ND senior travels to Vatican, meets Pope Francis

Juan Manuel Segura and family bring “The Chapels of Notre Dame” as gift for pontiff

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
News Editor

The head of the Roman Catholic Church now owns a copy of the book “The Chapels of Notre Dame,” thanks to senior Juan Manuel Segura, who traveled to Rome with his family in October to briefly meet Pope Francis.

Segura and his family have been good friends with Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mejia for the past 20 years, and he said the Cardinal’s acquaintance with Pope Francis made the meeting possible.

“[Cardinal Mejia] has visited our house in Washington, D.C., and he has confirmed and baptized a lot of members in our family,” Segura said. “It’s through him that my family and I were able to get the opportunity to go to Rome and be a part of the papal audience, especially to meet [Pope Francis] and actually shake hands with him and say a couple words.”

Segura said he, his parents and two of his five siblings made the whirlwind trip to the Vatican and back, arriving in Italy on Tuesday, Oct. 1, and flying back to the United States on Thursday, Oct. 3. They met Francis following a papal audience, especially to get the opportunity to go to Rome and be a part of the papal audience, especially to meet [Pope Francis] and actually shake hands with him and say a couple words.”

Senior Juan Manuel Segura presents Pope Francis with a copy of the book “The Chapels of Notre Dame.”

‘Movember’ promotes men’s health with facial hair

By TORI ROECK
Associate News Editor

Student body president Alex Coccia may have the most iconic facial hair on campus, but he will blend in more this month as students participating in Movember don moustaches and beards to raise awareness of men’s health issues.

Senior Steve Fox said

Holy Cross Harvest collects donations for food bank

By SAMANTHA CASTANEDA
News Writer

The Saint Mary’s Office for Social and Civic Engagement (OSCE) has joined with Holy Cross College and Notre Dame to host the Holy Cross Harvest this week.

This is the third year the institutions have

hosted the festival, Jessica Bulosan, assistant director of OSCE, said.

The festival aims to help people in the South Bend community who lack basic resources, Bulosan said. OSCE will host discussions, place food barrels around the College and encourage students to donate a meal swipe in solidarity with the hungry.

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Professor and team earn grant to analyze democracy

By HENRY GENS
News Writer

The rapidly-shifting nature of today’s political landscapes and conflicts calls for thorough understanding of democracy.

This is exactly what political science professor Michael Coppedge and his collaborators are attempting to accomplish with the Varieties of Democracy project.

The team, which has more than 2,000 contributing members around the world, recently received a $5.8 million grant awarded over six years to analyze an unprecedented amount of data related to democracies, Coppedge said. He is one of four principal investigators in charge of steering the large-scale study and covering data from all countries and colonies in the world from the year 2000.

Although previous research in the field revealed reliable general indicators of certain types of democratic systems, Coppedge said these were less useful for answering the more sophisticated questions that needed to be asked.

Researchers need these indicators because they’re interested in questions about the nature, causes and consequences of democracy,” Coppedge said. “The indicators that we had already really were not up to the task of measuring things in a precise enough, fine-grained enough way to be able to test the ideas that we have. They were just lying far behind the kinds of theories and models that we wanted to test.”

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What is your favorite monument on campus?

Katie Nunn
senior
Welsh Family Hall
“Rotating rock in CoMa.”

Kate Bowie
senior
off campus
“The globe in Hurley.”

Sarah Dale
senior
off campus
“The grotto.”

Laura Stanger
senior
Welsh Hall
“Jordan Hall Sun Dial.”

Sarah Cressman
off campus
“Stonehenge.”

Senior Katie Silikowski signs the Against Hate pledge Monday afternoon in South Dining Hall to kick off Stand Against Hate week, which is sponsored by the GRC, Prion ND and Multicultural Student Programs and Services.
SMC alumna discusses fashion boutique launch

By ANGELA BUKUR
News Writer

Saint Mary’s alumna Vanessa Cooreman Smith combined her love of fashion with her drive to succeed when she launched Flourish Boutique in Granger in 2008, and she returned to the College on Monday to share the story of her business.

The lecture was co-sponsored by Saint Mary’s Business and Economics Department and the Cross Currents Program’s Collegiate Speaker Series. Smith, who graduated in 2004, said the boutique was a dream of hers that began during her undergraduate years.

“When at Saint Mary’s, I found myself trying to fit my passions and creative talents into other avenues that were more practical for living in the Midwest,” Smith said.

During her junior year at Saint Mary’s, Smith said she discovered her passion to start her own business, and after college began to explore classes in business and fashion through the Art Institute Online.

“All the time I was doing that, I was planning, saving and researching,” she said. “Despite my fear of failure, I knew it was my calling in life to start my own business.

Smith combined a small business loan and her savings to open Flourish Boutique in 2008 as a women’s clothing and accessories store, Smith said.

The business’s mission is to help women “flourish” both in fashion and in life.

“The definition of the flourish has two meanings: first, as an embellishment or flair on clothing that as a testment to the clothes we have, and second, to strive or prosper,” Smith said.

Smith said her goal is to help women find unique and special clothing, but also to make them feel confident and great about themselves.

“Only two months after Flourish opened, the stock market crashed,” Smith said.

“I knew it was too late to turn back.”

“Looking back, when faced with the recession at that time, I felt like all my life’s mentors were preparing me for something difficult. The personal stress and toll was insane, we sold our house and our cars because we were so determined to make it work.”

“We had to come up with new creative marketing strategies like fashion shows, trunk shows, giveaways, etc. to help us during this time.”

Smith said the adversity in the beginning served as motivation for her future success.

“Despite everyone’s advice to close, it was like whenever someone told me to close, I became even more determined” Smith said.

Two turning points of the business was her “giving philosophy” to gain fans and the use of social media, Smith said.

“The turning point felt like a huge shift in momentum, but it didn’t mean overnight or lack of stress,” Smith said.

Today, despite the recession, Flourish has experienced year after year growth,” Smith said.

“We launched our e-commerce store in 2011, [were] featured on CNN and have gained a big fan following through Facebook and blog posts,” Smith said. “We also now have specialized staff, internship position, and are outgrowing our current space.”

Smith said in the future, she would like her business to become a major player in the online world of boutiques.

“If you start a business it will be challenging, but on the other side you can live your dream,” Smith said. “Life can throw things at you, but you must pursue a job you love to do.”

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College to debut Steinway grand piano at concert

By REBECCA O’NEIL
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College will introduce a new Steinway & Sons Model D Concert Grand Piano to the College’s Department of Music in its debut performance at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14 in Little Theatre of Moreau Center for the Arts, the College announced in a press release on Oct. 25.

Nancy Menk, chair of the department of music, said the piano is a gift from Louise Addicott and Yatish Joshi in honor of their daughter, Georgina. The piano was christened “Georgina” on behalf of Joshi’s daughter and her appreciation for all mediums of music — on and off the stage, Owen O’Brien, director of media relations, said.

Joshi paired the gift with a letter to the College that stated his desire to inspire “students to greater heights in their music education and musical careers.” The letter also expressed the couple’s single vision in which young musicians experience various educational, career development and performance opportunities.

“We are thrilled with the donation of this wonderful instrument to our department of music,” Menk said. “Our students will benefit from the Joshis’ generosity for years to come. Georgina was a superb singer, and now our singers have an excellent instrument bearing her name to accompany them in rehearsal and performance.”

Georgina attended John Hopkins University. Jacob received his master’s degree at Juilliard and his doctorate from the Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University. Jacob’s history of audacities — who range from Hong Kong to Dublin and all over the U.S. — make him the perfect musician to consecrate the piano’s place in Moreau.

“Jeffrey Jacob is a College faculty pianist, so it is only natural that he would give the dedicatory recital,” Menk said. He will be retiring at the end of this academic year, so this is a very special recital for him and for our campus.”

This new piano, as well as our current Steinway D, which is in the process of being rebuilt, thanks to a gift from the Georgina Joshi Foundation, will be kept locked when not in use in a new piano ‘garage’ that is being constructed on the O’Laughlin Stage, Menk said.

This is not the first time a piano has been donated to the music department, Menk said.

“Several years ago an alumna donated a baby grand piano for use in Stapleton Lounge, but we have never received a donation of a concert grand piano, to my knowledge,” Menk said. “The pianos may be used by anyone, but with the permission of the Department of Music or the Office of Special Events.”

The event is open to the public and free of charge. A reception will follow the event.

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Natural Law and the Eclipse of Liberal Education

by Professor Thomas Hibbs

Join us as Professor Hibbs considers recent literature on the crisis in higher education, particularly as it concerns the loss of any sense of a unified end of, or inherent purpose in, university education. He will offer a Catholic response that focuses on a broadly Thomistic account of human nature.

Thomas Hibbs is Dean of the Honors College and Distinguished Professor of Ethics and Culture at Baylor University.

He has written numerous scholarly books on Thomas Aquinas and on popular culture, and is a prolific commentator on film, culture, and higher education in the popular media.
Democracy

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that have some currency out there in the world and so we felt that really legitimate indicators of democracy would enable people to measure whatever version of democracy they find meaningful, to give people that ability," Coppedge said.

This, however, is not the only aspect of the study that is départ from the norm. Coppedge said the level of detail achieved in the surveys amounts to one of the most comprehensive studies undertaken in the field.

“We have a kind of decision tree that starts with more general things in each of these several different properties of democracy that are broken down into components, and then the components are broken down into sub-components and so on until we get to the point where we have 329 much more specific indicators of democracy,” Coppedge said.

Coppedge said the collaboration’s analysis of this data will take place through three processes: First, separate aggregations of the data to produce higher-level indicators, examining the causal relationship among those different pieces of democracy (“endogenous democratization”) and looking at factors outside of a democracy (“exogenous democratization”).

“Instead of having one snapshot of a simple aspect of democracy, we’re trying to move something like a high-definition movie of democracy that’s really comprehensive, and it shows you everything you’d ever want to know about how democratic a country is, in multiple ways, over a long period of time,” Coppedge said.

The collaboration will make the data available to the public as it is processed through its highly-interactive website, v-dem.net with a significant portion to be released in March of next year. Coppedge said he believes that not only scholars, but governments, non-governmental organizations and students will find the site to be a powerful, informative source of knowledge due to the high-quality of survey data coming from native experts in their own countries.

“Our project has this motto, ‘global statistics, local knowledge.’ That’s what we’re about,” Coppedge said.

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Movember

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the Movember campaign charges men to not shave for the month of November to encourage conversation about men’s health issues such as prostate and testicular cancer and depression to de-stigmatize these mental health.

“Why do you grow moustaches to tell people that being depressed is ok? Because it’s funny and it’s awesome and it turns the idea on its head,” Fox said.

“There isn’t a stigma about mental health unless we give it a stigma, and the only way you change that is to be willing to talk about that.

“So why don’t you wear on your face for one month out of the year [a sign] that [you] stand in solidarity with people who suffer from those diseases like testicular cancer, or prostate cancer, or depression?” Coppedge said.

Fox said the Movember campaign began in 2003 when a group of friends in Australia challenged each other to a facial hair competition then decided to give it a message. The cause has since spread worldwide and is especially prevalent on U.S. college campuses because younger men are more likely to struggle with diseases like testicular cancer, he said.

“Something that we’ve definitely been recognizing and we think why [the U.S. Senate passes gay rights bills]

Associated Press

The Senate pushed a major anti-bias gay rights bill past a first, big hurdle Monday, a clear sign of Americans’ greater acceptance of homosexuality nearly two decades after the law prohibiting federal recognition of same-sex marriage.

The vote of 61-30 essentially guaranteed that the legislation would be the first significant gay rights legislation since Congress ended the ban on gays serving openly in the military in December 2010. The Supreme Court in June affirmed gay marriage and granted federal benefits to legally married same-sex couples while same-sex marriage is legal in 14 states and the District of Columbia.

About a half hour after the Senate acted, President Barack Obama cited the vote as an example of “common sense starting to prevail” in a Congress that has opposed much of his agenda.

“Unfortunately, the idea of a more tolerant, more compassionate country that offers more opportunity to more people, that’s an idea that the vast majority of Americans believe in and the president told a group of supporters gathered for a summit in Washington Monday night.

Prospects are dimmer in the Republican-led House where Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, remains opposed.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, a chief sponsor of the legislation, said the 60-plus bipartisan vote should force the House to vote on the legislation.

“It was Republican votes that made the difference tonight and that that is a strong signal,” Collins aid. “I also think that attitudes are changing very rapidly on gay rights issues and we’re seeing that with each passing day. More and more people have embraced equality.”
a public papal audience in Saint Peter’s Square, where the pope offered reflections on the day’s readings.

“All of Saint Peter’s Square was really filled with people waiting to hear his message on a couple of readings that day,” Segura said. “My family speaks Spanish because my parents are Argentine, so when we spoke to him for about 30 seconds we spoke in Spanish.” The family was ushered to a special section at the top of the steps of the Square, Segura said, and Francis made his way down the line to talk individually to each person there.

The pope kept them waiting, however, when he made a point of going directly to a separate section of people with disabilities and talking to each of them first, Segura said.

“There was a special thin section at the front where people with disabilities or people in wheelchairs were, and after he gave his remarks, instead of coming to us he went down to talk to them,” Segura said. “He said many words to each and every one of the people who were disabled, and he took his time. Then he came up to us.”

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Hitting No. One

Sara Shoemake
Graphic Designer

Everyone has hobbies. One of mine is snapping selfies with unknowingly celebrities in the distance. Another is Googling myself in hopes that I’ll be the No. One Sara Shoemake. It’s been my goal since high school and at first, I figured it wouldn’t be that hard. How many Sara (with no h’s) Shoemake’s (with no r’s) could possibly exist on this planet. It turns out more than me.

Currently, my Twitter account is the second hit. Right behind Sara Shoemake, the veterinary assistant from Oregon. It’s going to be hard to usurp her position since she saves exotic animals like miniature donkeys and Ball Pythons. Her presence is also quite robust on Facebook, so I might have to become that annoying friend who posts 65 status updates every day (sorry).

Then there’s a Sara Shoemake from Ohio, who got arrested for failing to comply for a warrant for driving with a suspended license. Sorry to hear about your arrest, Sara, but mad props for the street cred you’ve added to our name on Google.

And there are some adversaries who didn’t learn. There’s a woman in 53rd place out of 85 in a 10K and Sara Shoemake from the UK has answered over 25 questions on Yahoo! Answers UK in the darkest unread section. I don’t know who could spend enough time on Yahoo! Answers to provide thoughtful responses to ridiculous questions about love; but I’m sure it takes a lot of self discipline. Keep up the good work, guys.

My main competition is Sara Shoemake, all the way from Atlanta. Her Twitter interests include photography, acting and make-up. She works with actors like Anthony Hopkins and Colin Farrell so she might have an actual future in acting (although I selfishly hope she doesn’t because then she’ll most definitely be Sara Shoemake No. One).

I get a lot of hate from my family, but that’s the thing about goals. There are always going to be a couple obstacles. You’ve got to find a way to overcome. Take it from me. I didn’t get to No. Two on Google by sitting on the sidelines of life, listening to the haters. So if your dream is to become No. One, just remind the critics of this: some people spend their whole lives trying to find themselves. Now, thanks to Google, I can find myself in 16 seconds.

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Carter Boyd
God, Country, Notre Dame

I, along with a group of fellow Notre Dame students, traveled to Washington, D.C., just in time for the grand reopening of the federal government. Together we drove to the capital for an immersive look into issues regarding life and bioethics by meeting with various non-profit advocacy groups located in and around the D.C. area.

Regardless of the field, many advocacy and non-profit organizations tend to focus on one aspect or particular issue in order to realistically have a tangible effect in the organization’s particular service capacity or focus area. Organizations dealing with life issues are no exception. Many organizations exist that choose a particular issue regarding an aspect of life and seek to affect a positive change in the respect and dignity of human life in that area. Some organizations focus on establishing peace by fighting for an end to war and violence, while others focus on providing food to the hungry. Other organizations advocate an end to capital punishment, while others help care for people with disabilities. Some organizations look to eliminate racism, while others focus on aiding the impoverished. There are also organizations that focus on issues protecting the beginning of life in its early stages, while others look to defend life nearing its end.

I learned that many “Pro-Life” organizations have been accused of not being pro-life but rather “anti-abortion” or simply “pro-birth.” Accusers cite that the organizations spend unimaginable time protesting Roe v. Wade, going to abortion clinics and engaging in sidewalk counseling, volunteering at crisis pregnancy centers and encouraging women to choose life for their baby.

However, these organizations fail to give much attention to other life issues including, but not restricted to, war, genetic testing, poverty, Eugenics, racism, capital punishment and euthanasia. First, in response to these accusations, I would say that the pro-life organizations are not just “anti-abortion” or “pro-birth.” These pro-life organizations do uphold the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, which includes upholding the respect for human life in all life issues that I have already mentioned and those that I have left out as well. Second, while these may be tough accusations for us who are pro-life to bear, especially those involved in pro-life groups and outreach, these accusations do present us with a good reminder of all that being pro-life entails.

The message of one of the organizations that our group met with in Washington reiterates this point for us. “Consistent Life” is an organization that enacts its mission of being “committed to the protection of life, which is threatened in today’s world by war, abortion, poverty, racism, capital punishment and euthanasia. We believe that these issues are linked under a ‘consistent ethic of life.’ We challenge those working on all or some of these issues to maintain a cooperative spirit of peace, reconciliation and respect in protecting the unprotected.” “Consistent Life” exists as a networking organization for pro-life groups across the spectrum and stands to advocate the dignity of every human life on a vast scope. One notable member of the organization is our very own Fr. Theodore Hesburgh.

For Catholics, the consistent life ethic is a part of the Catholic Social Teaching and the beliefs regarding the sanctity of every human life described in Blessed John Paul II’s Evangelium Vitae. This consistent life ethic was popularized under the title “Seamless Garment of Life” by Cardinal Bernardin. This message also echoes the words and actions of Pope Francis as the Holy Father has called all believers to deepen our love and respect for life. Pope Francis has done so by emphasizing service to people with disabilities, people in poverty, people who are hungry and all other people who are marginalized. Our Pope still maintains that we are to protect the unborn lives and those nearing death, but he acknowledges that life issues are not limited to standing against abortion and euthanasia. Rather, beings pro-life can’t just be a complacent personal decision or a way we vote, but being pro-life entails building a culture of life through the ways in which we treat others, through the decisions that we make and through the way we ultimately decide to live each day, as children of God in a world and society that holds and advocates a culture of death.

Evidence of this great disparity of the culture of death in our society is made visible in our nation’s polarizing two-party political system. One side holds a great importance of the social welfare by giving governmental aid to the poor and needy while at the same advocating abortion and euthanasia. The other side holds a great importance in protecting life at the beginning and ends of life, yet often fails to stress the importance of helping the marginalized in society. Both sides seem to be okay with the death penalty and war. How are we supposed to coexist with this system when we believe in dignity and respect for all human life in all circumstances? We must stay steadfast in our hope in God’s promise that life will defeat death and good will defeat darkness.

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D.C. group advocates for life
As the Halloween festivities finally come to a close and the nerd glasses, construction hats and cat ears are tucked away for another year, our attention is quickly directed to the next season of festive Starbucks cups and final exams.

However, as I reflect on the past week, it occurred to me that this Halloween — and its accompanying celebrations — provided me with a disheartening case study of the alarming double standards for men and women of Notre Dame.

Although they are widely discussed by faculty and students alike, both in and out of the classroom, the general consensus appears to go along the lines of “Yeah, it’s not fair. But that’s just the way it goes.” While we all witness these discrepancies regularly, it would be valuable to simply highlight one of the most blatant occurrences, even if only to spark conversation.

Thursday nights for many Notre Dame students mean venturing off campus to the likes of Club Fever in downtown South Bend. While the nightclub holds a strict “21 & Over” policy, bouncers are notorious for accepting fake I.D.’s in exchange for anything from a pleading smile to a $20 bill wrapped around the card. Because of this reputation, scores of underclassmen make weekly (often successful) attempts to gain entrance along with their older peers. This past Thursday — Oct. 31 to all, “Fever-o-ween” to many — proved to be no exception. In fact, the Club Fever hype was intensified with the addition of costumes and general holiday merriment.

This hype brought with it higher stakes and greater risks for the younger crowd, for it was assumed across campus that large numbers of of-duty R.A.’s would be joining the celebration. However, it quickly became clear that this heightened concern of off-campus repercussions was felt by only half of the underage population.

As the younger women of Notre Dame worriedly deliberated and anxiously calculated risk throughout the week — even going as far to plan costumes that included masks and other forms of disguise out of fear. Their male peers confidently chuckled, and casual responses of, “I hope I see him there, he’ll definitely buy me a beer!” For nearly all of Notre Dame’s women’s dorms, the instance of coming into contact with an R.A. is almost certain to result in serious disciplinary action, including confiscation of any illegitimate identification, meetings with rectors and meeting with Community Standards. However, if an underage resident of any male dorm on campus is to run into his R.A., he will more than likely be slapped on the back and handed a drink, or ignored (if the R.A. is a real stickler).

There are many problems with this pattern. Worse, these issues can be directly blamed neither on the underage rule-breakers, nor their respective R.A.’s. Rather, it seems that the looming institutions and accepted behaviors are what perpetuate such standards that, when plainly drawn out, should seem outrageous to any logical person. It is not that the male R.A.’s are failing at their responsibilities, nor are the female R.A.’s cruelly exerting excessive control over their residents — all individuals are simply performing what they perceive to be their duties.

While I am sure there is a written rule located somewhere in the depths of du Lac, it is plainly accepted and maintained, at high levels of authorization, that male R.A.’s can interact off-campus with their underage students in one manner, while female R.A.’s absolutely cannot. In the case of the underage students, while they are all breaking the law and school policies, the consequences of their actions are so substantially different that there may as well be two separate rules, based fully on gender.

I am unsure of any one solution to a problem based on unspoken realities, but discussion is often the first step. The most important second step is to move past the complacent conclusions of “that’s just the way it is,” and work to make concrete changes.

In regards to my own personal interests, I will enthusiastically refrain from promoting any specific modifications, but the two options appear to be the universal embrace of one of the two current policies: Either all underage students face severe consequences that affect study abroad, further educational endeavors and even job prospects if caught at a 21 and over venue, or a blind eye is turned as long as no immediate harm to self or others is being done. Regardless of the option chosen, either would far surpass the current system, which promotes the horrifyingly sexist and chauvinistic tendencies for which Notre Dame is unfortunately known.

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Dear Mr. Mike Mayock,

During the Notre Dame-Navy game last Saturday, you began the game by commenting that, “every Navy kid has a chip on their shoulder that he wasn’t more highly recruited.”

I simply couldn’t disagree more. These fine young men have been recruited to much more than simply show up for football on a Saturday. They have been recruited to fly over the skies of Afghanistan, spend months at a time patrolling the seas, to interpret critical pieces of intelligence and to parachute behind enemy lines in search of some of the most evil forces on earth. Naval academy graduates become U.S. Marines, Navy seals, doctors, lawyers, engineers and above all leaders for our nation.

Football may be a part of their lives, but just because they wear a football uniform on Saturdays doesn’t mean their navy uniforms are collecting dust in their closets the other six days of the week.

Mr. Mayock, the midshipmen who burst into Notre Dame stadium on Saturday are much more than ballplayers. They are future military officers who treasure your freedom so greatly that they are willing to sacrifice everything to protect it. Please honor and respect their dedication to country, their fellow American, by recognizing that there is no higher recruiting honor then being chosen to humbly serve, defend and potentially die for your country.

Katy Sidrow
Milwaukee, Wis. Class of 2008
Nov. 3
"MATANGI" should come with a six-step manual that goes like this: apply aviator sunglasses, grab nearest Nerf gun, obtain obnoxiously large boom box, insert "MATANGI" assemble posse, march around campus, profit.

Then again, "MATANGI" is the sort of album that implies that you should be doing that sort of thing. M.I.A. has never been one for subtlety — her albums are full of huge beats, lyrical mantras and mantras. As the daughter of a Sri-Lankan social activist on the run from the government, M.I.A.'s impoverished, war-filled childhood shaped her into a social warrior of sorts, pushing her to make powerful music aimed to raise awareness of global issues. Her debut album, "Arular," showcased M.I.A.'s unique hybrid of hip-hop and world music with relatively simple and stripped-down instrumentation. Over her next two albums, M.I.A. stuffed more and more into her sound, resulting in an exciting balance on sophomore album "Kala" but a cluttered mess on follow-up "MATANGI.

Thankfully, "MATANGI" reverses this trend, cleaning up "MYAYS" sound with better layering and spacing sounds. An armada of samples and synths explodes and retreats throughout the album, allowing songs to mount insane energy without overheating. This production style ensures that "MATANGI" is a hook-filled monster with a thousand memorable moments. Whether it's the Mac-computer volume sound effects during the build-up on "Come Walk With Me" or the sputtering base drop on "Warriors," bursts of energy continually drive "MATANGI" forward.

"MATANGI" is also incredibly successful due to its ability to recast common trends in music in new and exciting forms. The bass heavy, reverb jam of "Lights" sounds like a Lord song chanted to tribal drums. "Double Bubble Trouble" pairs the lowered-vocals and dubstep and rap hybrid of ASAP Rocky's "Wild for the Night" with Middle Eastern instruments to give life to that sound. "Exodus" and "Know It Ain't Right" employ hip-floa ting vocal lines that echo the indie R&B scene. The very fact that "MATANGI" incorporates so many different styles into its sound and yet still feels coherent is a feat within itself. "MATANGI" feels fresh, familiar and complete all at the same time — something extremely rare in the music industry, and even rarer for a so-called pop album.

On top of it all, "MATANGI" has M.I.A. still spitting ridiculous lyrics. Who's going to forget "Truth is ****?" from "boom (skit)"? and of course, "Live fast die young bad girls do it well" along with every other lyric from single "Bad Girls." Proclamations abound here and you're invited to shout along.

"MATANGI" is a huge, necessary return to form for M.I.A. It may not have the same world-shaking lyrical relevance or element of surprise that "Arular" and "Kala" boasted, but maybe it doesn't need to. M.I.A. feels on top of the world here — her music and lyrics scream confidence, and it's just so fun to be part of her world.
Any film starring Ben Affleck and Justin Timberlake, whose films in the last three years have combined for roughly $660 million at the box office as well as 16 Oscar nominations and six wins, would be a safe bet, one might think. Critical and financial success aside, Affleck and Timberlake are both media darlings with long, storied careers that makes it seem like no matter what they do, they’re playing with house money.

So when 20th Century Fox decided to roll the dice and bankroll “Runner, Runner” from writing team Brian Koppelman and David Levien, who hit the jackpot on their first film, “Rounders,” in 1998, but have been mostly just grinding out average projects since, it sounded like a good play.

But even though Fox and the team of producers that includes Hollywood ace Leonardo DiCaprio went all in on the usually reliable pair of stars, they never should’ve anteed up — “Runner, Runner” is a bust from start to finish.

Timberlake plays Richie Furst, a Princeton grad student trying to grind his way through school, paying his bills by acting as a recruiter of sorts for an online gambling site. But when a fellow student outs his racket to the dean, Richie is forced to go for broke in internet gambling in order to stay in school.

Unfortunately for him though, internet gambling isn’t the most reputable service in the world, and Richie finds himself down to the felt after being cheated out of his money.

He decides to bluff his way into a Costa Rican party hosted by the king of internet gambling, Ivan Block, played by Affleck. Block plays his cards close to his chest when Richie finally goes heads up with him about being cheated out of his money but the next day offers Richie a job as a sort of jack of all trades for his gambling website.

Next thing you know, Richie is in a river of money. He starts to see, though, that if he stays employed with block, an FBI investigation may be in the cards.

Richie decides to sneak a few cards up his sleeve before Ivan can run the table on him and leave him as the fall man for his illegal activity.

When Block finally puts his cards on the table and tries to leave Richie in Costa Rica, flush with a host of FBI agents on his trail, Richie doesn’t miss a trick and unveils his ace in the hole; Rebecca Shafran (Gemma Arterton), the Queen of Block’s organization, is in love with Richie, not Block. Richie makes a deal with the FBI to inform on Block, but hedges his bets by fleeing the country anyways and letting the chips fall where they may.

All in all, this is a really, really bad movie. Affleck is admirable in his role as an egomaniac gambling magnate, but Timberlake is an uninteresting flop as a graduate student with a raw deal. A lot of the story doesn’t make sense, there’s no real insight into the world of online gambling, and the Costa Rican setting somehow manages to be blander than the scenes shot on Princeton’s campus.

With how many things have to go right beyond just the script and the acting in order for a movie to be successful, it must be like Russian roulette sometimes for actors when choosing projects. Hopefully this was just a bad turn for the two stars, who have both established themselves as respectable actors with an eye for good projects in the last few years.

But as for “Runner, Runner,” hedge your bets and sit this one out, because in terms of good gambling movies, it’s no dice.

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In honor of just how terrible of a movie “Runner, Runner” was, here’s an infinitely more enjoyable playlist of music about gambling in some way, shape or form.

| 01 | “House of the Rising Sun” | The Animals |
| 02 | “Poker Face” | Lady Gaga |
| 03 | “The Gambler” | Kenny Rogers |
| 04 | “Joker and the Thief” | Wolfmother |
| 05 | “Blackjack” | Ray Charles |
| 06 | “Viva Las Vegas” | Elvis Presley |
| 07 | “Lonesome Loser” | Little River Band |
| 08 | “The Card Cheat” | Clash |
| 09 | “Tumbling Dice” | The Rolling Stones |
| 10 | “Ramblin’ Gamblin’ Man” | Bob Seger |
| 11 | “Desperado” | The Eagles |
| 12 | “Gambler” | Madonna |
Belles win, clinch spot in MIAA tournament

By MIKE GINOCCHI
Sports Writer

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Beards go for benefits

“My kids will be excited,” he said. “I don’t know if they’re going to recognize me when I walk in the door. My daughter was tugging on it last night and said, ‘When are you going to shave it? I didn’t want to let the secret out. She was still sleeping when I left this morning.’

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Saint Mary’s finishes season with shutout

By A.J. GODEAUX
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Behind an overpowering offensive attack and a stingy defense, Saint Mary’s capped off its season Monday with a 5-0 shutout win over Trine, ending the season on a four-game winning streak.

“We really played well as a team today, especially offensively,” Belles junior defender and co-captain Mary Kate Hussey said. “We were able attack aggressively and confidently, and really played as one unit.”

Senior midfielder and co-captain Mollie Valencia, playing in her last game in a Belles uniform, got Saint Mary’s (10-7-3, 8-5-3 MIAA) on the board early, when freshman forward Emily Rompola sent a pass from the right sideline to a sprinting Valencia at the top of the box. Valencia took a touch before sending the ball to the back of the net for her second goal of the year.

“That was great to see [Mollie] get a goal in her last game,” Joyce said.

Belles freshman forward Rosie Biehl took the reins from there. In the 35th minute, a Belles shot deflected off a Thunder defender right to an awaiting Biehl on the left side of the box, who sent a shot past senior Trine goalkeeper Jamie Schnarr into the far side of the net.

In the 47th minute, Biehl received a pass from junior forward Kelly Wilson on the left side of the box, sneaking a low shot between the left post and Schnarr to give the Belles a 3-0 lead and Biehl a team-leading eighth goal on the year.

“Rosie’s really hit her stride the past few games with four goals in three games,” Joyce said. “It’ll be exciting to see what she can do the next three years.”

Senior forward Jordan Diffenderfer added her second goal of the season in the 73rd minute off a scramble in the box, while sophomore Rachel Schulte added to the blowout with a goal in the 81st minute off an assist from senior forward Kaitlin Teichman, giving the Belles their fifth goal of the afternoon.

Junior goalkeepers Chanler Rosenbaum and Natalie Warner combined for the shutout.

Warner saved the lone shot on goal from the Thunder (2-17, 1-15) as the Belles defensive unit held Trine to just three shots.

Already out of contention for the MIAA tournament, Hussey said the Belles were playing for pride Monday.

“There wasn’t any pressure to score or win this game for our record,” Hussey said. “We wanted to do it for ourselves and our seniors. ... We wanted to send them off well.”

The Belles conclude the season in fifth place in the MIAA, three points behind fourth-place Adrian. The top four teams make the postseason conference tournament.

“We came up a win short, but this team plays some sublime soccer and had a good year,” Joyce said. “We’ll work hard for a shot at it next year.”

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Belles senior midfielder Mollie Valencia prepares to kick the ball in the Belles’ 1-0 loss to Alma on Oct. 16. Saint Mary’s finished the year with four consecutive wins but was one win short of making the postseason.

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Despite that, Fisher said she was still happy with the Wild Women’s performance.

“I think we played well overall,” Fisher said. This was the last game of the season for both teams.

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Pasquerilla East 31, Badin 0
By MATTHEW GARCIA Sports Writer

The defense of playoff-bound Pasquerilla East shut down the Badin offense 31-0 in a statement win. The Pyros (5-1) ended the season on a high note, with three interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown.

Junior quarterback Macy Mulhall capped off the regular season by completing six of eight pass attempts for 67 yards and three touchdowns, while adding 49 yards on the ground. Freshman cornerback Melange Kuse said she was excited to see what her team can do.

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Ryan 41, Welsh Family 0
By ALEX CARSON Sports Writer

Ryan was firing on all cylinders as they recorded a 41-0 victory over Welsh Family behind a strong performance from freshman quarterback Kathleen Conaty. The Wildcats (6-0-1) marched down the field on their first possession, scoring on a five-yard run by Conaty. They led 7-0 after seven plays from scrimmage. Ryan (6-0) had 17 first downs, including a 38-yard rush by freshman receiver Melange Kuse. The Wildcats would add a touchdown in the second quarter to go up 14-0. The Wildcat defense then shut down Welsh Family, adding 49 yards on the ground.

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Farley 13, Cavanaugh 6
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In Sunday’s head-to-head matchup between Cavanaugh and Farley, the Finest (2-4) emerged victorious, defeating the Chicks (3-3) 13-6. The Finest came strong out of the gate, rushing the ball down the field on each possession. Sophomore receiver Theresa Kozelka helped Farley take the lead, scoring both of the team’s touchdowns in the first half.

Senior captain and receiver Lauren Ladowski pushed the offense down the field with clutch catches and throws throughout the game.

“We really came out to play in this matchup,” Ladowski said. “We didn’t let our record affect us and just gave it all our left and left our hearts out on the field.”

Despite the win, the Finest finished with a losing record and will not be in contention for post-season playoffs.

Cavanaugh made a run to tie the game in the last minutes of the fourth quarter, driving the ball down the field, but was stopped just short of the first down on a fourth-and-eight play. Captain and senior linebacker Meaghan Ayers said they noticed a few key mistakes that kept the Chaos from securing victory.

“I think our main issues in this matchup were the lack of communication and awareness,” Ayers said. “When we mistread a play or didn’t communicate correctly with one another, Farley was able to capitalize.”

Ayers said Cavanaugh will need to play better if they hope to advance in the playoffs.

“The real team really hopes to turn things around (in the playoffs) and make improvements all around to assure that we are in the best shape possible,” Ayers said.

The Finest have an opportunity to show off their improvements in the quarterfinals against Badin, while the Chicks will head into the offseason.

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Pangborn 34, McGlinn 7
By JOSE FERNANDEZ Sports Writer

In the final game of the regular season, Pangborn played like a team ready for a championship run as it beat McGlinn 34-7.

The Phoxes (5-0-1) stormed out the gates and took a 14-0 lead after the first quarter and did not look back as they kept scoring at will against the Shamrocks (2-4). Senior captain and offensive lineman Mary Kate Veselik praised her team’s effort, especially the offensive side of the ball.

“We played a great game overall, but our offense stood out today,” Veselik said. “I am excited for this team and the potential we have to make a playoff run.”

Pangborn’s near flawless offensive performance was aided by the play of junior quarterback Caitlin Gargan. The do-it-all quarterback led the team with four total touchdowns as she continually beat McGlinn’s defenders with both her arm and her legs. Gargan said, however, that it was her teammates who made her great performance possible.

“We have a complete offense, so we can mix it up as much as we like,” Gargan said. “As long as we limit mistakes and play as a team, the sky’s the limit.”

After winning the championship the past two seasons, McGlinn ended this season just before the playoffs. Senior captain and receiver Tara Crown looked back at the season positively, however, as she praised her teammates’ dedication and heart.

“We had a tough season, one unfortunately cut short,” Crown said. “I hope McGlinn can get back to its winning ways next year, but this team showed its heart every game, and I’m proud of that.”

Pangborn hopes to continue its success heading into the playoffs next Sunday against Cavanaugh, while McGlinn looks to retool for next season.

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Pasquerilla West 32, Lewis 0
By RENE GRIFFIN Sports Writer

Pasquerilla West completed an undefeated regular season Sunday with a decisive win over Lewis, shutting the Chicks (2-4) out 32-0. The Purple Weasels (6-0) showed off their potent passing attack, as freshman receiver Monica Busse caught two touchdowns and freshman receiver Elle Steichen made one.

The Pasquerilla West defense also played a major part in the victory, scoring more points than they allowed on sophomore cornerback Bernie Jordan’s interception return for a touchdown.

Senior captain and linebacker Breezi Toole said she was pleased with her team’s performance and improvement all season, and she looks forward to the playoffs.

“I think that we worked well being a team,” Toole said. “We’ve come so far from our first practice to here, and I’m just proud of the way everyone’s grown. We’re going to have normal practices this week and tighten up any mistakes we made to make sure we’re starting off with our best game in the playoffs.”

Meanwhile, the loss ended Lewis’ season. However, senior captain and receiver Colleen Haller said she thinks the Chicks will be back with a vengeance next season.

“It didn’t go our way, obviously, but I hope the girls had fun, and it was fun just to play for the last time,” Haller said. “We were able to get a lot of girls playing time, as well as teach them, since we had so many freshmen. I definitely think they’ll be prepared for next year.”

The undefeated Purple Weasels will face Welsh Family in the first round of the playoffs Sunday, while Lewis is done for the year.

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The Griffins will look to
ward next year, while Keenan will gear up to defend its title against Dillon on Sunday.

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Keough 7, O’Neill 0
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Sports Writer

In a battle that could have gone either way, Keough eventual- ly came out on top, nar- rowly defeating O’Neill 7-0 Sunday.

Neither team reached the end zone on offense, as both struggled to get momentum going.

The Kangaroos’ defense has been the strongest asset all season for Keough (3-1), and once again it proved its worth in the final regular-season game. Sophomore defensive end William Fields capitalized on a fumbled ball and ran it to the end zone from the five- yard line. Keough senior captain and defensive lineman Patrick Keough said he was delighted with the late victory.

“The defense is able to put everything in a situation where we’re in position to make a play,” Keough senior and defensive lineman Tommy Spoonmore said.

Zahm’s season is over, but Keough came out on top, and the Statesmen were not able to get on track.

“We didn’t put up any wins, but we had fun,” Rice said about the teams’ season. “That’s all we were here to do.”

Zahm’s season is over, but Keough plays Sunday in the first round of the playoffs against Fisher.

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Knott 7, Morrissey 0
By EVAN ANDERSON
Sports Writer

The Knott defense forced its second consecutive shutout in a 7-0 win over Morrissey and punched its playoff ticket Sunday.

Juggernots junior quarterback David Taiclet threw for 164 yards and the game’s only touchdown, and sophomore receiver Jack Taiclet caught five passes for 81 yards from his older brother.

However, it was freshman Connor Fox who broke the scoreless tie in the second quarter when he juked two defenders and scored on a 25-yard touchdown run.

“Keough is a close game and we need to learn how to win,” Keough senior captain and defensive lineman Patrick Keough said. “Their defense, overall, was pretty impressive with three picks.”

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St. Edward’s 14, Sorin 13
By CHRISTINA KOCHANSKI
Sports Writer

St. Edward’s defeated Sorin 14-13 on Sunday in a battle that came down to the last minute of play.

Senior quarterback Paul Rodriguez scored the first touchdown for the Gentlemen, with a pass to senior tight end on the next play.

Rodriguez scored another touchdown to retake the lead for St. Edward’s before halftime.

Yurek opened the second half with a touchdown on Sorin’s first drive, but the Otters failed to convert on the two-point conversion.

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Siegfried 25, Duncan 0
By MANNY DE JESUS
Sports Writer

Siegfried dominated Duncan on both sides of the ball, as it won 25-0 in the season finale Sunday.

The running game for the Rams (3-1) buyed the Highlanders’ defense as all four touchdowns came on the ground. Freshman running back Dan Verzuoh led the rushing attack, gaining 127 yards on three touchdowns.

“This is probably the best season of football I have ever played in terms of how much I am contributing,” Verzuoh said. “Our running game is very good: We have a great fullback, great line and they are giving me huge holes to run through, so if we keep playing this way we’ll be great in the playoffs.”

In addition to the Rams’ offensive defense, their defense was able to shut down the Highlanders on offense and force six turnovers.

Siegfried senior lineman Jack Moore said he believed this game was important for his team in terms of finding some momentum after the long autumn break.

“We look to work on bringing the right mindset to the games in the playoffs,” Moore said. “We can’t [play unfocused] or else they will make us pay for it.”

Duncan junior captain and center Alan Keck said he was disappointed with the way the season ended but was content with the toughness the team displayed. Duncan (0-4) dressed only 11 players for the game.

“We moved the ball pretty well, but too many penalties killed us,” Keck said. “This year’s juniors are going to meet in the offseason to talk about the offense and defense for next season.”

The next time Siegfried takes the field, it will compete in the playoffs against Keough, while Duncan’s season is officially over.

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Midshipmen, but Kelly said he is “optimistic” regarding Day’s chances to play against the Panthers.

“I think we may get Sheldon back,” Kelly said. “We’ll see how he progresses during the week.”

The front seven has been stretched thin in the linebacking corps, as well. Junior inside linebacker Jarrett Grace broke his leg against Arizona State, and junior outside linebacker Ben Councell will miss the rest of the season after suffering what Kelly called a “significant knee injury” Saturday against Navy.

Fellow junior outside linebacker Ray Williams left the Air Force game with an ACL injury and did not play against Navy. Williams, who was in an immobilizer last week, could return for the BYU game Nov. 23, per Kelly.

Kelly said players who didn’t play at least 15 plays in the previous game will go through conditioning the Monday following the contest.

“The second thing for us is making sure that those guys get an opportunity to get some reps in practice,” Kelly said. “Even though it may not be as many as the first group, but they’re getting some reps. I think it’s absolutely crucial, and I’ve always done that.”

Kelly said second-team players typically receive about half as many reps as the first-teamers.

“The third thing is when they’re not in practice we’re demanding that they’re taking mental reps, and there are not a bunch of peripheral things going on. They’re focused and paying attention,” Kelly said. “I think all those things have to happen if you want to have an effective next man in.”

On the offensive side, senior right guard Christian Lombard was ruled out for the season following the USC game after undergoing back surgery. The guard playing opposite him, graduate student Chris Watt, did not play against Navy with a PCL tear in his knee. Kelly said the injury will not require surgery and is a matter of Watt feeling comfortable playing through the issue.

“I think he’s going to feel a lot better this week, be able to make some of the compensations that he’s going to have to make with that PCL,” Kelly said. “I’m pretty confident that he’s going to be able to get back in the lineup this week.”

If not, the Irish will push forward with their next man in.

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Grady leads in postseason

By ALEX WILCOX

There are just two more meets on the calendar for Notre Dame, the regional championships in two weeks and then nationals after that, making these final meets the most important races of the season.

And when there is an important race to be won, odds are senior runner Martin Grady is going to be right at the top. Grady, an accounting major from Burr Ridge, Illinois, consistently turns in his best performances when the stakes are highest. Last year he led the team at both regionals and nationals, finishing ninth out of 201 runners at regionals and 52nd out of 245 at nationals.

“There’s a lot more talent on our team this year,” Grady said. “The ND invite was actually pretty tough this year, and when there is an important race to be won, that’s where our top guys step up.”

This postseason has proved no different for Grady, as he led the team with a fifth place finish, with a time of 24:32.2, in last weekend’s ACC Conference Championships. Grady finished just 35 seconds behind the winner, and his performance earned him ACC honors, the third time in his career he has been named all conference. Despite the impressive performance, Grady was nonchalant about once again leading his team.

“It was cool,” Grady said. “I think there’s a lot of guys who did well. Most races [Irish graduate student] Andrew Cashin has been our top guy, but he’s had a little foot thing that he’s working with. It’s nice to be up there, but I think we’re definitely a team where a certain guy could finish first or fifth and it wouldn’t matter because we have that kind of support and depth.”

Overall, Grady said the season has gone well, but he feels he is now finally where he needs to be to have another successful championship run.

“I think that first race at National Catholic we just ran as a team, and it went pretty well,” Grady said. “The ND Invite was not my best showing, and then I actually strained my calf before Wisconsin, so I knew it wasn’t going to be my best, but we did all right. ACC was probably good for me, and hopefully it’s the level I should be at.”

In his four years running cross country for Notre Dame, Grady has been to nationals as a sophomore and junior and anticipates qualifying again this year. While he has been on good teams before, Grady said none compare to this year’s squad.

“There’s a lot more talent on the team this year,” Grady said. “This year we have two fifth-years and two regular seniors. I think this is all of our fourth nationals so it’s a pretty senior-heavy team, which is definitely a good thing. Me and [senior Walter Schafer] joked around how it was shock- ing we made nationals in past years because the team now is so much better.”

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Celebrities Born on This Day:
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- Matthew McConaughey, 44
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FOOTBALL

Multiple injuries on the defensive squad will test Kelly's “next-man-in” philosophy

By MIKE MONACO
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Since arriving in South Bend, Irish coach Brian Kelly has preached a “next-man-in” philosophy.

That attitude, however, is being tested with No. 23 Notre Dame’s recent rash of injuries that has ravaged the squad, especially the defense.

“We are running out of next men,” Kelly said Sunday. “We’re at that point where from a defensive standpoint, and particularly the defensive line, we’re left with very few options.”

Irish take on rival Michigan State

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The defensive line will be without senior Kona Schwenke on Saturday against Pittsburgh. Schwenke, who is dealing with a high-ankle sprain, started against Navy and Air Force in place of fellow senior Louis Nix, who is battling his own ailments. Knee tendinitis and a small meniscus tear have restricted Nix, but after an MRI on Sunday, the school announced the nose guard would practice this week.

Sophomore defensive end Sheldon Day reinjured his own high-ankle sprain against the Spartans.

Irish senior outside linebacker Ben Connell is examined by trainers after sustaining a “significant knee injury” during Notre Dame’s 38-34 victory over Navy on Saturday.

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BRINGING OUT THE BENCH

Women's InterHall

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This was our best game of the season,” she said. “Everything came together, and we ended the season strong.”

Walsh’s senior receiver and captain Maggie Fisher said she and her team were hop- ing for a better conclusion to their season.

“We should have won this game,” Fisher said. “We’re not happy with the offici- ating, and we were missing some key players.”

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“Our guys started off hot ... and played consistent throughout,” Riche said. “We came up big when we really needed it, especially the defense with the turnovers, and it was overall a great team win. The offense started to click and the defense has been solid all year ... so heading into the playoffs, after this game, I feel really good.”

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