Alumnus speaks on U.S., India relationship

Former ambassador to India Tim Roemer highlights business, communications strategies

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News Writer

Notre Dame alumnus Tim Roemer spoke Wednesday about the advances in technology that have transformed interaction and communication between the United States and India.

Roemer, a Notre Dame alumnus, former U.S. Congressman (D-IN-3) and former ambassador to India, spoke on the nature and importance of the United States’ interactions with India.

The lecture, titled "Twitter, Buffett, and Darwin: India and the United States Relationship," was the second installment of the Distinguished Lecture Series, co-sponsored by the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies and the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

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Ceili dance team wins championship

By KATIE McCARTY
News Writer

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s ceili team stepped on stage to compete with Irish step dancers from all over the world at the All-Ireland Championships in Belfast last week.

Senior coach Connor Reider said the team performed their final dance, called the Cross Reel, flawlessly.

"It was beautiful because it was more than just a dance," Reider said. "It was our hard work, our coordination, all the fun we had at the practices and performances. It was all worth it, and it was perfect."

By ALEX WINEGAR
News Writer

Hannah and Friends held a panel discussion on Wednesday night at Saint Mary’s to encourage other students to join their campaign to help take the “dis” out of disabilities.

Hannah and Friends promotes awareness through the “Be a Friend” presentation that is put on at different elementary schools, program director Maureen Parsons said.

“We target our program to elementary school kids and our main message behind it is that everyone wants a friend. And sometimes the problem is that people aren’t exposed to people with different abilities so they have these pre-conceived notions as to how its going to be and they don’t know what to say or how to act so our thing is to act the way...”

Students taste South Bend’s int’l cuisine

By CATRIONA O’SHAUGHNESSY
News Writer

Crowds filled LaFortune Student Center on Wednesday night, drawn by the International Taste of South Bend, part of Notre Dame’s celebration of International Education Week.

The International Taste of South Bend event has been the signature event of International Education Week on Notre Dame’s campus for the past four years. Student volunteer, Sarah Jung, said the event serves to showcase different cuisines from South Bend, which can be hard for students to come by.

"It shows how diverse South Bend food actually is," she said.

McKenna Pencak, main coordinator of the event and a representative for International Student Services and Activities, said the event offers an opportunity to appreciate students’ various backgrounds and cultures, especially with such a prominent international community at Notre Dame.

“There are more than 1,000 international students at Notre Dame ... The International Taste of South Bend helps celebrate and promote international education and exchange," Pencak said.

Restaurant owners were eager to showcase their cuisine and their culture with both students and South Bend locals. Luc, owner of the Salvadoran restaurant Girasol known for its signature..."


**THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:**

**Thursday**

Navigating Relational Transitions

LaFortune Center

12:30 p.m.–2 p.m.

Free Panera lunch.

**International Cooking Class**

Main Building

5:30 p.m.–8 p.m.

Full meal for $5 with Notre Dame Chef Donald Miller.

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**Friday**

**Stress Buster Friday**

St. Liam Hall

1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Start the weekend with a relaxing Tai Chi session.

Swimming and Diving

5 p.m.–7 p.m.

Roils Aquatic Center

The men face Michigan State while the women take on Valparaiso.

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**Saturday**

**Women’s Basketball**

Joyce Center

12 p.m.–4 p.m.

Game against Valparaiso University.

Film: “Computer Chess”

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Chess software programmers in the 80s.

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**Sunday**

**Men’s Basketball**

Joyce Center

12 p.m.–2 p.m.

The Irish take on Indiana State.

Prayer from Around the World: Diwali

LaFortune Center

7 p.m.–9 p.m.

Celebrate the Hindu festival with prayer, dinner and dance.

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**Monday**

Lecture: Silvia Guerra Díaz

Hesburgh Library

5 p.m.–7 p.m.

On poet Gabriela Mistral.

Lecture: “Whistle-blowing and the SEC”

DeBartolo Hall

7 p.m.–8 p.m.

Gary Aguirre, former SEC Investigator.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:**

What type of food would you most like to try?

- Brian Brederman

  sophomore

  Knott Hall

  “Caviar.”

- Jennifer Jones

  senior

  Farley Hall

  “Caviar.”

- Lucy Du

  sophomore

  Ryan Hall

  “Buffalo balls.”

- Matt Unger

  senior

  Zahm Hall

  “Sushi.”

- Patrick Salemme

  senior

  Zahm Hall

  “Ostrich.”

- Sara Ciavarella

  freshman

  Farley Hall

  “Dragon fruit.”

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Hundreds of people crowded into LaFortune Student Center last night for the International Taste of South Bend, sponsored by ND International and the Graduate Student Union. A dozen local restaurants offered free samples of wide-ranging international cuisine.
Locals complete pilgrimage for immigration reform

By KAYLA MULLEN
News Writer

Two local parishes honored the feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the patron saint of immigrants, by organizing a pilgrimage from St. Adalbert’s Our Lady of Hungary parish to the Hesburgh Center at Notre Dame.

Jesus Rivera, a parishioner of St. Adalbert’s, said members from these parishes met at St. Adalbert’s, drove to St. Joseph’s together and then began the 50-minute walk to Notre Dame. He said they recited the rosary and sang along the way.

The group was welcomed to Notre Dame with food, music and prayer, Rivera said. Juan Rangel, chief of staff for Notre Dame Student Government said that Rivera, the Notre Dame Institute for Latino Studies, Notre Dame students and the Notre Dame Student Government collaborated to plan the event.

“The goal of [the pilgrimage] is to place attention back on passing comprehensive immigration reform by using our strong Catholic faith to guide us in our work,” Rangel said.

He believes most of the parishioners of St. Adalbert’s are undocumented immigrants, making immigration reform a topic close to their hearts, Rivera said.

“Things have changed (in regards to immigration). We have made some progress, yes, but there are still so many things that still need to be fixed. The justice piece of it is where we’re heading. Respect and dignity should be for everyone. … We hear the cries of the families. So many times we have heard of families torn apart. It becomes real at St. Adalbert’s,” Rivera said.

Sean Long, co-president of College Democrats, said he sees immigration reform as more than a policy issue.

“It’s a moral issue. And we believe that a Catholic university like Notre Dame can play a leading role in making immigration reform a pillar on college campuses nationwide,” Long said.

Long said a phone bank organized by the Student Coalition for Immigration Advocacy and Notre Dame’s College Democrats occurred at the same time as the pilgrimage. He said members of both organizations participated in making calls to Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN-2) to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform.

Long said the phone bank was originally scheduled for next week, but they pushed it back to Wednesday at the suggestion of Faith in Public Life. According to their website, Faith in Public Life (FPL) is a strategy center for the faith community advancing faith in the public square as a powerful force for justice, compassion and the common good.

The phone bank event included performances by Caro Primavera and Mariachi ND, Long said.

After the participants finished their calls, they helped to welcome the parishioners in from their pilgrimage, Rivera said. Together, students and parishioners attended the first event in the “Transformative Latino Leadership Lecture Series,” Carlos Eire, a professor of history and religious studies at Yale University delivered the lecture.

The two events united in their goals of advocating for immigration reform legislation, in honor of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Long said.

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you would to any other individual,” Parsons said. According to the website, Hannah and Friends built a residential neighborhood that includes three houses in the South Bend area and strives to create a safe and affordable environment for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Matt Coleman, a three-year resident of Hannah and Friends, considers himself fortunate to be a resident. He said moving there changed his perspective in a lot of ways and believes it has been a good experience.

“Let’s just say, [being] accepted there is a really big help and before Hannah and Friends … my mom kept [me] on the waiting list and being on the waiting list takes a big toll so I was very lucky to be on the top of the lists in 2010,” Coleman said.

Chris Tidmarsh, founder of Green Bridge Growers and a resident of Hannah and Friends, said he recently built a greenhouse at the residence. He and his mother began the company to employ people on the autism spectrum who have had trouble keeping jobs in the past, he said.

“We built a green house at Hannah and Friends as a prototype and we hope to expand to other sites eventually and have an actual business going,” Tidmarsh said. “Twice a month there are fun events [at Hannah and Friends] for not only the residents, but also the volunteers and local people.”

“I go to game times and they have a karaoke time [and dance party] once a month so I like to go to those. They have lots of different activities for Hannah and Friends participants,” Tidmarsh said many people use the “r-word” haphazardly and it is considered disrespectful and hurtful to those who have special needs.

“I get offended when I hear it. It refers to a different kind of ability than our own but I still find it offensive. What do to about it is spread awareness about it through programs and schools. At a personal level it would be a good idea to tell someone you don’t like them using that word,” Tidmarsh said.

Coleman said he harnessed his passion to succeed during high school.

“I just fight mentally hard to be who I am. I basically fought hard for myself; you do not like them using that word,” Tidmarsh said.

Currently, Hannah and Friends is at maximum capacity with currently twelve residents, Parsons said.

The neighborhood is on well water, we don’t use city water and so there are limits to how many buildings we can have,” Parsons said.

“Right now we are at capacity, we have three homes and we are building an activities center now. So it’s kind of like we could build our activities center or build a fourth home and we would be able to reach more individuals with the activities center than building a home for four individuals.”

Parsons said Hannah and Friends works to raise awareness in the community by having fundraisers, but it is mostly about letting the community know that the group is stronger than ever.

“A lot of the events we have here in South Bend are more for awareness than trying to raise a lot of money. We have a golf outing every summer, but here in South Bend … we just kind of work on raising awareness and letting people know that Hannah and Friends is still around,” Parsons said.

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

Paul F. Levy – author, speaker, and corporate advisor – served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston from January 2002 to January 2011. BIDMC is one of the world’s preeminent academic health centers, providing state-of-the-art clinical care, research, and teaching in affiliation with Harvard Medical School. Before that position, he was the Executive Dean for Administration at Harvard Medical School, where he was responsible for administrative, budgetary, and facility issues, as well as community and governmental relations. He is author of the widely read blog “Not Running a Hospital,” created seven years ago when he was one of very few hospital CEOs to share thoughts publicly about hospitals, medicine, and health care issues.

(Lecture is a great opportunity for all majors interested in health care and administration!)

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~First 30 people to arrive will receive a free copy of Paul Levy’s book!
Goal Play!: Leadership Lessons from the Soccer Field
At Wednesday night’s meeting, the student Senate voted against a series of recommendations by the Diversity Council that will be submitted to the offices of Student Affairs, Auxiliary Affairs, and the Provost concerning diversity.

Last week, senior and chair of the Diversity Council Luis Llanos and junior and student government liaison to the Diversity Council Carolina Ramirez presented the recommendations for fostering an environment of inclusion on campus. The recommendations represented what minority students said would improve their on-campus feelings of inclusion.

The final clause in the resolution, a subject of a heated debate, reads: “Resolved, that the Student Senate supports the efforts and recommendations of Diversity Council.”

After the Senate discussed adjustments to the resolution, the group amended a proposal by O’Neill Hall senator Juan Jose Daboub presented the following amendment: “Resolved, That the student senate supports the efforts and recognizes the hard work of the diversity council.”

Fishcher Hall senator Michael Lindt said, “I feel like that wording makes it sound like we’re saying ‘good job,’ but that’s it.”

Rohgan Hall senator Rohan Andresen said, “These recommendations are coming from a group within our community, and the Diversity Council has heard their complaints. I think it would be unfair to our constituents — especially the ‘s’-relevant minority’ — to just push them away.”

During the final discussion, Club Coordination Council (CCC) President Maggie Armstrong said, “in adding the ambiguity clause, I think we essentially negate showing our support.”

When her resolution went up for final vote, it failed to pass by a margin of one vote.

Senior class president Carolina Wilson, who penned the original resolution, voted against the amended version. She said the word ‘ambiguities’ in the amendment of the final clause means that it would not be in full support of the recommendations that Diversity Council has put forth and I am in full support and trust in the recommendations they have come up with,” she said.

The resolution and recommendations of the Diversity Council will still be submitted in the coming weeks, and, should someone propose it, a new resolution in support of Diversity Council’s recommendations could be voted upon by the Senate.

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— Tim Roemer, former Ambassador to India

“More people make peace over breaking bread than anything else.”

— Kenny Weiss, chef and owner of Weiss’ Gasthaus

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the U.S. Roemer said. The region as a whole has an emerging middle class that is bigger than the entire U.S. population, he said. To illustrate the opportunities technology provides to that middle class, Roemer showed a photograph of a woman wearing traditional dress, carrying a metal pot on her head and talking on a cell phone, which he said would have cost $15. The woman, Roemer said, along with a hundred others, was transplanting dirt from a construction site.

“She is a small-business owner,” Roemer said. “She’s on this phone while she’s working at the job, and she is calling, as the u.s. and eu and depend on 50, 60, 70 percent of your sales there, or you are going to expand into those markets right there?” Roemer said. “That’s this middle-class migration that is absolutely essential for the u.s. to get a hold of, to understand, and to entice our manufacturing companies to create jobs here. there is a real incentive, given these trends, to do more and more manufacturing in the U.S. and export these products into these new middle-class markets so you can see the resurgence of American products in the u.s.”

Roemer said that the development and maintenance of a good relationship between the U.S. and India, especially India’s rising middle class, is crucial. He said the past three U.S. presidents have cooperated closely with India regarding national security as well as trade. The governments of both nations recently have “supported generally a health U.S.-India relationship,” he said. Despite problems like border disputes with Pakistan, inflation and rising food prices, trade between the two countries is increasing, Roemer said.

Roemer outlined three models for companies to emulate in order to take advantage of this relationship. First, he said the “Warren Buffett Model,” is best exemplified by General Electric (GE). GE CEO Jeffery Immelt often holds board meetings in India to inform members to the country, culture and market, he said. “Immelt has been very, very smart about teaching his company and getting some of his best leadership to go to some of these places,” Roemer said. “If you want to run the company and you haven’t had one of those tough assignments, … if you have run the company, and you’ve been president of India, of Nigeria, of Peru, you tryally are going to see where the future of GE is.”

Second, Roemer said the “Winston Churchill Model,” is best exemplified by Starbucks. CEO Howard Schultz tried to enter India in 2005 but was not successful, he said. In 2010, however, Starbucks returned. But, the company made several fundamental changes, such as partnering with Indian companies and using domestic products.

“He agreed it out, and that is the Churchill Model — try it, don’t ever give up, come back again and again,” Roemer said. “That’s Churchill’s great commencement speech — never ever, ever, ever give up. Schultz did not, and I think he’s onto the right thing now, and I think he’s going to succeed in India.”

Third, the “Darwin Model,” is an “evolutionary model” best exemplified by IKEA, he said. When it entered the Chinese market, Roemer said IKEA changed almost everything about how it presented its products, from its value proposition to its promotions to where it manufactured its products.

“You have a completely different model for almost every value network and category from Europe to China. IKEA is just going into India now, and it will be a hybrid of these two approaches,” Roemer said. “It will change again.”

The U.S.-India relationship is positively now, Roemer said. This relationship will remain important because India is critically engaged, religiously diverse, and respects the rule of law, he said.

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— Tim Roemer, former Ambassador to India

said. “I’m betting that future Presidents are going to see this, see the economic and religious and political advantage and continue to make this one of the most important relationships in the world.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Nectar of the gods

Scott Boyle
The Sincere Seeker

Writing is a part of my life these days. But, while I pride myself on being able to put words on a page, it’s almost impossible for me to describe the knot that formed in my stomach as I first open my computer and begin to write. For me, nothing’s scarier than a blinding cursor against a white, empty page.

When I was younger, my brothers and I would go to the pool in our back- yard and have competitions to see who could hold their breath the longest un- derwater. In the beginning, we would go far enough and try to make each other laugh. We’d make faces and do anything silly to make each other lose concentra- tion and come up for air quicker.

But as we got older, we got more competitive. We wanted to test our limits (and each other’s) to see how good we really were. As each of us tried to master these heroic tests of mental and physical fortitude, we made sure that each broth- er got total quiet and maximum space in the pool. We wanted no distractions that would affect concentration or lung performance.

The hard part for me though was not holding my breath, but rather the still- ness and silence that I encountered each time I slipped beneath the surface of the water. I didn’t know how to sit still on land, so I certainly didn’t fare much better underwater. As a result, the reality of the silence I encountered was quite uncomfortable for me.

Yet, over time, I grew more comfort- able with it. And, bit-by-bit, the silence gave way to the whispering and longing of my imagination and my heart. Beneath the mirror-like surface of the water, I saw and imagined myself in new places. I transported myself to the glassy waters beneath the ice of the Arctic and the reefs dancing beneath the depths of the Pacific. There, in the quiet of the waters, I discovered a longing I didn’t know I had: an inner desire for adventure.

As I write this, the Notre Dame com- munity mourns the passing of a beloved priest, teacher, and friend. Fr. John Dunne, C.S.C., a Theology professor I was privileged to take during my under- graduate years at Notre Dame, passed into eternal life just a few short days ago. And, as I reflect on writing and the desires of the heart, I cannot help but think of Fr. Dunne, a man who spent his whole life trying to draw others closer to themselves and God. Fr. Dunne shared many words with the world during his lifetime through numerous books, articles, sermons and lectures. But of all those words, I want to focus on just three: “The heart speaks.”

“The heart speaks.” In a world starved for meaning and purpose, in a world searching for contentment and happiness, Fr. Dunne always reminded us that the answers we searched for had already been spoken to us by God. He reminded us that in all our searching, the joy and peace we long to hear from God is al- ready being echoed in our hearts.

Although it took me a long time, Fr. Dunne helped me to realize that, from a very early age, my heart had been speak- ing, too.

I did not need to travel to Europe or Asia to discover my heart’s desire for adventure. It had already been planted within me. After all, I had heard it in my own backyard while holding my breath beneath the watery depths of a modest- sized swimming pool.

And, although writing is still hard, I utter those three simple words as a prayer before the silence and empti- ness of a blank, white page. “The heart speaks.” I have realized that God has already given me the words that I need. I just need to take the time to slip beneath the surface of my heart to hear them.

How much closer to God could we be if we really took the time to listen to our hearts, too? What if we took time for stillness and quiet so that we could truly hear ourselves and our desires?

In memory of Fr. Dunne, give yourself a moment today to take a deep dive below the surface of your heart! What do you encounter there? Perhaps, at first, not much. Perhaps stillness and quiet. But trust me, give it time. You never know what you might hear.

There, to quote T.S. Eliot, the “stillness (may become) the dancing.” We would dance for joy if we discovered the truth of our desires and joys. In that truth, we give ourselves the opportunity to hear the voice of God in our lives. May you rest peacefully, Fr. Dunne, knowing that you have given us the steps to dance!

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“How very odd, to believe God gave you life, and yet not think that life asks more of you than watching TV.

- John Green

U.S. Author and Educator

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A changed man and a global citizen

I see five powerful reasons to study abroad.

First, experiences that displace us fuel personal growth by demanding quick self-discovery and improvement in new contexts. Studying abroad in Asia accelerates this process by maximizing this displacement. Where anywhere beside the Bend will challenge you, few study abroad expe- riences will foster growth more than getting lost in the world’s most densely populated neighborhoods, climbing mountains above clouds alongside monkeys and playing charades while teaching English in the countryside.

Second, Father Hesburgh’s pri- mary motivation for starting Notre Dame study abroad program was to foster a student body that under- stands foreign perceptions of America. Understandings these perceptions is a critical step to becoming a global citizen, and the Asia study abroad sites offer exposure to a geopolitical climate much farther removed from ours than that of our closer neighbors.

Third, while Asia offers great immen- sity opportunities for learning some of the most widely spoken languages in the world, most sites include English- speaking universities, enabling all stu- dents to study there.

Fourth, while all study abroad sites will foster a deep appreciation for another culture, Asian study abroad sites expose students to both the most unfamiliar cultures and those that de- fine many minority communities seen throughout the United States.

Fifth, Asian sites will leave you with a truly international network of re- lationships. Host families and fellow exchange students mean you won’t just foster Notre Dame friendships, but virtually guarantee you’ll establish a network that touches every continent across the globe.

Small enrollment rates in these sites suggest studying abroad in Asia may be one of Notre Dame’s greatest untapped opportunities. As underclassmen rush to complete their study abroad applica- tions, their life-changing choice might be better informed by these five rea- sons. Not only am I better rock climber, English tutor, sea kayaker, dancer, track athlete and martial artist because of my time in Hong Kong, I’m a changed man and a better global citizen too.

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Katrina Linden

"subway d omer" was a student work — one girl’s tribulations upon being at subway in laFortune. i t was notre dame’s moderately exclusive chills went down my spine. but i letter my senior year of high school, course loads and other stressful ele-

ness, but attending notre dame is a privilege to say the least, a fact that i force myself to remember and

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that i can reminisce on. whether it

that i will never acquire all the knowledge

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up until this point, school had always been fairly easy for me, and i had been able to get good grades without trying incredibly hard. in my first AP course, i had to push myself to complete assignments each night and prepare for the AP exam. i desperately tried to wrap my head around what seemed like such complicated concepts at the time — the economic theory of mercantilism, the philosophy of Nietzsche, the inner workings of Freud.

I worked harder than i believe i ever had, and try as i might i couldn’t seem to raise my grade above a B. before my sophomore year of high school, i cannot recall any school matter being extremely challeng-

ing for me. AP European History was different this high school year, it was a shock to my know-it-all smarty-pants, 15-year-old self. at the beginning of that school year, the teacher Jeni explained the teacher frightened me and the AP exam seemed like a distant night-

mare. as the year wore on, however, i felt as if i could literally feel my brain expanding. i was exposed to a completely new world that i did not even know existed — the world of culture, knowledge, philosophy and art, literature, history and philosophy. i saw history repeating itself before my eyes in black pieces coming together. i formulated legitimate political opinions for the first time and viewed the influence of politics and economics on art, litera-

ture and social stability. i discovered that there was so much more to life than my parents’ views, my economic position, and the beliefs with which i was raised.

There had been an entire world of which i was unaware and i suddenly felt enlightened for discovering it. i suddenly wanted to know everything. i wanted to know the story of every great empire in history. i wanted to read every great novel mentioned in my history book. i wanted to speak with every great political official. i wanted to be a historian, a philo-

sopher, a writer, and finally i wanted to absorb every ounce of knowledge that i could and attempt to make sense of it all. i wanted to be as great and intelligent as the figures in my history book.

This is my life’s goal. This one class is what originally instilled in me a passion for learning, and that fresh-faced inspiration is what i try to channel when i feel overwhelmed with the stress of college life and the pressure of the fast-approaching real world. although i am positive that i will never acquire all the knowledge in the world, it is my goal to try.

yes, the aim is to have a successful career — i want to live in a nice house, travel and help provide for a happy family one day. but being truly fulfilled is so much more than that — it is working on something mean-

fuling and waiting to transfer to notre Dame, but we are living the dream. sometimes, i like to stop while walking across South Quad and just imagine the beauty that stretches from O’Shag to the Rockne. Breathe-

ing in the winter air reminds me that even though i have considered transferring from the university on several occasions during the time i have been here, i do not think i could ever really do so. despite the awk-

ward gender relations, occasional bigoted remarks and pompous atti-

tudes, i don’t think there is any place i would rather call my home under the dome.

Though i could potentially at-

tend a far more liberal university someplace in California, there isn’t anywhere else i could even begin to imagine myself being. Attending the University of Notre Dame is one of the greatest privileges i have been awarded thus far. four years is too short of a time to live in misery, and too short of a time to waste doing nothing significant. to throw all this away would be a sin.

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fake but GREAT

Josie of the Pussycats. Evany Adams of The Clash at Demonhead. Cassandre of Crucial Taunt. What do all of these ladies have in common? They're all girl-rock frontwomen who I have looked up to at one point or another. They all put on an awesome show, belting out songs and taking names. Oh, and they're also all fictional characters from movies.

Yes, this week, the playlist column is dedicated to my undying love for fake bands from movies. Because though the group may be fictional, the music can be oh-so-real.

While some fake bands, most often ones written for television shows, can be hit and become full-fledged, touring groups of their own (I'm looking at you, Blues Brothers and The Monkees), fake musical acts in movies are better because of their transience.

One minute they're on screen, wowing you with their music. They never actually wrote or played, and the next minute, the lights are up and you're left with nothing but a fleeting memory of an absurd or awesome band that never really was.

While there are tons of fictional groups and songs I could talk about, I decided to narrow down a few of my personal favorites. Here are songs from fictional bands, that got stuck in my head. They made me long for a full-length album or so tied me up in childhood nostalgia that I will never forget the words.

1. “Three Small Words” – Josie and the Pussycats from “Josie and the Pussycats”

I may get a lot of flak for including this on the playlist, but I will argue to the death that “Josie and the Pussycats” is an underrated movie. If you haven’t seen it since around its release in 2001, I highly recommend you watch it again. Though fake boy band “Delour” was incredibly entertaining, the Pussycats had the best music, of course.

2. “Summertime” by Sex Bob-omb from “Scott Pilgrim vs. the World”

It was pretty close to impossible to pick a song from this movie because the whole thing is so great. In the end, I went with “Summertime,” which is fantastic and never got the attention it deserved. It’s pretty hard to go wrong, though, when Beck was the writer of all fictional bands Sex Bob-omb’s music. And with an awkward, lovable cast, including Allison Pill on the drums introducing the band with “We are Sex Bob-omb and we’re here to make you think about death and get sad and stuff,” the group was both cool and hilarious.

3. “School of Rock” from “School of Rock”

You’re probably lying if you say you don’t love “School of Rock.” Jack Black (as Dewey Finn pretending to be Mr. Shuehly) taught all of us about the history of rock, and the final performance of the song at the Battle of the Bands was the coolest thing you’d ever seen in all of your ten years of existence. Yeah, I’mpeccible.

4. “That Thing You Do!” by The Wonders from “That Thing You Do!”

The Wonders song was a hit when the film was released in 1996 and stayed in the Billboard Hot 100 long after the movie left theaters. It was eventually even nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Song. And who is to thank for providing “such a catchy tune” to a fake band? Adam Schlesinger, the bassist in Fountains of Wayne. That’s right, the guy that brought you “Stacy’s Mom” also wrote The Wonders’ one and only hit.

A. “Man of Constant Sorrow” by Soggy Bottom Boys from “O Brother, Where Art Thou?”

Not enough good things can be said about this film’s soundtrack. Between its contributors, including Alison Krouse and Gillian Welch, and T-Bone Burnett as head producer, there is no wonder why the soundtrack went platinum. George Clooney made for an ever-so-charming lead singer of the Soggy Bottom Boys, but “Constant Sorrow” was actually sung by bluegrass musician Dan Tyminski. Allegedly, when Tyminski told his wife that it was going to be his voice coming out of Clooney’s mouth, she replied, “That’s my dream!”

6. “Supernova Girl” by Proto Zoa (and his band, Microbe) from “Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century”

Okay, so technically this was a Disney Channel Original Movie (DCOM, if you will) on television, but I couldn’t leave it out. This song was a jam way back in 1999, and I bet some of you still know the words.

Honorable Mentions:

• “Feve Dog” from “Almost Famous”
• “Do the Hippogriff!” from “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire”
• “Stonehenge” from “This Is Spinal Tap!”
• “SCOTTY Doesn’t Know” from “Eurotrip”
• “Cant Fight the Moonlight” from “Coyote Ugly”
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**WeeKend EvEnts CaLenDar**

**Thursday**

**What:** Cabaret  
**Where:** DPAC  
**When:** 7:30 p.m.  
**How Much:** $10

The best kitchens from around campus will join together Thursday night to dish out their creations for the Notre Dame student body in the LaFortune Ballroom. The event benefits the Food Bank of Northern Indiana.

**What:** “Shakespeare Behind Bars”  
**Where:** DPAC  
**When:** 7 p.m.  
**How Much:** $4

This documentary follows a troupe of actors with one very specific characteristic in common: they are all in prison. The film follows the troupe for a year as they work on a production of Shakespeare’s “The Tempest,” a production that includes stories of their own crimes woven into the narrative. It showcases the efforts of these men to work through their own demons through performance art.

**Friday**

**What:** Eric Hutchinson  
**Where:** Legends  
**When:** 10 p.m.  
**How Much:** Free

SUB presents singer-songwriter Eric Hutchinson at Legends this week. The 33-year-old Washington, D.C., native brings his unique talents to Notre Dame’s campus after ten years of active work, including four albums. Critics compare to artists such as Jason Mraz, Billy Joel and Stevie Wonder.

**What:** Fruitvale Station  
**Where:** DelBartolo 101  
**When:** 1 p.m.  
**How Much:** $3

Detailing the true story of the last day of Oakland, Calif., native Oscar Grant’s life before his tragic shooting death at the hands of a police officer, Michael B. Jordan, of “Friday Night Lights” and “The Wire,” stars as Grant, and has received great praise for the realistic, human portrayal of a young man whose life was ended unjustly too soon.

**Saturday**

**Xbox One vs. PS4: Games Galore**

Juan Ramon Cancio Vela  
Scene Writer

For those of us who did not receive a next-generation gaming console from Target before launch day due to distributor error, the wait will soon be over. The PlayStation 4 and the Xbox One are set to release on November 15 and 22nd, respectively. In a previous article, I attempted to summarize the very few hardware differences that these two consoles will have; however, now we will concentrate on what will truly differentiate these two systems: the GAMES!

With this new generation of gaming consoles, Sony and Microsoft are squaring off head-to-head on a level playing field for the first time. The new systems have essentially identical hardware, unlike the last generation. Therefore, what will probably make or break these consoles will be the exclusive content they offer and the ability to attract consumers with distinct, interesting games that distinguish themselves from their competitor’s content.

This means games offered at launch or within the “launch window,” from November to around April or May of next year, will be particularly important to these two companies. Interestingly, as evidenced by the list of confirmed titles that will be launching alongside the new systems as well as the list of games that will be released within the launch window, the two companies clearly have unique ideological approaches with which they hope to drive their sales.

Microsoft is seemingly concentrating on releasing fewer exclusives overall than Sony, announcing that around fifteen exclusive games will be coming out between launch day and the supposed launch window. Although there may not be too many games coming out within the launch window, most of the already announced games seem to be franchise worthy heavy-hitting blockbusters assuming they aren’t already part of a successful franchise, such as “Forza 5.”

Sony is employing the opposite approach by choosing to concentrate on releasing many exclusives within the launch window, as many as thirty-eight games, but with a focus on probably shorter indie-style games. This has clearly been Sony’s plan since the PlayStation 4’s inception, since they have been collaborating with many of the industry’s most important developers to design the console’s architecture from the ground up to facilitate the creation of these independent games.

Another interesting difference between the two companies’ focuses is that Sony will be releasing five different Massive Multiplayer Online games, but Microsoft has not announced that they will be releasing any games for this genre. This seems like an interesting move, because the focus of these games is usually to create a self-contained world that fosters a strong feeling of community among the players within this world, but perhaps Microsoft is not releasing any such games because they feel their online Xbox Live community is a large enough source for this feeling of cohesion.

The one exclusive game coming out for the Xbox One that the public seems most excited for is “Titanfall.” The game centers around a future war in which soldiers are able to fight by using giant “Mechs” to command the battlefield, but who also have the option to use the jet packs strapped to their person as a tool to facilitate dynamic warfare and thereby enable the battle to be fought from above and below the enemy Mechs. This game took this year’s Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) by storm. It was the recipient of over sixty awards including a record-breaking six E3 Critics Awards. The future seems to hold a lot of promise for this game, and it will no doubt be one of the crowning jewels of this coming launch season that ensures the Xbox One sells very well. In the racing genre, Microsoft can surely expect heavy demand for “Forza 5,” which will be competing directly with Sony’s racer game “Driver Club.” Lastly, another great game that will surely drive sales for Microsoft is “Byrne: Son of Rome.” The game follows Marius Titus, a Roman general on a quest for revenge.

As for Sony’s most anticipated exclusive game, it depends on whom you ask, since their roster of games is so varied. Fans of Massive Multiplayer Online games may be most excited for “Warframe,” a game where you are a space ninja fighting against an oppressive force known as the “Grineer,” a constantly spreading force attempting to conquer your solar system. The interesting caveat about this game is that it will be offered free with a PlayStation Plus subscription, which is equivalent to an Xbox Live subscription. Among the four blockbuster games that Sony has announced will be available before the launch window ends, the most anticipated game may very well be a tie between the two blockbuster exclusives available at launch, “Killzone: Shadow Fall” and “Knack.”

“Knack” is the next iteration in one of Playstation’s most important franchises and Knack is a brand new game that has struck a chord with the public. A close second to these two games would probably be “Drive Club,” which was supposed to be available at console launch but has unfortunately been delayed to early 2014.

In the end, we seem we will all definitely profit off from this recent console war no matter what system you end up buying. Prediction: Sony starts on top since it is being launched first and is coming in with good momentum, but in the long run Microsoft overtakes Sony for the number one spot.

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Although the college basketball season is less than one week old, one game has already served as a stark reminder of the direction in which this season might go.

No, it wasn’t last night’s epic No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown between Kentucky and Michigan State, although most fans certainly hope the rest of the year trends that way. Nor was it last night’s Kansas-Duke game that showcased the talents of freshman phenoms Andrew Wiggins and Jabari Parker.

Rather, it was a game that took place Saturday between Seton Hall and Niagara. Few outside the New York City area would even know the game took place, and I only casually followed along because both of my kids have degrees from Seton Hall and I grew up a Pirates fan.

A quick glance at the score, an 88-77 Seton Hall win, probably leads you to believe the game was your typical pre-season tune-up in which a big conference team takes care of business against a low-major team. A quick glance at the box score, however, reveals some truly horrifying numbers.

73 — the number of fouls called
102 — the number of free throws attempted
59 — the number of fouls in the game

If you’re a basketball fan, you know why those numbers are so high. The Seton Hall-Niagara matchup that same day.

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Brian Hartnett Sports Writer

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE — The Colts and Titans both feel embarrassed and disgusted with themselves, ready to move. They got to do so quickly.

Indianapolis is coming off its worst loss since 2011, and Tennessee just became the first team to lose to the Jaguars. So both the Colts and Titans are eager to play again, even if their bodies still ache with a four-day turnaround.

The faster the better so at least one team can ease the pain in this AFC South showdown.

“We that can get back on the field as soon as possible and atone for our sins if you will,” Colts quarterback Andrew Luck said of playing Titans’ night.

“I’m sure the Titans are feeling the same way,”

The Colts lost 38-8 to St. Louis and former Titans coach Jeff Fisher. A win would give them the victory since being routed by 55 points in New Orleans in 2011. They fell behind early — again — and Luck couldn’t pull them out of another hole. Still, they have a two-game lead over the Titans in the AFC South, and a win would give them a road victory over each divisional team.

“We know that’s going to be a heavyweight fight,” Colts coach Chuck Pagano said.

The Titans not only are trying to bounce back from a short week but also the loss of their starting quarterback. Jake Locker suffered a Lisfranc injury to his right foot in last week’s 29-27 loss to Jacksonville, moving Ryan Fitzpatrick into the lineup for the rest of the season.

This is the first of two games between these teams in three weeks. A Tennessee win not only tightens the knot in the division but keeps a franchise chasing its first playoff berth since 2008 in the mix for the AFC’s final wildcard berth.

“Being able to get the Colts two times in three weeks, that’d be pretty good for us if we can pull that off,” Titans running back Chris Johnson said.

Here are four things to watch Thursday night between the Colts (6-3) and Titans (4-5):

Bounce Back Colts:
Under Pagano, the Colts are a perfect 7-0 in games after a loss. Pagano credits his players and coaches for believing in their system. Titans coach Mike Munchak said the success on one person: Luck.

The quarterback stole two wins from the Titans last season, rallying the Colts to an overtime win in Nashville, and from 13-down at halftime in Indianapolis.

“They have a quarterback that no matter what the score is can bring you back and win football games a lot in a short period of time,” Munchak said. “The key is their quarterback staying healthy, and he usually plays very well.”

Titans’ Chise: Safety Bernard Pollard says the Titans are cursed, something they must break. The veteran who won a Super Bowl with Baltimore last season said the Titans are too talented a team to keep finding ways to lose. To him, the curse is being complacent.

“I don’t think their franchise that hasn’t reached the playoffs since 2008. Munchak said he thinks his Titans are motivated and played sloppily with four turnovers against the Jaguars.

Replacing Wayne:
T.Y. Hilton has had two of his four 100-yard-receiving games in the two outings since the Colts lost Reggie Wayne to a torn ACL.

But the Colts need more from their other receivers. The other four receivers combined for just one more reception (right) than Hilton had all by himself (seven) against the Rams. The Colts promoted Dr.Brock Fogens to the squad to give Luck more options.

Colts’ Domination:
Whether it’s Peyton Manning or Luck at quarterback the Colts dominate the Titans. The Colts have won three straight in this series and eight of the last nine. The Titans’ last win against the Colts came Oct. 30, 2011, in Nashville with Manning sidelined by neck surgery and Matt Hasselbeck at quarterback for Tennessee. The Titans cut Hasselbeck in March looking to save some money, and now he’ll be trying to beat the Colts’ sideline backing up Luck.

NCF Men’s Basketball

Purdue Adds Three During Early Signing Period

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE — Purdue landed commitments from three out-of-state players on national signing day Wednesday.

Coach Matt Painter isn’t finished. Just hours after Ohio natives Vincent Edwards and Dakota Mathias and Massachusetts prep star Jacquil Taylor all signed national letters-of-intent, Painter said he would like to add a center to the recruiting class this spring.

Edwards, a 6-foot-7 forward from Middletown, Ohio, averaged 21.0 points and 12.3 rebounds per game. Mathias is a 6-5 guard from Eldia, Ohio.

He averaged 25.3 points, 9.5 rebounds and 6.4 assists as a junior. Taylor, a 6-9 forward, has been billed as the best big man to come out of Cambridge, Mass., since Patrick Ewing. Taylor averaged 15.1 points, 8.3 rebounds and 3.2 blocks as a sophomore but was injured last season.
Saint Mary’s opens season

By MIKE GINOCCHIO
Sports Writer

With the start of the season comes the opportunity to improve upon the previous year. For the Belles, that journey begins when they travel to De Pere, Wis., for this weekend’s St. Norbert Tournament.

With a young team in the 2012-13 season, Saint Mary’s finished 5-20 after graduating one of the highest-scoring classes in school history. Going into this season, Belles head coach Jennifer Henley said last year’s struggles will serve her team well.

“We need our young players to gain experience and they did exactly that. The team we are putting together this season has come back stronger and more confident in their abilities and we are anxious to get started. We have a solid group of freshmen who will contribute right away and continue to get better with each practice.”

The Belles will look to rely on the play of experienced veterans like senior guard Shanlynn Bias, who was named to the All-MIAA Second Team last season. In addition, Saint Mary’s will benefit from continuity, as the returning core of players accounted for more than 80 percent of the team’s scoring and roughly 79 percent of its total rebounding last season.

However, for things to go better, Henley stressed the importance of tightening up defensively.

“Every season we want to be better than the previous one,” Henley said. “Right now we have to become a better defensive team, especially in the transition game. As we head into the weekend, that will be key for us along with rebounding and limiting our turnovers.”

The Belles will benefit from a good test this weekend, as they will face off against Wisconsin-Whitewater in their first game. Last season, the Warhawks finished as the national runner-up in the NCAA Division III Championship game.

“We are going to have our hands full with Whitewater,” Henley said. “They are a veteran team with a lot of experience. This will be a great challenge for us that we are all looking forward to.”

On Saturday, Saint Mary’s will face the winner of Friday’s matchup between Northland and St. Norbert. The Lumberjills are fresh off a 6-18 season, while the Green Knights return 12 players from last year’s 15-9 team.

The Belles travel to De Pere, Wis., on Friday to take on the Warhawks at 6 p.m., before concluding play in the tournament Saturday.

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Belles travel to Regionals

Saint Mary's will return to Calvin in Grand Rapids, Mich., for the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional Championships on Saturday.

The Belles will try to continue their successful run following a third-place finish in their most recent competition, the MIAA Championships.

In that 6-kilometer race, senior Jessica Biek propelled the Belles and set a personal record for the second consecutive race.

Biek pulled off her ninth-place finish and continued her streak of first-place finishes among the Belles with a time of 22:46.

With momentum on its side, Saint Mary’s will attempt to beat formidable competition and its 19th-place finish from just a year ago at the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional Championships. By comparison, Biek’s personal-best time would have been good for 30th last year. On Saturday, Biek will run her last race with the Belles.

Additionally, Saint Mary’s will face two of the region’s top teams in Calvin and Hope for the second consecutive race.

Earlier this month at the aforementioned MIAA Championships, Calvin won decisively with only one team, Hope, within 80 points of its final score. Calvin senior Nicole Michmerhuizen finished second on the team with a time of 22:13. Calvin freshman Cassie Vince also starred for this week’s host with an individual first-place finish with a blazing time of 21:36.

Outside of Calvin and Hope, however, Saint Mary’s figures to be very much in the competitive mix. In contrast with last year’s team, the Belles’ time in their last race (1:58:40) would have been fast enough to finish in 11th at last year’s regionals.

Saint Mary’s has continued to improve on its 6-kilometer time this year, finishing with faster times each time they’ve run over the entirety of the season.

Saint Mary’s concludes its season with the Division III Great Lakes Regional Championships on Saturday in Grand Rapids, Mich., at 11 a.m.
Irish try to extend winning streak over weekend

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

With their first two wins under their belt, the Irish look to carry their momentum into the weekend during matches up Valparaiso on Friday and Wisconsin on Saturday at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Last weekend, the Irish defeated Pittsburgh and Virginia Tech in an ACC tri-meet. Junior Emma Reaney and senior Kelly Ryan each claimed the top spot in three events. Freshman Katie Miller won the 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke and finished second in the 1,000-yard freestyle.

Reaney said the Irish plan on keeping their energy up with two more meets this weekend.

“We just have to remember how good it felt to finally get those wins, how much we had to fight until the end of the longest dual meet we’ve ever had to get them.” Reaney said.

After such a dominant weekend, the Irish are looking forward to relaxing as they take on Valparaiso.

Reaney said she’s looking forward to the meet as a chance to bond with her teammates.

“I think Valparaiso will be more of a fun meet than an intense, tiring one,” Reaney said. “It will be a good chance for us to get to swim our off events and still get a win.”

On Saturday, the Badgers will be coming off of a Friday dual meet with Northwestern. Most recently, Wisconsin dropped a dual meet to Stanford, 201-85.

Reaney said the battle against Wisconsin should prove to be more challenging for Notre Dame. If the Irish keep their minds focused, Reaney said they have a good chance at a win.

“We’ve been working on the details,” Reaney said. “Finishes and relay starts are a big thing.”

Reaney said the amount of training the Irish have been doing has made them realize they have the skill to fight through exhaustion.

“We are working hard again this week, but we have to realize that we can still swim fast in meets even when we are tired.” Reaney said.

The Irish face Valparaiso on Friday at 5 p.m. before welcoming Wisconsin to Rolfs Aquatic Center on Saturday at 11 a.m.

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Volleyball

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and Wednesday we focused on Miami and watched film on their attackers and defense,” Houser said.

Houser said the team will review Miami’s team one last time Thursday before the match.

The Hurricanes are currently on a three match losing streak and fell 3-1 to Florida State on Wednesday night. Yet Houser said in order to win against an ACC opponent, it is important for the Irish to focus on their own playing.

“I think the way we stop a team is honestly just by being good on our side,” Houser said. “We know what we need to do in order to win. It’s just a matter of each individual stepping up and performing in her specific role.”

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Irish coach Mike Brey leaves the court after Notre Dame’s 95-69 exhibition victory over Indianapolis on Oct. 28.

Irish forward Luke Harangody comparison just in the ability to find the basket,” Brey said. “He scores the ball from a lot of different places. He’s undersized, but the body is interesting in that the wingspan is long. So he makes up for maybe 6-5, 6-6 in height with about a 7-foot wingspan.”

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Sophomore midfielder Patrick Hodan looks to pass the ball during Notre Dame’s 1-1 tie with North Carolina on Sept. 8.

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“It was a magnificent goal,” Clark said.

Prior to the goal, Hodan was the spark in the Irish offense. Multiple times in the first half Hodan put the Irish in positions to score with his ball control and skills in crowded areas. In the 25th minute Hodan almost picked up a goal when he beat two defenders on the right side of the box and put in a low cross that trickled past the Duke keeper and had to be cleared off the goal line by a Blue Devils defender.

“He has a way to freeze play during games,” Clark said. “He somehow finds space and time and just glides past defenders. He is also a great finisher, so when you combine that with his finishing ability, he’s tough to stop.”

Hodan played in all 22 games last season as a freshman but only logged two starts. He had 17 points on six goals and five assists in his rookie campaign. This season, Hodan is a regular starter and has had to fill an offensive void in the midfield left by former All-American midfielder Dillon Powers, who was second on the team in points as a senior in 2012. Hodan is currently second on the team with 14 points on five goals and four assists.

“As a sophomore, he is a big part of our offense and he carries our midfield,” Clark said. “As a freshman he had a big role coming into games and since then, he has taken a big step in the midfield.”

Whatever the team needs at the time, Hodan wants to be in that role, including handling the pressure situations.

“I hope to just help the team in whatever way I can, in whatever position, and however I can help the team best,” Hodan said.

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Silence is golden

Soft-spoken Hodan powers offense, helps No. 1 Notre Dame advance to ACC semifinals

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

Patrick Hodan may be soft-spoken, but his play on the pitch speaks louder than any words.

“He is a quiet player,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said of the sophomore midfielder. “He has a quiet sense of humor and always has a smile. He is not a loud voice, but he is a great fit for the team and for Notre Dame. He is a terrific player, a very strong student and a great athlete.”

When pressure is at its highest, the Brookfield, Wis., native is at his best.

Last season in the Big East quarterfinals, Hodan scored two goals and had one assist in Notre Dame’s 4-2 comeback victory over Syracuse on Nov. 3, 2012.

This season, on Oct. 19, the Irish (12-1-5, 7-1-3 ACC) were down 1-0 at half against North Carolina State, but in the 54th minute of Hodan netted the equalizer and then went on to assist junior defender Max Lachowecki’s game-winning goal. The victory kept Notre Dame undefeated and in contention for the ACC regular-season title.

For Hodan, pressure is not a feat of individual mental fortitude, but a collective group effort.

“Our team is very good at handling pressure situations,” Hodan said. “It’s something we work on at practice and it’s really a team mentality that we have to work hard and execute in pressure situations.”

Tuesday night in the 59th minute of the ACC quarterfinal matchup against Duke, the sophomore midfielder struck again. Off of a free kick set up by sophomore midfielder Connor Klekota and senior forward Harry Shipp, Hodan struck a volley home for the one-time game-winner.

Irish sophomore midfielder Patrick Hodan looks to pass during Notre Dame’s 1-1 draw with North Carolina on Sept. 8. Hodan is second on the team in points and tied for second in goals.

ND looks to down ’Canes

By MEREDITH KELLY
Sports Writer

The Irish will meet Miami (Fla.) again Friday in Miami, Fla., after already defeating the Hurricanes, 3-1, on Oct. 18.

Notre Dame (11-14, 5-9 ACC) and Miami (Fla.) (15-9, 8-6 ACC) will square off at the Knight Sports Complex on Friday at 7 p.m.

Irish junior middle blocker Jeni Houser said the team intends to replicate its performance from the last time it faced Miami in order to capture another win.

“Our defense and blocking will remain the same as well as deep shots down the line from our outsides and right sides,” Houser said. “We should also keep the same mentality to get the job done and win in three [sets].”

Last time against the Hurricanes, junior outside hitter Toni Alugbue powered Notre Dame with 16 kills, and senior right side Sammie Brown recorded a double-double with 15 kills and 13 digs.

Houser said even though Notre Dame already captured a win against Miami, the Irish need to improve upon some weaknesses upon which Friday.

“We need to work on stopping the quick attacks from Miami’s middles,” Houser said. “Also just making sure we pass steady on serve receive.”

The Irish had a full week of practice this week. Houser said when the team came in Monday it had a flush workout to help the team recover from a long weekend of matches.

“Tuesday we came into practice and worked on our side of the net.”

Irish junior setter Maggie Brindock reaches for the ball during Notre Dame’s 3-1 victory over Bowling Green on Sept. 6.

Irish sign class of 2014 recruits

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Editor

Replete with talented youth on the perimeter, the Irish turned to the paint and added a pair of frontcourt players to the program, as 2014 recruits Bonzie Colson and Martin Geben signed National Letters of Intent on Wednesday.

Colson and Geben officially put pen to paper Wednesday morning during the early signing period, and they will enroll at Notre Dame in the fall.

“We really targeted frontline guys after recruiting what we thought was a very good perimeter and one frontline guy in the current freshman class,” Irish head coach Mike Brey said during his teleconference Wednesday afternoon. “But to come back and add these two guys, I’m really excited. Again, they’re great fits for us.”

In the class of 2013, Notre Dame added now-freshman guards Demetrius Jackson and Steve Vasturia, as well as perimeter-oriented forward V.J. Beachem. Freshman forward Austin Torres was the only true big man in last year’s class.

ESPN ranks Colson, a 6-foot-6, 200-pound forward from New Bedford, Mass., as the No. 25 power forward in the nation and rated him a four-star prospect. Though he may be undersized compared to traditional power forwards, Colson is different, according to Brey.

“I think with Bonzie the worst thing you can do is put a position on him, say he’s a four or a power forward,” Brey said. “Bonzie truly is a basketball player and he’s a beautiful basketball player.”

Brey praised Colson’s feel for the game, some of which the Irish head coach attributed to Colson’s father, Bonzie, Sr., who was a four-year starter at center for Rhode Island. Colson, Sr., then went on to serve as an assistant coach at George Washington and Boston College.