ND offers Ireland opportunities

By GRACE McCORMACK
News Writer

In 2014, more Notre Dame students than ever will travel across the ocean to spend the summer in Ireland through programs offered by Notre Dame International Studies, according to the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies and the Career Center. Peggy Weber, assistant director of off-campus programs at Notre Dame in Ireland, said that a nation can be built on world that a nation can be built on foundation of dignity, restorative justice and personal sacrifice.

Students react to Pinstripe Bowl

By LESLEY STEVENSON
News Writer

The announcement that Notre Dame accepted a bid to the Orange Bowl in Miami. "From what I understand, the Pinstripe Bowl is a relatively new thing," junior Chris Tricarico said. "Obviously, you want the BCS National Championship, but I feel like it's a pretty prestigious bowl game." Sophomore Heather Fredrickson said she had made plans to visit New York before the bowl announcement was made Saturday. She said she was "stoked" to have the opportunity to go to the game.

Professor inhabits Lyons

By NICOLE McALEE
News Writer

When accounting professor Edward Hums graduated from Notre Dame in 1975, he never imagined he would return to campus as a resident, let alone in a women's residence hall.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is your favorite type of chocolate?

Jun Kim
sophomore
Stanford Hall
“Dark.”

Grace Mittelstaedt
sophomore
Pasquerella East Hall
“Ghiradelli chocolate.”

Glory Kim
sophomore
Breen-Phillips Hall
“Caramel Toffee Sea Salt.”

Dougie Barnard
junior
St. Edward’s Hall
“Milk chocolate.”

Clarice Juska
sophomore
McGlinn Hall
“Dark.”

Austen Taylor
sophomore
Carroll Hall
“Cinnamon-roasted dark chocolate almonds.”

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CLC discusses assault

By KYLE WITZIGMAN
News Writer

The Campus Life Council (CLC) met Monday afternoon at their final weekly meeting of the fall semester.

Luis Llanos, chair of the Diversity Council, updated the CLC about group’s resolution passed about a month and a half ago and passed on to administrators last Thursday.

“I have been in contact with the administration [about the resolution],” Llanos said. “They’re going to meet up next week and then we will discuss all the points in depth. They have all been positive about it.”

The focus of the meeting turned to student government’s campaign against sexual assault on campus. Student Body President Alex Coccia said plans are underway for a spring semester project.

“When we come back in the spring semester, student government is facilitating a student engagement campaign. The campaign title is One is Too Many.”

“Coccia said in depth. They have made sure proper support is in place, there is the process of the dialogue. We want to make sure that aspect is more difficult, but still possible.

“We will focus on University and Irish Row, but we’re also looking at social media pledges and getting off-campus people involved,” he said.

Coccia said logistically, that aspect is more difficult, but still possible.

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SMC nursing professor studies diabetes

By TABITHA RICKETTS
News Writer

Results released this week from a Loyola University Chicago study suggest that vitamin D supplements can help decrease pain in women suffering from type-2 diabetes and depression.

Mary Byrn, assistant professor of nursing at Saint Mary’s, was a member of the study’s original research team and said she has been involved in research since graduate school.

“I got involved in that study as a graduate research assistant,” Byrn said. “My area of work (obstetrics) — labor and delivery — so since it’s women, it fit into my area.”

Byrn said the study was originally looking at the impact of vitamin D supplements on moods.

The subjects, women with type-2 diabetes and depression whose blood showed vitamin D deficiencies, were examined twice over the six-month supplement intake period, she said.

“People seem more willing to take a vitamin than a medication, so I think if we can find this to be an effective treatment people will be more likely to stick to that treatment,” she said.

Loyola researcher Sue Penckofer has been given a $1.49 million grant to conduct further studies into the effects of vitamin D. According to a Loyola press release, the vitamin D supplements in the study were provided in doses of 50,000 International Units (IU) per week, which averages out to about 7,000 IU per day.

Compared to the normal recommendation of 600 IU a day, Byrn said this is a significant increase.

“We work with an endocrinologist and a cardiologist and [500,000 IU] is what we’ll use with their patients when their patients come in with insufficient vitamin D levels,” she said. “They’ll use this 50,000 to get them up into normal levels.”

Since the study will only involve women who meet the requirements, which includes having a demonstrable vitamin D deficiency, Byrn said there is little risk of incurring the negative side affects of too-high levels of vitamin D.

She said Penckofer’s new study would examine the impact of only a small subset of supplementary vitamin D, to validate and further the results from the previous study.

“The new study is going to be randomized, so half of the people will get 50,000 IU (of vitamin D) and half of the people will get a normal vitamin D dose (of 4,200 IU),” Byrn said. “Hopefully, since there will be two groups, we’ll be able to see if it’s really the high-dose vitamin D that’s contributing to these results.”

Although these studies have included only a small subset of the population, she said she believes the results may end up being applicable to people across the board.

“With the next study, we’ll have more validated findings,” Byrns said. “Then our conclusions of the effects of vitamin D will be stronger, and then we will hopefully be able to get general practice physicians to start checking people’s vitamin D levels when they come in for their regular check up.”

She said she sees the results of this study as providing a cost-effective treatment for a healthier population.

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programs, said the strong connection between the University and Ireland offers students the chance to experience the country through its summer study abroad program, sponsored internships or even a weekend trip. Weber said the various programs are particularly valuable for students who are not able to study abroad during the normal school year. “We’re just trying to think of more opportunities and ways to help students who couldn’t normally, especially, partake in the experience,” he said.

The trip itinerary includes visits to Irish landmark and a personal visit with President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins, an experience in which Notre Dame study abroad students and interns can also participate. “There is a lot of Notre Dame support, and for the short time that you’re there, whether for the internship or the eight-day trip, the days are packed with experiences so you can come back with a good idea about Ireland,” Weber said.

Students who cannot fit studying abroad into their college plans can still explore Irish culture through internships sponsored by Notre Dame’s Career Center and the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies, which Weber said are great opportunities for students from almost all academic disciplines. “Because we have the [Notre Dame football] game there last fall, more and more companies are interested in having Notre Dame students come and intern,” Weber said. “There are also a lot of Arts and Letters internships.”

Currently, only six internships sponsored by the Keough-Naughton Institute are available on the Career Center’s Golisano website, but Weber said more will be posted in the future. “An [Irish] internship is different than the type you would have in the U.S. because there you’re working with mentors at Notre Dame and Ireland to really integrate the experience,” she said.

Notre Dame’s presence in Ireland enhances the internship opportunity that makes students more comfortable living abroad, according to Weber. “The first week you’re going to be there is a welcome week when you tour around. Then, every Tuesday there’s a dinner, and there is no isolation...and besides the Tuesday night dinners, every weekend there are different trips,” she said. There would be an internship coordinator who was available 24/7 to help and coordinate.

“Sometimes, [doing] an internship in a city where you didn’t know anyone could be very isolating, no social life in the evening, and this way you can avoid that.”

Hums (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

will continue to live in Lyons next year, and whether the faculty-in-residence program will be expanded.

A native of Mishawaka, Hum said he did not live in a residence hall during his time at Notre Dame, so living in Lyons marks his first time as an on-campus resident at the University. Hum said he decided to move into the residence hall because he perceives as a growing disconnect between students and faculty. “I sense that somehow the faculty and students, when Notre Dame was a little smaller, were together, and over time they have grown more apart,” Hum said. “I just sense that more and more, students and faculty do not have the opportunity to meet as much as we used to, and I thought it was a good idea to take some steps to change the situation.”

Hum said he is using to making himself available to students, but living in a residence hall is a good way to be even more accessible. “The best thing about living in a dorm is surrounding yourself with students,” he said. “I’m a Notre Dame graduate and my wife has a master’s degree from Notre Dame. It gives us an opportunity to be with students and gives us an opportunity to learn from students. It gives the students an opportunity to learn from us.”

Hums that Squeak the cat is a great icebreaker to encourage students to visit. “Our secret weapon is our cat,” Hum said. “Students like to come over to pet the cat because they have pets at home and they miss their pets.”

Despite its benefits, dorm life still takes some getting used to, Hum said. “It is a change. There are some challenges,” he said. “Obviously, student hours are not the same as faculty hours. Some of us are up and teaching at eight in the morning. Students don’t go to bed at 11 o’clock at night.”

Morgan Stanley
Fixed Income Trading Game

Morgan Stanley would like to acknowledge and congratulate the winners of the trading game.

Nicholas Holuta — October Winner
Stuart Moss — November Winner

Winners will receive first round on-campus interviews with Morgan Stanley.

Bowl (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Sophomore Jack Szigety said he looks forward to incorporating his hometown of Ridgewood, N.J., into his game day experience and welcoming his Notre Dame friends into a part of his life they have never seen before. “The Pinstripe Bowl has provided the opportunity for myself and others from the New York metropolitan area the chance to be at home and close enough to a Notre Dame game, which is something that the students from Chicago get all the time,” Szigety said.

“Another great thing is that I have a lot of New York pride and I love the city and the area that I’m from, and the Pinstripe Bowl has given me a chance to both attend and watch a football game as well as entertain my friends who are from different areas who are going to come,” he said. “So I get to show a piece of me off to people who normally wouldn’t have the opportunity to see where I’m from.”

The president of the Notre Dame Club of Long Island, John Pennacchio, said the presidents of all the Notre Dame clubs in his region, which includes the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, found out during a previously scheduled regional meeting that Notre Dame accepted the bid. He said they began making plans during the meeting.

“We want to show we’re very supportive of Notre Dame out here,” Pennacchio said. “We have a big alumni base out here so we’re very excited, and we want to do as much as we can to welcome Irish fans from across the country to this national game. We want to show that the rest of the country that New York is a big Irish supporter.”

Andrew Wilson, president of the Notre Dame Club of New York City, said his club was “happy” to welcome Notre Dame back to Yankee Stadium four years after their 2010 matchup with Army. “The Notre Dame Club of New York is excited to be the host club for the 2013 Pinstripe Bowl,” Wilson said. “New York City is an amazing place, especially, I think, during the holidays. “Even if the temperature is not traditional bowl weather, thousands of alumni and students in the New York City area are ready to hear the greatest of all university fight songs in the city soon.”

Tricario said Yankee Stadium would add a special significance to the game. “I’ve been a Yankee fan my whole life, so just being in the stadium is going to be an awesome experience,” he said.

Sophomore James Elliott said the bowl would be a departure from where he normally sees at Yankee Stadium.

“I’m pretty glad it’s at Yankee Stadium,” Elliott said. “I’ve been there a lot, and it’s kind of cool because I’ve never been there for anything but baseball before.”

Students can purchase one or two tickets for $50 each through their student ticket accounts until Wednesday, John Breeden, ticketing associate director in the Athletics Department, said. He said the Athletics Department would not organize a ticket lottery this year.

“We feel we have enough supply this year to meet demand,” Breeden said. “This is not the always the case. We’re confident we can meet any student demands as long as [their tickets] are ordered by Wednesday.”

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collectively. While Mandela’s presiden-
tcy ended in 1999, his impact on
South Africa is lasting, Nel said.

“If it weren’t for him, a lot of what’s going on in South Africa wouldn’t be possible. He was the big instigator of [ending apartheid] and making sure that everyone had equal opportunity,” Nel said. “Regardless of who you are, regardless of white or black, it’s very important
that everyone have the same opportunity and [Mandela] brought that to South Africa.

“Back home they call him ‘tata’ and that’s the word for father. I think that’s very fit-
ting. Everyone saw him as the father, ‘tata.’”

Saint Mary’s sophomore
Emily Rojas studied in South Africa this semester but had returned to the United States when she learned of Mandela’s death. She said a friend still in the country called her and asked her if she had heard the news.

“I said ‘no,’ and she said ‘Well, Nelson Mandela passed,’” Rojas said. “There was a pause from both ends, and she said the country is in a standstill and from TV to people in the streets, you can feel the sadness, the mourning.

It was something that really hit home. It hurt be-
cause he was like a father, a figure you could look up to, because he spoke so much about having people of dif-
f erent races, different na-
tions come together and be
unified.’”

Nel said while it would be
amazing to be back home for the ceremony commemor-
ating Mandela’s life at FNB Stadium next Saturday on Tuesday, he still feels he is able to pay his respects from afar.

“Everyone knows who Mandela is and I think to-
morrow’s ceremony is going to attract so many viewers from across the world,” Nel said. “Everyone around the world revered him and knew that what he did was good for South Africa.”

Nel said he believes Mandela’s actions inspired people around the world to stand up for their beliefs and accomplish good work.

“He was a great man. He was a role model for a lot for South Africa,” Nel said. “I don’t think we would be where we are without him and we are very lucky to have a man of that caliber in South Africa.”

Rojas said she believes Mandela’s legacy will con-
tinue to motivate the whole world to take action.

“Beyond the country, I think he impacted the world,” she said. “Everyone should become educated on what he did because [he taught that we need to] dignify every individual despite the fact they are African or Zulu, from whatever part of the world, and I think that is something the country itself embraces. The people who really took what he said, it helped themselves shape into who they are.”

Nel said being in South Africa taught her more about Mandela’s legacy than anything she read before the trip.

“I realized how much he shaped and molded the country, and I don’t think that his legacy is going to end,” Rojas said. “This is just the beginning toward a more unified nation, and that was his vision.”

Nel said there are many positives things that can come from Mandela’s life, but he believes forgiveness is the most important.

“The biggest positive that I think anyone can take of [his life] is his ability to for-
give,” Nel said. “Yeah, there were many mistakes and accomplished life. Hundreds danced and sang in the streets, while others took a moment to light a candle and write a message on a memorial wall that had been set up.”

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mative power of education has also inspired my years of work to offer orphaned and vulnerable children free schooling,” Horn said.

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Legacy

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justice and compassion,” Horn said.

Horn first became a volunteer teacher in South Africa in 1997, he said.

“This means I have had the op-
portunity to live through much of South Africa’s prevention
of[democracy].” Horn said. “Much has changed from the early years, when there was still so much uncertainty about how long peace would last.”

“Nelson Mandela’s leadership in those early years was critical to laying the foundation for a lasting peace, and to creating a framework for truth and reconciliation,” Horn said.

Horn said he spent Friday eve-
ing following Mandela’s death
with the crowd gathered outside the former president’s home in Johannesburg.

“The reaction to Nelson Mandela’s life has been largely celebratory,” Horn said. “Mandela was 95 years old at the time of his passing, but he was very much a part of the daily and accomplished life. Hundreds danced and sang in the streets, while others took a moment to light a candle and write a message on a memorial wall that had been set up.”

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schools, shopping malls, restau-
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Notre Dame ISSLP

participants reflect.

Notre Dame’s Center for Social Concerns (CSC) funds International Summer Service Learning Projects (ISSLP) for students interested in broadening their views about economic disparity in the world, according to their website.

Pickle Corrison, a senior sociol-
ogy major, spent eight weeks vol-
teering at a children’s home called
Open Arms for Children in Komga,
South Africa, this summer through the
CSC.

“ISSLP lets you serve while fully entering communities and build-
ingsolid relationships with the people,” Corrison said. “I think that just is such a fundamental part of the hu-
man experience — being able to enter the lives of others and create relationships that are meaningful.”

Corrison said she chose to do ISSLP in South Africa because she would be able to live and serve at a children’s home, and because of her interest in the way apartheid shaped South Africa.

“The legacy of apartheid is still evident in Komga today,” she said. “Across from the Open Arms prop-
erty is the location, where the black people live. So segregation still ex-
sists. It consists of small houses in tight quarters. We only went to the white area on weekends, we were really restricted to staying on Open Arms property due to safety concerns.”

Following the death of Nelson Mandela, Corrison said she wrote a reflection about her time in South Africa and how Mandela’s legacy continues to shape the South Africa she knew.

“South Africa still suffers; so do the children that I lived with and cared for in Komga,” Corrison wrote. “This past summer was incredibly diffi-
cult. I saw how structural poverty shapes the lives of children; I wit-
tessed the inequality and socio-
economic aparthied that remains post-apartheid.

“Yet the beauty of a country brought together by its past of separation which is committed to a shared future is undeniable. Nelson Mandela personified unity in a post-apartheid world. He was a hero, in ways that we can’t pos-
sibly begin to understand; he was a father, South Africa’s Tata.”

Mandela’s work touched the lives of each of the children at Open Arms for Children by giving them an opportunity to grow into them-
seles, she wrote.

In her reflection, Corrison said Mandela’s tribal birth name, Rolihlahla, means troublemaker. Mandela made trouble for injustice and bigotry, he brought a nation of systematic and deep-seated apartheid together through just and reconciliation. He helped made South Africa a place where children can dream,” she wrote.

Through the CSC, junior sociol-
ogy major Jackie Paul completed the ISSLP along with Corrison.

Following the former presi-
dent’s death, Paul wrote a reflec-
tion about Mandela’s legacy. “One does not have to look far to realize that Mandela’s influence was not bounded by the borders of South Africa,” Paul wrote. “The world continues to mourn the passing of this international figure who con-
trues to be a heroic example, and I continue to pray for the hopeful country of South Africa.”

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One nation under God

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Four years ago, almost to the day, I watched “Rudy” with my mom to celebrate my acceptance letter from Notre Dame. Hugh was tall, Rudy was relative, and Jan was ready to celebrate. Rudy was my hero. He was a fake rudy. His way onto the football field and ended his way off the field as a joke. The jersey scene in Dan Devine’s office never happened. Joe Montana says they carried the football scene in Dan Devine’s office never happened. Joe Montana says they carried the jersey scene in Dan Devine’s office never happened.

Today is the day for your second clue. To claim the jersey I once wore on my back. For clue #2, just one figure you’ll need. I know a guy who can lead you to it indeed. He is a single like me, but on the opposite side. If I said he’s not fast — well, then I lied. He is tall, dark and handsome — we are one and the same.

The chocolate games, day 2

Louis Nix
Senior
In your hearts
Dec. 10
Hello friends. Guess what? It’s Advent!

“No,” you say, “it’s the week before finals and you have reading to do, a seminar paper to write and a concrete design project to finish. Go back to the library and do your work.”

This year, more than most, it seems to me that there is a lack of space for the appreciation of Advent. It may be because my last final is less than five days before Christmas or that the workload I have to carry to the end of the semester is heavier than normal, but I feel especially weighed down. I’m sure some of you have similar feelings. I think it is for reasons such as these that the seasons, both liturgical and natural, serve to slow us down and help us to remember what is most pressing. Whether it is in a day of fasting or in a day where we need to press on, whether it is in a day of sacrifice or in a day where we need to rest, the seasons seem to say, “Get your head out of your Word document, textbook or class notes and remember you are a human being!”

Advent is cool because it also says, “The creator of the universe, Love itself, became a human being.” In light of this, we have four weeks in which to intentionally hope for Love. It is this hope that helps us to better realize we are persons.

Speaking of people, this summer a wonderful person gifted my house with a bamboo tree. I promise this relates. It was really just a little six-inch stick in a small glass cup filled with rocks and water. As the branch sat on our table I thought about the huge bamboo trees I helped harvest to frame houses on a farm in El Salvador and the saxophone-sounding bamboo flutes I got to play in India during summers past. I wondered if our small plant would one day be a tree or a flute or some other cool bamboo thing. Unfortunately, the aspirations I had for the little bamboo tree were soon forgotten and this semester we found it dry, dead and still six inches tall.

We were going to just throw it away. But someone in the house decided to keep watering it for a while to see if anything happened. Recently, we were surprised to see that a new shoot is starting to grow from the dead stick in the glass cup. At mass this Sunday the bamboo plant surprised me once again — it sprouted in the first words of the first reading, “On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and from his roots a bud shall blossom.”

The hopefulness of Advent is like the hopefulness of watering a dead plant.

I know that papers, projects and tests are important. But the whole reason we do these things is because of our personhood. Sometimes, I need to remind myself that the reason why I am at school is because I love to learn and have passions related to what I am studying. I’m not just a paper-writing, test-taking machine. I am a person.

So how do one remember their personhood from behind a laptop because you really have to get this paper done? Although the answers to this probably number as many as the different people in the world, I suppose one way could be that when we minimize the document, go get some food or shut our eyes for a few moments, we don’t do it out of procrastination, but out of an intentional hopefulness.

Not procrastination, but intentional hopefulness. What does that mean? I think at the heart of it, it means to not throw our hands up exasperated in the emptiness, but to search for Love, to hope for Love. When things seem dead or futile, we can do something like watering a dried out bamboo plant while seeing the flute it will one day be.

In this foolish anticipation we hope for Love. As we are hoping for Love, we realize the people around us are hoping for too. In this recognition, we have the opportunity to do more than just water our own plants — we can be a little bamboo shoot for another.

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What might have been in San Diego

In national commentary on the subject and in more than one personal conversation I have had, the sentiment among many Americans remains the same: if ever the time was right for an Independent political movement in the United States, it is now. Given the frustration many have with the hyper-partisanship and gridlock in our political system, with a sound strategy, broad-based support and enough funding, who knows how far the right candidate might go as an Independent.

The question is — what would that candidate look like?

Three years ago, Nathan Fletcher was a California state assemblyman and a rising star in the Republican Party.

He was a young, well-spoken legislator with a decorated military background in the U.S. Marine Corps. A fiscal conservative and social moderate, Fletcher helped get a remarkable 21 pieces of legislation passed in his first term in the California legislature. He appeared destined for higher office.

In 2012, Fletcher ran for mayor of San Diego. Weeks after he failed to win the endorsement of the San Diego County Republican Party, Fletcher surprised many and announced he was leaving the party and running as an Independent. Despite an initial bump in the polls, Fletcher finished third in the election.

In the spring of 2013, while working in the private sector and with no immediate election in sight, Fletcher announced he was registering as a Democrat. It was a switch, Fletcher said, that came about as the result of a variety of factors, personal and ideological.

When then San Diego mayor Bob Filner resigned in August amid revelations of harassment and misconduct, Fletcher was the first candidate to file his paperwork to run in the special election to replace him. Early polls showed Fletcher leading the race.

The special election was held on Nov. 19, with the top two finishers scheduled to compete in a runoff election early next year to determine who would be the next San Diego mayor.

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“This election marks the end of my time in politics,” Fletcher said the day after the election.

The man who three years ago seemed set in the fast lane to higher office is now walking away from the public spotlight.

But while many (including myself) were disappointed to see Fletcher leave the GOP, it’s even more curious to wonder what would have happened if Fletcher, a down-to-earth, decent man with working relationships on both sides of the aisle, had remained an Independent.

What if he successfully fielded criticisms from the left (he’s a conservative in sheep’s clothing!), and the right (he’s a liberal phony!) and played them to his advantage, brandishing himself as the “new breed” candidate above the fray of partisanship, beholden only to the citizens?

Though Fletcher voiced a version of this message throughout his recent campaign, how much more convincing would it have been coming from an Independent?

What if that message of responsibility, leadership and responsiveness to the citizens turned out to be a winner? Seventy-one-year-old Michael Bloomberg, New York City’s Independent mayor, is about to hand the keys to the Big Apple over to his liberal successor, and presumably, leave politics for good. What if a 37-year-old West Coast mayor took over the title of “highest profile Independent in America?”

While it might be easy to wonder why these hypotheticals matter to anyone but political junkies anxious to see them play out, the truth is, what happened in America’s eighth largest city would have had implications for others running for higher office around the United States.

What if Fletcher was the right candidate, if not to run for president, to start that conversation?

What if, what if…

Maybe it is impossible for a centrist to win major office when competing against well-funded attack machines on the left and right. Or maybe the right candidate still hasn’t come along.

Maybe the case of San Diego was the opportunity for Independent leadership that slipped through America’s fingers. Or maybe that opportunity was never meant to be. We can only wonder what might have been in San Diego.

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Music is something that is easy to take for granted. It’s all around us, almost always available through our technology or voices. But just thinking back a year ago, there was so much music we didn’t have!

Here’s a list of 20 tunes you’ll be glad 2013 offered us, as well as a short description of each song.

**“Hold on, We’re Going Home” – Drake**

So there’s this loving, rich, famous guy singing to you as he takes you home. And he’s even polite and romantic instead of predatory and sexual. Subdued, sexy, thick production and silky harmonies too? Ladies…

**“Humiliation” – The National**

This song is like floating down a lazy river at midnight with the stars shining off the water, and as time passes the river goes faster and faster until you fly out of the water and become immersed in the sky.

**“dropla” – Youth Lagoon**

Youth Lagoon is riding on a unicorn through fields of flowery synthesizers and he wants you to come along to save the kingdom!

**“James” – Ex Cops**

The powerful guitar, driving drums and irresistible harmonies on this summery pop song make for a tune that is impossible not to like. Yes, that is a challenge.

**“I Kill Giants” – The Naked and Famous**

This song is The song to kill giants to. A huge, thundering bass drum riff, a soaring chorus, and champion-level rhythm guitars make this song the shout-along anthem of the year.

**“Help Me Lose My Mind” – Disclosure**

You’re a classy, sunglass-wearing model in a commercial for a high-end clothing commercial. And you are the coolest person around. That’s this song, essentially.

**“One Half” – Julianna Barwick**

You know that really beautiful girl you looked at from across the room who seemed like she belonged to another world? This is her in song form: angelic, beautiful and mystical.

**“Mirrors” – Justin Timberlake**

If I could be another person for just one day, I would be Justin Timberlake so I could sing this song to my girlfriend. And so I could look at my beautiful face in the mirror and sing it to myself.

**“Lips and Limbs” – Waxahatchee**

Another indie acoustic song! You’re probably like, go back to urban outfitters! But I’m like, this thing has a strumming, tambourine heart that will love your ears, forever. And, of course, your friends will “never have heard of them.”

**“Open” – Rhye**

Best trumpet line of 2013. Best snaps of 2013. And honestly, this woman’s voice is so richly textured that it sometimes sounds like she’s singing harmonies when in fact she’s only singing one line. The smoothest, most entrancing love song of the year, and the best produced.

**“Retrograde” – James Blake**

The immaculate vocal hook will have you singing along in your embarrassingly bad falsetto in twenty seconds or less.

**“Play by Play” – Autre ne Veut**

The play by play: ambient waves of psychedelic synth evolve into a dramatic, swooning verse, which swelter and build through a tension-filled bridge that changes sound every four measures. The massive chorus drops with circling vocal lines and gorgeous harmonies. It’s R&B at its most catchy and adventurous.

**“Step” – Vampire Weekend**

Best pop song of 2013. No contest. Seriously, where does Vampire Weekend find all these melodies and witty, heart-touching lyrics?

**“Song for Zula” – Phosphorescent**

You know those “golden notes” in songs that make your heart sing for a half-second? Phosphorescent invited about fifty of those to a party and you’re invited.

**“WHOREHOUSE” – CEO**

This song is a party. There’s all these vocal samples jumping in and out amidst flashing light synthesizers and a bass that bounces and dances all over the place. Indie-pop song of the year.

**“Wings” – Haerts**

If Red Bull was a song and tasted good, it would be this song: epic, soaring vocals over thundering drums and catchy-as-hell melodies. If you’re about to do something awesome, this song will naturally start playing in the background, movie-style.

**“Wild for the Night” – ASAP Rocky**

Let’s see—dubstep and rap. The two kinds of party music actually synthesized well. Go home, other party songs. You lose.

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By ERIN McAULIFFE
Scene Writer

Oh Lorde(s)! the Grammy nominations are out! (And praise “Yeezus” we have been spared another opportunity for Miley Cyrus to “perform” at an awards show.) It seems as if the judges or God or Kanye or whoever is in charge of this stuff took an easy way out. Awarding nine nominations to Jay-Z and seven to Macklemore and Justin Timberlake. Here’s a haiku expressing my opinion:

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This year’s nominations do not include the alternative acts we have become accustomed to seeing in the past years. We’ve seen Mumford & Sons, Bon Iver and Arcade Fire all steal the show. This year’s nominations skipped out on the alternative spectrum in favor of pop in the big categories, including Album of The Year and Best New Artist. Vampire Weekend’s “Modern Vampires of the City” or Tame Impala’s “Lonerism” were only nominated in the Alternative Category. The acclaimed sister trio, HAIM, was denied any nominations.

While writing this article I decided to listen to some “Yeezus” to get hyped. I am currently fist-pumping and head-banging as hard as one can while remaining seated. Somehow Kanye only came away with nominations for Best Rap Album and Best Rap Song. However, I am convinced that, “Kanye had one of the best albums of all time.”

Another controversial musical icon of 2013 was missing in the Grammy nominations. Miley’s hits, “We Can’t Stop” and “Wrecking Ball”, did not garner any nominations, while Miley’s album, “Bangerz,” missed the September 30 cutoff for eligibility. Although I am a Miley fan (haters to the back), I do believe this was a wise decision. Not only are her songs not Grammy-worthy (however, apparently “Blurred Lines” isn’t), but I also do not think this year’s world’s middle-aged conservative mothers could handle another nude bikini instance in their suburban family rooms.

4. “Insidious Chapter 2”

The original “Insidious” was a great haunted house film, with some of the creepiest imagery and most truly frightening scares seen in that genre in decades. The issue with the horror genre the imagery and scares don’t transfer that readily to sequels, making films such as “Chapter 2” that attempt to capture the spirit of their predecessors by retreating old grounds feel predictable and dull. The dialogue dragged for eons and what should have been a build up to the scares really just put audiences to sleep. By far the most disappointing point of the movie is the conclusion, which does not really conclude anything and sets the story for an absolutely unnecessary threquel.

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The problem with “Man of Steel” is not that it was necessarily a bad movie, it’s just that there was no way for it to live up to the feverish levels of hype surrounding it. With Christopher Nolan producing and Zach Snyder of “300” directing, Superman’s fans were hoping for the next “Dark Knight”. Instead, we got something that resembled the ugly hybrid of that and a Michael Bay film. The action sequences are loud, explosive and exciting at first, but David Goyer’s script that alternates between the past and the present kills the momentum of the movie, and pushes Man of Steel into the generic territory. The final fight against General Zod initially is incredibly stunning, but quickly grows stale as it drags on for the next half hour. The movie seems to be steeped in the pretentiousness of the Dark Knight Trilogy without having anything groundbreaking to show for it. With the upcoming Batman and Superman film, Nolan has a chance to turn things around and rediscover the things that made his previous forays into superhero films so intriguing.

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2013 was a big year for the box office, with record numbers across the board and a plethora of great films hitting the big screen. However, as many great movies as there were, Hollywood delivered a number of flicks that weren’t particularly good, and some that were just downright awful. (“After Earth,” apparently that still wasn’t enough time. “A Good Day to Die Hard”)

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The best bowl game of this year will be played on Dec. 28 on the East Coast featuring an once-proud powerhouse college American team that will soon be relocating to a different conference. And along the way, some eyes may be pinned on Yankee Stadium for Notre Dame’s “showdown” against Rutgers early in the day, your eyes should move to Orlando, Fla., for Miami’s matchup against probable first-round pick, junior quarterback Teddy Bridgewater, and No. 18 Louisville.

Now you’re probably thinking about Miami and going, “Wow, why would I watch that team?” The last three times (in the Sun Bowl against Iowa in 2000, 12-0 against Notre Dame and this season against Florida State) I watched them, they lost by a combined 81 points.

And yes, the Hurricanes’ trademark win of the season came against 4-8 Florida and not against the top ACC Coastal team for the ACC Coastal. For a team with a three-game losing streak in the middle of November. But this is about much more than what the team put on the field.

I mean, they put enough out there to win nine games and garner a top-10 ranking at one point in the season. But now that the cloud of the investigation into them has been lifted, the ‘Canes are now full speed ahead in the Russell Athletic Bowl, the first postseason game for the school since the Irish throttled them in 2010.

So senior quarterback Stephen Morris will get one more shot at a bowl victory and Miami could capture its first 10-win season since 2003. In 2003, Miami still played in the Orange Bowl. Larry Coker was the head coach and the school was still in some odd conference called the Big East.

So is this game big for Miami? You bet. But I believe it.

But what makes this game even bigger is whom they are playing.

Bridgewater is from Miami. He went to the same high school as former Hurricanes quarterback Jacory Harris, who was going to be a Hurricane — until he wasn’t. Cardinals coach Charlie Strong (Florida’s former defensive coordinator) has invaded Miami-Dade County to poach the rich talent pool and bring them north. The Cardinals roster features 15 players from the Miami area, and relatively few players to the likely around transition for Strong.

Now, Bridgewater has blossomed into the potential first-round pick instead of a Jacory Harris clone, as I thought he could become. But he has quietly put together a nice (but not Heisman-worthy) season, throwing for 3,523 yards and 28 touchdowns with just four interceptions.

He has already defeated a team from his home state from the postseason, routing Florida in the Sugar Bowl a year ago. And while the stakes are slightly diminished, Bridgewater should still come ready to play against his once future school.

Early in the season, Louisville was widely regarded as a sleeper national championship team because of its high preseason ranking and easy schedule. The Cardinals did not face a ranked (at the time they played them) on their way to an 11-1 campaign.

But after their loss to then-ranked and future American Athletic Conference champions UCF, the Cardinals pretty much fell off the map. No one paid any attention to the machine that was buzzing in northern Kentucky.

So take a sandwiched into the bowl game with three consecutive seven-point wins, the Cardinals still averaged more than 35 points per game and ranked third in the country in scoring defense, yielding just 12.4 points per game.

If those storylines were not enough, Cardinals defensive line coach Clint Hurtz and used to coach at “The U” and was a person of interest during the NCAA’s investigation.

So take a hungry Miami team that will be facing a talented Louisville ladzen with high school teammates and add in a potential free agent that is battling for recruits. All you get is a great bowl game.

If you don’t think it will be, ask the Louisville coach on Twitter. He’ll surely convince you.

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Notre Dame opened up their season with a dominating effort in the Blue & Gold Invitational, winning 25 of the 33 at Loftus Sports Center.

Other than Notre Dame, only DePaul and Marquette were able to claim victories in multiple events, with three and two wins respectively.

Irish coach Joe Piane singled out the 400-meter runners as standouts for Notre Dame. On the female side, sophomore Margaret Bamgbose paced the group with a time of 54.32, and senior Michelle Brown was close behind with a 55.07 second place finish. The Irish also finished one-two in the male 400, with senior Patrick Feeney and junior Chris Giestling leading the field with times of 46.67 and 47 seconds, respectively. But Piane said one performance in particular impressed him the most. “The person who may have had the best evening of all was junior Keith Mesidor,” Piane said. “He won the 60 [6.90], he won the 200 [21.88], and he won the long jump [7.37m]. That’s a pretty good start.”

Freshman Harvey Smith finished second to Mesidor in the 200, and in the long jump senior Logan Renwick and junior Carson Barnes rounded out a top three sweep for the Irish. According to Piane, the Notre Dame’s runner-up finishes are equally as important as their victories, as their depth is vital, between now and when we get back from Christmas break. This is going to be a very difficult time, because frankly they’re gone.”

“Not only did we have a lot of kids win, but we had seconds, we had thirds,” Piane said. “You look at the women’s 400 and the men’s 400, they were very deep. We’ve always had a couple hurdlers do well. So it wasn’t just one person… the competition may not have been the strongest, but it indicated we have a very deep team.”

The Irish further showed their depth by taking the top three spots in the women’s pole vault, with senior Kelly Burke’s 3.60m vault narrowly edging out sophomores Libby Schichtel and Allie Sullivan. A top-two finish in the Men’s 1000m was made more impressive because both runners were freshmen, and Piane said he is excited to see what both runners do the rest of the season.

“In the men’s 1000, you had Jake Dumford [2:26.95] win it, and ChrisMarco [2:26.98] was second, and the difference was just three hundredths of a second.” Piane said. “Those kids ran very, very well, and the future is very bright for them. So those two would probably be the most impressive freshmen.”

Even after this successful meet however, Piane said the team cannot afford to relax. He said the upcoming Christmas break will be a critical time for the Irish to focus on improving.

“We just have to keep on training,” Piane said. “The next six weeks are going to be vital, between now and when we get back from Christmas break. This is going to be a very difficult time, because frankly they’re gone.”

Notre Dame’s next meet will be January 18th, the Michigan Invitational in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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Irish junior Chris Giestling celebrates after a 400-meter race during the Alex Wilson Invitational on March 2. Giestling finished second to teammate senior Patrick Feeney in the 400 at the Blue & Gold Invitational.
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the beginning of 2012. While it exceeded all rational hopes last year, Notre Dame did not live up to the standards it set for itself in 2013.

The Irish did have their moments this season, winning a few games against impressive foes. The 17-13 win over Michigan State looks a lot more impressive than it felt at the time. Pass-interference controversies or not, the Irish were the only ones that found a way to beat the Spartans (12-1, 8-0 Big Ten), who ended the regular season fourth in the BCS rankings. Notre Dame also registered a midseason 37-34 win over Arizona State in Arlington, Texas. The Sun Devils (9-3, 7-2 Pac-12) ended up 14th in the BCS standings, while No. 25 USC — another team the Irish bested — also showed up in the final poll of the regular season.

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Irish sophomore midfielder Koke Kokekate moves in on Wisconsin sophomore midfielder Drew Conner during Notre Dame’s 4-0 victory in the second round of the NCAA tournament on Nov. 24. The Irish will face New Mexico in the semifinals of the NCAA College Cup on Friday.

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Happy Birthday: Take your time getting the facts. You will be faced with confusion based on poor assumptions. Set your own pace, and do not let others make decisions for you. Change will be necessary with regard to home, family, and partnerships. Set reasonable goals and stick to your plan. Letting outsiders interfere will be your downfall. Know what you want and finish what you start. Your numbers are 7, 16, 13, 21, 28, 37, 49.

ARIEST (March 21-April 19): You call the shots. Your wisdom and charm will attract others who can offer favors and information that will help you reach your goals. A partnership will turn into a long and profitable connection. Romance is highlighted. Share your feelings. Your numbers are 7, 10, 13, 21, 29, 37, 46.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You call the shots. Your wisdom and charm will attract others who can offer favors and information that will help you reach your goals. A partnership will turn into a long and profitable connection. Romance is highlighted. Share your feelings. Your numbers are 7, 10, 13, 21, 29, 37, 46.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll need discipline to finish projects that need to be wrapped up before the end of the year. Offer suggestions, but do not part with your cash. A service you can offer others will be well-received and bring in additional funds. Your numbers are 7, 10, 13, 21, 29, 37, 46.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Concentrate on getting odd jobs finished. Preparation will make your job easier, allowing you more free time to spend doing something enjoyable. Adjust your plans and changes to your life and overall personal look. Love is highlighted. Your numbers are 7, 10, 13, 21, 29, 37, 46.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A unique approach or new connections can fuel your creative imaginations. Knowledge and honing your skills will spark an idea that can lead to extra cash. Don't let anyone limit what you can do. Be diplomatic but firm when faced with oppositions. Your numbers are 7, 10, 13, 21, 29, 37, 46.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Fortify your financial strategy. If you've been impulsive or emotional when it comes to spending, pull back and cut corners. Help an older relative or friend, but don't take over. Suggestions or physical assistance is one thing; meddling is another. Your numbers are 7, 10, 13, 21, 29, 37, 46.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A change at work or with a partnership will come about quickly. Don't get surprised when you should be prepared to move without skipping a beat. Discipline and hard work will pay off. Reconnecting with an old friend should be done cautiously. Your numbers are 7, 10, 13, 21, 29, 37, 46.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take on whatever comes your way and you will send an impressive vibe that will help you control what's going on around you. Using friendly pressure to get what you want will be a good idea. Social networking will put you in touch with people you've never met before. Love is highlighted. Your numbers are 7, 10, 13, 21, 29, 37, 46.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll need discipline to finish projects that need to be wrapped up before the end of the year. Offer suggestions, but do not part with your cash. A service you can offer others will be well-received and bring in additional funds. Your numbers are 7, 10, 13, 21, 29, 37, 46.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take on whatever comes your way and you will send an impressive vibe that will help you control what's going on around you. Using friendly pressure to get what you want will be a good idea. Social networking will put you in touch with people you've never met before. Love is highlighted. Your numbers are 7, 10, 13, 21, 29, 37, 46.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What you do for others will be beneficial. Personalize a job you've been given. Make up your own mind about spending. Someone will recognize your talents and offer you greater stability and hope for the future. A little daydreaming will help you recognize new possibilities. Your numbers are 7, 10, 13, 21, 29, 37, 46.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your ingenuity, coupled with insight and reliability, will help you find a way to turn around a situation that seems hopeless. Make up your own mind about spending. Someone will recognize your talents and offer you greater stability and hope for the future. A little daydreaming will help you recognize new possibilities. Your numbers are 7, 10, 13, 21, 29, 37, 46.

Happy Birthday: You are a humanitarian. You have vision and a persistent drive to succeed.
Irish win second game of Gotham Classic

By JOSEPH MONARDO
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Notre Dame notched another victory in its second game of the Black Rock Gotham Classic, and it was not any more comfortable than the first. The 70-59 victory over Bryant came after the Irish (7-2) struggled to pull away throughout the game and held a lead as tenuous as four points with two and a half minutes to play.

“Another hard game from a good team that can win their league, and I think it’s a great experience for us,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “We could never really get flowing offensively, so we really had to fend to get out of there tonight. Keeping them in the 50s, keeping their shooting percentage down is why we won the game, because we never really got into an offensive flow.”

Much like in Saturday’s 80-75 win over Delaware, senior guard Jerian Grant, senior center Garrick Sherman and junior forward Pat Connaughton led the way for the home team.

After dropping 25 Saturday, Grant led all scorers with 23 after dropping 25 Saturday, while Connaughton secured his second-straight double-double with 17 points and 11 boards.

Grant also kept Bulldogs junior guard Dyami Starks in check, limiting the nation’s eighth-leading scorer to 12 points on 4-for-12 shooting.

“Another hard game from an offensively fabulous,” Brey said. “That takes a lot of energy and a lot of concentration and never really let that guy get going.”

Irish senior guard Jerian Grant drives to the basket during Notre Dame’s 84-69 victory over Santa Clara on Nov. 22. Grant scored 23 points and led the Irish to a 70-59 win over Bryant on Monday at Purcell Pavilion.

Irish junior midfielder Nick Besler moves upfield during the team’s 2-1 NCAA quarterfinal victory over Michigan State on Saturday. Irish outrebounded Bryant 44-30 in the game. While Sherman and Connaughton brought down 24 of those rebounds, Irish senior guard Eric Atkins contributed six boards while freshman guard Demetrus Jackson recorded four of his own.

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Irish are set for run at title

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Maybe it was having the weight of the No. 1 seed on their shoulders this time around.

Maybe it was having the wee wizard leading the team.

Maybe it was just time for Notre Dame to finally punch its ticket to the College Cup.

Never before have the Irish (15-6-1, 7-1-3 ACC) played in the semifinals of the NCAA Championship, but now for the first time, the Irish will do just that at PPL Park in Chester, Pa. on Friday against No. 7 New Mexico.

No. 1 CCLA is out, Connecticut knocked out the top-seeded Bruins in the Round of 16.

No. 2 Washington is out. New Mexico (14-5-2, 7-1-1 Conference USA) saw to that with a 1-0 victory in the semifinals.

The No. 3 Irish are the highest seed remaining, but their competition is formidable.

No. 8 Virginia went on to beat Connecticut, while No. 5 Maryland defeated No. 4 California to punch their respective tickets to the Collegiate Cup.

Irish junior midfielder Nick Besler moves upfield during the team’s 2-1 NCAA quarterfinal victory over Michigan State on Saturday.

When looking at the statistics of the four remaining teams, the Irish lead the defensive categories, only giving up 17 goals on 214 shots for a goals against per game average of 0.77.

New Mexico is close behind in the defensive categories, giving up 18 goals on 148 shots for a goals against average of 0.98. Virginia (13-5-5, 4-3-3 ACC) has given up 23 goals on 195 shots for 1.00 goal against per game, while Maryland (16-3-5, 7-3-3 ACC) gave up 29 goals on 231 shots for a goals against average...