Arts and Letters adds new minor
Interdisciplinary program combines study of philosophy, religion and literature

By NICOLE McALEE
News Writer

The College of Arts and Letters recently announced a new cross-disciplinary minor in Philosophy, Religion and Literature (PRL), open to all majors.

Professor Henry Weinfield of the Program of Liberal Studies will direct the new minor, which he said will replace the former Philosophy and Literature minor.

"Last year, I was asked by John McGreevy, the dean of the College of Arts and Letters, to take over the directorship of the Philosophy and Literature minor, which had existed for at least a decade," Weinfield said. "In the discussions I had with the dean, we both agreed that it made sense to combine Philosophy and Literature with Religion and Literature, which had not yet been formally organized as a minor."

Weinfield said the minor, which will be formally launched in the spring semester, will require 15 credits. The requirements will include a three-credit Gateway Seminar in philosophy and literature or religion and literature, a three-credit capstone essay and additional three-credit courses.

According to the minor’s website, the course of study will be organized along two pathways: Philosophy and Religion, or Religion and Literature.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What is your favorite ‘90s song?

Steve Penny  
Sophomore  
Sorin Hall  
“That’s How I Beat Shaq.”

Jake Reilly  
Sophomore  
Zahm Hall  
“Even Flow.”

Karine Dube  
Junior  
Lewis Hall  
“Bye, Bye, Bye.”

Stephen Scobee  
Sophomore  
Sorin Hall  
“Tubthumping.”

Garrett Duffy  
Sophomore  
O'Neill Hall  
“Tearin’ Up My Heart.”

Carrie Dubeau  
Sophomore  
Holy Cross Hall  
“MMMop.”

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Have a question you want answered?  
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Tuesday  
Men's Soccer  
Alumni Stadium  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m  
The Irish take on the Northwestern Wildcats.

“A Star is Born”  
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m.  
Classic film directed by William Wellman.

Wednesday  
Kaneb Center Open House  
DeBartolo Hall  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and conversation.

Trivia Night  
St. Liam Hall 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Part of the Wellness Wednesday series.

Thursday  
Third Thursdays at the Snite  
Snite Museum of Art  
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Glassblowing demonstration.

Zen Meditation  
Coleman-Morse Center  
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
Open to students and faculty of all faiths.

Friday  
Trumpets Under the Dome  
Men's Building  
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Trumpets kick off the football weekend.

Macbeth  
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.  
Broadcast by National Theatre Live.

Saturday  
Vigil Mass  
St. Patrick Center  
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Mass before the Irish take on the USC Trojans.

Concert on the Steps  
Bond Hall at 6:00 p.m.  
Notre Dame Band plays 90 minutes before kickoff.

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**ASC awards engineering professor research award**

By EMILY McCONVILLE

Last month, the American Chemical Society (ASC) recognized Notre Dame chemical and biomolecular engineering professor Joan Brennecke’s research with the 2014 E.V. Murphree Award in Industrial and Engineering Chemistry. The award, which Brennecke will accept at the ACS’s Spring National Meeting in March, includes a $5,000 cash prize and travel expenses.

Brennecke and her research group have studied ionic liquids, chemical compounds which she said could make refrigeration and power plants more environmentally friendly.

Brennecke said she was excited about the prestige the award would bring to her research and to Notre Dame.

“(The award) brings recognition to the research,” Brennecke said. “What it says is that the research that we’re doing here at Notre Dame, the graduate students and the postdocs and the undergrads who work in my group — it says that we’re doing good work. We’re doing things that are good scientifically and good technologically, and this award recognizes that.”

Brennecke said her team has several projects that develop commercial uses for ionic liquids, which are salts in liquid form. Because of the substances’ chemical makeup and low melting points, she said they have widespread applications.

“We can design them,” she said. “We can put all sorts of different combinations of cations and anions and put substituents on top of the cations and anions, so we can really change the properties.”

One of Brennecke’s team’s projects focuses on designing a way to use ionic liquids to remove carbon dioxide from flue gas in power plants, preventing it from entering the atmosphere and intensifying climate change.

The process works by placing naphthalene into the ionic liquid and allowing the carbon dioxide to evaporate with the naphthalene, she said. This process of carbon dioxide removal uses less energy than other methods, which could use up 30 percent of a power plant’s energy capability.

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Another project, one that Brennecke said has more commercial potential, is designing air conditioners and refrigerators using ionic liquids. Carbon dioxide would be a good replacement for traditional refrigerants such as chlorofluorocarbon, because it is non-toxic and non-flammable, with relatively low global warming potential, she said. A stable liquid, however, would be needed in order to harness as much energy as possible from the carbon dioxide.

“So then we said, Well, gee, ionic liquids are just perfect. We know how to tune them explicitly to work with carbon dioxide, so that’s been another project that we’ve been working on,” Brennecke said.

Several of us faculty have got a start-up company working on commercializing that application.

Brennecke has won several awards for her research on both ionic liquids and supercritical carbon dioxide, a liquid form of the compound.

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**ND physicist models brain’s network structure**

By HENRY GENS

Perhaps social media websites like Facebook are always on our minds because our brains are structured so very similarly to these ubiquitous social networks. A recently published study by Notre Dame physics professor Zoltan Toroczkai on the fundamental wiring of the neurons that make up the complex structure of the brain suggests this may be the case.

Toroczkai, an expert in the study of large-scale networks who said he uses his unconventional approaches and methods for traditional refrigerants and power plants more environmentally friendly.

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separate tracks, Philosophy and Literature and Religion and Literature. Despite the existence of two options, Weinfield said students in the minor will take classes that incorporate elements of the other track.

“If students concentrate in Philosophy and Literature, for example, they must take at least one course in Religion and Literature,” Weinfield said.

Weinfield said he worked with professors Vittorio Montemaggi of the Department of Romance Languages and Literature, David O’Connor of the Department of Philosophy and Susannah Monta of the Department of English to craft the new minor.

Weinfield said he is looking forward to the exchange among disciplines that the minor will facilitate.

“The PRL minor brings together disciplines that have traditionally been central to Notre Dame,” he said. “Literature frequently has a religious or philosophical dimension, and so it’s natural that philosophy, religion and literature be conversed and brought into conversation with one another.”

Weinfield said the minor is open to all students who want to consider the relationships among the three disciplines.” “There are many students at Notre Dame who are pursuing majors that previously did not allow them to accommodate their interests in philosophy, religion, and literature,” he said. “These students will now have a home.”

Montemaggi said the minor is intended to be simple for students of all colleges and majors to pick up.

“Without compromising academic rigor, the minor is designed to have maximum flexibility, so as to allow students to pursue the trajectory within it most congenial to them, in fruitful connection with the rest of their studies and interests,” Montemaggi said.

Weinfield said he hopes the new minor will also prompt interchange among students and faculty of all departments.

“In the College of Arts and Letters, we want to be building bridges and creating conversations that involve undergraduates, graduate student, and professors in ways that go beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries, and we want people in other colleges to be part of those conversations,” Weinfield said. “Hopefully, the PRL minor will be a vehicle for doing all of this.”

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**Youth**

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specialist with the Alliance for Catholic Education. “The goals were twofold: one, to have youth voices heard in community planning and development and two, to engender a sense of agency in youth that would sustain them into adulthood,” McKenna said.

The program particularly seeks to empower children from low-income families and youth of color in the South Bend area, Burke said. “One of the ways we think about empowering youth was, what if we asked them to tell us a story of their neighborhoods in photos?” Burke said. “What would you change and what do you think is a real asset to the community?”

McKenna said EVEN has worked with three groups of young people in the past two years. “Each of the three groups … have presented a unique photo exhibit of their work and also prepared proposals for community change projects in their various neighborhoods,” McKenna said.

Their second project was in collaboration with the Robinson Community Learning Center, a youth center in South Bend frequented by many Notre Dame student volunteers. McKenna, Greene and Burke said youth think about their neighborhoods in a broader sense than do adults, and thus have greatly informed both the project and the neighborhoods with their research and experience.

“They see things that adults might not see,” Greene said. “They see assets in parks and safe spaces, even the homeless center, that adults might not see because those are places that draw people together.”

Greene said the leaders of the project listened to the children when they suggested something new for the future of EVEN.

“If for the next project we didn’t take on another neighborhood.” Greene said. “We took on projects from these past projects and created a youth leadership group … that was a brainchild of this one student in the third project.”

According to the Center for Social Concerns website, the Youth Council and Leadership Summit took place this past August expanding the already existing goals of the EVEN. “The idea is to bring youth together … to get kids to think about what they bring, what are their assets and how can they use their collective assets … to see the strengths of the city of South Bend but also then look to where we could improve things,” Greene said.

When asked about the future of the project, Greene said the leaders want to see EVEN become self-sustaining. “We would like youth to come to the point now that as they become older, they’ll be in the position to mentor young people, and that will be a really nice perpetuating cycle of youth working with youth to change the city and have a strong enough voice,” Greene said.

For those who find the EVEN intriguing, Greene and McKenna plan to teach a Community Based Learning class in the spring of 2014 that will work with the youth of this project.

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By TABITHA RICKETTS

On Saturday, the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MECHA) club at Notre Dame invited women from Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross to join Notre Dame women at “Universitea,” a tea party discussion about the differences and stereotypes within the tri-campus community.

The event provided a social forum for these women to come together and review their similarities and differences while talking about the barriers that exist between the three institutions, sophomore co-ordinator Peggy Tull said.

Participants at the tea party were each handed a pink carnation upon arrival and directed to one of nine tables. If women arrived in a group, the group was divided so that no woman sat exclusively with friends. A moderator from MECHA sat at each table, and led discussion on a specific topic.

“The people who had volunteered to be moderators … picked[ed] which topic interested them the most,” Tull said.

Topics included expectations prior to and after arriving on campus, the impact of social media, parties and social life, society’s effect on the campuses and the influence of men on the interactions of women from the three campuses. Tull said the idea was to get women talking to see what problems everyone recognized and what they felt could be done about it. “We wanted to figure out some solutions to the issues on [Notre Dame’s] campus and between campuses and even convey some of them to the administration if we can,” Tull said.

Overall, she said she believed the event was a success. “Although it generated a lot of good discussion about what people at [Notre Dame] can do, this one event can’t do everything that we want it to,” she said. “There were a lot of things we could’ve talked more about … but if it left people with more to say, that’s always a good thing.” MECHA hopes to involve more students, including male students, in future events revolving around the same subject. Although the women at the tea party were encouraged not to identify themselves directly with their school, MECHA club member and Universitea moderator Rose Walsh said her group had been mostly from Saint Mary’s. Tull said the club’s pilot event was designed to address the breakdowns in communication between the three campuses. Tull said the club’s pilots are family, education and service, with a broad focus on social justice. Universitea was designed to show the breakdowns in the family aspect of the Holy Cross community.

“This event was focused on the family aspect between our schools,” she said. “Right now, that [tricampus] family is not nearly as strong as it should be. “Considering how close we are geographically and how involved we are in each other’s experiences, it should be a much warmer, friendlier environment — one that builds and supports each other.“ Strong, healthy relationships with one another is important to creating a unified effort to promote positive change in the community, Tull said. “One thing about MECHA is … we want to help improve the world not just our own campus,” she said. “But you can’t help anyone else when your own house is fractured.”

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Peggy Tull

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Tull said students who are interested should look for MECHA’s five-day event, Semana de la Mujer, this spring. She also encourages students to follow MECHA on Facebook and Twitter, or email mecha@nd.edu for more information.

Angelia Martinez, MECHA co-president, said she hopes other clubs will follow MECHA’s lead in confronting inter-campus issues. “I hope that we aren’t the only club that’s making an effort to make these campuses a whole community,” Martinez said.

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Photo courtesy of Samanta Rosas

Women from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College and Holy Cross College gathered at “Universitea” on Saturday to discuss barriers that exist between women at the three schools.

Zumba

Ritter said.

Saint Mary’s alumna Kimi Troy, who graduated with a degree in English Writing, helped coordinate the event. Troy said she presented the idea of holding a zumba charity event to the student activities board as a way to connect with the community and fundraise for the national “Stand Up to Cancer” organization.

“I have been involved with the program ever since,” Troy said. Allison Lukoski, another club member, said her own dancing ability had nothing to do with her enjoyment of the event. “Even though I am a bad dancer, it really doesn’t matter if I am a good dancer or not: I am dancing to make a difference,” she said. “Cancer runs in my family and because of it, the fight is more personal to me … I want to combat it in any way possible,” participant Olivia Jackson said. She said she would definitely recommend this event to friends in the future.

“Zumba is a great workout, and why not give back to the community at the same time?” she said.

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faculty in 1979 and served as the McCluskey Dean of the College of Engineering from 1981-1987. After his tenure as dean, Schmitz was appointed vice president and associate provost of the University. During his eight-year tenure at that post, he worked to develop campus-wide computing and information technologies, the press release stated. He returned to full-time teaching and research in 1985 and served as a professor emeritus from 2005 until his death. During his career, Schmitz earned various honors, including a Guggenheim Fellowship, the American Society of Engineering Education’s George Westinghouse Award and the Allan P. Colburn Award of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, according to the release. He was also a member of the National Academy of Engineering. A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. A visitation will take place beforehand, from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m.

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The Observer.
Age of the empowerment anthem

Michael Flitsos
Viewpoint Columnist

One need not venture too far from a radio, Spotify playlist or SYR veneer to hear the bombastic chorus and synths of Katy Perry’s now ubiquitous-to-the-point-of-making-me-sick hit single “Roar.” When you shout along to the lyrics the meaning of the song becomes your own — you are a champion, they’re going to hear you roar. The track is a classic case of the inspirational empowerment anthems that have squarely wedged themselves in pop radio playlists from the likes of Pink, Lady GaGa, Katy Perry, Kelly Clarkson to others. Without a doubt, songs have inspired this writer as well, but in a way Katy probably wouldn’t be happy about. Uplifting songs are harmless enough in and of themselves — the pop singer wants money and wants to make her fans feel good, so everyone wins. However, when viewed within the larger context of the environment in which young people currently live, the popularity of these songs reflects a larger problem.

One of the many words used to describe children and young adults in the modern day is “coddled” — we are told, genuinely and frequently, that we are smart, kind, motivated, intelligent and talented. We can probably all think of the handful of once-gold, now dusty sports and academic trophies labeled “participation” sitting in our closets back home. And from the day our admissions statistics are released, we arrive at this school primed for the greatness we will achieve because i took a good look inside and discovered the idea of inadequacy or self-doubt follow, with myself, evaluated my choices and realized my students are harder to clear than others, but that doesn’t mean they’re insurmountable. I did not succeed because of the very same course mate- terial, they oftentimes stare back at me with the “you’re-just-saying-that-to- make-me-feel-better” look. But in reality, getting my first chemistry exam grade shattered my preconceived expectations for success in the course. I was presented with two very distinct routes — either sulk and admit defeat, or find the route to eventually succeed. I took the latter road (which was not an easy one to travel, mind you) and through hard work and dedication, was able to eventually overcome this obstacle well enough to tutor the subject for others. It was only after relaying this story to those struggling that I eventually understood the vast significance of my journey through the depths of CHEM 10171. I did not succeed because of the work of others. I did not succeed because someone else taught me how to. And, most of all, I did not succeed because Katy Perry told me I was a firework and I could show them what I’m worth. I suc-ceeded because I took a good look inside myself, evaluated my choices and real- ized the impacts each choice would have in the long run. Granted, some hurdles are harder to clear than others, but that doesn’t mean they’re insurmountable. We all have within us the ability to make our own choices and find our own inner strength, but no one is going to do it for you. So that being said, is this whole col- umn hypocritical? I guess that’s for you to decide.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Squashing the stinkbugs

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When I imagined what it would be like to live in an all-girls dorm, I thought it was going to be great. I thought of the advantages, such as the toilet seat would always be down, it would be cleaner and it wouldn’t smell like a dirty sweat sock. But, I failed to acknowledge the fact that there wouldn’t be any boys to take care of the bugs and spiders.

At home, I had my dad take care of any bug issue that was in sight. From the time I was a little girl, if I saw a bug in the house I would just scream and I just knew that my dad would come to my rescue. But when my roommate and I discovered a stinkbug invasion in our room at the beginning of the semester, my dad couldn’t come save us.

During the middle of the night, my roommate discovered a stinkbug perched upon her pillow and she was less than pleased. So began the stinkbug invasion of 2013.

We kept asking each other, “Where are all these stinkbugs coming from?” Later, we uncovered the source — our window screens were crooked and there was a vast expanse where the bugs were entering. Upon this discovery, we decided to call for help.

So with all of this in mind, I would like to use this column as a thank you note to all the people that have helped my roommate and I in this difficult period. Thank you to our lovely hall director for climbing the many stairs to assess the second window, which I am sure prevented the entry of additional smelly intruders.

Thank you to the house maintenance staff for replacing and tightening the screws on our windows. You had the foresight to check the security of our second window, which I am sure prevented the entry of additional smelly intruders.

Thank you to the cleaning staff of my dorm. You not only do a superb job of making sure that the building is clean and tidy, but, as with most medicines, drudging through the bitter taste leads to an essential outcome. I’ve been a tutor for the past four years at places including the Learning Resource Center here at ND, meaning I’ve dealt with a few disillusioned and discouraged students. Regardless of their reason for seeking help, what I find to be a common struggle for my students is the idea of hitting any sort of brick wall academi- cally is a novel concept. I find that they often times expect me — the “smart” and “qualified” tutor who is being paid to teach them chemistry — to look down on them or treat them differently because I’ve presumably never been in their shoes. When I tell them that I struggled myself with the very same course mate- rial, they oftentimes stare back at me with the “you’re-just-saying-that-to- make-me-feel-better” look. But in reality, getting my first chemistry exam grade shattered my preconceived expectations for success in the course. I was presented with two very distinct routes — either sulk and admit defeat, or find the route to eventually succeed. I took the latter road (which was not an easy one to travel, mind you) and through hard work and dedication, was able to eventually overcome this obstacle well enough to tutor the subject for others. It was only after relaying this story to those struggling that I eventually understood the vast significance of my journey through the depths of CHEM 10171. I did not succeed because of the work of others. I did not succeed because someone else taught me how to. And, most of all, I did not succeed because Katy Perry told me I was a firework and I could show them what I’m worth. I suc-ceeded because I took a good look inside myself, evaluated my choices and real- ized the impacts each choice would have in the long run. Granted, some hurdles are harder to clear than others, but that doesn’t mean they’re insurmountable. We all have within us the ability to make our own choices and find our own inner strength, but no one is going to do it for you. So that being said, is this whole col- umn hypocritical? I guess that’s for you to decide.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON
breaking bad: ‘five seasons of sin’

Carter Boyd
God, Country, Notre Dame

One of the latest crazes in popular culture has been the television show Breaking Bad. Claims have been made that the show, which details the story of a teacher turned meth dealer to provide a secure financial future for his family while he endures the fear of an eminent death due to cancer, is the best show ever on television. Saying that Breaking Bad is the best show ever on television is a bold statement. This means Breaking Bad would have to be better than The Flintstones, The Cosby’s, Andy Griffith, The Today Show, ESPN and Jeopardy. I do not think that we the people are willing to make that leap quite yet. Even if we are willing to assert, due to ratings, that Breaking Bad is the greatest television show to ever air, we should not declare Breaking Bad as the best TV show ever. We should proclaim it as bad and better yet, as one of the worst television shows to ever air.

For all those Breaking Bad lovers, I bet I got your attention now. I bet you wanted to read what was next, just like you couldn’t wait for the week to roll around to Sunday to watch the next episode of Walter’s murderous empire both through violence and through the increase of addictions and abuse of drugs that he has profited from. Now that I have your attention, I rescind my previous statement. Breaking Bad unfortunately is not the worst show to air on television. I do, however, propose that we step back for a moment and ponder the deeper implications of the motivations and consequences of the show.

It is easy to see how we could make an argument that Breaking Bad is a good show in the sense that it captivated a population. In reality, this argument is only a half measure. The show’s followers, representing every age range, waited eagerly for their chance to attain that high while watching that week’s episode. After just a few doses the fans where hooked, addicted to the point of dependence on the show. The show produced deep compulsions within the affected individuals to perpetually ask others, “Have you seen Breaking Bad yet? You should really watch it.” Whether due to peer pressure, dar- ing attitudes or forced coercion, the clean viewers were not crystal-white for much longer as they too tried the newest “thing” that everybody was doing, and they too, without wanting it or choosing it, became hopelessly enslaved to the fleeting thrills and sensation attained. The dose was taken weekly, because the supplier AMC only satisfied the demand once a week. But many people who started later in the game had the luxury of being able to binge on episodes and enjoy more highs more often. Therefore in this sense, the show is extremely good. It mesmerized us for a time and those behind the operation knew they only would have a few years and brilliantly took their product out of the market while at the top.

If we step back and put our self-righteous American attitudes aside, it is visible that in a very different sense than previously discussed, Breaking Bad is a bad show. While Breaking Bad doesn’t appear to glorify rampant drug industry, excessively murderous violence, brief sexual innuendos and pervasive profanity, it nevertheless delivers those messages. Consciously, we may be able to convince ourselves, “Yes, killing people involved or related to my drug tunnel to save my family is bad,” but are there deeper effects of watching such messages that affect us without our knowing?

Many of people have told me that regardless of the drugs, violence, sex and profanity, the story itself of Breaking Bad is moralistic and can teach us many important lessons. If we must turn to the story of a man like Walter White to find inspiration for our lives and to form the morals of our conscience, this truly shows how low our twenty-first century society in the United States has come. It is hard for me to believe that anyone became a better person in watching five seasons of sin unfold on Breaking Bad. The problem here on earth is that it can be a struggle sometimes to really discern God’s will. With every action, every word and every thought either we grow closer to God or we distance ourselves from him. In watching Breaking Bad, I cannot see how it brought anyone to a deeper love and relationship-ship with God. Let us pray together that God will save us all from the boredom of television.

In other regards, let’s imagine there is great new TV show out now. Have you heard of it yet? The show is called Securing Good and it tells the story of a man named Malter Might, a high school physical education teacher who finds that his life is out of shape when he is diagnosed with severe heart disease in which the doctors give him little time to live. Malter is faced with a decision as to what to do in order to provide for his family with his looming death. Malter, a church-goer, hears from the Gospel of Luke “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” Malter discerns that he has been called to begin a large-scale evangelization of those around him and in doing so make the world a better place for his family. It’s a great show. Why don’t we give it a chance, we might just like it and be inspired.

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letter to the editor

SYR themes disrespect rural poverty

Here are a few friendly suggestions for future SYR themes. Urban Poverty Formal, Brazilian Slum Soiree. Impoverished Immigrant Mixer. If the very idea of an SYR along these themes repulses and horrifies you (as it very well should), let me ask you a follow-up question, why are we okay having a dance with the theme of rural poverty? Although the SAO-approved theme for Knot Hall’s SYR this past weekend was “American” students preferred to call it the “White Trash Bash” as they asked around for a pair of “jorts” to borrow or boarded the bus bound for the dance at the BV Hall of Fame.

The population we casually call rednecks, hillbillies or white trash are counted in the US Census report as over 7.5 million Americans living in rural poverty. How many of the students who attended the “American” SYR have participated or are planning to participate in the Center for Social Concerns Appalachia seminar held over the fall and spring breaks? How many of these students, nevertheless, dressed in accordance with the very stereotypes this seminar attempts to invalidate?

There is no denying that there is a nationwide spotlight on urban poverty. We read about it in our classes, hear about it on the news and see it on the street corners of major urban centers. This visibility is why an urban poverty-themed dance would never even be suggested. But let us not forget about the poverty we can’t see. Let us not forget that one in five children who live in poverty are from rural areas and that the overwhelming majority of them will never escape it. Let us instead, strive to ad- dress the issue of rural poverty rather than deride and stereotype the population who fail victim to it. Let us be repulsed by the idea of a “White Trash Bash.”

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By MADHIE DALY
Scene Writer

If, God forbid, we lose another home football game this season, we are going to have to find another song to play other than the Alma Mater that will keep the students in good spirits as they leave the stadium. Especially if the football team doesn’t stay to sing with us, we need to be distracted from the sadness of the loss and look towards our next chance at victory. Although it would surely upset some older alumni and tradition-obsessed fans, why not play everyone’s favorite song at the moment, “with arms wide open” as the song we should sing instead of the alma mater after a loss? The camera don’t lie. Now, how often does something like all that come together?

By ISAAC LORTON
Scene Writer

Statues on our campus most commonly pose in ones speaking of welcome, comfort and love, with their arms and more importantly their hearts, wide open. Like the prodigal son, the Notre Dame football team may have gone out and squandered its fort and love, with their arms and more importantly their hearts, wide open. Like the prodigal son, the Notre Dame football team may have gone out and squandered its fort and love, with their arms and more importantly their hearts, wide open. Like the prodigal son, the Notre Dame football team may have gone out and squandered its fort and love, with their arms and more importantly their hearts, wide open. Like the prodigal son, the Notre Dame football team may have gone out and squandered its fort and love, with their arms and more importantly their hearts, wide open.

By SARAH DIECKMAN
Scene Writer

If the team is feeling particularly bad after a loss, there is absolutely no better way to express this grief than through Miley Cyrus’ smash hit “Wrecking Ball.” The deep, passionate lyrics can be seen as representative of the struggles of how we “came in like a wrecking ball” and “just wanted them to let us in” to the endzone, but only ended up being wrecked in the end. Even in the worst of losses, they can’t ever say we “just walked away.” This song is an absolutely perfect way to end any loss, with a beautiful, appropriate music video to complement the loss and inspire the team to victory next time. The good news is that no matter how bad a loss may seem, we will never hit as low of a rock bottom as Miley has.

By JIMMY KEMPER
Scene Writer

There’s a scene in Season Two of “The Office” where Dwight sits and sulks in his car after witnessing Ryan and Michael bond over business school. His distress over his inability to connect with them prompts him to sit alone in his car, blasting the anthem “Everybody Hurts” through the speakers. Our stadium could be full of Dwights on Saturdays, depending on whether the Fighting Irish can secure a win over their opponents. According to R.E.M., “sometimes everything is wrong. Now it’s time to sing along.” However, the case of a Notre Dame loss seems to be the exception to this rule. Should we lose, students and teammates will not sway and sing the Alma Mater together, leaving the band silent without the traditional fanfare to play. To fix this problem, “Everybody Hurts” is the perfect substitute, highlighting our communal feeling of pain over an unfortunate ending to a night of football and our subsequent urge to find comfort in our friends. This song reminds us that we’re not alone and that everyone sometimes needs to have a good cry when things don’t go their way. Yet, everybody hurts and everybody cries only sometimes. We can’t all perpetually sulk, but rather we must persevere through the rough times until we see that “Irish Win” on the scoreboard again. R.E.M. reminds us to not let ourselves go, but hold on, hold on, hold on...
By MATT McMAHON
Scene Writer

Having a day to digest “The Walking Dead” season four premiere, I wanted to go back and extrapolate on a comment I made to myself during its airing, which was not the first time I’ve said this: “The Walking Dead” will never be what I want it to be.

Additionally, it will never surpass the bar it set with its superb hour and a half long first episode. The mood captured from the feature movie-length caliber pilot has been all but lost on the weekly episodes the show puts out. Perhaps it’s unreasonable to expect this level of television to be sustained, considering how much more time everyone involved in the show had to develop the first episode compared to every successive one. Still, the glimmers of what the show could be come through now and then, suggesting otherwise.

With a revolving door of showrunners, it’s understandable that the series has changed direction and shifted tone since its beginning episodes. It has never had a chance to develop on a conceived course or had the same meticulous minds working at each twist and turn. So, while certain set pieces capture the series’ true potential on less than an episodic basis — like an unsettling plot point from a one-time character in Sunday’s premiere — this has caused overarching stories, including everything in between these scarcer, punchier moments, to fade in the uninteresting.

Rather than expand upon the desolate, sprawling epic environment that was hinted at in the pilot — one that invokes fear from the unknown, sucks away optimism, yet still offers room for an emotional connection with its inhabitants — the show has since devolved (possibly, and if so unfortunately, due to budgetary constraints) to a typically dialog-driven melodrama with a zombie apocalypse backdrop. And with each more permanent establishment of setting, such as the farm or prison, “The Walking Dead” world shrinks, and the show becomes more about the pedestrian squabbles of the people inside it.

“The Walking Dead” is best when it looks into the way an apocalypse affects the human condition, philosophy and society. The show’s premise gives it a unique set of ideas to explore, and the writers should be more interested in making the most of this opportunity, like in the third season’s brilliant, isolated “Clear.” Instead, the episodes muddle in melodrama far too often. Of course there needs to be a balance between action and dialog, but how little has to happen and how slow does the pace have to get until the limited rewards are not worth the pains of listening to the mindless writing? A sense of urgency would do wonders.

Equally underdeveloped is the background of the show’s cast. Too many characters exist one-dimensionally to be dynamic présences. The occurrences the characters have could happen to anyone thrown into the show and have the same impact; they are interesting for the sake of what happened, not for the characters that experience them. For a show that so often capitalizes on the emotional response that comes with killing off its significant characters, it fails to show why viewers should care when one of them dies if they cannot connect with the characters while they are still alive.

This is all not to say that I dislike the show. I continue to watch in reoccurring frustration, as I know the potential “The Walking Dead” has to be an even better show. As to why I still tune in every week, never to miss an episode as it airs? Maybe it’s for big action set pieces that are a little too few and far between. Or maybe it’s because I still hold out hope for every once in a while to reach the level of that pilot. So, I carry on watching with that hope, much like survivors in a zombie apocalypse, as it’s one of the few things that keep a person in either of our situations going.

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By DANIEL BARABASI
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I have to say I love Jay-Z before I get into anything else. It’s just a fact that I want to leave as something you can return to after you read this column. If you look at his discography, from “Reasonable Doubt” to “The Black Album” and even his newest “Magna Carta Holy Grail,” Jay leaves behind a solid set of beats and lyrics with depth about the environment and poverty. He leads with an inspirational quote, “Every human being has genius-level talent. There are no limits.” The slowed cheers distort to hollow screams. Cut to a control room counting down to a live event and back to the concert, this time voices saying that times are changing. The movie trailer-quality only lasts for the first two minutes, fading into Jay-Z rushing onstage spitting “99 Problems,” but the feeling of anxiety stays in the subconscious. Jay goes on to describe his life as Shawn Carter, about how he transformed into something past gang violence and poverty. He leads with an inspirational quote, “Every human being has genius-level talent. There are no chosen ones.” In multiple shots afterwards, “Shawn” goes around hugging local artists and festival staff, all while emanating the same amount of emotion as a politician running for reelection does when kissing babies.

Even in the most intimate scene, in which Jay-Z goes back to his childhood home in Brooklyn and describes his teenage years with gangs, guns and drugs, he seems disconnected from his story. As he stumbles through narrow hallways, Jay’s bodyguards are caught in the periphery of the camera, always a few steps ahead, checking for trouble. These bodyguards can be seen everywhere in the documentary, the most startling being when they push away fans as Jay-Z watches RUN-D.M.C.’s performance from the crowds.

Among the playbook, quasi-humble stars, RUN-D.M.C. stood out as perhaps the only truly honest performer. Here you have these hip hop legends, who hit their prime thirty years ago, playing off the rock and roll hype. They’ve faded out of the spotlight, and without the blind stage, they can see what the new America looks like while still being heard. Darryl McDaniels talks about how the gangs of New York City paused from crime to record music warning the youth to not join gangs and to blaze a new trail for the community. Hypocritical, yes, and Darryl realized this, but you don’t see Jay-Z or Kanye telling anyone their People Magazine life is wrong in any way. A scene about a stage manager dreaming about opportunity cuts to one with Odd Future screwing around with their expensive trailer. A local Pennsylvania group laments being cut from Made in America, then Jay-Z complains about how he didn’t get signed for his first few years. From here, the message of Ron Howard emerges: Sure, Jay-Z supports local artists and is great for a star, but he’s still a star. Should we be setting our standards to a group of people who make front page for a divorce? No, Howard’s answer. At the end of the day, Jay-Z is still rich, and the guy who flipped burgers at the festival has a few extra bills, but he’s still flipping burgers.

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Imagine that you ah about to sit down for Thanksgiving dinners. The food is all ready and made, it just needs to be brought to the table.

But then your dog knocks down everything and you are left with nothing but a big ap- petite. That was what Sunday was for me and every other Boston-native out there.

I was able to watch Boston's beloved Patriots and Red Sox both lose on national stages in high-profile games. But both teams still won, despite having no business even being in those games.

My Thanksgiving dinner was ruined and all I was left with was dog food.

If you actually like Boston teams, I have no idea why (unless fah some reason, you ah fah thee). This is the city that gave the world Paul Pierce's emaculating beard, Tom Brady's variety of ugly haircuts, Manny and the Bruins.

Theah is no reason to like Boston teams at all. Not even a claim Chowda Chowdah bowl can make up fah Bill Belichick's style, although it may come close.

So, yes, I was slightly irked when Brady's Pats pulled off a 30-27 win over the Saints on Sunday, New England should not have been able to win in the final minute.

They had both a tuhnovah on downs and an interception in the last quarter minutes of the game — and still had a shot to win it.

If the Saints had gotten one first down on their final session, they would have won the game. But instead, they lost two yards and weh fohced to punt the football away.

On the previous possession, they gained just three yards, used 22 seconds and had to settle for a field goal instead of icing the game with a touchdown.

But if New Orleans' field goal did not close the game, Brady's awkward pick on the next play surely did, right? Well, the Boston fans surely thought so as they headed for the exits.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles battle Comets

By SAMANTHA ZUBA Sports Writer

The Belles begin a series of MIAA matches Tuesday at home against Olivet that will decide who makes the conference tournament. Saint Mary's (8-12, 6 MIAA) is in third place in the MIAA, behind nationally ranked No. 1 Calvin and No. 2 Hope. The top four teams make the tournament, held Nov. 8-9.

Five of the Belles' final seven regular season matches are against conference opponents, and Belles coach Toni Elyea said her team is looking forward to the upcoming competition and opportunities to secure its tournament spot.

"We have lost to three conference teams in five (sets) this season by two points," Elyea said. "We are looking forward to playing two of those teams again and have the opportunity to solidify our spot in the tournament."

Saint Mary's first has to tackle Olivet (8-14, 5-6) on Tuesday. The Belles last played the Comets on Sept. 11 in an away match that Saint Mary's won 3-1. Junior outside hitter Kati Schneider's attacking spurred the Belles to victory, Schneider recorded 31 kills, the most of any Belles player in a four-set match this season.

"Kati Schneider had a breakout performance the last time we played Olivet," Elyea said. "We are looking for our team to play stel- lar defense and attack well around a strong blocking team."

Olivet's leading attacker is junior middle hitter Emma Brann. Brann has pounded 202 kills on the season for an average of 2.28 per game. Sophomore Marissa Guille adds depth at the middle hitter posi- tion for the Comets. Guille has 131 kills on the season.

"Both of the middles for Olivet are good," Elyea said. "Our middles will need to do a great job of fronting them and setting up early for our defenders. We are looking forward to the challenge."

Junior middle hitter Melanie Kucek leads Saint Mary's with 49 blocks. Junior middle hitter Taylor Ettelz has 30 blocks and Schneider has gone up for 22.

The Belles are completely focused on their conference opponents, despite the many matches ahead that will have implications on the conference tournament and the team's long-term goals, Elyea said.

"We are focused on our match with Olivet at the moment," Elyea said. "When that match is complete, we will focus on what is next.

"Our goal is to take care of business winning at home Tuesday at 7 p.m."

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Hoosiers seek consistency

Associated Press

Indiana native and Red Sox player Shane Wynn understands if games are going to change for the Hoosiers, it starts at the plate.

"People need to start with more energy, pay more atten- tion to details and need to apply the same attitude after losses. They know it's our job to go out and start winning games consistently in the Big Ten. It's something we need to work on," Wynne said Monday.

"Beating Penn State was great. But we need to come out and practice well, by doing the things we need to do to win. I didn't think we practiced as well last week.

"The result was a 42-28 loss at Michigan State.

Clearly, the Hoosiers (3-3, 1-1) have learned what it takes to be competitive in this rugged conference. At the midpoint of the season, Indiana is one win away from matching last sea- son's victory total, two wins away from doubling coach Kevin Wilson's victory total from his first two seasons in Bloomington and three wins away from being bowl eli- gible for the first time since 2007 and only the second time since 1995.

But Indiana fans still see some of the same old problems.

While the offense conti- nues to play fast and is scoring 42 points per game, the de- fense is allowing an alarming 216.5 yards rushing and an audacious 32.8 points. On Saturday, Michigan State exploited Indiana's weaknesses by running 47 times for 316 yards, 1.1 per carry, and four scores. Defensive coordinator Doug Mallory explained many of the problems stemmed from 18 missed tackles and giving up 130 yards rushing on just three carries.

"You get a breakdown here or there and those are the things we continue to harp on and try to correct," Mallory said.

If the Hoosiers have a re- peat this weekend against angry Michigan, it could be even worse.

The Wolverines (5-1, 1-1) have two runners, Devin Gardner and Fitzgerald Toussaint, ranked in the league's top 10 and averaging 173.2 yards on the ground. They're also coming off a four-overtime loss on the road.

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Belles end fall season with second-place finish

By MARY GREEN
Sports Writer

The Belles wrapped up their fall season with a second-place finish at the MIAA End-of-Season Weekend Jamboree on Friday and Saturday in Battle Creek, Mich.

The combined scores from the four MIAA jamborees and the weekend's two-round tournament, in which the Belles shot a 665 total and 327 on Saturday, gave Saint Mary's the overall second-place award in the conference for the season. Olivet won both the weekend tournament, with a score of 642, and the MIAA championship.

"Overall, I think we did well," Belles coach Kim Moore said. "The second round, we had our best team score of the fall season, so I definitely can't complain about that. I felt there were definitely some strokes out there that we kind of left there, but that's golf. You're always going to have a bad hole or two."

Junior Janice Heffernan led the way for the Belles, posting the lowest round for any Belles golfer this season and the best score in the field Saturday.

"I was so excited for her," Moore said. "I thought she played a great round. She even had a few bad shots in there, too, so she could've made it even lower. She really responded and turned it around from her first round [score of 87], so I was really excited for her."

Senior captain Paige Pollak finished second for Saint Mary's and seventh overall with her score of 163, and freshman Ali Mahoney took ninth with a 166. Sophomore Sammie Avrell tied for 24th, shooting a 177, and senior captain Alexi Bowen rounded out the Belles' scoring with her 178 for 26th place.

Bowen also won the MIAA Sportsmanship Award, determined by the conference's nine head coaches. Bowen became the second Belles golfer to earn the distinction.

"It says a lot about her as a person," she said. "The Sportsmanship Award goes towards somebody's accomplishments as a person, and in life, that's what it's about. Golf is just a game, and there's so much more to life, and I think it really speaks volumes to how her peers look at her. It's a great accomplishment to have."

Pollak and Heffernan earned spots on the all-MIAA First Team for their play throughout all six conference rounds, and Mahoney was named to the second team.

With its fall season complete, Saint Mary's heads into a break until its spring season begins in March. NCAA rules prohibit the team from practicing until that time, but Moore said she thinks her golfers will keep their practice routines going while getting some much-needed rest.

"I definitely think these girls are competitive, so I'm sure they'll do some stuff on their own," she said. "Hopefully, they'll really utilize this time to get caught up with their studies and really focus academically."

With a second-place conference finish in the books, the Belles will take a break and hit the links again when their spring schedule begins in March.

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Irish place eighth after first day

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The Irish ended in eighth place out of fifteen teams with two golfers in the top 25 after one day of play at the Crooked Stick Intercollegiate tournament at the par-72 Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Ind.

The Irish endured a tough day at the Crooked Stick, which will host them today for the final day of the tournament.

"The entire field struggled today," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "I believe the field average was nearly 77. The day got off to a cold, breezy start. With firm greens running at 12 or 13, very difficult hole locations and the tees set at 7300 yards, I thought it was nearly as tough as Merion (US Open site in June) this morning for all players."

The Irish notched a collective score of 610 after two rounds. No. 8 Georgia is leading with a collective score of 585, and the second placed team, No. 15 Florida State, recorded a collective score of 588.

"We made some high numbers on a few holes, which certainly hurt us overall," Kubinski said. "At the same time, those numbers were less about decisions and course management than they were caused by a bad swing at the wrong time. Our guys seemed to hit 85 percent of their shots as good or better than the field but those few misses we had were bad misses."

Sophomore Cory Scupider, the No. 3 golfer for the Irish, is currently tied for 19th place, with an overall score of 150. Scupider golfed a five-over 77 for his first round, and a one-over 73 for his second round.

"Cory did a tremendous job of putting a double bogey and triple bogye in his first six holes of the day behind him and go on to play his last 30 holes in plus 1," Kubinski said. "That showed maturity and patience in himself."

Freshman Liam Cox is also in the top 25, tied for 24th, with an overall score of 151. Cox golfed a first-over 77 for his first round, and shot a 76 for his second round.

"We just need to take advantage of our short iron opportunities and get those short chips up and down," Kubinski said. "We hit enough excellent shots to know we're talented. It's time to convert on the simpler shots."

Only six shots out of the top-five, the Irish will tee off today starting at 8:30 a.m. for their final round in the Crooked Stick Intercollegiate in Carmel, Ind.

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Pasquerilla East clinches postseason berth

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Pasquerilla East beat Chaos (3-2) 19-6 Sunday with an outstanding defensive performance, ensuring the Pyros a spot in the playoffs.

The Pyros East (4-1-3) shut down the usually potent offense of the Chaos (3-2), which averaged nearly 23 points per game through its first seven games. Despite not having its full roster, pangborn said her team played well defensively, led the bullfrogs down the fourth quarter in a touchdown in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

“Cavos East” offensive pass capi-
talized on the field position and turns over its defense provided. Pyros junior quarterback macy Mulhall threw three touchdown passes early to senior running back kiah Schaefbauer and two to junior receiver Nicole Anelli later in the game.

“the offense was really good we played,” Pyros senior captain and defensive lineman caroline Kise said. “we came out and we were ready for them. this game really got our spirits up, and I think that will really help us in the postseason.”

With its playoff spot secure, Pasquerilla East will take on Badin on Nov. 3 in its final regular-season game, while the Chaos play Fairfield the same day.

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Pangborn 7, Ryan 7

By BEVERLY ROGALSKI sports writer

In the battle of unbeaters, neither Pangborn nor Ryan captured the victory in their matchup Sunday, finishing in a 7-7 tie.

The Pyros (4-0-1) and Wildcats (4-0-1) both brought strong off-
fenses and defenses, which made for a competitive and intense game. Ryan struck first with a long touchdown pass, while Pangborn responded in the second half with a touchdown of its own on a pass from junior quarterback Lizzie gallagher.

“We played very well. the offense was really good we played,” Pangborn senior captain and defensive lineman Caroline Kise said. “we came out and we were ready for them. this game really got our spirits up, and I think that will really help us in the postseason.”

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Welsh Family 19, Breen-Phillips 6

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In spite of a late Breen-Phillips offensive surge, Welsh Family was able to hold on to its lead for a 19-6 victory Sunday.

The Whirlwinds (2-3) scored on their first possession of the game on a long fourth-down pass from junior quarterback a lisha Anderson to junior receiver Natalie Branch. this was the first of the pair’s two touchdown con-
nexions on the day.

Defensively, Welsh Family forced multiple incompletions and shut out the Babies (0-5-1) in the first half.

In the second half, Breen-
Phillips caught fire offensively with a strong rushing attack led by freshmen dual-threat quarterback emily Affinito and running back Andrea Rodriguez. Breen-Phillips’s only score came off a 32-yard rush by Rodriguez.

“Our run today was much better than before especially be-
cause of Andrea’s impact today,” Babies senior captain and line-
backer Molly McNerney said. “we’re looking to play a complete game defensively (as our season progresses).”

The Babies began to orches-
trate a comeback, after forcing a Welsh Family fumble and three-and-out in the fourth quarter, but they were stopped at the goal line on their following drive by Welsh Family’s stifling defense. With a strong defense, Anderson said Welsh Family is going to continue working on its passing attack in order to push its playoff hopes.

“We can improve on complet-
ing our passes and making sure our routes are run well,” Anderson said.

The Babies, still looking to their first win of the season, play their next game against walsh on Nov. 10. while the Whirlwinds continue to play for a playoff spot against Ryan on the same day.

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Teammates said the win was a result of practice and effort. The team won the game with a final score of 21-13 against Sorin on November 3rd, the same day as their regular season finale. The team was led by senior quarterback Robert Dorman, who completed 11 of 14 passes for 166 yards and three total touchdowns. He opened the scoring on a five-yard touchdown pass to senior tight end Jack Gardner for a 10-yard touchdown.

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Saint Mary’s continued its season by winning a game against Keenan. The win was a result of the team’s effort and their ability to keep mistakes to a minimum. The Belles beat the Hornets in overtime, securing the game-winner in the 93rd minute. Junior forward Mary Kate Hussey said, “This win is just one more step to our goal, to make the NCAA tournament, but we know we’re in better shape and that much more prepared than the opponent.”

The victory moved the Belles to fifth place in the MIAA, with seven games to play. The top four teams make the postseason tournament. The Belles look to continue their winning streak Wednesday, when they take on Alma at 4 p.m. at home.

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back of all ages have eased that learning process, Folston said. All three older backs have helped him along through camp and the season, giving out their experience freely, he said. And while Bryant is out indefinitely with what Irish coach Brian Kelly called a hairline fracture, Folston said having another back to go to through freshman year with has made the adjustments that much smoother.

"(Greg and I), we’re like best friends," he said. "On the football field we work together, we help each other… we’re really close.”

Folston’s hard work has paid off, as he quickly made inroads in the Irish backfield. After coming into the season buried in the depth chart, he has been one of the five “co-starters” listed at running back for the past several weeks. Folston has earned 11 carries so far this season, but that has not stopped him from making the most of them, amassing 69 yards and a team-best average of 6.3 yards per carry.

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Most of the total came on the biggest run of Folston’s young career, with the Irish down 14-0 and Follston is now the lone freshman among Notre Dame’s four healthy backs. But if Folston can continue to run like he did against Oklahoma, he’ll ensure that he isn’t left out in the cold.

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Folston follows his blockers upfield during Notre Dame’s 17-13 victory over Michigan State on Sept. 21.

M Soccer

Calistri, the reigning Big Ten freshman of the Year. Calistri has scored four goals so far this season, and was named national player of the week by College Soccer News in mid-September. Clark, however, said the Irish don’t have any special plans for shutting down the sophomore.

"We just know that he’s a very good player. But they have a lot of good players. If we spent all of our time worrying about one, we would be leaving someone else. They don’t have many weak links, if any, on their team." Generally speaking, Clark said he doesn’t send his team onto the field with a specific game plan, preferring to prepare them to react to any situation they might encounter on the pitch.

"There’s no timeouts in soccer, so they’ve got to recognize what’s happening and they’ve got to adjust," Clark said. "It’s not like we can call them. You don’t see the game for 45 minutes until halftime, so you need leaders on your team, and they need to sort things out if necessary.”

As of Monday night, Notre Dame is one of just four remaining undefeated teams in Division I men’s soccer. The Irish were joined by No. 1 California (7-0-2) and No. 24 Wisconsin-Milwaukee (9-0-1) as well as No. 3 Washington (8-0-3), which is coached by Clark’s son Jamie, who was an assistant at Notre Dame in 2006 and 2007. The Irish aim to remain in the ranks of the unbeaten as they face off against the Wildcats at 7 p.m. tonight at Alumni Stadium.

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Irish junior defender Max Luchowetzki sends a cross down the field during Notre Dame’s 1-0 win at North Carolina on Sept. 21.

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The Green Wave added two more touchdowns later in the game for insurance.

Junior captain and linebacker Matthew Nagy said he was very pleased with his team’s performance.

"I am delighted that we were able to end our regular season so strongly," Nagy said. "I hope we can continue our great form in the playoffs."

Despite the strong performance, Nagy said the Green Wave must remain level headed.

"Our main priority in to stay fit and healthy as we don’t have another game for the next three weeks," Nagy said. "If our players can stay strong, I am confident we will perform in the playoffs"

The Zahmheis (0-3) failed to get any offensive momentum going for the whole game.

Senior captain and offensive lineman Joseph Rice said he thought the offensive performance was due to a lack of preparation.

"We were not very well prepared and they throw a lot of things at us that we just don't deal with," Rice said. "Their defensive ends were just too strong, so we ran out of ideas on offense."

Fisher ended its season with the victory and now can set its sights on the playoffs, while Zahm will pick up to win against Carroll after fall break.

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Alumni 7, Morrissey 0

By Evan Anderson Sports Writer

Alumni rode its stalwart defense to an undefeated regular season and a division title with a 7-0 victory over Morrissey on Sunday.

The Dawgs (4-0-0) turned the ball over twice and failed to convert on fourth down twice, but relied on their dominant defense effort to a fourth consecutive win. Senior defensive end AJ Harding recorded two sacks and three tackles for a loss, while senior defensive back and captain Jeffrey Kraemer notched an interception and three pass breakups in the secondary.

Harding said the defense, which gave up just seven points on the year, was crucial to the team’s success all season long.

"It all starts with the linebacker corps, and with [Kraemer] roaming in the back," Harding said. "It makes it really easy on us up front. Each unit does its job and I think we’re pretty strong altogether.”

Morrissy junior offensive lineman and captain Patrick Valencia said he was proud of the Manor’s (1-2-0) despite the loss.

"We played a tough game today… with only 13 players," Valencia said. "We know we have the talent, hopefully we will be able to claim a wild card spot at the end of the season.”

The Dawgs have a bye in the regular season’s final week, while the Manor will be seeking its second victory after fall break on Nov. 3 against Knott.

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Keenan 6, Dillon 0

By Zach Klonowski Sports Writer

In a hard-fought battle for play-off berths, Keenan held on for a 6-0 win over Dillon on Sunday afternoon.

After playing a stalemate for almost three quarters, a bad snap on a punt by Dillon (2-2) gave Keenan (3-0) the ball at the Dillon 1-yard line. On the first play of the fourth quarter, Knights sophomore quarterback Patrick Corry took the snap, scrambled to the right, and dove towards the pylon for the only score of the game.

The Knights’ defense continued its dominance this season, intercepting Dillon sophomore quarterback Colin Cunningham three times in the game. Senior defensive tackle Daniel Koller had the first pick, sophomore safety Seamus Roman grabbed one in the end zone, and then senior corner Colin O’Hare returned the ball with a pick in the final minute of the game.

[The defense] were the difference, said senior captain and head coach Jeremy Riche said. “We’ve just got to get the ball out and into our playmakers’ hands and give them the space to work with [on offense].”

After finishing the season with a 2-2 record, Dillon will hope for a wild card berth into the playoffs.

“This was our best effort to date,” Big Red captain and senior defensive lineman Nathaniel Steele said. “If we do get a wild card bid then this is the team we need to be going forward.”

While Dillon awaits their fate, Keenan (2-2) will carry the ball into the Battle for the Chapel after the off-week for fall break.

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Keough 20, Stanford 0

By Jose Fernandez Sports Writer

After struggling offensively in their previous contest, Keough stormed out of the gates in a 20-0 win over Stanford.

The offensive woes of the Kangaroos (2-1-0) were diminished, as long drives kept momentum on their side. Senior captain and quarterback Seamus Donovan, who made his first pass taking touchdowns, said he was thrilled with the way his entire team performed.

“We executed really well,” Donovan said. “We are a speedy team on both sides of the ball and we controlled both lines so that allowed our offense to move the ball and be successful.”

Donovan’s success was aided by the strong performance of sophomore receiver and safety Mitch Patin. Patin dominated both sides of the ball as he racked up seven catches, two touchdowns and kept see M INTERHALL. PAGE 13

second victory after fall break on Nov. 3 against Knott.
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Stacy Keibler, 34; Usher, 35; Natalie Maines, 39; Roger Moore, 86.

Happy Birthday: Offer your finer qualities and you will feel good, be able to boost your confidence, and find a way to reach your goals. Your ability to play fair coupled with loyalty and compassion will win you respect and favors from those in high places. Put everything in place and make your dreams come true. Love is in the stars. Your number is 7; 11, 13, 22, 24, 34, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be a leader and take the creative license you need to reach your goals. Your ability to get others to pitch in and help is your forte and will help you gain respect, popularity and admiration. ♈

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Forget your troubles and stop worrying about what everyone else thinks or does. Relax and enjoy an important relationship along with the things you enjoy doing most. Ease your stress and improve your outlook. Good fortune will come from an unusual source. ♉

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Romance is on the rise and you should enjoy the company of someone special. Don’t make changes at home or at work based on hearsay. Question anyone trying to push you in a direction you aren’t sure you want to go. ♊

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Be social and entertaining and you will enjoy an important relationship along with the things you enjoy doing most. Good fortune will come from an unusual source. ♋

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Romance is on the rise and you should enjoy the company of someone special. Don’t make changes at home or at work based on hearsay. Question anyone trying to push you in a direction you aren’t sure you want to go. ♌

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): When it comes to financial and health matters, protect your interests. Don’t allow anyone to take control or lead you astray. Be the one to make the suggestions and to follow through. Emotional manipulation is apparent. ♍

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Socialize, but don’t overstep or take responsibility for someone who makes a mistake or tries to play on your sympathy. Protect your interests and be prepared to do whatever is required to avoid conflict. A little romance will brighten your day. ♎

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don’t share personal concerns until you figure out how to rectify the problem. Make a decision based on facts. If you step back from the situation, you will get a broader view of what really happened. ☐

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put some thought into emotional situations and how you can make improvements. The connection you have with a friend, relative or lover may be lacking if you haven’t been expressing your feelings honestly. You cannot fix something that you are avoiding. ☐

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Embrace responsibility and show everyone how well you take care of matters. Good application of what you learned at home will improve your home life and your reputation. An ever-increasing number of someone much younger than you will do something out of character. Keep your guard up. ☐

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Choose your friends wisely and put greater emphasis on what’s expected of you at work and at home. Be the proactive one in a relationship and find out any uncertainties with direct questions and answers. Emotional promises are misleading. ☐

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Honesty will be a factor. If you cannot determine how someone is handling a difficult situation, don’t trust what they say. Don’t step back from the situation. If you may want to take a timeout and begin working on self-improvements. ☐

Birthday Baby: You are friendly but aggressive. You have a magical personality. ☐

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Yesterday’s Jumbles: JUICE PLANK SLEEPY PIGS

Answer: When her jigsaw puzzle was ruined, she did this — FELL TO PIECES

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Learning curve

Folston adjusts to weather, running game, college life with support of teammates

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

From picking up blizzards to memorizing plays and learning time management skills, freshmen can face any number of challenges during their transition to college football.

But on an October day with highs in the low 70’s, Cocoa, Fla., native Tarean Folston complained that his toughest challenge thus far was the chilly South Bend weather.

“It’s gotten cold a few times; it’s kind of scary,” Folston said. “I know there’s a lot colder weather coming along. I’m preparing myself.”

Folston might not enjoy Notre Dame’s usual long, frigid winter, but that doesn’t mean he’s not up for a challenge. Just a few months into his Notre Dame career, the freshman running back has powered through most of those early transitions, and has succeeded in making an impact in a crowded backfield. Folston sits with fellow freshman Greg Bryant behind veteran juniors George Atkinson, Cam McDaniel and Amir Carlisle, and has had to work hard to see any action at all this season.

“Just a few months into the season. They’ve obviously got some very good players, also.”

MEN’S INTERHALL

Knott dominates Duncan for first win

By MEGAN WINKEL
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Knott emerged victorious in a battle against Duncan on Sunday 26-0, with a strong offense and a strong defense that brought in two interceptions and shut out Duncan’s offense.

“It feels great to get our first win of the season,” Knott senior captain James Hodgens said. “If we keep playing like we did today, at that intensity, I think we’ll put ourselves in a good position to keep winning this season.”

Hodgens said he was most excited about how the offense played.

“Scoring 26 points means you have to be doing something right,” Hodgens said. “Our offensive line played really well. We didn’t turn the ball over once, which was a big part of our success today. [Sophomore] receiver Griffin Carroll had a few touchdowns that was a big part of our success today.”

Duncan’s offense played really well. Overall, offense played really well.”

Knott (1-2) and Duncan (0-3) headed into the game in similar positions, both having lost its prior two games. Duncan junior captain Alan Keck said the team will focus on defense in practice.

“Defense gave up too many yards this past game and way too many points,” Keck said. “We’re going to go over specific plays for the defense in practices and work on tackling and who covers who.”

Duncan will have a chance for its defense to prove itself when it faces Siegfried on November 3rd, and Knott hopes to continue its successes against Morrissey the same day.

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Fisher 28, Zahm 0

By CORNELIUS MCGRATH
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In a crucial game for both sides it was Fisher who got the best of Zahm, winning 28-0 on Sunday.

The Green Wave (2-0-2) were the superior force from the start, as senior outside linebacker Casey Morris intercepted the ball on Zahm’s first play from scrimmage and ran the ball back for a touchdown from the 25-yard line.

Fisher’s defense, which record- ed 4 sacks throughout the game, continued to wreak havoc and forced Zahm to punt on their next possession. The change of possession led to another Fisher touchdown by senior running back Rick Neville.