Notre Dame fans travel to MetLife Stadium

Despite distance, Irish fans fill stadium for 31-15 win over Syracuse in New Jersey

By MADISON JAROS
News Writer

Though it was a long road trip for a weekend, many Notre Dame students traveled to New Jersey to see the Irish defend their undefeated record against Syracuse on Saturday.

The Irish continued their win streak with a 31-15 win against the Orange. During the game, Irish senior quarterback Everett Golson recorded 25 consecutive completions, which broke the University record and fell one short of tying the Football Bowl Subdivision record for most consecutive completions.

Despite the new record, senior Andrew Winterstein said he thought the Irish didn’t play up to their potential.

“I thought the defense played pretty well last night and held the Orange to a number of three-and-outs, even though they still gave up a number of deep balls,” he said. “At times the offense looked strong, but on the whole, there were a ton of turnovers, making for a sloppy game.”

The game was played at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey rather than at Syracuse’s stadium in New York. Sophomore Joey Ganyard said seeing the game at MetLife made the experience that much better.

“MetLife was awesome,” he said. “I had never been to the stadium before. I was extremely impressed.”

Ganyard said he and his friends braved an 11-hour drive to watch the game in person.

“We stuffed a car full of people and road tripped out for the game,” he said. “It was a squeeze, but it added to the experience.”

The distance from Notre Dame to the stadium in New Jersey rather than Syracuse is roughly the same. Though it was a long road trip for a weekend, many students said the atmosphere was similar to a home game.

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University receives record amount of research funding

By ALEX WINEGAR
News Writer

In the 2014 fiscal year, the University of Notre Dame received $119 million in research awards, an increase of $17 million from last year and the highest recorded amount ever in a non-stimulus year.

Robert Bernhard, vice president for research, said contracts came from government agencies, various companies and foundations. “The National Science Foundation (NSF) is our largest sponsor,” he said. “The National Institute of Health (NIH) is generally our second-largest sponsor, but this year, their funding is reduced nationally.”

“We are also funded by the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense. We have funding from corporations, the two largest are General Electric and a consortium of companies.”

Saint Mary’s hosts parents

By MELISSA RIORDAN
News Writer

Parents from around the country gathered at Saint Mary’s College this weekend to visit their daughters and learn more about their academic lives during the annual Sophomore Parents’ Weekend (SPW).

Sophomore class vice president Maggie Carswell said the class boards organized SPW in the past, but this year Student Affairs and Student Involvement and Multi-cultural services (SIMS) coordinated the weekend events.

“It was mostly [vice president for student affairs] Karen Johnson and Student Affairs,” she said. “They helped a lot deciding to get all the faculty together to come up with all the info sessions and helped decide what would be most helpful for the parents.”

“They told us the game plan, and we agreed because we thought everything was important. It was more helpful because they gave us a different perspective. As students it is hard to know what to uncover the truth and report it accurately.”

Students participate in ‘Happiest 5K on the planet’

By MELISSA RIORDAN
News Writer

The Color Run provided Notre Dame students and South Bend residents with the opportunity to participate in “The Happiest 5K on the Planet” in South Bend on Saturday.

The 3.1-mile loop began and ended at Four Winds Field took runners through four color zones in the downtown area where volunteers stood ready to throw colored powder.

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Alexa Fedynsky
sophomore
Welsh Family Hall
“Do we need another dorm?”

Rohan Andresen
junior
Siegfried Hall
“Replace Knott.”

Halie Berrigan
sophomore
Farley Hall
“Replace Haggar.”

Josh Dempsey
junior
Duncan Hall
“Just renovate Stepan.”

Joey Murphy
freshman
Sorin College
“Mile east from campus - make it an anti-dorm.”

Weronika Kaczmarczyk
freshman
Badin Hall
“By Carroll - they need a sister dorm.”

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Novelist shares experiences as Catholic writer

By CAROLYN HUTYRA
News Writer

Novelist Ron Hansen gave a lecture entitled “Seeing into the Middle of Things: On Being a Catholic Writer” sponsored by Notre Dame’s Cushing Center for the Study of American Catholicism on Friday.

Hansen is an author of eight novels, including “A Wild Surge of Guilty Passion” and “Exiles,” as well as three short story collections, according to Cushing Center’s webpage.

“What I appreciate about Catholicism is it means ‘universal,’” Hansen said. “It embraces lots of different subjects… Catholicism, because of the analogical imagination, sees God operating in all lives.”

In describing the ability of a writer to see “into the middle of things,” Hansen referenced the journals and poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins, specifically the famous hymn to creation, “Pied Beauty.”

“Seeing gave rise to feeling, and closely observed were actualities [that] gave rise to religious emotion,” Hansen said. “Hans was the world so acutely that even a falcon rocking and hovering over its prey could remind (Hopkins) of Christ,” Hansen said.

“In variation, complexity and juxtapositions, Hopkins finds in the natural world declarations of the infinite extent of God’s glorious, imaginative activity,” he said.

Hansen said relation and reciprocity are key features of all contacts with the arts and involve three steps.

“We view or read or hear and our first step is generally acceptance, welcoming any presence of beauty, willing to be moved, hoping for the best,” he said.

The second theory of relation involves evaluation, Hansen said, in the sense that early humans conjured decisions on the basis of hunger and fear, to determine if what they saw was food or a predator and if they should move it or flee.

“There’s still a vital presence of friend or foe in our encounter,” he said. “But now we are judging whether it dangerous or safely opposes our values and attitudes or is just something we can comfortably ignore, walk away from.”

Now, such discriminations are calmer but no less effective, Hansen said.

“The third step is often that of self-inquiry, examination of conscious if you will,” he said. “… Sensing, that is intelligent sensing, is always transactional.”

The gift of fiction, poetry, memoir and all the arts is to let us see others in the most unprotected moments, Hansen said. Those moments may then cultivate under “our watchful and caring eyes.”

“We are co-creators of the works of art we view or hear or read,” he said.

These works of art are intertwined with our lives, Hansen said.

“The gift of the arts, whether narrative or representative, is that they overlook our lives just as God does, giving us the same stabilizing sense of overview,” he said.

The spirit of God is constantly working to see its reflection in the Church, Hansen said, both in the joys and sorrows of all of our quotidian lives.

“Our continuing goal ought to be that we become truth tellers and truth seekers, to attend to and confront the world honestly and unblinkingly, celebrating the beauty of creation, but not hiding from its chaos, distortion and sin.”

Ron Hansen, novelist

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ND alum examines martyrdom of Archbishop

By SELENA PONIO
News Writer

The Kellogg Institute for International Studies hosted the International Conference on Archbishop Oscar Romero on Sept. 25-27. The conference included guest speakers from universities and organizations from the United States, the United Kingdom and El Salvador, discussing the life and legacy of Fr. Oscar Romero.

Professor of systematic theology Michael E. Lee, Notre Dame alumnus and current professor at Fordham University, gave a lecture on Monseor Romero’s martyrdom Saturday afternoon.

“In Romero we have… a martyr of solidarity,” Lee said. “We can allow Romero’s death to deepen our understanding of martyrdom today.

According to Lee, some people do not consider Romero’s death to be a martyrdom. Romero was shot in 1980 as his martyrdom.

Lee said Romero is an example of a ‘martyr of solidarity,’ whose example is relevant today.

“Recognizing martyrs of solidarity can even open doors to see how the Spirit moves outside the Church,” he said.

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Professor Michael Lee of Fordham University speaks on the martyrdom of Fr. Oscar Romero in the Hesburgh Center on Saturday.
Parents

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Although SPW is usually held in February, Carswell said the event was moved to the fall semester to allow par-
ents the opportunity to gain a better perspective on the pro-
cess of choosing and declar-
ing majors.

“Normally our sophomore parents weekend is in the ear-
ly spring, but we changed it to the fall because after I met with faculty and Academic Affairs we felt the informa-
tion that sophomore par-
ents needed, they needed in the fall to help their daugh-
ters prepare for the spring,” Johnson said. “Also the soph-
omore class is a forgotten class. Freshmen you spend a lot of time with, juniors and seniors are getting ready to gradu-
ate, so we wanted to give [sophomores] a little bit more attention and help and assistance.”

Parents events involved a check-in process followed by a small reception later in the evening, Johnson said. According to the Saint Mary’s SPW schedule, Saturday

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“to the game didn’t stop fans from providing strong support for the Irish, sophomore Warren Kramer said.

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Samuel Paolucci is currently receiving funding from the National Nuclear Security Agency (NNSA) for his work in predictive modeling of shock conditions for mate-
rial synthesis. Paolucci said the two to five years of work leading to a proposal presen-
tation is often overlooked part of the submission pro-
ce, but the payoff of one successful proposal tran-
scends the accrued funding and knowledge.

“The [NNSA] isn’t just in-
 terested in the funding, but they’re also interested in pushing the frontier of computational science and frontiers of science,” he said. “They’re also trying to in-
volve more Americans in graduate studies and get-
ing Ph.D.’s because that enhances the ability of this country to hire and put the best minds we have to work on the problems we have.”

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at participants.

Freshman Sydney Keller said the run took longer to complete than a regular 5K.

“It took longer because ev-
ery time we reached a point on the course that had pain, we would have to stop and walk through just so we could get as much paint on ourselves as we could,” she said. “But we had to keep our faces away from the paint. Otherwise, it would be hard to see for a minute, and you wouldn’t be able to wear it and taste like cornstarch.”

Freshman Claire Gaffney said she volunteered for the Color Run and spent the day throwing blue-colored pow-
der at the runners from one of the color zones. She said she was recruited to participate through her dorm, which was one of several residence halls and student organizations who sent groups to volunteer.

“Get in, my dorm, orga-
nized a group to volunteer, and many of the upperclassmen raved about how fun it was to throw paint at people and mo-
vie them to finish the race,” she said. “Volunteering at the Color Run was a blast. Everyone was so excited to be there, and there was such a diverse group of runners. By the end I looked like a smurf. I would definitely volunteer again.”

Junior Alyssa Armendariz said she volunteered for the run through the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).

“I’ve wanted to volunteer or run the race for the past two years but was unable to due to family games,” she said. “So this year when I found out SWE was taking a group I jumped on the opportunity to finally volunteer.”

Armendariz said she felt her time was well spent despite the early morning start and over-
all time commitment involved

with the race.

“Even though we had to get up extremely early and it was chilly before the sun rose, it was so worth it,” she said. “The Color Run is such a unique race. It’s a fantastic way to make running more enjoyable, and you get a souvenir tie-dyed shirt.”

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Students and their parents mingle with faculty at a luncheon in the Noble Family dining hall on Saturday.

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Director of the Energy Frontier Research Center, Peter Burns, who is receiving money from the Department of Energy for actinide re-
search, said the increased resources came with in-
creased responsibilities.

“I’m trundling along work-
ing as a research professor with only a few students,” he said. “Now the money comes in, and now I’m trundling along directing in a multi-
investigative center focusing on energy-related problems and then my own group gets larger with 13 Ph.D. stu-
dents, about six or seven post-docs, eight undergrads, six high school students and three staff. So it’s much big-
erg and the productivity goes up, and the amount of people we educate goes up way.”

Professor of political sci-
ence Daniel Philpott, who is receiving funding from the Templeton Religion Trust to study Christian commu-
nities’ responses to perse-
cution around the world, said these projects have the ability to help Notre Dame realize its identity.

“If I think that a lot of the most important things a Catholic university can do in order to achieve its Catholic mission is to be in solidar-
ity with Christian commu-
nities that are suffering from persecution,” he said. “This grant can help Notre Dame fulfill its fundamental Catholic mission.”

Professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering
Obama: ‘Contradictory’ Syria policy helps Assad

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama Sunday gave voice to the conundrum at the heart of his Syria policy, acknowledging particular U.S.-led military campaign against the Islamic State group. The administration said in Syria is helping Syrian dictator Bashar Assad, a man the United Nations has accused of war crimes.

“I recognize the contradiction in a contradictory land and a contradictory circumstance,” Obama said in an interview aired Sunday on CBS’ “60 Minutes.” “We are not going to stabilize Syria under the rule of Assad,” whose government has committed “terrible atrocities,” Obama said. On the other hand, in terms of immediate threats to the United States, ISIS, Khorasan Group — those folks could kill Americans.

The Islamic State, a bloody alternative acronym for the Islamic State group, which has broken with al-Qaida as it has taken control of vast territories in Iraq and Syria. The Khorasan Group is a cell of militants that the U.S. says is plotting attacks against the West in cooperation with the Nusra front, Syria’s al-Qaida affiliate. Both groups have been targeted by U.S. airstrikes in recent days; together they constitute the most significant military threat to Assad, whose government the U.S. would like to see gone. Thus, Obama said his first priority is degrading the extremists who are threatening Iraq and the West. To defeat them, he acknowledged, would require a competent local ground force, something no analyst predicts will surface anytime soon in Syria, despite U.S. plans to arm and train “moderate” rebels. The U.S. has said it would not cooperate with the Assad government.

“Right now, we’ve got a campaign plan that has a strong chance for success in Iraq,” the president said. “Syria is a more challenging situation.”

Earlier Sunday, House Speaker John Boehner questioned the wisdom of continuing the campaign to destroy the Islamic State group. Boehner said on ABC’s “This Week” that the U.S. may have “no choice” but to send troops in American airstrikes if the mass of U.S.-led airstrike and a ground campaign reliant on Iraqi forces, Kurdish fighters and moderate Syrian rebels fails to achieve that goal.

“We have no choice,” Boehner said. “These are barbarians. They intend to kill us. And if we don’t destroy them, we’re going to pay the price.”

Obama, though, made clear he believes that the U.S. can root out ISIL in Iraq but not in Syria. “We are assisting Iraq in a very real battle that’s taking place on their soil, with their troops,” he said.

“The United States has been a key partner in the campaign to degrade and defeat ISIL,” Obama said. “But there’s also been a history of the United States being undermined by those who want to set back the clock, who want to create an environment where those who would do us harm can find sanctuary and find space to operate.”

Obama acknowledged, would require an international campaign to stabilize a country with whom we have a security partnership.” Only the U.S. could lead such a campaign, Obama said.

“When there’s a typhoon in the Philippines, take a good look at the Philippines deal with that situation,” he said. “When there’s an earthquake in Japan, take a look at what’s leading the charge and making sure Japan can rebuild. That’s how we roll. And that’s what makes this America.”

“60 Minutes” interviews Steve Kroft asked Obama how the threat emanating from Syria and Iraq squares with the president’s longstanding position that the country’s leadership has been “decimated.”

“You had an international network of al-Qaida between Afghanistan and Pakistan, headed by bin Laden. And that structure we have rendered ineffective,” Obama said. “But what I also said... is that you have regional groups with regional ambitions. And what also has not changed is the kind of violence, ideologically driven extremism that has taken root in too much of the Muslim world.”

While an “overwhelming majority of Muslims are peaceful,” Obama said, “in the Muslim world right now, there is a cancer that has grown for too long that suggests that it is acceptable to kill innocent people who worship a different God. And that kind of violence, unfortunately, means that we’re going to see for some time the possibility that in a whole bunch of different countries, radical groups may spring up, particularly in countries that are still relatively fragile, where you had sectarian tensions, where you don’t have a strong state security apparatus.”

But “rather than play whack-a-mole and send U.S. forces in all the time, what we have to do is build strong partners,” Obama said. “We have to get the international community to recognize this is a problem. We’ve got to get Arab and Muslim leaders to say very clearly: These folks are not our friends, they do not represent Islam.”

Asked how Islamic State fighters had come to control so much territory in Syria and Iraq, Obama acknowledged that U.S. intelligence agencies underestimated the threat emanating from the Islamic State and the will and ability of Iraq’s army to fight.

Obama said he agreed with the director of national intelligence, James Clapper, who acknowledged that the U.S. underestimated what had been a “surprise” to the world. Obama also said it was “absolutely true” that the U.S. overestimated the ability and will of the Iraqi army.

Volcanic eruption in Japan

Associated Press
OTAKI, Japan — Military helicopters plucked seven people from a Japanese mountain range Sunday and helped rescue climbers stranded by a volcanic eruption that officials scrambling to reach many more.

The self-defense Force, as the Japan’s military is called, has deployed seven helicopters and 250 troops. Police and fire department personnel are also working at a shrine at the foot of the volcano Sunday morning, said the officer.

With all the available helicopters unable or unwilling to risk descending the mountain, said he was on the slope of an unassigned relation for Japanese broadcaster NHK, later in the day. He also said that massive smoke coming out of the crater, blocking sunlight and reducing visibility to zero.

“Massive ash suddenly fell and the entire area was totally covered with ash,” he said. He also said the crew had to use head-lamps to find a lodge.

“My colleagues later told me that they thought they might die,” Oguro said.

The officer said a helicopter headed to Tokyo’s Narita International Airport diverted to Kansai International Airport in western Japan earlier.

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Police officer shot in Ferguson

Associated Press
FERGUSON, Missouri — Authorities searched Sunday for a suspect in the shooting of a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, a suburb where there have been angry protests since a white officer fatally shot an unarmed 18-year-old black man last month.

Although there were two protests about the Aug. 9 shooting of Michael Brown happening when the officer was shot Saturday night, St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar said at a news conference early Sunday that he didn’t think they were related to the wounding of the officer.

St. Louis County Police Sgt. Brian Schellman, a police spokesman, said in an email that only one suspect was involved in the Aug. 9 shooting, not two, as earlier reported.

The suspect was standing out of a closed community center when he was approached Saturday night. The suspect fled and the officer gave chase. That’s when the man turned and shot him in the arm, police said.

Belmar said the officer returned fire, but that police have no indication that anyone else was shot.

The officer was treated and released from a hospital, Schellman said.

Schellman said he didn’t know why the body camera footage showed shooting was turned off during the shooting.

The shootings come amid simmering tension between community members and police in Ferguson, where two-thirds of the residents are black, but only three of the city’s 53 police officers are African-American. The shooting of Brown and police response to the protests stoked a national discourse about police tactics and race.

On Saturday, Brown’s parents told The Associated Press they were “hurt” by a videotaped apology released days earlier by Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson, whose attempt to reach out to protesters Thursday night sparked a clash that led to several arrests.

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I wish to respond to the letter submitted by Ms. Parent and Mr. Hagwood this past Wednesday, Sept. 24. I agree with many of the claims posited by my esteemed peers. Indeed, to eradicate sexual violence at our University, there must be a culture shift deeper than an awareness campaign and a pledge or prayer services and signs of peace. However, I wish to align myself against Parent’s and Hagwood’s argument in regards to one phrase: “feigned solidarity.”

I was at the prayer service Monday, along with several hall presidents and other campus leaders, as well as many students I did not know or recognize. There were approximately 60 people present, and I can confidently say that those who were present were sincere. Perhaps student body vice president Matthew Devine chose his words poorly, but those in attendance could feel the tangible, collective pain in response to the wounds inflicted on our campus by sexual violence. Perhaps you do not believe in the power of prayer. Regardless, it is impossible to argue with the power of presence. While 60 people (~0.75 percent of the student body) is not many, those who were in attendance are passionate and do stand in solidarity with those affected by sexual violence, and they illustrated that with their presence.

As a student of Our Lady’s University, we have a responsibility to our fellow students. You do not know who has been touched by this latest crime. You do not know who will be at that prayer service, seeking familiar faces in the crowd, hoping to see tangible support from the student body. It is on us to be there, it is on us to be present to our brothers and sisters in Notre Dame. You and I signed up for this.

Notre Dame, Mr. Hagwood and Ms. Parent: we have received another Crime Alert. I challenge you all to explore the power of presence and to stand with your brothers and sisters in Notre Dame. If we agree with the words Cavanaugh resident assistant and founder of Notre Dames, Alison Leddy, said, “Choose to be more,” then why are we not willing to stand present with our brothers and sisters in a sign of sincere, compassionate solidarity? Without addressing and seeking to heal the wounds left by sexual violence, there is no way we can move forward in attacking the culture that espouses it.

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senior
Farley Hall
Sept. 27

“When faced with sexism or ageism or lookism or even really aggressive Buddhism, ask yourself the following question: ‘Is this person in between me and what do I want to do?’ If the answer is no, ignore it and move on. Your energy is better used doing your work and outpacing people that way. Then, when you’re in charge, don’t hire the people who were jerky to you.”

Tina Fey in “Bossy Pants”
U.S. comedian and author

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‘So Notre Dame’: translations of ND clichés

Translation: I am either extraordinarily bad at basic time-management skills, lying and wanting to brag about how much crap I have to do (more on that later), or seriously needed to pull a Snoopy Dogg to that sixth grade of mine. I don’t know about you, but I run out of things I can find for myself to do at 3 a.m. Wednesday that don’t involve Facebook or thinking about how comfortable my bed probably is. A vicious cycle propagates itself when you are too tired to go to pay attention in class, and you have to struggle through an incomprehensible textbook and play catch-up. If you find yourself rocking back and forth in a cubicle in the library on your third cup of now-stale Au Bon Pain coffee, it may be time to take a step back and reevaluate.

“Failing all my classes / I just failed that test / I can’t believe I just bombed that assignment, gosh.”

Translation: I got an A. I must admit, I’ve been guilty of this one myself in the past, so admitting this is a problem doesn’t come easily. I am all about having high personal standards and being upset when you don’t meet them — you’ve gotta find a way to motivate yourself to improve. What kid who really makes people who actually didn’t do well feel even worse about their performance than they already do.

“I shouldn’t even be going out right now, I have so much to do” OR talking about tests or exams while you’re supposed to be having a good time.

Translation: I have absolutely no concept about what it means to de-stress. If you’re going to weigh us all down with your academic troubles while we’re all just trying to have a good time … just no.

“So sorry, I’m too busy to get dinner/hang out/go to that movie with you!”

Translation: I have absolutely no concept about how businesses work, like he did in founding Bain Capital, how businesses work, like he did with the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Someone who understands the economy and how businesses work, like he did in founding Bain Capital.

I’ll make another claim — I think Mitt has been laying the foundation for another run for a while now. Romney said, when asked if her husband would run in 2012, “We will see.” The door is far from shut; instead it is left cautiously open.

I worked hard in 2012 to try to get Mitt elected, as did thousands of others. When he lost in 2012, I was sad. So many of us put so much effort into making a positive change, and we felt nothing was any different once the election was over. Republicans retained the House of Representatives, while Democrats retained the Senate and the White House. We were exhausted, disappointed and angry. Some, myself included, became cynical to the process. Others lost faith in the political system altogether. I spent hours and hours of my work for more than an hour. I feel guilty about taking a break. Again, I cannot claim exemption from this one myself either. It is sometimes exceedingly difficult to take a break from the hustle and bustle of demanding Notre Dame schedule, but the importance of making time for yourself, and others, cannot be overstated. If you find yourself “too busy” to get a non-Grab-and-Go meal every so often, chances are your friends miss you a lot and wonder if you’ve gotten lost on route to the library.

So, what if you’re like me and find yourself identifying with any of these stereotypical ND student phrases? Instead of shrugging them off as normal, expected or just “so Notre Dame,” do something about it. Take a meal each week to just sit for an hour and talk with your roommate or RBF. Realize that no one is really in 22 credit hours this semester, so your “sloacker” is actually a-ok. And, most importantly, make time for yourself every so often. Go for a run, lay out on the quad or just vegetate for a while. Finally, be mindful of what you say because you never know how a Viewpoint writer will interpret it later.

Ready for Mitt

I think Americans want someone who can lead and take action. Someone who can bring those from op- posing parties together, like he did in Massachusetts. Someone who, at the top of his game in domestic and national policy. Someone who can turn a disaster into something phenomenal, like he did with the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Someone who understands how businesses work, like he did in founding Bain Capital.

I will make another claim — I think Mitt is ready to make another run at it. I think Mitt has been lay- ing the foundation for another run for a while now. He has continued the tradition of holding a summit of prominent players in the Republican Party in my home state of Utah; guests include congressmen, senators, governors and donors. He has continued to be an active face of the Republican Party by endor- sing, fundraising and campaigning for candidates across the nation. I believe he is strengthening his base so that, if he makes another run, he won’t have anyone doubting him or rising against him.

The game board has been set in his favor. The Republican National Committee (RNC), laid out plans to shorten the primary process and limit debates so that candidates wouldn’t be drawn through another prolonged nomination process in which there can never be a winner. Paul Ryan, Romney’s former run- ning mate and potential 2016 presidential candidate, has said he would like Romney to run again. Speaker of the House John Boehner and RNC Chairman Reince Priebus have been able to reign in some con- servatives. The Republican Party is more respon- sible now than it was in 2012 and is positioned to forward a strong election effort in both 2014 and 2016.

Political System

Now that we’ve been at school for a month, we’ve once again gotten used to (or introduced to, for fresh- men readers) being around Notre Dame students 24/7. One important part of this unique culture, as with any, is the common language used to communicate one important part of this unique culture, as with any, is the common language used to communicate

Kyle Palmer
Reasonably Right

It’s been nearly two years since Mitt took the stage in Boston, and speaking to his campaign supporters, he said, “Like so many of you, Paul [Ryan] and I have left behind everything on the field. We have given our all to this campaign. So I wish – I wish that I had been able to fulfill your hopes to lead the country in a different direction. But the nation chose another leader. And so Ann and I join with you to earnestly pray for him and for this great nation.”

In those two years, President Obama has stumbled again and again. The president’s poll numbers have taken a dive, and he is losing his supporters. Every four months or so since that election, polls have come out showing that if the election had been held at the time of polling, Romney would have won by a com- fortable margin. In the months between the polls, different news sources claim Romney was right about another issue he discussed on the campaign trail.

After my most recent Viewpoint column, a po- litically independent friend of mine sat down and discussed her similar disappointment with Obama. Further, a liberal friend of mine opened up about questioning his vote for Obama in 2012, admitting he would have voted for Romney if he knew what he knows now. After these two discussions, I walked away with a new respect that crossed partisan lines: the most important aspects of a presidency are leader- ship and the ability to get things done. Additionally, the Republican Party has embraced Mitt like never before. With the endorsement from Mitt assured party nomination for those seeking public office this elec- tion cycle. These comments taken along with public opinion polling over the last two years have led me to believe one thing: America is ready for Mitt.

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Retained Reflections

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Netflix movies are always hit or miss — and usually, if the only place you’ve heard of a movie is Netflix, it’s questionable at best. Still, most of these are somewhat enjoyable, if you don’t set your expectations too high. “Girl Most Likely” is one such movie.

There’s no doubt the movie starts out a bit slow — protagonist Imogene’s descent into despair is sort of painfully requisite; as you wonder what exactly she thinks she is losing. Her best friend has just started a charity for a seemingly ridiculous cause (what exactly are they fund-raising that will stop children from “ever having to break a window again?”) and subtly brags after her speech about how she can now be more than a wife. Imogene’s attempts to join the conversation are quickly shut down when her desire to be more than a significant other is called into question by her lack of a ring.

Undoubtedly, Imogene’s devotion to her boyfriend is one of the most questionable parts of her early character. When she claims they aren’t married because he is Dutch and the Dutch are a “progressive people,” any audience member can easily discern how he feels about the relationship, even if he’s had less than a minute of screen time.

When Imogene makes a suicide attempt (with an apparently well-written note and one unidentified pill), I hoped that whatever family she had would show more care for her than all of her Manhattan peers did. It was clear, even before her friend Dara’s subtle attempts at dissuasion, that no help would be coming from her supposed friends. “Girl Most Likely” is not Kristen Wiig’s most brilliant work. While she normally shines with witty dialogue and over-expressed reactions, Imogene’s character expects her to play the straight-man to an overly ridiculous cast.

However, in typical fashion, Wiig makes the best of what she is given. Her facial expressions and reactions to what goes on around her are priceless, and her “subtle” attempts to steal a book from her local library, right under the eye of the librarian, is one of the best scenes in the movie and one of the few times when Wiig’s talents can shine.

Costume designer Tom Broecker’s styling of Wiig is on point. After her unwilling return to New Jersey, Imogene’s entire adult wardrobe is lost (sent to some unknown place after she is evicted from her apartment), and she is left with only a hospital robe and her high school clothing. The outfits cobbled together from this old wardrobe are hilarious all by themselves, as Imogene moves from an old gym uniform to floral skirts and denim jackets to a brightly-colored dress that shocks her Manhattan friends.

Daren Criss as Lee, the mysterious boarider taken on by Imogene’s mother, Zelda, in her daughter’s absence, is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the entire movie. From his original entrance (where he is interrupted mid-tryst by Imogene attempting to reclaim her room), Lee is instantly likable and a bright spot in Imogene’s return home.

Lee works as part of a show in Atlantic City which recreates the stars of the 2000s. The show features a performance by a fake Britney Spears, a fake Christina Aguilera and, of course, the Backstreet Boys. Fans of “Glee” will be delighted by Criss’ performance of the classic “Everytime,” complete with the all-white suit and guy-liner.

One low point of the movie is the attempt to reunite Imogene and her brother, Ralph, with their deadbeat dad, Maxwell. Maxwell left Zelda with his two children and asked his ex to tell the pair that he had died. When Ralph and Imogene head to New York for Dara’s book launch, they end up at Duncan’s house and finally meet their missing father.

It is, as expected, a bit of a disaster. Ralph is predictably awkward, Imogene can’t stop drinking and Lee is left outside in the car for a questionable amount of time. Whatever comedy was expected to come of this episode falls short, simply making the viewer uncomfortable with a father that clearly wants so little to do with his kids. After all, who thinks it’s a good idea to tell their children that they are dead rather than simply admitting that a separation is happening?

The end of the movie makes up for any comedy lacking earlier. When Imogene finally comes to the rescue of her family, her use of Ralph’s human-size replication of a crab shell is hilarious. So is Ralph’s explanation of it on live news coverage.

In the end, “Girl Most Likely” isn’t the best movie to be found on Netflix, but it is amusing for a lazy night in. It’s everything you could ever want from an unknown Netflix movie — kind of terrible but entertaining anyway.

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Irish must be better against tougher competition

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Senior Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jaylon Smith and Joe Schmidt lumbered off the field and plopped down at their lockers, side by side, inside the New York Giants locker room at MetLife Stadium.

With a 31-15 win over Syracuse and a 4-0 record still raw, the two linebackers looked at each other.

“We gotta get better,” they agreed.

“That’s not gonna cut it in the future,” they confirmed.

Sure, Notre Dame faced and defeated arguably its toughest opponent of the season. There was a pervading sense, though, that such a performance won’t be enough against other lurking opponents. Simply summed, put forth a similar showing against Stanford next weekend, and the Irish are probably walking off the field shouldering their first loss.

Is it that straightforward?

“Yeah, as simple as that,” Smith said. “You talk about Stanford and North Carolina and Florida State, teams like that coming up, you can’t allow for those mental errors and sloppiness.”

Smith quickly noted the Irish will enjoy the victory for 24 hours, embracing a 72-yard heave from Everett Golson.

“Not that it’s a good thing, but it’s a game-changer, and we take pride in that, just knowing that it’s a game-changer,” he said. “What we saw tonight was just sloppy, just sloppy, starting with me.”

The first of those five miscues came on Notre Dame’s very first drive. The Irish marched into Syracuse territory, where Golson scrambled 22 yards but had the ball knocked out and recovered by Orange senior cornerback Brandon Reddish at Syracuse’s 16-yard line.

Kelly said Notre Dame’s turnovers — including the first of Golson’s two lost fumbles — occurred in as ideal of locations as they could have.

“Forget that,” Golson said. “I’m sure there were a lot of times when we withheld them from scoring, so that was the main goal.”

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“That’s definitely a big thing that we look forward to,” junior captain and defensive lineman Sheldon Day said. “That’s definitely a big thing we need to embrace as a defense.”

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“Their offense is a vast improvement from last year, so we were focused on that, knowing how physical they are,” Schmidt said. “It’s a mindset that we try to embrace as a defense.”

Although Notre Dame’s defense stepped up to stop Orange senior quarterback Terrel Hunt throughout the game, the Irish offense stole most of the spotlight Saturday night — both for senior quarterback Everett Golson’s 25 straight completions and the unit’s five turnovers — the defense quietly toiled away to minimize any damage from those giveaways.

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By MARY GREEN
Sports Editor

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Much of the Irish defensive game plan centered around slowing down the dynamic trio of Orange rushers — Hunt, graduate student running back Prince-Tyson Gulley and senior running back Adonis
Irish junior receiver C.J. Fossett can't haul in the pass from senior quarterback Everett Golson during Notre Dame's 31-15 win over Syracuse on Saturday night at MetLife Stadium.

Fuller led all receivers with 119 yards on six receptions, while Robinson closed the night with 91 yards on eight catches.

“A big part of Carey’s game tonight was his ability to be a complete wide receiver, in the sense that everybody has this sense that Carey is this big target that’s really matter,” Kelly said.

Syracuse began the fourth quarter with a rushing touchdown from Hunt, but Irish junior defensive lineman Jarron Jones blocked the extra-point attempt to hold the score at 21-9.

Notre Dame bounced back on the next drive with a touchdown pass from Golson to oft-injured sophomore receiver Torii Hunter Jr., who also made his first career reception in his long-delayed collegiate debut.

“Pretty good for the first time,” Kelly said of Hunter Jr.’s catch. “You saw the guys were pretty excited for him. He’s well-liked by all the players, and it’s nice to get him in there.”

Orange junior safety Durell Eskridge returned the final Irish kickoff, and Notre Dame senior kicker Kyle Brindza closed the scoring with a 37-yard field goal to finalize the win.

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the game. Notre Dame held Hunt — who averaged 9.0 rushing yards per game entering Saturday — to just 26 yards on the ground while allowing Syracuse to convert just three of its 15 third-down plays.

“We get some big guys in there; we get some athletic guys,” Kelly said. “We lost a lot of really good players, but we feel like we’ve got some big, physical players that can stop the run and were built for it.”

Orange head coach Scott Shafer said the ball on-target down the field, and his perimeter throws were outstanding, so he did a lot of good things but learned so much from it — that’s a great teaching tool.”

In the midst of Golson’s run, Fuller topped his first score with a 72-yard reception for a touchdown just a little more than two minutes later on the first play of the next Irish series, putting Notre Dame up 14-9.

“I knew that was the call,” Fuller said. “We worked on that all week, and I thought it would work, and I’m happy it did.”

Syracuse got on the board with a field goal on its next drive, and the Irish responded with another fumble by Golson, this time at the Syracuse 18-yard line, to close out the half.

On the opening series of the second half, Syracuse rolled down the field to the Notre Dame 29-yard line, where Irish senior cornerback Matthias Farley intercepted Hunt.

That set up another Irish touchdown, this time from eight yards out on a pass from Golson to sophomore receiver Corey Robinson.

Fossett caught his first pass from Golson, a 29-yard strike to sophomore receiver Will Fuller, to cut the deficit to 21-10.

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Ameen-Moore — who combined to average 239 yards on the ground per game entering Saturday’s matchup. On Saturday, Notre Dame gave up just 135 total rushing yards — including just 29 from Saturday’s matchup.

“I know the victory against Syracuse was all about the team, but we’re focusing on getting better in the future, at the same time, we’ve got to enjoy it,” Schmidt said. “You never want to take a win away from a win, it’s a win — as meadowlands mainstay Bill Parcells would say — the Irish know they can do better. They know they need to do better.

“We’re not even close to being as good as we need to be,” Schmidt said. “But we’re striving for dominance.”

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flailing the football around like a press-breaking point guard.

“Containing the quarter-
back — that was the main goal,” Smith said. “Everything we did was based on that.”

Irish junior defensive end Romeo Okwara swallows up the Syracuse ball-carrier during Notre Dame’s 31-15 win over the Orange on Saturday at MetLife Stadium.

Irish overcome turnovers

By MIKE MONACO
Senior Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Notre Dame committed five turnovers to Syracuse’s one and still walked away from MetLife Stadium with a 31-15 victory over the Orange.

The Irish finished minus-four in turnover margin. According to ESPN’s Ivan Maisel, over the last two seasons teams that went minus-four in turnover margin against teams from “Power 5” conferences were a combined 1-28.

Golson nearly ties record

Irish senior quarterback Everett Golson completed 25 consecutive passes from the second quarter into the fourth quarter. Golson finished one consecutive completion shy of the FBS record set by former East Carolina quarterback Dominique Davis, who connected on 26 straight passes against Navy in 2011. Golson’s incompletion on a fourth-quarter screen attempt to sophomore receiver Corey Robinson snapped the streak.

Still, Golson smashed the former Notre Dame record held by former Irish quarterbacks Ron Powlus (1997), Brady Quinn (2000) and Tommy Rees (2011), who each completed 14 consecutive passes.

Golson passes Johnny Lujack

With the victory sealed, Golson improved to 14-1 (.933) as Notre Dame’s starting quarterback, passing former Irish great Johnny Lujack (352) for the best career winning percentage by a Notre Dame starting quarterback.

Miscellaneous

Irish sophomore receiver Torii Hunter Jr. made his Notre Dame debut Saturday, 634 days after suffering a broken leg at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in January 2013.

Saturday’s reported attendance of 76,802 was the largest all-time for a collegiate game at MetLife Stadium, which opened in 2010.

For the first time this season, Notre Dame failed to score in a quarter when it came up empty in the opening stanza Saturday.

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NOTRE DAME 14, SYRACUSE 0
Will Fuller 72-yard pass from Golson (Brindza kick) 8:31 remaining Drive: One play, 72 yards, 0:12 elapsed

NOTRE DAME 14, SYRACUSE 3
Cole Murphy 38-yard field goal 3:07 remaining Drive: 13 plays, 55 yards, 5:24 elapsed

NOTRE DAME 21, SYRACUSE 3
Corey Robinson 8-yard pass from Golson (Brindza kick) 9:39 remaining Drive: Nine plays, 60 yards, 3:51 elapsed

NOTRE DAME 21, SYRACUSE 9
Terry Hunt 1-yard run (Murphy kick blocked) 14:54 remaining Drive: Seven plays, 72 yards, 2:36 elapsed

NOTRE DAME 28, SYRACUSE 9
Terry Hunt 13-yard pass from Golson (Brindza kick) 10:19 remaining Drive: 10 plays, 50 yards, 4:35 elapsed

NOTRE DAME 28, SYRACUSE 15
Durell Eskridge 29-yard interception return (Hunt pass failed) 5:09 remaining

NOTRE DAME 31, SYRACUSE 15
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Irish sophomore receiver Corey Robinson leaps to make an acrobatic touchdown grab in the third quarter of Notre Dame’s 31-15 win over Syracuse on Saturday night at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Robinson had a career day with eight receptions for 91 yards and the score.

Despite four turnovers from Everett Golson and another from Greg Bryant, Notre Dame improved to 4-0 with a 31-15 conquest of Syracuse at MetLife Stadium on Saturday night. Golson did manage to complete a career-high 32 passes — including a program-record 25 consecutive — for a career-high 362 yards. The Irish defense allowed one touchdown and a field goal.

Irish sophomore running back Tarean Folston attempts to break away from a trio of Syracuse defenders during Notre Dame’s 31-15 win Saturday night over the Orange.
“David Bowie Is” in a word … Revolutionary? Multi-talented? Avant-garde?

No one description can suffice, and the international-at-large retrospective with the evocative title leaves the sentence to be finished in any number of combinations. The exhibition, which opened at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago last Tuesday, makes no attempt to establish just one description of the legendary artist and performer. From his music career to his acting career, dabbling in the visual arts, fashion and set design throughout, the eternally recognizable Bowie has pervaded pop culture since he first attained commercial success in the 1960s and has established his name as a cultural entity — never vague, yet never completely defined. He’s been at it for over 50 years and is truly unique.

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The exhibition gives little hint to the origins of his stage name and makes no reference to the fact that he is, indeed, still alive and recording music. This “David Bowie Is” not living life as husband to retired supermodel Iman and father to sci-fi filmmaker Duncan Jones. Perhaps this was intentional, taking visitors further into the fantasy and outlandish nature of Bowie’s world and rejecting any portrayal of him as typical or real. To some visitors, this may come across as a bit dismissive. For example, no mention is made of Bowie’s 2013 comeback album, “The Next Day.”

The lack of references to some of these things makes the exhibition almost feel incomplete, but it certainly gives an air of wonder.

Coming from a five-month run at the Victoria & Albert Museum in Bowie’s homeland, England, David Bowie Is crossing borders now on its only U.S. stop before it later heads to Paris and Melbourne. “David Bowie Is” will be on display in Chicago until Jan. 4, 2015, giving students a number of opportunities to take the short trip into the city for a visit. Tickets are $25 and include entrance to the rest of the museum. For just $5 more, the museum offers a student membership. Good for a year, the membership includes free admission to the Museum of Contemporary Art, as well as two free guest passes and one free ticket to “David Bowie Is.”

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A TO Z
MORE FAMILIAR THAN FRESH

By ALLIE TOLLAKSEN
Scene Writer

When advertisements for the upcoming NBC series “A to Z” started to become ubiquitous on all forms of social media, I was, to the credit of the show’s marketing team, intrigued. The new single-camera sitcom stars Ben Feldman (“Mad Men”) and Cristin Milioti (“How I Met Your Mother”), two actors I’ve always cheered for, so I had high hopes for the show. Though the series is scheduled to formally premiere Thursday, the show’s pilot debuted online through NBC in mid-August, giving a glimpse at the newly launched comedy series.

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While the show’s concept is at least a little exciting, one can’t help but have “How I Met Your Mother,” Milioti’s last show, come to mind. Aside from the obvious casting choice, both shows start with an ending drilled in at the pilot, and both stories are told in voiceover narration. It isn’t like the producers of “A to Z” are unaware of this, either: the new series’ advertisements on social media nodded to Milioti’s old show, refreshing the “Kids” line from “HIMYM.” While the joke seemed clever during the new series’ first advertising efforts, it just feels too easy after seeing the pilot and realizing “A to Z” has such a similar format to the just-ended “How I Met Your Mother.”

It isn’t just “How I Met Your Mother” dejar vu with “A to Z.” The show is also reminiscent of the ill-fated ABC sitcom “Mixology,” which featured a narrator explicitly laying out the groundwork of the show: a whole season followed 10 characters at a bar over the course of one night. There’s also the dim, borderline-sexist best friend and a romantic man paired with a tough-as-nails woman in “A to Z,” also seen in the short-lived ABC series. It’s certainly the problem with “A to Z” is that the show feels like it’s been done before. It’s “How I Met Your Mother” with a seemingly sad ending. It’s the sugar-coated sitcom grandchild of “Annie Hall,” child of “500 Days of Summer,” with its examination of a failed relationship. The pilot tries and fail to seem fresh — quirky characters drop predictably “edgy” lines about Instagram, “hipster” and dating in the social media age. Even the choice of narrator, Katey Sagal, makes the show seem all too familiar right at its start.

The premise and many of the characters in “A to Z” may be a bit trite, but the pilot still showed promise in a good bulk of its writing. A joke about Andrew’s childhood and “Back to the Future 2,” for example, was expertly executed and shows how smart “A to Z” could be. And while the show isn’t subtle in the least about being a rom-com series in the digital age, some scenes gave a surprisingly spot-on look at how relationships develop with the help (or hindrance) of social media.

The thing that gives “A to Z” the most potential, however, is the cast that drew me to the show in the first place. Feldman and Feldman are charming and charismatic, and the two leads carry the pilot despite the show’s missteps. Milioti especially takes the prize for taking the cliché role of the cold, calculated businesswoman and crafting it into a captivating and lovable character. With two talented leads and bursts of clever writing, the pilot for “A to Z” may have been occasionally frustrating but still left me with hope that the show can shape up into one worth watching.

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Remember the ‘other’ captain

Unless you have a burning distaste for the game of baseball, running in fear from every new piece, you will never have the chance to hear the story of the ‘other’ captain. It is one of the most intriguing tales in Chicago White Sox lore.

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The White Sox have a captain, the man the team is led by. He may not always share the spotlight with the team’s star players, but his presence is felt. The White Sox have had many captains over the years, each with their own distinct style and impact on the team. Some of the most notable names are Frank Thomas, Paul Konerko, and Derek Jeter. Each has left a mark on the game of baseball. Yet, there’s one player who is often overlooked when it comes to the discussion of team captains: Paul Konerko.

Konerko, a first baseman for the Chicago White Sox, has been a key figure on the team for years. He has played at a high level, hitting home runs and driving in runs, but his leadership and teamwork may be his most impressive traits. Konerko has been a consistent presence on the team, staying loyal to the Sox even as other players have left.

In honor of his last season with the Sox, Konerko has been celebrated by fans and teammates alike. He has been praised for his dedication to the team and his ability to lead by example.

Yet, none of this has been enough for some fans who feel that Konerko does not deserve the same level of recognition as other players. This is a sentiment that Konerko himself has acknowledged, saying that he trusts in the process and believes that his final season will be a success.

Konerko has been a quiet leader and a team player, always putting the interest of the team before his own. He has been praised for his work ethic and his ability to handle pressure. He has been a leader on and off the field, always showing up for his teammates and his city.

Yet, Konerko’s legacy may be more than just his gameplay. He has been a part of some of the most memorable moments in Sox history, from the team’s World Series appearances to the team’s championship runs. He has been a part of some of the most exciting plays, from the game-winning home run to the game-saving defensive play. He has been a part of some of the most important decisions, from the team’s trades to the team’s coaching changes.

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National enter playoffs on heels of no-hitter

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — One out away from pitching the Washington Nationals’ first no-hitter, Jordan Zimmermann watched his 104th pitch on a crisp, Sunday afternoon get smacked toward deep left-center.

Zimmermann leaned his head back and winced. His first thought: “Double. No-doubt double.”

“And then,” the right-hander said later, “he comes out of nowhere and makes that catch.”

Thanks to a dramatic, diving grab by little-used rookie Steven Souza Jr., who came on as a defensive replacement in the ninth inning, Zimmermann completed his gem, a 1-0 victory for the NL East champion Nationals over the Miami Marlins.

“I thought there was no way this would ever happen. My career numbers are something like one hit per inning, so I figure if I can make it out of the first, the hit in the second, the 28-year-old Zimmermann, a quiet guy who was a second-round draft pick in 2007 out of Division III University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. “But today was one of those special days.”

Almost morphed into a one-hitter, though. With two outs in the ninth and a 2-1 count, Marlins leadoff man Christian Yelich turned on a 94 mph fastball out of the plate.

Souza was shaded well over toward the left-field line at a coach’s prompting.

“He probably couldn’t have been more out of position,” said right fielder Jayson Werth, who watched it all unfold from what became a nearly silent home dugout.

“I was just thinking to myself, ‘It’s not optimal to be Steven Souza right now; because as soon as you come into the game, every time, the ball’s going to find you,” Werth said. “I had a feeling something crazy would happen. But not that crazy, that’s for sure.”

Souza sprinted, extended his glove and leaped for the sensational catch, using his bare hand to squeeze the ball in his mitt as he fell.

“The one thing on my mind is, no matter how I’m going to get there, I’m going to get there,” Souza said. “Getting there, I kind of blacked out.”

Souza held his glove aloft to show he had the ball. Zimmermann raised both arms. Nationals relievers in the home bullpen lifted their arms, too. So did thousands in the Nationals Park crowd of 35,085, who roared with every pitch late.

“I don’t think anyone in the stadium expected Souza to get that,” Zimmermann said.

Indeed, Miami’s Mike Dunn said he and other relievers in the left-field visitors’ bullpen started cheering as the ball headed their way.

“When he caught it,” Dunn said, “it was just like, ‘Record! Did that just happen?’

“Said Yelich: “With that on the line, that might be one of the best plays I’ve ever seen. Ever.”

Souza jogged in and Zimmermann greeted him with a hug. Souza handed over the baseball, which Zimmermann shoved in his back pocket.

“It was too loud to hear everything he was saying,” Souza said. “But I heard, ‘I love you’ and ‘Thank you.’”

Souza’s name now belongs alongside those of other players delivering superb catches to save no-hitters. The name that kept coming up in the Nationals’ clubhouse was Dewey Wise, the defensive replacement whose juggling, tumbling grab in the ninth saved Mark Buehrle’s perfect game for the White Sox in 2009.

No major leaguer had thrown a no-hitter in Washington since Bobby Burke did it for the Senators in 1931 against Boston.

Quite a way to cap a regular season in which the Nationals finished with the NL’s best record at 86-76. Washington hosts San Francisco or Pittsburgh in Game 1 of a division series Friday.

“Just an epic day for an epic season,” said Denard Span, who set a Nationals season record with his 184th hit.

Zimmermann (14-5) struck out 10 and allowed just two baserunners. After retiring the first 14 batters, he walked Justin Bour on a low, full-count fastball with two outs in the 6th. In the seventh, Garrett Jones reached first on a strike-three wild pitch; moments later, catcher Wilson Ramos picked him off. Zimmermann’s accuracy was unassailable: 79 strikes and 25 balls.

Starting on seven day’s rest because his pitching shoulder got bruised by a line drive his last time out, Zimmermann poured in fastballs in the mid-90s mph, used his mid-80s slider to great effect and had his changeup fooling a Marlins lineup without NL home run champion Giancarlo Stanton.

“We made so many mistakes out there, but we found a way to win,” Smith said. “That was a hurdle we needed to get over.”

Doug Martin ran for 40 yards and touchdown to return from injury. Murphy caught six passes for 99 yards, and rookie wide receiver Mike Evans hauls in a touchdown of his career before leaving with a groin injury.

Tampa Bay’s defense struggled keeping the Steelers in check, though Pittsburgh did its best to stop itself by drawing 13 flags and letting a handful of chances to move to 3-1 for the first time since 2010 slip away.

Ben Roethlisberger passed for 314 yards and three touchdowns, but the Steelers (2-2) couldn’t protect a late lead.

Antonio Brown caught seven passes for 1,013 yards and two scores, and Heath Miller added a career-high nine receptions with a touchdown.

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Tampa Bay twice found itself down in the second half. Both times the Buccaneers scrambled back.

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Tampa Bay kept coming against a Steelers defense that struggled to get to the quarterback even with the addition of linebacker James Harrison.

The five-time Pro Bowler retired to Pittsburgh after an 18-day retirement to help an injury-depleted defense.

Patrick Murray kicked a 27-yard field goal to get the Buccaneers within 24-20. The Steelers tried to go for the knockout punch but couldn’t deliver.

Roethlisberger found Brown behind the coverage on a flea flicker, but the pass glanced off the Pro Bowler’s fingertips.

Tampa Bay responded by driving to the Steelers 14 only to stall.

Glennon drove into the back of the end zone on fourth down with 1:53 to go.

“I would have been tough to sleep tonight if we didn’t get another chance or win this game because those are throws that I need to make if we’re going to win games,” Glennon said.
ND VOLLEYBALL | MIAMI 3, ND 0; FSU 3, ND 0

Notre Dame drops first two conference matches

Observer Staff Report

On the road for the second consecutive weekend, Notre Dame dropped a pair of matches against ACC foes, losing 3-0 to Miami (Florida) on Friday in Coral Gables, Florida, and falling 3-0 again to No. 6 Florida State on Sunday afternoon in Tallahassee, Florida.

The matches were the team's first conference games of the 2014 campaign.

The Hurricanes (8-5, 1-1 ACC) were in full control on their home court Friday evening, winning the three sets with scores of 25-13, 25-17, 25-13 against the Irish (3-10, 0-2). They were boosted by a command performance from all-ACC senior outside hitter Savannah Leaf, who led both teams with 16 kills and added 10 digs. For Notre Dame, freshman middle blocker Sam Fry once again led the team, contributing six kills and a .600 attack percentage Friday evening.

Miami rolled early and often against the Irish. It went on a 10-2 run in the opening set and opened its third match with an 8-1 run. The most competitive set was the second, in which the Irish hung with the Hurricanes, trailing 12-9 only to proceed to go on a stretch where they lost 10 out of the next 12 points. In the final set, Notre Dame earned a negative hit percentage, with a -.125 mark.

Against the undefeated Seminoles (13-0, 2-0), Notre Dame was much more competitive despite also being swept. The three sets saw 32 ties and 10 lead changes and finished with scores of 34-32, 25-22, 25-19.

The Irish actually bested the Seminoles in terms of assists and kills, with 42 and 46, respectively. The leader on the afternoon was junior setter Hanna Muzzonigro, who had a career day, earning 36 assists. Freshman libero Natalie Johnson also had a strong performance with a season-high 17 digs. This is familiar territory for Johnson, who has recorded 10 or more digs in nine matches this season.

Florida State won the day with a strong performance top to bottom, as six Seminoles earned five or more kills Sunday. The standout for the home team was all-ACC redshirt senior libero Katie Mosher with a match high of 20 digs.

After two weeks on the road, Notre Dame is slated to return to Purcell Pavilion to continue conference competition. The Irish play Syracuse at 7 p.m. on Friday night and Duke at 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

SmcVball | Smc 3, Franklin 1; Smc 3, Manchester 2

Belles pick up two more wins

Observer Staff Report

The Belles extended their winning streak to four matches over the weekend, as Saint Mary’s knocked off both Franklin and host Manchester on Saturday. The pair of victories put the Belles above .500 for the first time this season.

Against Franklin, the Belles (7-6, 4-3 MIAA) traded sets with the Grizzlies (11-5, 2-0 Heartland) for the first two frames, before Saint Mary’s went on a run. The Belles utilized a seven point swing in the third set to take a 21-9 lead and then held on for a 25-19 victory in the set. Saint Mary’s would win the fourth set by a convincing 10-point swing of 25-15 to take the match.

The Belles’ match against host team Manchester (4-13, 0-1 Heartland) went down to the wire, with the Spartans forcing the game into the fifth set on the heels of a strong comeback in the fourth. After being pushed to the brink, down 15-23, the Spartans scored nine of 11 points to force a 24-24 tie. After that, the Spartans would hang on to complete the rally in extra play, winning 28-26.

The fifth set was relatively close, with the score tied at 6-6 early on. However, from there on out, the Belles scored 10 of the last 14 points to go ahead 15-10 and take the set and match.

Against the Spartans, the Belles had an attack percentage of .248, their third consecutive match with a .200 attack percentage or higher. The victory in the fifth set also marked the second time in the past week that the Belles have won a match pushed to the fifth and final set.

Senior Kati Schneider played well for the Belles against Franklin, recording a team-leading 25 kills and adding 11 digs. Senior Melanie Kuczek added 15 kills and a team-leading six blocks. Sophomore Meaghan Gibbons led the team in digs against Franklin with 28.

Against Manchester, junior Katie Heeklinski led all players with 23 digs, paired with 13 kills. Freshman Leah Buck got in on the action by hitting a team-leading .583 attack percentage, with eight kills and only one error.

The Belles return to action Tuesday, when they travel to Holland, Michigan, to take on the top-ranked Hope. The match is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

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**Irish opens fall season by hosting invitational**

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Sports Writer

After a long, hot summer of training and practicing, Notre Dame welcomed five other teams to the Courtney Tennis Pavilion this weekend to kick off its fall schedule at the Notre Dame Invitational. The tournament was the first official action of the Irish’s 2014-2015 schedule as well as a chance for the team to play against opponents outside of their team.

“arresting thing for the whole weekend was to get matches in,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “We just needed to play. We’ve got ones who haven’t played real matches, normally would, and if they want to get up higher in their lineup, they get to see what they’ve got to do to get there.”

Notre Dame’s two top players, junior Quinn Gleason and sophomore Monica Robinson, did not participate in the tournament because they were both invited to the 2014 ITA Women’s All-American Championships in Pacific Palisades, California. Robinson participated in the pre-qualifying singles draw this weekend, winning her first-round match before falling in the second round, Louderback said. Gleason is scheduled to leave tomorrow as she prepares for her qualifying singles draw. Both girls will also play together in the doubles tournament that begins Tuesday.

A third Irish player, freshman Brooke Roda, also did not participate due to an injury.

Last season, Notre Dame struggled in the doubles portion of their matches for much of the season. This weekend, the duo of Miller and senior Molly O’Kienievski, paired up as a doubles team in the early-season experimentation by Louderback, finished as the top Irish duo of the weekend with a record of 2-2 and victories over senior Emily Dvorak and sophomore Kyla Klier of Illinois.

The Irish players took Louderback’s side, he said. “Our kids definitely didn’t like it, but again, if we have to do it, we’ll get used to it,” he said. “We’ll adjust.”

Notre Dame’s next scheduled action, other than the All-American tournament this week, is at the Midwest Regional Tournament in Champaign, Illinois, from Oct. 16-21.

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While Scicli leads the Irish as an individual, sophomore Matthew Rushion is at the top of the Notre Dame lineup. He posted a two-under par 69 and heads into the second round at fifth place.

“Matt played an excellent round again today for us,” Kubinski said. “It’s a lot of fun to see a player go ‘all in,’ committing fully to the process of improving and experience these results as affirmation.”

The remainder of Notre Dame’s lineup stands in the top 20. Freshman Thomas Grazie’s one-over par 72 and heads into the second round at fifth place. Senior Tyler Wingo shot a two-over par 73 to tie for 18th place.

“We had a solid round today but, with two rounds to go, we won’t pay much attention to the leaderboard,” Kubinski said. “For us, it’s all about focusing on what we can control, our attitude and approach and not the scores. Our boys can rest tonight knowing they brought a good approach today.”

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Sophomore goalkeeper Kaela Little rolls the ball out of the penalty area during Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over Baylor on Sept. 12.

Sophomore midfielder Morgan Andrews, the team's leading scorer, went down hard in the sixth minute of the game on a Wake Forest foul and spent several minutes on the sideline recovering before coming back in. Still, Andrews only played 47 minutes in the game, below her season average of 78.7.

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Simionian also recorded an assist during the win against Virginia Tech, her first point of the year. She started both games for the Irish, the first time she has done so this season after starting 12 games for the Irish last year.

“Connor is the kind of player that hits those through passes, and he got it to Luke, who got it to Leon,” Clark said. “He hit it into the ground, and [his shot] was difficult for the goalkeeper to save.

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APHRODISIAC (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Your enthusiasm will be contagious, making you and others feel that anything is possible. A busier-than-usual schedule could be a bit of a challenge, but it will be worth it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Success will come naturally to you. A strong sense of purpose and a sincere desire to help others will lead to meaningful accomplishments.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A new opportunity presents itself this week. It’s important to拿出勇气 and take the first step. Your efforts will be rewarded with positive results.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your determination and hard work will pay off. A project you’ve been working on will reach a successful conclusion.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on making healthy choices and practicing self-care. This will lead to improved physical and emotional well-being.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A new friendship could bring new opportunities and expanded horizons. Be open to meeting new people.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A new opportunity presents itself this week. It’s important to拿出勇气 and take the first step. Your efforts will be rewarded with positive results.

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your creativity will be at its peak. Use this time to explore new ideas and express yourself freely.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): A new opportunity presents itself this week. It’s important to拿出勇气 and take the first step. Your efforts will be rewarded with positive results.

Happy Birthday! You are strong-willed and protective. You are a survivor and need to know. Dealing with money matters, investments and legal change in your occupation could be beneficial. A personal relationship is growing stronger and will continue to evolve. There is plenty happening around you that you may think you know what’s best for others, but sometimes you forget that you need to let the ones you love figure things out without your help. Focus on personal change, not changing others.

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**ND downs Tar Heels in ACC home opener**

Squad scores two goals on two shots on goal, shut out North Carolina in front of capacity crowd

By KIT LOUGHRAN
Sports Writer

The Irish gave their coach quite the birthday present Friday night — a 2-0 win over No. 8 North Carolina.

No. 2 Notre Dame (4-1-2, 2-0-1 ACC) beat the Tar Heels (5-3-0, 1-2-0) 2-0 in its first ACC home match of the sea- son. Irish coach Bobby Clark celebrated his 69th birthday with the team’s second ACC victory this season in front of a sold-out crowd of 3,067 at Alumni Stadium.

Though the Irish had only two shots on goal in 90 min- utes of play, they capitalized on the opportunities and scored on both.

Freshman forward Jeffrey Farina posted his first col- legiate goal to put the Irish on the scoreboard in the 37th minute. Junior mid- fielder Connor Klekota sent a through pass to freshman Jon Gallagher, who crossed the ball from the left side of the field to Farina for the assist.

“I was very happy for them and obviously happy for the team,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “They’re the best of buddies, and they’re always out practicing here a little bit extra, so it paid off nicely today.”

“It was a nice birthday present for the old man here. I was very happy for them and obviously happy for the team.”

The next Irish scoring opportu- nity came in the 71st minute. Graduate student forward Leon Brown scored his third goal of the season to set up the second goal similar to the first with a through pass to senior defender Luke Mishu. Mishu crossed the ball into the box to Brown, and Brown put it home in the top left corner of the net from 10 yards out.

**ND WOMEN’S SOCCER | ND 1, WAKE FOREST 0**

Irish top Demon Deacons on Simonian’s early goal

By GREGHadley
Associate Sports Writer

No. 20 Notre Dame fin- ished off the weekend with a flourish Sunday, captur- ing a 1-0 victory over Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

With the win, the Irish (7- 3-1) moved to 2-1-0 in the ACC and avoided a letdown after their 2-0 upset of No. 2 Virginia Tech on Thursday.

“Every team in the ACC is strong,” Irish coach Theresa Romagnolo said. “You’ve got to make sure you bring the intensity and come ready to compete against them. We prepare for everybody the same way.”

That intensity was on display against the Demon Deacons (3-6-1, 1-2-0) early, as Notre Dame recorded the game’s first shot three min- utes in and then drew two quick fouls.

On the restart of the sec- ond foul, junior defend- er Brittany Von Rueden found senior forward Karin Simonian, who buried a shot in the lower right cor- ner of the net for her first goal of the season. The goal came in the sixth minute and held up as final margin of victory.

“We started the game well,” Romagnolo said.

“We had a lot of opportuni- ties, (and) we were all over them. I think that goal was a reward for the energy lev- el that we brought to the game.”

**ND MEN’S GOLF | FIGHTING IRISH GRIDIRON GOLF CLASSIC**

Team leads Classic after first round

By KIT LOUGHRAN
Sports Writer

The Irish protected their home course and claimed the top spot on the leader- board Sunday after the first round of the ninth an- nual Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic.

Notre Dame carded a one-over-par score of 285 for a one-stroke lead after the opening round of the eight- team Gridiron Classic at the Warren Golf Course. The Irish have four players in the top 10 and lead Long Beach State by one stroke, Michigan State by three strokes and Loyola (Maryland) by four.

Heading into this event after an 11th place finish at Northwestern’s Windon Memorial Classic last Monday, the Irish rebounded and improved upon their last-round score at Windon by 11 strokes. This is the fifth time this season the Irish have earned an overall score better than 290.

“We competed very well today, both individually and as a team,” Irish coach James Kubinski said. “Our play- ers were able to put those bad shots every player hits behind them and focus on the shot about to be played. That takes maturity and patience.”

Junior Cory Scipider leads the Irish individually into the second round. Playing unattached from the team, Scipider is tied for second place with a four-under- par score of 67. Scipider had eight birdies and card- ed the best Irish round at the Classic since the start of the tournament in 2006. He stands one shot behind the tournament leader, Ball State senior McCormick Clouser, who shot a five-under- par score of 66.

“Cory played a brilliant round, posting 67,” Kubinski said. “His talent is undeni- able. He has worked hard to tighten up some areas of his game and had it all there to- day. He had two hiccups but kept a good attitude and...”

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