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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What are your plans for fall break?

Emily Park
freshman
Welsh Family Hall
“Visiting Chicago with my sister.”

Jake Maginn
freshman
Morrisey Manor
“Going to Florida.”

Kelly Laco
junio
Lyons Hall
“Going to the beach.”

Lisa Wuertz
junior
Cavanaugh Hall
“North Carolina.”

Sam Arroyo
freshman
Sigfried Hall
“Going home to spend time with family.”

Shannon Kelly
freshman
Badin Hall
“Going to Boston.”

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THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Want your event included here?
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Thursday
14th Annual Blue Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Mass for those who work in public safety.

Friday
Pep Rally
Location TBA
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Pep rally for UNC football game.

Saturday
Notre Dame Football
Notre Dame Stadium
3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Undefeated Irish take on the North Carolina Tar Heels.

Sunday
Mass at the Basilica
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Music by the Notre Dame Folk Choir.

Monday
“Translation, Criticism, and Interpretation”
DeBartolo Hall
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Hosted by Religion and Literature at Notre Dame.

The Observer Rights to Life Club decorated South Quad with rows of flowers in memoriam of the lives lost to abortion. October is annually observed as Respect Life Month in Catholic Churches across the nation.
Saint Mary’s launches partnership with Zip car

By RONI DARLING
News Writer

On Tuesday, Saint Mary’s College launched a part- nership with Zipcar to offer a car-sharing network on campus.

The convenient transpor- tation option is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for students, faculty and staff ages 18 and older. Students are expected to be the most frequent users, according to a press release sent to Saint Mary’s.

Once enrolled as Zipcar members, the Saint Mary’s community may also reserve Zipcars at the University of Notre Dame and in, turn, their campus community can use Saint Mary’s Zipcars,” director of media relations Gwen O’Brien said.

Saint Mary’s will initially offer two Ford Focus mod- els for communal use. The Zipcars have designated parking spots located in the Regina Hall parking lot for convenient pick-up and return. The cars are available on-demand and can be easily reserved by the hour or day, O’Brien said.

Faculty and students can join Zipcar for $25, with rates for Zipcar vehicles on campus starting as low as $7.50 per hour and $60 per day, she said. After the first year, members will pay an annual membership fee of $35. Gas, insurance, and up to 180 miles of driving per day are included in Zipcar rates, and cars can be reserved for as little as an hour or for multiple days, O’Brien said.

One of the unique features of this new accommodation is its members can download the Zipcar mobile application on their smartphone to make reservations, lock and unlock the vehicles, and book the hour to help locate the vehicle, she said. Reservations can also be made over the phone or on Zipcar’s website.

O’Brien said Zipcars will benefit a variety of people in the community, especially students by offering the freedom of having a car without the commitment and cost of bringing one to campus.

“This could open up the possibility for some students to apply for off-campus internships or jobs that they might not have considered because they didn’t have a way to get there,” she said.

“We have a lot of students in majors like nursing, education and social work who serve in the community as part of their coursework. Many students also volunteer at schools and non-profits around town. Zipcars offer a possible way to get to those locations,” O’Brien said.

She said another great benefit of bringing Zipcars to Saint Mary’s is that they are environmentally friendly. “Reducing the College’s carbon footprint is something the administration is very cognizant of and they’re excited to bring Zipcars to Saint Mary’s for that reason,” she said. “Offering Zipcars potentially reduces the number of student cars on campus while offering students the convenience and freedom of a car when they need it.”

According to Zipcar’s website, “Zipcar reduces congestion and parking demand. Studies have shown each Zipcar takes approximately 15 personally owned cars off the road. Zipcar reduces emissions. Studies have shown Zipcar members reduce their overall mileage by about 40 percent after joining, helping to reduce CO2 emissions.”

Vice president of student affairs Karen Johnson said these statistics play into Saint Mary’s strategic plan, titled Boldly Forward, which aims to reduce the college’s carbon footprint and raise awareness of the importance of sustainability on campus. “Offering Zipcars here is an example of an effort to reduce the number of student cars on campus while offering students the convenience and freedom of a car when they need it.”


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Panel highlights sexual violence resources

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In honor of the Gender Relations Center’s (GRC) Sexual Violence Awareness Month, a discussion panel titled “Know Your IX: Resources for Care and Support,” presented information about the options available for those who are victims of sexual violence on Wednesday in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune Student Center.

The goal of the panel is to show students that after an instance of sexual violence, they have multiple choices and avenues to pursue support, whether that be physical medical care, emotional care, counseling, or spiritual support in terms of talking to someone from campus ministry,” said Regina Gesicki, assistant director of GRC. “They can do those things simultaneously or separately, and there’s a lot of resources on campus and in the community that are ready and waiting and available for students to help them heal from instances of violence.

Among the panelists were members of the GRC, the University Health Center, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, the Office of Community Standards and NDSP.

Melissa Lindley, Deputy Title IX Coordinator, said she wants to ensure Notre Dame is forefront a safe community. “My number one priority is to make sure that were in compliance with the Office of Civil Rights and really, just to make sure that our campus is a healthy, safe place for students to pursue their wishes. The only time when we would have to maye go against their wishes is if there is a major threat to campus safety.”

Dave Chapman, the associate director and deputy chief of NDSP, addressed the e-mails that are sent out at times of reports of sexual misconduct. “We try to make it as vague as possible because we don’t want the victim to be identified; we just want the com- munity to know that this happened on our campus.”

Heather Ryan, assistant director of the Office of Community Standards, said issues of sexual violence are treated very seriously at Notre Dame.

“If someone is found re- sponsible for sexual misconduct, specifically non-consensual penetration, they would likely be permanently dismissed,” Ryan said.

“We do it very seriously, as something that is very important and that we have to protect our community.”

Sophomore and GRC event faciltator Kat Heil said it is important for students to know that they are not alone.

“The GRC is very open to students for giving us advice for themselves but for other students as well,” Heil said.

“The GRC is very adamant about promoting gender rela- tions on campus so that every- one feels welcome.”

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plays into being an accredited institution.

The reaccreditation process consists of a self-study based on HLC criteria and a follow-up visit during which an evaluation team visits and further explores the report, Hubert said.

"It was about a two year process for us to thoroughly look at the University," Hubert said.

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Dance Marathon is a student run organization hosted by hundreds of colleges throughout the nation that raises money for the Children’s Miracle Network (CMN). President of Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon and senior Kristen Millar said all the money from the group’s fundraising events throughout the school year will go to Riley Hospital for Children.

“CMN is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing medical treatment for critically or chronically ill children, regardless of their financial situation,” she said.

In honor of it being Dance Marathon’s 10th year as a recognized club on campus, Millar said the goal for the year is to raise $90,000 for the children of Riley Hospital.

“[It is also] our goal to collaborate with different clubs and organizations on campus, but ultimately, our goal is to raise awareness and to tell the stories of families who have benefitted from the amazing care Riley provides. It is truly amazing to hear the stories of Riley patients lives [we have] been able to touch,” Millar said.

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here, that stigma is kind of correct and there’s sort of a lack of understanding and an ignorance, but there are people like that at a lot of different places. Notre Dame is pretty accepting, a lot of students are really nice about it. There might be a few things that they’re ignorant about, but they’re usually very understanding," she said.

Prism ND began after a 2011 campus visit from Senator Brian Sims, who gave a speech on "how four out of five college students are accepting of LGBTQ individuals, but they only think that one out of three of their peers are," Crawford said. Prior to Sims’ speech, there were no student organizations that were denied club status (at Notre Dame). But, "the echo of the Four-to-Five Movement, as Sims referred to his statistics, was a call for a club.

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life as a college student from a more serious condition.

"Obviously being in college is stressful," Haskins said. "Everybody is stressed out, which makes it harder because you don't know where to draw the line between 'Am I being a baby about this?' and making too much of a big deal.

"But I could give myself an entire Saturday afternoon in the library and just look at my assignment and start to have a panic attack, feeling like I couldn't breathe and I couldn't think and my thoughts would start racing. It wasn't like I procrastinated or needed to feel that way."

Notre Dame junior Tracey Cheun, who was diagnosed with bipolar I at the end of her freshman year in April, 2013, said the college environment can be both therapeutic and detrimental to mental illness.

"College seems to make the condition worse and better," Cheun said. "Worse because it's Notre Dame, it's a very esteemed institution, so there's pressure. But also better because I've been lucky enough to have the people around me, and I can't imagine being where I am today without them, or being this mentally healthy without their encouragement."

Amber Kearse, a Notre Dame senior, said the pressure to excel in school made coping with her depression and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) more difficult.

"I've had depression before, but it wasn't diagnosed depression," Kearse said. "The depression [had my freshman year] was kind of related to the ADHD. I had sort of been the smart person at my school and I always thought daydreaming was a part of my personality.

"So when I came here and I was struggling, I couldn't tell anyone at home because I was so used to being at the top of my class and getting straight As. It was really stressful and really lonely because I didn't want to talk to anyone, but then I really couldn't do anything because I wasn't talking to anybody, I didn't really want to go to counseling because I didn't want to admit anything was wrong, but then I finally went and talked to someone.

"Having problems outside of school just makes worrying about school a lot worse," Kearse said.

"Family dynamic"

Cheun, who lives on campus in Bavin Hall, said the resources on campus, ranging from the University Counseling Center (UCC) to resident hall staffs, made living with mental illness more manageable.

"The counseling center is a really great resource," she said. "I think people really underestimate it or they're kind of afraid that they'll be perceived as [weak] or that they have huge issues and there's something wrong with them. They're really nurturing there.

"I [also] think the family dynamic here is so strong and that helped me get through a lot of it. I know Bavin is pretty small, but the hall staff and [rector] St. Denise [Lyon] would stop by my room a lot and make sure I was okay."" After initially fearing medication, Haskins said she came to recognize its potential to assist her after asking God for help. "My medication helps," she said. "I didn't want to take medicine because there's such a stigma about it. I didn't want to be dependent on it.

"But medicine isn't a crutch. Doctors have been blessed with far more smarts than I to help people get through it. If anybody out there has an anxiety disorder and hasn't done anything about it, you honestly deserve medicine, or help if medicine isn't your thing."

As a Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) major and business economics minor, Cheun said her professors have also been remarkably accommodating, which has helped her progress as a student and manage her illness.

"All of [my professors] have been incredibly supportive and understanding, whether it's paper extensions or me not being able to get out of bed because I'm too depressed and I just can't do it," she said. "They're always willing to go out of their way for me and meet me after or outside their office hours. That's helped a lot, and definitely piqued my interest in my academic endeavors because I don't feel so discouraged or judged by them because it carries a stigma, partly because there is not enough information about student mental health resources. I understood that and I don't know how much it costs to take advantage of campus resources or how that gets billed to you," she said.

"It was really stressful and the thing worse," Haskins said. "When something stressful would happen, I'd go to my doctors, I'd get my medication, and it would help me get through it. I knew if I'm behaving bizarrely and don't realize it, because that does happen sometimes."

"Kind of a quiet thing"

In light of Notre Dame graduate Mark G. Oetteson's $10 million gift to the university to create the Rev. James E. McDonald, C.S.C. Center for Student Well-Being, Kearse said the university should focus on peer support for students with mental illness.

"There was no real obvious peer support," Kearse said. "There's counseling, but it's better to also have something with other students. Once you learn counseling, that's who you have to deal with and who you compare yourself to. I think it's better to have a support network that involves the people you are living with and you go to school with everyday.

"There are lots of people who experience depression here, but it's kind of a quiet thing," Kearse said. "... if people were more open about that and we mentioned other people or noticing the signs, they would probably reach out to their friends more or check in on them every once in a while or just talk about it if they think the person needs it."

Cheun said the university could do a better job directing students to off-campus mental health resources, as well as making on-campus support groups more accessible.

"More openness and availability of support groups would help a lot," she said.

Saint Mary's junior Torie Otteson spoke at Tuesday night's student panel in Rice Commons about her own journey and struggle as a way to break the silence surrounding mental illnesses.

Otteson said students don't talk about the issue of mental illness because it's thought to be a private thing.

"People don't talk about it, but it's very empowering to share my story of mental illness," Otteson said. "People listen and they understand. We have a wonderful community here and they realize maybe [mental illness] is not such a scary thing."

Otteson said she lost a lot of time to mental illness but now she's taking her story and turning it into something positive for others and for herself.

"I want to be able to help people realize that you're not alone and there's always a light at the end of the tunnel, even if you can't see it right now," Otteson said.

"Mental illness has made me a stronger person in general. If I can make it through that, I can make it through anything." Haskins said she has never sought help on campus because she felt it carried a stigma, partly because there is not enough information about student mental health resources. "In terms of my everyday life, I take it one step at a time," Cheun said. "I keep mood charts, I exercise, I take my medicine everyday, I follow up with my family on a weekly basis.

"Sometimes I'll ask my roommates or my friends to let me know if I'm behaving bizarrely and don't realize it, because that does happen sometimes."

"You're not a diagnosis"

Saint Mary's first-year student Kendell Smith also spoke on Tuesday night's student panel about her experience with mental illness.

Smith shared her personal story of a mental illness which led to self-harm, an eating disorder and substance abuse.

"When something stressed me out, I felt like I needed to change myself," Smith said. "I dyed my hair, got piercings and finally recognized, why did I need to change myself?"

Smith realized through her struggles with depression that she needed to prepare herself by asking herself with different outcomes instead of altering herself. Depression leads to eating disorders, self-harm and substance abuse, which is something you make up or is a mental illness.

"Depression is a temporary thing if you want it to be," Smith said. "I've spoken about [mental illness] before, but it was a sad story."

"Now her story is one of learning and growth. Smith said she has found passion in telling her story because it's not another chapter of her life – she's closing the book on depression.

"It's a form of closure, to my history of depression and self-harm," she said. "I'm really proud of myself for going through that and finding myself through it. It's always been in the back of my mind; I'm hoping that this will be a way for me to say goodbye to that side of myself.

Smith said people should know that mental illness is something that doesn't need to be kept to in the dark; it's something to work through with support.

"It's something they've given it, and it's something they can work through, not something they have to hide," Smith said. "Mental illness doesn't mean crazy. Mental illness isn't a race issue, not a class issue, not a gender issue – it's a human issue," Smith said.

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Millenials and love

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The best part about being a millennial is listening to what our futures hold based on the expertise of the pre-iPhone-ers. We’re lazy. We don’t have a work ethic. Time agrees. Fox News agrees. CNN agrees. I guess the bipartisan divide really isn’t as bad as they say it is.

At least 25 percent of us will never get married. That’s a new one. I’ll add it to the list of things I can’t do, right under “playing with children in the snow.”

Our inability to say “I do” gets attributed to a variety of notions. Society expects us to get into the workforce and become productive contributors as soon as possible. Parents expect us to pay off student debts. We have to climb the social and professional ladders. Although these statements don’t seem valid, they don’t get to the root of the issue.

The older generations’ finger-wagging is partially right. Smart phones and internet access have degraded our attention span. We require more instant gratification. We are less willing to make sacrifices. As a result, our leaders are strongly incentivized to operate in the short-term, viewing relatively uncertain, long-term risks as a problem to be tackled at a later date. This self-indulgent mode of operation, however, is not worthy of a great nation, and it violates some of the very principles that make this nation great.

The first threat to the future of American ideals is a lack of investment in our children. The United States experiences one of the highest rates of child poverty among developed nations. Regrettably, spending on children as a percent-age of the federal budget is falling across the board, according to a report from the Urban Institute. Of the many programs that benefit children, none are more important than education. Education is the great equalizer, holding the potential to break poverty cycles and ensure the long-term viability of our nation. The least we can do is ensure that the education system is fully funded, wholeheartedly supported and staffed with the most qualified educators. We must invest in the best practices and make the develop-ment of our children’s passions and skills an objective of highest priority.

The second threat to our future is a crushing national debt, which threatens our posterity in many ways. Rising debt can cause rapid inflation if the government chooses to monetize debt or print currency at high rates. Tax burdens and higher interest rates can slow economic growth and even destabilize economies enough to spark financial crises.

For decades, politicians have refused to recognize our fiscal limitations, pulling funding from the pockets of our grandchildren. While each sector of government spending has a clear and valid purpose, there will always be goals outside of our immediate fiscal reach.

Much government spending can be viewed as investment in our future, whether by stimulating economic growth, building infrastructure, developing health care capacity, improving education or protecting our national security interests, all of which benefit future generations. In these situations, a case can be made that short-term deficits lead to future growth and prosperity, but this certainly cannot be a sustainable long-term strategy.

Besides investments in the future, some government spending is simply wasteful or structured to benefit current voters at the expense of tomorrow’s citizens. Reducing waste requires strong leadership from members of Congress but also personal accountability on the part of the American people.

Mandatory federal spending — primarily Social Security, Medicare and means-tested entitlement programs — has risen dramatically from five percent of the federal budget in 1947 to over 56 percent in Fiscal Year 2012. Not designed to support seniors for more than a few years, these pro-grams are approaching bankruptcy. As Americans live longer, our social welfare programs must adjust accordingly. Otherwise, we are looking at both exorbitant debt and bankrupt programs that cannot serve future generations.

As a final example, to care for future generations, we must develop and commit to sustainable environmental practices. With rising global carbon levels, air pollution, water pollution, habitat degradation and changing cli-mates, we must bear the burden of knowing that our choices affect the safety and livability of the world in the future. Rising sea levels, disappearing aquifers, droughts and reduced air quality all pose great risk to our future citizens. We must engage the world on this issue because climate change is not bounded by borders. To the extent that hu-manity can reduce its negative impact on the environment, we are all partners in a global project for our children’s health and well-being.

Children cannot vote in our republic, yet their concerns are of paramount importance. The irony is that political pandering for short-term electoral gain is childishness in its worst form, abandoning the wisdom that our leaders are expected to display. Our politicians cannot be simplistic ideologues who place the value of a strong, uncompromising dogma above fiscal and social responsibility. Our elected representatives are not simply pawns in a game to secure a slice of a multi-trillion dollar pie.

In grand federal buildings and statehouses across the country, elected men and women are not just leaders, but stewards of our future. We cannot leave this responsibility to them alone, however. As citizens of a nation built on the ideas of freedom, equality, liberty and fair representation, we cannot stand idly by while policy directly threatens each of those ideas for future generations. In order to se-cure better opportunities for our grandchildren, I hope my generation will have the political willpower to make cuts in the interest of our posterity. Martin Luther King Jr.’s famous maxim could be adjusted to fashion a new battle cry for conscientious policy, as we could say, “Injustice today is a threat to justice forever.”

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The Obama administration has overseen an eightfold increase in the number of attacks flown by unmanned aerial vehicles or “drones.” These small, pilotless aircraft have become popular with the U.S. Air Force for their ability to take on dangerous missions deep inside hostile territory while keeping American servicemen out of harm’s way. Yet the American drone program has also come under harsh scrutiny by human rights groups. I am sympathetic to the majority of the issues brought up by drone opponents. At the very least, I can applaud their calls for greater transparency and oversight of the Air Force’s drone program as I can for any branch of the armed forces. However, it’s undeniable that drones are subject to an unfair level of scrutiny that does not affect manned aircrafts. For instance, opponents of the US drone war in the Middle East often point to the civilian casualties caused by drone attacks. It’s a hard charge to argue against; bodies strewn amidst the rubble of a destroyed home or the shell of a burned-out car are chilling testaments of man’s inhumanity. But it would be a colossal mistake to associate these deaths with drones rather than with war as an institution.

As uncomfortable as it is to admit, civilian casualties are a fact of war. Virtually every armed conflict results in civilian casualties out of proportion to combatant deaths. Consider the 2003 Iraq War and subsequent insurgency, which even by the most conservative estimates killed ten times more civilians than enemy soldiers. Before the widespread adoption of precision-guided bombs, these figures were even worse. So-called “collateral damage” was such a prominent feature of the Vietnam War that it inspired a catchy-yet-horrifying military ditty: “Napalm Sticks to Kids.” In fact, by some accounts drone warfare may be one of the few exceptions to this rule. Assessments by both the New America Foundation and the Bureau of Investigative Journalism found that drone strikes in Pakistan killed roughly three militants for every civilian. (Feel free to take these figures with the massive grain of salt they deserve.) Drone warfare is also much less likely to create refugee crises than would an infantry engagement of the enemy. Unmanned aerial vehicles are ill-suited to the saturation bombardment needed to level cities; most designs focus on assassination of single targets. Drones carry small laser-guided missiles rather than the literal blockbusters used by their manned counterparts to “soften up” a city for invasion.

National sovereignty is another sticking point for those who want drones grounded. Increasingly, the United States is using unmanned planes to strike at targets inside other countries, such as Pakistan and Yemen, without the permission of said nations’ governments. This gets even more confusing when the countries we launch strikes against are officially our allies in the War on Terror. After all, we wouldn’t want Britain or Israel bombing our own country.

Sadly, war is rarely so kind as to respect national boundaries. We’re seeing this happen right now in Syria as the civil war between the rebels and the anti-Assad forces spills over into Iraq, Lebanon and surrounding territories. The terrorist threat in countries like Pakistan is real, and local forces are often either unwilling or unable to adequately respond. We all remember the most infamous example, when the Pakistani army couldn’t find Osama bin Laden when he had hidden less than a mile from their Military Academy. I recall very little “Sturm und Drang” about “sovereignty” as Seal Team Six returned in triumph from Abbottabad.

Why then are drones singled out for such persecution? What encourages people to look at these particular engines of war with greater apprehension than their manned counterparts? Perhaps the answer lies in human psychology. The casualties from conventional war come in a tidy wave, overwhelming our perception and condensing into a single travesty. Drone strikes, by contrast, are more akin to a Chinese water torture. Drone strikes are little clusters of death stretched over months to years, this feels more reprehensible than the single wave of death as a result of conventional war. I’m reminded of the line oft attributed to Josef Stalin: “When one man dies it is a tragedy; when thousands die it’s statistics.”

I’m all for productive discussion of the covert war against terrorism in the Middle East. As we talk however, remember to keep the focus on the real problem: an endless war against a nameless foe without concrete objectives. Don’t jump to conclusions just because some of our planes don’t have pilots in them.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

A personal invitation to embrace feminism

I am not a feminist because I hate men. I am not a feminist because I’m Emma Watson (or Joseph Gordon-Levit, or Lena Dunham, or even Beyoncé), and I’m certainly not a feminist because I’m an unironically #blessed Notre Dame student. I’m a feminist because I’ve been granted the opportunity to learn about cultures where women face bigger problems than two sympathy points on the “attractiveness” rating scale.

Still, Notre Dame should attack its misogynistic tendencies with all the fervor we can muster. The commonly heard “forbible fondling” jokes prove that men and women alike have trouble accepting feminism as a serious issue. In a bubble where we all have the opportunity and encouragement to pursue our dreams, we forget that women still burn in honor of their dead husbands in India. We forget that women are still stolen and sold into sexual slavery at ten years old in Cambodia. We forget that some women are still not even allowed to drive in Saudi Arabia.

At Notre Dame, Yik Yaks make “I have a boyfriend” jokes and I cringe, wondering why girls even have to say “I have a boyfriend” instead of simply “I’m not interested.” At Notre Dame, girls raise eye-brows at the length of other girl’s skirts at the Career Fair and boys make comments about the number of dance floor make-outs “allowed” before a girl becomes a “slut.” At Notre Dame, we are perpetrators of casual misogyny.

Because we tolerate these comments and behaviors at Our Lady’s University, we have excused ourselves from the feminist stage. What would it take for us to decide to take care of each other? Do we need a personal invitation from Emma Watson to “Embrace the F-Word”? Or is it perhaps that our violations of equality are simply too small to warrant our attention?

I’m no Emma, but here’s a personal invitation to join the cause. As privileged students, we get to pick these “too-small” gender issues — yet the United States is still ranked 23rd on the World Economic Forum’s Global Gender Gap Index, behind Cuba, Lesotho, and Burundi. So there are 23 countries that treat the genders more “equally” than the United States, based on economic participation and opportunity, health and survival, educational attainment and political empowerment. This also means nearly every other country in the world experiences tremendously less gender equality than we do.

Therefore, I reiterate my point: with our privileged position in society, we are all called to be feminists. We’re not all called to hate men, or sign up for 75 NGOs or read Nicholas Kristof’s “Half the Sky” every night before bed (although it’s an excellent book). We’re not even called to look up to celebrities like Beyoncé (although if you don’t, are you really human?) We are called to fight for opportunities for everyone to pursue their dreams, regardless of color, sexuality, gender and sex. Here at Notre Dame, we can start by adopting the “feminist” label or at least the label of “brothers and sisters” — mean- ing we watch our Zahn jokes and think twice about our ND Crushes and Tik Tsiks. It also means taking a step out of our bubble to think globally.

Still waiting for your personal invitation? Here it is.

Annie Kuster
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Scene Writer

“This is the beginning. Hello. 1, 2, 3.”

The album opens with this spoken line. You may wonder, the beginning of what exactly? If you haven’t heard him before, consider this the beginning of a musical immersion with the one and only Shakey Graves.

Alejandro Rose-Garcia, who goes by his campfire Indian-guide name, Shakey Graves, released his second full-length album this Tuesday. The album, “And the War Came,” marks the first time Shakey Graves has an album on Spotify, which could mean big things for this breakout hero of folk-rock. The previous EP and LP can be found on Shakey’s website. According to his 2013 AMA on Reddit, his music wasn’t on Spotify simply because he didn’t know how to set it up. Even as his YouTube views reached the hundreds of thousands, many people were missing out on Shakey Graves because he wasn’t on Spotify. How grateful we are that he finally figured it out!

Rose-Garcia had a modest acting career before his venture into music. He appeared in “Spy Kids 3” and had a recurring role on “Friday Night Lights.” Shakey Graves is strongly associated with his hometown of Austin, Texas, while he also boasts experiences in the New York and L.A. music scenes. He incorporates the style of a one-man band, influenced by Bob-Log III. He does this through nimble, plucking fingers and the help of a second instrument—a kick-drum. He uses a kick-drum made from an old suitcase into his performance. The instrument is roughly home-made, displaying Shakey’s authentic bluesy-hobo vibe.

The new album shares a title with a Civil War novel written in 1950, reflecting its old-fashioned feel. Shakey Graves uses a lo-fi recording style that intentionally uses older and lower-quality equipment to give the music a classic sound.

The single “Dearly Departed” was released on Spotify in July; however, if you’ve been following Shakey Graves on YouTube, you had the privilege of hearing this gem back in April. The music video for the single features Shakey with album collaborator Esme Patterson, who has a huge impact on three of the songs on the album. In “Dearly Departed,” the two sing together playfully and intimately in a country-simple outdoor setting, accompanied only by an acoustic guitar. The setting is perfect for the simple, light-hearted song. The banter was natural and sweet, the harmonies induced goosebumps. It fully embodied the jaunty ‘50s country sound that we are used to hearing from Shakey Graves. The recorded version of the song attempts a fuller sound with some jarring electric guitar, stronger vocals and added percussion. In the video for “Dearly Departed,” Shakey jokes about his future trip-hop and jazz-metal careers.

Someone who jokes about musical diversity, his new album deviates quite a bit. “Family and Genus” explores a vibey electronic sound, while “The Perfect Parts” rocks pretty hard. At the very least, tracks like these prove that Shakey is at his best when he stays true to his rustic folk style. He sounds most sincere and natural when he’s picking away at an acoustic guitar, making us stomp along with his kick-drum. He has some success in “If Not for You” staying true to his classic sound, while still jamming out on an electric guitar.

“And the War Came” has the potential to be Shakey Graves’ breakthrough album. Now that it’s conveniently on Spotify, there’s no reason not to check it out.

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“And the War Came”
Shakey Graves
Label: Dualtone Records
Tracks: “Dearly Departed,” “Only Son,” “If Not for You”
If you like: Dawes, First Aid Kit, Avett Brothers

Daniel Barabasi
Scene Writer

With a disappointing summer blockbuster season, it might be hard to renew one’s faith in the film culture. Fortunately, the fall movies are coming along to transition our hyped-up expectations of summer into the winter season of loneliness and romance flicks. With autumn comes a darker, more thought provoking angle. Fortunately, the fall movies are coming along to transition our hyped-up expectations of summer into the winter season of loneliness and romance flicks.

With decoding the police scanner jargon, Lou starts to arrive at crime scenes before the cops, and in a few instances, before they’re over—putting him in moral limbo as both reporter and witness. The film, Dan Gilroy’s directorial debut, promises to be a dark crime thriller. Known previously as a screenwriter for “Two for the Money” and the unmade “Superman Lives,” Gilroy has also been signed to write for Marvel Comics. But the answer to your most burning question is: Yes, journalism is this cool.

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October’s must-see movies

Samantha Coolidge | The Observer
“Antarctica in Color”
Tigers on Trains

Label: Unsigned
Tracks: “Broken Dances,” “Plumes,” “But It’s Hard To”
If you like: Real Estate, The Lonely Forest, Bonnie “Prince” Billy

WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY

What: ND Theatre NOW!
Out of Orbit
Beneath My Skin
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: DPAC
How Much: $7 for students

FRIDAY

What: Learn to Salsa
When: 10 p.m.
Where: LaFun Ballroom
How Much: Free

SATURDAY

What: Notre Dame vs UNC
When: 3:30 p.m.
Where: U Know Where
How Much: U Already Paid

SUNDAY

What: Julie Fowlis
When: 2 p.m.
Where: DPAC
How Much: $10 for students

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I can see them now. Crayon-drawn spindly tigers casually perched atop crayon cabooses and think nothing of it. Trains, tigers, ice cream, Christmas, grandma — objects of overwhelming childhood joy all met in my mind and spilled sloppily onto paper — and my t-shirt. I would never wear a bib. What my small hands and circumstance created was sacred because they were unrestrained. Everything was so effortlessly borne that even the sloppiest, ugliest creation glowed in the eyes of my parents and teachers.

It’s the exact sort of sentiment that comes to mind when Tigers on Trains’ front man, Mason Maggio, repeats, “never get bored!” on the group’s newest record, “Antarctica in Color.” The wish to never be bored is something wholly youthful, both nostalgic and forward thinking. That’s essentially what “Antarctica in Color” is: a record entrenched in established indie-folk sounds and sentiments, yet inextricably fresh and inventive in execution. Exquisite arrangements, melodies and lyrics push the record above its many competitors. Quality alone, not some innovation or gimmick, makes “Antarctica in Color” an incredibly strong indie-folk record, “Antarctica in Color” is another must-hear record as far as song structures or chord progressions and engaging arrangements. There aren’t any surprises on the record as far as song structures or chord progressions go, and riffs are subtle when they are present. Fingerpicked guitar and soft driving beats form lush, warm backdrops for Maggio’s effortless vocal melodies. However, the vocal hooks and lovely guitar patterns are more than enough to carry each song. Exquisite mixing and production allows each instrument to perfectly inhabit its necessary space, meaning that every instrument shines in every song, no matter how simple its particular part.

Tigers on Trains have created an extremely accessible, stripped-down indie folk record that makes the most of its few wonderful ingredients with “Antarctica in Color.” Repeated listens reveal increasingly lovely and varied bass and guitar patterns that ensure the thoughtful lyrics and memorable vocal melodies fill an eternal space in your head.

It’s quite amazing that “Antarctica in Color” was released the same week as Flying Lotus’s brilliantly complex “You’re Dead,” as the two are both masterpieces with opposing strengths. A truly masterful, emotionally gripping indie-folk record, “Antarctica in Color” is another must-hear record from a ridiculously underexposed artist. If you’re still reading, you’ve wasted enough time — go listen to the album now. If you give it the number of listens it deserves, you may never be bored again.

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SAMANTHA COUGHLIN | The Observer
I often spend large amounts of time marvelling at the way European and Latin American soccer fans support their teams. These fans have for their teams — from England to Argentina and Mexico to Turkey — a bond of remarkable devotion. It’s a world where the team you support means more than anything else — and as John Oliver pointed out during his now semi-famous rant about FIFA, it’s a “religion.”

Then, autumn Saturdays come around, and I’m reminded that we have this sort of passion in America — only that rather than fermenting itself in large cities like London or Rio de Janeiro, it reaches its highest heights in well, not large cities. From Tuscaloosa to South Bend and Eugene to Oxford, college football provides America’s most passionate drama.

Take Monday’s “call of the day” on the Paul Finebaum Show. If you have yet to see Phyllis from Mulga, Alabama rant about the supposed “end” of her beloved Crimson Tide’s dynasty, it’s quite worth the two minutes of your life. In fact, Phyllis calls the show so often that when she calls, the simulcast of the show that airs in Philadelphia and eliminates the wait. There’s a picture of the woman, right there for when she calls in.

To her end to the call? “Kiss my butt. Roll Tide!”

And when you think about it, there may be no better five words to describe America’s love affair with college football. Suddenly phrases like “War Eagle,” “Boomer Sooner,” “Hotty Toddy,” “Geaux Tigers,” and, of course, “Roll Tide” become acceptable ways to greet one another.

But consider it for a second. This Saturday, more than 80,000 people will take up a seat in Notre Dame Stadium to watch a bunch of 18-22-year-olds play a game. And that doesn’t even crack all of it — 100,000 people will descend on College Station, Texas on Saturday when Texas A&M plays host to Mississippi.

This — is something that boggles the mind. We live and die on the results of these games (all right, we don’t die but we sure sometimes cry like someone did); because of what are often silly reasons. Most people root for teams because of where they live.

The aforementioned Phyllis is from Alabama so it makes sense that she’s a ‘Bama fan. If someone from Ohio says they aren’t an Ohio State fan, I’m a little surprised (but also really, really happy. Those people instantly become my newfound friends). The reason Phyllis fronts for a school because of their religion (some of you might even go to this school!) while someone just goes to school because they’re good or because they have really cool colors. But fundamentally, why do we watch college football? Easy. It’s America’s best reality show. Controversy has followed the past two Heisman Trophy winners annually. You’re never sure when the next kicker is going to miss that should be an easy, chip-shot field goal that would have won the game. And, of course, who could have predicted that Mississippi State and Ole Miss would be joint-third in this week’s AP Poll?

Then there are those games, those plays that live in infamy. Boise State’s “Hook and Ladder” and “Stature of Liberty” plays to beat Oklahoma in the 2007 Fiesta Bowl featuring Chris Davis returning a missed field goal 109 yards to win the Iron Bowl last year? One of the most remarkable things I’ve ever seen. And of course, it’s impossible to talk about great college football plays without mentioning “The Flutie” or, of course, shouting “kiss my butt. Roll Tide!”

Last weekend, of course, was a perfect example of why we love college football. Everett Golson’s fourth-down touchdown pass to beat Stanford was hardly the most notable thing of the weekend. Arizona going into Eugene and taking down No. 2 Oregon? A bigger story. Ole Miss knocking off No. 3 Alabama at home? Bigger again. Mississippi State handing its way with No. 6 Texas A&M? Still bigger. That doesn’t even get into TCU’s win over No. 4 Oklahoma or No. 8 UCLA falling to Utah.

It’s why nothing beats college football Saturdays. The twists and turns are like no other. The passion is unmatched. And the best part? It’s unscripted. Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride.

(Insert your school’s saying here.)

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After a weekend off, the Belles will be back in action Friday when they travel to the Benedictine Eagle Invitational in Lisle, Illinois. Benedictine University will host the invitational, which gives Saint Mary’s an opportunity to bounce back from a tough fifth-placed result at the MIAA Jamboree two weeks ago. In that race, the Belles finished just four points behind rival Alma. Belles coach Jacquelyn Bauter said she is looking to build on a strong past few days of practice.

“Since (the jamboree) I have thought the team has been even more motivated to perform, as they were disappointed with their overall finish,” Bauter said. “They have put in some high-quality workouts and we are looking for dramatic improvements in times, due to training, change in course, etc.”

At the jamboree, which counts for one-third of the final conference standings, freshman Natalie Hawkes paced the Belles. Underclassman Brittany Beer led the Belles, finishing 18th and 20th with times of 24:43 and 24:57, respectively. The other runners that made up the Belles’ top five all finished amongst the top 30. Despite this effort, however, Bauter, Alma edged the Belles by four points, even though its fifth runner did not finish among the top 40 runners. Bauter said she wants her team to be even stronger this weekend.

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Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Larry Bird ended the speculation about Frank Vogel’s job security before it could even begin.

He’s safe.

On Wednesday, the Pacers’ president of basketball operations announced Vogel had signed a multiyear contract extension. Terms were not disclosed and players and coaches were unavailable because they had a scheduled day off. The 41-year-old Vogel is expected to take questions Thursday.

The move comes exactly three weeks before Indiana’s regular-season opener against the tractor won’t have to scale back its goals this season, Vogel has insisted the Pacers can win. “The message to my team is that we have to bring a high level of competitiveness every night. We have to bring it every night,” Vogel said last week during the Pacers’ media day. “You have to have talent here to be competitive and compete with the best.”

Vogel got his big break in January 2011, succeeding the fired Jim O’Brien as the Pacers’ interim coach. He turned around a team that looked like it would miss the playoffs for a fifth consecutive year, finishing 20-18 and leading it into the postseason for the first time since 2006. Vogel then got the coaching job full-time.

In 2012, Vogel led the Pacers to their first playoff series win since Reggie Miller retired seven years earlier, and then to back-to-back conference finals appearances.

So with the Pacers facing perhaps their most daunting season in years, Bird retracted Vogel by eliminating one of the most influential -- his future.

“I’m excited for the opportunity to continue my tenure here with the Pacers,” Vogel said in a statement to succeed Friday.

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SMC GOLF

Belles chase top-four spot, chance at NCAA tourney

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The Belles look to secure a top-four slot in the final rounds of the MIAA End of Season Jamboree this weekend. Friday’s and Saturday’s rounds will be played at the Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, Michigan and mark the conclusion of the three-weekend, six-round event.

If the Belles finish within the top four of this tournament, they will qualify for the MIAA’s four-team event in the spring. The winner of that event earns a qualification into the NCAA Championship.

Saint Mary’s currently ranks third out of nine teams, trailing second-place Olivet by just nine strokes and first-place Hope by 57 strokes.

Saint Mary’s coach Kimberly Moore said earning a bid to the NCAA Championship this upcoming spring would be great for the program, but she remains focused on securing a top-four slot in the conference tournament first.

“Our ultimate goal is to qualify and who’s playing the best at the time,” Moore said. “That’s how I determine who will participate in the weekend’s event.”

Despite a degree of uncertainty in the five-player rotation, Moore said she suspects a similar group of players to qualify for this weekend’s event.

Belles sophomore Courtney Carlson and senior Janice Heffernan, who has won the MIAA conference player of the week twice this year, have led the team during the conference tournament, averaging 85.3 and 81 strokes, respectively.

“The last couple spots are usually up for grabs the majority of the time, but it seems like this weekend would be a consistent five that we’ve had a lot this year,” Moore said.

Saint Mary’s will tee off Friday afternoon at 1 p.m. and then Saturday morning at 10 a.m. The event will be hosted by Olivet at Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, Michigan.

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MEN’S SWIMMING

Irish open season with Stark Relays

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Notre Dame will begin its 2014 campaign in traditional fashion, as it hosts the 50th annual Dennis Stark Relays at its home Rolfs Aquatic Center this weekend.

The Irish finished third behind first-place Michigan and second-place Auburn at the meet last year. This time around, the Irish look to begin the season with a win.

“The Dennis Stark Relays has been the opening meet for the Notre Dame men’s swimming team since before any of the current team was born, so it is an honor to be a part of such a great Notre Dame tradition,” senior Matt DeBlasio said. “The first meet is always a great opportunity to see where we stand as a team. We like to keep the energy levels high and are looking for good quality times from the team.”

The Dennis Stark Relays will also mark the head-coaching debut of Irish coach Matt Tallman, who took over for longtime coach Tim Welsh after 13 years.

“The Irish finished third in the ACC last season, as the Irish look to improve upon our short game and make more putts,” DeBlasio said. “That’s key for us, if we can get up-and-down on a more consistent basis, then we can definitely lower some scores so that’s been our biggest focus.”

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If the Belles finish within the top four of this tournament, they will qualify for the MIAA’s four-team event in the spring. The winner of that event earns a qualification into the NCAA Championship.

Saint Mary’s currently ranks third out of nine teams, trailing second-place Olivet by just nine strokes and first-place Hope by 57 strokes.

Saint Mary’s coach Kimberly Moore said earning a bid to the NCAA Championship this upcoming spring would be great for the program, but she remains focused on securing a top-four slot in the conference tournament first.

“Our ultimate goal is to win championships, but we have to take it one step at a time,” Moore said. “Hopefully we can get into that one or two spot of this tournament, and this would be a great way to get us prepared for the NCAA season in the spring.”

The Belles will earn the privilege to host the NCAA qualifying event this upcoming season if they finish in the top-two of the MIAA tournament.

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Notre Dame travels to Oregon to open season

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
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After a sixth-place finish in the NCAA championships this spring, Notre Dame looks forward to another shot at a national title this year.

Members of the team will travel to Portland, Oregon this weekend to participate in the first leg of the North American Cup. The Irish finished a distant sixth during last year’s NCAA tournament but will again field one of the top teams in the country. Irish associate head coach Giorgi Kvaratskhelia said, “Like always, we expect to be fighting for the national championships,” Kvaratskhelia said. “Being part of Notre Dame fencing, that’s our goal every year. But realistically, we’ll be third place, second place after finishing fifth, eighth and sixth respectively, in the event over the next three years. With so many returning women’s team members this year, Kvaratskhelia said the coaches can really focus on shoring up the weak spots in the team’s lineup.

“Our probably weaker element was women’s sabre, which we revamped,” Kvaratskhelia said. “We have one of the best athletes for the sabre side in the nation came and became part of us,” [freshman] Francesca Russo and we are going to utilize that resource. As long as our freshman class was big and strong, but we already had a pretty substantial women’s [roster] remaining here. So hopefully, women will be our strongest suit going to the national championships, like they always are.”

Kvaratskhelia also pointed out that this year may be one of the most-balanced teams Notre Dame has fielded in the past few years. “Years back, we would have a superstar to load up in one weapon, but this year I am really having a hard time to distinguish,” Kvaratskhelia said. “We have [junior foilist] Lee Kiefer, who is the two-time defending national champion leading the charge with [senior foilist] Madison Zeiss, who was the [national] runner-up [in 2014], but I would be mistaken if I really distinguished any in terms of balance wise of the woman’s team.

“The men’s team equally,” we have [graduate student] Ariel DeSmet, who won [at] the national championships in 2011, but we have really tenacious and experienced freshman, so as long as the upperclassmen have to keep fighting for their qualifying spots. So I feel really confident about our team.”

This weekend’s tournament is individual-based, as no teams will travel there or compete together. Kvaratskhelia said for the most part, the team’s traveling roster would be making the trip. The tournament features preliminary pool-play matches that serve as seed- ing for a single-elimination tournament.

Kvaratskhelia said the tournament this weekend will be a great warm-up for the team as it starts the season.

“We are kind of kicking off the season and seeing where we are at in the preparation right now,” Kvaratskhelia said. “Most of our kids are in the top-20 rankings [in their weapon], some even higher, who will be participating over there, and it will be their experience — in terms of their results, will be — will matter to try and improve their ranking in the national light.

“For us, it’s really good to get extra bouts in as a kind of warm-up for the season, because the more you compete, the better you compare. So we are going to use that as a stepping stone.”

The North American Cup will take place at the Portland Convention Center in Portland, Oregon, from Friday through Monday.

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Irish senior Patrick Grahek hits a shot during the Notre Dame Kickoff Challenge on Aug. 31. Grahek shared medalist honors.

By MIKE GINOCCHIO
Sports Writer

After taking an extended period of time off, the Irish will look to get back on track as they prepare for this weekend’s Rod Myers Invitational.

The Irish will travel to the Duke University Golf Club in Durham, North Carolina on Saturday to compete in their first event since Sept. 30, when they competed in the Fighting Irish Golf Classic at Warren Golf Course. The Irish finished seventh in their home event.

According to Irish head coach James Kubinski, the nearly two-week break was helpful for the team’s psyche.

“Our first focus was to take a couple days and be college students,” Kubinski said. “We had competed every weekend for a month, whether in tournaments or at home in qualifying, so we used this past weekend to get a fresher start, looking at these next two tournaments as the next portion of our schedule.”

Irish senior Patrick Grahek hits a shot during the Notre Dame Kickoff Challenge on Aug. 31.

Irish senior Patrick Grahek, James Kubinski and Kevin Song are the three players who are consistent threats to score. Sophomore midfielder Morgan Andrews has four goals, while senior forward Lauren Bohaboy and junior defender Katie Naughton each have three.

After them, two players have two goals and four different players have one goal apiece.

According to Kubinski, a lot of goals, so we’ll need to watch that and stay strong on defense.”

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“Our ACC schedule, we get used to having to travel on Wednesday to play on Thursday after a Sunday game weekend,” Romagnolo said. “At this point, we’re not working on too much in training during the week, just trying to stay fresh. We’ve been getting creative in utilizing our time.”

The Irish stayed close with the powerhouse Cavaliers on Sunday right up to the final 21 seconds, when Virginia scored the deciding goal that gave it the 2-1 lead. Romagnolo said the game against Pittsburgh provides an opportunity for the Irish to get back on track.

“We need to get back to playing our possession style and bring that tenacity back on defense,” Romagnolo said.

In order to avoid dramatic losses like those the team has suffered recently against Virginia and North Carolina, the team will emphasize several aspects of its attack in upcoming games, Romagnolo said.

“We’re focusing on being a betterPossessing team, going up the field and taking chances in the last third of the field,” Romagnolo said.

The Irish have a host of players who can score a goal, so we’ll need to do a good job defending, and they’re a difficult team to score on. They have a couple players who can score a lot of goals, so we’ll need to watch that and stay strong on defense.”

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"You stick out like a sore thumb," MacAfee laughed.

MacAfee soon stuck out for another reason. The coaches liked his aggressive and offensive linemen trying to block a defensive lineman and allow a running back to gain ground. On MacAfee, you get it in there.

MacAfee went up against behemoth Mike Fanning, an All-American in 1974 who in 1975 went on to be a first-round draft pick in the NFL.

"I go, 'You gotta be kidding me,'" MacAfee said when realizing who his opponent would be.

But Fanning stood up a little too close to MacAfee, and MacAfee drove his face straight into Fanning’s chest and “buried” him. He landed on top of him for good measure, MacAfee said.

The next day, MacAfee moved up to third on the depth chart at tight end. By the sixth game of his freshman season, MacAfee grabbed hold of the starting job.

He never looked back.

After a 10-2 season in 1974 in which the Irish topped Alabama and Georgia Tech and 48 stage for the Cotton Bowl tilt for the season finale, setting the 49 points against USC, 69 games. The Irish piled up 30 points in seven of its 12 yards and 15 touchdowns.

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Just as MacAfee did — despite the “horrible” first impression — 40 years ago.

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**Horoscope**

Happy Birthday! Jump into action and don’t stop until you reach your destination. This is a year of accomplishment, both personal and professional. Put your energy into your dreams and take advantage of any opportunity to call in favors or reconnect with people you feel can contribute or influence your future positively. Keep an open mind and enjoy the youthful energy.

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MacAfee becomes part of ‘Tight End U’

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

Among the 205 schools that recruited him, amid the 28 visits he planned and the 12 visits he actually made, one weekend in particular stands out for Ken MacAfee.

It wasn’t the somewhat exploitative joy ride he took to visit Colorador, which was really more of a means to visit his sister and spend a day on the ski slopes. No, the one that MacAfee recalls involved similar weather, but no skiing.

“I probably had the worst recruiting trip ever at Notre Dame,” the former Irish tight end recalled recently by phone.

In mid-January in 1974, Notre Dame was set to welcome roughly 80 football recruits to campus. The first leg of the flight took the players to Chicago, but foggy conditions prevented the next leg to South Bend. So MacAfee and his fellow prospects hopped onto a bus to make the trek to campus.

The bus arrived around 1:30 a.m. to a mix of snow and rain falling near Main Circle and the waiting Irish coaches, who quickly put the players up in the Morris Inn.

“Just miserable,” MacAfee recalled. Things didn’t improve too quickly, either, as “terrible” weather didn’t allow for much fun.

But on Friday night, MacAfee watched the Irish hockey team knock off No. 1 Michigan Tech, which would advance to the next three Frozen Fours, 7-1. Notre Dame would surge up the rankings.

On Saturday night, MacAfee witnessed arguably the most famous Irish men’s basketball game ever — Notre Dame’s 71-70 win over UCLA, an upset that snapped the Bruins’ remarkable 88-game winning streak.

On Sunday night — still in town after weather prevented MacAfee from flying out on his scheduled flight — MacAfee went to the football banquet honoring the 1973 national championship team.

At one point during the basketball game, MacAfee’s host, former Irish tight end Mike Creaney, turned to MacAfee.

“Multiply this by 10 and you have a football game,” Creaney said.

“Where do I sign up?” MacAfee asked.

“From a perspective of a high-school student, visualizing all this and certainly athletically as well as academically, there’s no other school in the country that can compare to it,” MacAfee said.

“No other school could touch it.”

MacAfee found himself comparing every school he visited to Notre Dame. A few months later, he was on campus preparing for the 1974 season.

After three days of freshmen-only, no-pad practices, the upperclassmen — wearing their blue-and-gold practice uniforms, in contrast to

Notre Dame looks to continue road success

By RENEE GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

No. 14 Notre Dame will get a chance to bounce back from Sunday’s last-minute loss to No. 4 Virginia when it travels to Pittsburgh to face the Panthers on Thursday.

Pittsburgh (6-6-0, 2-2-0 ACC) is unranked, unlike other teams the Irish (7-4-1, 2-2-0) have recently faced, including Virginia, No. 9 Virginia Tech and No. 7 North Carolina.

However, the Panthers enter the matchup after consecutive conference wins against Syracuse and North Carolina State. Pittsburgh faces a swing of games against three top-15 teams in coming weeks, as it will play the Tar Heels and No. 2 Florida State after facing the Irish.

Irish coach Theresa Romagnolo said the team can never overlook an ACC opponent, and Pittsburgh has many qualities that make it a formidable road foe.

Every opponent in the

Irish set eyes on national title

By MARY GREEN
Sports Editor

The Irish have yet to officially lay out their goals for the upcoming season, but after four straight trips to the Final Four, head coach Muffet McGraw said she knows there is one that will definitely be on that list.

“We’re competing for a national championship,” McGraw said at the team’s media day Wednesday.

“That’s our main goal. Notre Dame has a new look for this season after losing three of its starters to graduation — All-American guard Kayla McBride, All-American forward Natalie Achonwa and forward Ariel Braker.

McGraw said she will look to junior guard Jewell Loyd — who led the Irish in scoring last year with 18.6 points per game — to step up as the go-to player on the court this year.

“It’s hard to imagine [Loyd] getting better,” McGraw said with a laugh. “She’s been so good. … She is so ready, just so ready to go. She has been working extremely hard. She’s in the gym all the time, and she just is anxious for the season to get going so that she can really see what she’s going to do.”

Loyd said she is ready to face the attention that will come her way on the court.

“I think it makes it fun for the game,” Loyd said. “That what you look for — you look for one-on-one competitions. You look at how you can beat the other team, and that’s something that I look forward to and I’m excited for.”

The Irish have also brought in three freshmen to help rebuild a program that has seen consistent success over the last several seasons.

Making up that group are guards Mychal Johnson and forwards Brianna Turner and Kathryn Westhaid. Turner won the 2014 Gatorade National High School Female Athlete of the Year award, and Westphold joined her as a McDonald’s High School All-American.

“I feel like we’ll be a lot