SCC throws Gatsby Dance

By MARGARET HYNDS
News Writer

Friday night, the Sophomore Class Council (SCC) will allow students to step out of 2014 and into the world of F. Scott Fitzgerald, at the second annual Great Gatsby Dance.

The dance, co-sponsored by Senior Class Council, Junior Class Council and the Swing Club, is open to all students.Organizers said the dance will embrace some of the themes made famous by fictional ‘roaring twenties’ host Jay Gatsby, including live music, swing dancing, and decor.

The Gatsby Dance is the only dance this fall that will be held on Bond Hall Quad, organizers said. SCC Social Committee chair Chris Gauch said the dance will also feature several unique attractions.

“We’ve got an ice sculpture, a chocolate fountain, a live swing band and a dance floor. I think it’s going to be a great time,” Gauch said. “We also have swing club coming in. It’ll be nice to have students learn how to dance from them, and to see some demonstrations of what was popular during the 1920s.”

Swing Club president, Saint Mary’s senior Alyssa Lanting, said in an email that the club will be available for instruction throughout the night. In preparation for the dance, the club also hosted a swing instructional session Thursday night in Stepan Center.

“For the event, we only plan to teach East Coast Swing,” Lanting said. “Throughout the night, one may be able to see our more

Artists bring Harlem to SMC

By EMILIE KEFALAS
News Writer

Award-winning actress Jasmine Guy sings during her performance of ‘Raisin’ Cane: A Harlem Renaissance Odyssey’ Thursday night.

The sound of the Harlem Renaissance swept through O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s Thursday evening, as the College welcomed award-winning actress, singer and dancer Jasmine Guy and the Avery Sharpe Trio for their performance of ‘Raisin’ Cane: A Harlem Renaissance Odyssey,” director of media relations Gwen O’Hare said.

Inspired by the works of the

CEO rallies for ethical leaders

By JP GSCHWIND
News Writer

Chairman and CEO of the Clorox Company Don Knauss addressed a crowd via web feed at the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business on Thursday evening in a lecture entitled “Leadership Traits,” which focused on his extensive business experience and the underlying principles of successful leadership.

“Leadership is a hackneyed word, but it truly means rallying people for a better future,” Knauss said.

Knauss said there is a dichotomy between thought leadership and people leadership, but both are crucial to success. He emphasized creating loyalty within organizations because employees are the most important constituency of a company. Knauss said his own efforts at Clorox, such as personal lunches with low-level employees, rewarding long term employees and making all employees eligible for bonuses, represented the achievement of his leadership goals.

Knauss also said these leadership efforts produced tangible results. In 2006, 15 percent of Clorox’s brands won blind consumer tests 60 percent of the time, a benchmark of individual brand success. Today, 60 percent of its brands meet this goal and 80 percent are either ranked first or second in

Blackhawks return to Notre Dame

For the second straight year Chicago will open its training camp at Compton Family Ice Arena

By CAROLYN HUTYRA
News Writer

The five-time Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks arrived on campus Thursday for their second straight training camp trip to Compton Family Ice Arena, with public practices on Saturday and Sunday.

Tom Nevala, general manager of the Compton Family Ice Arena, said the training camp was first set up last year through discussions with Blackhawk’s manager Stan Bowman, a 1995 Notre Dame alumnus.

“When the facilities we have available to them, the campus environment, they thought it would be a great way to start the season,” Nevala said.

The team completed physical testing at the United Center in Chicago Thursday morning before traveling to the University, where Nevala said they will reside at the Morris Inn for the duration of their visit.

While at Notre Dame, Nevala said the team will participate in both private and public events.

“They are doing some things, but they are private functions on campus,” he said. “They are doing some things in the community as well. I think they’ll go to the Robinson Learning Center, I want to say on Friday afternoon.”

Team practice on Friday will be closed to the public, but faculty, staff and students from

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
“What is your favorite part about your dorm?”

Amanda Lepel
freshman
Holy Cross Hall
“Living close to all my friends and study partners.”

Ashley Delonge
freshman
Holy Cross Hall
“Getting to be around my friends all the time.”

Brooklyn Kessler
freshman
Holy Cross Hall
“Everyone is just like family to me.”

Jack Cobain
sophomore
Zahn House
“We have the best dorm president.”

Maddy Luteran
junior
Howard Hall
“The community.”

Ryan Brickner
freshman
Zahn House
“The sense of family and camaraderie in the dorm.”

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin E. Dempsey salutes the flag at Notre Dame Stadium on Sept. 6. Dempsey made headlines earlier this week when he suggested America deploy troops to Iraq to combat ISIS if air strikes are unsuccessful.
Panel addresses Notre Dame dating culture

By MELISSA RIORIAN
News Writer

Thursday’s panel, “Ring by Spring, Hooking Up & Opting Out: Redefining Notre Dating,” set out to better understand the various aspects and stereotypes of “Notre Dating,” and all relationships at the college level.

“Ring by Spring remains this part of Notre Dame culture that combats the overwhelming desire to overcome the hookup culture because there is a long history of this ring by spring culture,” professor of sociology Jessica Collet said. “Many of the students I’ve taught over the years are legacy students and many of [their] parents went to Notre Dame and met at Notre Dame so it makes sense that this ring by spring idea stays here.”

In addition to Professor Collet, the panel featured professor of sociology Christian Smith and two students, junior Nora Williamson and sophomore Faisal Shariff, who are both involved in the Gender Relations program.

The panel focused on how the three aspects of the panel’s title relate to the Notre Dame community, what influences these extremes, and what makes a happy, healthy relationship.

“I’m really in it to form friendships, and then I’ll go on from there,” Shariff said. “I think that’s what is important to me, and I think that’s what should be important to a lot of people. The focus should be on forming lasting relationships.”

The group also discussed how the University’s Catholic identity impacts the way students view and approach college relationships.

“If I feel like it does play a part, that we go to a Catholic university,” Williamson said. “I go to Mass every Sunday, and it’s always full, so there are a lot of people who are active in their faith. So that does play a role in people’s decisions.”

When the discussion moved to parietals’ role in relationships, Cavanaugh Hall rector Lauren Dorahue said the the true intent of the rules is to promote community.

“Parietals exist for the community of residents to feel comfortable and safe,” she said. “Our focus is always on the well-being and security of our residents. It is like when your family members come over for Thanksgiving; there comes a point in the evening when it’s time for everyone to go home and for everyone to end their day, and that’s how parietals also work.”

Smith moved the conversation away from “intentionally ambiguous” casual relationships that are so common to college students and left the group with parting words of advice, stressing the importance of meaningful relationships—both romantic and friendly.

“Romantic relationships have lots of intentionality, whereas friends—which often happens if I suddenly became 18 again but still had what I know and my maturity, I would invest a lot more effort into non-romantic significant, serious relationships with the kind of people, who, for the rest of my life, at reunions, I would love to spend time with.”

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SMC series fosters relationship between faith, reason

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Thursday night, Saint Mary’s Center for Spirituality launched “Unitas, Veritas, Caritas: Catholicism and the Liberal Arts and Sciences” fall lecture series. The series will probe the relationship between faith and reason across several academic disciplines, including economics, nursing and biology.

“The series will provide students with an opportunity to engage in conversation with women of extraordinary intellectual accomplishment about the relation of faith, reason, and the profession that God is love,” Elizabeth Gruppe, Center for Spirituality director, said. “The endowed lecture series is one way in which the Center for Spirituality fosters conversation about the relationship of faith and reason, a discussion that is foundational to the intellectual culture of a Catholic college.”

Professor Mary Hirschfeld of Villanova University opened the series Thursday night with her lecture “What Difference Does Caritas (Love) Make? A Conversation between Economics and Catholic Social Thought on the Nature of the Human Person.”

Hirschfeld said both economists and people who criticize economists end up over-valuing or over-loving material goods.

“We should love God, but what does economics have to do with loving God?” Hirschfeld said. “God created this world and it is a world that is meant to be loved, it’s unintelligible to love a God and then scorn his creation.”

Hirschfeld said material goods are a part of human life, and having goods can still be virtuous if they are used for a higher purpose.

“Our desire for material goods should be absolutely measured by or bounded by the ends they serve,” she said. “The real thing we need to love are the goods we are trying to distribute back and forth, because when we think we love our neighbor more by giving them stuff, we’re thinking about a conception of love that involves having, not being.”

Dr. Marie Hilliard, director of bioethics and public policy at The National Catholic Bioethics Center, will deliver the second lecture in the series on Tuesday, Oct. 2. She will speak on “Caritas, Caritas, and the Vocation of the Health Care Professional.”

Professor Celia Deane-Drummond will conclude the series on Thursday, Oct. 30, with her lecture “Tracing Common Ground: Bioethics and Theology: Caritas and the Drama of Kinship.”

She is currently a professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, with a concurrent appointment in the College of Science.

Her lectures all begin at 7:30 p.m. and will take place in Vanden Venet Theatre in the Saint Mary’s Student Center.

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Domer Run increases local cancer awareness

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Since 1983, the Domer Run has allowed participants to take in campus sights while running to raise money for cancer awareness and education, and this year’s run will start Saturday at 9 a.m. at Legends. Amy Marquez, an intern for special events and family programming at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center, said the run has been in the works for months.

“We usually start planning around June and July,” Marquez said. “We try to do it before it gets really cold … and we work around the football schedule.”

A Notre Dame graduate student first conceived of the idea for the Domer Run 31 years ago. Its original purpose was to provide students with something to do when there was no football game that weekend, and it has raised over $65,000 in its history, according to the recSports website.

“It started out as something fun to do and it just got bigger and bigger,” Marquez said. “1997 is when they added the breakfast and in 1997, they started it for charity.”

The proceeds for this year’s race will benefit a local group called Gynaa Girls, whose mission is to raise awareness and provide support for women who have been affected by gynecological cancer.

Every year, the Domer Run highlights one person associated with the charity the run sponsors. This year, the honoree is Beckie Morris, an ovarian cancer patient of 15 years.

Doctors caught her cancer late and diagnosed it as Stage III ovarian cancer. Today, Morris maintains a goal of raising cancer awareness in hopes that it will decrease the number of late diagnoses.

This is the first year that participants will have time chips in their race bibs, and every participant will receive an Under Armour shirt. These updates caused a slight spike in registration fees, but Marquez said the number of participants is expected to be about the same as previous years.

“I think overall people are willing to give whatever they can and we’re just trying to provide a better race for them,” Marquez said.

Online registration for the Domer Run ends today at noon and last-minute registration before the race will be from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Saturday morning.

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VisionWalk raises funds for ocular disease research

By ALYSSA LYON
News Writer

The Notre Dame Biology Club will hold the fifth annual ND VisionWalk Sunday to raise money for the Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB) in its efforts to find a cure for retinal degeneration and other ocular diseases.

Jonathan Jou and Sarah Hockney, both senior biology majors, are this year’s walk co-chairs. Jou said University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh served as the inspiration for the first ND VisionWalk in 2010.

“Five years ago, there was a student named Maria Sellers, who went to visit Father Hesburgh during his office hours and found out he suffers from retinal degeneration,” Jou said. “She started out he suffers from retinal degeneration, during his office hours and found out he suffers from retinal degeneration, said. “I thought [ND VisionWalk] was a way to get involved with doing things now that are going to make a difference,” she said.

Similarly, Jou said the ND VisionWalk allows him to make a bigger, immediate contribution to the medical research field.

“It was a way to give back to research field,” he said. “Science is trending toward philanthropic funding, I think that events like these are becoming more and more important and will carry more weight in the future.”

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their respective categories, Knauss said he was especially proud of the results within his company. “Everyone got a seat at the table” Knauss said.

Knauss expanded on his leadership paradigm, and said, “the most invaluable leadership traits are integrity, curiosity, optimism, compassion and humility.”

He said leaders from Marie Curie to Margaret Thatcher to Cesar Chavez embodied these aforementioned traits. Integrity, Knauss said, is aligned with honesty, trust and strength of character.

Knauss said curiosity creates a safe environment for debate and true optimism combined with the ability to face reality will make faith successful.

Describing compassion’s importance, Knauss said, “life is not fair, but you must use your power to make it fair.” Knauss said humility creates a feeling of approachability in any organization.

Following Knauss’s presentation, Knauss answered questions about how his military experience affected his leadership and how he implemented his people-focused vision on a daily basis. Knauss said students in the audience must remain true to their values because “everything you do communicates.”

The lecture was part of the Berges Lecture Series sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business and Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide. The series showcases business executives speaking about ethics.

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Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross are welcome to join the team for an exclusive practice around the atmosphere that you can enjoy every day,” she said. “Maybe this is a chance to re-engage and enjoy the kind of being like you guys.”

Nevala said the team seems to enjoy the training program set up by the Notre Dame Student Athletics Office.

“Before they’ve even started camp this year, they’re already looking forward to returning again next year,” he said.

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The production is part of this year’s World-Degman Performing Arts Series, O’Brien said.

The play’s title refers to Jean Toomer’s 1923 book, “Cane,” which is considered by many to be one of the greatest works of the Harlem Renaissance, according to a report in the South Bend Tribune. Gay also performed literary excerpts from some of the period’s most influential writers, including W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington, while dancing and singing to the musical backdrop of “Shake Time’s” score.

Director of Special Events, Richard Baxter said the community is invited to come to watch the traveling production to campus.

“Production is a rare opportunity for our students and community to experience the Harlem Renaissance through the presence of these talented performers,” Baxter said.

“Raisin’ Cane” celebrates and honors the legendary voices of the Harlem Renaissance through text, music, dance and self-expression, Baxter said.

“You get a history lesson where the music and the dance add to the fabric of what you’re seeing,” he said. “You don’t just get a dry lecture or just a history class about the time period, but you get this real engaging and invigorating performance from jazz musicians. It’s the best way to experience that kind of history.”

Baxter said he was excited to have Gay take on the project with the jazz trio, and he couldn’t wait to see how the students would make it come alive at Saint Mary’s.

“I am very familiar with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, which is where she moved after she really developed her career,” he said. “That dance company is one of the best dance companies in the world. I was familiar with her work in television, and she really developed her broader performance opportunities, O’Brien said in the event’s press release.

Though right on the heels of the class of 2016.


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It can be easy, in the wake of every-thing in the news these days, to get aw-fully depressed. Domestic violence and child abuse in the NFL. Another ground war looms in the Middle East. Threats of terror attacks from ISIS and other form-less yet nefarious entities. On the surface, it seems like a rough time in the world.

But in the wake of all of this troubling and disheartening news, one little bright story slipped through the cracks: we might be going into space again.

In 2011, 30 years after its inception, NASA’s manned-flight shuttle program was retired. The move frustrated and saddened many, as it seemed to mark the end of an era. The days of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Sally Ride was retired. The move frustrated and saddened many, as it seemed to mark the end of an era. The days of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Sally Ride.

While it’s true that the shuttle program was an incredible achievement, it was not without its flaws. The program was plagued by cost overruns, technical difficulties, and safety concerns. And yet, it was a tremendous accomplishment, and it opened the door to new possibilities.

There’s no money in that field, why are we study that, it’s a waste of your time.

Neil Armstrong took one small step for mankind on man yet one giant leap for mankind on the moon. Too often, we hear the pow-ers that be or the establishment wring-ing their hands and exclaiming that we should set our sights on the feasible, on the attainable. Don’t be foolish. Don’t study that, it’s a waste of your time.

There’s no money in that field, why are we even bothering?

NASA and space travel isn’t just about getting an end result — a tidy number at the end of a quarterly report. It’s about that old feeling of exhilaration in discovery, much like the sea-faring explorers who served. The sea-faring explorers who served.

But to only focus on the “bottom line” is to miss the point entirely. NASA and its police force through greater transparency and better communication.

When we consider the role of the Notre Dame Security Police, the first thing that should come to mind is its importance in keeping the Notre Dame community as a whole safe. NDSP certainly has the power to do so — according to a statement from University, it is a fully operational police force under Indiana state law with the power to make arrests and the responsibility to conduct crim-inal investigations.

However, as the South Bend Tribune pointed out this week, because NDSP operates within the structure of a private university, it is not required to release its po-lice records. This is its practice, even though police de-partments enforcing state law are required by the state legislature to release records to the public.

The student body, as well as the general public, has the right to access the NDSP crime log through the Clery Act, a Federal law that requires colleges to disclose information about crime that occurs on and around their campus. Yet, records of other non-crim-inal reports are not made public, and the full police report for crimes investigated are not released either, according to NDSP policy.

University spokesman Dennis Brown cited decisions by several Indiana public access counselors that found private Indiana university police departments are not public agencies and so are not subject to the Access to Public Records Act. He said NDSP’s maintaining the privacy of its reports is “in full compliance with state law,” and we do not contest that. However, we as university students and the Editorial Board of a uni-versity newspaper want to emphasize that making po-lice reports available upon request is beneficial to our community, increases trust and allows us to properly engage in a conversation about safety on campus.

Though the Clery Act and limited alerts from the University keep us as a student body informed about criminal activity, we still are left in the dark about how police responded to other incidents. For example, on Sept. 6, a man fell from a stairwell in Main Building and was seriously injured during Trumpets under the Dome on a game day. Several witnesses were extremely upset by the sight, and they called and emailed The Observer seeking any information we had about what happened and what condition the man was in, out of concern for him and seeking closure for themselves.

Due to Notre Dame’s policies, we were unable to access the incident report or confirm details that the witnesses had shared with us. Opacity from the University kept those concerned witnesses — and the rest of campus — in the dark and allowed rumors to proliferate. This is just one example of how the University’s lack of transparency affects our student body.

The policy often can make any incident — tragic, shocking or even relatively ordinary — feel like it is being covered up. Legally, NDSP does not have to share the information we seek, but morally, we believe more transparency and easier access to information about incidents that matter to us and may have affected us would make our campus stronger.

We in no way want to upbraid the Notre Dame Security Police or take away from the hard work the of-ficers do to keep our campus safe. The work of NDSP is incredibly important and valued on our campus. What we do hope is that we will be able to engage more with the University and its police force through greater transparency and better communication.

Notre Dame often holds its students to standards higher than the letter of the law, and this is one in-stance where we would like to see NDSP set a higher bar for itself out of concern for the community it serves.

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The minefield of American racism

When former Pennsylvania senator Rick Santorum visited Notre Dame this week on tour for his new book, “Blue Collar Conservatives,” he enthusiastically advocated a controversial solution to poverty in America, noting that America’s political leaders should express their support for marriage and family. Santorum cited a CDC report that shows the poverty rate for married families in America is five percent, but 40 percent for single-mother families. While this may not prove causation, other studies have affirmed Santorum’s conviction that family breakup perpetuates the cycle of poverty in America.

In his book, Santorum argues that family breakup has been especially devastating in African-American communities. Today, 67 percent of black children do not live with their fathers, according to a Pew Research Center estimate. He dismisses race as a cause of tragic poverty in minority community, in his book, arguing, “we need more from [President Obama] on this subject. Promoting responsible fatherhood, particularly in the black community, could be his greatest legacy, if he cared enough to do it.”

When asked Wednesday evening if there are systemic or institutional inequalities in America and if the government has a role in righting those inequalities, the former senator responded with the following:

“Is there inequality? Certainly it depends on how you measure that. When you look at the economic situation for black America versus white America and you say, well, they’re unequal, so therefore there’s inequality. I think you could probably say that. If you look at incarceration rates, there’s inequality. There’s lots of things you can look at for inequality. But the question is: what’s the root of that? Is there some inequality at the root that leads to that inequality as a result? That’s a lot harder to dig through, because it’s multi-factorial... this is where it gets really difficult because it’s easy to point to something and say, well, it’s just that people are prejudiced and that’s the problem. And it’s very, very, as we’ve seen a lot of political figures, entertainment figures, even the black ones — Spike Lee or Bill Cosby — when they try to address this issue they just get hammered by the establishment and so if Bill Cosby and Spike Lee are going to get hammered, I’m not going to walk into that minefield. They have more credibility than I do on this issue.”

Everyone agrees that racial inequality in America is a difficult topic to discuss. But it’s most difficult for Americans who suffer from systemic racial inequality every day. According to an estimate from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, almost one of every three African-American males will serve time in prison over their lifetimes.

“If you think of the dad ended up like that? Almost 85 percent of young men in prison grew up without a father in their home,” Santorum writes in his book. “When thinking about the root of inequality, let’s look at those fathers’ fathers, their fathers’ fathers, etc. After Reconstruction, Southern business owners figured out that they could legally enslave former slaves if they were convicted of a crime. Thus, they established the notorious Jim Crow laws that unjustifiably incarcerated the African-American population. In the North, white crime lord syndicates and state governments took over the illegal lotteries, working with local police forces to eliminate their African-American competitors by imprisoning them. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 abolished Jim Crow, but disproportionately high incarceration rates remained. In the 1980s, the “War on Drugs” disproportionately targeted crack cocaine, which has the same effects as cocaine, but is more prevalent in lower income and African-American communities. Today’s mandatory mini-mums for people convicted of certain crimes still reflect the racism of the 1980s. I recommend Michelle Alexander’s “The New Jim Crow” for further reading about the history of racism and incarceration in America.”

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Just off the South Eddy Street exit on Mishawaka Avenue sits Bamber’s Superette Food Market. The Italian deli-ca- cies shop lies amidst the usual concrete scenery of a normal South Bend road, with an unassuming façade plainly detailing some of the day’s specials in the windows. However, once you step inside the seem- ingly every-day building, the variety in selections that Bamber’s Superette stocks immediately overwhelms the senses.

Bamber’s history, though having opened in 1950, actually dates to 1915, when Gene’s parents established the store in its foray in the food market business when Gene’s grandfather founded a shop across the street from its current location. Although it had to close the store during the Great Depression, the Bamber family continued its operation. In 1950, actually, the store will acquire a pesto-infused biscotti, which alone speaks to the exclusivity of Bamber’s brands and products. An ice cream vendor from California named Dr. Bob’s Handcrafted Ice Cream, Bamber recollects, has been dealing with the store for over 10 years, after Bamber met the vendor at a trade show.

The one thing clearly as important to Bamber as food is people. He briefly paused our conversation in order to greet and help a customer, who also happened to his cardiologist, move his bags to his car. Bamber showed care with every shopper that stopped in, either mentioning his relationship with him or her or simply helping him or her locate an item. The ideas of family and food are distinctly inter-connected to Bamber. A question about braciole will lead to a great story about youth Sunday suppers with his grandparents, and a look into his family’s previous generations beckons recalling other recipes. This sense of inclusion so present in Bamber in turn pervades the market.

When walking through the doors to Bamber’s Superette, the open layout pours all its splendors directly towards its customers, both thanking them for stop-ping by and enticing them to jump right in. As you enter, to your near-left an open display with various pre-prepared sides and baked pasta dishes, ready to heat and serve, awaits. To your right, specialty bottles of hard-to-find sodas line the wall in a clean, colorful mosaic. Brands and flavors range from classics like Boylan’s Black Cherry and Grape soda to personal favorites, ginger beers and Spindrift Sparkling Half-and-Half. As for a section of freezer space, Bamber’s carries an adventurous, unmatched array of game meats, including pheasant, Kobe burgers, venison and sausage of any kind imaginable. Bamber’s prides itself on its quantity and quality of high-end produce options, also stocking Italian and international cheeses, wine, beer, spices, fresh bread, dry pasta and desserts. To list all their products would be exhaustive, and would ruin the delight in discovering the specialty gems.

Bamber truly has a passion for running Bamber’s Superette Food Market, as well as the variety of foods his store carries, and it comes out in his attention to detail and care. All the shelves are meticulously organized — each product given its own space for celebration — cleanly display-ing the myriad of options. Anyone half as excited by food as Bamber undoubtedly is will get a serious rush and great appre-ciation from perusing Bamber’s aisles. Indeed, visitors may easily find themselves spending a good chunk of time working their way through the wondrous selection the market has to offer the South Bend and Notre Dame areas. Stop in not only for the quality selections, but also for the fascinating, rich history behind the market and the genuine, dedicated man at the center of it.

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Each week, I’ll be granting a five-star review to an underrated or overlooked piece of art, music, film or anything else you can imagine. This week, we investigate one of the greatest inventions of all time, chosen by Saint Mary’s sophomore Maddy Danz, one of our very own cultural experts.

The human nature is dark and deep. A primal violence wrestles against love of stability and security. Why else would we watch action movies and play combat games, with guns and death and threat of harm, to relax? Why else would we destroy our friends’ basketball trophies, should our friends offer them up, in order to turn our anger into calm? Our animal spirits thirst for destruction in a world where our hunter and survivor instincts lie dormant. We, like Miley Cyrus, cannot be tamed.

So how do we make the balance in modern society? Do we need to turn to criminal behavior or hunt with our bare hands in order to satisfy our elemental urges? In the olden days, perhaps it was so. But since then, technology has led us to the pinnacle of primal equilibrium. Behold, my fellow university students, the piñata: one of the very greatest inventions of all time.

When one first comes in contact with a piñata, one discovers his or her greatest inner desire: to smash that like Akon did back in ’06. It’s a deceptively sturdy cardboard beast, taunting the kindergartner and nursing home inhabitant alike with its stare-contest-winning painted eyes. It hangs both gracefully and morbidly, revealing its present wholeness and future destruction. It is the perfect challenge: as easily destroyed as the Michigan football season and just as satisfying.

The journey to the piñata’s destruction is fast and furious; the experience is and just as satisfying. The observer

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This should not be a surprise, as it generally accepted that in the NFL, an elite quarterback is needed in order to have legitimate championship aspirations. Championship-caliber teams are more likely to perform better on a week-to-week basis, and thus are more likely to win more games. The stark difference between the Seahawks and the three other aforementioned teams is that the Seahawks and the Chargers are elite or even a very good quarterback. Instead they relied on their dominating defense. In terms of points allowed, the Seahawks have been the stingiest defense in each of the past two seasons. If we look at all Super Bowl champions since the 1997 season, all but two had two or less convincing losses. The only teams to have more are the 2007 and 2011 New England Patriots with five and four, respectively. More often than not, the number of losses by more than one score is a measure of the strength of a team's quarterback and consequently, the strength of the team. The two greatest quarterbacks of the past 15 years, Peyton Manning and Brady, show an exceptionally low tendency to lose by more than one score. For Brady, the last time that the Patriots lost by more than one score in the regular season, prior to Week One of this year, was in Week Nine of 2010 to the Cleveland Browns. However, that accomplishment is marred by the fact that the team has not won a Super Bowl since 2004, while it has suffered two blow-out losses in the playoffs since its last championship. In fact, Brady has not lost more than two one-score games in which he started in a regular season since 2005. The last time that Peyton Manning has lost more than two one-score games in which he started in a regular season was in 2009.

In the NFL, it is all but a given that a team needs an elite quarterback to seriously compete for a Super Bowl. The Seahawks do not have an elite quarterback to carry them from week-to-week, which makes their long stretch of games in which they have not been beaten by a significant margin quite an accomplishment and speaks to the quality of the team as a whole.

Patrick McCullough is the guest columnist.

On Sunday, the defending Super Bowl champion Seahawks lost to the Chargers by a score of 30-21.

As a differential of nine points may not seem like a significant amount, it is the first time that the Seahawks have lost by two or more scores since the Cowboys handed them a 23-13 loss in November of 2011. That is a span of 46 regular season and playoff games, which is a remarkable reflection of just how dominant the Seahawks have been.

Over the span of multiple seasons, a given team's record in such games is often right around .500. Thus, when a team wins a majority of one-score games, it is considered lucky. Monday's game between the Colts and Eagles ended with a field goal as the winning margin after a 46-game streak game between the Patriots and Vikings was 30-7, yet both games count as losses for one team. While simply looking at the quantity of losses does not reflect accurately on the quality of a team's play on a week-to-week basis, trying to attribute the difference in score for less we can better judge the performance of a team. Likewise, over the span of multiple seasons, a given team's record in such games is often right around .500. This is the Seahawks first convincing loss in 46 games, if convincing means a defeat by more than one score.

To paint this picture of dominance in perspective, the last so-called dynasty of the NFL, the 2003-2004 New England Patriots, lost games in both the 2003 and 2004 seasons by multiple scores. While the Patriots did not have any convincing losses in the 2007 season and subsequent playoffs, they only managed a streak of 27 straight games from 2006-2008.

From 2002-2013, the Patriots have a total of two convincing losses, both of which were in the playoffs, before they lost to the Dolphins 33-20 in Week One of this year. Likewise, the Broncos have lost two games by more than one score over the past two years, in February, Super Bowl and to the Patriots in Week Five of 2012. The only other team to lose only one game by more than one score last season was the Chargers, which suffered a 27-17 loss to the Raiders on the Oct. 6.

All four of the aforementioned teams managed to win at least one playoff game last year. The Patriots, Chargers, and Broncos had all exceptional seasons from the quarterback position with Tom Brady, Philip Rivers and Peyton Manning, respectively.

By REBECCA ROGALSKI Sports Writer

In a close contest against Calvin, Saint Mary's ultimately came out on top, defeating the Knights, 1-0, Tuesday. The win was the Belles first MIAA win in program history against the Knights.

After a scoreless first half, the Belles (3-4, 1-2 MIAA) came out in the second half on the attack, putting pressure on Calvin's defense early. In the 67th minute, sophomore midfielder Jenn Jarmy sent a cross toward the goal where senior midfielder Erin Mishu connected with a header for her second goal of the season to put the Belles up, 1-0.

Energized by the lead, the Belles' defense continued to stand strong while the midfield and forwards helped Saint Mary's freeze the Knights (1-5, 0-3) and maintain the 1-0 victory. After out-shooting the Belles throughout the first half, Calvin only had three shots in the final 45 minutes of play, with just one of those attempts coming on goal.

Meanwhile, Saint Mary's was able to put three of their four shots in the second half on goal.

Saint Mary's coach Michael Joyce admired his team's defense in the shut out the Knights.

"The key to our success in Tuesday's game was without a doubt... defensive improvements," Joyce said. "We've let in too many goals this season, and I think we played with a little extra intensity and communication in the back, which really helped us keep a clean sheet."

Joyce said his senior center backs Mary Kate Hsusey and Kerry Green also did an excellent job organizing the back line and dealing with pressure and crosses.

Despite the victory, Joyce said improvements are still needed all around the squad.

"I still think we could play a little bit sharper," Joyce said. "There's been a few unforced errors and a few too many giveaways. We like to posses the ball a lot, but we haven't quite gotten to the point where we were last year where we are constantly hitting our strides."

The Belles hope to continue their success as they face Hope. The Flying Dutch, who currently lead the MIAA, are undefeated in conference play.

"They really need to start out this game strong," Joyce said. "Every time we've gone up against them past couple of years, we've always gotten ourselves into a hole in the first 25 minutes of play and been down a couple of goals. Many games have gone well and we've played well after that, but it's always tough to dig yourself out of that hole once you're in it.

Despite the challenges they face, Joyce said he believes the Belles can compete with Hope.

"All we can do is play as well as we can," Joyce said. "We're right up there with any of the teams in our league, and as long as we can remain consistent in our performance, then we should have no problems competing with the best."

The Belles travel to Holland, Mich. to square off against Hope on Saturday. Kick-off is scheduled for noon.

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Irish welcome Tar Heels for ACC opener

By GREG HADLEY
Associate Sports Editor

The two most decorated programs in women’s college soccer clash for the 23rd time Saturday when No. 18 Notre Dame hosts No. 9 North Carolina at Alumni Stadium.

The Tar Heels (3-2-1) own 21 national championships, the most in NCAA history, with the most recent title coming in 2012. The Irish (5-2-1) have the second most, with three. North Carolina owns the 14-6-2 edge in the series, but recently the Irish have drawn even, splitting the last four matches.

Despite the historical implications of the game, Irish coach Theresa Romagnolo said she believes her team is not worried about facing the Tar Heels.

“I think we get up for every game,” Romagnolo said. “Obviously North Carolina is an exciting start to the ACC [schedule] so that’s also what we’re excited about. But I think we get up for every opponent.”

Like the Irish, North Carolina has faced a brutal non-conference schedule, playing four ranked opponents in six games. The team’s losses came to No. 4 Stanford and No. 12 Pepperdine.

Both the Tar Heels and the Irish pushed the Cardinal to overtime with the match scoreless, but North Carolina red-shirt sophomore goalkeeper Lindsey Harris muffed an easy save in the 93rd minute to send the Tar Heels to a stunning opening-game loss. When Notre Dame faced Stanford, sophomore goalkeeper Kaela Little recorded six saves and shutout the Cardinal to preserve a 0-0 tie.

“In the first game, everyone is really learning about themselves,” Romagnolo said. “And that was [North Carolina’s] first game. Stanford is a good team. We saw them.”

Since then, North Carolina has allowed two goals in five games, lowering its goals against average to .465, which ranks 19th in the nation. On offense, the Tar Heels average only .67 goals per game but Romagnolo said the team is dangerous because of its ability to possess the ball for large chunks of the game.

“Carolina is very athletic,” Romagnolo said. “They like the high press. For us, it’s going to be about getting our possession game going but also looking for opportunities in the spaces when they open up.”

The Irish have outscored opponents 13-6 over eight games, but Romagnolo said the team must sharpen its killer instinct and finishing on scoring chances. Notre Dame has 124 shots on the season, for a shot percentage of .105.

“We’ve been working on breaking pressure,” Romagnolo said of the last week of practice. “We’ve also been working on creating more of an attacking mentality in the [offensive] third of the field. I think that the goals are going to start happening for us. We’re serving in the box and we’ve got some pretty good numbers on the goal. We just need to make sure that we jump in front of some defenders and be more proactive in getting the ball.”

Last weekend, facing unranked Toledo, Notre Dame struggled to finish, despite firing 12 shots. Sophomore midfielder Morgan Andrews eventually took control for the Irish, scoring twice to secure the 2-1 win. Romagnolo said she thinks any other forward or midfielder could make a similar impact against North Carolina.

“Morgan’s a midfielder but she was making runs in the box to make things happen,” Romagnolo said. “[So] it can really be anybody. They all have the personality to be able to finish.”

The game marks the beginning of ACC play for both teams. The Tar Heels finished third in the conference last season, while the Irish placed fifth. Notre Dame and North Carolina renew their rivalry Saturday at Alumni Stadium. Kick-off is scheduled for noon.

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Irish host championships

By MANNY DEJESUS
Sports Writer

Both the men’s and women’s squads will be at full strength this weekend, as Notre Dame hosts the 35th annual National Catholic Championships, after the teams’ younger runners carried the Irish to a strong start in the Crusader Open.

In the first meet of the season, the men’s team was led by sophomores Chris Marco and Jacob Dumlff, who finished first and second, respectively. Notre Dame had three other runners, all freshmen, finish in the top ten. John Flannery finished in fifth, Kevin Pulliam finished ninth and Calvin Kraft placed tenth out of 41 runners. For the women’s team, freshmen Sydney Foreman and Kaitlin Fri had the best finishes for the Irish, finishing fourth and seventh out of 39 runners. While the men defended their team title, the women’s side only raced four athletes and therefore were ineligible for a team score.

Now for Notre Dame’s second meet, the upperclassmen will make their season debut after being held from the first race by the competitive part of the season. Sparks said he expects to continue that success. Notre Dame’s women’s and men’s team have won first place at the National Catholic Championships five years in a row. Since the 1999 season, Notre Dame has not finished lower than second place on either the men’s or women’s side.

“With the chemistry between the runners and Sparks has gotten better over the course of the training and start of the season, he said. “I believe the team is really starting to believe in the changes to the program,” Sparks said. “They are excited to put the long summer of hard training behind them and look forward to the competitive part of the season.”

Looking towards the National Catholic Championships, where Notre Dame has dominated in recent history, Sparks said he expects to continue that success. Notre Dame’s women’s and men’s team have won first place at the National Catholic Championships five years in a row. Since the 1999 season, Notre Dame has not finished lower than second place on either the men’s or women’s side.

“We have traditionally represented Notre Dame very well at the National Catholic Championship and I expect a similar experience this year,” Sparks said. “This will be the first large invitational (37 teams) for the freshman and I am looking forward to see how they react.”

Marquette, Holy Cross, Detroit-Mercy, Dayton and Pennsylvania State are a few of the 37 teams that will be racing in attempt to dethrone Notre Dame at the National Catholic Championships. Over 800 runners are scheduled to compete in four races. In the men’s and women’s varsity races, the team scores will be split between the Div. I programs and all other competing squads.

The 35th annual National Catholic Championships will take place Friday at Notre Dame Golf Course, where the Irish will look to take the title for the sixth year in a row. The first race is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m.

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Keough, Pasquerella West look to repeat titles

**Finest will rely on team athleticism, fresh talent to take down reigning champions, Pasquerella West**

By RENEE GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

The interhall flag football season kicks off this weekend, with defending champion Pasquerella West going up against Farley on Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

Colleen Doyle, senior captain and offensive lineman, believes the Purple Weasels have a good chance of repeating this year, she said.

“We definitely have high expectations,” Doyle said. “We all have the goal of getting back to the stadium, so we’re eager to get playing and see how it goes.”

Farley’s season last year was not as successful as Pasquerella West’s, but the team is hopeful they will start off strong this season, sophomore quarterback Lizzy Moulton said.

“[I expect] a championship,” Moulton said. “I expect us to play well and try our hardest. I think we have a pretty athletic squad and I’m expecting big things from this Farley team. We’re definitely not going to go down without a fight.”

Moulton was on Farley’s B-team last year, which lost at the championship at Notre Dame Stadium.

She said the Finest’s mindset will give them a chance at upsetting the reigning champion Purple Weasels.

“It’s going to be a great matchup,” Moulton said. “We’re hoping to put up a good fight, we’re hoping to come out with a win. It’s definitely going to be a tough match for us, but if we play hard and play smart I think we should come out with the W.”

Likewise, Doyle said she expects intangibles and newcomers to have a big impact on Pasquerella West’s upcoming season.

“We graduated some valuable talent and leadership and have some big shoes to fill but the young talent is really stepping up and we have a few returnees from abroad who will likely fill some of those gaps pretty well,” Doyle said. “We’ll be counting on our juniors to be the backbone of our defense.”

Aside from a mixture of veterans and fresh talent, team unity will also be crucial to Pasquerella West’s performance, Doyle said.

“(Pasquerella West) has some really strong team camaraderie which I think is a big factor,” Doyle said. “We’re well balanced on both sides of the ball with some very solid coaching, so we’ll see how that translates to the game.”

Pasquerella West and Farley face off on Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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**The Big Red aim to go to the sky, throw past defending-champ Kangaroos**

By ALEX CARSON
Sports Writer

Keough looks to take its first step towards repeating last season’s interhall title when it goes up against Dillon on Sunday afternoon.

While the Kangaroos lost some production due to graduation — including their starting quarterback Seamus Donegan — they also return some players who made an impact in the championship game. Junior receiver and captain Mitchell Patin returns after catching the winning touchdown pass at Notre Dame Stadium a year ago, while sophomore defensive back Matthew Moorey returns after making a crucial interception in the title game.

When the two teams met last season, Keough ran its way to a 22-0 victory over Dillon. The Big Red finished 2-2 last season, good enough to sneak into the playoffs where they fell to Keenan.

While the Dillon offense sputtered at times last year — scoring under five points per game — junior quarterback and captain Colin Cunningham said his team hopes to get production through the air on the offensive side of the ball.

“We’re going to try to throw the ball as much as we can,” Cunningham said. “But the game plan might change throughout the game depending on how we do.”

Dillon will look towards a crop of new players this year to try and get them to the top.

“On defense we’ve got a [junior] safety named Brian Walter who’s really, really good,” Cunningham said. “It’s his first year playing interhall so he’ll be the one to watch. On offense we’ve got a [sophomore] running back named Morris LaGrand and it’s also his first time playing. He was a stud in high school.”

The Big Red will look to upset last season’s champions Sunday at the Riehle Fields at 1:00 p.m.

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**Football**

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Either Folston or McDaniel has started in the backfield for the first drive, and the other has followed the next series. “I don’t just want to be a third-string running back — ever. All their safety. I’m just gonna keep making plays and see what the coaches do from there. If you make plays, they got no choice but to move you up.”

Recently, Bryan has focused on his patience as a runner. He still wants to improve his blocking skills, as well. Not surprisingly, the four-star recruit, per 247Sports.com, said he didn’t block much at American Heritage High School in Delray Beach, Fla.

“That’s one thing that can separate me from not just the running backs on our team but everybody in the country,” Bryan said of his blocking.

To improve in pass protection, Bryan said it down to reading his keys, keeping his hands inside and being more physical.

The 5-foot-10, 205-pounder has had no issues with his physicality and fearlessness with the ball in his hands.

Irish head coach Brian Kelly has joked about Bryan’s agility to fair catches as a punt returner. Bryan admitted his boldness as a return man could be tied to his thirst to make plays and move up in the running back rotation.

“I don’t know when I’m going to get the ball again, so I might as well get this punt and try to take it to the house,” Bryan said of his mentality.

Bryan did say he’ll willingly signa for a fair catch whenever he feels threatened.

Has he felt threatened?

“No,” Bryan quipped.

Comfortable with the ball in his hands, Bryan has also grown more comfortable with his Notre Dame lifestyle in year two.

“It’s just like I adapted to living the lifestyle of a Notre Dame student-athlete, waking up, going to school, knowing that I gotta do stuff that I don’t want to do every day,” Bryan said. “It turned me into a man now. And it made me realize the big picture. It’s not all about football.

“It basically made me the person I am today, just to come back and be humble and be a great football player.”

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**NDVball**

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Notre Dame will have an opportunity to collect its second win against a winless Morehead State on Friday afternoon.

The Eagles (0-10) are the four-time defending Ohio Valley Conference champions, but have started the season in unprecedentedly poor fashion, with their first 0-10 start in the history of the program, as well as being the worst start in program history.

The stiffest competition in the Active Ankle Challenge will likely come from the host team, in the Purdue Boilermakers.

In contrast to the Irish, the No. 11 Boilermakers (8-1) are returning 8 players. Of those eight returning players include four starters from their 2013 unit that reached the Elite Eight.

Purdue also has his history on its side — having won 12 of their last 19 matches against Notre Dame.

If they are able to defeat the Billikens on Friday morning, the Boilermakers will advance to 9-1, which would be their best start since 2011.

St. Louis (7-3) heads to West Lafayette looking to extend their seven-match win streak at the hands of the Boilermakers and Irish.

The Billikens are ranked 25 in the NCAA with 68 kills, a facet of the game that is something Notre Dame has struggled to overcome in recent matches.

“We are always looking to continue to improve,” Brown said. “This team brings good intensity and a positive attitude to every practice and match. I know that the winning will continue to come after that.”

After the Active Ankle Challenge, Notre Dame remains on the road through the month of September. They will travel to Coral Gables, Florida, on September 26. From there, they move on to Tallahassee, Florida, on September 28 to take on ACC foes Miami and Florida State, respectively.

The Irish take on Purdue, Morehead State and St. Louis this weekend at the Purdue Active Ankle Challenge.

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**BlacksHawks**

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“I’m excited to get back out there the next couple of days and just enjoy it,” Toews said. “It’s a great little community, a great school, and there’s a whole lot of history here, so it’s fun for us to come here and partake in and be a part of that culture too.”

Former Irish defensive end Stephen Johns will take the ice for the Blackhaws, as he competes in training camp for a roster spot. Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students, faculty and staff can watch the Blackhawks for free with a valid ID Friday from 10 a.m., to 12:45 p.m., while the general public can watch training camp Saturday and Sunday, also from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

The Blackhawks will be back in Chicago at the United Center for their annual Training Camp Festival on Monday at 7 p.m.

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Puzzle by Alan Arbesfeld

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Bryant breaks through

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

Football seems pretty simple in the mind of Greg Bryant. It comes down to making plays, something he’s been doing since he was five years old. The sophomore running back has an unwavering confidence in his playmaking ability, a confidence constructed from his days of throwing the football in the backyard or playing catch in the streets.

“I’m not cocky. I’m just confident,” Bryant said. “I’m just confident I’m going to make a play.”

Through the first quarter of the season, Bryant has tallied 119 rushing yards to pace the Irish ground game. He’s done so on 22 carries, the fewest — albeit not by much — of Notre Dame’s three running backs. Bryant is averaging 5.4 yards per carry, more than sophomores Tarean Folston (3.7) and senior Cam McDaniel (3.9).

Bryant said he doesn’t think much about the mechanics of the running back rotation, which has mostly had the running backs alternate on each drive.

“It’s nice to know that all of us got three different running styles,” Bryant said. “All of us are not the same. So we all can do different things. We all can come in in different situations and make plays.”

Blackhawks begin training camp

By ISAAC LORTON
Assistant Managing Editor

For the second consecutive year, the Chicago Blackhawks took the two-hour bus drive east to kick off their training camp at Notre Dame’s Compton Family Ice Arena.

Blackhawks general manager Stan Bowman, a Notre Dame class of ’85 graduate, came up with the idea to bring Chicago to Notre Dame prior to last season. Bowman said he was happy to see the Blackhawks back in South Bend.

“We’re really excited to be back here at Notre Dame for the second year,” Bowman said. “Last year was a great experience for our organization and our players.

“We’re excited to be back and excited to be talking hockey again.”

Bowman praised Compton Family Ice Arena and cited last year’s positive experiences as the reason for their return.

“It is a first-class facility here and the staff is tremendous,” Bowman said. “It was a nice setting for our team to get together. It was something a little different, and it worked really well for our group.”

The general admission tickets for the Blackhawks training camp sold out rapidly for Saturday and Sunday’s training camp sessions. Blackhawks starting center and captain Jonathan Toews said the support in the South Bend area is a great place to start training camp.

“It’s pretty cool,” Toews said. “Obviously, we’re not too far down the road. … you see a lot of Notre Dame football fans living in Chicago. It’s nice to see, whether it’s local people, hockey fans, football fans, come check out our practices and our games.”

The Blackhawks have seen success recently, winning the 2009-10 and 2012-13 Stanley Cups, but failed last season to move past the conference finals in a game-seven loss to the Los Angeles Kings. Toews said the atmosphere of Notre Dame helps put the players in a winning mood and will prepare them for another Stanley Cup run.

Irish prepare for grudge match

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
Sports Writer

It is said that there are few things better than sweet, sweet revenge. No. 5 Notre Dame will have its chance to get some Sunday, when it travels to face No. 7 Virginia in a marquee ACC matchup.

The Irish (3-1-1, 1-0-0 ACC) were shutout by the Cavaliers (4-1-0, 1-0-0) at Alumni Stadium last year, 2-0. It was the only game the eventual national champions lost in regulation all season. Virginia also ousted Notre Dame in the ACC Championship semifinals on penalty kicks, 4-3.

“That was a team that had our number last year,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said of Virginia. “I think they are a better team [this year], watching them on tape. … Every ACC game, you have to take it on its own merit. This is certainly one of the hardest games in the ACC.”

Coming off a 1-0 road victory against then-No. 20 Syracuse in its ACC opener last weekend, Notre Dame’s second conference tilt will pit the Irish against their second top-10 opponent of the year.

“That was a really hard win,” Clark said of the Syracuse victory. “That’s a really hard place to go. We had to beat a very good Syracuse team that was 4-0. … Very happy with that one. “I think every game is extremely important, you don’t put one above the other … From that game, you move on to another very, very tough at Virginia.”

Last weekend in New York, the Irish played the Orange (5-1-0, 0-1-0) in front of a school-record crowd of 2,442. Virginia’s Klockner Stadium can hold roughly 2,000 fans.

Notre Dame heads to tournament at Purdue

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Seeking to build off of their first win of the 2014, Notre Dame travels to West Lafayette, Indiana, to take on Moorhead State, St. Louis and Purdue this weekend at the Purdue Active Ankle Challenge. After six matches at Purcell Pavilion, the Irish (1-7) begin a three-week series of road trips as they hope to turn their season around.

After a season marked by narrow losses to Minnesota, Washington State and TCU, Notre Dame finally rebounded with a win Sept. 13 against Northeastern in the Shamrock Invitational. The Irish earned 50 kills and 8 service aces in the match, both of which were season highs.

After the victory in the morning match, the Irish later fell 3-1, to Northern Iowa to conclude the Shamrock Invitational.

“One thing we wanted to work on offensively was our kill and transition offense, which is something as a team we can still improve upon,” Irish coach Debbie Brown said. Notre Dame will have an opportunity to collect its second win against a winless Moorhead State on Friday afternoon. The Eagles (0-10) are the four-time defending Ohio Valley Conference champions but have started the season in