**ND Forum to focus on academics**

Series includes Nobel Prize winner, Boston College theology chair, Duke President

By MADISON JABOS

News Writer

With 65 different undergraduate degree programs offered at Notre Dame, each student graduates with a different body of knowledge behind his or her diploma. This year, the Notre Dame Forum will examine the most important common lessons by tackling the question, “What do Notre Dame graduates need to know?”

University President Fr. John Jenkins told The Observer on Monday that Notre Dame’s ongoing curriculum review determined this year’s theme. Jenkins said the discussions at these events would help inform Notre Dame’s academic policy and would reflect on how today’s students can best serve the world and the Church.

“What (the University is) going to have to do is listen to [the Forum speakers] and say. ‘Okay, are there implications for our requirements? For what we do at Notre Dame? For the education we offer? For what we require for a Notre Dame degree?’” Jenkins said.

The first Forum event on Sept. 15, “Taking a Scientific Approach to Science Education,” will feature Carl Weiman, Stanford University professor and winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics, in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. An Oct. 6 event will see FORUM PAGE 5

Facility host public Ferguson discussion

By MATTHEW McKENNA

News Writer

Jason Ruiz, assistant professor of American Studies, and Dianne Pinderhughes, professor of political science and Africana Studies, hosted an open forum Monday on the recent events in Ferguson, Mo., to discuss the implications these events have on racial and societal issues.

Ruiz said the forum’s timeliness supplemented discussions people should have in and out of the classroom.

“I’m teaching this class, Mixed Race America, and I thought starting with Ferguson was an obvious place to start a critical exploration of race relations, and especially race relations,” Ruiz said. “I always start the class talking about ‘What is Race?’ and right now when we ask ourselves ‘What is Race?’ Ferguson is looming large in terms of the state of American race relations.”

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The University of Notre Dame recently ranked No. 11 on SaveOnEnergy.com’s Top 25 Eco-Friendly Football Schools. The SaveOnEnergy.com team reviewed the annual preseason rankings released by the Associated Press and created their own rankings based upon each university’s commitment to sustainability. Notre Dame tied with the University of Oregon for the 11th spot on this list.

“We used the AP Top 25 list because we wanted to take something that everyone was already talking about and present a new twist on it,” Stephanie Dula, SaveOnEnergy.com’s community manager, said. “We thought it would be an interesting way to turn something sports related into something that are interested in issues like sustainability.”

Dula said SaveOnEnergy.com’s ranking process rated colleges on the topic of race on campus.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is your favorite class you’ve taken at Notre Dame?

Abby Blanchard
Senior
Badin Hall
“Minority Experience in American Education.”

Ellen Coticchia
Sophomore
Farley Hall
“2D Foundations.”

Teri Dye
Junior
Pasquerilla East Hall
“Organic Chemistry because I learned how to make bombs.”

Mike Rotar
Senior
Off-campus
“Irish Tap Dancing.”

Rachel Broghammer
Junior
Ryan Hall
“Politics and J.R.R. Tolkien.”

Hoeju Son
Junior
Off-campus
“Irish Tap Dancing with Professor McKenna.”

Professors and students come together at the Information Technology Management “Meet the Firms” event. The event, held at the Morris Inn, allowed students in several technological majors a glimpse at life after graduation.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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Free Flu Vaccines
Stepan Center
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Wednesday
Fall Career Expo
Joyce Center
4 p.m.
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Thursday
Faculty and Staff Mass
Log Chapel
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
In memory of 9/11.

Friday
Volleyball
Purcell Pavilion
3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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Film: “The Congress”
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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Professor explores concept of Irish hearth at Snite

By Gabriela Malespin
News Writer

Ian Kuijt, professor of anthropology at Notre Dame, presented his findings regarding the importance of the hearth and its connection to the narrative of Irish immigration in the Snite Museum of Art on Saturday.

Kuijt’s research, titled “The Empty Hearth: Archeological Insights into Irish America,” centered on the documentation and analysis of archeological findings on Inishark, an island located approximately eight miles off the coast of the mainland and abandoned in 1960 in less than 24 hours.

The hearth is a fundamental concept in Irish narrative, Kuijt said. “It is both horribly interconnected with the mainland, yet it is very separate,” Kuijt said. “In some ways, they take very different trajectories, and these trajectories are very powerful in terms of understanding the immigrant experience, understanding the mobility of people between islands and understanding the mobility towards America.”

According to Kuijt, the study’s record of the position and state of Inishark’s buildings as well as the presence of valuable remnants of ceramics and pottery suggest that the island’s inhabitants were well connected. Kuijt said the remains in the hearths also reveal population and housing trends on the island leading up to its abandonment.

“These are interesting buildings that we have accomplished; second of all, because they provide this sort of hybrid technology, well-made technology for this point in time,” Kuijt said. “This is a place that’s largely viewed as being a marginal context, yet this is showing us that these people had access to trade markets. There are all kinds of interconnections.”

Kuijt’s research documented descendents of the families whose hearths he originally examined, he said. The remains of the hearths and the stories of Inishark’s descendents reveal the sacrifice and fragmentation of their hearths and the stories of survivors of the famine within the context of hybrid technology, well-made technology for this point in time.

“These are interesting buildings, first of all because they are rarely preserved; second of all, because they provide this sort of hybrid technology, well-made technology for this point in time,” Kuijt said.

“The big picture out of all of that is that when you think about what’s gone on, these are stories of survivorship, of people surviving under very adverse circumstances,” Kuijt said. “They are powerful stories we can think of is this is the human condition of people overcoming circumstances for the next generation.”

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Ranking
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six criteria: stadium sustainability efforts, number of active green organizations, waste diversion rates, percentages of budgets spent on locally grown or organic food, sustainability levels of Environmental Studies degrees offered.

“Two standouts for Notre Dame would be the waste diversion rate and the locally grown organic food. Both of those were scored higher than most other schools,” said Dula. “We were also impressed with the University’s Game Day Recycling program.”

Notre Dame’s Game Day Recycling program began in 2007 and recycled more than 120 tons of waste during the 2013 football season, according to Erin Hafner, senior program manager of the Office of Sustainability.

Game Day Recycling “is probably the most visible sustainability program surrounding football,” Hafner said. “It’s gotten to be bigger over the years. Student organizations now know about it because they can earn money towards their club or dorm.”

According to the Office of Sustainability’s website, a 48 percent recycling rate was achieved at the 2014 Rice football game, diverting 21 tons of waste from landfills.

“We are always honored when anybody looks at our program to rank us,” Linda Kurtos, Notre Dame Director of Sustainability, said. “It makes us happy with what we have accomplished and gives us motivation to rise to the top.”

Senior Garrett Blad, president of the environmental organization GreenND, said GreenND has “been instrumental in helping get some of the sustainability initiatives started on campus.”

Blad, who is pursuing a major in Sustainable Policies and Environmental Science, said he is “curious to see what other universities are doing and how we could look to their programs to help upgrade ours.”

According to Kurtos, the Office of Sustainability has plans to continue improving in the future.

“Our Game Day initiative is expanding much more into our other sports,” said Kurtos. “However, the current game day system for football is pretty tried and true for what we are doing.”

According to Dula, SaveONnergy.com wanted to highlight some of ways colleges reduce waste and save energy, not just during football games, but on campus in general.

“I think Notre Dame is making great strides towards sustainability,” Blad said.

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The Gigot Center for Entrepreneurship invites all University students, faculty and staff to attend the Irish Impact Social Entrepreneurship Conference Sept. 17-19 at the Mendoza College of Business.

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Pinderhughes said. "Seeing very nice range of questions," that not all the students were thinking about the situation. See what the students were and without a formal presentation, very fact the forum was open.

"The Notre Dame Forum continues to get stronger each year," she said. Although each event has a specific academic focus, Jenkins said he hopes the Forum brings to light the importance of a breadth of education for each college graduate, reflected in the University's core requirements.

"Currently, there are requirements that every student needs to take in science, in philosophy, theology, social science [...] and I think the thought is that for any educated person, they should have some knowledge of the scientific method or scientific discoveries, even if your major is business or English," Jenkins said. "Similarly, if you're a physicist, you should know about literature and you should know about philosophy or theology. Really, we all need a broad range of knowledge."

"The forum will hopefully also stimulate student introspection," Jenkins said. Everyone needs to think about, "what do I need to know?" -- whatever my aspirations are, what do I need to know to be a good citizen, to be a person who's informed, to make good decisions about the range of issues that I will have to make decisions about," he said. "So hope it stimulates reflection for each and every student on what they need to know, because ultimately they are the ones that are responsible for their own education, preparing themselves for the future."

The Forum, an annual tradition at Notre Dame since 2005, looks to foster discussion within the University community, Jenkins said.

"The challenge of universities, of course, is that sometimes we have various conversations going on but we don't all bring them together," Jenkins said. "The purpose of the Forum is to choose some topics that are timely in some way so that faculty and students -- and really the whole University -- can engage those at some level."

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To the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Happy birthday! With your special day, the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, being yesterday and all, I wanted to drop you a line just to say thanks. And in honor of the occasion, let me tell you a story.

A long time ago in a galaxy — err, city — far, far away .. a displaced five-year-old found herself entering uncharted territory when her parents enrolled her in an all-girls Episcopal prep school rather than the co-ed Catholic kindergarten just down the street. There was no room at the inn, so to speak; the kindergarten didn’t have room for the timid tot, and so she sojourned onward into the unknown.

Fourteen years later, she graduated from St. Mary’s Episcopal School and moved to a place where students studied under the same name — your name — but said it in French, because we at Notre Dame are all about producing global citizens.

Here, she learned how you, St. Mary, can do it all — read the whole legion of fans to cry out in support of our football team, our university and you of the 2012 Olympics or when my mother woke us all up at 4 a.m. to watch the Royal Wedding, although she herself said she didn’t really understand all the fanfare. However, there is something about the World Cup that makes even my relatively clueless-when-it-comes-to-sports mother engaged and even, dare I say it, a fan. There is a strong tradition of World Cup madness in our household. One summer, I believe when I was 15 and my sister Claudia was 13, she and I watched nearly every game. Granted, we both were not working full time jobs in the summer, and, much to my parents’ chagrin, the TV seemed far more inviting than putting on gallons of suncream and sitting outside in the oppressive D.C. heat. It was just simply more inviting to sit in the house and watch other people race around in the oppressive heat in some other foreign country, I believe that my mother might have started her campaign against air conditioning in the house, simply because we spent so much time watching other people play sports and not doing it ourselves.

This summer was slightly different, but a routine slowly developed around the beautiful game. Working a 9 to 5 job meant that there were only certain games I could watch more than half of, and they all started towards the end of my shift. As most of my friends and family know, there are very few things in life that I will actually shift myself to do; World Cup soccer matches happen to be one of them. I’d race home on the subway, forcing my way through the hoards of tired, angry people on their way home from work, keeping a keen ear out for any snippet of conversation even vaguely relating to soccer, whilst silent-praying there would not be a delay on my 4 or 5 train. I would then pelt heller-skelter across the final few blocks to my house, knocking over old people and children in the process, although allowing myself a few moments to breathe outside our local Gristedes to listen to the Spanish radio station along with several of the workers.

My family all have various motives for our viewership. One of my sisters watches the players on the pitch and describes them as “on point” (which is always helped by the slow motion camera shots that appear every so often across the screen). My mother watches any sport with a certain amount of questions, and my other sister Claudia points out that “if it came down to a match between England and the U.S., she’d pick the U.S.” much to the chagrin of my English parents and me. But it is a moment where my family of seven comes together, drinks tea and eats Cadbury’s chocolate to share in the beautiful game. And if something stops my sisters and I from bickering for almost 90 minutes, then it truly deserves the title of the beautiful game.

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As we approach another weekend on this campus, and others across the nation, I’m worried. I’m worried that I might receive an alert saying a woman has been sexually assaulted on campus. Our campus, as far as I know, is not one of those being investigated as non-responsive. But that is no comfort. We all should be disquieted, even outraged, when we look at the evidence.

For example, my worry was heightened recently when I read about a United Nations report that said one in 10 young women around the world will experience sexual assault by the time they turn 20 years old. Some studies of college campuses report even higher figures. The problem, research indicates, crosses social classes and geographical boundaries. It’s everywhere. Here too.

So what should we do? I can think of many things, including continuing difficult but respectful conversations about gender relations, and geographical boundaries. It’s everywhere. Here too.

Yes means yes

Jonathan Bolan
The Daily Cougar

Share a Coke: A desperate ploy for revenue

As August came to a close, so did Coca-Cola’s ineffective “Share a Coke” campaign — the memory of which is sure to fade faster than many summer tans.

Back in June, Coke began replacing its logo with a smattering of popular names, written in its iconic text, in effort to get their product in your hands and, presumably, the hands of your friends as well. The basic assumption being that if one’s name graces the side of the can, then he or she is likely to buy it because it’s personalized.

While few can deny the beverage’s delicious flavor, there was a hint of desperation to this campaign that left a sour taste. When a company has to resort to gimmicks in order for a product to sell, it’s an indication that something has gone very wrong.

Although the Coca-Cola brand remains profitable, the company has been dealing with the disappointing sales of its namesake beverage for some time now.

The Wall Street Journal suggests that American consumption of Coke has been on the decline for the better part of 15 years, spelling trouble for a company that “derives almost 75 percent of its global sales volume from carbonated soft drinks.” Additionally, the Huffington Post reported that each American drank about 54 gallons of soda per year in 1998; by 2013 that number dropped to 39 gallons, a decline that analysts project to continue.

It seems that sugary, carbonated beverages are simply not as commonplace as they once were — tastes and opinions are changing.

A 30 percent decrease in consumption indicates a systemic change in the way people perceive soda. It appears the philanthropic efforts, like those of First Lady Michelle Obama, to increase public awareness of obesity are beginning to pay dividends.

Americans are becoming more conscious of their weight and, more importantly, their overall health and are less willing to drink their calories. Caloric intake aside, consumers are also choosing to limit their intake of diet sodas, which contain synthetic sugar substitutes.

“I don’t drink much soda anymore because of the expense and health concerns — I’ve been trying to avoid Diet Coke because of the artificial sweetener aspartame that’s in it,” said English doctoral candidate Elizabeth Keating.

Whether speaking of calories or chemicals, health is the overarching theme and soda is perceived as being insalubrious. In other words, Coke has a serious image problem.

Given the fact that soda sales continue to drop, PepsiCo, Coca-Cola’s nemesis, has been proactive, focusing on its snack food division. It may come as a surprise that Frito-Lay and Quaker Oats, each offering an impressive number of products, are both holdings of PepsiCo.

According to the Washington Post, “Carbonated soft drinks make up only about a quarter of Pepsi’s U.S. sales, compared to 60 percent at Coke.”

Pepsi is outpacing its competitor in terms of adapting to changing demands in the marketplace. Rather than trying to convince consumers to purchase products that aren’t selling, Pepsi centers its attention on what is.

Meanwhile at Coca-Cola, in spite of the increased sales of the company’s offerings of juices, water and sports drinks, they continue to pump money into its poorest performer: Coke.

Over the next 3 years, Coca-Cola will spend 3 billion dollars stepping up its advertising, which is pretty unnecessary; if there’s one thing they’ve mastered, it’s brand recognition.

Everyone knows that Coke is out there, people just don’t want it. Coca-Cola, however, is sure that the customer can be convinced otherwise. The Share a Coke campaign has been reintroduced to persuade consumers to buy their product. Despite noble efforts, the company reported a 3 percent decline in revenue for the first half of 2014.

Share a coke? Not so much, and this isn’t the first time Coke has had issues. Art senior Andy Kirkendall said that he remembers the addition of New Coke being quite a blunder.

For those unfamiliar with this huge flop, Kirkendall is referring to the formula change of the classic Coke recipe in the mid-1980s. Consumers were outraged and the company quickly returned to the original, increasing sales.

Some believe that the reformulation was just a marketing ploy orchestrated by Coca-Cola. Whether New Coke was one big scheme may never be known, but Share a Coke certainly has gimmick written all over it.

Personalized cans shouldn’t be necessary for the product to sell. In fact, it should serve as a giant red flag. Rather than attempting to force the customer’s hand, Coca-Cola would be better off letting consumer trends speak for themselves and responding accordingly, as Pepsi has done.

Take a lesson, Coke — your competition understands your consumers better than you do.

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Every generation has a story.

In the crushing neo-capitalistic dystopia of Bikini Bottom, hyper-realistic characters struggle to live a meaningful life. Captain Eugene H. Krabs, a victim of his own economic success, suffocates the life of working-class Squidward Tentacles, whose dreams of becoming an artist are constrained by his day job, his thoughtless childlike neighbors and his own pathetically average talent. Sandra Cheeks, an alien in a bubble, violently attempts to preserve her own culture to the horror of her new neighbors and the listener. 

Percy Krabs’s massive metalcore pace — squidward’s racing snail’s pace, that is. 

Er, producer and multi-instrumentalist Neil Schneider, selecting as its source material the outcries and shrieks so-called “children’s show.” 

against the faux-cheerful soundtrack snippets from the show’s history, an angry mob ravages a defenseless elderly man on record. It’s a sonic jolt of green slime, flickering lights and unanswered phone calls that slash through the heart of the listener as it were hash. 

“How Tough Are Yah?” then delves straight into the heart of identity crisis. As Patrick screams that his name is not Rick, the audience becomes painfully aware of his predicament. Even if Patrick is not Rick, he’ll always be part Rick. Or maybe he’s Dirty Dan. The answer is unreachable, in a philosophical Davy Jones’ Locker. 

“Dubby Dan,” in addition to bringing the identity crisis to the forefront, shows off SPOONGEXORE’s production skills. Turning to dubstep from metal, “How Tough Are Yah?” coyly goes from the genre with the least melody to the genre with the least skill required to make. But magically, SPOONGEXORE’s has hammered the marble once and created the David: “Dubby Dan” hits with the force of Patrick’s nihilistic Ugly Barnacle narrative. 

Following “Dubby Dan” is “He Was Number One,” an exposition of fame and legend akin to Patrick’s posterior in the feature length. The equivalent of eating a bowl of nails without any milk, “Number One” divides believer from non-believer with one of Squidward’s brick walls. 

Ultimately, behemoth closer “This is Patrick” unload philosophical detritus on the listener, leaving the listener as salty as a pineapple under the sea. From confused nationality to person-as-establishment decroration to condemnation of certain Southern states, Patrick’s prophecies tear down the world around him like uranium bombs, leaving no survivors. The track’s heaviness reveals perhaps the most shocking truth of “How Tough Are Yah?” Given its thickness, artificial nastiness and likeness to egg product, the album could have only been made possible by using a secret instrument — mayonnaise. 

Perhaps the most brutal release the world has seen in years, “How Tough Are Yah?” is easily the best album of the year. There is less chance of it being topped than one of Spongebob forgetting pickles. It may bring hardship and truth, but one thing is certain: the xSPOONGEXOREs album is the album for you and me.

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By ALLEGRA WALLINGFORD
Scene Writer

I’ll admit, I was a little intimidated upon being tasked with writing a review of “Life Itself,” a documentary about Roger Ebert, one of the most popular and influential film critics of all time. On top of that, the film was a semi-autobiographical account based on Ebert’s memoir of the same title. Nevertheless, I’ll try to do the great critic justice.

Set to a smooth soundtrack of drawn out piano and horn lines, “Life Itself” delves into Roger Ebert’s past, looking at both his messy personal life and his incredibly successful career. An only child from Urbana, Ill., Ebert recognized his talent at a young age and once wrote, “I can write, I just always could. On the other hand, I flunked French five times.” After attending college at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Ebert became the Chicago Sun Times’ film critic and was the youngest daily film critic in America. As his critiques gained popularity, Ebert began appearing on television and eventually co-hosted “Sneak Previews” with Gene Siskel, a film critic for the Chicago Tribune.

While Ebert’s career flourished, his personal life was lacking. Bruce Elliot, an old friend of Ebert’s, stated “Roger had probably the worst taste in women of any man I’ve ever known. They were either gold diggers, opportunists or psychos.” Ebert spent a lot of time in bars, perfectly aware of his drinking problem. Eventually Ebert vowed to stop drinking and met his wife, Chaz, and the rest, as they say, is history.

The fact that all the commentary in this documentary comes from Ebert’s friends and family gives us a biased romanticized view of the critic, but this is to be expected. He had a subtle, self-deprecating sense of humor, he was a very talented writer, he had a great relationship with his wife, etc. While all of this was true, he wasn’t a particularly warm or friendly person, and this fact is mostly glossed over in the film. I say mostly because there are a few moments where his arrogant and stubborn side is pointed out.

After leaving “Sneak Previews,” Ebert and Siskel co-hosted a show called “At the Movies” (originally “Siskel & Ebert.”) The two could not have been more different and often found themselves in heated debates over the quality of movies they’d reviewed. Aside from films, the two could hardly agree on anything and often resorted to coin tosses to make decisions. Ebert was incredibly busy about the fact that the show was called “Siskel & Ebert” rather than “Ebert & Siskel,” and wanted the title to alternate names each week (this, of course, never happened). The duo’s relationship eventually morphed into a deep respect for one another, and they came to be great friends. Siskel said of Ebert: “He’s an asshole, but he’s my asshole.”

“Life Itself” does a nice job of depicting different aspects of Ebert’s life, with commentary from his wife, friends and coworkers. Ebert spent the last decade of his life battling cancer, and multiple surgeries and infections left him unable to eat, speak or drink. He was fed through a G-Tube and communicated by typing messages that an automated voice would speak. The film is definitely a tearjerker, and director Steven James does a beautiful job of showing Ebert’s determination and stamina even while his body shut down. At one point, Ebert types, “I may have things to be depressed about, but I am not depressed.”

He was happy with how his life turned out, and he didn’t let his physical deterioration ruin his view on, well, life itself.

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This past Sunday a whirlwind of students took the JACC by force in a post-shutout euphoria. The occasion? a celebration of the new Under Armour deal by selling the old, outdated-at-conception sports clothing and equipment. Yet, upon arrival barely an hour into the event, the festivities seemed more like the melancholy one experiences when walking into a long-looted grocery store during the zombie apocalypse. No twinkies, only XXL bright pink shirts.

If you can relate to this type of emptiness, I bring positive news from the lands of the sartorially-approved affordable loungewear. This past week, H&M and Uniqlo announced collaboration with Alexander Wang and Alexandre Plokhov (Helmut Lang), respectively, for athletic lines of clothing. The two fast-fashion companies have been known for reasonable costs and decent corporate practices, at least when compared to the rest of the fashion industry.

Both Wang and Plokhov tackle the same subset of clothing, men’s activewear, but two distinct styles emerge. Plokhov for Uniqlo follows the trend of mainstream modern fashion: slim and suave, but effective pieces in grey and black. Wang takes a risk with his H&M collection, as his concept work this past week gives a peek at a more blocky, in-your-face approach.

My fashion persuasions pull me towards Plokhov, as I was immediately starstruck by his willingness to put a contemporary spin into a “cheap” chain. His plain joggers and sweatshirts offer the simplicity that has more or less disappeared from lower to middle end fashion (an example of this is trying to find a baseball cap without a logo for less than $70). His hoodies leave something to be desired, but he makes up for it with the magnum opus of the collection: the turtle-neck sweatshirts and batwing hoodies he presents.

The turtle-neck sweatshirt is Plokhov’s response to the abhorrent chimney-collared sweatshirts that took Europe by storm in the past two years. Where the chimney-collar gives off an odd presence of trying to suffocate the wearer while being loosely draped over a collarbone, the turtle-neck offers the refinement that we last saw in Steve Jobs’ iconic tight, black counterpart. Meanwhile, the batwing hoodies provide an alternative fashion style to a chill night out. I would even consider wearing a button-down and tie underneath, slightly unzipped, to properly blend the desire to appear composed with the casualness of a mid-winter classroom.

Wang takes the opposite road: stand-out pieces that focus on the bulking aspect of sports. GQ claims that the collaboration is boxing-inspired and shot the preview in the middle of a ring. He seems to be sticking to his head-turning all-black men’s fall 2014 Ready to Wear collection featured prominently on his website. This collection is made even more exclusive considering his spring 2015 runway lineup, which promotes a return to the color palette, although still in minimalist measures.

Not keeping his involvement a secret, the designer emblazons “WANG” over croakies, socks, sweatshirts and shorts alike. This motif has varied success in terms of positioning. Whereas I would be comfortable with this block-lettered slogan across my chest, having it over my crotch for shorts seems less appealing.

Despite this daring, Wang’s simple puffer coats take the prize for the collection. Both seem to feature detachable hoods, an under-appreciated necessity today’s “bigger is better” coat trends. Perhaps they will be warm enough to last the winter.

This past week, Rihanna has been seen sporting Wang’s newest designs around New York City. If she had access to the ready to wear section, the women’s styles offer a much more form-fitting alternative to the men’s pieces. However, the “WANG” pattern is even more prevalent.

The collections are perfect for the expected Big Freeze of December through April. Stock up on the products, and make sure to pass off your now outdated sweats to your significant others, and keep your new stockpile far from prying eyes.

The Alexander Wang x H&M drops early November, while Helmut Lang x Uniqlo hits the shelves Sept. 22.

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Full disclosure; I know Monday was a very important sports day. Video of Ray Rice beating up his then-fiancée, now-wife, surfaced in the morning, and the Baltimore Ravens released the running back later that afternoon, with news of an indefinite suspension from the NFL coming shortly after.

Around the same time, the NCAA announced it will re-store Penn State’s postseason eligibility this season, effectively ending the program’s sanctions that were applied in 2011 in the wake of the child abuse scandal.

There’s no way I could do these topics justice — the Ravens and the NFL did what they should have done several months ago, while the Penn State announcement is just the latest in a series of inconsistent decisions by the NCAA that require more detailed explanation than what I can provide here.

So, we’ll go back to our regularly scheduled programming.

Unless you’ve avoided all forms of media, you know that yesterday marked the first Sunday of the NFL season.

It also marked the first Sunday of fantasy football, an activity in which nearly 37 million people participate, according to a CNBC.com article last month.

I had the first Sunday of this year when I saw the following question arise in my Twitter feed: “If my fantasy quarterback is playing against my favorite team, who should I root for?”

If you need to ask this question, you’re not worthy to be a fan of said favorite team. And you’ve also helped inspire me to list my main rules of sports fandom.

Never root for your fantasy players over your favorite team

I alluded to this before listing this rule, but I can’t reiterate it enough. Your fantasy players are a bunch of mercenaries hired to win you whatever is a paltry sum of money that, at least compared to your salary, you should have been checked and toyed with your roster. If you’ve followed the other rules I’ve listed correctly, your favorite team has been with you most of your life and given you plenty of happiness and heartbreak. If you follow the money, you’ve sold out. And you don’t want your buddies to see you as a sellout, right?

Always root for the team in your city/geographical area

It may be tempting to rebel against those around you by picking a team with cool uniforms, a star player or that — gasp! — is about to win a championship. But it ultimately leads to loneliness. Sports is perhaps the strongest unifying factor for many cities and regions, and it’s incredible to share the camaraderie that builds from a big win or playoff appearance. Plus, do you really want to gain a reputation as the weird one who wears a San Diego jersey all around Atlanta or a Boston cap in Kansas City?

Once you pick a team, you’re basically bound to it for life

Yes, there are exceptions to this rule. You can switch teams if you get hired to work for another one, if your family member or friend plays for another or if your team is relocated. Heck, I’m even fine with you picking a second team, provided it plays in a different city and confer from your original team. But you can’t just give up on a team because it has poor owners, it’s a perennial cellar-dweller, its coach is obnoxious or it changes its uniforms.

And if you’re the crafty type, never want to see one of your teams again, you can’t come crawling back when or if it ever becomes good again.

You have to at least know the basics about your team

I don’t expect you to watch every game — very few of us have schedules that permit that, plus many people move from their native regions. But we are in the glorious age when television and the Internet make nearly every game available to us. With so many resources, there is no excuse for you not to know the majority of your team’s starting lineup, its upcoming schedule and the last year in which it won a title. And if you don’t, make sure you should pick most of your players when you draft your fantasy team.

That way, we won’t see inept tweets that lead to columns such as this.

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Separate fantasy from reality

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Notre Dame takes down Purdue in season opener

Special to The Observer

The men’s club soccer team kicked off its season with a 4-3 home victory against Purdue on Sunday.

To begin the game, the Irish displayed hesitance and played at a slow tempo. But early in the first half, the team overcame its nerves, which enabled it to control possession of the ball and threaten Purdue on the counterattack.

Senior Mike O’Brien netted a breakaway goal thanks to a pinpoint through ball from senior captain Brian Roddy around the 15-minute mark. Shortly after, O’Brien scored his second goal off of a corner kick to put the Irish up 2-0.

Notre Dame showed no signs of slowing down for the final portion of the first half. Junior Tommy Flaim headed in a third Irish goal after another corner kick played by senior Matt Hickey. The remainder of the game was played more even with both teams exchanging chances back and forth.

While the Irish tallied a fourth goal off a penalty kick by O’Brien, completing his hat trick, they also allowed Purdue to score three late goals with many of the Notre Dame starters on the bench. However, the home team staved off the Boilermakers’ run to earn the 4-3 win.

The Irish were also supposed to take on Michigan on Sunday in a double header, but the Wolverines were not able to make the trip to Notre Dame.

NFL

Associated Press

Robert Mathis likely won’t get a chance to defend his NFL sack title.

Less than two weeks after starting a four-game, league-imposed suspension, the Colts’ best pass rusher sustained an Achilles’ tendon injury while working out privately in Atlanta.

A person with knowledge of the injury told The Associated Press on Monday that Mathis tore the tendon, which would keep him out the entire season. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team has not confirmed the diagnosis.

A few hours later, coach Chuck Pagano said he would not speculate on the severity of the injury or how much time Mathis could miss — until team doctors examine Mathis on Tuesday. But it sure didn’t sound promising.

“We knew we were going to be without Robert for the first four games, but this is really a dev- astating blow for Robert and his family and this organization,” Pagano said. “This one stings.”

The injury occurred while Mathis was away from the team, serving his suspension.

League rules prohibit Mathis from working out at the team complex or communicating with those inside the organization during his absence, so the Colts sent Mathis home with a workout regimen.

On Monday, Mathis contacted head trainer Dave Hammer to inform the team that he had injured the Achilles and had already been seen by one doctor.

Pagano said league rules do allow suspended players to contact their team if they are injured.

Mathis’ teammates were then told of the injury during Monday’s team meeting and the news hit hard.

“He’s a pillar guy,” inside linebacker Jerrell Freeman said with uncharacteristic somberness. “He’s definitely a leader and I hope he’ll be on the sideline coaching when he gets back.”

But it’s also another odd twist in what had already been a tumultuous season for the Colts’ career sacks leader.

In May, NFL officials announced Mathis would be suspended for the first four regular-season games after violating the league’s performance-enhancing substance policy.

Mathis claimed he was taking a fertility drug, Clomid, so he and his wife could have another child. But the drug is on the league’s banned list because it can be used as a masking agent for PEDs.

Mathis grudgingly accepted his fate after his appeals were denied. Critics contended that the substance explained Mathis’ sudden statistical surge last season, when at the age of 32 he set a single-season franchise record with 22 sacks and won his first NFL sacks crown. Mathis argued he was more comfortable playing his new position, outside linebacker, after converting from defensive end in 2012.

And also he was motivated to perform even better after some thought his numbers would drop significantly after long-time friend Dwight Freeway signed with San Diego.

At training camp, the 6-foot-2, 245-pound Mathis was frequently seen playing with his newborn daughter following practice, and even though Pagano acknowledged the Colts needed Mathis to get some work before the suspension, Indianapolis held him out of all four preseason games.

Before departing the team complex Aug. 30, Mathis left an inspirational note in his locker urging players and coaches not to take the game they love for granted. Defensive end Cory Redding explained it was simply “Robert being Robert,” a message that resonated throughout the team.

“I don’t want to talk about another man’s injury issues, medical issues, but, I do know I love Robert,” Andrew Luck said. “He doesn’t know how much he has meant to me as a rook-ie, second-year guy, off-season, everything.

Colts lose Robert Mathis for rest of season

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Grahek steps up for ND

By MIKE GINOCCHIO
Sports Writer

As Notre Dame begins the season with just two freshmen on its roster and a core of eight returning golfers, leadership will still be how the senior leadership guides the Irish, according to Irish coach James Kubinski. Kubinski said senior leadership has been mostly taken on by senior Patrick Grahek.

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Belles best Scarlet Hawks on Felix goal

Observer Staff Report

After a 4-1 road loss to Illinois Wesleyan on Sept. 2, Saint Mary’s secured its second victory of the season and its first on the road, against Illinois Tech on Sunday afternoon, beating the Scarlet Hawks, 1-0.

The Belles (2-2) took a 5-3 advantage in shots in the first 45 minutes of the game, with four players — senior defender Mary Kate Hussey, junior midfielder Kathryn Lueking, freshman midfielder Gabby Guerra and sophomore forward Liza Felix — accounting for these attempts taken on goal. Lueking led the team with two shots, but both soared over the crossbar. A multitude of fouls throughout the first half caused the Belles to rely on a surge of substitutions. The period ended with an unsuccessful shot on goal by Guerra, but the Saint Mary’s defense held Illinois Tech (3-2) without any shots on goal for the first half of the match.

In the second half, the Belles earned a corner kick within the first minute of play, but failed to convert on the opportunity. Later in the half, Illinois Tech junior midfielder Adrianna Maron shot wide right of the goal. Less than a minute later, Scarlet Hawks sophomore forward Anida Phetchanpheng put up the team’s first and only shot on goal. The attempt was unsuccessful, though, as Belles senior goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum blocked the shot to maintain the scoreless tie.

Saint Mary’s finally broke through the scoring threshold in the final 20 minutes of the game. After pressuring the defense and attempting 10 shots up to that point, Felix scored her first career collegiate goal and put the Belles up against the Scarlet Hawks, 1-0, in the 74th minute. Despite continued pressure by Illinois Tech in the remaining minutes of play, the Belles were able to hold on and take the shutout win.

Saint Mary’s held an 18-6 advantage in shots throughout the entirety of the game and 13-3 in the second period alone. In addition, the Belles dominated the Scarlet Hawks in shots on goal, 11-1, and corner kicks, 5-1.

Senior goalkeeper Nicole Papiernik and Rosenbaum combined to post the shutout in goal for the Belles. Rosenbaum also had the lone save on the night for Saint Mary’s.

The Belles will begin MIAA conference play when they take on Kalamazoo on Thursday at 4 p.m., at home, before playing conference rival Alma on Saturday.
**Football**

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Golson had a myriad of receivers to target Saturday, passing for 226 yards to seven different receivers. Kelly said after the game senior Amir Carlisle had a “statement” game, in which he had 63 receiving yards and caught the first two touchdowns of his Irish career. Sophomore receiver Will Fuller led the Irish with 89 receiving yards and had one touchdown. Kelly said one of Fuller’s biggest contributions was his catch on a fourth-and-three slant route, to keep the Irish alive on a drive in the second quarter, which resulted in a 14-0 lead.

“We really like [d] that matchup on the outside,” Kelly said. “As you could tell, we kept going back to it. We think that the emergence of Will has been in that he’s using his hands.... I think where he’s made great progress since the spring is his ability to flash his hands and really aggressively go get the football. Once he started to do that ... we felt a lot more comfortable being able to take advantage of those short matchups, as well. People are going to play off him, so he’s going to get some of those quick game slants because of his outstanding vertical speed.”

In the post-game conference, Fuller commented that when the Michigan defense played press coverage he saw that as a sign of disrespect to the Irish wide receivers. Kelly said that attitude should be an inherent trait in receivers.

“I think all wide receivers need to have that kind of demeanor when it comes to press coverage and man-to-man coverage,” Kelly said. “We’ve ... taught these kids from day one when we installed this offense, if they’re going to take away the run, we’re going to throw the ball as many times as we have to win football games, and you have to win. That’s the demeanor we want from our wide receivers. If we call your number, you got to go get the ball ... we expect you to make a play. ... They’ve got to have that edge to them when it comes to man-to-man coverage.”

**Special Teams**

One of Kelly’s three keys to winning the game on Saturday was average field position.

“Starting field position has a huge play in [the victory],” Kelly said. “That’s your special teams. They play a large role in wins and losses.”

Kelly said the Irish controlled field position so much in part due to senior punter and kicker Kyle Brindza and the punt team’s outstanding coverage. Brindza had four fair catches called on his six punts and two were placed inside the 20-yard line, while only one of Brindza’s six kickoffs was returned, for a gain of 16 yards.

“Yeah, [Brindza’s] been obviously the biggest piece of his punt game. Obviously the kickoffs, I think he’s only had a couple returned this year. What else can you say about him? He does everything for us. We’re getting the great effort that we need on all [special teams] units.”

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**M Soccer**

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out, Irving deflected the shot straight into the air, where he and Irish senior forward Vince Cicciarelli battled for it. The ball bounced away from to Parken, who saw his shot sail wide right of the crowded frame. Notre Dame graduate student defender Andrew O’Malley headed a cross sent in from a corner kick just over the bar in the 64th minute.

The Irish had yet another golden chance to take the lead with seven minutes left in regulation, and if it hadn’t been for goalkeeper Zack Klekota fed a pass into freshman forward Jon Gallagher, whose shot from 14 yards sailed inches wide of the net, followed only seconds later by a header just wide by senior midfielder Nick Besler.

Notre Dame dominated the second half, outshooting Kentucky 10-1 in the period, part of an 18-5 shot advantage for the game.

“Until you get that breakthrough is very difficult,” Clark said. “We had to get that goal, and we had opportunities where maybe our final pass, our final decision just let us down a little bit. ... The finishing’s got to improve — we’ve got to take chances, maybe create a little more in the offensive zone.”

Even with all the Irish chances, the one shot the Wildcats managed in the second half turned out to be most important of the game.

After playing much of the second half with eight, nine and sometimes even 10 players back on defense inside the penalty box, Kentucky cleared a ball from its defensive side of midfield, and freshman midfielder Hampus Agrestrom found himself with the ball and running room towards the Irish net. He played a ball into the middle, where Stojkovic had space. His shot into the low-right corner of the net netted the Kentucky team, bench and fans into a frenzy, while the Irish watched in stunned silence.

“They got a kick up and just one moment of concentration to be honest with you,” Clark said. “When you’re dominating in a game as much as that, you’ve got to really concentrate, and we let ourselves down a little bit.

“Hopefully it’s a lesson learned, and we’ll move forward.”

A desperate volley into the penalty box as time expired was punched away by Irving, and the upset was complete. The loss, the first for the Irish in 318 days, dating back to the 2-0 home loss to then-No. 19 Virginia on Oct. 26.

“Full marks to Kentucky — they hung in very well,” Clark said. “Their goalkeeper was excellent, and they got an opportunist goal there right at the end.”

Notre Dame will look to shake off the loss Saturday, when it travels to Syracuse for the first game of its ACC schedule.

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**Irish senior receiver Amir Carlisle eludes a Michigan defender during Notre Dame’s 31-0 victory over Michigan on Saturday.**

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22 Lake creators
23 Make off with some kimchee?
27 "Great blue" wader
28 Washes away
32 Italian exile island
34 Shredded
37 Scene of a Shredded...
60 British royal
61 Fitness facility
62 Container for a draft of ale
66 Actress Lupino
68 Yank aways
71 Form tight curls
73 Dog in Oz
77 "Macbeth," say
80 "Assuming that's ..."
82 "I'll be ___ tomorrow."
88 A deadly sin
93 Pitching stats
94 "Wise off to ___"
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Kelly praises corners after shutout

Coach points to turnovers, career days from receivers and special teams led by Brindza as keys to victory

By ISAAC LORTON
Assistant Managing Editor

After challenging the secondary in last week’s post-game teleconference, Irish coach Brian Kelly addressed Notre Dame’s corner play, the receivers and special teams in Notre Dame’s 31-0 victory over Michigan on Saturday in Sunday afternoon’s teleconference.

With three interceptions and one forced-fumble recovery, the Irish shut out a dynamic Michigan offense, which included a mobile quarterback in graduate student Devin Gardner, a matchup problem in junior receiver Devin Funchess and a trio of powerful rushers. Michigan had not been shut out in 365 games over 30 seasons, dating back to a 26-0 loss to Iowa on Oct. 20, 1984, an NCAA record. Kelly pointed to the four turnovers as the main ingredients for the victory, despite the Wolverines out-gaining the Irish, 289-280, in total yards.

“... we’re getting that much tighter coverage,” Kelly said. “We’re starting to break the ball with the kind of eye control and discipline we’re looking for. I thought we had a shot at [an interception] in the fourth quarter with Cole Luke, performed against Michigan. “Except for the one long pass, I thought we played much tighter coverage,” Kelly said. “We’re starting to break on the ball with the kind of eye control and discipline we’re looking for. I thought we had a shot at [an interception] in the fourth quarter with Cole Luke, performed against Michigan.

If he triggers a little bit quicker, we get another one.” The play of the corners allowed for the safeties, junior Elijah Shumate and sophomore Max Redfield, to each collect a pick as well in the second half. “... We’re getting that much more aggressive kind of corner play that also allows us to play over the top, as well,” Kelly said. “I think it’s evolving and getting better each week.”

Irish lose last-second shocker to Wildcats

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
Sports Writer

A perfect late-summer evening at Alumni Stadium saw No. 5 Notre Dame square off with Kentucky in the final game of the marathon weekend that was the 12th-annual Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament, but the match was not so perfect for the Irish.

With Notre Dame playing for a chance to claim its second consecutive tournament title with a win, the Wildcats (2-2-0) shocked the Irish (2-1-1) by a score of 1-0 on a goal from freshman forward Stefan Stojkovic with only 25 seconds remaining in the match.

The Irish fell instead to third place, leaving No. 12 Indiana as the champion and Kentucky to finish in second.

“It was heartbreaking, the way we lost,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “We played very well as a group, and you just feel sorry for us because [Kentucky was] really just playing for a tie. The referee even added time on at the end because they were trying to play out the game.”

Notre Dame controlled the flow of the match from the opening kick. Graduate student forward Leon Brown had the first chance of the game for Notre Dame, firing a loose ball from 11 yards out that was stopped by Kentucky junior goalkeepers Calum Irving. Irving also stopped Irish junior midfielder Evan Panken from close range in the 15th minute, tipping the shot just above the cross bar.

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Notre Dame would again create the first scoring opportunity of the half, as junior midfielder Patrick Hodan made a run straight into the penalty box, launching a shot from 16 yards out that was stopped by Kentucky junior goalkeepers Calum Irving. Irving also stopped Irish junior midfielder Evan Panken from close range in the 15th minute, tipping the shot just above the cross bar.

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