University bolsters local economy

Impact report states Notre Dame generates $1.167 billion for South Bend annually

By LESLEY STEVENSON

Notre Dame’s recently released 2013 Economic Impact Report indicates that the partnership between the University and local communities is evolving and thriving.

“In the United States is beaten every nine seconds a woman or assaulted, she said. The relationship between our city and Notre Dame is at an all-time high, and these numbers help tell the story,” Buttigieg said. “The local economy benefits hugely from the role of the university. That said, I look forward to maintaining this relationship with Notre Dame’s recently released report, released Sept. 25 and based on data from 2012, puts the University’s total economic impact per year in St. Joseph County at $1.167 billion. Student, visitor and University spending contributed to that amount, associate vice president for public affairs Tim Sexton said.

“When you put out a number of over $1.1 billion of economic impact, I mean that’s huge,” he said. “But it’s also huge because in order for us to have this kind of an impact, we need the support of the community. “This is a two-way street. We can’t do a lot of what we do here at the University without the local community.”

Jessica Brookshire, associate director for public affairs, led a University team that worked with New York-based consulting group Applesseed to collect and analyze data from more than 80 individuals on campus, see REPORT PAGE 6

Men to walk against domestic violence

By ABI HOVERMAN

This Saturday, more than 100 local men will don three-inch, red high-heels and walk through downtown South Bend for “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” to raise awareness for domestic violence and sexual assault and raise money for the Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA).

“Amanda Ceravolo, director of development and communications for the North Central Indiana YWCA shelter, said the event, officially titled the YWCA’s “Men’s March to End Violence against Women,” offers men the opportunity to show solidarity for women who have been victims of violence, which is a community-wide issue.

“Men really do want to be involved and are looking for ways to help,” Ceravolo said.

“It’s also about showing that men can be and are vital parts of the solution to the problem.”

Ceravolo said October, which is domestic violence awareness month, offers the perfect opportunity for such an event to begin dialogues about the issue and resources available locally.

One fact to consider is that every nine seconds a woman in the United States is beaten or assaulted, she said.

“All men come out and for different reasons, but we always remind people that one in four women can be a victim of sexual assault,” Ceravolo said. “This could be your wife, your mom, your sister, your daughter. Anyone can be impacted by violence against women.”

According to the Indiana Coalition against Domestic Violence, see WALK PAGE 6

Panelists urge students to secure economic interests

By PAUL KIM

As the government shutdown stretches into its second week, finance experts advised Notre Dame students on how to seize control of their generation’s financial future on Wednesday in a discussion panel titled “Mortgaging the Future: Millennials’ Declining Share of the Economic Pie.”

Panelists James Dunne, a Notre Dame trustee and senior managing partner at Sandler O’Neill and Partners, Stanley Druckenmiller, a philanthropist and former president of Duquesne Capital and Timothy Fuerst, a Notre Dame economics professor and economic adviser at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, discussed the growing economic disparity between the older generation and the younger generation.

The panel was held Wednesday in Washington Hall by the College of Arts and Letters, see FUTURE PAGE 4

Nanovics donate building to ND

By NICOLE McALEE

Students of political science, economics and sociology can expect a new academic home in fall 2017. A gift from Robert and Elizabeth Nanovic, the largest in the history of the College of Arts and Letters, will fund Nanovic Hall on Notre Dame Avenue, south of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The building will contain classrooms, faculty offices and laboratory and research space for those three departments, see NANOVIC PAGE 5
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
If you could go anywhere for fall break where would you go?

Steven Seitz
sophomore
Fisher Hall
“The moon.”

Mason Prosser
freshman
O’Neill Hall
“Niagara Falls.”

John Vidovich
senior
Off Campus
“Peru.”

Darby Collins
freshman
Lewis Hall
“Italy.”

Danielle Fasani
senior
Ryan Hall
“The dark side of the moon.”

Cesar Hernandez
freshman
Fisher Hall
“Mexico.”

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THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Thursday
Film: Elena
DeBaratto Performing
Arts Center
7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Winner of the Cannes Special Jury Prize.

Dialogue and Discussion: “Walmart and Beyond”
Hesburgh Library
7:30 p.m - 9 p.m.
Free and open to public.

Friday
Mindful Meditation
St. Liam Hall
1:30 p.m - 2:30 p.m.
Part of Stress Buster: The Art of Mindful Relaxation.

Mobile Summit
Eck Hall of Law
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Notre Dame holds its 2013 event discussing mobile technology.

Saturday
Domer Run
Legends
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Run, or walk with family, to raise money for local cancer awareness.

Hot 8 Brass Band
DeBaratto Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Concert of New Orleans street music.

Sunday
VisionWalk
Irish Green
12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Proceeds benefit the Foundation Fighting Blindness.

Messe de Nostre Dame
DeBaratto Performing Arts Center
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
ND Medieval Quartet.

Monday
ACMS Colloquium: “A Game of Clones”
127 Hayes-Healy
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
On mechanisms in meiotic dysgenesis.

Prep for the Second Round Interview
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5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
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TODAY
A wide angle shot of the glasswork exhibition “Torpor” by California artist Jaime Guerrero, which explores the metaphor of energy-saving inactivity and subsequent awakening. The gallery was recently added to the Snite Museum of Art and will stay until Dec. 8.

Corrections
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Professor researches antibiotic resistance of MRSA

By HENRY GENs

Imagine a prototypical superbug, a bacterium that mutates seemingly overnight from in-explainable causes and evolves resistance constantly to nearly every known antibacterial agent, even miracle drugs like penicillin. Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is one such superbug, and a team led by Shabnam Mobashery, the Navari professor in life sciences, recently published a groundbreaking study resolving a decades-long mystery in a crucial mechanism of its antibacterial resistance.

Mobashery’s lab has a long history of researching MRSA, having undertaken numerous studies of the pathogen in the last 12 years, he said.

“It is estimated that roughly 100,000 Americans per year get infected by it, and about 19,000 die from it on an annual basis, so it is considered one of the top six human pathogens in terms of clinical importance,” Mobashery said.

“To produce all these resistance determinants is very costly for the organism,” Mobashery said. “It pays the cost of holding onto the genes, but it doesn’t turn them on to make proteins until it’s absolutely necessary, so this is some of the complexity of the situation. The organism is very insidious because, biochemically, it’s very efficient: it doesn’t activate processes it doesn’t need; it doesn’t invest in resistance until the antibiotic is given.”

Mobashery said he focused his study on a particular protein, penicillin-binding protein 2a (PBP2a), responsible for one type of antibacterial resistance in the pathway.

“So penicillin-binding protein 2a, in the week that we have just published, shows the unbelievably complex that this organism has developed in fighting antibiotics,” Mobashery said.

“In 2005, my group showed in a study that this protein is normally silent until it has to become active for its physiological role. The organism biochemically communicates with this protein and says, ‘it’s time to do the physiological role,’ which, in the case of this protein, the final stage of bacterial cell wall assembly. The cell wall is a critical component of the bacterium that it has to have or it dies. Penicillin, for example, normally shuts down the assembly of the cell wall and the organism dies.”

The protein avoids antibiotics like methicillin that bind to the active site and render it cataclysmically inactive by means of a separate site on the protein that controls whether the active site is open or not, known as an allosteric site, Mobashery said.

This active site must be open in order to help assemble the cell wall, and the nascent cell wall controls, via binding to the allostere site, whether the active site is open to receive another strand of the nascent cell wall, and hence the protein avoids inhibition by beta-lactam antibiotics, Mobashery said. He said his group provided definitive evidence of this process in its recent study.

“By crystallography we have shown where the allosteric site is, how the drug binds to the alternative site, and how the nascent cell wall binds to the allosteric site. It opens up a level of regulation of function of this enzyme that, prior to our work, was unknown,” he said. “This protein has been around for 50 years, and we just solved the riddle of how it works. It’s an opportunity to design future generations of antibacterials.”

In the end, Mobashery said he characterized his group’s findings as crucial, but just another step in the ongoing battle against the spread of particularly pernicious strains of MRSA.

“One has to be searching for new classes of antibiotic on a constant basis because resistance to antibiotics is inevitable,” he said. “Sooner or later you’re going to have rampant resistance against any class of antibacterial. I personally think it’s a very exciting time because the tools that are available make a lot of these studies possible.”

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Speaker addresses Church’s stance on sexuality

By KELLY KONYA

Saint Mary’s College kicked off the Theology on Fire lecture series Wednesday night with a discussion titled “Questions on Sex,” led by religious studies professor Phyllis Kaminski.

Kaminski said sex is an obvious topic of debate in the Catholic Church today, though sex and sexuality are not synonymous.

“The Catechism will talk about sexuality and say that it affects all aspects of the human person in the unity of the body and soul, and especially concerns the capacity to love and procreate,” she said. “In another place, the Catechism says that everyone, men and women, should acknowledge his or her sexual identity. It’s the conjugal acts, the homosexual acts, which get confusing sometimes.”

Kaminski said she defines sex as fun, powerful and holy, and because of these three aspects, it is an extremely complicated expression.

After this introduction, Kaminski initiated a question and answer session. Students’ questions addressed the Church’s stance on sexuality and the Church’s conception of sexual sin.

Kaminski said people, at any point in life, must decide for themselves what level of affection is appropriate to each stage of commitment.

“There really isn’t one correct answer,” she said. “In the Church, we say consult objective norms, look at the objective teachings of the Church, pray, talk to people who are wiser than us and say, and ultimately what you come to is you have to make a decision, and you make this decision in the best way you can. You can trust your conscience, but you also must inform it.”

The degree to which people feel they need affection influences the mystery of human sexuality, Kaminski said.

“The mystery of human sexuality is the mystery of our need to embrace others, sexually and spiritually,” she said.

Kaminski quoted Pedro Arrupe to support her belief that people’s personal conscience should influence their choices in love.

“Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything,” she said.

Junior Hannah Ziegeler said Kaminski’s introduction to the discussion was very thought provoking.

“I thought the idea she posed of ‘how the most effective questions asked about religion and sexuality are those that cause us to question ourselves was enlightening,’” Ziegeler said. “I think reflection is important, specifically when learning about sexuality where interpretation is so subjective.”

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By KELLY KONYA
News Writer

Junior Sarah Hossfeld said the series was unlike any discussion on Catholicism and sexuality that she had ever heard before.

“I thought that [Kaminski] did a very good job of making the Church’s teachings not seem like strict, reproofful rules or laws,” Hossfeld said. “Instead, it’s very much about your conscience and your personal relationship with God, and these things can alter your own views of sexuality.”

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Leaders seek feedback on report for trustees

By MARGARET HYNDS
News Writer

During Wednesday’s Student Senate meeting, student body president Alex Coccia, vice-president Nancy Joyce and chief of staff Juan Rangel presented the report they will give to the Board of Trustees next Thursday to hear senators’ feedback.

“The topic for the fall report is mostly dictated to us by the chair of the student affairs committee,” Joyce said. This year, Anne Thompson [the committee chair] asked us to focus on diversity and inclusion, as well as students who are marginalized on campus.

The report focuses on four main areas of diversity: racial and ethnic diversity, sexual orientation and gender issues, socioeconomic status and undocumented status, Joyce said.

“At the center of the group’s suggestions surrounding socioeconomic status is the Rector Fund, a little-known cache of funds raised through The Shirt Project that helps students purchase tickets for athletic events, hall dances and other ‘important facets of the Notre Dame experience,’” Joyce said.

Joyce said student government wants to “make sure ABC’s are aware of [the Rector Fund] and using it to its full potential and reaching students in the middle in terms of socioeconomic status.

‘Are there students in the middle who are also constrained but who are not meeting financial aid requirements?’”

Carroll Hall senator Joe Kelly said he was unaware of the Rector Fund.

“I had no idea this even existed. I think a lot more students might take advantage of it if it were better publicized,” Kelly said.

In its section on racial diversity, the report proposes a visible statement of inclusion be placed in residence halls and classrooms and a mandatory in-service for all club advisors, Coccia said.

In the discussion that followed the report’s presentation, Alumni Hall senator Juan Jose Daboub Silhy said he was wary of how effective a statement of inclusion might be.

“If students don’t feel welcome, a piece of paper with a statement on it is not going to make them comfortable,” Daboub Silhy said.

The report will also suggest ways to improve the University’s relationship with undocumented students as well as students of all sexual orientations with regard to transgender students in residence halls.

On that note, the report suggests “active conversation” moving forward, Coccia said.

Senate also continued dialogue about student and official university response to sexual assault on campus.

Coccia and Joyce will be meeting with NDSP in the coming week to address concerns from Senate and the student body about the issue.

The group approved and welcomed junior John Wetzel as the new president of The Shirt Project.

Student union treasurer Andrew Lalli said Wetzel joined The Shirt Project as a freshman, when “he played an integral role in its design and as a sophomore, served the project as vice president.”

Wetzel said those in charge of The Shirt Project have not yet vetted a manufacturer for this year. Last year, the group chose fair trade company Alta Gracia to produce The Shirt.

“We originally chose Alta Gracia because we wanted to combine their social mission with our own,” he said. “Last year we wanted to continue their message and story. In the end our cause as a charity is to serve our students.”

Wetzel said his group will keep options open for this year’s The Shirt manufacturer.

“Every year companies come in and re-bid,” he said. “We only have a one-year contract.”

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Future

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student government and the Investment Office.

“There’s a lot of guilt here. It’s not a Republican or a Democrat issue, it is an economic issue about your children’s and your future,” Dunne said. “I believe we have a 10-year period of time, literally 10 years, to address this issue. And if we don’t, we’ll be devastated. It’ll be to you and your children. “

Druckenmiller said the government’s recent sequestration to balance the budget has hurt the younger generation because it resulted in cuts to programs such as Head Start and Food Stamp instead of programs such as Medicare and Social Security.

Druckenmiller said the growing population of seniors over age 65 is another problem plaguing the younger generation. The U.S. population will add 11,000 seniors each day for the next 23 years, Druckenmiller said.

Seniors have been a larger and larger share of the economic pie for 30 or 40 years because of baby boom,” he said.

Druckenmiller also said despite the increase in government expenditures and entitlements in the past 60 years, most benefits went only to seniors. For example, people not yet born will lose $420,600, with a net difference of almost $700,000, Druckenmiller said.

For the next $1 trillion increase in expenditure, $875 billion is projected to go to seniors while only $6 billion will be allocated to their children, he said.

Druckenmiller said students must act if they are to regain their piece of the pie.

“My generation, we brought down the president in the 60’s because we didn’t want to go into the war against Vietnam,” he said. “People say young people don’t vote, young people don’t care. I’m hoping after tonight, you will care. There is a clear danger to you and your children.”

Dunne said Notre Dame students can be especially powerful advocates for the rights of their generation.

“This is going to be incredibly bad for the people who can least afford it. It is going to be painful,” he said. “That is why we need some leadership from people like Notre Dame students to put politicians to test. All this is about challenging the elected officials at the both end of the aisle. Make them earn your vote.”

Sean Long, co-president of College Democrats, said Notre Dame students should feel compelled to act on the panelists’ concerns.

“As next generation of leaders, we can’t ignore the enormity of the challenges that face us,” Long said. “We must realize our potentials as active participants.”

Mark Gianfalla, president of College Republicans, said students need to seize their future.

“I invite you, challenge you and urge you to use the topic presented tonight to step from being a student to being a patriot,” Gianfalla said.

“Challenge things that don’t seem right. This is not an issue that is right or left. It’s an issue that is central to all of us. It takes students who are passionate, educated, informed and engaged to make the difference.”

Long said collective action is the key to reaching a conclusion.

“We may believe our voice can’t be heard 600 miles away in Washington,” Long said. “But it’s the midnight talks in our dorms, the viewpoint articles and our dining hall debates, multiplied in over 7,000 college campuses in America, that have the power to change the conversations.”

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Nanovic
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John McGreevy, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said the gift would be a “breakthrough” for Notre Dame’s social sciences. “We’ve never had a building for the social sciences at Notre Dame,” he said. “It’s going to have great space in the building with classrooms and faculty offices and space for research, so we’re going to get the kind of student contact — where students come out of class and go right to a faculty office or right to a research lab — that we don’t always get at Notre Dame’s academic buildings. I think it could be — to use an overused word — really transformational for those departments.”

Robert Nanovic is a 1954 graduate of Notre Dame who has served on the advisory council of the College of Arts and Letters since 1983, McGreevy said. “[The Nanovics] are longtime and extraordinary benefactors to the University. They’ve given money for scholarships, for programs, most notably thus far for the Nanovic Institute for European Studies,” McGreevy said.

McGreevy said the choice to combine economics, political science and sociology was aimed at consolidating the three departments into one location from buildings across campus.

These departments also share a strong connection with the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, he said. “They’re the three departments that probably have the closest ties to our international institutes,” McGreevy said.

Professor Rory McVeigh, chair of the Department of Sociology, said he expects more interchange among the departments and the international institutes. “I think that one of the main benefits will be bringing us closer together with colleagues in political science and in economics, but also bringing us closer together with the international institutes. "Several of our faculty members and students are affiliated with international institutes such as Kroc and Kellogg, and we are currently separated on opposite ends of the campus.”

McGreevy said the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, which was funded by a gift from the Nanovic family in 1992 and is currently housed in Browinon Hall, will move to Nanovic Hall when it opens. “It will be neat to have the Nanovic Institute and Nanovic Hall right together,” McGreevy said.

Professor A. James McAdams, director of the Nanovic Institute, said he is very grateful that the institute will have a new location. “We truly appreciate this extraordinary gift from the Nanovic family,” McAdams said. “Nanovic Hall will bring the Nanovic Institute to the center of campus, making it more accessible for all of our students. … Finally, we will have a permanent space to call our own.”

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Panel discusses “Lean In”

By ALEX WINEGAR
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Four Saint Mary’s professors participated in a panel discussion Wednesday analyzing Sheryl Sandberg’s book titled “Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead,” as part of Gender and Women’s Study Week.

Assistant professor of English Ann Marie Alfonso-Forero said although she could have recommended the book to young college women, her main critique was that Sandberg’s book only focuses on heterosexual white working mothers.

“The book really in many ways fails to address the structural inequalities between American women that make it much harder for women of color, working class women, or single mothers,” Alfonso-Forero said.

Laura Williamson Ambrose, assistant professor of humanistic studies, also brought up an issue with the book that does not apply to other groups of women. “There’s tons of stuff she doesn’t deal with. She is an extremely wealthy white woman living in the corporate world, and I wonder what happens to women in other countries and evidence when you consider non-white upper class women,” Ambrose said.

The panel discussed a moment in the book where Sandberg describes a dinner party she attended where the host, a powerful white man, did not listen to another woman who was a minority, and she later talks to a minority man to see if he noticed the ignorance as well.

“It’s so interesting that she mentions it and she says he told me he empathized because he is Hispanic and he has been treated like this so many times and then she stops. She just moves on,” Alfonso-Forero said. “And it’s an interesting moment where she could have ruminated on this lightness of experience but she stops and holds herself back. … She doesn’t stop to reflect on it. …”

Jamie Wagman, assistant professor of gender and women’s studies and history, said Sandberg does explain in the book that she is writing it for “women fortunate enough to make ends meet and take care of their families.”

“She says this in the very beginning explaining who her audience is,” Wagman said. “Although she does think her argument can be embraced by women in every workplace. I disagree here. Advice about leaning in the boardroom and piquing up about a working woman’s needs to her employers do not apply to every single woman out there.”

Wagman said Sandberg’s $300,000 annual salary Jefferson-proudizes her credibility. “And many say it does [question her credibility] because it puts her out of touch with women who can’t necessarily afford childcare or day care services or camps. And she does have a staff of nine just working in her house—holding those books do put her out of touch from the masses,” Wagman said.

The panelists did, however, like Sandberg’s opinion that superwomen are the enemy. In other words, having it all is a false premise for women and men, Ambrose said.

 “[This idea] resonates especially powerfully for you as college students because as Sandberg says, ‘Each of us makes choices constantly between work and family, exercising and relaxing, making for ourselves and for others.’ So in other words something’s always going to give to women and aren’t always going to give to Sandberg. ‘Each of us makes choices constantly between work and family, exercising and relaxing, making for ourselves and for others.’”

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Assistant professor of women’s studies and political science Sonalini Sapra also brought up an issue with Sandberg’s opinion that the workplace needs a change for women, especially with maternity leave.

“I think of some of the issues that I had problems with some of her regards with the external barrier,” Sapra said. “She doesn’t really talk a lot about things that need to change for women to have a better quality of work.”

Sapra said. “She could have talked more about paid maternity leave. The U.S. is one of the only countries in the developed world that does not offer paid maternity leave.”

Regardless of this issue, Sapra said she did like Sandberg’s book overall. “Like I told many of my colleagues, I actually found a lot of what the book said really, really persuasive and introducing that this idea from someone with such a large platform is talking about men being equal partners,” Sapra said.

“Also bringing up things like equity and bringing up the fact that women don’t negotiate as much as men do for salaries and that they are very fixated on being likeable as opposed to not being seen as likeable. So I really admire that she is using her considerable clout to help women.”

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Violence, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women, with more victims than car accidents, muffling, and rapes combined.

The YWCA of North Central Indiana is the largest ser-
vice provider for sexual as-
sault and domestic violence victims in the area, Ceravolo
said, and serves over 1,500
women and children each
year from St. Joseph and
Elkhart Counties.

"The vast majority of peo-
ple staying here are fleeing
from violence in their lives," she
said.

Funds raised by the walk
will specifically benefit do-
monic violence and sexual
assault programs, including the "New Hope" treatment
program, which provides
counseling for victims of
rape, sexual assault, incest,
and sexual abuse, gives im-
mEDIATE shelter to victim,
and fosters community out-
reach programs. Another
important program that ben-
efits from the annual walk is
"CourtWatch," which moni-
tors domestic violence cas-
es in county courts to help
victims.

Ceravolo said other rape
centers nationally partici-
part in similar "Walk a Mile
in Her Shoes" events, now in
their fourth year. She said in
the past, the walks have raised
significant
amounts of money and
resources, which have
been used to support
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as well as sources off cam-
pus such as Visit South Bend
Mishawaka. The University
publishes a report every
five years through a process
that takes more than seven
months, Brookshire
said.

"One thing that was really
cool was to go back and look
at the one from five years ago
and see what was in it," Brookshire
said. "Back then Eddy Street
Commons was an idea, basi-
cally. An artist rendering was
the picture. It was not in ex-
istence, neither was Compton
Family Ice Arena."

Sixton said the University
added 700 jobs, and con-
struction costs averaged $95
million per year for the lastive years. Money spent for
research increased by 92 per-
cent since the previous report,
said.

"Being the fact that the
University has its five goals
and one of those goals is a pre-
eminent research institution,
will not surprise me to see
the research dollar continue
to climb and continue to grow
forward in the next five
years," Sexton said. "I think
that that construction compo-
nent again will be extremely
significant."

Applesseed president Hugh
O’Neill, who worked on the
Economic Impact Report this
year and in 2007, said the find-
ings about research set Notre
Dame apart from other uni-
versities that have teamed up
with the company.

"We’ve worked with a num-
ber of different universities
that have larger research pro-
grams and higher total re-
search spending than Notre
Dame does but there aren’t
many that have been as suc-
cessful as Notre Dame has in
expanding its research activi-
ties in the past 10 years," he
said.

Sexton said the report in-
corporated data from the
Center for Social Concerns
and Engage ND to measure
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other insight into the town
and gown dynamic.

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amount of service hours, we
put that at 51,000 hours that
was contributed by our stu-
dents, by our faculty, by our
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surprised to see those service
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cause that’s just who we are as
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includes football weekend
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Scott Boyle
The Sincere Seeker

Just about a week ago, I stepped in for a religion teacher who needed a "pinch-hitter" for a class period one day at Renoir Hall, the high school to which I am assigned in Indianapolis. Confused faces turned to joy as the students 1) realized that I was not their regular teacher and 2) gave them the permission I had been hung up with their friends and talking. I might as well have not been in the room.

Despite these circumstances, I was still excited to be there with them. I wanted to know how things were going and what the religion curriculum at Renoir Hall looked like. So I spoke up: "What have you been learning about in class?" Continued chatter. It was as if no one heard me. Ooh. Bad approach, I thought to myself. Maybe I should be louder? No, won’t work, I reasoned. Maybe I should ask a question they can’t resist. I had to do something to get their attention or our time together would slowly slip out of my control. I decided to use another question instead: “I want you all to try to stump me. I want you to ask me the most difficult theological question that you can think of.”

You see, I have learned two things so far in the high school about getting students to listen to you: 1) Offer candy and 2) Turn requests into competitions or challenges will always earn the rapt attention of competitive, sugar-hungry high schoolers.

When I asked that last question, all eyes immediately turned to me, then to a girl who was sitting in the front of the room. (Clearly she was the one who was supposed to win, as we were in the middle of a game of no-one-wins.) After some hesitation, she mustered the courage to ask her question: “If God is all-knowing, all-powerful and all-loving, how can he permit evil?”

And then, as if she had challenged me to a duel to the death when I asked that last question, all eyes immediately turned to me. In Mary there was sure to lose, the students gleefully waited for my demise.

“Tell be told, your question is an excellent question,” I responded. “And it is an excellent question precisely because you are right to ask it. There is so much about our world and the evil in it that we do not understand. But I don’t think it is correct to conclude that the God we believe in is in any less powerful, loving or knowing because of it.”

But before continuing on, I paused. I thought back to high school. I remembered asking the very same questions in a semester-long class called “The Foundations of Christianity.” Over the course of that semester, we explored some of life’s most difficult issues and questions. We talked about 9/11, the problem of evil in the world and our response to suffering. And although I now forget the name of this top 10 university, I remember very clearly the Rabbi in it who shared a piece of insight I have not stopped chewing on six years later: “My task is not to give people the answers, but to help them deal with the questions.”

But on this day, in that classroom, I had a different spin on the Rabbi’s quote. So I continued on: “Perhaps the problem is not with God, but with us and the way we see the reality which he has given us. You see, I think God has given us an answer, that is, a definitive answer to evil. And that answer is Jesus Christ. But in Christ, God did not promise to take away the evils of our time. Evil, after all, had entered into the world not because of God but because of our sin, that is, Adam and Eve’s original sin.

And here was his greatest teaching: Christ showed us that evil, death, suffering, pain, confusion and doubt were never to be the last words of our story. They were to be no match for Christ’s law of love. Through his death and resurrection, Christ showed us not that we would never suffer pain, but that, in the end, it was never to have any power over us.”

And what I told those students is what we must let Christ say to us now, in the midst of our own uncertainty, in the midst of the great evils and trials within our lives. For if we open ourselves to Christ’s peace, His love will meet us and transform our fear, our doubts and our anxieties. Yes, we will suffer, sometimes inexplicably and our world, too, will continue to suffer inescapable evils that will not make sense. But if we choose to continue to see with eyes of love, we can work towards making Christ’s love and His kingdom, not evil, the reality on Earth.

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Bianca Almada
This is Real Life

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Blurred lines of Catholic Social Teaching

Didn’t think I could relate a Robin Thicke song title to the Catholic Church? Well, as a Catholic student at Notre Dame, I have been bombarded by a whole lot of Robin Thicke articles and radio regarding a term that home economics students might have on campus has heard: “Catholic Social Teaching.” It is often used as a blanket to cover whatever argument someone is trying to make, but is it really that vague? Beginning with the decision to present President Obama with a humanitarian award (there is a fundamental difference between a humanitarian and an invitation to speak,) Notre Dame has been under fire for becoming less Catholic and more liberal. Where is this coming from and does Catholic Social Teaching (CST) cover these increasingly liberal University actions? While attending the “God, Country, Notre Dame” speaker series in Morrissey, I asked Fr. Jenkins a question, “How does the University deal with retaining its Catholic identity while hiring an increasingly liberal academy?” Last week a boy yelled, “Hey, F*****!” to a friend across North Quad, and all I could do was cringe in disgust and keep on walking. A boy in my Islam class joked about the prophet Muhammad in a manner that would offend anybody and looked to others for affirmation. When a girl called him out on his insensitivity he defended his ignorance by claiming his right to mock an entire religion for his own entertainment because of his knowledge of the subject. A girl in another class pointed out that the only people on financial aid at Notre Dame are probably dirt poor, a comment I took to heart considering that if it were not for Notre Dame’s generous financial aid package and their numerous donors it is a scary possibility that I would not be here right now. I encountered a boy who claimed that having a “black house” off campus and not a “white house” for students to congregate at is basically reverse segregation, essentially making the same argument bitter individuals make about why there isn’t a “White History Month” in existence. If you start your sentence with “I wasn’t trying to be racist”—or homophobic, or pretentious, or privileged—you should probably just close your mouth, because any statement that requires you to reaffirm your personal opinions with an overly defensive response to another’s criticism should be saved for dinner with your GOP-supporting uncle. However, I cannot say that I blame any student in particular for making remarks like these. I realize that a great majority of students here have been sheltered for most of their lives to the point that they probably met their first ethnic friend in college. The idea of diversity for some is that one black kid in your English class in the fifth grade, or the nanny from Guatemala who used to take care of you. You would like to say that you would love to have a gay best friend, but when the girl down the hall reveals that she is lesbian, you get fidgety and uncomfortable. And that’s the issue. It is not ethnic students that experience “culture shock,” it is sheltered individuals who do not realize they are not at their 95 percent Caucasian high school anymore and that some people are actually offended by racist jokes. We, ethnic and underprivileged students, are in the wrong for not understanding that racism is funny and that we should just learn to laugh along. For clarity, various ethnic houses do not exist because they like to segregate themselves from the greater Notre Dame community; they exist for the students that have been rejected by their peers for not fitting into the Notre Dame mold. Where white and wealthy is a comfortable normality, sometimes it is nice to be around people who understand how you grew up and can help adjust to the expectations of students who would like you to hurry up and adjust already. It is difficult at times attempting to relate to those who have never experienced a school lockdown or had a drug dealer sit next to them in pre-calc. How do you explain that food stamps are an actual necessity for the great majority of individuals you grew up with while your dorm mate bashes federal aid and is against welfare support of any kind? How do you defend your presence at Notre Dame based on merit when the only thing you hear is “affirmative action” whenever these topics come up in conversation? The easy answer is that you don’t. Don’t ask, don’t tell. Don’t ask any ethnic or underprivileged student about his lives and he won’t tell you about his disabled father on Social Security or about his mother who is working three jobs to send him here. Don’t ask him about younger siblings who will have to somehow finance their way through college and don’t ask about his older siblings working minimum wage and going to community college either. Because that is foreign, uncomfortable and scary even to think about. We all have our own problems and should not be expected to care about those of anybody else.

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Viewpoint

Don’t ask, don’t tell

Katrina Linden
Featured Columnist

Notre Dame prides itself in being a place of unity, family and acceptance. But in my year of being a student here I have never encountered individuals of such a great degree of ethnic ignorance, socio-economic privilege and self-absorbed blissfulness, which is saying a lot considering that I was raised in affectionately named “Orange Curtain” Orange County, Calif. Despite the large possibility of offending the greater student population, I am going to address what we would all love to remain silent about: the minority of students who insist on exercising their freedom of speech to reveal great moral character.

One could wonder about the motives of a student who would make a comment like this past week: “Catholic Social Teaching (CST) cover these increasingly liberal university actions?” It is often used as a blanket to cover whatever argument someone is trying to make, but is it really necessary? Where is this coming from and does Catholic Social Teaching based on merit when the only thing you hear is “affirmative action” whenever these topics come up in conversation? The easy answer is that you don’t. Don’t ask, don’t tell. Don’t ask any ethnic or underprivileged student about his lives and he won’t tell you about his disabled father on Social Security or about his mother who is working three jobs to send him here. Don’t ask him about younger siblings who will have to somehow finance their way through college and don’t ask about his older siblings working minimum wage and going to community college either. Because that is foreign, uncomfortable and scary even to think about. We all have our own problems and should not be expected to care about those of anybody else.

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As this week progresses and quickly (too quickly, in my opinion) comes to a close, I realize that the last few days has given off a ratio of panic and exhaustion only found at this time in the semester — midterms.

Unlike finals week, when classes are over, study days are handed to you like precious gems, you’ve already made impressions on your professors and you only have a grade hanging in the balance, midterms have none of these luxuries. Instead, midterms time is a chaotic mess of papers, projects, proposals and exams that test our minds and our ability to cope with the madness that is schoolwork as possible and create an entirely new, music in the vein of Mumford and Sons, so if you’re longing for some new

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This Sunday, the Jacksonville Jaguars will take the field as 27.5-point underdogs against ageless wonder Peyton Manning and his Denver Broncos squad. A few years from now, there’s a chance the Jaguars might just take on an NFL franchise in London underdogs, but there’s an even greater likelihood that they’ll do it in their new iteration, as the London [Insert Nickname Here] (My personal votes: the Fogs, Bridges or Guards).

Yes, it’s no secret the NFL is looking to step out of its large American footprint and go global. The league, which has played one game in London every year since 2007, expanded its international series to include two games in England’s capital this season and three games next season.

From all accounts, the London series have been very successful, with ticket sales outpacing those for a largely British crowd filling up Wembley Stadium. It’s had this success in spite of the fact that parking, travel and hotel accommodations included a 0-8 Dolphins team, a mid-level EPL team like the Jaguars, the 2722 miles and approximate six-hour flight that separates London from Jacksonville, the 3281 miles and approximate seven-hour flight that separates London from Jacksonville and the 14,000 American fans that would eventually show up.

As such, the Jaguars, the tea leaves of the expansion to London, are the closest franchise to London. In fact, the Jaguars are only one game away from the San Francisco 49ers on Oct. 27.

But on the other hand, the relocation of a team in America’s most popular sports league to London would present logistical challenges that would be the threat of relocation, are commonly rumored to be London’s future NFL franchise. And on the surface, this doesn’t seem like a bad idea — the Jaguars have some of the lowest attendance figures in the league in the last few seasons. They’ve got a few team with superstars that the league would be thrilled to have relocate to London.

So, how close are the Jaguars to having a London franchise? It’s hard to say at this point, but it’s clear there are a number of questions that need to be answered.

First, there’s the elephant in the room: travel schedules. Currently, the closest distance between two NFL franchises is the 2722 miles and approximately six-hour flight that separates Jacksonville and Miami. The closest franchise to London? The New England Patriots, which play 3381 miles and approximately seven hours away. This distance doesn’t seem insurmountable to a team that’s in the same division as the London franchise and would need to cross the pond at least once each season.

Second, the London team would need to receive a bye the week after playing in London. But with bye weeks being a precious commodity in an action-packed NFL season, it is really fair to make a team use up its bye week in September or not get a week off until December? Then there’s the issue of attracting quality players while London might be a more attractive place to live than nearly any American city, few established veterans would be willing to drop everything they have and move to a new city on another continent where football plays second fiddle to another form of football and endodontists are plentiful. Several players have already criticized a potential relocation to London — Rams defensive end Robert Quinn recently said he would “be absolutely livid” if his team relocated there and noted that moving across the ocean there would be “like punishment.”

And finally, there’s the issue of sustained support. This is not to say it’s not important as a city that people, a London city, I will be calling my home just three months from now, but it’s easy for fans to come out and support a team one-time game. How many fans will pick the NFL over the EPL every Sunday? Many fans may lose interest as much chance knowing Londoners would support a relocated NFL franchise as we do knowing Miami Dolphins fans in an American city would support a mid-level EPL team like Fulham.

In comparison to all the issues that have occurred in Roger Goodell’s tenure as NFL commissioner, I find the issue of international games to be of low importance. However, I don’t like the expansion of the international series as a way to test the waters for an idea seemingly destined to fail, especially when it causes high-drawing teams like Atlanta to lose a home game as it will next season.

Essentially, the idea of expansion to London is about as bad an idea as awarding Jacksonville a franchise in the first place. And unlike some of the problems in Jacksonville, the problems in London wouldn’t exactly be cured with a pre- scription of “Tebowmania.”

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Red Sox beat Rays 3-1 in Game 4 to reach ALCS

Associated Press
ST PETERSBURG Fla. — From worst to first, and now back in the AL championship series.

Shane Victorino’s infiel d single snapped a seventh-inning tie and journeyman Craig Breslow gave Boston a huge boost out of the bull pen, sending the Red Sox into the ALCS with a 3-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday night.

Koji Uehara got the final four outs — one night after giving up a game-winning homer — and Boston re-bounded to take the best-of-five playoff 3-1.

A year after finishing in last place, the AL East cham pion Red Sox won 97 games to match St. Louis for the best re- cord in baseball. Now, they’re moving on to the ALCS for the first time in five years.

“It’s a relief,” Red Sox manager John Farrell recently said he would “be absolutely livid” if his team relocated there and noted that moving across the ocean there would be “like punishment.”

“Making their fourth play- off appearance in six years, the low-budget Rays have not advanced past the division series since reaching the 2008 World Series.

Xander Bogaerts scored the tying run on Josh Peralta’s wild pitch in the seventh and Victorino followed with an RBI infield single. Dustin Pedroia drove in Bogaerts with a sacrifice fly in the ninth to make it 3-1, and Uehara struck out Evan Longoria to end it.

“It feels great,” outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury said. “We played a great team over there. It was a hard-fought game. They literally outplayed us, but we’ve got a group of fans.”

David DeJesus snapped a scoreless tie with an RBI sin- gle in the sixth for the Rays, and Boston squandered sev- eral opportunities before fi- nally breaking through in the seventh.

Bogaerts drew a pinch-hit walk with one out and raced to third on Ellsbury’s two-out single off Jake McGee. The Rays brought in their sixth pitcher, Peralta, and the game shifted suddenly on his flying strike, which skipped in the dirt past catcher Jose Lobaton — allowing the tying run to score.

Ellsbury was stealing second on the pitch and continued to third when the ball rolled toward the back- stop. Victorino beat out a slow chopper to shortstop, putting the Red Sox ahead.

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Tampa Bay won three-or-go-home games last week just to reach the division se- ries. Coming from behind in another elimination game Monday gave them hope of taking the series back to Fenway Park, where the Rays won 5-3 and 4-0 in the first two games.

The trip to the ALCS will be Boston’s first since 2008, when the Red Sox lost in sev- en games to Tampa Bay.

When the Red Sox acquired Peavy from the Chicago White Sox at the trade deadline, they had nights like this in mind. The 32-year-old right-hander made his third career post- season start 2-562 days — a span of seven years — after starting Game 1 of the NL division series for San Diego in 2006.

Both he and Rays starter Jeremy Hellickson were work- ing with plenty of rest. Red Sox manager John Farrell signed two innings in a simulated game last week while the Red Sox were waiting to learn who would start Game 4. Hellickson had appeared in a major league game in 13 days. Hellickson hadn’t pitched since Sept. 27, and his selection as Tampa Bay’s starter in an elimina- tion game was somewhat of a surprise.

He didn’t last long.

After a 1-2-3 first inning, Hellickson walked David Ortiz and Mike Napoli on eight straight pitches to begin the second. Daniel Nava sing led to load the bases, and Maddon had seen enough.

James Shields, an 18-year veteran in his first postsea- son series, worked out of the jam by striking out Jarrod Saltalamacchia to end the threat.

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Fresh off their third straight win, Saint Mary's looks to extend its longest winning streak of the season Saturday in a home MIAA matchup against Kalamazoo.

The Belles (5-4-3, 2-3-2 MIAA) come into the matchup off their second consecutive shutout, a 1-0 overtime thriller over Trine on Sunday. Senior midfielder Mollie Valencia scored the game-winning goal in the 103rd minute on a penalty kick, her first goal of the season. The defensive unit, led by juniors Kerry Green and MaryKate Hussey, held the Thunder to two shots, helping earn Green MIAA Defensive Player of the Week honors. Junior goalkeeper Chandler Rosenbaum notched her fourth shutout of the year, recording one save on the lone shot he faced.

In the Belles and Hornets (5-7-0, 4-5-0 MIAA) first matchup Sept. 12, Kalamazoo defended their home turf with a 1-0 overtime win, despite being outshot 23-14 by the Belles. However, Hussey said there is a world of difference between those Belles and the ones the Hornets will play Saturday.

"Team chemistry has improved so much since then, and we are finally clicking not only off the field but more importantly on the field," Hussey said. "And now that [Belles coach Mike] Joyce has started to get a better feel for newer players everyone is comfortable with the players around them."

As hot as the Belles have been — they haven’t lost since Sept. 14 — the Hornets come into the matchup almost equally as cold. Despite coming off a 1-0 victory of their own over Trine, the Hornets have lost five of their last six games and six of their last eight. In addition to the differences in form, Hussey said the Belles hold another distinct advantage, albeit a subtle one.

"A huge advantage for us playing on our grass field is Kalamazoo plays on turf," Hussey said. "That might not seem like a big deal but it’s the type of thing that can tip the scales."

Hussey said the Belles gameplan revolves around simple hard work and effort.

"Our gameplan is really about just working hard, outworking the other team," Hussey said. "Other than that, our attitude has to be to encourage each other to play to the best of our ability. If we play to our potential that I know we can, especially the way we’ve played lately, we won’t lose."

The Belles and Hornets take the field Saturday at noon at Saint Mary’s.

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**Prosecutors in Hernandez accuse judge of bias**

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FALL RIVER, Mass. — Prosecutors in the murder case against former New England Patriot Aaron Hernandez want the judge to recuse herself because, they said Wednesday, she and the lead prosecutor have a public history of animosity and she has shown bias.

Bristol County Assistant District Attorney William McCauley wants Judge Susan Garsh to remove herself from the case, he said during a hearing in Fall River Superior Court. McCauley did not detail his reasons in court, but a new filing cited a “well-known and publicly documented history of animosity” between him and Garsh, stemming from a 2010 murder trial he argued before her.

Though McCauley won a conviction in that case, he was quoted in the media as criticizing Garsh, saying she had unfairly limited or excluded evidence and exhibited hostility.

The filing stated the prosecution would likely be exploited and sensationalized by the media in the high-profile case and could impair the ability of McCauley and Garsh to perform their sworn duties.

“This isn’t a matter the Commonwealth takes lightly,” McCauley told the judge. Hernandez, 23, was indicted in August in the killing of 27-year-old Odin Lloyd, a semi-professional football player who was dating the sister of Hernandez’s girlfriend. He pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder and five weapons-related charges last month and is being held without bail at a county jail.

Hernandez attorney James Sultan said in court that the defense would strenuously object to the recusal request when arguments are heard Oct. 21.

Outside court, another of his attorneys, Charles Rankin, declined to comment further. “We are very, very much looking forward to Aaron’s day in court,” he said.

The defense has said previously that prosecutors’ case won’t hold up during a jury trial and they are confident Hernandez will be exonerated.

Prosecutors allege Hernandez orchestrated Lloyd’s killing because he was upset with him for talking to some people at a nightclub with whom Hernandez had problems.

Garsh declined to comment, citing judicial ethics. She didn’t address their history in the courtroom.

McCauley has previously sought Garsh’s recusal in a case. In a 2011 court filing, re-submitted Wednesday in support of the new request, he wrote that he had “exhibited animosity and bias toward the prosecution throughout the [2010] case” and that he didn’t believe she could be free of bias.

During Wednesday’s hour-long hearing, Hernandez briefly took the witness stand to answer a string of questions from the judge about a possible conflict of interest in the case by another of his attorneys, Michael Fee. The wife of one of the prosecutors is a partner in the firm where Fee is also a partner.

The questioning was to ensure Hernandez knew of the potential conflict and still wished to be represented by Fee. He said he did.

Four others face charges in the case. Ernest Wallace and Carlos Ortiz, who are said to have been with Hernandez and Lloyd in a car on the night Lloyd was killed, have been charged with being an accessory to murder after the fact.

According to prosecutors, Ortiz has not yet been arraigned on the accessory charge but has pleaded not guilty to a gun charge.

Hernandez’s girlfriend, Shayanna Jenkins, has been indicted on a perjury charge but not yet been arraigned. Hernandez’s cousin, Tanya Singleton, has been indicted on charges including conspiracy to commit accessory after the fact and criminal contempt. Prosecutors say she refused to testify before the grand jury hearing evidence in the case even though she was offered immunity. Singleton has plead not guilty to both charges.

Hernandez has also been linked to an investigation into a double homicide in Boston in 2012. While investigating Lloyd’s death, police found a sport utility vehicle rented in Hernandez’s name at the home of Hernandez’s uncle in Bristol, Conn., that they had been wanted in connection with those killings.
Saint Mary’s will wrap up its fall season this weekend at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) End of Season Weekend Jamboree at Bedford Valley.

Olivet will host the event, and is currently leading the MIAA with a season score of 1294. The Belles trail in second place by 52 strokes. The comets have won all four prior MIAA Jamborees behind seniors Adrienne Plourde and Theresa Damico. Plourde finished second overall at the fourth MIAA Jamboree at Zolner golf course, and her performance led Olivet to a first place finish with a score of 320.

After seeing her team finish second to Olivet four straight times, Belles coach Kim Moore said she believes it will take a consistent effort from the entire team for a Belles victory.

“We’re right there, it’s just a matter of getting four consistent scores,” Moore said. “It doesn’t matter if it’s the number one player or the number five player, your score helps the team no matter where you’re at.”

After finishing at least 12 strokes back in the previous three MIAA tournaments, the Belles closed the gap a bit last weekend at Zolner, shooting a season-best 320. Two Belles finished in the top-five. Freshman Ali Mahoney (76) finished third place individually, and senior Paige Pollak (77) finished fourth. Moore said that the season-best performance would be a boon to her players heading into their final tournament of the fall.

“I think it just gives them confidence that we can put a couple good scores in there,” Moore said. “Based on those results, we can be close to beating Olivet.”

Mahoney’s performance in last weekend’s event was her career best, and broke a streak of high-scoring outings. After shooting an 81 in her first round of the season, Mahoney shot 88 or higher in five straight rounds before last weekend’s 75. Moore said she credited the freshman’s practice habits for her improvement, and to continue playing at a high level, Mahoney must hone her putting game.

“She had a good couple weeks of practice, and she really improved on her putting,” Moore said. “(Last weekend) was her best putting performance of the year. It really shows that when you’re making puts, your scores tend to drop. It was really a reflection on her preparation.”

In addition to Mahoney and Pollak, who lead the Belles with an average score of 80.6 on the season, Moore said Saint Mary’s will need sophomore Sammie Averill, senior Alexi Brown, junior Janice Heffelman and freshman Courtney Carlson to make an impact in their final two rounds. Moore said the team’s focus isn’t just on a victory, but also on improving and building confidence as they did in their previous tournaments.

“I really want us to go in there and take the confidence we have from the previous tournament,” Moore said. “Hopefully we can add to our performance and it would be nice to get another low score in there, which I think we can.”

The Belles will play their final two rounds of the season at the MIAA End of Season Weekend Jamboree at Bedford Valley Golf Course, teeing off at 1 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. Saturday.

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Belles look to surpass Olivet in last tourney
Hecklinski leads Belles to victory over Alma

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The Belles beat Alma 3-1 in four tight sets Wednesday at home and pushed themselves back to a winning conference record.

Saint Mary's (8-11, 6-5 MIAA) had struggled of late, but the team seemed to be coming together, Belles coach Toni Elyea said.

"I think we're playing great volleyball," Elyea said. "We're continuing to let teams in sometimes, and we're letting them get key runs of three or four points. We need to run and execute plays which we've had a bit of trouble with but we pulled together tonight."

The Belles defeated Alma (9-11, 4-7) in four sets 25-23, 25-23, 16-25 and 25-22. Elyea said that several players turned in great performances in the victory.

"We had a great contribution from [sophomore outside hitter] Katie Hecklinski, 17 kills and 14 digs, which was another double-double for her this season," Elyea said. "Defensively, [junior outside hitter] Kati Schneider had 18 digs and [junior libero] Meredith Mersits had 23."

Saint Mary's posted a .122 attacking percentage in the first set compared to the Scots' .194 percentage but had the advantage in total kills with 15.

The Belles hitters committed nine attacking errors in the first set but improved in each game until they posted a .265 attacking percentage with just four errors in the fourth set. Aggressive serving helped Saint Mary's create better attacking opportunities, Elyea said.

"We decided that we were going to serve much more aggressively, which allowed a lot more free balls to come over from them, which we were able to capitalize on," Elyea said.

Hecklinski led Saint Mary's with 17 kills. Junior middle hitter Melanie Kuczek smashed 10, and Kati Schneider added eight.

The Scots' only win came in the third game when Alma outhit Saint Mary's 12 kills to nine and earned the largest victory margin of the night, 25-16. Senior middle hitter Lea Klooster sparked Alma's offense with 16 kills and a .441 attacking percentage.

The Belles kept the Scots' offense off-balance with strong serving after the third set, Elyea said. Mersits (23), Schneider (18) and Hecklinski (14) secured the Belles defense with digs.

"We did not serve aggressively [in the third set]," Elyea said. "They ran their middle extremely well. Lea was on fire tonight, and she just did a tremendous job. We served much more aggressively in the fourth set."

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Blues beat Blackhawks

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Alexander Steen’s slap shot with 21.1 seconds remaining beat Chicago goalie Corey Crawford and gave the St. Louis Blues a 3-2 win over the Blackhawks on Wednesday night.

Steen broke down the left side as part of a 3-on-1 rush. He kept the puck and let go a drive from just inside the circle that trickled through Crawford. The Blues (3-0) matched their best start to a season, also done in the 1969-70 and 1983-94 campaigns. Jaroslav Halak made 26 saves in his third straight win. Vladimir Tarasenko and David Backes also scored for St. Louis.

Patrick Kane scored for the third straight game for the Blackhawks, and Jonathan Toews had the other Chicago goal. Crawford made 31 saves.

Tarasenko gave the Blues a 1-0 lead when he beat Crawford with a wrist shot from the slot with 4:16 left in the first period.

Kane tied it with a power-play goal 1:17 later. Patrick Sharp’s shot from the right circle trickled through to Kane at the left post, and he swatted the puck in.

In the second period, Backes put the Blues back in front at 8:37 when he redirected Alex Pietrangelo’s shot from the right point into the net. But after Jaden Schwartz went off for hooking, Toews tied it 39 seconds later when he shoved a rebound past Halak.

Kane’s power-play goal was the first allowed by the Blues in 12 chances this season. The goal also ended Halak’s shutout streak at 111 minutes, 52 seconds.
Platt leads team as senior, sets eyes on pros

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Senior captain Niall Platt, four-year starter and three-time monogram winner, found his life-long sport of golf with the help of his father at the age of three. “My dad got me into it, he loved the game,” Platt said. “He doesn’t play much anymore, but we used to play together all the time when I was a little kid.”

A Santa Barbara, Calif. native, Platt said his father John attends many of his tournaments now and serves as an extra coach. “When he comes to my tournaments, he will help me out with my swing and stuff,” Platt said. “He is also usually my caddy over the summer.”

Throughout his time at Notre Dame, Platt has made a great impact on the team. He started 11 tournaments as a freshman and has kept his starting spot through all three seasons at Notre Dame.

His freshman year, Platt earned the Big East Freshman of the Year award, a spot on the All-Big East Team, and a monogram award. “Freshman of the Year was a great honor for me, I was really happy with that,” Platt said. “And obviously to win a monogram, especially freshman year, was a big deal for me.”

Platt consistently finished within the top three on the team for lowest stroke averages — 73.4 his freshman year and 73.81 his sophomore year. He led the team in lowest stroke average his junior year with 73.41.

This season Platt continues to be an asset to the team, currently leading the team with a stroke average of 70.83. Platt has also had one top-10 finish and two top-20 finishes — his best place being at the Gopher Invitational on Sept. 9 with a tie for sixth.

Platt said his decision to come to Notre Dame was the right one, not just because of the success he found with the team, but also because of the coaches and players he has had the privilege to golf with. “You don’t want to get stuck with coaches you don’t like, and luckily that didn’t happen to me,” Platt said. “I love competing with these guys [the team and coaches], traveling to tournaments is my favorite thing about being on the team.”

Platt, an applied and computational mathematics and statistics major, said he hopes to play pro golf after college. “Right now, my plan is to turn pro, and see how it goes for a few years,” Platt said. “And if it doesn’t work out then I will do something else, but for now professional golf is where I want to go.” Platt and the team tee off again at the Crooked Stick Intercollegiate tournament in Carmel, Ind. on Oct. 14.

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Irish senior Jennifer Kellner returns the ball during Notre Dame's 4-2 victory over Baylor on Feb. 23.

**Irish compete in regional singles championships**

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In their second contest of the fall season, the Irish head to the Midwest Regional Championships today through Sunday in Ann Arbor, Mich., to test their individual strength.

Junior Molly O’Koniewski, freshman Flossmoor, Ill. native stunned the field at the Big East Conference Championship to take the top spot. Overall, she paced the Irish to a second place finish, placing 26th.

“Tessa then was the first team victory in almost two years. Golfweek magazine named her the national player of the week.”

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**Armstrong’s consistency guides Irish play**

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From the moment she stepped on campus, Ashley Armstrong was a leader. Irish coach Susan Holt knew that she had found a golfer that would take the reins and push her teammates to be better.

“Tessa has been a great leader for our program ever since she’s been here,” Holt said. “She takes everything very seriously and has been a very solid player.”

Now a junior, Armstrong is a team captain and has a list of accomplishments, both individually and as a team member, which highlight her leadership abilities. In her freshman year, the Flossmoor, Ill. native stumped the field at the Big East Conference Championship to take the top spot. Overall, she paced the Irish to a second place finish. At the NCAA regional round, she once again led the Irish, placing 26th.

Armstrong’s sophomore year proved to be even better than her freshman campaign. Her season stroke average of 74.64 was the fourth best in program history. In addition, she won two consecutive tournaments, one of which, the Briar’s Creek Invitational, was Notre Dame’s first team victory in almost two years. Golfweek magazine named her the National Women’s Player of the Week.

At the Big East championship, Armstrong took the backseat to the two Irish freshmen, Talia Campbell and Lindsey Weaver, who took co-medalist honors, but she still finished in fifth place and was named to the all Big East team for the second year in a row.

Academically, the engineering major was named to the Capital One Academic All-District V All-Large honors. Although Armstrong did not have the finish she was hoping for last season, placing 96th at the NCAA regional, she hit the ground running this season, finishing second in the Mary Fossum Invitational in East Lansing with a score of four-over par.

“Tessa had a great finish at Mary Fossum this year even though she was injured,” Holt said. “That’s the kind of leadership we want for our program.”

For Holt, Armstrong’s success has been a work-in-progress as she continues to reach her full potential.

“All of our players, at any point in time, have something they need to work on,” Holt said. “Something Ashley was able to do, is manage her game a lot better. That comes with her maturity as a player. She’s learned to be more patient and forgiving of herself on the golf course. She doesn’t get as down on herself as she used to when she was a freshman. She used to put a lot of pressure on herself to perform and I think she’s realized that less is more in that regard.

Along the way, Armstrong endeared herself to her coach and teammates, leading to her selection as team captain this year.

“She’s such a dynamic individual,” Holt said. “Her self-discipline is her greatest attribute and she strives to excel at everything she does. But she’s also a laid-back personality off the course. She’s unique in that she likes to have fun. She likes to enjoy the college life but she’s very balanced in all aspects of her life, including academics.”

Armstrong and the Irish play this weekend from Friday to Sunday at the Tar Heel Invitational in Chapel Hill, N.C.

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focused on contesting more points per game a season ago, senior forward Cameron Brey said since practice began Sept. 27, the Irish have posted seven shut-outs so far this season.

“You look at the perimeter guys we’ve got, we’ve got a dogfight for minutes among the rim guys we’ve got, we’ve got a lot of options from that department because we have to be as the season goes along, we don’t have guys who are going to get every rebound. Our bigs have got to be better in the offensive glass. Brey said his team rebounding group, which to choose in the backcourt and on the wings.

When you look at the perimeter guys we’ve got, we’ve got a dogfight for minutes after you talk about those three starters,” he said. “There’s a lot of potential there with some of the young guys.”

Maybe the most notable of the youngsters is freshman guard and Mishawaka, Ind., native Demetrius Jackson. ESPN ranked the 6-foot-1, 195-pounder as the 24th-best point guard and the No. 6 point guard. Jackson has already drawn praise for his high energy and defensive relentlessness. Fellow freshmen Steve Vasturia and V.J. Beachem and sophomore forward Cam Briesch, who averaged 6.2 points per game a season ago, also factor into the logjam.

Brey said since practice began Sept. 27, the Irish have focused on contesting more passing lanes and pressuring the ball more frequently as a team.

“That’s where it’s going to start for us this year,” Grant said. “We know we can score with the best of them, but defensively we’ve got to be able to get that stop when we need it. I felt like down the stretch last year that’s not something we did.”

Replacing Cooley
Something Notre Dame did do last year was rebound. Specifically, the 6-foot-9 workhorse Cooley averaged 10.1 boards per game and particularly dominated the offensive glass. Brey said his biggest concern moving forward is “how we’re going to rebound the ball.”

“We’re going to have to be a team rebounding group,” Brey said. “Certainly those bigs have got to be better in that department because we don’t have Jack Cooley anymore, but our perimeter has got to help us.”

Atkins and Grant averaged 2.6 and 2.9 rebounds per game, respectively, in 2012-13, while Connaughton tallied 4.7 per contest. As for the post players, Knight, Sherman and Auguste combined to average 9.6 rebounds per game last season.

“Right now we don’t have that beast on the glass like Jack was,” Knight said. “Jack took it to heart that he was going to get every rebound. We don’t have guys who are used to doing that. So maybe as the season goes along, we’ll find that one person that will be that guy, but right now everyone is expected to do their job.”

Brey’s job, meanwhile, has been whittled down to a sole objective.

“Our goal — and we talked about it this morning in practice — can we earn a bid in the first year in the ACC?” Brey asked. “Can we right out of the gate get a bid?”

The Irish kick off against the Cavaliers on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Charlottesville, Va.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Angus T. Jones, 20; Matt Damon, 43; Sigourney Weaver, 64; Chevy Chase, 70.

Happy Birthday: Refrain from sharing too much personal information. Emotional problems involving friends or partners will develop if you neglect your personal promises, get mixed up in outside activities or take on unnecessary responsibilities. You will be inclined to overspend and overspend. Do your best to keep things simple, and your personal problems will ease. Your relationships with others will help you avoid problems. Your numbers are 7, 11, 12, 28, 26, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Control personal spending. Cut your overhead wherever possible. Focus on the changes you can make that will boost your income. A romantic relationship may be tempting, but don’t get involved in a secret affair. Personal changes will lift your spirits.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take one step at a time. Don’t be afraid to make a decision, especially if it has to do with medical or financial issues. Expand your horizons by acquiring something that you can add to your environment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Confusion due to unexpected changes at home or with a relationship will leave you feeling uncertain. Ask questions and get to the bottom of what has transpired so that you can move forward with confidence. Take care of your health and well-being.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Explore new avenues, offer ideas and see if you receive any interest from potential collaborators. You’ll learn a lot from the discussions you have with someone from a different background. Don’t let the need to make a decision stop you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Expect to face opposition or demanding individuals. Protect your home, family and finances from anyone trying to convince you to do something extravagant. A misunderstanding or perceived meddling will cause upset. Find out the truth before taking action.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a leadership position if you feel strongly about a concern that has arisen in your community. Protect your physical and emotional wellness by taking precautions when it comes to situations that might lead to injury or illness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have more professional choices than you realize. Stretch your talents and attributes, and you will find ways to utilize your skills masterfully. Take the initiative to broaden your knowledge and to step into a situation that has a learning curve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Talk through any personal matters that have been bothering you. Deception or holding back will lead to a situation that worsens with time. Don’t jeopardize your chance to reach a deadline or finalize an important contract or position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Difficulties with institutions or agencies will arise due to misunderstandings. The changes you initiate at home will end up being beneficial. Trust your instincts when it comes to challenges you face and move forward. Remember, things will work out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Show your ambition and take over if it will help you get ahead. Offer an innovative idea that will encourage a partnership. Refrain from making an impulsive purchase or donation based solely on what someone else tells you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do your best, try your hardest, and follow your heart. Don’t let negativity take over or stand between you and your chances for success. Positive change begins with taking meaningful action. Be where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don’t keep secrets or hide information from someone you do business with or whom you are connected emotionally. Someone from your past will also be able to offer you something that had been missing. Honesty will determine your destiny.

Birthday Baby: You are secretive, mysterious and magnetic. You are courageous, assertive and energetic.
Coming off its second loss of the season and first loss in the ACC, No. 5 Notre Dame faces a daunting obstacle in getting back on track in the conference when the Irish take on top-ranked Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. on Thursday night.

After a shocking 2-0 upset at hands of Miami on Sunday, the Irish (9-2-1, 5-1-1 ACC) fell to fourth in the ACC. Now, just four days later, they must try to regroup and take on the undefeated Cavaliers (12-0-0, 6-0-0 ACC). Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he thought this quick turnaround might actually help his squad.

“We watched video of the game on Monday and then we put it to bed,” Waldrum said. “We made it a point to not drag it out and talk about all week. We had to look forward because the turnaround is so quick to prepare for Virginia. Usually we play well against good competition, so hopefully that works out for us.”

After being shutout by Miami, Waldrum said his main message to the team was to start the game with a high level of focus and maintain that intensity. “What we did in the video session on Monday was show the kids what it looked like to have such a lack of intensity and a lack of focus,” Waldrum said. “I wouldn’t expect us to come out that way again.”

Based off that knowledge, Waldrum said he knows Virginia will give the Irish as good a battle as they have had all year. “They’ve got a really good team in general,” Waldrum said. “The

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**Moving forward**

The Irish take on No. 1 Virginia in Charlottesville, look to avenge first ACC loss

By GREG HADLEY
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Irish senior midfielder Mandy Laddish gains control of the ball during Notre Dame’s 3-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Sept. 29. The Irish will look to improve their ACC record tonight at Virginia.

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**Men’s Basketball**

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The jerseys were tucked in. The afternoon schedule was mapped out. The assistant coaches had nattily-knotted ties to go with their sharp suits.

Most everything at Wednesday’s media day was crisp and predetermined for the Irish.

Everything, that is, except the team’s ACC identity and its rotation.

“I’m always excited this time of year, but I’m even more fired up for two reasons,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “Number one, the group we have returning — and I certainly have gotten to see a lot of them through summer practices and four or five pre-season practices — and the excitement of the challenge of trying to figure out who we are in the Atlantic Coast Conference starting Jan. 4.”

Notre Dame, which is coming off a 25-10 season in which it was bounced from the NCAA Tournament in the second round by Iowa State, moves to the ACC this season and leaves behind the Big East. In Brey’s 13 seasons in the Big East, the Irish won 136 regular-season conference games and reached the semifinals of the league tournament in each of the final four seasons.

“Our whole thing has been, can we create a consistent presence in the ACC like we have in the Big East?” Brey asked. “We’re very proud of how consistent we’ve been year to year in the Big East. We’ve been as good as anybody at delivering during regular-season league play. Been pretty good in the league tournament too.”

Notre Dame returns nine of 11 players from last year’s squad but will have to replace forwards Jack Cooley and Scott Martin. Brey said the top of his rotation — senior guards Eric Atkins and Jerian Grant, junior guard forward Pat Connaughton, graduate student forward Tom Knight, senior center Garrick Sherman and...