ROTC battalions honor veterans

Students take part in 24-hour vigil, public ceremony to remember former soldiers

By LESLEY STEVENSON
News Writer

On Sept. 10, 2001, Richard Evans was a civilian with plans to marry his fiancée later that year. This Veterans Day, 12 years later, he is an active-duty captain in the U.S. Army, a survivor of four deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and a father of four. “It’s an awesome thing when the country gets behind and supports us (on Veterans Day),” Evans said. “I think we’ve learned some really hard lessons from the past.”

As a soldier, I’ve felt nothing but gratitude from South Bend, Mishawaka and Notre Dame in particular. I’m very thankful for that and the opportunity to be here.”

Since July, Evans has served as an assistant professor of military science at Notre Dame and a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadre, or staff. Despite his prior tours of duty, Evans said he does not focus on his own service on Veterans Day.

“It’s a time for me to reflect,” Evans said. “I’ve been in the military for 12 years. I’ve deployed four times, so I think about all the great men and women I’ve had the opportunity to serve with. I think about the sacrifices my family has made to allow me to pursue this career.”

Tyler Thomas, a senior Naval ROTC midshipman and tri-military commander of the three Notre Dame ROTC branches, said Army and Air Force cadets and Navy midshipmen held a 24-hour vigil at the Clarke War Memorial fountain starting Sunday evening in honor of Veterans Day.

“Protect the War Memorial, which stands for all of the Notre Dame graduates who ventured to Iraq and Afghanistan and a survivor of four deployments,” Evans said. “We will continue to honor all of the United States military and the sacrifices they made for our country.”

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Women’s boxing captains fight for Holy Cross missions

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

On Monday night, 78 women will take to the ring to raise money for Holy Cross missions in Uganda in the 11th annual Baraka Bouts.

Nine captains lead these students in their boxing training and fundraising efforts while serving as mentors and leaders for the novice boxers. Senior captain Anna Carmack said she joined the women’s boxing team her freshman year at Notre Dame, not knowing she would love the sport so much.

“I was very hesitant. I had never done anything like boxing before, but I decided to give a shot,” she said. “I ended up loving it, and I was pretty good at it, as well.”

Few women join the boxing team with previous boxing experience, so the captains are responsible for teaching the basics of the sport, Carmack said.

“We’re doing all the instruction. We have coaches who help us a lot, but a lot of the instruction does come down to us,” she said. “We’re teaching the girls how to stand, how to punch, how to move.

“The first few weeks are purely workouts and instruction. You’re not going to be in the ring; you aren’t going to be throwing punches [because] you first have to learn how to stand.”

Carmack said the captains help run eight practices per week, and team members must attend at least four of them.

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By JACK ROONEY
News Writer

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“Walk up the steps of Main Building.”

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junior
off campus
“Give up my dining hall shopping for one month.”

Steven Sonson
sophomore
Kreough Hall
“Ignore the fact that I’m lactose intolerant.”

Beatrice Brenner
junior
McGlinn Hall
“I would kill a man.”

Brian Mukhaya
freshman
Duncan Hall
“Sit on the statue of Mary on the Dome.”

Lizzie Pagura
freshman
Ryan Hall
“Run three miles - if it were Reese’s.”

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Monday
Veteran’s Day Ceremony
Hesburgh Library
5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Open to the public. Fr. Hesburgh to attend.

Women’s Basketball
Purcell Pavilion
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
The Irish take on Michigan State.

Tuesday
Lecture: This Country is Yours Too!
Geodesis Hall
12 p.m.-1 p.m.
Anthropology lecture by Laura Steil.

Men’s Soccer
Alumni Stadium
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
ACC quarterfinal match.

Wednesday
International Taste of South Bend
LaFortune Student Center
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
International cuisine.

Theatre: Cabaret
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Tony Award-winning musical.

Thursday
Gender Studies Meet & Greet & Eat
O’Shaughnessy Hall
5 p.m.-6 p.m.
Major information and free pizza.

Zen Meditation Behind Bars
Coleman-Morse Center
6:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Open to students of all faiths.

Friday
Film: Shakespeare Behind Bars
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.
The Tempest in prison.

Men’s Hockey
Compton Family Ice Arena
7:35 p.m.-9:35 p.m.
The Irish face off against Merrick.
Panel discusses ethical issues in ‘Radium Girls’

By HALEIGH EMSEN
News Writer

Experts from the Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame community contributed to a panel discussion Friday with D.W. Gregory, author of the play “Radium Girls,” which was performed on campus this weekend.

The talk, titled, “Radium Girls: Opening the Door to Justice,” was sponsored by the Justice Education department.

Gregory said she was inspired to write the play, a story about radium poisoning of female factory workers who painted the dials on watch-es in 1920s New Jersey, by a documentary about radium poisoning.

“I remember watching this documentary, ’Radium City,’ and just feeling like there was so much more to the story,” Gregory said. “I wanted to know more about what happened to the women.”

Gregory said she didn’t begin work on the play until about 10 years later when she was scrolling on the Internet and discovered an article about a case in New Jersey involving radium poisoning of women.

“I thought, ‘Oh gosh, here’s a play,’” Gregory said.

“My original idea was that I was going to go out and find all this source material. I was going to look through diaries, journals to tell the story of the women in their own words, but I quickly found out that none of that existed in any form that I could have access to. ’It became clear that if I was going to tell this story, it was going to have to be a fictitious recount.’”

Gregory said the culture of compliance in the 1920s contributed to creating victims, and in the specific case of radium, women were often harmed.

“I knew from the beginning that I wanted to take a closer look at what it is that leads these kinds of things to happen,” she said. “For me, it wasn’t so much what happened, and why does it keep on happening. ’’It wasn’t just the story of the women, it was also the story of the men. And it wasn’t just the story of the men and women, but it was the story of the culture of the expectations of the time. It was about commercialization. It was about the period when women were just beginning to find their voices.”

“Radium Girls” has been produced more than 300 times in the United States, Gregory said, and mostly by education theater programs in high schools and colleges.

“There’s a lot in it that generates a lot of interest in a lot of different disciplines,” she said. Dan Graff, a labor historian and director of undergradu-

ate studies in Notre Dame’s Department of History, said unions have traditionally played an important role in creating a safe workplace. At the time of the play in the 1920s, most industrial work-

ers like the ‘radium girls’ were unprotected by unions, and they had to rely on their em-

ployers to provide a safe work-

place,” Graff said.

Graff said workers, especial-

ly female ones, couldn’t advo-

cate for themselves in the way unions could have advocated for their rights.

“Radium Girls’ hints at the workplace realities faced by workers separated by skill and usually by gender as well,” he said. “The main character, Grace, is outraged to learn that workers in the lab had screens to prevent their exposure to the radiation, unlike she and her fellow dial painters.”

Barbara Fick, a professor at Notre Dame Law School, said in absence of unions, workers depended on the government to keep the workplaces safe.

“In terms of government regulations in the 1920s, it was truthfully new, and obviously, there were no federal regulations, so it was left up to the states,” Fick said.

Unfortunately, Fick said, the regulations that did exist were inadequate.

“They would identify a spe-
cific problem, but then they wouldn’t address anything else. And so the next time somebody would identify a problem, they would pass an-
other law,” Fick said.

Kelly Hamilton, associate profes-
or of history at Saint Mary’s, said many of the women working in the factories who were exposed to the radi-

um were young and had their whole lives ahead of them.

“Most of them were young women, in mid-teens to early 20s,” Hamilton said. “The ‘20s brought them opportunities, liberation to work outside the home.’ Women who could produce painted dials more quickly, inserting the paint-

brushes into their mouths to keep the bristles together, often were the first to die, Hamilton said.

“Tragically, [this method of working] may have contrib-
uted to the most gruesome deaths from radium poison-

ing,” she said.

Hamilton said although me-
dia at the time often portrayed girls poisoned by radium in a negative light, the young wom-

en earned public support.

“These women were not vic-
tims; they fought back and were aided by other women,” Hamilton said.

Patricia Fleming, pro-

vost, philosophy professor and senior vice president for Academics Affairs at Saint Mary’s, said ethics and in-
fomed consent are impor-
tant in judging cases involving radiation.

“Unfortunately, scientists are reluctant to say there is a clear cause and effect relation-

ship [between exposure to ra-
dium and death of girls], but rather, there is a clear correla-
tion,” Fleming said.

Gregory said the company in the play disregarded the ethical dilemma presented and is completely at fault for putting its workers in such a dangerous position.

“The company had infor-
mation and knew there were issues. There is an issue of cul-
pability to anyone that turns a blind eye,” she said. “I don’t have a lot of sympathy for the excuse, ‘I didn’t know,’ because it is your business and it’s your responsibility to know.”

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Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of the College’s Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership, said the consortium will increase study-abroad opportunities for students. “It’s really the wave of the future how smaller schools, like us, can provide more quality options for our school and the resources that our faculty have,” Meyer-Lee said.

The colleges in HCUGE include Holy Cross, Kings College in Pennsylvania, Stone Hill College in Massachusetts, and Saint Edwards in Texas, Meyer-Lee said. In addition to the eight summer-study programs Saint Mary’s currently offers, Belles can now spend the summer studying in Peru, East Africa, or Spain and Morocco through Kings College.

Meyer-Lee said the consortium enables Belles to study abroad in programs the College would not have been able to fill by itself. "And the Holy Cross family is just a very natural one that our students and [faculty] value," Meyer-Lee said. "It's kind of a formalizing of that relationship."

Saint Mary’s evaluated each program put forward by Kings College to make sure the options would fit students’ expectations and to prevent overlap among programs, Meyer-Lee said.

"They didn’t overlap too much with what we already have and [provided] something sort of unique that would be attractive, so that’s in general why we opted into all three," she said.

The summer programs provide another option to students who have difficulty fitting semester-long programs into their major requirements, Meyer-Lee said. Some students who think they aren’t ready to go abroad for a whole semester also opt for the shorter summer programs, she said.

"For some people, they do one of these at the beginning after their first year of study when they are kind of not sure yet, and often then they do find a way to spend a whole semester abroad because they get a taste of it and find it very compelling," Meyer-Lee said.

Saint Mary’s faculty members will be part of the teaching staff in the Peru and East Africa programs through Kings College, Meyer-Lee said. She said these faculty members can then bring this new knowledge back to their classrooms.

"A valuable program of the summer programs is that the faculties get to go, which then keeps them engaged inter-nationally and able to bring those global perspectives to all the classes they teach," Meyer-Lee said.

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ND alumni included in ‘Best American Essays’

Members of the Saint Mary’s Dance Company interpreted paintings through dance in the Moreau Center for the Arts on Friday.

Senior Bethany Tabor choreographed two dances in response to “Wall to Wall,” a piece by Ann Tarantino on display in the gallery. Tabor, junior Taylor Couillard-Rodak, sophomore Jing Zhu, senior Catherine Cislo and senior Alysha Zemanek performed the work.

“I think I’d title it ‘Contact,’” Tabor said. “The way the dance moved — it’s sort of formally the same as the paintings on the wall.”

Tabor, an art history and philosophy major, said she designed the compositions with Tarantino’s “lonely figures in unknown landscapes” in mind. The black fireworks of paint Tarantino applied directly on the gallery wall’s compelled Tabor, also a dance minor, to turn the work she has been doing for her senior composition into a hands-on experience, she said.

“I am writing my senior comp on dance in the art space,” Tabor said. “A recent trend in art galleries is to have dance companies come in and dance among the art work. It’s a new phenomenon in art right now, and I’m researching that.”

Tabor said her advisor, art professor Tiffany Biddle, believed Tarantino’s paintings could potentially enhance Tabor’s project.

“We’re all part of the Saint Mary’s Dance Company, and we’re dancing in a piece together for the show in February, and this is loosely based off of what we’ve done in rehearsals for that,” Tabor said.

Senior Katie Haemmerle said she enjoyed the piece because it portrayed themes that appeal to her particular aesthetic preferences.

“The artist, on her description, said that it was meant to convey sort of loneliness isolation and then sea life,” Haemmerle said.

“I’m usually drawn to literature, art, poetry, anything with that sort of thing, so I liked it in that sense.”

Beyond the emotional connotations, Haemmerle said she believes dance itself offers an uncommon medium to communicate ideas.

“A lot of people will perceive art as being something station ary on the wall,” Haymerle said. “I think this is a good way to express that art and dance can be combined and integrated to form something that is not just on the wall. It provides movement to something stationary.”

Haymerle said she felt the movement of the dancers reected the intended movement of Tarantino’s paintings.

“I don’t know if I’m interpreting the dance correctly, but the way the dancers formed the cluster and then spread out — I thought that was a good way to represent what’s on the wall with the paintings and how they’re spread out,” Haemmerle said. “They created white space with movement, which is interesting in fiction, but more so in poetry, white space has purpose. I feel like if you look at the wall, it does the same thing. It creates that isolation, and the dance I thought expressed the exact same thing.”

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SMC Dance Company interprets artwork

By REBECCA O'NEIL
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The editors of the 2013 “Best American Essays” collection, an annual anthology showcasing exceptional essays by American authors, recognized works by three contributors to “Notre Dame Magazine” in this year’s installment.

“His Last Game,” by Brian Doyle, editor of the University of Portland’s “Portland Magazine” and a 1978 Notre Dame alumnus, will appear in the newest volume of “The Best American Essays.”

“Wintry Rooms of Love,” by Mel Louto, a longtime writer, and “My Life in Clothes,” by Kerry Temple, editor of “Notre Dame Magazine” and a 1974 alumnus, will be included in the “Notable Essays” list.

Doyle said “His Last Game” depicts two brothers playing a game of pickup basketball and going on a drive through familiar neighborhoods. “[The essay was”

written] to connect, to tell a story that sings of my brother and all brothers and grace and courage and hoops and pain and laughter and attentiveness and love and loss,” Doyle said.

Doyle said he was shocked the selection committee chose his essay for the collection.

“You want to read, you want to connect, you want to stirle, hearts, and I think the essay is the coolest most direct, naked and honest form, the one closest to the speaking voice, closest to how we think inside,” Doyle said.

As a student at Notre Dame, Doyle said he studied English and enjoyed hearing and sharing stories. “I had to read lots of voice s and sorts of styles of tale telling and not just reportage,” Doyle said.

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Temple said for more than 30 years, he has been deeply involved in the creative process of “Notre Dame Magazine,” reading, writing and reviewing the work of artistic, contemplative and brilliant minds concerning subjects from spirituality to scientific breakthroughs.

“Our subject matter is as wide ranging as the conversations found on a college campus, at a university that cares about life’s important messages,” Doyle said. “I also loved history and theater as forms of storytelling. English is a great major in that it is really story-caching and story-sharing.”

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Temple said his essay, “My Life in Clothes,” explores how clothing can define people, for better or for worse. He said knowing a reader has appreciated his work is crucial.

“It’s always great to get the affirmation, especially in that ven ure,” Temple said. “It’s the 10th time something I’ve done has been cited among the ‘Notable Essays,’” and this was especially fun because it was an offshore topic.”

Lavitano said he is also happy to have his essays recognized, as he views each essay as an adven ture, and he hopes that not the least of which is the writing process itself.

Lavitano’s essay, “Wintry Rooms of Love” explores the hard-hitting tragedy of losing parents and other loved ones to death while embracing the love that brings ‘summer’ to counter the cold feelings of ‘win ter.’ It was Lavitano’s first essay to be included in “Notre Dame Magazine,” he said.

Lavitano said the process of writing is steeped in emotion and centered in communicating life’s important messages.

“I don’t really set goals when I write,” he said. “I catch a sight of something out of the corner of my eye, something that intrigues me and that I really want to see fully, and then I begin writing. That initial shiver of emotion pulls me in.”

Lavitano said his stories have a powerful, communal dimension.

“The best stories are not about you. They are about us,” he said. “Ask yourself: Does the piece explore the pain and grace and listen carefully to their stories. Stories are food. Stories are holy.”

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Veterans

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who have died in World War II, Korea and Vietnam,” Thomas said. “We pay tribute to the sac- rifice they gave.” Ultimately, that’s the ideal service we try to strive for. It may not neccessar- ily mean giving our lives in the defense of the country, but they set a great example of how we should be living our lives.”

Thomas said South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg will ad- dress ROTC students and staff members at a public ceremony Monday evening in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

[Mayor Buttigieg] is in the reserves right now, and he’s actually going to be going overseas in February with the Navy,” Thomas said. “It’ll be really interesting to hear his perspective, especially in his pre-deployment work up.”

Thomas said the ROTC branches will participate to- gether in veterans Day ac- tivities, including a special appearance at the women’s basketball game Monday night. “We try to make this a mili- tary celebration,” Thomas said. “During the women’s basket- ball game, we’ll be doing a flag unfurling that’s tri-military.”

Chris Lillie, senior cadet and battalion commander for Army ROTC, said the rifle drill team would be taking part in the first pre- sentation in several years at the basketball game. “It’s actually the first time in at least five or six years that we’ve had a drill team perform, so we’re kind of excited that we’re getting that going,” Lillie said.

Thomas said Veterans Day unites the ROTC branches be- yond community-event plan- ning. He said recognizing the service and sacrifice of all mili- tary men and women was the main lesson for midshipmen and cadets in training.

“We can learn from every ser- vice of the people who went be- fore us, so it’s important to not just recognize Navy veterans or Army veterans, but celebrate their lives together,” Thomas said.

Lillie said the tri-military events reflect the shared com- mitment of the military divi- sions to protecting the United States. “[The ROTC branches] don’t represent different things,” he said. “They’re all focused on different things, so seeing them come together shows that it’s one team, one fight.”

Maggie Armstrong, senior ca- det and a squadron command- er for Air Force ROTC, said her family’s military history made her learn and appreciate the significance of all veterans from a young age.

“It was a family holiday, and I never really understood until my dad explained to me when I was about 12 that he had lost his entire crew in a plane crash,” Armstrong said. “That day was about remem- bering those people and the ones who’d gone before us to make our country free. To me, Veterans Day is an opportunity to reflect and remember the brothers and sisters in arms who’ve gone before us. Whether they’re part of service or reserves or killed in action, it’s an opportunity to remem- ber what this country stands for and that there are people will- ing to fight for it.”

Lillie said the same spirit extends to students at Notre Dame, even those who have no connections to ROTC or to the military in general.

“With Air Force, Army, and Navy, the ROTC mantra is that we have on campus, you’d be hard- pressed to find someone on campus that isn’t big on ser- vice, and that includes service to country,” Lillie said.

“Whether or not you’re ac- tually directly involved in the military, Veterans Day is a big day for everyone because you can go out and support the prin- ciples that you as an American believe in and that the people that are fighting for America are representing directly.”

Evans said veterans in the ROTC branches also reminds civilians of the ongo- ing sacrifices that military men

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and women must make.

“What I’m afraid of is with the new organization (the ROTC action) and I think somewhere near 8,000 wounded soldiers, that the general populace will lose that sense of service that these men and women have made,” Evans said.

“Veterans Day is a day a year to set a great example of how we should be living our lives,” said Evans. “It’s a day to bring freedom to a group of people and protect our shores from future attacks.”

Evans said members of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities frequently ap- proach him when he wears his uniform to report a situation for his service. He said Veterans Day would be a chance for civi- lians “to continue supporting the armed forces.”

“It gives them an opportunity to be a part of something larger than campus,” he said.

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an email about the incident because she was confident the alleged assailant was no longer on campus and there was no danger to the campus community.

That decision is made by me in consultation with our Director of Security and the Assistant Vice President for student Affairs,” Johnson said. “There are three levels of notification we use when an incident happens: immediate and ongoing threat to the campus community — in that case, we use our early alert system, ongoing but not immediate threat to the campus community - in that case, we send out a safety notice; and no immediate or ongoing threat to the campus community – in that case, we do a report on the safety website.”

Johnson said notifications to the student body are deter- mined on a case-by-case basis and are based on level of im- mediacy and level of threat.

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“They want to improve, and that’s been a lot of fun just watching the growth and the passion that girls have for a kid’s schooling for an entire semester,” she said. “Additionally, at the school I visited, they were having problems with building integrity. They needed to build a new dormitory … so a lot of what we raise will go toward supporting that [project].”

Heffron said the funds raised by Baraka Bouts often pay for tuition for children from poorer families.

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Heffron said the Baraka Bouts captains try to instill the Holy Cross spirit in their boxers.

“We teach the mind and the body and the heart,” she said. “There’s a point where the motto ‘Strong bodies fight so weak bodies may be nourished’ clicks, and where the mission of the club clicks.” You have a strong, healthy body, and it’s easy to raise money through Baraka Bouts and women’s boxing. It makes such a huge difference for five people to come to the tourna- ment, that’s $50, and that just paid for a kid’s schooling for an entire semester.”

Junior captain Tori White said she enjoys seeing the girls develop their skills throughout the season. “The girls encourage each other, and they want to do well,” she said. “It’s been a lot of fun just watching the growth and the passion that girls have for the sport.”

After even three years on the team, White said she is still ner- vous for the bouts.

“As captains, we can also be in their corners, too, and coach them through their fights,” White said. “So you can’t really be freaking out about your fight when you are in someone else’s corner. Part of be- ing a captain is putting your own worries on the backburner.”

White said she always tries to keep the fundraising mission of the women’s boxing team in mind.

“You get to learn a new sport, but you are also doing it for a rea- son of good cause,” she said. “Girls can get upset about losing, or they don’t think they fought well, but they’ve raised it, and that’s go- ing to make such a big difference in kids’ lives.

“That’s the really fulfilling part, and it’s powerful to know that you can make that much of a differ- ence and enjoy doing it [to],”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Note to longboarders

John Green
Multimedia

The sidewalk: A place where a pedestrian can feel safe from the dangers of vehicle traffic. I often embrace my time on the sidewalk by reflecting on my life choices, namely, my fan- tasy football team. What person in his right mind would start Jacquizz Rodgers running back? Oh, yeah, me. Other than that, my walks are quite relaxing. However, Notre Dame’s sidewalks are not always this way. They are usually crowded with the hustle and bustle of walkers, bik- ers and the worst: longboarders.

I have a friend who will occasionally complain about groups of slow-paced riders who bump into the person walking behind. As I wipe away his tears, I assure him, “It is not the end of the world, Michael.” I tend not to run into this problem because of the fast pace at which I walk. Bikers do not bother me, either, but they give problems to my stubby-legged friend Michael. However, he complains about most things, so I will move on.

Now, let’s move on to the topic of longboarders, the main culprit of sidewalk danger. Don’t get me wrong — I know plenty of dudes and dudettes who could board their way to the X-Games. But there is one boarder in particular that tainted the longboarder name for all of his bros. I remember it clearly. It was a Wednesday. I was in high spirits as I headed toward Keenan Dining Hall for lunch. Then, out of nowhere, a board slammed into the back of my ankle. Doing my best Kobe Bryant impres- sion, I limped, aching, to the medical center. I turned back to see a chubby young man walking up to me to retrieve his board. I waited for him to speak first, but just like that, he was gone. No apology. I was shocked, to say the least.

I am trying not to let the minority of inexperienced boarders ruin my view of longboarders as a whole. As for the few rookies, like the chubby young man, either get better at riding that thing, or show some common courtesy. Thank you.

Caleb Cobbin
Viewpoint Columnist

I am usually a pretty private per- son. Therefore, it is hard for me, even with some of my best friends, to say exactly how I am feeling. This story, however, is important enough to tell anyone, despite my private tendencies:

I went to my South Bend home — to visit my family, eat and reluctantly switch out my sum- mer clothes for winter ones. My grandma is a substitute teacher, so she was not at the house that after- noon. This left only my mom and my grandpa. I fixed myself some food and chatted with my mom. Throughout the visit, I kept think- ing, “This house seems different.” The garden and the front yard appeared severely unkempt and neglected, ridden with weeds and fallen leaves. The large mirror in the dining room still had not been put on the wall since we painted the interior walls this summer. There were no children’s voices reverberating up and down the hallways of the house. It felt un- like the home in which I grew up. I quickly buried the feelings as they sprung up in my head. Change is a part of life. I had to come to terms with that.

As I was leaving, I set my bag down and walked up to my grandparents’ room, where my grandpa was sleeping. I watched him for a while. He was much skinnier than my childhood memories painted in my mind. Even dur- ing the two weeks since I had last seen him, the stern, kind man who taught me the importance of my faith, work and education seemed to slowly shrunk from my eyes. His gray hair seemed thinner, his bones protruded from his skin and he wasn’t wearing his teeth. I gently woke him up. He smiled at me and began to talk. He made no coherent sentences, just incompre- hensible murmuring and chatter, but he smiled when he saw me and continued to smile and talk until I left. I counted that as an extreme blessing. My grandpa still finds joy when I sit and talk with him.

Alzheimer’s disease and demen- tia currently plague more than 5 million Americans, according to the Alzheimer’s Association website. I realize now that my grandpa’s sickness has a direct correlation to the anxieties and uncertainties I professed earlier. Those simple duties around the house, which he always did with pride and diligence, fall by the wayside. With my twin brother and me in school, and my grandpa slowly fading, the house we knew and loved is simply not the same home.

This month is Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month and National Caregiver Month. This month honors my grandpa and my grandma, respectively, as they fulfill the conjugal marriage vows they professed more than 55 years ago. This disease is the sixth-lead- ing cause of death in the United States. One in three seniors die with this disease or other forms of dementia. My grandma is one of them, and I am sure we all can think of some friend, loved one or acquaintance that also struggles with this. Unfortunately, some Alzheimer’s patients have no famil- ily to visit or to take care of them like my grandpa does. Some se- niors die and suffer alone.

To sum up, I write these words not to depress you or to garner sympathy. I say this to raise aware- ness. Reach out in a special way to your friends and family who have been touched by the hand of Alzheimer’s disease this week. Do not forget them. There is an un- imaginable love and beauty found in simple expressions of care and compassion, and to share in one person’s suffering in love is to share in the suffering of humanity. This, friends, is the greatest gift we can give to one another.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Watching our choice of words

A disconcerting item showed up in The Observer this morning, titled “Students celebrate Asian culture” (Nov. 8). Overall, the ar- ticle by Christian Myers is well- written and expresses a positive message about exposing the voices of different cultures at Notre Dame. However, the problem lies within the title, where the term “Asian” is used. I don’t want to make too big a deal out of one word, so I’ll try to keep this short.

From a quick search on Internet dictionaries, it is clear that the term “Asianic” is outdated and of- fensive. In addition, the Cambridge Dictionary defines “Asianic” as “re- lating to Asia, especially when con- sidering its geography or its plants and animals, rather than social or cultural matters.” If Asians are people and not exotic animals, then we should not be referring to their culture as “Asianic.”

Sure, it’s not uncommon for writers to make careless mistakes, but the fact that this was approved by editors is discomforting. From my experience, most Notre Dame students are conscientious people who warmly embrace diversity on campus. Let’s hope to not see this word used in this way again.

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Nov. 8
Dear patriarchy, I want to be prettier

Lisa Taylor
Viewpoint Columnist

Last week, a good male friend of mine examined my appearance and, completely unsolicited, told me that on a scale of one to 10, I’m a 7.5. That is, after being friends for more than three years — after working through tough times and supporting each other, after sharing our passions and our doubts about the future — apparently, he felt something was missing from our relationship: a number to quantify my desirability.

I love my friend, but his comment evoked an array of ambivalent sentiments on my part. One was confusion. Was that supposed to be a compliment? Second, frustration. Why are we, as humans, so obsessed with appearances? Third, indignation. No one ever has the right to verbally judge another’s exterior and make her or him feel insecure. Fourth, introspection. How can we combat the objectification and materialism of our culture? When can we move beyond appearance as criteria of character?

In a New York Times article published Nov. 6, “Mannequins Give Shape to a Venezuelan Fantasy,” the author describes how manufacturers in Venezuela are now creating mannequins that mirror the supposed ideal body type: huge breasts, toned butts and miniskirt waists. In a country with dramatically rising rates of plastic surgery, women often go to their surgeons saying they want to look like the mannequins in the stores. One woman quoted in the article reported her own plans for future breast implants, even though a private clinic operation costs the same as three months of basic household expenses — rent, utilities and other living costs. The most shocking part of the article for me was the following quote from Osmeña Sousa, the head of the Miss Venezuela pageant: “If it [the ‘defect’] can be easily fixed with surgery, then why not do it? ... I say that inner beauty doesn’t exist. That’s something that unpretty women invented to justify themselves.”

Inner beauty is a justification for unpretty women? What exactly, dear Mr. Sousa, do these women need to justify? Their existence as human beings? In a world of rising materialism, consumerism and the commodification of human beings, we have to stop unacceptable comments like this. We have to stop rating each other on a scale of one to 10 as if human beings are products in a store to be bought and later discarded. We have to fight for social space for each and every person.

While it’s undeniable that we live in a world of bodies where physicality matters, we must stop the association between being pretty/handsome and being valuable.

I know girls at Notre Dame and in other places who struggle daily with their appearances. I know girls who fight against eating disorders, who skip meals before drinking because they don’t want the extra calories and who stand in front of the mirror and evaluate themselves, asking, “Is this skirt short enough for him to notice me?” Once, I asked my mom why she thinks women wear makeup and men don’t, and she responded, “I think women need it more.” I know girls who wake up hours early to curl their hair and do their makeup before anyone can see them, who work out compulsively to try to attain that impossible but supposedly ideal body type and who won’t eat for a couple of days before going to the beach. I know girls who won’t walk up to the fro-yo machine in the dining hall because they think others are watching them, judging them. The media tells us and shows us every day what body types are acceptable and how to adapt to that social norm, but this constant social pressure to be beautiful is unrealistic and exhausting.

Let’s stop for a moment and ask, “What actually brings us happiness?” My intuition is that it’s much more about friendships and community than makeup and the ideal body type.

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2013 was a year of disappointments for me— I love every band mentioned below but think their albums this year, for some reason or another, received undeserved acclaim. May the unhappy reader have mercy.

5. **Tomorrow’s Harvest** — Boards of Canada

Before the release of “Tomorrow’s Harvest,” many critics claimed every record in Boards of Canada’s discography was a classic. The duo of electronic producers pioneered a singular sound with debut “Music Has

The best moment was when the bassoons and the trumpet swelled and flowered into gorgeous blossoms of harmony. Tormis wove a powerful and fluid story that transported the audience to a different time

The orchestra was conducted by Nikolai Alexeev, winner of the 20th Olympic Winter Games.
Picked off

Irish commit three turnovers as Pittsburgh deals Notre Dame upset loss, ending BCS hopes

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Associate Sports Editor

PITTSBURGH — Brian Kelly’s Notre Dame had made a living off of playing strong late-season ball.

The Irish have not always looked perfect over the past four seasons, but they very nearly had been perfect in November games in the same span.

In Saturday’s 28-21 loss to Pittsburgh, Notre Dame’s turnovers, defensive lapses and in-ability to execute overwhelmed the team’s attempt to extend its winning streak to five games.

The defeat is only the second November loss for the Irish under Kelly, a stretch in which Notre Dame came up short against underdog Pittsburgh.

The Irish would be in the top 14 required to be BCS-eligible.

Pittsburgh put together a long drive on their second possession of the stanza. The 13-play, 69-yard drive concluded with a two-yard touchdown run by Panthers freshman running back James Conner and evened the score at 14.

Notre Dame answered immediately, with an 80-yard touchdown drive that took only 1:17 off the clock. Panthers redshirt senior quarterback Tom Savage found redshirt senior receiver TJ Jones on the first play following Pitt’s score. The Irish did not hold the 21-14 advantage for long, though, as Pittsburgh responded with a three-play, 75-yard touchdown drive that took just 1:07 off the clock.

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After Vinopal picked off Rees again and brought it back to the 5-yard line, Notre Dame elected to receive to start the game but had to punt the ball away after a three-and-out. Notre Dame then inexplicably failed to recover the fumble. The line backing corps helped shut down Pittsburgh’s run game.


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deep into the red zone. Vinopal came down with the interception of the night before running it back 30 yards on seven plays before having to punt, as well. The Irish defense featured senior defensive lineman Louis Nix, sophomore defensive lineman Sheldon Day and sophomore safety Elijah Shumate as starters, all of whom had been battling injuries in recent weeks.

The teams traded punts once more before the Irish strung together the game’s longest drive to that point. Jones came out of the backfield and took a handoff from Rees to deliver the drive’s seminal moment, a 33-yard run. Then, on 4th-and-4 from the 34-yard line, Rees found junior tight end Ben Koyack for a 10-yard gain. Two plays later, Rees lofted a perfect pass to Daniels, who made space for himself with a slick double move. The first score of the game concluded the nine-play, 83-yard drive and gave Notre Dame a 7-0 lead.

Early in the second quarter, Notre Dame’s defense suffered a critical loss when junior defensive lineman Prince Shembo drew a flag for targeting while tackling Daniels early in the second quarter. Following a video review, the officials upheld Shembo’s ejection from the game.

“I tried to get momentum from it, get guys going, but losing Shembo to the defense is a big difference,” Irish senior cornerback and tri-captain Bennett Jackson said. “It’s a big hole to fill. And we just tried to come together as a defense and continue to pull it out.”

After the penalty Pittsburgh marched into the red zone for the first time of the night and capped off a 10-play, 71-yard scoring drive with a three-yard touchdown pass from Savage to Sevillian. With the Irish trying to answer, T. J. Fumbles bumbled the ball at the end of a long catch-and-run from Rees, Pittsburgh gained possession at its own six but could not pick up a first down and quickly punted it back to Notre Dame. With a chance to put Jones’ miscue further in the rear-view mirror, the Irish did not drag their feet. Rees completed a 38-yard pass to Koyack on the drive’s opening play to put the ball at the half-yard line and Jones ran it in two plays later to give the visiting team a one-touchdown lead it would maintain heading into the break.

In the losing effort, Jones finished with 149 yards receiving and 41 yards. He also scored a rushing touchdown and caught a touchdown pass, giving him a receiving score in each of Notre Dame’s last seven contests. The stellar individual performance was not enough, however.

“It was frustrating,” he said. “Everyone was mad. No one is happy. You know that you made mistakes that cost you the game. We make mistakes. They didn’t. We didn’t execute. They didn’t. Point blank, period.”

The Irish enter the bye week following the loss and will next return to action in the senior day game against BYU on Nov. 23 in Notre Dame Stadium. What began as a season filled with high expectations has devolved into something much bleaker, as the loss dropped the Irish out of the top 25. Notre Dame still has plenty to play for, though, Jackson said.

“You know, we play for ourselves, and you always play for yourselves, you play for the university,” he said. “We are just going to go out and win every game that’s in front of us. Every opportunity we have we are going to go out there and compete, and that’s what we do every week. So if the BCS isn’t there, we just go out there and compete. We are brothers, we are teammates, and we play for the university.”

“You don’t want to lose any games. So we are going to go into the bye week, work our tails off and try to win the ball game.”

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PLAY OF THE GAME

RAY VINOPAL’S INTERCEPTION AND 40-YARD RETURN

The Irish came away uncathered after Rees’ first interception — though they did miss out on points of their own — but could not do the same after Vinopal picked off Rees again and brought it back to the 5-yard line, setting up an easy touchdown plunge for the decisive score.

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COACHING

With a potential BCS bowl on the line, the Irish came out and played their worst game of the season. Afterward, Brian Kelly took the blame for not having the team ready. Notre Dame abandoned the run game in the second half, rushing just six times. Tarean Folston, last week’s breakout star, carried just four times.

OVERALL GPA: 2.59

Notre Dame hand-delivered three turnovers to Pittsburgh and played inconsistently on defense as well. Poor tackling sparked a Devin Street touchdown, and multiple players watched a live ball roll around before realizing they should try to dive on it. In the end, Notre Dame gave away any chance it had of clinching a spot in a BCS bowl.
Something was different with this loss, as if it were Achilles at the moment of his demise. The realization of mortality and fallibility stung cold.

No such option exists, and it is uncomfortable to watch (paging Mr. Kiell). Meanwhile, how many times this year has there been complete indecision on 3rd- or 4th-and-short before a timeout was unnecessarily burned?

And not to mention the forgotten fumble, which Sheldon Day bounced around in his hands while other defenders congratulated the sack, thinking it was an incomplete pass. And no, as Kelly said, Stephon Tuitt was not the reason Notre Dame lost. I don’t think he would have picked up the fumble either, and he certainly doesn’t convert touchdowns in the red zone.

Notre Dame lost because it didn’t respect the season. The team and everyone else were waiting for Stanford. That is where the season ended on the schedule and started in the minds of team, fans, etc., ever since the Oklahoma loss. Meanwhile, to Pittsburgh, Notre Dame was its Stanford. But Pittsburgh could have been Navy last week, Arizona State. At one point, Pittsburgh safety Ray Vinopal was third on the Irish in receptions, with nothing near the carries he saw in a breakout game against Navy. Jones was the leading rusher after the first quarter and the only Irish back with a touchdown. Even more baffling is he wasn’t the guy who carried the ball over five times, but in their 15-minute player press conference or the coaches train on Tuesday, and then I’ll make my decision about how we move forward the rest of the games.

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Turnover-prone ND loses

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PITTSBURGH — With his 80-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter, Irish receiver TJ Jones has the most receptions in each of the last seven games. The streak brings him within one game of Jeff Samardzija (2006) and Golden Tate’s school record of eight straight games. Jones also set a career high with 149 receiving yards while recording his fifth 100-yard game of the season and his career. The performance moved Jones into eighth place in school history in career receiving yards with 2,212.

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Another glaring misevue came on the defensive end, when Irish senior linebacker Prince Shembo forced a fumble while bringing down Panthers redshirt senior quarterback Tom Savage for a sack. Several Irish players, including sophomore defensive end Sheldon Day, were within reach of the bouncing ball but did not pick it up.

“It was just a lapse,” Kelly said. “A bunch of inexperienced guys out there not seeing how many times this year has something been put on the ball.”

Penalties constituted another set of errors for the Irish. Irish junior defensive end Stephon Tuitt drew a flag for targeting in the opening drive. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half.

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Takens together, the array of errors proved to be insurmountable for the Irish.

“No big picture things,” Kelly said. “Not really big, heady stuff. These are just fundamentals of the game of football that were not attended to in the manner that they needed to be. Our man is “you can’t start winning until you stop losing,” and we did things tonight that cause losing.”

The loss drops the Irish firmly out of the hunt for a BCS berth, forcing them to look elsewhere for motivation moving forward.

“Just go out the best you can,” Jones said. “You don’t want to go out on a 0-3 streak. So you finish up the season the best you can and you take the bowl game that you get.”

Notre Dame will have an extra week to ruminate on its mistakes and regroup following the loss, as it heads into a bye week before welcoming in BYU on Nov. 23.

“We’ll go in Monday and put this behind us, from a film standpoint,” Kelly said. “We won’t put this behind us from an evaluation standpoint. We’ll put it behind us in terms of the game itself. We’ll weight-train on Tuesday, and then I’ll make my decision about how we move forward the rest of the games.”

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process, it looks like he moved up the depth chart to become the second option at quarterback and a viable plug and erase.

“I don’t see,” Jones said. “A bunch of inexperienced guys out there not seeing how many times this year has something been put on the ball.”

Penalties constituted another set of errors for the Irish. Irish junior defensive end Stephon Tuitt drew a flag for targeting in the opening drive. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half. Even more baffling is how many times this year has the second half.

Something was different with this loss, as if it were Achilles at the moment of his demise. The realization of mortality and fallibility stung cold.

Rees won’t be able to forget about these game-changing interceptions since the defense couldn’t bail him out like they did against Arizona State. As one point, Pittsburgh safety Ray Vinopal was third on the Irish in receptions, with two.

Which leads me to Brian Kelly. In the past, it has been easy for him. When a quarter-back struggles, he has been able to pull the plug and erase mistakes with a viable No. 2 option at quarterback and a refreshing change in pace.

The streak was the longest active streak in the nation and the third longest since 1980.

It comes down to turnovers

In their seven wins this season, the Irish have turned the ball over five times, but in their losses the figure rises to eight. Notre Dame lost the turnover battle 3-0 against Pittsburgh with two Tommy Rees interceptions and a Jones fumble in the red zone.

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Irish sophomore defensive end Sheldon Day tries to take down Panthers junior running back Isaac Bennett during Pittsburgh's 28-21 victory over Notre Dame on Saturday night at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. Day led Notre Dame with three tackles for loss.

Pittsburgh defeated Notre Dame, 28-21, on Saturday at Heinz Field. The Irish, who fell to 7-3 and essentially watched any hope of a BCS bowl wither away, turned it over three times — twice when they were knocking on the door to score and another time that led to Pittsburgh's game-winning touchdown. Notre Dame now has a bye week before facing BYU and Stanford to close the regular season.

Irish senior quarterback Tommy Rees fires a pass. Rees completed 18 of 39 passes for 318 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

Irish junior kicker Kyle Brindza boots a kick against Pittsburgh on Saturday. Notre Dame's loss snapped its streak of 10 straight victories in games decided by seven points or fewer.

Junior running back George Atkinson, who led the Irish with 57 rushing yards, races down the sideline.

Senior receiver TJ Jones, who rushed three times for 41 yards, takes the handoff from Tommy Rees.
By JIMMY KEMPER
Scene Writer

On Friday, Nasim Pedrad from “Saturday Night Live” came to Legends, courtesy of the Student Union Board, to perform a stand-up comedy show. The event was presented by the Student Union Board. Scene writer Jimmy Kemper talked with Pedrad about stand-up comedy, SNL, and her future plans.

Jimmy Kemper: Thank you for doing this interview. So first, I was hoping to ask about your stand-up. How often do you get to get away from “Saturday Night Live” and do this?

NP: I usually do college shows whenever I get a chance, and it only ends up being on hiatus weeks from SNL. And we usually have — every 3 or 4 weeks at SNL, we’ll usually have 1 to 3 weeks off. So sometimes we’ll be on for 2, off for 2, on for 1, off for 1. Those are a lot of weeks off. And it’s a fun way to visit places that I haven’t been in, like I’ve never been to Indiana before. So yeah, whenever I’m off from SNL.

JK: How do you do stand-up routines at colleges, compared to at comedy clubs?

NP: What I love about doing college shows and the thing that keeps it fresh and interesting for me is that I try to find out a little bit about the college before I come, because I remember being in college and loving it when a performer came and had learned a little bit about the school. Because when you’re a student, you don’t necessarily know that they’re going to be knowing some of the specifics that maybe the people at that school joke about. It’s a real fun payoff when you can kind of make fun of that specific school for the same reasons that the students make fun of it or laugh about it or refer to a thing on campus, like Touchdown Jesus or whatever. Every school has their own unique little specifics, but I try to do that just so the show is always different. Then my act, depending on what school I’m going to, I might pick one thing over another. I always try to mix it up to keep things interesting.

JK: How is SNL going for you now that you’re the longest tenured woman on the show and loving it when a performer came and had learned a little bit about the college before I come, because I remember being in college and loving it when a performer came and had learned a little bit about the school. Because when you’re a student, you don’t necessarily know that they’re going to be knowing some of the specifics that maybe the people at that school joke about. It’s a real fun payoff when you can kind of make fun of that specific school for the same reasons that the students make fun of it or laugh about it or refer to a thing on campus, like Touchdown Jesus or whatever. Every school has their own unique little specifics, but I try to do that just so the show is always different. Then my act, depending on what school I’m going to, I might pick one thing over another. I always try to mix it up to keep things interesting.

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JK: So what’s the day-to-day SNL process for you?

NP: So Monday we meet the host and we pitch them ideas. Sometimes we’ll stay after that and start thinking of things we’re actually going to write. Then Tuesday is our writing night, and we’re there from 3 p.m. to as late as you want to be. Sometimes I don’t leave until Wednesday morning. We’ll table-read Wednesday night, where we read all 40 sketches that were written the night before. And then after the table-read, we find out which sketches got picked, and we go home and sleep a lot. Like, we sit in our offices and drink wine, and they basically show us what’s called “picks,” and it’s the rundown where they circle the sketches that got picked. Then Thursday and Friday, we rehearse. Then Saturday we rehearse all day. Thursday and Friday we’re blocking for camera. Saturday we have dress rehearsal at 8 p.m. and then the show at 11:30. Then Sunday we usually wake up in the middle of the day and show Chinese food down our throats in bed and then do it again on Monday.

JK: Can you tell us about any horror stories from the set?

NP: I’ve definitely seen sets like almost fall over because you’re moving in those sets so fast in such a small space. But we have the most amazing crew, so even that time I saw it almost fall over, there were three guys that ran immediately to catch it.

JK: Wow, that’s crazy. What about your favorite moment?

NP: I guess the one that sticks out is the very first time that I got to say “Live from New York, it’s Saturday Night” in a cold open where I played as a translator. It was just an out-of-body experience. I was like “Oh my God, I’m saying it.” You can almost feel the camera lens zoom in on your face. That was the most exciting. And then there’s nothing more terrifying them the SNL audition itself. So after the SNL audition you’re like, “I can do anything now.” Nothing will ever be as scary as that.

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Don’t blame Incognito alone

Assuming blame can be a tricky thing, but accepting it can be even harder.

That’s all I could think as I read Greg Hadley’s article, and Richie Incognito this weekend.

Who is to blame for what happened? The answer is that there was no one to blame. teammates, coach Joe Philbin, the Dolphins franchise, or the culture of the NFL in general?

Or did all of these people collectively fail to recognize that Martin is a troubled young man who never should have had to deal with what he did? Trips to Las Vegas, mandatory strip club meetings, cafeteria confrontations, threatening text messages and racist epithets should not be part of any young player’s experience, and it is no wonder Martin could not take it any more. Any healthy, happy person would be pushed to the breaking point by such harassment.

Nobody, not even Incognito, is disputing what happened. Even so, there has been a group of fans, writers and bloggers that hold the blame for everything from the Dolphins locker room with the underlying implication that Martin over-reacted. General manager Jeff Ireland even went so far as to say that Martin should have dealt with his problems by posting an apology letter instead of looking to others for support.

When Martin turned over the threatening texts and voice mail to Ireland, that is when he was dealing with his problems in a cowardly way.

Incognito himself said in an interview with Fox Sports that although he regretted his use of vulgarities and racial slurs, he considers Martin a friend. He also said that within the culture of the locker room, such behavior is normal. He added that Martin even sent him a threatening text message in the past as a joke.

When it comes to assigning blame, it is not at all clear that Incognito is the only one at fault. Certainly, his actions were reprehensible. Still, the problem goes beyond him. If this team is to support him so strongly, it is obvious they do not think his actions were all that bad. And if everyone is to have handled his problems in-house, they must not want to be bothered by player complaints.

We need the entire culture of the Dolphins franchise, from the locker room to the board room, deserves as much scrutiny as Incognito has faced.

When it comes to accepting blame, no one involved is interested in taking full responsibility. Incognito apologized for using vulgarity but credited it to the same atmosphere. Philbin said he is responsible for that atmosphere but apparently had no idea what was going on. Dolphins players blamed Martin for not taking care of his problems, without admitting that they had failed to do the same.

Martin himself apparently never went to Philbin to complain before he finally broke down. Now he has started an NFL investigation that could possibly end a teammate’s career and embroil a franchise in scandal. According to Incognito, Martin sent him a text message saying he did not blame Incognito but instead, the culture.

The bottom line is that whatever happens, Incognito is the permanent go-to guy. There is incriminating, shocking evidence against him. His character witnesses are on the other side of the argument. You know, the ones that voted him the dirtiest player in the NFL in 2009. And now it is coming to light that the ireheated Incognito was accused of harassing and molesting a female Dolphins employee at a golf tournament.

In the end, Incognito will probably be suspended for a season or two at least. Beyond that, it is not clear what the NFL has in store for him. It is possible that Incognito will never play another game of football.

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Associated Press

Baltimore Ravens — Their season hanging in the balance after having victory snatched away on a final desperate play of regulation, the Baltimore Ravens responded like champions.

Facing the Cincinnati Bengals and a crucial third-down conversion at the 1 yard line, the Ravens were down 20-17 on Justin Tucker’s 46-yard field goal with 5:27 left in OT Sunday.

“It’s disappointing,” coach John Harbaugh said of A.J. Green’s catch as the clock ran out in the fourth quarter. “But you don’t get dishheart ened. You still have a chance to win the game, still.”

And so they did, after blowing a 17-0 halftime lead.

Bidding to end a three-game skid and remain relevant in the playoff hunt, the Ravens committed three turnovers and allowed only 189 yards of offense.

“We’re not playing great right now,” Baltimore quarterback Joe Flacco conceded. “But we’re doing the best we can to win.”

The tense win thrust the Ravens (4-5) into a second-place tie in the AFC North, just one game behind Cincinnati (6-4) in the loss column. It was Baltimore’s first victory since Oct. 6.

Four of the Ravens’ five losses have come with a combined 14 points. It seemed like this one was going to end that way. Instead, Baltimore’s Ray Rice gained a mere 30 yards on 14 carries, while Flacco threw two interceptions and lost a fumble, and Ray Rice gained a mere 30 yards on 18 carries. And still, the Ravens prevailed.

“Sometimes you have to win by any means necessary,” Rice said. “Winning beats a lot. We’ve got to get on a roll to get back where we want to be.”

Despite their comeback, the Bengals lost their second straight overtime game. Dalton went 24 for 51 for 274 yards and three interceptions and was sacked five times as the Baltimore defense made the difference with five sacks for the fifth time in six games.

And now it’s their turn to la ment a run of narrow defeats.

“We’ve got to do whatever we can to make one more play, put ourselves in a better position where we can score and have a chance to not let the other team have it,” Dalton said. “Again, it didn’t happen today.”

Almost, but not quite. On the last-second throw in regulation, Green positioned himself behind the pack and caught the deflection after it flicked off the hand of Terence Newman, who earlier had the first two interceptions of his career.

“I was just looking for something someone to throw the ball so I could catch it,” Green said.

The Bengals won the toss before overtime and moved to the Baltimore 33 before Giovanni Bernard caught a short pass, reversed field and was tackled for an 11-yard loss on fourth down.

Baltimore then got a pair of first downs before Tucker kicked the winner.

Detroit 21, Chicago 19

CHICAGO — Calvin Johnson saw the defensive coverage. Saints safety Roman Harper thought so, too. And now it’s their turn to lament exactly what to do.

The result was a franchise record-tying 13 th interception for the Saints, a franchise-record fifth interception of the quarterback, and the NFL’s Best wide receivers, and a big win for the Detroit Lions.

Johnson caught a 14-yard touchdown pass from Stafford with 2:22 to go, helping the Lions edge Jay Cutler and the Chicago Bears 21-19 on Sunday in a key matchup of NFC North rivals.

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Irish rally from two games down to top Eagles

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

In a comeback victory, Notre Dame rallied from two games down to win three in a row and take the 3-2 win over Boston College on Saturday.

The Irish (11-14, 5-9 ACC) lagged behind early, struggling to score as they fell 16-25 and 17-25 in the first two games. Irish coach Debbie Brown said something clicked after those first two losses.

“Our passing got a little better,” Brown said. “We were able to slow down their offense a little. We just got into a better rhythm in the last three games. Once we got the momentum and the confidence, we just built on that.”

The Irish controlled the third game, pulling ahead early and controlling the game until the 25-18 victory. The fourth set was more of a battle, with 17 ties and eight lead changes. The Irish fought for every point before an error by Boston College and an ace by senior setter Maggie Brindock closed out the game.

The final game of the match featured eight ties and three lead changes. The Eagles pulled ahead 13-11 before Notre Dame took control. With the Irish up 16-15, a kill by junior middle blocker Jeni Houser gave the Irish victory of the game and the match.

Brown said the toughest part of battling Boston College was the strength of their outside hitters.

“Early on we had a tough time stopping their outside hitters,” Brown said. “We did a much better job of that as the match went on, so that was the biggest challenge for us.”

The Irish posted some impressive stats throughout the match. Senior outside hitter Nicole Smith led the team with 14 kills, followed closely by junior outside hitter Toni Alughue and Houser, each with 11 kills. Brindock had 33 assists and six digs.

Despite these stellar individual performances, Brown said she thought the win was a product of the entire team working together.

“We played everyone on the roster who was there,” Brown said. “At certain times, whoever we called on came in and did the job that needed to be done.”

With their fifth ACC win under their belts, the Irish will head to Coral Gables, Fla., to take on Miami on Friday at 7 p.m.

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Irish junior outside hitter, left, Jeni Houser and senior outside hitter Nicole Smith go up for a block during Notre Dame’s 3-1 loss to Duke on Oct. 2 at Purcell Pavilion.
Irish senior right wing Bryan Rust attacks the net during Notre Dame's weekend series against Minnesota in the Compton Family Ice Arena.

**Hockey**

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Summit Hays’s 17 saves in the opening period allowed the Irish to enter the first break with a 2-0 lead. According to sophomore left wing Sam Herr, the goalie’s performance allowed the Irish time to build confidence.

“We kind of struggled in the first 10 minutes, and they were taking it to us,” Herr said. “[Summit] got us through the first 10 minutes. We just had to keep our defense, and after we realized we could create opportunities from defense to transition, that’s when we started taking over the game.”

Herr, Notre Dame’s leading goal scorer, also played well, adding his sixth goal of the season. Senior forward Jack Riley scored both goals in the second stanza, one from Lucia and Johns to even the score. The game would remain tied until the third period, and the Irish failed to convert the break, giving the Irish a 2-1 win.

“Kelly was a great contribution to the team today,” Barnes said. “Ryan also anchored the 200-medley relay team of freshman Catherine Mulquin, senior Emma Reaney and Galletti. The relay team outswam its competitors and touched the pad first to give the Irish the victory in the opening race of the meet, putting the team in a great position to dominate the following races.”

“It’s always fun to win the 200-medley relay because it’s the first event of the meet,” Galletti said. “It sets an exciting, competitive atmosphere for the rest of the day.”

Improvement was noticeable in the medley relay as well, specifically by Mulquin.

“Catherine stepped up and really contributed to the relay,” Gallieti said. “Every leg of the relay continued to increase our lead throughout the race, resulting in a clear victory.”

In addition to the relay victory, Reaney, junior Bridget Casey and freshman Katie Miller also boasted individual wins. Reaney won the 200 IM and took both breaststroke events in NCAA B-cut times. She advanced her season individual event record to 1:16.1. Casey won the 200 fly, which marked the first time she won the event this season.

Miller claimed two individual victories in the 100 back and 500 freestyle, and she finished second in the 100 free.

“I was really happy to see Katie win the 100 back and 500 freestyle,” Barnes said. “That was a huge contribution to the team from her.”

Following Miller and her runner-up finish in the .000, junior Courtney Whyte finished second in the 100 fly, and Mulquin claimed a runner-up finish in the 100 back.

Sophomore Lindsey Streepy took a second-place finish in the 1-meter dive.

“Overall, I was happy with our race habits, and we are beginning to clean up well,” Barnes said.

The Irish return to pool to compete against Valparaiso on Friday at 5 p.m. and against Wisconsin on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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**Swimmers take two in Pa.**

By KIT Loughran
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The Irish made quite a splash at their inaugural ACC tri-meet.

The Irish (2-3) tallied 10 wins out of 16 events against ACC competitors Pitt (2-2) and Virginia Tech (7-4) at Tree Pools in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Saturday. Notre Dame beat the Panthers 137-107 and the Hokies 162-138 to secure two victories.

“We performed well, and what I like about this team is we perform better every time,” Irish head coach Brian Barnes said. “We performed better than against Purdue and better against Purdue than at our first meet of the year. ... That’s a great trend to have.”

Irish sophomore Catherine Galletti said the results were a direct result of an attention to detail honed in practice.

“We’ve been focusing on improving the details in our races — getting off the blocks quicker, having faster turns, closing in on finishes,” Gallieti said. “The meet showed this.

In a meet that featured improvement across the whole team, senior Kelly Ryan had the standout performance. Ryan swept the short distance freestyle events, taking wins in the 50, 100, and 200.

“How can truly compassionate care exist if we are harming all those patients? (And what can we do about it.)

**Paul F. Levy at Notre Dame**

**Goal Play**: Leadership Lessons from the Soccer Field

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Andrews falls at indoor championships in NY

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

Senior Greg Andrews’s run toward a national championship came to an end in the round of 16 Friday, as he fell 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 to Oklahoma freshman Andrew Harris in the USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y.

Andrews got off to a strong start in the match, as he took the first set, 6-2.

“(Harris) started off by making a few errors, and I was really able to capitalize,” Andrews said.

Harris rebounded to claim a 7-5 victory in the next set and followed it up with a 6-3 victory in the third to seal the victory.

“Starting in the second set, Harris really started to serve well, and I wasn’t getting as many returns,” Andrews said. “He also made some big returns off some of my serves. I don’t think my level of play dropped. He elevated his game, and he just got even better as the match went on.”

Although he is only in his first year of college tennis, Harris, who won the doubles titles at the Junior Wimbledon Championships and Roland Garros Junior French Championships in 2012, showed his experience on the big stage, Andrews said.

“He’s a great player, and he’ll do really well for Oklahoma this year,” he said of Harris. “He’s very experienced at playing big matches at a very high level.”

After defeating Andrews, Harris lost in Friday’s quarterfinal round to No. 8 seed Illinois sophomore Jared Hiltzik. No. 6 seed UCLA junior Clay Thompson took home the national title after he defeated Hiltzik in Sunday’s championship match.

With the loss, Andrews concluded a fall season that saw him advance to the championship match of the USTA/ITA Midwest Regional Championships on Oct. 21 and compete in last month’s ITA All-American Championships.

Andrews also earned a victory over No. 4 seed Georgia sophomore Austin Smith in Thursday’s first round of the National Indoor Championships.

“Playing the All-American Championships earlier showed me that I could compete with anyone,” Andrews said. “This tournament reaffirmed my confidence, since I beat a top seed and had competitive matchups with great players. The biggest takeaway from the tournament would be that I could include myself in this top group of players.”

Andrews and the rest of the Irish will not compete again until Jan. 17, when they begin their spring season with a match against William & Mary. Notre Dame will start ACC play when it hosts Virginia Tech on Feb. 28.

“Our main goal is to stay confident,” Andrews said. “We want to focus on results but also really focus on the process, on getting better every day and continuing to improve.”

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At the same time, the boxers only have two months to get ready to fight. “To make sure everyone is prepared, all fighters must spar at least three times to fight in the Bouts.”

“It’s definitely an accelerated program,” Carmack said. “We try to get them in the ring as soon as possible. The best way to prepare is just to spar as much as you can.” Carmack and Garvin are both experienced fighters who have participated in the Bouts for several years. Along with a few other veterans, they help to mentor the newer fighters throughout the training process.

“We expect the novices to be at point zero (to start),” Carmack said. “When a veteran is sparring with a novice, we’ll have them take a little extra effort on their part, have it a teaching moment, and we’re all teammates. Besides, you would be surprised how quick girls improve once they get in the ring.”

This year, many of these experienced boxers are seniors coming out to fulfill a long-time collegiate goal, Carmack said. “It’s kind of a bucket list item for a lot of them,” Garvin said. “We start every year with a lot of new faces. … Every year the program gets stronger, and more people hear about it and build up the courage to do it. It’s going to be a great year. We have some great matchups. We’ve already sold over 1,400 tickets, so there will be a great crowd.”

All of it comes to a climax Monday night in the ring. The winners from the first round of fights advance to the final round Thursday.

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At the same time, the boxers only have two months to get ready to fight. To make sure everyone is prepared, all fighters must spar at least three times to fight in the Bouts.

“It’s definitely an accelerated program,” Carmack said. “We try to get them in the ring as soon as possible. The best way to prepare is just to spar as much as you can.”

Carmack and Garvin are both experienced fighters who have participated in the Bouts for several years. Along with a few other veterans, they help to mentor the newer fighters throughout the training process.

“We expect the novices to be at point zero (to start),” Carmack said. “When a veteran is sparring with a novice, we’ll have them take a little extra effort on their part, have it a teaching moment, and we’re all teammates. Besides, you would be surprised how quick girls improve once they get in the ring.”

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Women’s BoxInG

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Sports Writer

The women who fight in Baraka Bouts are on a mission. It’s a mission to become better boxers and stronger people. It’s also a mission to benefit Holy Cross mission work in Uganda.

The captains make sure the boxers know what is at stake.

“We focus on the improvement of the whole club, and always in the back of my mind is the missions,” senior Baraka Bouts co-captain Liz Garvin said. “It really is the mission of Holy Cross in Uganda that keeps the girls unified and focused throughout the season.”

The money the boxers raise and the proceeds from fight-night ticket sales benefit Lakeview Secondary School in Uganda and St. Joseph’s Hill Secondary School in Uganda.

The boxers’ performances on fight night are important, but every-thing pales in comparison to the cause, Garvin said.

“We always have Fr. [Leonard] Okobo, who is one of the priests who is involved in the mission,” Garvin said. “Every year, we take a practice for him to talk through the mission so they know serv-ice is the most important part.”

Over the years, several boxers have participated in the mission work by traveling to Uganda, often in conjunction with a study-abroad program.

This summer, two captains traveled to Uganda to do service work and academic projects.

Fifth-year architecture student and Baraka Bouts co-captain Jennifer Fitzpatrick explored the construction of schools and how to solve problems with one building’s foundation. Senior co-captain Anna Heffron conducted research for her thesis on palliative care.

Fitzpatrick and Heffron shared their experiences with the team, and senior co-captain Anna Carmack said the constant dialogue keeps everyone aware of the mission.

The boxers also participate in several fundraisers, such as the Power 24 Hour in which the boxers exercise for donations from 8 a.m. to 3 a.m. in front of South Dining Hall. The team raised almost $1,700 during the event in 2012. Each boxer must individually raise money, which reinforces the meaning of Baraka Bouts, Carmack said.

“To participate, they are required to fundraise a lot of money,” Carmack said. “Talking about it pretty often makes it very apparent in everything we’re doing.”

Garvin added that while the boxers work to benefit the missions, they also grow personally.

“They’re not only improving their physical strength, but also for the majority of the girls, it’s learning a whole new sport,” Garvin said. “It’s really fulfilling for me to watch the girls improve. Most of them have never thrown a punch in their life, and it comes to fruition in our fight night. We get to see their strengths.”

The boxers put in a lot of time and grueling work at practice to get to fight night. Although boxing is a tough sport, it is rewarding, Carmack said.

“Most comes from zero boxing (background),” Carmack said. “What we’re looking for is that they’ll put in the time. They have to attend at least four two-hour practices every week. It’s not going to be easy, but they do a great job of getting in there. I know I had never boxed before coming to Notre Dame. It’s a big first step, and they’re always happy that they did it.”

Garvin said her favorite moment comes when a boxer steps into the ring for the first time.

“My favorite part is seeing all of the surprises,” Garvin said. “There’s something about fight night because you can see a girl spar, but when she gets in the ring under the lights, she just transforms. It happens every year for a few girls. You take advantage of your one time to shine.”

Baraka Bouts begin Monday at 6 p.m. in the Joyce Center Field House. Admission is $10 at the door.

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Irish split against ACC opponents

Observer Staff Report

Boistered by six individual first-place finishes, the Irish left their first ACC competition Saturday afternoon with a split decision in a tri-meet against Pittsburgh and Virginia Tech. Notre Dame (2-0) defeated the Panthers (0-2) 162-138, and took to the Hokies (0-1) 221-119 at the Trees Pool in Pittsburgh.

Though this was Notre Dame’s first meet against ACC opponents since joining the conference last summer, such meets are not commonplace in the Irish’s schedule. Unlike most college sports, scheduling for swimming and diving meets is not tied to conference affiliation until the championships at the end of the season. In fact, Notre Dame Swimmers will face another ACC member until they play Louisville on Jan. 24.

On Saturday, senior All-American Frank Dyer set the pace for the Irish, finishing first in both the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle races, with time of 1:37.84 and 4:26.77, respectively, and improving from his previous best this season.

Joining Dyer’s first-place total for Notre Dame was junior Zach Stephens, also an All-American, who won the 200-yard individual breaststroke, clocking in at 2:14.14. Stephens also finished first with a season-best 55.17 in the 50-meter, and complemented Stephens’s gold medal mark with a second place finish in the 200-yard individual medley.

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...starter needed to play more than 27 minutes.

“What I was really happy about this afternoon was that our older guys got to off such a good start,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “It allowed those players who are younger guys to get in some minutes long and together in a game situation, which is just a great experience for them. And the young guys played the way we play. I loved how they played together.

“So it was a good day for us, early in the year, getting things figured out with the younger guys. We know who our older guys are.”

Irish graduate student center Zach Auguste, who played from a slow start to Friday to 15 points Sunday. Senior forward Jerian Grant tied for the team lead with 15 of his own.

Notre Dame stormed out to a 17-3 lead, powered by a pair of threes from junior guard/forward Pat Connaughton and one from Grant. But the Hatters came back on an 8-0 run, only to see Notre Dame extend it back to 28-16 in the first half. The Irish opened shooting 5-for-7 from 3-point range after hitting 10 of 21 long-range tries on Friday.

But Notre Dame kept pouring it on, going on a 13-4 run to extend the advantage to 41-18, thanks to unselfish passing and efficiency. The Irish scored 15 of their first 25 shots and assisted on 12 of the buckets.

Freshman guard Demetrius Jackson, who came in with much to close the first half, driving strongly to the hoop for a two and coming right back to bury a three, as Notre Dame went into the half-time break leading 51-21. In total, Jackson tallied nine points, three rebounds and three assists.

“I think the key is attacking,” Brey said. “We had a little sheepish- er the other night, and i think the young guys played the way we play. I loved how they played together.

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Brey said the decision will allow point guard Eric Atkins assisted on four of Grant’s first five baskets.

“Guys are telling me to come out aggressive and that’s what I’m do- ing,” Grant said. “When our point guard tells me he’s going to get me open to shoot the ball, that gives me a lot of confidence.”

The Irish came out of the game firing and opened a 26-10 lead with 8:53 to play in the first half, but the Red Hawks (0-3) responded strongly to cut their deficit to seven points, 39- 32, at the break.

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Senior defender Luke Mishu aggressively opened the second half for Notre Dame with a shot that flew high over the net 17 seconds into the period.

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Seniors go out on top of ACC

Irish capture share of regular-season ACC title with shutout win over Pittsburgh

By SAMANTHA ZUBIA
Sports Writer

No. 1 Notre Dame honored its senior class with a 2-0 victory over Pittsburgh and a share of the ACC crown Friday on senior night at Alumni Stadium.

Notre Dame (11-1-5, 7-1-3) earned a split with No. 6 Pittsburgh (10-3-5, 7-3-3) with a strong defensive performance, limiting the Panthers to 13 shots on goal and three shots on target. The Irish defense played a crucial role in the victory, with senior captain Liz Garvin and junior goalkeeper Stephen Summerhays leading the way.

The senior class has made a significant impact on the Irish program, and their contributions have not gone unnoticed. Coach Bobby Clark praised the seniors for their dedication and hard work throughout the season.

Irish senior forward Vince Cicciarelli controlled the ball during a contest against Pittsburgh in Alumni Stadium on Friday. Notre Dame won the game on Senior Day, 2-0, to finish the season as ACC champions.

Notre Dame splits series with Gophers

By CASEY KARNES
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No. 4 Notre Dame earned a split against No. 1 Minnesota in front of a raucous home crowd at the Compton Family Ice Arena, prevailing 4-1 in game one before falling 5-4 in the second matchup.

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