Changes to printing policy spark conversation

By EMILY McCONVILLE
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Notre Dame’s Office of Information Technologies (OIT) overhauled the University’s printing system during the summer, implementing changes that include consolidating campus printers to two queues and changing students’ printing allotments to a point-based system.

Vice president for information technology Ron Kraemer, who also serves as chief information and digital officer, said the purpose of the changes was to simplify printing on campus and reduce both waste and printing costs.

“The University and the OIT know that students need to print, and we want to deliver easy and cost-effective printing solutions for campus while still maintaining a high level of quality,” Kraemer said.

In previous years, students would send printing jobs from their computers to one of several queues depending on their location. Now, students can send printing jobs to every black-and-white printer or every color printer on campus at once, Kraemer said.

In addition, students’ standard printing quotas, or the amount each student is allowed to print from campus printers, switched from a dollar amount to a point system. According to the OIT website, undergraduate students receive a quota of 1,000 points per semester. Each single- or double-sided black-and-white page costs two points, and each color page costs 12 points.

Graduate students receive 3,500 points per year, and law students receive 4,250. Kraemer said points not used during the fall semester roll over to the spring semester, but points left over at the end of the year do not roll over to subsequent years, a change from the

Career Expo to feature service options

By KATIE McCARTY
News Writer

When the Fall Career Expo kicks off Wednesday, there will be a new twist to the event: the opportunity for students to explore postgraduate service opportunities.

Hilary Flanagan, director of the Career Center, said the new development arose from a collaboration between the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) and the Career Center.

“Service options have been a part of the career fairs for as long as anyone can remember. This year, we have collaborated in a new way with CSC to make it even easier for our students and the service organizations to connect,” Flanagan said.

“CSC had previously coordinated another event focused on service organizations about a month after the Fall Career Expo. Some organizations would attend both events, and others would need to choose only one due to their travel budgets. Although in the past we collaborated to cross-promote the events, this year we have fully engaged the service organizations into the Fall Career Expo at the beginning of the

SMC opens satellite writing center

By ALAINA ANDERSON
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Editor’s Note: This is the second installment in a three-part series exploring the new initiatives at the Cushwa-Leighton Library, which will showcase the life of Sister Madeleva Wolff, cater to students’ writing needs and raise awareness for eco-friendly printing.

The Cushwa-Leighton Library recently implemented new initiatives to accommodate the needs of students, including offering increased writing support for students. On Monday, Saint Mary’s opened the brand-new, walk-in-only writing center satellite location, “Write Now,” on the top floor of the library. The center will be open Sunday through Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. before fall

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University Health Services and Wellness Center sponsored flu vaccinations in Stepan Center Tuesday. The seasonal vaccines were free to Notre Dame students, part-time faculty and full-time faculty. Vaccinations will be available Wednesday and Thursday.
Guests enhance ‘electric’ game

By LESLEY STEVENSON
News Editor

Thousands of fans flocked to campus Saturday under warm sun and cool breezes to experience Notre Dame football’s final meeting with Michigan for the foreseeable future, and the first night game weekend of the season brought several special guests to campus.

“Coach Lou Holtz and David Feherty from the Golf Channel joined Coach Kelly and the team at the pep rally,” associate vice president for campus safety Mike Seamon said. “David Feherty was on campus filming with Coach Holtz for the Feherty Show for … Tuesday night’s episode.”

“The environment in the Stadium on Saturday night was absolutely electric,” he said. “I can’t remember an environment as intense and exciting as this past Saturday night.

“The Navy SEALs flying in the United States flag along with the Notre Dame flag and the game ball was an incredible sight and a great way to begin the game, along with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin Dempsey, presenting the flag for the national anthem.”

Seamon said more than 1,100 people attended Friday’s football luncheon in the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center and 3,500 toured the Stadium tunnel. More than 1,300 people also visited the LaBar Practice facility, he said.

“All parking lots were completely sold out and at capacity as people made their way to campus early given the great weather and the magnitude of the game,” Seamon said. “… As expected, we experienced high numbers throughout the entire weekend for all activities.

“We had over 13,000 in attendance for the pep rally held outside on the Library Quad between Touchdown Jesus and [Notre Dame] Stadium.”

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP): Chief Phil Johnson said traffic ran “smoothly” before the game, although motorists leaving campus experienced “very heavy” traffic, as expected. He said NDSP arrested 16 people.

“14 arrests were for public intoxication or public order related offenses,” Johnson said. “Two men were arrested for shoplifting.”

Indiana State Excise Police officers cited a restaurant and arrested or cited 15 people on 42 charges in South Bend throughout the weekend, according to an Excise police report. They did not arrest any tailgaters around Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday.

“Excise police officers also cited Between the Buns … on a preliminary charge of allowing carryout of alcohol not in its original container after officers saw several patrons leave with large plastic cups with alcoholic beverages,” the report stated.

Other charges included: six for possession of false identification, five for illegal possession or consumption of alcohol, four for minor in a tavern or liquor store, four for false statement of age, four for misuse of license, three for open container violations, two for possession of a false government-issued identification and two drug-related charges.

“Excise officers also issued several traffic tickets for seatbelt violations and one for not using headlights,” the report stated. “They also issued written warnings for seatbelt violations, no license plate light and failure to signal lane change.”

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U.S. advisor details foreign policy goals

By DAN DeTORO
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Dr. Shaun Casey, Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, spoke Tuesday at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies on the growing role of religious engagement in U.S. foreign policy.

As the inaugural holder of this office, Casey said he welcomed the challenge to “launch a new office at the State Department that might have a long term impact on our foreign policy.” He said one reason his position now exists is that Secretary of State John Kerry “is deeply convinced that the United States needs a firmer grasp on the power of lived religion across the globe.”

Casey began his job in July 2013 and has since set to work on its “three overarching missions,” the first of which is to fulfill his role as advisor on faith-based and community initiatives, he said.

“Eighty percent of what Secretary Kerry does today has religious related issues,” Casey said. Second, the office had to build capacity and organize within the State Department to further and systematically engage with religious communities. Casey said his office is attempting to unify the efforts of the State Department relating to religious engagement.

“We do a tremendous amount of religious engagement, but it’s never been systematized; it’s never been examined,” he said.

The third mission incorporates Casey’s goal for “external engagement” that will make his office “the point of contact, the custom- er service window … for external faith communities,” he said. In this capacity, Casey and his staff work with religious groups and addresses their needs and concerns while working to connect their communities with the offices inside the State Department that are best suited to handle their specific issues.

“We live in an era where no one has really figured out analytically the right relationship between international relations theory and interpreting religion,” Casey said.

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Activist lectures on ‘community of kinship’
Flanagan said seniors should give service options as much consideration as they give course paths that are considered more traditional.

"A service experience is a fabulous first-destination opportunity, providing a depth of experiences in various industries and settings," she said. "If the service experiences, no matter the duration, are a strong springboard to whatever career transitions come next." Flanagan said Notre Dame seniors’ perennially strong pursuit of postgraduate service reflects the University’s mission.

"To me, it says that our unique student body has such an exciting range of interests, and whether they pursue a commitment to service after graduation or incorporate service into their lives in a different way, each graduate will continue to make an impact in service to others," she said. "I’m thrilled to work in collaboration with my team and with so many of our Discernment Coalition partners on and off campus, to connect our students to those opportunities."

Hebbeler said it is essential for students to think not only of careers, but of vocations.

"It’s the vocation, said Hebbeler, and so many of our Discernment Coalition partners on and off campus, to connect our students to those opportunities.

"I think this will be a great program because the Writing Center works with all students, some who are just beginning their re- fining their writing, and others who are first-years or sophomores who still struggle with the early stages of their writing. Bremyer said he wants to dispel the belief that going to the Writing Center is a sign of weakness.

"We collaborate with people who are invested in their own success because we are invested in their success as well. We want people to be prepared at all different levels of writing," Bremyer said.

"Anyone who is interested about the new changes in the library, especially because Write Now can help more students who might not have access to the ser- vices in the Writing Center due to a high demand for tu- tors.

"Last year, we had a sub- stantial increase in the number of students who needed to work with tutors and to collaborate with tutors, so now we have more tutors, and here we will be able to work within the system to really make it happen on the last year," Bremyer said. "We had 80 percent of our days completely full with a waiting list, so we’re hopeful that on those days, stu- dents will be able to get the next day and work with tutors."

Bremyer hopes that the new writing center location will also be a useful resource for the Saint Mary’s community.

"Good writers share their writing with others. That’s true of the professors here, that’s true of our best stu- dents here and it should be true of anyone who wants to do well, that they see the Writing Center as an avenue to help them succeed," he said.

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St. Liam
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Before last week, I had gone 21 years of life without ever being hospitalized, having an X-ray or breaking a bone. Yes, I still had a childhood even without the right-of-passage leg cast or arm sling. I guess I was overly cautious, too scared to try jumping off the jungle gym or skateboarding down the hill of doom. I was never very active in contact team sports, choosing tennis and cheerleading rather than basketball and volleyball, so the chances of injury were significantly reduced.

However, as I grew up, I became taller, more adventurous and, naturally, clumsy. Now standing at six feet tall, I notoriously trip, fall and slip all the time, embarrassingly enough. So I was not extremely surprised when I landed myself in the health center last Friday after complaining about an enormously swollen, painful ankle that just wouldn’t heal.

Three weeks earlier, I was innocently walking down the stairs (while texting). I’ll admit and tripped over my own feet, twisting my ankle in a very unnatural way. Hurt? Painful? Not necessarily. However, with no precedent, I didn’t know what was wrong or how to respond. So I carried on with my life like nothing had happened, not even telling anyone about the embarrassing fall. Apparently, that was a terrible idea, as walking and exercising on a badly-sprained ankle for three weeks only extended recovery time, according to the doctor I spontaneously decided to see. He pressed spots on my ankle as I cringed and wished he would stop. “Yes, that hurts,” I whimpered. I was then sent to the scary, dark X-ray room to take three different pictures. It was pretty cool to see my (thankfully unbroken) bones on the screen like I had seen only on Grey’s Anatomy episodes.

After more prodding and pain, the doctor gave me a huge and hideous, white Velcro boot device that would compress my ankle and supposedly make it feel better. I also was instructed to give my ankle basically a 15-minute-long ice bucket challenge five times a day by soaking it in freezing water and making it numb — an extremely unpleasant feeling.

As I’m forced to wear tennis shoes every day and walk around in this terribly unfortunate fashion statement of a boot, I can help but feel for all the kids out there who have broken bones on a yearly basis. Athletes, I don’t know how you deal with this pain and inconvenience. This one sprained ankle is quite enough for my lifetime, thank you very much. I will take advantage of the pity and shameless elevator rides while I still can.

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It’s easy to stay informed
Sarah Morris
Left of Center
As I write this, I am surrounded by faces staring at screens. I am staring at a screens. Odds are, you are staring at a screen or have at least checked one in the last three minutes. These plates of glass have evolved to accompany us at each juncture of our daily lives, from the moment we wake up to check our Instagram notifications to the final scroll down Instagram at day’s end. This ubiquity is often a favorite topic of lamenting grandparents, talk show hosts and social psychologists, but at the moment, I am more concerned with what those screens are delivering — particularly when it comes to news.

The amount of information we have the ability to access is endless: 24-hour news networks, an infinite collection of apps and the entirety of the World Wide Web. And while our screens are doing the best they can, we can be inundated with only so much of this limitless information at a time. Therefore, we must choose what we receive and how we receive it.

The modern media landscape is vast and rapidly changing. Though many of us have televisions in our dorms and apartments, few of us regularly watch the nightly news as many of our professors, parents and grandparents do. The same goes for newspapers, radio and even magazines, to varying degrees. But we all check Facebook and Twitter, perhaps get news updates from apps on our phones and hopefully even check an actual news website from time to time.

Although the media diet has changed, there is no use in lamenting about disengagement. There are simple strategies for maintaining an adequate level of informedness that anyone in possession of a screen should adopt. These strategies will help you use the apps you already have to be a better news consumer and more informed person.

Markets and apps
According to a 2009 study released by the Council for Research Excellence, American adults spend roughly 4.5 hours each day looking at their computers and phones. With this in mind, two minutes on a news site to scan the headlines should be more than easy to set aside. Do it when your newsfeed is nothing but touchdown pushup pictures; do it when you need a break from an essay; do it in the seven seconds before your next Netflix episode loads. In the same vein, it takes 30 seconds to visit the App Store, download a news app of your choosing and “allow notifications.” From then on, your tired thumb will not even be burdened with the exhausting task of an extra tap, for blurs will be automatically transmitted to your home screen. The ease of these habits is genuinely ridiculous, but the absence of them is so many people’s routines is even more so.

Follow and like
In addition to adding a button to your bookmarks bar and an app to your home screen, make adjustments to your current portals. Once again, it takes a minimal amount of effort to seek out three or four Twitter and Facebook profiles of quality news sources. By following and liking just a few pages, your existing habit of social media perusal will help you effortlessly become better informed. Headlines and links to stories will be included in the feeds you already read. They will serve as reminders that an outside world exists and hopefully will inspire you to learn more about what’s going on. More often than not, it happens to be interesting.

Good sources
Where we get the news is as important as if we get the news. As a culture, we hold a deep mistrust for “the media,” which has become a contentious phrase in itself. However, this scorn is for the most part misguided. By weeding out low-quality (albeit popular) news sources and having the discipline to think critically not only about the events being covered, but also about the coverage itself, it becomes fairly easy to recognize and appreciate top-notch journalism. One of the most important steps is to remove politics from the equation. Good journalism is neither “liberal” nor “conservative,” regardless of how stridently such ideas are screamed these days.

Good journalism is a concentrated effort to present a true account of events within the appropriate context. With that in mind, it must be emphasized that Fox News is not news. MSNBC is not news. Do not consult these unless you wish to analyze competing ideologies and viewpoints. If you wish to be truly informed, turn to respected sources that invest in true journalists rather than talking heads. These include the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, CNN, the Washington Post, NPR, BBC and Al Jazeera. All of the above — and scores of others — have websites, apps, Twitter handles and Facebook pages.

So please, bookmark, download, follow and like. With information at our fingertips and screens in hand, there is no excuse not to.

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APPALLING NFL ABUSE VIDEO SURFACES...
Welles Crowther led a life that was, in many ways, remarkably similar to those led by a number of college students, including those here at Notre Dame. Growing up along the Hudson River in New York, he distinctly remembered himself in the classroom and on a sports field. During this time, he became known for his habit of wearing a red bandana. He attended Boston College while playing lacrosse. After graduation, he returned to New York to work as an equities trader at Salander O’Neill, a firm most Mendoza students will be familiar with, while debating whether his work from behind a desk was the best way for him to help others.

Thirteen years ago tomorrow, he awoke on a Tuesday morning and headed to work. Like so many others, Welles strolled into the events of Sept. 11, 2001 in ordinary fashion. Although he would not survive the day, his extraordinary actions ensured others would. His courage and willingness to help others — to do good — defined his final hours. In the days after Sept. 11, stories emerged of the man in the red bandana leading others to safety, returning over and over to help those behind. At the age of 24, Welles died while saving others.

Welles’ story has been well-publicized from ESPN to the New York Times, but there are many more stories still left untold. Nearly 3,000 Americans lost their lives’ trajectories.

The day would alter the life of 26-year-old Jason Cunningham, an Air Force combat rescue man. Working to save the lives of the wounded atop a mountain in Afghanistan six months after Sept. 11, Cunningham was mortally wounded, embodying the man, the dream, the hope the world is built upon.

Anne Smedinghoff was only 13 years old in 2001. After growing up in the Chicago suburbs, she joined the Notre Dame Alumni Association in partnership with the Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis will sponsor a community revitalization project in the Near Westside neighborhood of Indianapolis. Volunteers will help with landscaping, building raised flower beds, building a playground and bench and painting the interiors of rehabilitated homes while working alongside members of the community. The project’s mission is not only to leave a lasting impact on a marginalized community through physical restoration, but also to draw public attention to the fact that the area is worth investing in, that the children and adults who live there are undeniably worth it.

As Sorin knew well, the presence of Christ is felt strongest in community. “Where two or three have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst,” Matthew’s gospel shares. With this in mind, to make the best impact this weekend, the Notre Dame Alumni Association is partnering with “two or three.”

Providence Cristo Rey High School is one of 26 schools in the Cristo Rey Network and a school Notre Dame played a key role in establishing. The Cristo Rey model is unique in that it combines rigorous academic coursework with corporate work-study. Many of the children who attend Providence Cristo Rey live in the neighborhood and work to make it a better place.

The Hawthorne Community Center has been operating in the neighborhood for over 90 years and is run by a lifelong resident. The center serves both children and adults, offering programming that includes preschool, summer camps, senior services and youth social development.

Even when the solutions to these conflicts call for us to sacrifice, we should know these challenges are worth facing. We know they are worth facing because when children and adults alike are being gunned down in Rwanda or Iraq or Chicago, we all have a responsibility to protect them. We know they are worth facing because we refuse to yield to a world in which people are executed for their ethnicity or creed. We know they are worth facing because the costs of action are dwarfed by the costs of our negligent apathy.

The world is not always black and white, but neither is it always gray. There is good in this world, and it is worth serving; there is evil in this world, and it is worth fighting. And while we should be careful about allowing ourselves to pass judgment too easily, we also must guard against abandoning altogether our defense and service of what we know to be right.

The events that unfolded 13 years ago taught us as a nation and as humans about suffering and tragedy. But it also reminded us of the capacity we have when we work together toward something better and of the resilience that mandates we never accept evil as the norm.

In their lives and in their deaths, Welles, Jason and Anne gave all they had, thinking not of the costs but rather of the good they could do. They refused to stand by and allow what they knew to be worthy and noble to go unserved; they refused to sit still and allow evil to triumph. May we be so courageous as to do the same.

Be it in South Bend or South Sudan, the inner city or the developing world, find that which you know to be truly good. And don’t be afraid to get a few scars fighting for it.

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“Submarine” is a clever indie coming-of-age film, which, fittingly, didn’t surface into blockbuster territory, regardless of the fact that Ben Stiller produced it in 2000.

“Submarine” was Richard Ayoade’s debut as a film director. He had previously acted and directed music videos for Vampire Weekend and Arctic Monkeys — a connection he used for the film. Appropriately enough, Alex Turner, lead singer of the Arctic Monkeys, created the soundtrack for the film. The music adds to the melancholy undertones of the film; the unique tracks contribute to the identity of the film.

The movie stars Craig Roberts as Oliver Tate, a 15-year-old who wishes there was a film crew following his every move and acts in an accordingly melodramatic manner. His fixation with theatrics is redolent of Max Fischer’s flair for playwriting in “Rushmore,” one of the many similar themes and stylistic choices Ayoade shares with Wes Anderson.

Tate fantasizes his own death, wondering what would happen if he committed suicide. This concept rouses memories of Harold’s obsession with death in “Harold and Maude.”

Oliver Tate has two priorities in the film: keeping Jordana, his brunette-bobbed girlfriend with pyromaniac tendencies, interested in him and attempting to spark his parent’s fading love interest.

Tate’s relationship with Jordana begins with her asking him to meet up with her secretly, which ends up involving her taking Polaroid pictures of them kissing to make her ex-boyfriend jealous. The act succeeds, and Jordana’s ex-beau beats up Tate at school, which somehow manages to bring Jordana and Oliver together.

Tate monitors his parents’ relationship by the dimmer switch in their bedroom, which is, to his discontent, nearly always at full brightness. His marine switch in their bedroom, which is, to his detriment, nearly always at full brightness.

The only way to gain wealth and, as a consequence, celebrity, are through dating, club appearances, modeling and endorsements. Kim Kardashian herself even appears as a fairy godmother of sorts, giving you advice on how to become famous like her and giving you new dresses to wear to events. She even references some very noticeable aspects of her show, from letting you adopt a Bengal cat like the one her sister Kourtney actually owns to using her common vernacular and saying things like “Bible!” to let you know she’s telling you the truth. It was unreal.

The game is actually a re-branding of a previously existing game called Stardom Hollywood with elements of Kim’s life and a Kim character added in. It was incredibly disappointing that none of the other family members made an appearance. Though Kim’s influence is, then, only surface deep, it’s very apparent that Kim (who signed off on the final product) and the programmers are conscious of the Kim Kardashian brand. The avenues open to you professionally are solely those that Kim used herself to rise from Paris Hilton’s stylist to a multi-millionaire and world-renowned celebrity, from the cover of K-9 Magazine (think Kim posing suggestively on the cover of Dog Fancy) to the cover of Vogue with then-fiancé Kanye West. Socioeconomically, the structure of the game is specific. Your progress in the game parallels the actual business decisions that Kim made in her own life. Though hardly innovative, Kim Kardashian’s Hollywood offers you a fun escape into blatant narcissism and consumerism and provides a fun diversion for a time (a week for me). Bible.

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Labor Day has come and gone, college football season has begun, and pumpkin spice lattes have returned, meaning summer 2014 is, by most accounts, officially over. Luckily, the reality TV world managed to let out a cry of “summer break forever, y’all” with its last gasp of air, Monday’s finale of “Bachelor in Paradise.”

“Bachelor in Paradise” is a spinoff of ABC’s long-running “The Bachelor” franchise, and at first glance, the concept is completely confusing and altogether difficult to explain. A group of former “Bachelor” and “Bachelorette” contestants are taken to a villa in Tulum, Mexico, for a “second chance at love.” The show begins with more women than men, and the men hand out roses to decide who stays in paradise. In the following episode, the roles are reversed as new men arrive in Mexico, and women control the elimination process. This cycle and influx of new cast members continues over the course of the show, as relationships form and break.

Put simply: Good-looking people are put on a beach with copious amounts of alcohol, and America gets to watch.

What made this the most enjoyable show of the summer is that it embraced the craziness of the whole process. If it is ridiculous to expect to find love in seven weeks on a reality TV show, it’s completely absurd to expect to find love in three weeks.

Unlike the creators of the flagship series — who present the show’s quest for love as completely genuine — the producers of “Bachelor in Paradise” embraced this absurdity, almost unbelievably so. And the contestants, old hands at creating drama for the camera, happily oblige. The series’ seven episodes feature no less than two emergency room trips, an alleged ménage à trois, a naked hippie, a man jumping out of a third-story balcony, a cast-crew affair, a guy who goes on a date by himself, a talking raccoon, a marriage proposal and lots and lots of ocean sex.

In an interview with New York Magazine, host and executive producer Chris Harrison refers to the show as “don’t-think-too-hard, don’t-choose-too-good-of-a-box-of-wine, sit-down-with-a-pint-of-your-favorite-ice-cream, just-have-a-good-laugh-and-relax TV,” which, if you follow the excessive hyphenation, is the best possible description. It was this self-aware silliness, such as when editing made the delusional Claire look like she was venting to a raccoon, that made the show so fun to watch over the last six weeks.

In the finale, the mayhem comes to an end, in what is disappointingly the most conventional (boring) week of the season. Harrison dramatically asks the remaining couples, “Can you really see this person in your life … forever?” Realizing they’ve known their partners for less than three weeks, three of the six couples immediately break up. The episode’s fourth breakup occurs when Sarah dumps Robert after he wears jeans to bed during their night in the Fantasy Suite. I couldn’t make up the storylines on this show if I tried.

The episode actually ends on a rather sensible note, given its predilection for the ridiculous. Three of the original franchise’s successful couples were brought to Mexico to counsel the two remaining “Bachelor in Paradise” couples about making their relationships work after the show. With this glimmer of optimism in their eyes, the unbearably boring Marcus and Lacy — who the other contestants held up all season as the paragon of true love — end up getting engaged.

But in true paradise fashion, the season ends with a “where are they now” montage that pokes fun at the contestants. Claire’s raccoon apparently still is looking for true love, and “there’s an 80/40 chance [Marcus and Lacy will] have hot babies” — a reference to when Lacy commented she was torn 80/40 on a decision. “Bachelor in Paradise” is guilty-pleasure TV at its finest, and luckily, it already has been renewed for a second season next summer. It’s going to be a long winter.

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The elevator video was re-released, and then Ray Rice was, too. Justice, right? But Ray Rice is not the only person hurt by the release of the video in which he brutally punches his then-fiancée and now-wife Janay Rice and drags her out of a casino elevator. He’s not even the person most hurt by it.

Ray Rice’s reputation is irre- vocably stained, and his profes- sional career could be over. But don’t forget the woman battered in the video, plastered all over the Internet for everyone to see.

Janay Rice posted Tuesday morning on her Instagram ac- count in response to the release of the video and ensuing media attention, The Baltimore Sun reported.

She wrote, “I woke up this morning feeling like I had a horrible nightmare, feeling like I’m mourning the death of my closest friend. But to have to accept the fact that it’s reality is a nightmare in itself. No one knows the pain that [the] media & unwanted options from the public has caused my family. To make us relive a moment in our lives that we regret every day is a horrible thing.”

TMZ released the video to the public, and now we all can watch what surely is one of the single worst moments in Janay Rice’s life.

Before the video surfaced, Ray Rice was slapped with a two- game suspension. If it weren’t for this video, Ray Rice would still be employed by the Ravens.

But seeing evidence that graphically illustrates the ex- tent of his wrong-doing changes the circumstances. The initial consequences dished out to Ray Rice look absurd in light of the video. Now, Rice has been sus- pended indefinitely.

It shouldn’t have come to this. TMZ shouldn’t have had to circulate the video of Janay Rice’s assault for the NFL to take meaningful action. If the point of publishing the video is to expose Ray Rice’s violent behav- ior, that has been accomplished, but it also places a psychologi- cal and emotional burden on his wife. It is unclear what exactly happened, in terms of the NFL’s knowledge of the video prior to its public release.

Why couldn’t the NFL in- vestigate and find this video in its entirety before TMZ did? If the NFL knew of the video or had it, why couldn’t this have been handled responsibly and internally before Janay Rice’s pain was made public in such a callous way — through a media circus? If the NFL couldn’t access the video because of an ongoing investigation, why did TMZ get hold of it?

Maybe the video would have come out even if the Ravens and the NFL had taken more meaningful action earlier after seeing and discussing the video evidence.

But the fact remains that it shouldn’t have taken a move by group think inside the NFL to find out what truly happened or dole out punishment more appropriate than a two-game suspension.

Yet it did. And that has made things much, much worse for the NFL and Ray and Janay Rice.

Janay Rice’s Instagram post continues: “THIS IS OUR LIFE! What don’t you all get. If your inten- tions were to hurt us, embarrass us, make us feel alone, take all happiness away, you’ve suc- ceeded on so many levels. Just know we will continue to grow & show the world what real love is! Ravensnation we love you. It is time and now we all have an ugly moment of it, easy to view on TV or our computers.

The NFL has taken steps to implement a new policy that cracks down on domestic violence: a six-game unpaid suspension for a first offense and a lifetime ban for a second offense.

That’s a great step, but how the NFL institutes the policy determines whether the change makes a difference. If a case similar to this one emerges, hopefully it will be handled in such a way that it doesn’t morph into a media circus.

A circus on an issue like this hurts everyone involved.

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Santana Scholl tapped as Marquette athletic director

Bill Scholl, who ran Ball State’s athletic program since 2013, will become Marquette University’s athletic director, the school announced Tuesday. Scholl succeeds Larry Williams, who resigned last winter.

“I’m very excited for the opportunity to lead one of the great programs in intercollegiate athletics,” Scholl said in a statement. “It’s an honor to work for an institution whose success is defined by the values of educational excellence, rigorous competition, and spiritual integrity.”

Associated Press

Marquette president Mike Lovell said in a statement that Scholl “has both an incredible excitement and an enormous sense of re- sponsibility … as I am given this opportunity to lead one of the great programs in intercollegiate athletics.”

Larry Williams was replaced on an interim ba- sis by Bill Cords, who was the athletic director at Marquette for 20 years be- fore retiring in 2006.

Scholl worked at Notre Dame for 23 years, where he was deputy athletic director before joining Ball State in Muncie, Indiana, in 2012.

“When you look at Bill’s record in intercollegiate athletics, it clearly speaks for itself,” Lovell said during Scholl’s news conference yesterday afternoon.

Scholl will report directly to Lovell.

Golden Eagles basketball coach Steve Wojciechowski said he welcomed Scholl’s hiring and the beginning of renewed leadership at Marquette.

“I think it’s a huge step for the athletic department,” Wojciechowski said. “The leadership Bill will provide for our program and the rest of the sports programs involved is huge. We were all anxious to see who that new leader was going to be. I think we are all excited to move forward.”

Ball State President Paul Ferguson said in a state- ment that he regretted los- ing Scholl so early in his time there.

“But I understand his motivation to seek the Marquette experience,” Ferguson said.

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Big Ten struggles early

There are a couple of tough nonconference tests on the Big Ten schedule this week and rivalry games, too, but this week is more about revenge.

The proud brand took a hit with decisive defeats by Michigan State, Ohio State and Michigan State to high-profile opponents, and the Spartans have this Saturday off to re- cuperate from a decent per- formance at Oregon that got out of hand at the end.

They pivoted nicely last year from an early loss to Notre Dame, bouncing back after a bye to win at Iowa — and every game after that, including the conference championship and the Rose Bowl.

“We lost a football game, but I don’t think we lost our team, and there’s a big dif- ference there,” coach Mark Dantonio said Tuesday. “When you climb the moun- tain, you get up high, and the peaks are very steep.”

Wisconsin lost to LSU in its season opener, fading late in the game. The Badgers, albeit against an FCS team, took out their frustration with a convincing victory over Illinois.

“I didn’t feel a hangover. I didn’t think they had a prob- lem,” coach Gary Andersen said. “I think they’re not going to forget the loss, but I believe they’ve moved on in a professional manner.”

The Buckeyes (Kent State) and Wolverines (Miami of Ohio) host Mid-American Conference teams that were slated as 30-plus-point un- derdogs on betting lines this week.

Ohio State stumbled against Virginia Tech last weekend in the program’s first nonconference loss at home to an unranked team since 1982. Michigan was shut out by Notre Dame, snapping an NCAA-record streak of scoring in 365 straight games that began in 1984.

Both teams could use the apparent break against a school outside of the power 65 teams, though the MAC is always extra motivated against the Big Ten as Central Michigan reiterates last Saturday with a three-touch- down victory at Purdue’s own stadium.

The 20-7 collective record so far is the worst nonconfer- ence record of the five major leagues. There were some shaky wins last week, too, with Nebraska (McNeese State), Iowa (Ball State) and Illinois (Western Kentucky) barely getting by lower-tier foes with late quarter surges.

Buckeyes coach Urban Meyer said he didn’t notice the other scores around the conference until the next morning when he sat down to vote in the Top 25 poll.

“Keep recruiting,” Meyer said, when asked how the Big Ten could avoid a repeat of this humbling weekend. “There’s no easy answer.”

OK, all is not lost. There are plenty of games left to re-establish that na- tional credibility, start- ing Saturday: Iowa takes on rival Iowa State, Purdue travels to Indianapolis for a conference battle bid against Notre Dame, Illinois plays at Washington, Maryland hosts West Virginia and Minnesota goes to TCU.
Belles prepare for Trine

By JOSH DULANY
Sports Writer

After a strong weekend, the Belles aim to win a third straight match when they play Trine on Wednesday night at home.

Saint Mary’s (3-4, 2-1 MIAA) dropped four of its first five matches but rebounded over the weekend to beat Olivet and Albion in its first home matches of the season.

The Belles are in the midst of five-game homestand where all five matches are against MIAA opponents. Belles coach Toni Elyea said starting off that stretch with victories set the right tone going forward.

“It was wonderful to get a team win,” Elyea said. “It was truly a team effort. We have to have consistency on offense, especially in transition, and that is something we are working hard on. We want to stay focused and make sure we’re ready to face a great team.”

Indeed, before Saint Mary’s can worry about Calvin, it must face a squad from Trine (5-1, 1-1) that has opened the season by winning five of its first six games, with its only loss coming to Calvin.

The Thunder’s strong start has been spearheaded by the offensive play of senior setter Carly Searles and leads the Belles with 194 assists, while Rabel’s 94 assists, while Rabel’s 94 kills are also a team high.

Elisea said Searles’ playing style and Trine’s offensive scheme will pose a unique challenge for the Belles.

“The Thunder are very offensive with four games under its belt in the 2014 season, Saint Mary’s begins its MIAA conference schedule Thursday as it takes on Kalamazoo.

The Belles (2-2) have begun the season with mixed results, opening with a 3-1 loss to Bethel before bouncing back against Mount St. Joseph for a 2-1 overtime win.

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SMC to play first conference games

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The Belles and Thunder play at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Angela Athletic Facility.

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US beats Slovenia to reach semis

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James Harden and Stephen Curry went into halftime with the United States leading 64-37.

“We just stick to the program. We know it’s tough for any team to run with us for 40 minutes because of how deep we are and how hard we work on the floor,” Curry said.

“I think we understood we didn’t make many shots in the first half but our defense was pretty solid and if we kept the pressure on them, things would open up,” they did. Quickly.

Klay Thompson scored 20 points and Harden had 12 of his 14 in the third quarter, helping the U.S. turn a close game into a 119-76 rout of Slovenia on Tuesday in the quarterfinals of the World Cup.

Kenneth Faried added 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Americans, who will play Lithuania on Thursday in Barcelona for a spot in the semifinals.

The U.S. led 49-42 at halftime despite shooting just 43 percent, with Harden and Curry, two of the NBA’s top scorers, combining to miss all 12 shots.

“I said, ‘I don’t think that’ll happen in the second half’ and it didn’t,” U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski said.

Derrick Rose finished with 12 points after coming into the game shooting 8 for 37 in the World Cup. Anthony Davis had 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Goran Dragic of the Phoenix Suns led Slovenia with 13 points.

“We prepare but it’s easy to prepare on the paper,” Slovenia coach Zdovc Jure said. “Definitely they were so athletic, they were more aggressive second half and actually they punish us every mistake.”

The Americans led by only five points early in the third quarter before teeing off a 27-10 run. That made it 76-54 with about two minutes left in the period, and the game turned altogether lopsided after the Americans scored the first 10 points of the fourth quarter to lead 96-64.

“I thought we played really hard the whole game and we just couldn’t finish in the first half some of those plays,” Krzyzewski said, “and then they stayed with it and then the floodgates opened in the second half.”

So the scoreboard ended up looking much like the Americans’ 101-71 exhibition rout the week the tournament opened, when they had huge advantages in points in the paint and at the free-throw line.

But it didn’t look that way for a while for a U.S. team that had been mostly unchallenged in the tournament until facing opponents by 31.5 points a game.

“We try hard but around 23 minutes it was like, close, the game,” Jure said. “But the power that they have, you know, it was too much for us.”

The Americans shot poorly at the start, but that just gave them more opportunities to pad their rebound totals. They missed 21 shots in the first quarter but grabbed 14 offensive boards and scored 15 second-chance points, though their lead was only 29-22 after one.

The U.S. lead grew to 12 in the second quarter, but the Americans managed only a 3-pointer by Rudy Gay over the final 2 1/2 minutes, and Goran Dragic’s 3-pointer with just 36 seconds remaining cut it to 49-42 at the break.

“They kind of slowed us down in that first half, dictated the tempo and Coach talked to us second half about playing our brand of basketball and how we like to play,” Harden said. “And we came out with that intensity.”

Harden was 0 for 8 in the half while Curry missed all four of his shots while being limited to eight minutes of playing time because of foul trouble.

That gave Rose extra time to get his shot going after struggling badly in the tournament, his first action after missing most of the last two seasons following a pair of knee operations.

“Coach K gave me the green light to be aggressive and play my type of game,” Rose said. “That eased me into the game and I tried to keep it going.”

The tensesness of the first half and the feistiness of the Slovenians seemed to fire up the Americans, who celebrated so wildly after a couple of their dunks that Krzyzewski had to back them up off the floor back toward the bench.

The U.S. finished at 50 percent after making 29 of 45 shots in the second half (64 percent). The Americans outrebounded the Slovenians 53-38.

Irish prepare to enter fall season with confidence

By JOSH DULANY

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Notre Dame is gearing up for its fall season, and team members say they are ready to hit the water.

“This fall season is all about getting excited for the year and just feeling the energy we have around the team,” sophomore Hilary Shinnick said.

“We have a solid team back from last year, we’ve got a lot of freshmen in, and it’s an exciting time.”

The Irish bring back 14 seniors on a team that finished ninth in the NCAA finals last year, an accomplishment which tied a program-best finish at the competition.

One of those returning seniors, Erin Bozberger, won two gold medals at the World Under-23 championships in Italy over the summer.

That success, combined with quality results from last year, has the Irish feeling confident about the year ahead, Shinnick said.

“We’ve got a lot to build on,” Shinnick said. “We got second in a couple meets last season, competed really hard all year and came together as a team. Now we go to do it all again, and the fall is especially important for the coming-together part and just building each other up as teammates.”

The team’s main competitive challenge this fall will be the Head of the Charles Regatta that takes place Oct. 18-19 in Boston.

At the same meet last year, the Irish finished seventh in the Championship Four race and sixth in the Championship Eight race. The high-quality field included the United States rowing team, the United States Naval Academy and the Cambridge Boat Club.

Shinnick said the competition will be a good test for the Irish as they tune up early in the season.

“The Charles is coming up and will be important for us,” Shinnick said. “Again, as we build as a team and try to put lineups together, it will be critical for us to face top-flight teams. This event is a fun time but also a good way to get the season started and start competing.”

Other than the Head of the Charles, practice and conditioning are the main focus of the fall for the Irish, Shinnick said.

Last year, Notre Dame competed in meets with the country’s top teams, including the eventual national champion, Ohio State, so the Irish appreciate the need for constant improvement.

“Last year, we had some tough races,” Shinnick said. “We faced top teams and were competitive, but we want to get even better and win even more. The fall practice is crucial to get some outdoor practice in before winter and get stronger individually and as a team.”

The Irish aim to jumpstart their development as they gear up for the Head of the Charles Regatta.

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“We know a lot about the kind of challenge it will have from an in-state rival in Purdue,” Kelly said. “Made it clear to our team that it’s really about our preparation again this week and how we prepare is going to be really what we focus on this week.”

Heading into Saturday’s matchup, Kelly said the Irish still has plenty of room for improvement. Kelly said the Irish coaching staff counted 34 mental errors (about 36 percent of the time) committed by its defense against the Wolverines. In the season opener against Rice, Notre Dame was closer to 44 percent, Kelly said.

“We obviously have a lot that we can talk about this week in terms of getting better, and they saw the film last night and can see a shutout and know that there is a lot there that they need to clean up,” Kelly said. “You can’t get a better teaching environment than that. You’ve shut out an opponent, and there are all these errors that need to get cleaned up.”

Injury Updates
Irish senior linebacker Jarrett Grace (leg) is making “slow progress” each week, Kelly said, but there is no timetable for his return.

“We’re going to continue to press,” Kelly said when asked about the continued push for a return this year. “I think we have to keep that for him the thought of playing this year. There has to be something there for him to keep pushing and motivating factors to play football this year. There is still a lot of football out there.”

Kelly said Irish sophomore receiver Torii Hunter Jr. (groin) is set to begin work against live bodies Tuesday during practice. Notre Dame will see how Hunter Jr. responds to that, Kelly said.

Irish graduate student safety and captain Austin Collinsworth (MCL) is out for Saturday, Kelly said.

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the best advice I got from a teammate is that it is the same game we have been playing all our lives — just a different gym, different jersey.”

Despite successfully integrating the freshmen to the squad, the Irish have struggled early on in the season, going 0-5 in their first games. However, the team’s youngest players said they are confident this drought will soon be over.

“I know these first sets of games have been difficult, but I believe that it will come together eventually,” Kuhn said. “We all know that and know that it takes a little bit of time because there are so many new freshmen. But I think when it clicks, it is really going to click, and hopefully that will be sooner rather than later.”

Fry said she believes it is just a matter of time, but it will be sooner rather than later that the team becomes dominant on the court.

“we are still getting a feel for playing next to each other, and that has definitely been a huge factor this year,” Johnson added. “I think the more reps we put in and the more time we spend working together, the better we’ll get, so we just have to keep working and kind of break down step by step how we can improve as a team.”

Johnson, Fry, Kuhn and the rest of the Irish next hit the court to take on TCU on Friday. The game will open the weekend for Notre Dame at the Shamrock Invitational at Purcell Pavilion.

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Quarterback Everett Golson, senior, looks upfield to throw a pass during the game last weekend. Golson threw for 226 yards and scored three touchdowns against the Wolverines.

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JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Yesterday’s Jumble: VOCAL SORRY MILLY SIMUL

Answer: Getting a cardio workout by dancing to disco made them RETRO-ACTIVE

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**FOOTBALL**

**Kelly previews Purdue week**

Coach discusses suspension hearings, staying focused and injured players in advance of Boilermakers

By MIKE MONACO  
Senior Sports Writer

Irish head coach Brian Kelly provided no new updates on the five players being withheld from practice and competition during his weekly Tuesday press conference.

Earlier in the day, Kelly told ESPN’s Colin Cowherd on “The Herd” there could be progress this week.

“We’ve gotten close here to where I think that the hearings should be happening hopefully this week,” Kelly said. “I know we’re trying to get this thing done the right way. It happened for us a little bit earlier because we were in preseason camp but school didn’t start — now this is only the third week — so the normal timetable has been about three weeks. We’re into the third week, so our expectations are that something should happen this week.”

Kelly said Thursday evening he was told Sept. 1 that the honor committee hearings for the five withheld players were going to occur “very quickly,” but Kelly said it was his understanding the hearings hadn’t happened yet.

Irish junior cornerback KeiVarae Russell, senior receiver DaVaris Daniels, senior defensive end Ishaq Williams, graduate student linebacker Kendall Moore and senior safety Eilar Hardy have been held out of practice and competition during the probe into “suspected academic dishonesty.”

Notre Dame announced its investigation Aug. 15. The University said “evidence of General Counsel then initiated “an immediate investigation.”

**Prepping for Purdue**

Following Notre Dame’s 31-0 domination of Michigan on Saturday, Kelly and the Irish will be looking to avoid a letdown.

“You’re always on guard for focus and preparation. Despite Purdue’s recent struggles — a 1-11 mark in 2013 and a 38-17 loss to Central Michigan on Saturday — Kelly pointed to Notre Dame’s last two match-ups with the Boilermakers (1-1) to emphasize the need for focus and preparation. In 2013, Purdue carried a lead into the fourth quarter before the Irish won 31-24. Two seasons ago in South Bend, Notre Dame won 20-17 after kicker Kyle Brindza drilled a 27-yard field goal with seven seconds remaining in regulation.

**ND VOLLEYBALL**

**Young Notre Dame team aims to overcome early-season struggles, injuries**

By REBECCA ROGALSKI  
Sports Writer

The start of the fall semester brings a new season for Notre Dame, and along with that come new players and talents. This year, the Irish welcomed six freshmen to their squad from all over the country — representing California, Indiana, Kansas and Ohio — and all over the court, with nearly every position represented.

The beginning of the season has not been an easy one for the Irish. Prior to the season’s start, senior outside hitter and honorable mention All American Toni Alugbue suffered a torn ACL and was ruled out for the remainder of the season, while an ankle injury to graduate student outside hitter Nicole Smith left her out two games in the Golden Dome Invitational this past weekend.

As a result of these injuries, almost all of the Irish freshmen have received a significant amount of playing time. Freshmen libero Natalie Johnson, outside hitter Sydney Kuhn and middle blocker Sam Fry have gained some of the most experience early on this season, with all three of players earning starting positions in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge and the most recent Golden Dome Invitational.

“It has been a great experience so far,” Johnson said. “The upperclassmen have really helped us along with what we need to know in order to play at the college level. I think the supportive environment of the entire team has really helped us and pushed us to play at our best.”

Kuhn added that because there are so many freshmen on the team this year, the upperclassmen have really stepped it up to teach the girls exactly what needs to be done in a short period of time. Fry also said how transitioning into collegiate play has been made a lot easier with the advice and guidance of each of her teammates.

“I feel like there is a lot of support on this team, and that support really helps us overcome our nerves,” Fry said. “Being freshmen, we are new, and it can be kind of nerve-wracking, but