ND political science ranks No. 10

College Factual compares graduates’ income with those of other universities

By PETER DURBIN
News Writer

This August, Notre Dame’s Department of Political Science earned national recognition as the 10th-best political science program in the country from College Factual, a data-collecting college analysis website, according to a USA Today report.

Political science professor Michael C. Desch, who also serves as department chair, said he believes the rankings corroborate a long-held belief among faculty in the caliber of Notre Dame’s political science program. “It’s a reflection of what we’ve

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Panel commemorates fall of Berlin Wall

By KAYLA MULLEN
News Writer

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies sponsored a faculty panel Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies to discuss the significance of the events in 1989 in Eastern Europe and their importance to international affairs today.

The panel featured A. James McAdams, professor of international affairs and Director of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies; David Cortright, associate director of programs and policy studies of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; Sebastian Rosato, associate professor of political science and director of the Notre Dame International Security Program and Alicia Kusiak-Brownstein, adjunct professor of history.

McAdams began the panel, chronicling the history of the fall of the Wall and the suddenness with which it occurred. “We can say that it [the wall] fell but in a way, what it did was open,” he said. “The border that had meant certain death if you tried to run across it in the past, had meant certain imprisonment if you tried to smuggle your way through it in the past...that border ceased to exist.”

The fall of the Wall was met with joy but also confusion, McAdams said. “What is so important to understand at this time is the way in which everyone was surprised, everyone was shocked,” he said. “No one had any idea what this meant.”

The political implications of the fall of the Wall also opened up a lot of questions as to what the next step was, McAdams said. “The big question was what happens when the division between East and West, that was defined by the Berlin Wall, more than any other entity, what happens when that division is gone?” he said. “What happens when you suddenly have to deal

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Theology professor examines racial justice

By HALEIGH EHMSEN
News Writer

Dr. Christopher Pramuk, associate professor of theology at Xavier University, presented a lecture titled “Crossing the Color Line: A Catholic Perspective on Racial Justice and Responsibility” on Thursday evening.

The lecture was sponsored the Center for Spirituality and held in Stapleton Lounge in Le Mans Hall.

Pramuk addressed Sr. Madeleva Wolff, former president of Saint Mary’s, and her decision to integrate Saint Mary’s in 1941. Though the decision received a firestorm of controversy, Pramuk quoted Wolff as saying, “If it emptied the school, we would enroll Negro girls in residence.”

Pramuk said there are doorways to address the topic of race relations in

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What is your dream job?

Benoit LeRoy
junior
“Diplomat.”

Billy Kennedy
sophomore
Kregg Hall
“NASA or SpaceX.”

Sean Fitzgerald
junior
Kregg Hall
“Astronaut.”

Jackie Brousseau
graduate student
McGlinn Hall
“Chef.”

Elizabeth Horvath
freshman
Lewis Hall
“Creative writer.”

Dominique Nguyen
junior
Welsh Family Hall
“Traveling around the world doing medical service.”

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The Next Five Days

Wednesday
SSLP Info Session
Geeddes Hall
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Learn about the Summer Service Learning Program.

Sarah Fox Reading
Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Poet Sarah Fox shares her latest work.

Thursday
Faculty and Staff Mass
Log Chapel
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
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Artist Talk
Snite Museum of Art
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Sculptor Deborah Butterfield will speak.

Friday
Pep Rally
Compton Family Ice Arena
6:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Pep Rally for Notre Dame vs. Northwestern football game.

Men’s Basketball Purcell Pavilion
9 p.m. - 11 p.m.
The Irish take on Binghamton.

Saturday
Notre Dame Football
Notre Dame Stadium
3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
The Irish take on Northwestern.

Saturday Vigil Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Music by the Women’s Liturgical Choir.

Sunday
Basilica Sunday Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Music by the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir.

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Fisheye view of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart ceiling. Masses are offered Monday through Friday starting at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Saturday mass is offered at 5 p.m. and Sunday masses are offered at 10 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.
Notre Dame Running Club expands to include men

By CAROLYN HUTYRA
News Writer

The Women’s Running Club recently expanded to include men under the new name of the Notre Dame Running Club. The women placed third and the men finished fifth at regionals, which took place at the University of Kentucky two weekends ago.

Senior Claire Brady and junior Liam O’Connor, co-presidents of the running club, said they received approval from RecSports to merge the two groups right before fall break.

“It worked out really nicely since we were changing our constitution a little bit, changing our club-ter status to include both competitive and non-competitive components,” Brady said. “It’s been a very good collaboration in the few weeks that it’s been going on.”

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News Writer  

Each year, Notre Dame hosts a number of science, technology, engineering, and mathematic sciences (STEM) undergraduates and graduate students from four universities in Ireland and six Notre Dame undergraduates for six years by the Naughton Fellowship program.

The Naughton family donated $8 million for the fellowships so that Notre Dame, as well as Trinity College Dublin and University College Cork, could participate in the international exchange, according to the Office of the Vice President for Research's (OVPR) website. According to Joanne Fahey, Research Support Services Program Director for OVPR, the College of Science currently hosts four students in Masters degree programs and four in Ph.D. programs. Another four Notre Dame students pursuing their Masters and four Notre Dame Ph.D. students involved in research and teaching in Ireland through the fellowship.

Undergraduate students in the Naughton program participate in Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU), a 10-week long summer program, Fahey said in an email. "These people are under severe pressure to make quick decisions that have lasting impacts on the entire community. The application that has been developed in collaboration with Emory University, Florida International University and Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center can be used to simulate a disaster and train personnel. My thesis project is developing the business plan for the commercialization of this." Flanagan said the program has kept her busy but has provided her with "an amount of unique opportunities."

"I really feel that the REU program is an incredible chance to develop the variety of careers — be it the startup scene, large technology, medical or engineering firms, consultancy or even non-profits," she said. "The amount of opportunities that we have is simply vast and I'm trying to really seize as many as I can in a short period of time."

"As part of it I am hoping to look for a internship with a local startup, continue working on my capstone thesis and REU classes, as well as analyze more business startup ventures through the McCloskey Business Plan Competition here on campus."

The Naughton Fellowship has been in existence for six years, according to its website. Alumni from every year gathered together in October of this year, Flanagan said. "The Naughton Foundation has been an incredible support from the outset," she said. "I can't express how grateful we are to them for this. We were able to throw a reunion tailgate for the Naughton alumni at the Stanford game and it was brilliant to be able to have everyone together again after about five years of the program. The people that are now a part of the alumnumi are incredible testament to the Foundation, and of course the Naughton family themselves."

"The whole experience with REU that the Naughton Foundation has given us has been second to none and has simply opened a whole array of doors to us all that will allow us to launch our careers in an unbelievable way," Flanagan said. "We can only hope to take the skills and experience that we learn in the coming years and pay it forward later on when we are in a position to do so."

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America, from the patterns of racial profiling and police brutality to the Ebola crisis currently provoking xenophobic reactions. Often people say that problem of racial justice becomes more urgent when you have your own skin in the game," Pramuk said. "Whites have the luxury of not seeing because they have no skin in the game.

But as people of faith, Catholics often don’t see the problem as racism, he said. Instead, Catholics see fightng racism as an invitation from Jesus to stand in solidarity and see the dignity in our neighbor.

"Racism is a human problem, crippling something far deeper inside us," Pramuk said, "often we act from a deeper inside us," Pramuk said, crippling something far deeper inside us.

"Jesus seems to be saying that we learn to recognize the Christ that lives in others? Even in the one we have been taught to fear?" Pramuk said blindness is a pervasive theme in the Gospels, which provide fitting metaphors of current race relations in America. He said it is important to give people space to talk about race.

"Each of us comes in the conversation about race or refuses it," he said. "But it’s important to give each other space to grow."

Pramuk said his book, ‘Hope Sings, So Beautiful: Graced Encounters Across the Color Line’ is a starting point and a way to make the conversation about racism accessible. Racial hatred is harsh and often looks like the eclipse of blacks of blocking out their light, he said, which calls for intimate conversations.

Pramuk said there is hope in the leadership of Pope Francis and in the universality of the Catholic church. "Universality is not the same uniformity," Pramuk said. "Universality is welcoming."

Pramuk said young people desire to give their gifts and their lives meaningfully.

"The Church has the opportunity to turn their gazes to the poor and the marginalized," Pramuk said. "Our physical presence is the best gift we can provide to society."

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The media and me

Jack Rooney
Associate News Editor

This has been a very anti-media semester for me. All of my classes at some point or another have critiqued the news media for its racism, sexism, liberal bias, conservative bias, dishonesty, irresponsibility and many other flaws and failures.

But here I am working for a newspaper. It’s a small, completely student-run newspaper, but a newspaper nonetheless. So, in some small way, I am a part of the media. The same racist, sexist, biased, dishonest, irresponsible media I’ve heard about in class.

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Being the good critical thinker Notre Dame has trained me to be, though, I know not to blindly accept everything I read (or hear in class). The news media is certainly flawed, but it is a human institution, bound to be imperfect by its very nature.

It’s easy to sit in a classroom or on a cable television set and decry the news media. The news media is a three-by-four rectangle could bring about similar feelings of validity whenever I hand it over.

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As I reminisce on how my childhood self viewed her 21-year-old future, I recall an image of someone who is definitely not the person I am today. I vaguely remember envisioning myself on my 21st birthday as a woman elegantly sipping a martini in an evening gown similar to that of Millennium Barbie. Flash-forward to reality: the evening of my birthday was spent in a dingy Chicago bar, singing “Party in the U.S.A” with a hefty, hairy acoustic guitarist. I was wearing American Eagle jeans just right enough to expose the outline of my Granny panties. So it goes.

Unfortunately, the age of 21 has brought little else new but the lawful ability to consume an alcoholic beverage. But, I will say, I’ve developed a new appreciation for my driver’s license, which serves as plastic proof of my legality. I’m sure it will fade with time, but since becoming legal, I’ve gotten a rush from using my ID. Regardless of whether I’m showing it to a bouncer or simply using it as a form of photo identification I get a surge of validity whenever I hand it over.

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Paige Affinito

On being legit

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The ballad of Carl, the homeless mechanic

Charlie Ducey
English Channeled

We’ve all seen homeless people before. Chances are, we don’t know much more about them aside from what’s written on their flimsy cardboard signs streaked with black marker.

I come from Portland, Oregon, the City of Roses. In addition to fragrant horticultural beauty, Portland is also home to thousands of homeless. One can hardly drive through a crowded intersection without seeing a poor soul clad in a decades old rain jacket standing outside one of many soup kitchens which actually outnumber Starbucks on Portland’s NW Burnside St. For a Pacific Northwest metropolis, that’s saying a lot.

My interactions with the Portland homeless have been frequent, though I’m not sure they’ve been particularly friendly. It’s not that the homeless tend to be particularly unkind. I know several standout characters at the Holy Cross-run St. Andre Bessette House — one a diehard Notre Dame fan, another a philosophy enthusiast who designed a critical thinking puzzle based on Hermann Hesse’s “The Glass Bead Game.”

But cut to Oxford, a city of some 150,000, close to a fifth of them college students. Oxford, a city of limited access, centuries old stone walls, gated entrances, fenced off fields and individual college courtyards insulated by latched wooden doors andcrenelated exteriors allowing for only the briefest glimpses into their interior holdings. Among the mystical Harry Potter and J.R.R. Tolkien overtones, Oxford is a city of austere physical division and locked doors.

Yet the homeless here are some of the most boisterous and open people whom I’ve ever met — jugglers warning passersby of the coming cold spell, a guitarist feeding KFC (notoriously popular in the UK) to his botted Border Collie and the man who asked if I could spare a pound, saw my empty pockets, promptly introduced himself, shook my hand and wished me “a good life” before rushing off. These are people of true grit and character. Enter Carl.

I first met Carl outside of Blackfriars College on St. Giles on a Friday evening. At the time, he was known to me only as an anonymous homeless man, cold-looking in the twilit air. He asked me if I had any change. I told him that I had none, only credit cards and a 20 Euro note. I went back to Blackfriars, but I kept thinking about the gray-bearded man. He couldn’t be younger than fifty. He was shaking in the cold, grasping a paperback which pages had long since yellowed in one hand, with a coin cup in the other. I wondered when the last time was when he had a real conversation aside from “thank you” or “spare any change?” or “god bless.” I thought about the last time I had had a conversation at all. I returned to the bench where he sat with red hands on yellowed book, his face hidden aside from his eyes, faint points of structure in the night. “So,” I asked, “What do you need this money for?”

Carl has been selling bicycles to Oxford students for at least three years. He has been a bike mechanic, surely, for far longer than that. He buys frames and parts second hand, matches designs and wheel sizes and chains and fixes it all together into something that rides. At the time, he told me he was just trying to get his head above water. Earn back the money he’d lost from two bikes that had just been stolen from him. He needed forty dollars. I remained dubious.

But there was something about this man — his candor, his determination. Call it a leap of faith. Call it intuition. I trusted him. He hadn’t even told me his name yet, but I trusted him.

One ATMP later and I had made a down payment on a bike. We wrote up a contract on torn paper and bleeding black pen ink. He introduced himself at last. He wanted specifics — handle bar size, frame height, tire type. I know nothing of bikes. I told him to make whatever he thought would work. Days passed. I didn’t hear back. One of the cell phone numbers he provided on the contract was switched off. I began to doubt. Yet, in my rightfulness, I made a bet with a fellow Notre Dame student that Carl would pull through. He would build the bike. I knew, somehow. Several days later I was walking back to St. Giles. I had to borrow another phone to finally reach him. There he was, standing alongside a black bike with golden handles and rims. I kid you not — this bike was gorgeous.

He walked with me to grab a set of lights he had promised me. He told me about the other bike builders. One stole frames and parts to build bikes that he bussed over to Cambridge to sell for twice as much. “I’m not about that,” Carl said.

I saw Carl again the other day. He told me his vendor’s license had been revoked since he had been working past the legally-allowed hours fixing the chain on one his customer’s bicycles. They took his tools. They said he needed to stay on the bench or leave.

I doubt they even knew his name.

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A dog: the greatest trade you can make

For anyone who has never had a dog — you wouldn’t understand this. I have grown up with dogs my entire life. My parents even say I learned how to walk by holding on to one of our dogs. Thanksgiving break will be different for me. This will be the first time in my 20 years that there won’t be a dog at home. My childhood dog, Wilson, was put down this week. Sitting here now suffering from this pain makes me wonder why people go through it. Why get a dog when you know that they will eventually die? Why subject yourself to such pain when it is completely avoidable? I think back on the memories of Wilson. I remember driving all the way to Kansas to pick him out. I somehow convinced the rest of the family to name him Wilson, even though nobody else liked the name. Wilson’s puppy days were something special. He would entertain himself for hours with a plastic water bottle and cock his head sideways when you made a weird noise. Wilson grew as I grew. He transitioned from puppyhood to adulthood while I transitioned from 8th grade to high school. Fall days were spent playing fetch or playing in a pile of leaves. I remember sledding on the hill by my house with Wilson chasing me up and down the hill. My favorite memory is the time he nearly drowned because he tried to walk on top of the pool cover and my dad had to jump into the pool to save him. On Saturday mornings, Mom would send him into my room and he would climb up onto my bed to try and wake me. When I went off to school I missed Wilson almost as much as I missed my parents. When I came home I always looked forward to the warm greeting I got from him when I walked through the door.

Wilson was the best dog any kid could ask for and that’s why it hurts so badly now. When asking why we go through this pain, I think Peter King sums it up best when he wrote about the loss of his dog Bailey. “By my calculations, we had Bailey in our lives for 159 months. I will endure a few weeks of the occasional dark thought, and I will think: ‘Pretty good trade, 159 months of companionship and friendship and unconditional love for one or three months when sadness creeps in.’ In fact, that’s a fantastic trade. I feel the same as I did when Woody died. The easiest way to not feel this grief is to never have a dog. And what an empty life that would be.” I agree with Mr. King on this one. Having a dog is one of the greatest trades that you can make. I may forget the pain pretty soon but I will never forget the memories.

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Here is the stereotypical superhero we all know: a tall, buff and handsome man, with a flamboyant name referring to his tragic past, inspiring young children across the world to “help save the world” and reap the rewards.

In light of recent movies about superheroes, however, this stereotype of a macho savior is shattered by Disney’s newest collaboration with Marvel, “Big Hero 6.” With lovable characters brought to life with stunning animation, this film inspired those who have always dreamed of being a hero to pursue their wildest dreams.

“Big Hero 6” tells the story of the young prodigy Hiro Hamada (voiced by Ryan Potter), a 14-year-old robot fighter living in the heart of futuristic San Fransokyo. Frustrated with his younger brother’s lack of maturity, Hiro’s older brother Tadashi (voiced by Daniel Henney) brings Hiro to “nerd school,” or the San Fransokyo Institute of Technology, where Hiro explores the robotics lab and is inspired by the life-changing creations invented by Tadashi’s classmates. After viewing others’ works, Tadashi introduces Hiro to Baymax (voiced by Scott Adsit), Tadashi’s creation who is a peaceful robot that operates as a health care provider. Hiro and Baymax quickly form an uncanny relationship as Hiro attempts to save the world with the help of his high-tech pals, and Baymax attempts to please the young genius.

As the film begins, the first notable aspect of “Big Hero 6” is its remarkable animation style. Characters’ facial expressions are extremely dynamic and realistic, and the attention to minuscule details is astounding as each knick-knack on Hiro’s desk is beautifully rendered. The crowded and background shots were equally impressive due to the sheer amount of detail packed into each frame, and the overall animation quality brought the intertwined town to life, giving the characters an appropriate setting in which to grow and mature.

“Big Hero 6”’s ingenuity glows through its portrayal of the characters involved with Hiro’s desires. The protagonist’s fellow “science nerds” are all infused with natural quirks, such as perfectionism, OCD, over-enthusiasm and others, which allow static characters to transform into believable college students. Such character depth causes the relationship between Hiro and Baymax to flourish and allows for the exploration of human and kindly robot interactions. Emotional hardships also displayed the personalities imbued within each character; the movie points out the different methods that characters use to deal with emotional strain. All seriousness aside, the intricacies of the characters allowed for hints of humor throughout the movie, and at the height of this humor, as in all Marvel movies, is Stan Lee’s cameo which tied directly to a character’s backstory.

The film, however, is an age-old tale of a superhero. “Big Hero 6” fell into all of the pitfalls of a stereotypical plot: an orphaned, teenage boy who, with the help of his not-so-generic friends, battles against a seemingly-mysterious superhero. While the movie attempted to spin this storyline on several occasions, the twists were easily predictable and were nothing worth noting in the terms of a plot. The movie, while intended more for a younger audience than college students, lost a portion of power because of the original storyline. The musical score also did not work to strengthen the plot; the soundtrack is rather forgettable, unlike the movie’s underlying message.

Even with its flaws, “Big Hero 6” nods to the nerds was, in my opinion, the aspect of the show which truly set the film apart from other recent animated works. “Big Hero 6” teaches the audience that it is acceptable to be passionate about math, science and engineering and that even “nerds” or “geeks” can become superheroes in their own right. Those who study and research upcommg technology are saviors as they work to improve lives, and the students of the “nerd school” in the movie, while quirky, are tailoring toward the title of hero though all of their studies. With motivation and dedication, any aspiring youth can invent, build and create original products to mold the future. These inventors, like Hiro and his sidekicks, come from all walks of life, but it is their passion in their chosen fields that ushers in a new wave of world-shapers that can become heroes in a world that needs saving. As Hiro works to save his world, these themes are brought subly to the forefront, hoping to implant the idea that heroism is possible for all who decide to watch the film.

“Big Hero 6” was not a blockbuster, show-stopping hit worthy of dozens of sequels and prequels for its contributions to the greater cinematic world. Instead, it is a simple tale of a young boy and his robot, who, despite their issues, will rise above hardship and inspire similarly-minded children to work and invent until mankind is “satisfied with their care.”

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AN’T START WEARING PARKAS YET

By ERIN MCAULIFFE

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Stop. Do not break out your parka yet.

November is like that nearly empty tube of toothpaste sitting in your medicine cabinet — you can squeeze a bit more out of your fall wardrobe before conceding to the gripes of quilted black North Faces. There are so many types of coats to indulge in during this time that don’t look like sleeping bags when they’re lying on your floor.

This season has seen the return of 60s-inspired car coats. Channel your inner Twiggy with a pastel or saturated version to add some color to the soon-to-be-gray-scale landscape. I suggest investing in a wool version for the most warmth. Go cutsey with a Peter Pan collar or chic with a collarless version.

Fur is also big this fashion — not hunting — season. Miley Cyrus has embraced it; she sported pink fur earlier this year on the Grammy’s pre-party red carpet, and who could forget her regal Cruella de Vil-esque floor-length white coat she wore while parading around taxidermy animals in the “We Can’t Stop” video. You could even take this trend further by stretching a giant fur teddy bear to your back. Just kidding, then how would you wear your backpack around campus? Unless, like me, you own a fur teddy bear backpack from your Miley Cyrus Halloween costume last year.

But, fur-real, fur can provide an excellent layer to trap heat (pun intended) in the heat. I even stole my mom’s purple-tinged fur coat while at home on fall break. If you have a less cool mom — one who doesn’t own purple fur coats — you can still hop in on the trend, but do so without killing those animals that hop.

Visit Forever 21 or ASOS for some faux fur stylings that won’t require you to pop expensive tags. You’ll end up with a coat even the campus squirrels will be jealous of. Colorful faux fur is on trend — I know, you’re thinking “That’s So Raven,” but imagine Raven was a fashion designer, she knew what she was doing.

So maybe you heeded my advice and now own a super chic coat that doesn’t have last year’s ski tags attached to it, but then something like the “bomb cyclone” hits the Midwest. No worries, just add a few extra layers.

Layering is a necessity, but the key to layering is picking warm, effective pieces to layer. For example, the fact that I layered seven pairs of underwear to go to preschool because I “liked all the princesses” is a not a great example of effective layering — wearing a turtleneck under cardigans, coats or dresses is.

Turtlenecks are no longer just for my elderly preschool teacher who didn’t appreciate the fact that I was wearing seven pairs of underwear to school when I had an accident. They’re on celebrities and runway models — Nicole Richie just wore a $40 white HM turtleneck dress on a red carpet this past weekend. Believe me, you’re just turtleneck-y enough for the turtleneck club.

Another key layering piece this season is the blanket scarf. Blanket scarves are perhaps the most conducive things to the college lifestyle ever to exist. You get out of bed to put on a blanket, then when you get to class you can unwrap it from your neck and drape it over your shoulders. How much easier is it to get out of bed when you never have to shed your blanket? In doing this you may feel like the Evil Queen from “Snow White” (when she gets all old and humpy) — but hey, you’re on trend and warm, all at the same time. Now I’m just waiting for the comforter scarf to become a thing before December and final exams hit.

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By ALLIE TOLLAKSEN
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If you haven't heard of the best web series on the Internet yet, now is the perfect opportunity to get acquainted with "High Maintenance."

Created and co-written by wife-and-husband duo Katja Blichfeld, an Emmy award-winning casting director, and Ben Sinclair, an actor, the series' first "cycle" (which I suppose is a season in the world of web series) premiered last year, with episodes available to watch for free on the video hosting website Vimeo.

Four cycles later, the show has received plenty of critical success and garnered quite the fan base, myself included, who have eagerly awaited new episodes. Finally, on November 10, its creators released three new episodes, available on Vimeo for $1.99 each and kicking off the newest cycle.

The fictional show centers on benevolent, unnamed marijuana dealer (played by Sinclair) known only as "The Guy." Through his work, we get a peek into the interesting and often hilarious lives of his clients. Each episode is a unique and commendably original profile of a different client, and they range from a run time of just a few minutes to nearly a half hour.

While there are plenty of amusing crossovers of characters between shows to keep you on your toes, the series' episodic format with a client per episode lends itself perfectly to a web series style. Viewers are free to jump around in the episodes, and each one stands as a fascinating and wonderfully produced short film in itself. While some of the existing episodes are better than others (check out "Jamie," "Matilda" and "Rachel," three standouts), the series as a whole is remarkably strong.

While The Guy's profession isn't exactly one you can put on a résumé, and the show may not exactly be one you can watch with your mom, "High Maintenance" is well-crafted, well-written and irresistibly entertaining. Balancing serious episodes (like one about a sick clients who uses to gain back an appetite) with more light-hearted fare (including a brilliant episode featuring comedians Hannibal Buress and Yvonne Bianco), the series as a whole is as likely to be tied together by cannabis, but it is a far cry from "Pineapple Express."

Instead, its format gets to explore the lives, homes and stories of a commendably diverse group of people. While The Guy is the constant that ties the show together, most of the episodes focus very little on him. However, when we do get a look at the anonymous dealer, he proves to be a charming and comforting presence. Sinclair acts the part of The Guy excellently, painting him as a fairly neutral but still undeniably warmhearted character who gets to stand back each episode, watching his quirky clients with just as much intrigue as the audience.

It's both great and a little disappointing to see "High Maintenance" become popular enough to begin charging for episodes. However, the quality with which even the earliest episodes were made doesn't make the move to pricing episodes at all surprising. With its already high production value, it'll be interesting to see how the series will grow and change in upcoming cycles.

For now, we're stuck paying Vimeo which partnered with Blichfeld and Sinclair to make "High Maintenance" the site's first shot at original content. As reluctant as I am to fork over $1.99 per episode, or $7.99 to rent the whole cycle, my satisfaction with the series so far has me reaching for my credit card to buy the season pass. It's just that good.

The three new episodes, titled "Geiger," "Gentzis" and "Ruth" are available on Vimeo now, and if you haven't had the pleasure of seeing "High Maintenance," all of its earlier episodes are available for free and just waiting for a mid-season binge-watch.

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Exactly five minutes before I hopped into the family van to make my first expedition up to the kingdom of South Bend, Indiana, my younger sister presented me with one of the most treasured items in my dorm room: a Woody doll. She told me, "Andy gave away his Woody before he went off to college, so I'm giving you one." It was an awe-worthy, full-circle moment, similar to the closing scene in "Toy Story 3" during which I cried and cursed college-bound Andy for not taking his beloved piggy bank and Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head to campus.

I, like so many other millennials who had grown up with Andy, thought that that moment was the end, the sheer, definite, no-way-could-there-ever-be-another end. Andy goes off to college sans his toys symbolizing his transition into adulthood, theoretically. Woody, Buzz Lightyear and the gang are all newly adopted by a younger generation of customers, uh, fans.

Yay! More toys! Maybe Barbie and Ken will get a Kelly. What if Buzz gets a pet companion for Bullseye, like a cow (because cows jump over the moon). Will Jessie's backstory be brought full circle with the Andy's mom theory? Can we please have Sid team up with Al and seek revenge? Or Zurg? Can Zurg pull a "Return of the Jedi" and show up in Bonnie's backyard waiting for Buzz? Fire up your engines, Santa Claus.

However, the latest reports from the Pixar gods mention in the slightest of contests that the next installment will focus on a love story. The L.A. Times also reported that the film will pick up right where "Toy Story 3" left off. I'm somewhat bummed about this, because if the creators followed the biological timeline of their target audiences, maybe Andy would be graduating college and be engaged to Bonnie's cousin, so then Bonnie could take Woody and the gang to the wedding, but the toys would have major relationship relapse issues. I would pay to see that. The more important question... is who the heck is going to fall in love or even what kind of love (maternal? brotherly?)

The film's director, John Lasseter, put to ease my skepticism by reassuring what Pixar storytelling is about when it comes to beloved characters. He explained to the L.A. Times that a fourth film would not ruin the series, saying, "A lot of people in the industry view us doing sequels as being for the business of it, but for us it's pure passion. We only make sequels when we have a story that's as good as or better than the original."

Lasseter also decided to lasso in Rashida Jones and Will McCormack as the film's screenwriters, saying, "They have such a great sense of character and originality. And I wanted to get a strong female voice in the writing of this.

When the world first met Woody and Buzz nearly 20, yes, 20 years ago, the adult world finally accepted what kids had known all along: toys are alive and want nothing more than to be loved. In reality, this was and continues to be an unmatched marketing campaign for the "Toy Story" franchise. What kid is not going to want to see if his or her cowboy doll will start conversing with the teddy bear as soon as the coast is clear?

I'll trust the Pixar gods for now. They know and love these characters more than any critic, and they know how much we love them. They will take care of Woody and Buzz. They will play nice.

"Oh the sentimentality, it consumes me," I thought to myself melodramatically during that first four-hour car ride, holding Woody in my hand as though we were poor Yorek.

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There’s a reason quarterbacks have won 12 of the last 13 Heisman Trophies. It’s a flashy position with easily identifiable stats.

But in every sport, there are players doing their often physically and mentally taxing work for a fraction of the recognition. Sometimes we know their names only if they’ve screwed up. The value of what they do can’t run in a stat line.

They play the most thankless positions in sports.

**Football:** centers are reliable and durable, playing nearly every offensive down and expected to execute every snap. They’re expected to vocally lead the offense and read the opposing defense before the play and quickly transition from snapping to physically controlling blocking.

Statistics don’t measure what centers do, so you know if your team’s center is good not only if you watch closely or read and believe a lot of commentary. Centers often don’t receive the credit they deserve, usually receiving little attention at all.

Their moments of fame or, rather, infamy, tend to come if you muffed a snap or missed a block, rather than when they play consistently all season, the definition of doing their jobs well. It’s hard to imagine the headline, “Center continues well. It’s tough to imagine the team goes down.”

“Infamy, tend to come worse or recognized, rather than shining behind the scenes,” Sanchez said. “I’ve made plenty of mistakes and hurt the team. The most important thing was just taking care of the football, communicating well and executing. If we do that, generally, that’s enough successful. There are still plenty of things to clean up though. By effort at this position is therefore pretty low.”

Basketball: center

There are few true centers, and many don’t achieve the fame of star guards and forwards in the NBA. They don’t drive down the court much or exhibit fancy footwork. Sometimes, the overwhelming advantages of their size simplify overshadow the nuances of the skills and athleticism they also have developed.

They often don’t have as flashy of a role in the offense as a guard or forward (until it comes to dunking), but they are required to play a physical game, posting up against and defending opponents’ largest players. They can be an asset in their ability to distribute the ball back to the lane and set picks, but the bulk of these contributions don’t always translate to glory.

Soccer/hockey: defender

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In hockey, defenders give and take some of the most punishing hits and receive some of the most punishing blame when the team goes down.

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Big Ten has uneven scheduling

**Associated Press**

If Minnesota wins the Big Ten’s West Division, the Golden Gophers will have done it the hard way.

This weekend, coach Jerry Kill’s team hosts Ohio State, which just took control of the East by hammering Michigan State on the road. Although the Golden Gophers are tied atop the West with Wisconsin, they’re at a bit of a disadvantage thanks to this weekend’s game.

Minnesota has to play Ohio State, while the Badgers and Cornhuskers don’t have to face the Buckeyes at all during the regular season.

“Every day is a challenge,” Kill said. “We’ve had a tough schedule, and it’s not getting any easier, but that’s the challenge that our football team has, and we’re looking forward to that challenge.”

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Maryland and Rutgers this season, the Big Ten now has two seven-team divisions, and there’s no way for everyone in the league to play everyone else.

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“With new teams coming in from Maryland and Rutgers and realistic expectations of some type of things, those games, it’s going to be tough,” Kill said. “It’s part of it, and we understand it from adding teams to the league.”

The schedule may hurt Ohio State as well. The Buckeyes made a major statement last weekend with their 49-37 victory at Michigan State — the first Big Ten loss for the Spartans since 2012. But even if Ohio State beats everyone it plays from the Big Ten, it’s hard to say how much that will impress college football’s playoff committee.

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Eagles take down Panthers

“Eagles Defense: Rushing yards received per game against the Eagles was 92.7 in 2015. In the last three games, the Eagles have held the Panthers to 30 rushing yards per game.”

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Toronto comes from behind to beat Magic

Associated Press

TORONTO — Kyle Lowry scored 19 points, Terrence Ross had 17 and the Toronto Raptors erased an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat Orlando 104-100 on Tuesday night, their ninth consecutive victory over the Magic.

DeMar DeRozan had 16 points and Lou Williams scored eight of his 14 in the fourth as the Eastern Conference leaders won their fifth straight game overall and improved to 7-1.

Ross grabbed the rebound on a potential tying jump shot by Tobias Harris with 2 seconds left. Toronto has won its first five home games for the first time since 2003-04.

Evam Fournier scored 24 and Harris had 23 points and 13 rebounds for Orlando, which lost its second straight. The Magic haven’t beaten Toronto since March 26, 2012, and remain sidelined. ....

The Magic haven’t beaten the Raptors since March 26, 2012, and Harris had 23 points and 13 rebounds for Orlando, which lost its second straight. The Magic haven’t beaten Toronto since March 26, 2012, and have lost 10 of the past 14 meetings.

Channing Frye scored 19 points and Nikola Vucevic had 18 for the Magic.

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New York shuts out Pittsburgh

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mats Zuccarello scored the first of New York’s three first-period goals, Henrik Lundqvist made 33 saves for his third shutout of the season, and the Rangers snapped Pittsburgh’s seven-game winning streak with a 5-0 victory on Tuesday night.

Martin St. Louis and Kevin Klein added goals in the first, Derick Brassard had a power-play tally in the second, and Rick Nash — who had two assists — scored a short-handed goal in the third for the Rangers, who broke a two-game losing streak.

Lundqvist earned his 53rd NHL shutout — extending his Rangers record.

The Penguins (10-3-1), who will complete a five-game trip Friday at Toronto, had an 11-0 run, their ninth consecutive victory over the Penguins for the first time since 2003-04.

The Rangers marked the first time this season the other end, and Lundqvist remained

100th NHL point. Just 2:36 later, St. Louis doubled the lead with his fifth goal. Marc Staal’s shot from the left point struck defenseman Robert Bortuzzo in front, and the rebound came to Rick Nash, who quickly slid the puck to his right to St. Louis, who slammed it past Fleury.

Klein pushed the advantage to three with 5:13 left in the first, scoring with a drive from the blue line.

The Penguins received their first power play in the final minute of the first, but couldn’t take advantage, even with the benefit of clean ice at the start of the second.

Fleury returned to the sharp play he displayed early and held off the Rangers for a while. He even got the benefit of a waved-off goal because of traffic in the crease.

But the Rangers broke through the Penguins’ for-midable penalty-killers and made it 4-0 while Steve Downie served a roughing penalty. Brassard calmly skated into the right circle and deftly snapped a shot that appeared to glance off Fleury and sail under the crossbar with 9:11 left in the second.

Lundqvist remained steady at the other end, and made his best save of the night when he turned aside a quick one-timer from in front by Chris Kunitz with 2:51 left in the period.

Nash made it 5-0 with his 12th goal of the season at 7:45 of the third.

NOTES: Crosby, the NHL’s leading scorer with 24 points, went pointless for the second time in three games. ....

Rangers D John Moore returned from a five-game suspension. ....

Penguins D Kris Letang was briefly injured, but returned in the second period. ....

Pittsburgh is 10-5-1 in its last 15 regular-season visits to New York and 10-3-1 in its last 14 meetings with the Rangers.
Second-period goals give Devils win over Wild

Keith Kinkaid might get his first start. Devils coach Pete DeBoer stuck with Schneider and was rewarded when he preserved the lead late in the third period with a sprawling save to deny Erik Haula. Ryan Carter scored against his former team and Darcy Kuemper stopped 20 shots for the Wild, who lost their fourth straight. Schneider preserved the shut-out late in the period with a brilliant stop on Nate Prosser. Already down on the ice, Schneider shifted left to glove Prosser’s drive from the right circle. A miscue by Schneider put Minnesota on the board with a short-handed goal at 5:24 of the third.

Carter picked off Schneider’s weak clearing pass and fired a soft shot from the left boards that slipped into the net to trim New Jersey’s lead to 2-1.

There were few scoring chances for either team at even strength in the first period. Minnesota did have an excellent opportunity on each of its two power plays. Jason Pominville hit Schneider in the chest at the right post on the first one. Schneider again came up big on the second penalty kill, denying Mikko Koivu in close.

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without defense.”

A key contributor in this defensive effort was senior libero Kathleen Severyn, who totaled 18 digs. Severyn has seen significant time as a starter lately, and Brown said her leadership has been crucial.

“On the court, Kathleen is calm and confident and helps keep the composure of the team,” Brown said. “Regardless of how many touches she’s getting or how many digs she has, her demeanor and leadership is really important for us.”

The team has also had to deal with recent injuries to junior setter Hannah Muzzonigro and sophomore middle blocker Katie Higgins, who left the game against Louisville with an ankle injury.

“It’s a real sign of character that, in all these situations with losses and injuries and falling behind 2-0 in matches, we haven’t given up,” Brown said.

She said she thought the win against Louisville could be a turning point for the team.

“After a win, when you know you’ve accomplished something, you feel a little more upbeat,” she said.

“We’ve kept a great attitude, but the win just maintains the outlook of continuing to get better.”

Notre Dame will play its next match at Wake Forest at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.
Ultimate team travels to Missouri, Illinois

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's ultimate team attended two different tournaments this past weekend, with the A team at the Missouri Loves Company tournament in Columbia, Missouri, and the B team heading to the Charleston Chili tournament in Charleston, Illinois.

In Missouri, the A team started out seeded ninth overall in the tournament and ranked fifth in its pool. It opened up the weekend against No. 1-seeded Colorado, but the Irish came out strong with an early 5-0 lead that resulted in a 7-4 victory, despite the day's windy conditions. Sophomores Julia Butterfield and Mary Kate Andersen contributed with consistent cuts throughout.

Notre Dame A then moved forward to play against Washington University and came through with an 8-5 victory. It followed this up with a 10-4 win against Iowa State.

The final day of the game was against rival Illinois. The A team struggled against the Fighting Illini in the past, falling to them in regions last spring. But the Irish started strong with defensive stops from sophomore Mary Hermann and freshman Sarah Lipscomb. Notre Dame A brought that day's record to a perfect 4-0 with a decisive victory over Illinois to move from fifth to take first place.

Sunday morning started late due to frost, but that didn't stop Notre Dame A from coming out strong against Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a 11-2 win, including an interception by graduate student captain Kelsey Fink in the end zone for a point.

The A team coasted off this easy victory into a tournament finals quarterfinals game against Truman State afterwards. Fink notched another interception in the end zone to help start the team off to a 3-0 lead. Truman State fought back to knot the score at seven, the deciding point. Hermann made a crucial stop in the end zone line to set up the easy, game-winning score.

Notre Dame moved on to the semifinals against Kansas, the No. 2-ranked team overall in the tournament, and the Irish collected their first loss of the tournament. 9-6. However, the game was highlighted by senior handler Nicole Vujocevsic's game-winning cut with fifth-year cutters Molly Carmona and Elaine Rose.

Notre Dame A faced Iowa in the quarterfinals game and coasted to an easy, 10-4 victory, putting the Irish at 7-1 on the weekend.

The B team had an equally strong showing in Illinois, going 4-2 overall to earn second place.

On Saturday, Notre Dame B beat US1 Women's Anomaly and Lewis but fell in a close game to Marquette. However, the Irish came back strong the next day to defeat Marquette in a rematch and also took down Eastern Illinois. Notre Dame B fell to the Newwestern's A team in the finals to seal a second-place finish.

The B team had strong showings from junior Ellie Norby on defense and freshman Elizabeth Lewis and junior Giuliana Carozza on offense. Sophomore Beth Gichon also came in with consistent cuts and catches to help carry the B team to its victories.

MLB

All-Stars defeat Japan in exhibition game

Associated Press

NISHINOMIYA, Japan — Evan Longoria hit a grand slam and the Major League Baseball All-Stars survived a late rally to beat a split Japan squad 8-7 in an exhibition game on Tuesday afternoon of their five-game postseason tour.

The MLB All-Stars scored two runs in the fourth inning and Longoria made it 6-0 with a blast over the centerfield wall in the fifth inning at Koshien Stadium.

"I was able to get a good pitch and drive it," Longoria said. "We don't know a lot about these guys so you've got to try to come into the game and put the bat on the ball."

Salvador Perez hit a solo homer in the sixth, and Hiroki Uemoto drove in a run in the bottom of the sixth, but the All-Stars responded when Dexter Fowler hit a solo shot in the seventh to make it 8-1.

But the hosts rallied, scoring five runs in the seventh, and another in the eighth to make it a one-run game.

All-Stars manager John Farrell said he was pleased with the result.

"Tonight was more than we could have asked for," Farrell said. "We were able to get every position player on the field, we were able to go to our bullpen, but their competitiveness forced us to make some plays."

Chris Capuano picked up the win after striking out three and holding Japan to one hit over four scoreless innings.

The five-game series against Japan will start on Wednesday at Kyotera Dome in Osaka. There are also games at Tokyo Dome, Sapporo Dome and Cellular Stadium in Okinawa.

The series marks the first time since 2006 that a MLB All-Star team has visited Japan. The team was made up of members of the country's two most popular professional teams, the Yomiuri Giants and Hanshin Tigers.

Kiefer brings home silver

By ZACH KLONSKIS

Sports Writer

The list of things Lee Kiefer has not accomplished in her time at Notre Dame got one item smaller over the weekend. The 2012 Olympic champion brought home her first career Senior World Cup medal after earning silver at the foil in St. Maurice, France, this weekend.

Kiefer, a junior who won the 2013 NCAA foil championship, had previously won silver medals in both the cadet and junior divisions of the World Cup in 2011, as well as claiming gold in the North American Cup in 2012. She was also the first athlete ever to earn medal finishes at the Senior, Junior and Cadet World Cup Championships back in the 2011 calendar year.

The A team coasted off this easy victory into a tough quarterfinals game against the cadet and junior divisions of the World Cup in 2011, as well as claiming gold in the North American Cup in 2012. She was also the first athlete ever to earn medal finishes at the Senior, Junior and Cadet World Cup Championships back in the 2011 calendar year.

The Versailles, Kentucky, native cruised into the quarterfinals, where Elisa Di Francesco, the 2012-13 Italian gold medalist from Italy, awaited her. The Irish junior was not fazed, though, as she handled off the upset, 15-6. Kiefer met 2013 Senior World Cup medalist Inna Deriglazova of Russia in the semifinals, coming back from a 13-10 deficit to record the winning touch in a 15-14 victory. Italian Arianna Errigo, the 2012-13 two-time defending Senior World Cup champion, finally fell Kiefer in the championship match, 15-8.

Kiefer was joined in France by junior classmate Madison Zeiss, who advanced into the table of 32 with a 15-12 victory over Mina Kim of South Korea before falling to Hiromi Kusano of Japan, 15-6. Team USA wound up finishing sixth in the event.

Elsewhere around the globe, Irish athletes were able to find success. In the Senior Men's Foil World Cup event in Tokyo, Irish graduate student and volunteer assistant coach Garek Meinhardt finished ninth while Team USA finished fourth. Freshman Amanda Sirico earned a silver medal in the Junior Women's Epee World Cup in Helsinki as well.

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A plethora of Notre Dame fencers also saw action in Louisville, Kentucky, at the North American Cup junior tournament. The meet was highlighted by新鲜man Francesca Russo's victory in the women's sabre division, while classmate Madeline Gallagher finished 29th. Russo defeated the second-seeded Malia Lee, 15-10, in the semifinals before topping the first-overall seed Sarah Merza, 15-13, in the championship bout. The victory was Russo's second in as many North American Cup tournaments.

The Irish managed strong finishes in other events as well. Freshman Zoe Loh placed 29th in the women's epee. The men's side saw six finishers inside the top 20. Freshman Jonathan Fitzgerald finished in a tie for third in men's sabre to lead a trio of Notre Dame sabres. Fitzgerald earned the 18th seed out of pool play and fell to fourth-ranked Benjamin Natanson, 15-7, in the semifinals. Also joining Fitzgerald was freshman Jonah Shainberg, who finished in 10th place. Freshman Michigan, Nicholas Fitzgerald, earned a tie for the bronze medal in men's epee. The Indianapolis native was the 68th seed coming out of pool play and pulled off a string of upsets before finally falling to the first overall seed. The Canadian champion Marc-Antoine Blais-Belanger in a close, 12-11, decision. Junior John Foresnai joined Hansan in the top 15, finishing in 12th place. Sophomore Hazem Khazbak and freshman Spencer Eme started 12th and 20th places, respective-ly, in the men's foil division.

The Notre Dame women's fencing will be back in action Friday when they host an exhibition match against Northwestern at 7:30 p.m. in the Castellan Family Fencing Center. The whole squad will then travel to the Ohio State Elite Cup in Columbus, Ohio, and compete all day Sunday.
Monaco
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Bend, and it’s easy to see why many around the program tout his impressive upside. Auguste makes plays above the rim and has the on-court fire more often than even-keeled veterans like Grant and Connaughton.

Irish coach Mike Brey has discussed the need for Auguste to slow things down to pick up his production. There have certainly been flashes of that in the preseason. Auguste chipped in 12 points and eight rebounds in just 21 minutes two weekends ago against Minnesota Duluth.

Consistency, though, will be essential for Auguste, especially as the competition stiffens and the games actually count. Growth and steadiness at the free-throw stripe will go a long way for the primary-post presence, too. After burying a mere 48.3 percent of his free throws last season, Auguste has hit nine of his 19 attempts in the first two exhibitions, and Lewis, in particular, attempted to tie up Auguste on the low block and send him to the line.

The path is a tad clearer for Jackson since the end of last season is the graduation of former starting point guard Eric Atkins. As a freshman, Jackson did make 15 starts and averaged more than 22 minutes per game, but the über-athletic guard only notched 6.0 points and 1.8 assists per contest while slowed beside — or even behind — Atkins.

Now, the ball and the team belong to Jackson. He’s looked in command through two nights, netting 20 and 19 points, respectively, in the preseason tune-ups. Brey continues to rave about Jackson’s defensive ability and willingness to guard the length of the court for much of the game.

That, in addition to Jackson’s enticing offensive skill set, could spur Notre Dame back toward ACC relevancy.

The Irish ranked 20th (of 351 teams) in the country last season in defensive efficiency per kenpom.com. Defensive development is necessary for a team that lost seven games by five points or fewer and whose 12 conference defeats were by an average of 7.9 points per game.

Grant will certainly help tighten those gaps. But he won’t bring Notre Dame back to respectability on his own.

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team together. However, O’Malley is not one to take credit.

“It really is a team effort with us though, not just the back four,” O’Malley said. “I think we can attribute our defensive prowess to everyone on the team knowing their role and staying focused without the ball. I think the success of a program really depends on a consistent defense; and I think we are bringing that this year.”

Considering that the Irish defense contains a majority of seniors and upperclassmen, including O’Malley, that have played together for a long time, one would think they would just rely on and react instinctively to one another’s ability. But O’Malley said their position doesn’t allow such a luxury.

“I don’t think there is ever a time where you don’t need to communicate on defense — that kind of thing is left to the attackers,” O’Malley said. “That being said, I do think since we are so experienced, we know each other tendencies. That can lead to making the correct decision in those split-second moments in soccer where there isn’t time to communicate. Otherwise, we are always talking in the back and keeping each other accountable.”

That group of upperclassmen won’t be a part of the program forever, and O’Malley said he and the other veterans have taken it upon themselves to prepare the next wave of players to take on greater roles within the team.

“I think we just really try to keep the young guys part of the team and make sure anything that we are working on, they are working on, too,” O’Malley said. “It’s not just about the guys playing at this very moment; it’s about everyone on the team.”

With the NCAA tournament beginning in just over a week and wrapping up in mid-December, the Irish season is starting to wind down, and for O’Malley, this will be the last time he suits up for Notre Dame. Even though he already has won a national title, the graduate student said he still has a job to finish with Notre Dame and isn’t ready to look back on his accomplishments.

“I will get back to you on that one in about a months time,” he said.

The Irish resume play in the ACC semi-finals on Friday against Clemson in Cary, North Carolina at 5:30 p.m.

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Mistakes prompt changes
Kelly discusses Golson turnovers against Arizona State, changes at holder position, payoff possibilities

By MIKE MONACO
Senior Sports Writer

Five Everett Golson turnovers spiraled into 28 Arizona State points Saturday, but Irish head coach Brian Kelly said the senior quarterback isn’t entirely to blame for the miscues and the resulting 55-31 loss to the Sun Devils.

“He’s responsible for the football. Every one of those turnovers, he’s responsible for because he’s the leader,” Kelly said Tuesday. “And he took full responsibility and that’s why I’m proud of him. But he’s got 10 other players that have to do their job. And they’ve got to do their job better.”

Golson tossed four interceptions and fumbled twice, losing the ball once. The Sun Devils returned two interceptions for touchdowns and had two scoring drives — that followed Golson turnovers — that lasted a combined four plays and 36 yards. And although Golson was under constant pressure from the blitz-happy Sun Devils, which notched seven sacks, Kelly said the offensive line wasn’t “central to the issues of turnovers.” The line wasn’t to blame for any of the first three turnovers, Kelly said, and the coaching staff isn’t “pressing the alarm button” on the offensive line.

“That had nothing to do with the offensive line,” Kelly said. “When we look at it, it’s easy to say, ‘Alright, it’s the offensive line that’s breaking down.’ We don’t see that. … It’s not pointing to one specific group.”

Irish senior running back Cam McDaniel will continue to get more playing time in pass-protection situations as he continues to stay a cut above sophomore running backs Tarean Folston and Greg Bryant as a blocker, Kelly said. Folston and Bryant can improve their “want-to” and technique as blockers, Kelly added.

A New Holder
Irish sophomore quarterback Malik Zaire will take over duties as the starting holder, Kelly said. Zaire replaces junior walk-on Hunter Smith, who has mishandled the ball up. You can’t win the game if you’re fumbling the ball, Kelly said.

ND WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Resilience fuels struggling Irish

By ANDREW ROBINSON
Sports Writer

The season has presented many challenges and learning curves for the Irish, but coach Debbie Brown would tell you, one major positive theme underlies it all: resilience.

The Irish (6-18, 3-10 ACC) started the season with six losses, and more recently, they endured a difficult 2-11 stretch, both among the worst stretches in recent team history. Despite the troubles, which came partially as a consequence of early-season injuries and a young team, Brown said she continues to marvel at the team’s continued energy and spirit.

“This team is remarkably resilient,” she said. “When you’ve lost like we have, it’s hard to come in the gym and stay upbeat, but the girls have been working really hard to get wins. Nobody likes the record or where we are, so we just stay focused on getting better.”

In their first 18 games, the Irish suffered 10 losses in which they were swept, 3-0. However, they have been significantly more competitive over their last six games, five of which have gone to five sets, including two, 3-2 comeback wins.

The team’s resiliency was certainly apparent in its most recent match against Louisville on Sunday. Notre Dame lost the first two sets, and the match seemed to be a repeat of the sound, 3-0 loss to the Cardinals on Oct. 12 (25-14, 25-19, 25-13). However, the Irish climbed back, winning the hard-fought third and fourth sets, 25-23 and 25-22, to force the decisive final frame.

After having lost the first five sets in each of its three previous games against Virginia, Georgia Tech and Boston College, Brown said the team was determined to focus and not let the match slip away. The Irish came out strong and established a 5-2 lead, eventually winning, 15-12, to claim the victory and snap their four-game losing streak.

“I thought we served well and we received serve well, which allowed us to be in system more,” Brown said. “Defensively, we had a lot of scramble plays where we were working hard to keep the ball up. You can’t win a game if you’re fumbling the ball, you can’t win with turnovers.”

ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Defense proves vital to postseason success

By MIKE GINOCCHIO
Sports Writer

There is an old saying in sports that, while offensive firepower is good to have to start the year, strong, defense wins championships in the end.

That mantra can be found in sports of all types, and it was definitely prevalent for the Irish last season, as they rode a strong defensive team for the first national championship in program history.

And now, midway through the ACC championships, the No. 4 Irish look to continue that strong run. They knocked off No. 15 Virginia on Sunday, 3-0, in the tournament quarterfinals for their first victory against the Cavaliers in seven tries as a program.

As graduate student defender Andrew O’Malley noted, the defense has played a crucial role in this season as well.

“I thought the defense played really well this weekend against the Cavaliers,” O’Malley said. “They’re a really dangerous team in transition, and the defense really locked it down in that regard. I also think we defended their crosses well and had a really organized defense. I really need to commend the whole back line for that performance.”

It has been a consistent source of strength for the Irish. The defense has recorded seven shutouts on the season, and O’Malley has been one of the linchpins that have held the