would be significant, marking the first such encounter between U.S. and Iranian leaders in 36 years.

Zarif joined the Iranian delegation in the hall for Obama's address. In Iran, the main domestic TV channels did not run speech live.

Obama arrived at the annual U.N. meetings with diplomatic opportunities, not only on Iran and Syria but also on the elusive effort to seal lasting peace between the Israelis and Palestinians. While the prospects of a peace accord remain as slim as ever, the two sides have resumed direct talks, partly as a result of months of lobbying by Kerry.

The president praised Israeli and Palestinian leaders for their willingness to take "significant political risks" in order to get back to the negotiating table.

"Now the rest of us must also be willing to take risks," he said, adding that the United States must recognize that Israel's security depends on the formation of a Palestinian state.

Obama will meet later Tuesday with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. He'll also hold talks at the White House next week with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"The government we have should work, so that's why I don't believe we should shut the government down," Walker told reporters at the Michigan conference.

The Republican-controlled House passed a short-term funding bill Friday that would continue funding government operations through mid-December while withholding money for the Affordable Care Act.

Some GOP lawmakers also advocated holding back on increasing the nation's borrowing limit, which could result in a first-ever default, unless the law is brought down.

Obama used his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday to scoff "a faction on the far right" of the Republican Party, and he said he would not allow "anyone to hold his hand over the nation and threaten to inflict economic pain on millions of our own people, just to make an ideological point."

While attending the Michigan conference, Paul said Republicans could force a vote in both houses of Congress, then negotiate changes after elections in November. A House committee. But, he added, time is running out.

Less than one-quarter of Americans say they approve of the health care law. Congress is doing, about the same as approve of Republicans in Congress, according to recent national polls. Democrats, poll slightly higher, and large majorities disapprove of the work of both.

Yet, only about a third of Americans say they approve of the health care act.

Christie has accepted for his state reviewed price of the law, yet campaigned on behalf of candidates who support dismantling it. He has taken no public position. The House passed the law to the point of government shutdown. He is neither unwilling or unable to speak up against these guys," Democratic National Committee spokesman Mike Czina said.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, hosting the conference where Paul, Walker and Louisana Gov. Bobby Jindal spoke Saturday, said a shutdown "reflects poorly on the national political culture."

Bush was more pointed. He said Republicans would be guilty of overplaying their hand if they passed a spending measure that did not include money for the health care law.

Noting that Republicans control only the U.S. House in Washington, or "one-half of one-third of the leverage" in the capital, Bush said Wednesday in Washington there "needs to be an understanding of that, or politically, it gets quite dicey" for the GOP.

Cruz said concerns that voters would blame Republicans for a shutdown are unfounded.

"If history is a guide, the fear of deep political repercussions — I don't think the data bear that out," he said.

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The art of taking it easy

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“Sorry, I have four papers to write and six club meetings tonight, I can’t have dinner anymore.”

Though maybe a little exaggerated, this kind of apology is not uncommon here at Notre Dame. The idea we have to fill our days with activities and extra credits and research jobs and interball sports teams and student government committees is wide-spread among campus. Somehow, it feels like all of my friends have full-time jobs on top of classes and a little “Rihl” seems totally out of the question.

But I have to ask — why are we doing this? Sometimes I convince myself it’s because we’re passionate? or maybe it’s because we’re well-rounded individuals want it all; we’re Dormers, of course we can do everything.

Other times, I’ve convinced it’s for more mundane reasons. Even as an adult, I find myself and others playing the “one-up-ping” game. Remember being so prevalent in my middle school days. When a classmate or friend talks about how little sleep they got, you feel that sudden urge to explain you got even fewer hours of sleep, or maybe that you got, you feel that sudden urge to explain you

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Whatever we fear most, in the depths of our being, can be presented to God, mediated on, placed into a gospel scene where Jesus could act on it and touched by his grace. This type of prayer serves as a healing agent of mercy that is always available to us. Like little children, run to their parents for safety during nightmares, we adult children can run to our Divine Parent, in prayer, for security in understanding the causes and roots of some of the insecurities that move us to be less than authentic.

In addition to prayer, the aid of a spiritual director can be invaluable. Religious women and men and those ordained have long benefited from someone who walks with them as a dialogue partner in the spiritual life.

St. Francis de Sales, in his classic, “The Introduction to the Devout Life,” asserts all baptized people — regardless of their state in life — who are serious about growing their relationship with God need one.

Meetings with a spiritual director usually occur once a month, just for about an hour and are simple conversa-tions about experiences of prayer, temptation, grace, love, joy, sin or any-thing that pulls a soul closer to or away from God. Choosing a director may be a challenge, but it is a necessary effort. Qualities of good candidates include a sense of maturity, facility in praying and understanding the spiritual life, familiarity with the Scriptures and a good sense of humor. It is also good for the one directed to feel comfortable and trusted when talking about sensitive and personal matters.

Throughout these conversations many issues may be unearthed and examined at their roots to show a con-nection or disconnect between the disciple’s life and the life of Jesus. The art of the conversation recalls how Jesus did his best work, visiting with people, touching their hearts with clear words, listening to them to help healing and walking with them to assure them of God’s love to tame their fears.

Without Jesus, many of his compan-ion would have remained in the dark and in fear. Without a spiritual director, so might we.

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Fear of the dark

Fr. Kevin Nadolski
Faith Matters

Growing up as children, we fre-quently fear the dark, as we don’t want to be alone with little light to shine on whatever it is we think could be lurking around us. We eventually learn to rest in darkness, confident we will be safe after some healthy reassurance from a parent or trusted adult. Thankfully, our fear of the dark dies as we mature.

But not all of our fears die. In fact, we take some fears — or at least remnants of them — from our youth well into adulthood. Our fear of the dark is rooted in a sense of danger, insecurity or threat to our safety. Of course, it is reasonable to desire such safety, but sometimes what we perceive as threats are not always rational. And what we do to protect ourselves from these threats is not always healthy — or holy.

For example, a person could have a fear of rejection; admittedly a painful experience. To protect against it, he may lie or misrepresent truths about him-self out of fear that if someone ever learned the real truth about him, he would be rejected. The dishonesty then becomes a false light to protect him from the darkness of being personally dismissed.

Or, a woman might fear the darkness of defeat and work hard never to feel as if she is losing or at the short end of what she experiences as a competition. Compensating for this, she may tend to over-represent her talents, achieve-ments or abilities.

We all have insecurities that are deep within us, regardless of their nature or origin. Those perceived inadequa-ties frequently hinder us from being completely free in our relationships and daily choices. Bullying has been presented as national epidemic in our schools, and we can experience overly aggressive behaviors in the professional workplace and some social settings. School coun-selors agree much of this type of anti-social behavior comes from perceptibly strong students picking on the weak because the so-called bolder youths fear or loathe in themselves exactly what is visible in their victims: their own in-securities. Thus, the “fear of the dark” within prompts them to attack someone they judge to be one.

Recently, some have opined the once-forgiven tendencies of former congress-man and leading New York City mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner, grew out of a basic fear that he was not special enough. Thankfully, his wife, therapist and he are working on these matters and hoping healing is forthcoming.

It has been said that many psycholog-ical problems have spiritual solutions. Perhaps this becoks us to a deeper and closer look at our spiritual lives.

Do we turn to God with our most pressing fears?

Whatever we fear most, in the depths of our being, can be presented to God, mediated on, placed into a gospel scene where Jesus could act on it and touched by his grace. This type of prayer serves as a healing agent of mercy that is always available to us. Like little children, run to their parents for safety during nightmares, we adult children can run to our Divine Parent, in prayer, for se-curity in understanding the causes and roots of some of the insecurities that move us to be less than authentic.

In addition to prayer, the aid of a spiritual director can be invaluable. Religious women and men and those ordained have long benefited from someone who walks with them as a dialogue partner in the spiritual life.

St. Francis de Sales, in his classic, “The Introduction to the Devout Life,” as-serts all baptized people — regardless of their state in life — who are serious about growing their relationship with God need one.

Meetings with a spiritual director usually occur once a month, just for about an hour and are simple conversa-tions about experiences of prayer, temptation, grace, love, joy, sin or any-thing that pulls a soul closer to or away from God. Choosing a director may be a challenge, but it is a necessary effort. Qualities of good candidates include a sense of maturity, facility in praying and understanding the spiritual life, familiarity with the Scriptures and a good sense of humor. It is also good for the one directed to feel comfortable and trusted when talking about sensitive and personal matters.

Throughout these conversations many issues may be unearthed and examined at their roots to show a con-nection or disconnect between the disciple’s life and the life of Jesus. The art of the conversation recalls how Jesus did his best work, visiting with people, touching their hearts with clear words, listening to them to help healing and walking with them to assure them of God’s love to tame their fears.

Without Jesus, many of his compan-ion would have remained in the dark and in fear. Without a spiritual director, so might we.

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Improving education is one of the most important goals we can strive for as a society. Many today believe the best way to improve education is to spend more on education and anti-poverty programs. Spending more on education allows schools to provide broader educational services and spending on anti-poverty programs places students in a better position to learn because they are well-fed, have good housing, etc. However, this plan for improving education becomes increasingly unlikely given America’s long-term fiscal scenario.

As the cost of healthcare rises and the baby boomers retire, the federal government will have to spend more on the rising cost of Social Security and Medicare, which together constitute roughly $63 trillion in unfunded liabilities according to the Social Security Trustees (an unfunded liability is the amount promised in benefits minus the amount in dedicated expected tax revenues given current law).

While the federal government only provides 10 percent of education funding, it is a critical source for schools in poorer areas through Title I funding and other education programs. States also face tremendous unfunded liabilities due to the retirement pensions and health care promises they made to public sector employees, which constitutes a whopping combined $1.38 trillion of unfunded liability accorded to the Pew Research Center. States contribute a greater percentage of education funding at roughly 47 percent.

Finding a way to deal with these unfunded liabilities will be one of our country’s greatest future challenges. Cutting Medicare and Social Security is very difficult due to political opposition from seniors and cutting employee retirement benefits is very difficult due to legal obstacles. While seeking resolution, raising taxes to cover even a portion of the unfunded liabilities will push tax revenue beyond historically high levels.

A politically easier way for policymakers to cover these liabilities is by cutting education funding and other anti-poverty programs. This is already happening in 35 states where school funding now stands below 2008 levels. Moreover, much of the recent federal “sequester” cut education funding. Head Start was cut by $406 million, Title I funding by $740 million and special education by $650 million.

Thus, the amount of unfunded liabilities the federal government and state governments will need to cover in coming years coupled with the preference of policymakers to cut education and anti-poverty funding over other programs makes the belief that the only way to improve American education is by spending more increasingly unlikely.

However, there is a strategy that can handle future education spending decreases and still raise student outcomes. This view is largely associated with the “reform” movement in education, which focuses on the enormous factoring of power and rather works to optimize controllable factors, such as teacher quality, the number of school hours, curriculum, etc.

Reformers also work to lower costs in education by closing failing and underused schools, streamlining the central bureaucracy, utilizing technology to reduce labor costs, laying off unnecessary staff, creating accountability at every level and investing the created savings into student. This vision can and will lead to better outcomes at a much lower cost to taxpayers.

Helping those who cannot help themselves with healthcare, housing, food, etc., is a moral imperative. However, those who believe the only way to improve education is by spending more on these items ignore the reality that, like it or not, the federal government and state governments are beginning to cut funding for education and anti-poverty programs to help pay down unfunded liabilities.

Even still, some ignore our fiscal reality and continue to advocate for more spending as the only way to save American education. These people certainly are entitled to their opinions, but they should know their plan deserves a failing grade.
After listening to Drake’s hotly-anticipated new album, “Nothing Was The Same,” I sat at my desk feeling duped. Like a 19th century company claiming its cigarettes could cure asthma, or a Pizza Ranch convincing people its food doesn’t cause cardiac arrest or spontaneous combustion, Cash Money Records snared me in the sticky web of false advertising. Drake’s new album should not be named “Nothing Was The Same.” It should be titled, “Nothing Was Above Average.”

This review pains me to write. I thought “Nothing Was The Same” would be on par with “Take Care.” Drake’s most recent and widely successful studio album. Maybe it wouldn’t be essentially golden from top to bottom but hey, it would still provide multiple classics to add to the iTunes library, right? Wrong. If it weren’t for its several redeeming tracks, “Nothing Was The Same” would have joined “The Carter 4” in the ranks of my all-time musical disappointments.

Drake has always tried to balance rapping and singing, braggadocio and introspection, fast flows and crooning over actually, perhaps, the best. If I had to put my finger on it, I guess the main problem with “Nothing Was The Same” is that he let this delicate balance drop right on its head. Make no mistake, Drake did plenty of singing and moping in “Take Care,” but he has managed to blend it well within the broader flow of the album. This was simply not the case with “Nothing Was The Same.”

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“Nothing Was The Same” Drake
Label: Young Money Entertainment
Tracks: “Too Much,” “The Language,” “All Me”
If you like: “The Golden Girls,” Ralph Nadar

You’re sitting there, in life. You’re reading and blinking and breathing and yawning. The world around you is a giant parking lot of normalness. Then a golden warrior kitten jumps onto your shoulder and lets out the cut- est battle cry in history. You whip Mace Windu’s lightsaber out of nowhere. Day turns to midnight and the lights in the parking lot turn into disco balls as the stars flash, nyan-cat-like, across the heav- ens. You are about to save Earth, Taylor Swift and the moon’s secret population of meerkats.

That’s what listening to “The Bones of What You Believe” makes you feel like. Declarations of love and freedom ex- plode out of synthesizer tidal waves. Bass drums pulse like desperate heartbeats. Snares crash like falling meteors. Choirs shout into space. CHVRCHES makes epic pop music that’s as inviting as Buzu Lightyear’s outstretched hand. Believe me — you’re going to want to take that band.

But before grabbing with this monster of an album, some background: CHVRCHES is a three-piece electro- pop band from Glasgow, Scotland. Pronounced “churches,” the band start- ed gathering hype with “Lies” and “The Mother We Share,” a pair of massive sin- gles released via Internet streaming ser- vices like YouTube and Soundcloud. In a matter of months, CHVRCHES started receiving attention from a host of British publications including The Guardian, NME, The Huffington Post and BBC. In 2012, the group released the critically-acclaimed “Recover” EP through Virgin Records, and since then, they’ve been slowly releasing new music single by single. Which takes us to the full album — “The Bones of What You Believe.” Like a fantastic salad, “Bones” works because each ingredient in CHVRCHES’ sound is fresh, rich and crisp. Lead vocalist Lauren Mayberry carries each melody with a voice that’s clear and powerful. Iain Cook and Martin Doherty provide bass, gui- tar and synth performed with immacu- late precision. Each band member has a background in music production, and on “Bones,” that skill makes the most of each musical opportunity. The bass is strong and deep but never dominates; the synths and voice intertwine but never collide. Each element stands out and yet works together to create a seamless salad dressing that’s ever-present and yet none of the crou- tons are soggy.

Of course, ingredients are only as good as their recipes. Thankfully, the song- writing on “Bones” is five-star stuff. The clear production allows CHVRCHES to cram numerous hooks into each song, re- sulting in tunes that are catchy from start to finish. Synthesizer melodies, chopped vocal lines and even drum patterns leap out and make every song memorable. The verses and bridges are often so exhilarating and pleasant that the choruses seem to explode out of nowhere — the poor lis- tener’s brain is unable to comprehend an increase in what seemed unsurpassable awesomeness. Although much of the al- bum stays in anthemic pop-song territor- ies, a few changing song structures such as the brooding thump of “Science/Visions” and the ballad-like closer “You Caught the Light” prevent the album from entering repetitive territory.

And then there are the lyrics. Almost in direct conflict with the joy and en- ergy exuded by the music, “Bones” finds Mayberry confronting flawed and dying relationships, albeit passing through to solid ground. Mayberry’s voice carries words as if they were mantras — each syll- able is a statement and a step forward. Album opener “The Mother We Share” comes to terms with exploring a partner’s pain- ful silence in a one-sided relationship. “Never took your side/never cursed your name/I keep my lips shut tight/until you go.”

In “We Sink,” Mayberry warns a com- panion that “We will fall if you lead us,” before declaring, “I’ll be a thorn in your side till you die, we sink we lift our love.” It’s a sense of directness and acceptance that differentiates CHVRCHES’ roman- tic narratives from the average pop hit. Mayberry does not complain or accuse, but rather declares, triumphs and moves on. And when you’re listening to her, it’s hard not to feel as if anything can be overcome.

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“The Bones of What You Believe” is an expertly crafted pop album that bursts with life and spirit. It boasts insanely catchy hooks, near-Kanye level produc- tion and lyrics that actually add to the music. CHVRCHES are one of the catchiest, most exciting bands to come out of the indie scene in the last decade, and as is the band’s namesake, everyone is in- vited to listen.
By ALLY SCRUGGS
Scene Writer

There’s no way of getting around it. The 65th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards, which aired Sunday night, got really weird. Perhaps Neil Patrick Harris put it best when he announced, “This just in: No one in America is winning their office Emmy pool.”

The string of unlikely winners in nearly every category was so extensive that it warranted one of our society’s greatest awards of recognition, a trending hashtag. #WeirdEmmys covered the full gamut of awkward moments that occurred Sunday night, from Jeff Daniels winning Outstanding Actor in a Drama for his performance on “The Newsroom,” over Bryan Cranston, John Hamm and Kevin Spacey, to that deliciously uncomfortable photobomb of Neil Patrick Harris by comedy writer Paul Greenberg.

Viewers were left feeling unsettled as the usual recipients of awards were passed over in favor of the more unlikely candidates. Merrit Wever surprisingly grabbed the title of outstanding supporting actress in comedy for her role in “Nurse Jackie” over the formidable females of Modern Family. Her victory culminated in one of the best acceptance speeches of all time: “Thank you so much. Thank you so much. um, I gotta go, bye.” It was weird.

As new nominees took titles, long-lasting traditions of dominance were broken. “The Amazing Race” was created. “The Daily Show” and Jon Stewart’s report for outstanding variety series for the first time, despite being nominated thrice before. “Breaking Bad” didn’t win in its category, I’m positive that a revolt much stronger than a twitter fight would have ensued. Though Sunday was a strange night indeed, its high points were quite memorable. Amy Poehler and Tina Fey heckling Neil Patrick Harris to twerk was a superb tip of the hat to the lesser, albeit more interesting VMAs. Tiny Fey read the mind of America, saying what we all have wanted to say, when she thanked the Pope for “just being cool about some stuff.” All in all, three-time Emmy winning host Neil Patrick Harris and his choreographed routines brought the night together. The 65th Emmy Awards certainly won’t be forgotten, if for nothing else, because of its status as #twerkmoves.

#emmysfashion

One of the most redeeming qualities of an award show is the opportunity to judge the fashion choices of those who are much more wealthy and successful than you. Let’s face it, one of the only things that will make you feel better about sitting in your oversized sweatpants on a Sunday night, simultaneously shoveling popcorn into your mouth and watching mean America, in the five year span of its airing, the number of viewers has skyrocketed from 1.2 million viewers at its inception to an astounding 8.5 million at its culmination. In the span of season 5.2 alone, nearly three million more viewers tuned in. If “Breaking Bad” hadn’t won in its category, I’m positive that a revolt much stronger than a twitter fight would have ensued.

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Though the #WeirdEmmys had its fair share of awkwardness, some series simply could not be passed up. “Breaking Bad” broke the odd aura haunting the award show by winning Outstanding Drama Series for the first time, despite being nominated thrice before. Seeing “Breaking Bad” take home the award a week before AMC will air its series finale was just what fans needed to be pushed over the edge into a preemptive depression about the ending of their favorite story. And by fans, I mean America. In the five year span of its airing, the number of viewers has skyrocketed from 1.2 million viewers at its inception to an astounding 8.5 million at its culmination. In the span of season 5.2 alone, nearly three million more viewers tuned in. If “Breaking Bad” hadn’t won in its category, I’m positive that a revolt much stronger than a twitter fight would have ensued.

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Nobody wins in cupcake games

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Henrik Stenson knows better than most players how it feels to go from the depths of a slump to the elite in golf. He did it twice now.

And the second time was sweeter — and richer — than ever. Even among the top 200 players in the world two years ago, Stenson capped off the best three months of his life with a command performance Sunday in the Tour Championship. With a birdie to thwart a late charge by Jordan Spieth, followed by three pars from the sand, the 37-year-old Swede closed with a 2-under 68 on Sunday for a three-shot victory to capture the FedEx Cup.

He walked away with $1.44 million — $10 million for the FedEx Cup ($9 million of that in cash) and $1.44 million for winning the Tour Championship.

“It’s more than a cupcake,” Stenson said, who also moves to No. 4 in the world. “This is way beyond what I could have imagined.”

Even with a four-shot lead, the final round was a battle. There were two trophies on display on the first tee. He knew he could still win the FedEx Cup even if he didn’t win the Tour Championship. Ultimately, he figured good golf would take care of everything, and it did.

Stenson became the first Swedish golfer to win the Tour Championship wire-to-wire with no ties since Tom Watson in 1987, the first European to win the Tour Championship and received a $2 million bonus. Stenson, who finished at 13-under 267, became the first European to win the Tour Championship and the FedEx Cup. His amazing summer began with a tie for third in the Scottish Open. Stenson followed with a runner-up at the British Open and the World Golf Championship at Firestone, third place at the PGA Championship and a win at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

“Obviously, the work was done before,” Stenson said. “It’s not like it woke up in the middle of July and played fantastically.”

The Tour Championship was his second win in three tournaments of the FedEx Cup playoffs.

“Since the Scottish Open, it’s been just an incredible run,” he said. “I’m speechless. It was a tough day out there. To hang in there the way I did is amazing. It’s not something I’m used to. It hasn’t quite sunk in yet. I had to fight hard mentally to keep all this aside, and it’s a compliment to the way it’s going to feel better as the week goes on. I’m pretty sure about that.”

At the WGC-Bridgestone, the No. 1 seed going into the Tour Championship, never recovered from his 73-71 start. He closed wretched on Day 22nd, his worst finish ever at East Lake, and wound up second in the FedEx Cup. That still was worth a $3 million bonus.

Wood wrapped up the PGA of America’s points-based award for play of the year, and he captured the PGA Tour money title and the Vardon Trophy for the second straight season. Next up is a vote of the players for PGA Tour player of the year. He is the heavy favorite with four wins this season. The award is to be announced on Friday.

For much of the day, no one got closer to Stenson than three shots, and he answered that early challenge with an 8-iron to an elevated green for birdie at No. 7. The Tour Championship came to life in the final hour, though, thanks to the youngest player in the field.

Fearless as ever, Spieth began a run of birdies starting from 11 and never only moved him into second place, it put pressure on Stenson not to drop any shots. Stenson’s turn came on the 14th, when he caught a flyer over the green and missed a 20-foot putt.

“Henrik obviously was playing phenomenal golf,” Spieth said. “I felt like once a few putts started falling, I have a shot at it.”

Webb Simpson had the round of the tournament with a 63 to finish fourth. Stenson, who only last week smashed a driver and his locker at the BMW Championship out of frustration, got a touching and heartfelt call from Spieth on Friday night before returning to Shanghai.

Next up: A chance to become the first player to win back-to-back Tour Championship and Race to Dubai titles. For Spieth, a victory here would mean a second straight season with a FedEx Cup triumph.
Irish take two of four at Hillbilly Classic

Special to the Observer

Over the weekend, Notre Dame traveled to Knoxville, Tenn., to participate in the Annual Hillbilly Classic at the University of Tennessee.

After a long trip on Friday, the Irish opened the season against conference rival Grand Valley State, losing 8-4 mostly because of troubles converting on man-up power plays. The Irish came out slow in the first half, but did look stronger as the game progressed. Goal scorers were junior Dolf Hanke on a man-up, grad student Chris Jennis, junior Kevin Balhoff off a rebound and sophomore Dare Katter out of the hole set position.

In the second game of the tournament, the Irish looked stronger against an undermanned Tennessee B squad, posting a 1-3-4 victory. The game gave the team a great opportunity to give playing time to the entire roster. Strong defense, ball protection and solid goaltending from freshman Will Stoner were keys to the victory. Senior Pat Sullivan and sophomore Mike Dykes scored goals for the victory. Junior Teddy Howe and sophomore Nate Urban also contributed goals for the Irish.

In their first game Sunday morning, the Irish faced a tough opponent in the form of Cincinnati. Going down early, the Irish prevailed in a sudden death 9-8 victory after an outside shot from Jennis won the game in dramatic fashion. The comeback was mounted due to stingy defensive play, most notably from senior Jack Turek and goalkeeper Nick Sayre, who slowed the Triangle offense to a halt. Senior Gens Freeman scored two goals, including one late in the game off a fantastic pass from junior Chris Catalonio. Hanke scored one goal late in the fourth quarter to send the game to the overtime.

In Notre Dame’s final game of the tournament, it faced a strong Dynamo squad and lost 6-1. While the offense struggled, the defense looked very strong, holding a potent Dynamo squad to six goals. The game was, once again, a great opportunity for the entire roster to show quality playing time. Grad student Kevin Overholt played solid defense, while freshmen Wes Jellinek and Mason Zurovich showed strong signs of play both in that game and throughout the tournament.

NCAA FOOTBALL

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Penn State will gradually get back football scholarships taken away over the Jerry Sandusky child molestation scandal, the NCAA announced Tuesday, crediting the university for making significant improvements to its athletics programs.

Five scholarships will be restored next year and 15 more will be phased in until the school reaches the limit of 85 in 2016-17, a season earlier than the school had agreed to, college sports’ governing body said. The NCAA said the unanimous decision by its executive committee was based on the recommendation of former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, who has been serving as Penn State’s athletics integrity monitor.

“This action provides an opportunity to recognize Penn State’s significant moment, while also providing additional opportunities for student-athletes,” said Wake Forest University president Nathan Hatch, chair of the NCAA’s Division I board of directors, which endorsed the decision.

The penalties came amid heavy criticism of university leaders’ response to complaints about Sandusky. Penn State and the NCAA agreed in 2012 to penalties by entering into a consent decree more than a year ago, shortly after Sandusky was convicted of 45 counts of sexual abuse. They also require the school to pay a $60 million fine and serve a four-year ban on postseason play. The NCAA also eliminated 112 wins by the football program.

Penn State president Rodney Erickson called the restoration of scholarships particularly welcome news for student-athletes who want to attend Penn State. The sanctions promised throughout this process, we are committed to improving all our policies, procedures and actions,” Erickson said.

The NCAA said it also may reduce the postseason play ban, depending on the university’s future progress. Mitchell said it was premature to say which other sanctions might be changed.

“This was a positive response to positive action, and as to the future, we’ll have to make judgments in the future,” Mitchell said. Mitchell told reporters in a conference call.

He said the decision was particularly warranted by the fact that Erickson and other university leaders “are in the face of considerable opposition within the Penn State community.”

“Our time, their actions led to a circumstance where it became clear to me that their response was positive in the face of difficult circumstances,” Mitchell said.

Mitchell said he recommended the restoration of scholarships, but the specific elements were decided by the NCAA and Big Ten.

“It is the mechanism most directly targeted to students, student-athletes,” Mitchell said. “It is an appropriate place to provide the relief.”

Earlier this month, Mitchell issued his report in the first year of his service as monitor, crediting Penn State for notable progress in amending NCAA rules. A review of 119 recommendations made last summer by former FBI director Louis Freeh, who directed the school’s investigation into the scandal.
Belles hold on to tie Albion in road game

Observer Staff Report

The Belles finished their third consecutive double-overtime game this Tuesday, coming back from behind twice to tie Albion in a 2-2 deadlock in Albion, Mich.

Since the Belles (2-4-3, 0-2-3 MIAA) joined the MIAA conference in 1997, it is the first time they have played three consecutive overtime conference games.

Albion (2-6-1, 0-5-1 MIAA) advanced first, scoring on a free kick to lead 1-0 just 15:02 into the game. Albion senior midfielder Linsdey Lubanski was the player that put Albion in the lead.

Only four minutes later Belles sophomore midfielder Maggie McLaughlin chipped in a goal off an assist from senior forward Jordan Diffenderfer. McLaughlin’s equalizer was her second goal of the season.

Albion quickly retaliated and regained the lead just 22 seconds later, when freshman forward Dominique Sarnecky shot from twenty-five yards out off an assist from freshman midfielder Lauren Cross.

The game stayed 2-1 in the favor of Albion until late in the first half, when the Belles scored the final goal of the game. Belles junior defender Kerry Green scored a header off a corner kick by senior midfielder Mollie Valencia. The scoring subsided in the second half, as both teams held each other scoreless and then game advanced to overtime.

Both desperate for points, the Belles and Albion fought to get shots off on goal. Regardless of their efforts, no goals were scored and the game remained tied at 2-2.

The Belles out-shot Albion 10-5 in the first half and 5-0 in the second half. Neither team managed a shot in the first time period, and the Britons managed the only shot of goal in extra time in the second overtime period.

Belles junior goalkeeper Natalie Warner gathered three saves and allowed just the two goals in 45 minutes of play before junior goalie Chanler Rosenbaum came on in relief at halftime.

Rosenbaum, Saint Mary’s Athlete of the Week and MIAA Defensive Player of the Week, picked up a save in the final 65 minutes of the game. Last week, Rosenbaum allowed just one goal in 220 minutes of play and faced 21 shots with a career-high of 13 saves.

The Belles will host MIAA opponent Olivet at home Saturday, Sept. 28 at 12 p.m.
Irish struggle at home

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

After finishing Monday’s play in the sixth position, the Irish had a rough second day to finish seventh overall out of 13 teams at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic at Warren Golf Course.

Notre Dame shot a 296 on Tuesday to cap off scores of 294 and 291 on Monday and finish with a team total of 881. Not even home course advantage seemed to help Notre Dame, Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

“Coming into it, we thought we would have good competition in top teams like Houston, but we thought with our team and it being our course, we would finish in the top three or four,” Kubinski said. “Unfortunately, that didn’t happen.”

Houston took first place with a tournament-record score of five-under 847 (282, 283, 282). Houston junior golfer Kyle Pilgrim finished in the top individual spot with a weekend total of 208 (71, 71, 66). Michigan State came in second (284, 294-284) and Yale placed third (291-289-287).

Kubinski said the Irish had some good moments over the course of the tournament, but as a whole the squad did not live up to expectations.

“Overall, it was just one of those tough losses,” Kubinski said.

On Monday, the Irish were unable to break 75, with the exception of senior captain Niall Platt.

“We didn’t play well [Monday],” Kubinski said. “We were all pretty disappointed in our performance.”

Platt led the Irish with a three-under 69 to finish the weekend with a total of 215 (74-72-69). Platt finished in 12th place in his fourth last Gridiron Classic.

“Niall [Platt] did a fantastic job today,” Kubinski said. “He birdied his last three holes. He has played this tournament with us for the past four years and I was glad to see him end it well.”

It is not common for the Irish to shoot that high as a team, Kubinski said.

“Other than Niall, no one else broke 75,” Kubinski said. “That’s rare for us. Especially when it’s warm like it was [Monday] and being at home. We typically average 70, 71, 72, but it was disappointing that no one else broke 75.”

Kubinski said although the Irish did not perform up to their typical abilities, they recognized some areas to fix and have time to fix the flaws.

“The good news is that we have a couple of weekends off to improve ourselves,” Kubinski said. “We have identified a few things we need to work on - each player has their own individual issues to improve. The good thing is that we have time to do it, we have a few weeks to work on it.”

The Irish next compete at the Crooked Stick Intercollegiate on Oct. 14 and 15 in Carmel, Ind.

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Associated Press

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Irish struggle at home

By ISAAC LORTON
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Men’s Golf | 881, 7th

The Belles started strong in MIAA play, shooting a 341 as a team at the Medalist Golf Club, good enough to put them in second place after the first round of conference play.

It was the Belles’ second trip to the Medalist Club this season, and while their score failed to match their first two rounds at the course, they produced a better finish in the team ranking. Saint Mary’s trailed only Olivet College’s 329 on Tuesday in the team standings, and led third place Calvin College by six strokes.

The event’s hosts, Albion College, finished in seventh place with a score of 399. In the individual standings, Olivet’s Theresa Damico paced the group with a 78, with Saint Mary’s senior captain Paige Pollak hot on her heels with an 80 to tie for second. While pleased with her team’s performance, Belles coach Kim Moore is hoping they can close the gap between them and Olivet over the next few rounds.

“We’re a little farther back than I thought we’d be, but we can’t win [the conference] on the first day,” Moore said. “I think we definitely have some work to do before we come back for the next one on Saturday.”

Outside of Pollak’s stellar performance, junior Janice Heffernan was third for the Belles and 11th overall with a score of 81. Notre Dame’s senior captain Niall Platt was tied for 13th, and freshman Ali Mahoney was tied for 13th with an 80. Averill was unable to match her performance from the O’Brien National Invitational at the Warren, where her career-best rounds of 81 and 80 earned her recognition as MIAA Woman Golfer of the Week. Despite that, Moore still saw glimpses of excellence in Averill’s round, especially her strong start to the day.

“She didn’t finish well, but she did well,” Moore said. “I was really impressed with the first nine [holes] she had, and that’s golf for you sometimes, you have a good nine then a bad nine.”

Rounding out the Belles’ top five was freshman Courtney Carlson in 18th place. It was Carlson’s first time flying as part of the Belles, and she finished with a 90. Coach Moore was excited with Carlson’s development, and believes she adds real depth to the Saint Mary’s roster.

“I think she did rather well,” Moore said. “It seemed like today, as with everyone, she had a good nine and a bad nine. But, I was really happy with the way she played today.”

The Belles face a quick turnaround this week, as they return to play at Milham Park Invitational at the Medalist Club this weekend, for the second round of MIAA play.

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“Games are a lot of fun, especially playing at home in front of our fans,” Wall said. “Whenever we have a large student section coming out and sitting behind the goals it boosts the whole atmosphere of the game. All of our guys love that kind of game environment.”

But Wall does not deny that he might have developed a bit of the quirkiness often associated with goalkeepers.

“Yeah, I can’t argue that goalies are different, but I don’t take that as a bad thing,” Wall said. “We have four keepers on our team all who have different personalities. I’m a bit of a space nerd, [senior] Adam Hubbard is still a freshman.”

Talcott is one of the best dancers I’ve ever seen, and Chris Pla has survived Marine boot camp, [sophomore] Brian Talcott is one of the best dancers I’ve ever seen, and Chris Hubbard is still a freshman.”

Wall wasn’t kidding when he described himself as a “space nerd.” The two-time Big East Academic All-Star is majoring in aerospace engineering.

“It’s not a common major, but I enjoy flying and it has been a dream job for me,” Wall said.

Wall spent his summer in Chicago, earning a rocket into space, I also had the opportunity to do them both every day of the summer was unbelievable.”

But don’t think Wall spends all his time at soccer practice or toiling in the lab. The senior says some of the best moments of his college career have come at the Yacht Dance, the annual event attended by St. Edward’s Hall residents.

“At the end of every year I get to travel down to Chicago with my best friends and party on a yacht all night,” Wall said. “Every year there is a story that will be remembered long after we graduate.”

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Belles host Manchester in non-conference match

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After a tough weekend against two nationally-ranked conference opponents, the Belles look to bounce back against Manchester on Tuesday and earn their second home win of the season.

Belles coach Toni Elyea said. “Playing the No. 1 Calvin and No. 2 Hope exposed the areas that we will need to improve.”

“Coming off of a very tough week, we are very aware of what we need to get better at individually and as a team,” Elyea said. “Playing the No. 1 and No. 2 team in the country, you are able to see exactly where you need to make improvements.”

Calvin (14-0, 6-0 MIAA) and Hope (14-1, 5-1 MIAA) tested the Belles’ defense with high-powered offenses, and Manchester (3-9, 0-0 Heartland) won’t give Saint Mary’s much of a break. The Spartans have crushed 114.5 to 61, and Elyea said the Belles will focus on improving their blocking presence and efficiency on offense against the Spartans.

“We are focused on continuing to play great defensively, block well and play our best,” Elyea said. “We will need to get a little more consistency out of our offense in order to produce wins.”

Saint Mary’s takes the court at home against Manchester on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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SMCVOLLEYBALL

Irish senior goalkeeper Patrick Wall clears the ball away from his goal during then-No. 4 Notre Dame’s 1-1 (2OT) tie with then-No. 1 North Carolina on Sept. 8. Wall played all 110 minutes and made three saves in the game.

The Spartan’s defense has been active this season on its way to an average of 14.54 digs per set.

For the Belles, junior outside hitter Katie Schneider (196), sophomore outside hitter Kelsie Thomas with 193. Freshman middle hitter Morgan Pavelka balances the center of Manchester’s offense with 172 kills and 70 blocks.

Freshmen dominate the Spartans’ defensive statistics as well. Freshman defensive specialist Meika Kennedy has snagged a team-leading 347 digs this season, and Pruden has 264, making her both an offensive and defensive threat.

Sophomore defensive specialist Morgan Yoder rounds out the top three for Manchester with 200 digs. The entire Spartans defense has been active this season on its way to an average of 14.54 digs per set.

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RUTH M. HILLEBRAND CENTER FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE IN MEDICINE

The Ruth Hillebrand Center for Compassionate Care in Medicine at the University of Notre Dame is conducting a research study to interview people who found that their doctor delivered bad medical news to them in the best possible manner.

To participate, e-mail Dominic Vachon M.D., Ph.D. at dvachon@nd.edu or call 574-631-9536 and leave a message for the research team.

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to be our best game of the year in all phases, including special teams. And we certainly know that because we’ve played Oklahoma before, and we know what to expect."

Depth chart changes
For the first time this season, the five running backs who have seen game action—juniors George Atkinson, Amir Carlisle, Cam McDaniel and freshmen Greg Bryant and Tarean Folston—are all on an even playing field, at least on paper.

All five backs are listed as co-starters in this week’s depth chart, which was released Tuesday, even though Kelly called the rotation a four-man one Sunday. Kelly clarified his comments, saying the Irish just got to four running backs Saturday and want to get to five.

Junior inside linebacker Jarrett Grace was listed as the co-starter at the Mike linebacker position along with graduate student Dan Fox.

Kelly said Grace’s progress has allowed the inside linebacker positions to be fluid with Grace, Fox and graduate student Carlo Calabrese.

Sophomore safety Elijah Shumate has slipped into the starting safety role opposite senior Austin Collinsworth and junior Matthias Farley, who are listed as co-starters.

Freshman Max Redfield is listed as Shumate’s backup.

Day update
Kelly said he expected sophomore defensive lineman Sheldon Day to practice Tuesday. Day missed the Michigan State game Saturday with a sprained ankle.

Senior defensive lineman Kona Schwenke started in Day’s place against the Spartans.

No green jerseys
Despite a joint effort from the Leprechaun Legion and the Kelly Cares Foundation to green-out Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday, Kelly said the Irish will not be wearing green jerseys against Oklahoma.

According to Kelly, there will be more than 40,000 green pom-poms handed out to fans entering the game Saturday.

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The Phoxes were hampered early on by a slew of penalties on both sides of the ball, but finally found paydirt near the end of the second quarter with a touchdown run by junior end of the second quarter with a late interception they almost returned for a touchdown of their own.

While the Whirlwinds had trouble with penalties and slowing Pangborn’s offensive attack, Welsh Family sophomore quarterback Kathleen Conaty was happy with the heart her team showed and hopes to improve upon their mistakes on defense.

“We looked better on defense. We had a couple tough breaks on offense,” Conaty said.

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The Wildcat’s (2-0) defense recorded two interceptions, keeping the Wild Women (0-2) off the scoreboard. One of the interceptions came during the first offensively driven, and senior captain Andrea Carlson said this gave Ryan an early boost.

“That first interception was really good for getting the momentum turned around since we didn’t score on our first drive,” Carlson said.

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Celebrities born on this day: Spencer Treat Clark, 26; Erin Chambers, 34; Nia Vardalos, 51; Kevin Sorbo, 55.

Happy Birthday! Look for answers, ask questions and scout for opportunities. Embrace your emotions and share your thoughts. Focus on knowledge and incorporating positive changes that will help ease stress and bring you closer to lifelong goals. Let the past go and step into the future feeling confident that you are doing what’s best for you. Seek the truth. Your numbers are 3, 10, 19, 23, 34, 48, 45.

Aries (March 21-April 19): An unlikely partnership will bring about changes to the way you live. A change will do you good and must be incorporated quickly before the window of opportunity closes. Think fast, take action quickly and don’t look back.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Don’t race through everything or you will fall short and face criticism. A job you are considering will not be as exciting as it sounds. Find out exactly what’s being offered and get promises in writing. Don’t argue; be nice.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You’ll have some good suggestions, but don’t cross the line or you will be blamed for meddling. Tables will turn quickly if your facts aren’t right. Instead, put more into your home and improving your standard of living.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Use your imagination and you will come up with interesting ways to socialize, make new acquaintances and find romantic settings that will enhance your life. A growing interest should not be ignored. Pursue what draws you with a passion.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Change your surroundings. Staying at home will result in conflict. Take time to think about a personal problem you face before you confront the situation. Time is on your side and will help alleviate making a wrong assumption.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Taking an emotional trip down memory lane will help you clear up pending issues that have been standing between you and a decision you need to make. Truth will be the deciding factor when it comes to personal relationships.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may want to make some noteworthy alterations at home, but consider the cost involved. Consider innovative ways to get what you want for less. Your ingenuity will be impressive and result in raising your profile and your confidence.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone with a hidden agenda will charm you. Don’t count on anything or anyone. It’s important to take control of any situation that can influence your reputation or status. Change isn’t the answer—consistency and fair play is.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A proactive approach will get the job done no matter what it is you are trying to accomplish, but expect to experience some opposition and emotional mind games along the way. Don’t hesitate; make your voice heard and put your plans into motion.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone with a hidden agenda will charm you. Don’t count on anything or anyone. It’s important to take control of any situation that can influence your reputation or status. Change isn’t the answer—consistency and fair play is.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more into your surroundings. What you do to feel more at home or comfortable will lift your spirits and help you put a greater distance between you and someone who has limited you in the past.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Check over paperwork that can make a difference in the way you do business or make investments. The choices you make regarding your health and financial well-being will bring about other opportunities to pursue someone or something that interests you.

Birthday Baby: You are dedicated, loyal and creative. You are intelligent and sophisticated.
FOOTBALL

Close calls

No. 22 Notre Dame prepares for touted matchup with No. 14 Oklahoma

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
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In Saturday’s 17-13 win over Michigan State, No. 22 Notre Dame squeaked out its 10th win in the last 11 games in contests decided by less than a touchdown.

In the first seven such games during Irish coach Brian Kelly’s tenure at Notre Dame, the Irish were 2-5.

Kelly said winning close games came in due time.

“When we first got here I don’t believe that we were able to win some of those games, and I think it’s just a matter of time,” he said Tuesday during his weekly press conference. “We’re four years into our program. Our kids believe that if they prepare the right way and they take care of the things that they’re supposed to do that they have a belief [they can win].”

Already this season, the Irish (3-1) have two victories of seven or fewer points (against Purdue and Michigan State). Last season, they notched five victories of seven or fewer points, including two in overtime.

Kelly said the Irish still need to execute, despite the mindset they carry into the game.

“They believe that they can win no matter what the circumstances are,” he said. “But again, I would caution you to say that it’s still about you’ve got to make plays. We made a couple more plays at the end, and we’ll have to make a couple more this weekend.”

The Irish will likely encounter another close game this Saturday against No. 14 Oklahoma, who are 3.5-point road favorites over Notre Dame.

Kelly said the Irish need to play exceptionally well against the Sooners (3-0).

“It’s just a well coached, deep and talented football team,” he said. “We’re going to have to play extremely well. We’re going to have to be in great position, extremely disciplined across the board and play our best game of the season.”

A year ago in Norman, Okla., the Irish exploded for 28 points in the fourth quarter — including the final 17 — to beat the Sooners, 30-13.

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WOMEN’S INTERHALL

Wall finds niche as goalie

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It wasn’t a desire to emulate a talented international goalkeeper that inspired Irish senior goalkeeper Patrick Wall to move to his current position at the age of 11. He wasn’t looking for the adrenaline rush that follows a great save, or even the responsibility of being his team’s last defense.

No, the young Wall was, well, not all that interested in exerting himself.

“It all started around the age when coaches felt the need to do conditioning with the players, and one day I asked the coach if there was any way I could get out of all the running,” Wall said. “His response was ‘Well, you could be the goalie.’ So I took that advice to heart and avoided all the long running that I could.”

The No. 4 Irish are the lucky beneficiaries of Wall’s decision. The Sugarland, Texas, native has played every minute of the season so far, allowing only three goals in six contests. The Irish (3-0-3, 1-0-2 ACC) are still undefeated, outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 10-3. Wall has saved 21 of the 24 shots on goal so far this season, good for a .875 save percentage.

Although goalkeeping is a high-pressure responsibility, Wall, who first saw major playing time last season, starting 10 games, says he doesn’t suffer from nerves or anxiety at game time.

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Dietzel leads Chaos to win

By EVAN ANDERSON
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Junior running back Olivia Dietzel had 58 yards from scrimmage on just five touches, the Chaos defense was stingy for a second straight game and Cavanaugh defeated Badin 20-0 on Tuesday night to earn their first win of the season.

Dietzel and the Chaos (1-1) scored on a 35-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage after the Cavanagh offense failed to get on the scoreboard Sunday against Pasquerilla East.

“Our offense did a much better job with all the details today,” Cavanagh senior captain Meaghan Ayers said. “Receivers made catches, our quarterbacks threw the ball well, and we were able to mix it up and keep the defense on their toes.”

Ayers said she was also pleased with the effort from her defense, which didn’t yield a first down until the second half.

“We had a few players out, but our freshmen stepped up and got the job done,” Ayers said.

Despite a second loss in three days for the Bullfrogs (0-2), sophomore captain and starting quarterback Tina Techar said she saw progress from her team. She was pleased with the play of junior receiver Brianna Leon, who caught four passes for 35 yards in the second half.

“As you could start to see in the second half, we’re starting to gel more as an offense,” Techar said. “[Leon] and I had some chemistry going in the second half and I think we will try to capitalize on that going forward.”

Both teams are back in action Sunday, with the Bullfrogs searching for their first win against Farley and Cavanagh looking for another win against Lewis.

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Ryan 23, Walsh 0

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Ryan shut out Walsh 23-0 in

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