Students reflect on final football game

Irish lose to USC 49-14, finishing with a 7-5 regular season record

By PAUL STEVENSON
News Writer

In the final regular season game of the 2014 season, the Irish lost 49-14 in a game against USC on Saturday afternoon. The game concluded Notre Dame’s season, one that saw the University climb to No. 5 in the AP Poll after a perfect 6-0 start and fall out of the rankings after losing five of the next six games, finishing with a 7-5 overall record.

The Irish were well supported in Los Angeles, as a strong Notre Dame contingent traveled to support the team, freshman Kelly Loughran said. “The tailgating environment was a lot of fun at the game,” Loughran said. “I was impressed by how well represented the Notre Dame fans were in Southern California.” Junior Lisa Wueritz said she was also impressed by the University’s committed fans. “One of my favorite parts of Notre Dame week is a way to remind college kids that “Notre dating week is a way to give back to the community as well as nationally by finding new ways to combat sexual assault and help those in need.” Brown said. “The failed section of cable was isolated and service restored to the first three facilities by approximately 2 a.m. and the balance of facilities by approximately 2:20 a.m. Brown said there was “no relation” between this power outage and other minor outages on campus.

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The GRC is hosting Notre Dating week December 1-December 4

Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.
“LGBTQ Representation in the Media” in the Oak Room presented by Emmanuel Cannady

Dec. 2, 8:00 p.m.
“Beyond the Friendzone” in 106 O’Shaughnessy

Dec. 3, 2:00 p.m.
“Active Ally Training” in Gold Room for Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Students

Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m.
“LGBTQ Discussion Group: Home for the Holidays” in the Gold Room

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How many pounds of food did you consume over Thanksgiving break?

Ariel Navota
sophomore
Walsh Family Hall
“372.48.”

Elizabeth O’Toole
senior
Walsh Hall
“3.14159.”

Hilary Johnson
senior
Lyons Hall
“Oh gosh, I don’t even know.”

Julia Tombardi
sophomore
Walsh Family Hall
“I wanna say 10 or 11.”

Will Harris
junior
Segfried Hall
“372.5.”

Tom Wintering
graduate student
Keenan Hall
“(Pumpkin pie)/2.”

Professor Michael Meyer and his wife, Teresa, have students over for Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday. While many students left campus for the brief holiday break, others remained on campus.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Want your event included here?
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Tuesday
Blood Drive
Rolf’s Sports
Recreation Center
11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Appointments are encouraged.

Wednesday
Auditions: Cloud Tectonics
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Sign up in FTT Department Office.

Thursday
SB Youth Symphony Orchestra
Morris Fine Arts Center
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Holiday entertainment.

Friday
Christmas Cooke
Decorating
LaFortune Student Center
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Practice your decorating skills.

Saturday
Women’s Basketball
Joyce Center
3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
ND vs. Connecticut.

Men’s Basketball
Joyce Center
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
ND vs. Fairleigh Dickinson.
Panel explores changes in journalism

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI

Members of the advisory committee for Notre Dame’s Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy gathered Nov. 24 for a panel discussion about “traditional” versus digital news and how online publications are changing the face of journalism.


Schmuhl began the discussion by asking whether the dynamic between the traditional news media and new digital outlets would be better described as competition or conflict.

Costa said the internet is an equalizing force, but the traditional brand weight carried by established news outlets is an advantage.

“If you want to be creative with your coverage, you can do that from any platform, any organization,” he said. “If it’s quality, it will get read, and it will get noticed. The only thing the traditional media still has an edge on is when it comes to traditional things—if the president wants to sit down with an organization, he’s likely not going to sit down with BuzzFeed.”

Bettag agreed and said “brand is everything.”

“In this era where there are a hundred possible outlets, having a brand that stands for something [means] that I recognize that and I’ll go there, out of all 280 of these channels and all the different options,” he said. “Brand consciousness is the key to success. People identify themselves with certain ... media outlets, and these become loyalties that are so extreme. And you’re going to carry that until the end of the world. You say you’re a committed viewer, rather than people will access it in different ways. Maybe instead of watching it on TV, you watch it on your iPhone. ‘I use Twitter lists a lot,’ Martin said. ‘There’s no way I could follow the billions of people I follow if I didn’t organize them. I check my Minnesota list; I check my regular feed; I check my breaking news feed; i check my headline service,’ Thompson said.

People identified with the idea of the traditional media because if the Washington Post is talking to the president, they’re not just going to print that in the paper,” she said. “They’re going to put it on their website immediately. They might even live-stream it. So is that television? ... Yes, it’s a newsroom that has been around for awhile, a lot longer than an online organization, but I still have a little trouble with the [traditional media] construct.”

Social media is another factor at play, and it can diminish brand power, Hanna said.

“Maybe there’s some sort of brand loyalty, but there’s also this egalitarian system where I happen to see a link that’s being circulated on social media, so I’ll visit the site,” she said. “It’s not really because it’s from any particular news outlet, so I think that’s the biggest way that the web levels the playing field.”

Thompson said her biggest concern with BuzzFeed or other internet sites such as Gawker or the Huffington Post is that the information verification process might not be as meticulous as it is with a more traditional news organization.

“I don’t know what [BuzzFeed’s] oversight is, so as a consumer of news, I am wary of what I see or read from them,” she said. “I know that if it’s in The Washington Post or The New York Times or The Wall Street Journal or any of the three broadcast networks or CNN, there is a vetting process it goes through to catch potential mistakes.”

Luedic said he sees BuzzFeed and other digital-only outlets as ready moving to more “ambitious coverage.”

“BuzzFeed and a couple of other sites who are trying to increase their ambition, they’re doing it by trying to do what traditional media does,” he said. “BuzzFeed made a big deal of creating an investigatory unit, and they hired someone experienced to run that unit.”

Bettag said he believes the two extremes can coexist if the audience is willing to use each on its own terms.

“To some extent … they’re like apples and oranges,” he said. “I think offering people two different things with different standards that promise people different things is perfectly fine … That’s a business, and it’s good business.”

Thompson said she does not think network news will die, but rather that people will access it in different ways.

“Maybe instead of watching it on NYU, you watch it on your phone. You watch it on your iPad,” she said. “What’s great for you is that journalism is not a dying industry, it is a growing industry.”

“Technology is changing the way we access journalism, but people still need to know what’s going on. They still need somebody to get out there and ask questions and investigate, and it will always have a place.”

The panelists discussed their personal news consumption habits, ranging from radio broadcasts to Twitter to traditional newspapers. They agreed that Twitter is a valuable medium for both consumer and disseminating news.

“I read Twitter constantly; it’s like my headline service,” Thompson said.

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“Twitter is a great way to compete,” Costa said. “It keeps people on edge. You don’t want to be consumed by it, but you want make sure you’re engaged … Our editors at the Post are always telling us to share what you know, in an article or a tweet with our followers. That’s what the Washington Post is on top of.”

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Custodian dies in house fire

Observer Staff Report

Connie Morris, a member of the Student Activities Facilities custodial staff, died Nov. 28 in a house fire at the age of 58. An email sent Monday to Student Affairs staff notified them of the incident.

The fire started in the garage of Morris’ Elkhart home early Friday, according to the South Bend Tribune. Investigation into the cause is ongoing, but “early findings point to the fire being accidental in nature,” the Tribune reported.

Morris had worked for St. Patrick’s since 2008, the email said.

“Her dedicated and cheerful presence will be missed by students, staff, faculty and guests of LaFortune,” Erin Hoffmann-Harding, vice president for student affairs, said in the email to her staff.

A celebration of life service will take place Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home.

Law professor emeritus dies

Observer Staff Report

Robert E. Rhodes Jr., professor emeritus of legal ethics, died Nov. 25 at the age of 87, according to a University press release.

Rhodes arrived at the Notre Dame Law School in 1956 and since continued “teaching and writing in the areas of administrative law, civil procedure, ethics, jurisprudence, law and theology, legal history and welfare legislation,” the press release stated. He was also a member of the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural affairs.

“The many of us who loved him, loved him for his character as much as for his extensive and superb scholarship,” Nell Jessup Newton, dean of the Notre Dame Law School, said in a statement. “Bob was an essential part of Notre Dame Law School for more than 50 years. Though he retired earlier this year, he remained as intellectually vigorous and engaged as ever, most recently working on final touches of a book manuscript.”

Rhodes graduated from Brown University in 1947 and served in the U.S. Navy for two years before earning a law degree from Harvard, the press release stated. From 1952 to 1954, he worked at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, followed by two years on the Rutgers School of Law faculty. During the summers, he served as a clerk for the New Jersey Supreme Court.

A wake took place at Kaniewski Funeral Home on Dec. 1 from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and was followed with a funeral Mass at 3:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.
The Notre Dame community will celebrate its Catholic tradition and Latin American ties by hosting Las Posadas from Dec. 2-4 at 8 p.m. The celebration, whose Spanish title translates to “lodging,” represents Mary and Joseph’s search for shelter before Jesus’ birth. This year, Las Posadas begins at The Grotto and ends in Keenan Hall, Farley Hall and the Coleman Center. The event is part of the three respective nights.

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Research

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the best practices to locate homeless youth.”

Students conducted qualitative interviews to learn more about the methods of local and national agencies for counting homeless youth, what services had been provided to the youth and what legal procedures were part of the process, senior Meghan Thornton said.

The individuals and organizations/agencies were selected because they are indirectly or directly in contact with the homeless youth around the nation, which allows them to be experts in this field. They all have one goal in mind and that is ending the homeless youth population.

Senior Kelly Key said she and her classmates are aware of the fallibility of these research methods because of the small sample size, problems conducting similar surveys, including double counting, trying to locate the homeless youth and the length of the survey, Key said.

Thornton said working in tandem with the Youth Service Bureau will help her and her classmates determine how to find the best methods of research, as well benefit the growing homeless population in the surrounding community by raising awareness.

“Youth homelessness is a growing concern in the United States,” Thornton said. “There are approximately 16-2 million homeless youth in the United States.”

Senior Kelly Crooks said she interviewed four of the 11 confidential informants and was responsible for writing literature reviews and researching lifestyles of homeless youth. “The St. Mary’s students also learned how to complete an IRB proposal and analyze data — valuable skills in the social work field,” Crooks said.

“This process was extremely valuable for me,” Crooks said. “I think it prepared me well for what I will experience in graduate school.”

Research is one of the 10 competencies required for the social work major at St. Joseph County in December. “I hope that our research project will educate the South Bend community because that the community will become aware of this growing issue,” Key said. “I also hope that this will help promote the Youth Service Bureau and all of their services that they provide for the community.”

“The more information we have on counting and serving homeless youth, the better Youth Service Bureau will be able to serve them, thus bettering the community. We desire to publish this study to contribute to the greater research community, so more individuals and organizations can utilize this information.”

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News Writer

By MATTHEW McKENNA
News Writer

Ryan Meinerding, the Head of Visual Development at Marvel Studios, also works on Notre Dame’s graduate, Monday night in West Lake Hall about his career in design and his work on various Marvel projects like Iron Man 2, Captain America and The Avengers.

I head up a team of artists that actually do all the character design for all of the marvel studios movies,” Meinerding said. “We also do key frame illustrations, which is going through the script and figuring out what the key moments are and how to visualize them. We illustrate and design things as early as possible in production to find what’s fantastic about the character and bring it to life, as opposed to reinterpret or changing it.”

One of the biggest challenges as a designer in the film industry is maintaining a sense of integrity and pride in your work, Meinerding said, while still putting out pieces at the demanding pace required by the industry.

“It’s very easy to get beaten down by deadlines and say I can’t do something good,” he said. “That’s a constant challenge with concept art because things have gotten to the point where people are just using photocopying and using pictures as their bases and not taking pride in their work, they just want to get something done that looks realistic.”

Meinerding said it can be challenging when his work is not selected as the final design, but that he has learned to step back as a manager and realize that the design that is chosen will be quality.

“Our job is to present the best options that we are capable of preventing,” he said. “If I get to draw Captain America and it doesn’t get picked I’m still okay with that because I got to draw Captain America. It can get disheartening in some context like when politics are involved and they actively aren’t picking the best design, but because we’re in a place where I have hired people that I know are doing great stuff. If my stuff doesn’t get picked, I still know it’s going to be a good design.”

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DeBassige said her mom volun- teered her family’s house to be one of the stops in Las Posadas in their small village every year. DeBassige said she too helps designate the path Las Posadas celebrants will follow through the University’s campus. She said Keenan Hall was a logical host as Farley’s brother dorm.

“Last year the path from The Grotto to the two dorms worked really well,” DeBassige said. “What’s different this year is that we will be ending at Campus Ministry.”

DeBassige said that, although she was not disappointed with last year’s turn out, she hopes an increase in club involvement will translate to an increase in student attendance.

“Last year, there were a total of about 150 people over the three nights which was great,” DeBassige said. “It was more than what I thought.” DeBassige said she anticipates a large turnout this year due to better publicity and relatively tamer weather.

“I think it’s a good way to represent Catholic traditions and culture in a way that involves a lot more people than just Latinos,” Juan Rangel, multicultural senior intern for Campus Ministry, said. Members of the Notre Dame community will sing hymns, pray and eat food in order to celebrate this journey. “Prayer and music and reflection can give a colorful- ness of the culture,” Rangel said.

DeBassige said aside from prayers and songs of worship, Las Posadas incorporates a social element. The event provides opportunities to socialize over food and beverages served by the host location.

“My favorite part growing up was helping my mom make the food for the event,” DeBassige said. “It was a time to welcome people into your home … and a time of hospitality.”

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“I’ll still try to meet with as many people as possible,” he said. “I think the most important thing is to do might look forward to being a student again, but given my nature, I’ll be wanting to be involved in other ways as much as possible too.”

Colette Coccia, a 2014 graduate, is one of 32 Rhodes Scholars from the U.S. this year and will begin a two-year Masters in Comparative Social Policy program at the University of Oxford in October.

Rhodes Scholarship

According to the Rhodes Trust website, 80 scholars from across the world are selected annually according to the highest probable merit by the will of Cecil Rhodes. The scholarship provides funding for students to enroll in a program of their choice at the University of Oxford in England.

The website lists the four criteria from Rhodes’ will as: “literary and mathematical attainments; energy to use one’s talents to the full, as exemplified by fondness for and success in sports; truth, full, as exemplified by fondness for and success in sports; truth, courage, devotion, leadership and moral force of character.”

The worst part is definitely the score, but enjoying one last Notre Dame game this year made it completely worth it,” Kelly Loughran said. “I’ve been watching Fire斯塔arters hoping to open up the dialogue about the different levels of building relationships — from new friendships to getting students comfortable with the language of dating to enter- and maintaining healthy relationships.”

To supplement the week’s events, the GRC will keep a blog all week proposing some creative and primar- ily off-campus date ideas for prospective couples, junior Connor Hayes said.

“To make this happen, the team will have a chance to debunk the often-misleading assumptions about dating in general, including the one that when it comes to relationships: super serious or some vague, undefined relationships: super serious or some vague, undefined relationships: super serious or some vague, undefined relationships: super serious or some vague, undefined relationships: super serious or some vague, undefined relationships: super serious or some vague, undefined

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By the time Holden Caulfield confided in me, “What really knocks me out is a book that, when you’ve all done reading it, you wish the author that wrote it was a terrific friend of yours and you could call him up on the phone whenever you felt like it.” I was already in love with him. Forget movie stars; my celebrity crush was on an iconic literary character.

I mean, sure, he was a little mentally unstable, and OK, maybe he wasn’t real, but there was definitely a connection. That had to mean something, right? I know, I know, we couldn’t go on dates and, we couldn’t talk that much. Honestly, we couldn’t do anything at all. Being in a one-sided relationship takes a toll, but I soon discovered that by making up stories myself, it evened out a bit.

Unlike a normal boyfriend, I could take Holden anywhere. Movie dates? How basic. We were visiting Paris in the spring of ‘87. It was a blissful few months together, but — this being a teenage love — the relationship eventually came to an end. Holden was cute and all, but he was just so unhappy all the time. If I hear the word “phony” again in my life, it’ll be too soon. Creating my own character to fill the void seemed like a good idea. At least he’d be a little more emotionally sensi-
tive. Thus, Jack, Chad, Henry and Max were all written into existence, each one more perfect than the next. But then I turned 15, and realized it was a little weird to be dating boys that existed only in my mind.

To be fair, I might be a little too Grinchy about this. But it’s not that I want to steal Christmas; I want to cherish it and make it special again. My reign as singing voice would be heard in the back singing anything but traditional Christmas music. Now, there might even be a radio station in the car that is entirely devoted to Christmas (if anyone is still listens to the radio in the car).

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How to not get sick

Erin Thomassen

It’s the most wonderful time of the year for preschoolers, snowplows and that one person who actually looks good in red and green. It’s also the most wonderful time of the year for germs.

The last time I interviewed a batch of bacteria, they said they couldn’t imagine a better time of year than the holiday season. Everyone gives each other hugs and kisses (and germs). Aunts and uncles hop on planes to bring their nieces and nephews pie and presents (and germs). Washing hands? Ain’t nobody got time for that. There are cookies to be decorated with frosting and sprinkles (and germs).

By now, you may be worried about catching a cold in the near future. This is good. I am brain-washing you to start hand washing.

Now, my hypnотized victims, it is time for you to ask: Can you save yourself from the sniffles? The answer is — drumroll from A) the little drummer boy, B) 12 drummers drumming or C) the Notre Dame drumline — yes. Follow these reason-able rules, and you will never be mistaken for Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer again.

Rule 1) Bring your own bathroom (BVOD)
Bathrooms will make you sick. Repeat after me: public bathrooms are the enemy.

“But Erin!” you might say. “Sometimes I need to go to the bathroom and I cannot run or skip or see sick home.”

This is an understandable plight. I have, on occa-sion, also had to use the restroom when I was out of my house. Yes, I do leave my house. Don’t make that face. You’re supposed to be hypnotized.

What I have come to realize, and what you will now come to believe until you come to your senses, is that you must bring your own bathroom if you are ever going to get through Thanksgiving dinner without sneezing on the mashed potatoes. You convinced your family last year that you added pesto to the potatoes, but this year, you are in charge of the pie. You won’t be able to make up an excuse for hoggy pumpkin pie.

But how can you bring your own bathroom? It’s simple. Put a Porta Potty in your backpack. It will fit. Remember: You are hypnotized.

Your own bathroom will be so much better than a public one. You can have embroidered hand towels instead of those weak hand-dryers. I’m sure there are other pluses. Insert them here.

Rule 2) Curse the sneezers
All those suckers who offer a “bless you” to sneezers are simply inviting the diseased to enter their personal bubble and infect them. Make it clear to those sickies that you want them to stay far, far away by responding to sneezes with a forceful “Curse you.” You may not have much experience with confrontation, so I invite you to practice, out loud, right now. Remember: you are hypnotized, and this is entertaining.

Rule 3) Eat the orange
See the orange. Peel the orange. Eat the orange. Preferably in that order. You could try to peel the orange without seeing it, or eating the orange without peeling it, but you might not enjoy the experience. Then again, you might get some great vitamins from that peel, so go ahead and eat the orange before peeling it. You have your own bath-room, after all.

Rule 4) Floss
I’m not sure why this will prevent you from getting a cold, but you should floss anyway. Personal hygiene for the win.

Rule 5) Smile
You should smile. It is the holiday season after all, and now that you’ve flossed, someone might smile back at you. Imagine that.

Smiling makes you happier and healthier. I have not done any doctoral research on that subject (or on any subject), but you’re hypnotized, and I like to see smiles, so you should smile.

Rule 6) Learn to count past six
Mental exercise is important, as is physical ex-ercise, so why don’t you learn to count past six while hula hooping? Don’t multi-task too much, though, for side effects include unnecessary stress.

In fact, trying to do too much at once will pre-vent you from learning well. It might also make you crash because distracted driving is the new drunk driving.

Rule 7) Like the Observer on Facebook
Rule 8) Delete your Facebook account. It’s poisonous.

Rule 9) Don’t actually delete it because then you won’t see when I annoyingly post this column.

Rule 10) There needs to be a 10th rule because having nine rules is awkward.

I kind of like awkward, though. Awkward could be good for your health. If I ever do perform doc-toral research, it will be on the health benefits of awkwardness. More to come on that later.

Rule n+1) Do not follow these rules
Have a great break instead.

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The lushness of the production, the epicness of the Schoolboy Q has precognition. In “Man of The Year,” 2% and whole milk,” grocery shopping has nev- er seemed so immediate and necessary. yet his awareness is never more present than in the pen- ultimate line: “This verse straight from the morgue.” Coupled with the hauntingly melancholy “Cherry” sample about 3 minutes in, “Man Of The Year” is way more complex than the club in which you first heard it.

4) “Prince Johnny” — St. Vincent

Annie Clark is the queen of pop — on this planet, and surely on whichever planet her otherworldly persona St. Vincent hail from.

With the boundary-pushing “Prince Johnny,” she produced one of the most intelligent, sexy and, somehow, human songs of her career, all while maintaining it as chiefly pop in orientation. Over an alternately quick, crunchy guitar clutch and swaggering, strutting chord guitar riff, Clark details the dangers of sociopath- ic tendencies involved with a mutually self-destructive relationship.

Her inflection at the end of the line “And bragged of when and where and who you gonna bed next” commu- nicates such a delicate, complex range of emotions, liit- ing to show concern, but pronouncing “next” as if each letter is its own syllable in a remarkably sensual manner. Other phrases end in similar hyper- emotive form, signifi- cing St. Vincent’s deft command and control over her art.

5) “Two Weeks” — FKA twigs

FKA twigs represents the future of pop music. “Two Weeks” features a magnificent blend of pop, electronics and the new R&B that has been hinted at on the radio, but FKA twigs is about two dial clicks ahead of any other artist.

She’s more advanced instrumentally, vocally and content wise. Her waxy, sexual delivery reminds one of a stronger Britney Spears, but her unashamed poise po- sitioned on a track as huge as “Two Weeks” transcends typical pop star performances.

6) “Mr Noah” — Panda Bear

When Animal Collective’s co-founding member Avey Tare established the side project Avey Tare’s Slasher Flicks, his intention was to create an album celebrating the love for horror movies with a campy, carnival-after- dark tone through the kaleidoscopic lens of his experi- mental indie-pop.

But it’s the other Animal Collective founder Panda Bear’s 2014 release that — whether intentionally or not — hits all the beats Tare set out to cover and raises the “Ring the Bell” strongman game bar to its maximum. Panda Bear’s warped mirror-maze soundtracking synths and merry-go-round harmonies hit as immediately as they enter “Mr Noah,” scoring one of the year’s, and Panda Bear’s, most abrasively catchy pop songs.

7) “Blue Suede” — Vince Staples

It’s hard enough living in the projects dealing with po- lice and racism, but Vince Staples’ depiction of the all-to- present in-violence between youth over material as seemingly trivial as new Jordans speaks to a different, deeper concern.

Relevant as ever, “Blue Suede” pushes a sentiment raised over and over again toward a new demographic. Yeetus-like production in the form of a winching, there- min-esque sample stretches the song from EDM to hip- hop and contextualizes it with a roughness necessary for the unsparing subject material.

8) “Today More Than Any Other Day” — Ought

Today More Than Any Other Day” may not be the lowest, sharpest or strongest track on Ought’s debut “More Than Any Other Day”; however, it is the most em- blematic of the post-punk quarter’s aesthetic.

The song has an extended, crescendoing intro, brazen wit, a simultaneously skeptical and uplifting message and lead singer Tim Beeler’s spastic, passionate mood swings.

When Beeler states, “I am prepared to make a decision between 2% and whole milk,” grocery shopping has nev- er seemed so immediate and necessary.

9) “Queen” — Perfume Genius

“Queen” is an anthem for anyone in the margins. It’s an affront to the status quo that assaults with a piercing, staccato keyboard line found in classic glam rock and distorted to fit today’s more industrious standards.

Even more arresting, though, is the commanding presence of the maker of “Queen,” Perfume Genius. “No family is safe when I sashay,” he utters on the chorus, warning anyone who may get in his way before he woofs and buck in their direction.

His voice might break momentarily on “safe,” but it’s not in fear for himself. No, in that moment he surely is thinking about what would happen to this family should they interfere with him.

10) “Bored In The USA” — Father John Misty

Father John Misty’s performance of “Bored In The USA” on The Late Show With David Letterman may have been the funniest thing seen on the program in years. The disenchanted with the American Dream so cen- tral to Joshua Tillman’s constructed persona Father John Misty has never been more realized than on this track. Misty is a product of middle-class America.

He’s got a useless education, a craftsman home and prescriptions that help him “kind of deal” even though they make it so he can’t get off. In many more and much more articulate words he asks, “What else?” of this, con- tinuing to make detached music in search for a better meaning.

Check out the analysis of the next 40 songs in the Top 50 Songs of 2014 list online at ndsmcobserver.com and listen to the playlist on Spotify.

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It’s December, and as we approach the end of the year, Scene wants to take a minute to reflect on all the great music that was released this year. Check out the Top 10 here and then head to our website to find the rest of the list.

1) “Interference Fits” — Perfect Pussy

The term “interference fit” refers to a fastening be- tween two parts that is achieved by friction after the parts are pushed together, rather than by any other means of connection. “Interference Fits,” then, is by far the most beautifully poetic name for a song in which lead singer Meredith Graves details her modern concep- tion of marriage and monogamy. Graves envisions a life of uncompromising solitude for herself, yet all around her she sees her peers aging and compromising — in her eyes, giving up.

Her soul-baring performance and brutally personal lyricism spark imagery of burning wedding rings and messily fused relationships built on love’s conventions. Dissonant guitars, fuzzy production and stumbling drums only heighten the already close similarities be- tween bulldozers plowing orchids and love gruesomely crunching verse guitar clutch and swaggering, strutting choral guitar riff. Clark details the dangers of sociopath- ic tendencies involved with a mutually self-destructive relationship.

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2) “Wonderful Everyday: Arthur” — Chance The Rapper

Chancellor Bennett is an extremely gifted individual, equipped with the talent, wisdom, experience and under- standing to influence and affect an entire generation to promote positivity. Synonymous with the “outstanding standing to influence and affect an entire generation to promote positivity. synonymous with the “outstanding youth of the year” award the city of Chicago presented to the 21-year-old in November, Chance handles his popu- larity hand-in-hand with his anti-violence, peace-for-all activism.

Ingeniously, he repurposed a ubiquitously recognized theme song from a similarly toned children’s show for his generation to virally instigate his message. The song is laden with every euphemism and entendre for a woman, yet Chance uses them with such a strong lyrically, but with help from his Chicago #SaveMoney cohorts and stars like Wyclef Jean, it flour- ishes sonically.

3) “Man Of The Year” — Schoolboy Q

Schoolboy Q has precognition. In “Man Of The Year,” the California rapper predicted exactly what he’d be do- ing once his debut major label album blew up. The entire song is laden with every euphemism and entendre for a year’s worth of partying. Yet, with the Chromatics’ chilly, ominous sample rid- ing out the duration of the song, some of Q’s phrases take on an air of cinematic finality, like this one is the climax in a long line of blowouts.

Yeah, Schoolboy Q may be the man of the year, but what happens after?

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Irish entered the ring unprepared, undermanned

LOS ANGELES — In the 2001 film “Gladiator,” there is a scene where one of the fighters is so terrified to enter the arena, he wets himself in the tunnel. Once he moves inside the ring, he has no idea to what to do and is struck down immediately. This character was Notre Dame in its 49-14 loss to USC at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on Saturday.

The Irish looked timid, played timid and, in the end, the results showed such timidity.

In just over a six minute-stretch toward the end of first quarter, the Trojans offense crushed any hope left in the Irish defense with a 21-0 scoring fest. USC redshirt junior Cody Kessler picked apart the Irish secondary, throwing seemingly uncontested touchdowns to receivers George Farmer and Adoree’ Jackson.

In little more than three quarters, Kessler went 32-for-40 for 372 yards and six touchdowns. Luckily for Notre Dame, Kessler was pulled from the game midway through the first quarter with a 21-0 score. USC redshirt junior quarterback Everett Golson recorded 221 yards and six touchdowns in a single game against the Irish.

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Zaire Brings Spark to Offense, Makes Case for QB Job

LOS ANGELES — Notre Dame sophomore quarterback Malik Zaire’s season began with a 56-yard run on his first collegiate carry. But against Rice on Aug. 30, it involved the Kettering, Ohio, native watching from the sidelines, even as senior quarterback Everett Golson recorded 22 turnovers.

It included a mid-November insertion into the holder position, one he had never played in his football career.

And in Saturday’s regular season finale against USC, it featured Zaire taking over in the second quarter and providing something different to a then-scoreless Notre Dame offense.

“Every thing in life is about getting the opportunity,” Zaire said after Notre Dame’s 49-14 loss to USC on Saturday. “When the opportunity came, I didn’t even look to make it or break it point. It was more of a chance for me to go out there and help the team win the football game.”

Zaire entered Saturday’s game after USC extended its lead to 35-0, taking advantage of a Golson fumble, his second turnover of the game.

Zaire said his main goal upon taking the field was to bring some energy to a Notre Dame offense that had not moved past the USC 47-yard line up to that point in the game.

“We came too far as a team to have a lack of energy,” he said. “The only thing on my mind was how to spark the team up. We had to make plays, and that’s something that was my mindset going in.”

Senior offensive lineman Nick Martin said Zaire wasn’t afraid to challenge his teammates early.

“Malik came up and goes, ‘Let’s go,’” Martin said. “We go, ‘Hey, we have faith in you, and let’s just get out there and do our job.”

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“They got punched in the nose today,” Irish head coach Brian Kelly said. “You want to see a response too. They’re young, but I want to see some bite too. For the bowl preparation, we’re going to have to see a response. All jobs are available, and we are going to have to see something from this group.”

Trojans redshirt junior quarterback Cody Kessler exited the game two minutes into the fourth quarter with a 49-14 lead, allowing the USC running game to close it out. Kessler went 32-for-40 against the Irish defense, throwing for 372 yards and six touchdowns — the most passing touchdowns Notre Dame (7-5) has ever given up to an opposing quarterback in a single game. The Trojans (8-4) had a strong run game also, going for 225 yards and one score.

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Offensive Line

The offensive line continued its struggles against an aggressive Trojans defense, yielding four sacks and forcing Golson to move about the pocket. Golson’s second turnover, run-in-a-tumble, came after a USC defender hit him from behind.

Defensive Line

The defensive line stood up better to USC’s rushing attack than it had against other running games over the second half of the season. But the Irish still failed to get consistent pressure on Kessler, who often had ample time to find his receivers.

Linebackers

Notre Dame’s linebackers struggled both to contain receivers on underneath routes and stop running backs in the second level. Jaylon Smith and Nyles Morgan, who only played the second half, combined for 25 tackles, though several of them came at the end of long gains.

Defensive Backs

Injuries to Cody Riggs, Austin Collinsworth and Max Redfield did the Irish no favors, but USC’s talented cast of pass-catchers repeatedly outmuscled and outran the Notre Dame secondary. Kessler particularly targeted the sophomore duo of Cole Luke and Devin Butler.

Special Teams

The good news is that there were no holding issues that cost the Irish the game this week. The bad news is that Kyle Brindza missed a field goal and struggled with punting the ball, and Notre Dame’s kick return unit had a hard time reaching the touchback line.

Coaching

It’s no secret that the Irish are injured and undermanned at this point of the season. But that doesn’t excuse the team looking completely unprepared to face a USC team still shorthanded by sanctions and also 7-4 entering Saturday’s game. Even Brian Kelly admitted this one was closer than it could have been — Steve Sarkisian’s team could have put up 70 points.

Overall GPA: 1.00 (D)

Notre Dame played one of its worst games in recent memory, coming out flat and looking unprepared against its biggest rival. The Irish looked disjointed on offense, defeated on defense and incompetent on special teams. Outside of maybe the first three possessions, they were never in the game and could have lost by an even larger margin.

Kessler tosses six TDs

Irish sophomore running back Greg Bryant lunges for the goal line during Notre Dame’s 49-14 loss to USC on Saturday at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

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Los Angeles — The six touchdown passes thrown by Trojans redshirt junior quarterback Cody Kessler mark the most ever thrown against Notre Dame by an opponent in a single game. Former USC quarterback Matt Leinart and Former Pitt quarterback Tyler Palko held the previous record of five touchdown passes, which both came in 2004. USC’s 35 first downs also mark the most ever gained against Notre Dame in a single game, eclipsing the previous high of 34 by Stanford in 1997.

Kessler also set a career high with 32 completions and tied the USC record for most touchdown passes in a half with five touchdows in the first half.

Injury Report

An already-shorthanded Notre Dame defense suffered further losses Saturday, as several players left the game with injuries.

In the secondary, sophomore safety Max Redfield suffered a broken rib, and graduate student safety Austin Collinsworth suffered another separated shoulder, Irish coach Brian Kelly said. In the trenches, freshman defensive lineman Jay Hayes left the game with a high ankle sprain, and sophomore defensive end Mark Banner suffered an ankle injury.

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Play of the Game

Cody Kessler’s 49-yard touchdown pass to George Farmer

After Notre Dame stopped USC, on its first offensive possession, Kessler threw a 49-yard touchdown strike to Farmer with 6:50 left in the first quarter. From there, the Trojans opened, as USC racked up 21 points Saturday night and effectively left Notre Dame in the dust.
Zaire

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entered the game. The Irish had a sword: their offense. Everett Golson went 7-for-18 for 75 yards and one interception before being replaced by Malik Zaire. Yet Zaire was not much better, as the sophomore went 9-for-20 for 170 yards. Although he has been riddled by turnovers this season, at least one of Golson's two turnovers was not his fault. Golson hit sophomore receiver Corey Robinson downfield with a strike, but the ball went straight through Robinson's hands and into the arms of a Trojans defender. When Golson coughed up the ball the second time, he was hit hard from behind. The Irish offensive line gave up three sacks in the last 20 minutes. Kelly, who had praised the Irish receivers earlier in the week, said he was “disappointed” in their performance. The only silver lining in the offense was sophomore running back Greg Bryant, who appeared to actually care about the season finale. With five of its last six games resulting in losses, all signs point to something being wrong with this year’s Notre Dame team. If Kelly wants to continue to point to the team’s injuries and inexperience, it might be better if the Irish sat out the bowl game to heal up and begin to prepare for next season because the injuries and inexperience are only causing more players to get hurt. As it looks like the Irish sat out Saturday’s game, it should be no problem for them to sit out the bowl season.

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He came in with some energy to help the team,” Fuller said. Zaire’s first pass, his first collegiate attempt, was a 49-yard completion to junior receiver Chris Brown. On the next play, Zaire ran it in from 11 yards out for his first rushing touchdown on the season. Zaire said the in-game situations forced him to quickly get into a competitive mindset. “In the game, guys are actually hitting me,” he said. “In practice, it’s kind of like, you get tapped … I think the reality of being in the game definitely sparks me up because it has to, because nobody likes to get hit all the time.”

In his shoulder.

Notre Dame had almost no options left at defense. It is no wonder USC put up 577 yards and 35 points, according to Kelly. Yet, like the nameless gladiator, the Irish had a sword: their offense. But they didn’t even use it. Whether it was out of fear or apathy, Notre Dame’s offense looked like it had no idea what to do. In the first quarter when USC amassed 209 yards and three scores, the Irish were still trying to get into Trojans territory. The Irish only were able to move the ball 35 yards in the first stanza, and they did not get out of their half of the field until the second quarter. Senior quarterback Everett Golson went 7-for-18 for 75 yards and one interception before being replaced by Malik Zaire. Yet Zaire was not much better, as the sophomore went 9-for-20 for 170 yards. Although he has been riddled by turnovers this season, at least one of Golson’s two turnovers was not his fault. Golson hit sophomore receiver Corey Robinson downfield with a strike, but the ball went straight through Robinson’s hands and into the arms of a Trojans defender. When Golson coughed up the ball the second time, he was hit hard from behind. The Irish offensive line gave up three sacks in the last 20 minutes. Kelly, who had praised the Irish receivers earlier in the week, said he was “disappointed” in their performance. The only silver lining in the offense was sophomore running back Greg Bryant, who appeared to actually care about the season finale. With five of its last six games resulting in losses, all signs point to something being wrong with this year’s Notre Dame team. If Kelly wants to continue to point to the team’s injuries and inexperience, it might be better if the Irish sat out the bowl game to heal up and begin to prepare for next season because the injuries and inexperience are only causing more players to get hurt. As it looks like the Irish sat out Saturday’s game, it should be no problem for them to sit out the bowl season.

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Going forward, Zaire’s season may have one final chapter, as Kelly said he didn’t have an answer as to whether there will be a quarterback change for the team’s bowl game. Zaire’s relationship with Golson has been collaborative and that it is unlikely to change, he said, regardless of which player earns the starting nod for the team’s final game of the season. “It’s never a ‘me-versus-him’ type of thing … this quarterback group, we are the ‘Red Army,’ and we do what we need to do to support each other because honestly, it’s about the team, it’s about getting victories,” Zaire said.

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IRISH VACATION: THE OBSERVER

Stadium: Sunday, out with a nagging ankle injury. Kelly said in his weekly Tuesday press conference that he expected Riggs to be available for around 30 plays against the Trojans.

MISCELLANEOUS

Notre Dame sophomore receiver Will Fuller passed the 1,000-yard receiving mark for the season with a 26-yard reception in the second quarter. Fuller is the eighth player in Notre Dame history to record more than 1,000 yards receiving in a single season. Gearing up was a key hope for the USC defense. It is no wonder USC put up 577 yards and 35 points, according to Kelly.

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Irish sophomore receiver Corey Robinson tries to break free from the USC defense during Notre Dame’s 49-14 loss to the Trojans on Saturday at the Los Angeles Coliseum. USC stormed to a 35-7 halftime lead, and Notre Dame never recovered. The Irish are now 7-5 and have lost five of their last six.

In a rivalry game in enemy territory, Notre Dame was dealt the decisive blow in its overall knockout defeat to end the regular season. USC toppled the Irish, 49-14, on Saturday at the Los Angeles Coliseum, handing Notre Dame its fourth consecutive loss and its fifth in the last six games. While Cody Kessler tossed six touchdown passes, Malik Zaire replaced Everett Golson. The Irish dropped to 7-5.
While we in Scene and at every other publication in the country are busy gathering together a “favorite things” list or handy shopping guides for the holiday season, I’ve decided to go another route.

Rather than tell you all the things you need to buy, I’m here to tell you the things to avoid amidst the chaos that is holiday shopping. If you have already committed to some of these gifts on Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday and whatever fake, crass, consumerist shopping day this Tuesday has become, I apologize for this bad news. To those who take a little longer to get their shopping done: You’ve been warned.

1) That personalized knit scarf/necklace/pottery you found on Etsy

I love Etsy. It’s the craft fair of the Internet, and you can get some incredible handmade or vintage jewelry, clothing and décor on the site. In fact, I encourage you to support independent business owners and artisans and do as much Etsy holiday shopping as possible.

However, before you pull the trigger on a customizable engraving or a porcelain coffee mug, you should consider if it will add insult to injury. A large gag gift not only says, “I gave this very little thought!” but also, “Have fun dealing with this every time you move!”

2) A journal

I don’t think there are any words sufficient to describe how big of a letdown “A Better Tomorrow” is. The album struggles, in part, because of how uneven the production is. “A Better Tomorrow,” much like the Wu-Tang Clan, is supposed to bring the ruckus, to be forever. “A Better Tomorrow” before the rest of the Clan sets out to “strive for the glory days of the once great Clan” and the Wu Tang in a throwback to “Bring Da Ruckus” — the opening track of their debut — brings their career full circle although RZA’s production has evolved quite considerably since that time.

The backing instrumentation ranges greatly, and there are no overarching themes to keep the album together. RZA gives us great songs like “Ruckus in B Minor,” but then embarrasses us with awful songs like “Preacher’s Daughter,” in which the middle-aged WTC lusts after his young pastor’s daughter. Creepy. Some of the songs shouldn’t be awful and have some really solid lyrics, but the performances feel dialed-in, and the kung fu samples don’t pack the punch they did twenty-one years ago. Who would have ever thought a Wu-Tang Clan album could ever be boring?

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3) Lessons

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I don’t think there are any words sufficient to describe how big of a letdown “A Better Tomorrow” is. The idea for this final Wu-Tang Clan record sprang from necessity rather than creativity — a feeling that WTC’s fans needed closure. They don’t, especially if it comes in the form of this album.

Necessity probably isn’t the best motivator for art. At times, “A Better Tomorrow” feels like a last-minute five-page paper I would write as a senior in high school. It relies too much on previous work and hopes the audience cares as little as the author does to let it slide by with a passing grade. “A Better Tomorrow” is the outcome of 21 years of the Wu-Tang Clan and the drama, tensions and bickering that have come to define the latter years of a great career. It was actually supposed to mark the twentieth anniversary of their landmark debut, 1993’s “Enter The Wu-Tang (36 Chambers),” but the Clan couldn’t pull themselves together, in part due to a creative struggle between Raekwon and head-boncho RZA, tension which blemishes the sentimentality of this new record.

The end result of this mess is heartbreaking. With a name like “A Better Tomorrow,” one would expect futuristic production, big risks, a new twist on the classic Wu formula or, at the very least, maybe something different from the same martial arts references we’ve been listening to since 1993. What we get is a halfhearted effort to prove that Wu-Tang is forever and a fainthearted longing for the glory days of the once great Clan.

The best songs off “A Better Tomorrow,” “Ruckus In B Minor,” “40th Street Black/We Will Fight,” “Keep Watch,” feel like the #throwbackThursday of WTC’s career, often containing samples from or lyrical allusions to beloved, classic Wu triumphs. “A Better Tomorrow” itself is named for a song from 1997’s “Wu-Tang Forever.”

Opener “Ruckus in B Minor” takes us back to the very beginning, reminding us of the dangers of the Shaolin and the Wu Tang in a throwback to “Bring Da Ruckus” — the opening track of their debut — bringing their career full circle although RZA’s production has evolved quite considerably since that time.

Then Off Dirty Bastard appears from beyond the grave and very well might be the liveliest dude on the album. This was somewhat strange and gave the impression that RZA seems to rely on ODB because he knows Wu’s glory days are past, its collective drive depleted. ODB’s captivating psychopathic charm lures you into “A Better Tomorrow” before the rest of the Clan sets out to “strive with an army of winners and no pretenders,” as Raekwon puts it, “Ruckus in B Minor” is my personal favorite on the album, but unfortunately it stands in stark contrast to a number of the other songs.

The album struggles, in part, because of how uneven the production is. “A Better Tomorrow,” much like the modern Wu-Tang Clan, does not feel like a cohesive unit.
Holiday brings coaching changes

Brian Hartnett
Managing Editor

The Monday after Thanksgiving ranks among the most miserable days of the year for many Americans who have just survived a long holiday weekend.

But it has the prospects of being a whole lot worse for college football fans in some of whom receive their pink slips around this time of year.

Florida’s Will Muschamp discovered his fate weeks ago, but Nebraska’s Bo Pelini was the headliner among a group of coaches who lost their jobs over the last few days. Pelini’s firing means that two high-profile coaching jobs are now open, with the possibility of one or two more slots opening this week (Michigan, anyone?).

And with these head coaching dismissals comes a list of potential replacements that range from impossible-to-get — does anyone think Jon Gruden is going to leave a job where he can talk about how to go 8-8 in Tennessee — to fanbase-vacancies. Here’s a list of some candidates that will be linked to some of the premier coaching jobs are now open, the last few days. Pelini’s firing but nebraska’s bo pelini was one of whom receive their pink slips a whole lot worse for college foot-

Hugh Freeze and dan Mullen — the mississippi coaches

The state of Mississippi’s two major programs — Ole Miss and Mississippi State — have been in the news often this year, a big accomplishment given the lack of historical success in the Magnolia State. Although their teams have fared recently, Mullen had Mississippi State at the No. 1 ranking for five straight weeks, and Freeze took Ole Miss to the No. 3 spot earlier this year. Additionally, Ole Miss has commitments to Florida — he served as the Gators’ offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach from 2005 to 2008, tutoring both Chris Leak and Tim Tebow.

Jim McElwain — Colorado State head coach

McElwain has one name at-tached to his resume that every program in the country will want to notice — Nick Saban. McElwain worked side-by-side with the four-time national champion as Alabama’s offensive coordina-tor/quarterbacks coach from 2008 to 2011. He left Tuscaloosa to inherit a Colorado State team that was 3-9 the season before he arrived and has made quick work improving the team. This season, his third at Colorado State, the Rams finished 10-2 and reached the top 25 in the AP Poll.

Craig Bohl — Wyoming head coach

Few college coaches in the country can say they have three national championships — Bohl is one of the exceptions. Bohl coached a North Dakota State team that lost only two games and won three NCAA Division I Football Championships (FCS) between 2011 and 2013. Under his direction, the Bison upset several Power Five opponents, including Minnesota, Kansas and Kansas State. Bohl is now at Wyoming, but he might not be far from a return to Nebraska, the school he graduated from in 1982.

Pat Narduzzi — Michigan State defensive coordinator

Michigan State, the defending Rose Bowl champion, has had a strong run of success the last few seasons, and much of it is due to the defense. The Spartans have ranked in the top 10 nationally in total defense the last three years, and Narduzzi has received much of the credit for the program’s strong performance — he took home the Broyles Award, given to the nation’s top assistant, last season. Narduzzi has never been a head coach, but then again, nei-ther had Jimbo Fisher, head coach of last year’s national champions.

Jim Harbaugh — San Francisco 49ers head coach

It strengthens my case for Harbaugh as an impossibility, but I remembered three things — it’s almost certain that he will be out as 49ers head coach at the end of the season; most of his head coaching experience is with col-lege programs, and Nebraska has previously hired a coach two years removed from the Super Bowl — Bill Callahan. On the off-chance Harbaugh leaves the Bay Area, he would be intriguing to college programs for a variety of reasons — he’s a quarterbacks guru; he previously built Stanford from the ground up, and he’s got that larger-than-life personality to which many recruits would flock.

In short, Harbaugh and the other coaches on this list could help brighten the future for fans of programs currently struggling during this dreary week after Thanksgiving.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Columbus police said Sunday that Karageorge died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. A handgun was found in a trash bin with him, police spokesman Sgt. Rich Weiner said.

His mother, Susan Karageorge, told police her son had had several depressions and a few spells of being extremely confused.

Karageorge, 22, was a Buckeyes wrestler for three years, and the senior defen-sive tackle joined the football team as a walk-on this season. Although earlier reports said Karageorge played in one game, Ohio State spokesman Jerry Enig confirmed that Monday, saying Karageorge had not played in any games.

A woman and her son looking for items lost Sunday found the body of Karageorge, who disappeared four days earlier.

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A neu-ropathologist will look for signs of traumatic brain injury in an Ohio State athlete who was found dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound and had a reported history of concussions, a coroner said Monday.

The examination, not nor-mally part of the autopsy pro-cess, is being done on Kosta Karageorge because of that his-tory, said Dr. AnahI Ortiz, the Franklin County coroner.

The pathologist “may or may not be able to determine any sort of abnormality or defect from traumatic brain injury,” Ortiz said.

Preliminary results from a Monday morning autopsy con-firmed that Karageorge died of a gunshot wound, Ortiz said. She hasn’t yet definitely ruled it a suicide.

Associated Press

It was a rough week to be a top 10 team.

While the top three women’s teams — South Carolina, Notre Dame and Connecticut — all were unseeded, five of the other seven teams in the first 10 lost games, causing a shuffling in The Associated Press basketball ball-poll Monday.

This is the first time since 1999 that five teams in the top 10 lost in the same week this early in the season, according to STATS. Tennessee, Stanford, Duke, Kentucky and Maryland all dropped games. The Lady Vols lost twice, falling 10 spots to No. 14.

“I definitely seems like there have been a bunch of upsets so far,” Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. “It’s good for our game. It gets people talking about it.”

Notre Dame, Connecticut, Texas and Texas A&M round out the first five.

The Lady Vols lost to Chattanooga and No. 4 Texas. It’s a rare occurrence for Tennessee to drop two straight games in November. Tennessee’s plunge of 10 rank-ing spots is the school’s biggest one-week decline.

The Lady Vols, who had Jimbo Fisher, head coach of last year’s national champions, was a three-way tie at No. 22 with Georgia, Syracuse and West Virginia sharing the honors. Now Arkansas and DePaul and Marquette No. 25.

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NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

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Lundqvist struggles as Lightning roll past Rangers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brett Connolly’s second goal of the game during a third-period power play lifted the Tampa Bay Lightning to their third straight win over the New York Rangers, 6-3 on Monday night.

With Martin St. Louis off for slashing, Connolly scored past Henrik Lundqvist at 5:34 for his fourth of the season. Tyler Johnson gave the Lightning a two-goal lead 1:24 later with his second of the night, and Ondrej Palat added an empty-netter with 26.4 seconds left to give Tampa Bay its fourth consecutive victory.

Victor Hedman had three assists, and Ben Bishop made 32 saves to improve to 8-0 against the Rangers — including three wins in 15 days. He even had an assist on Connolly’s first.

Matt Carle added a goal for the Lightning, who outscored the Rangers 15-7 in the three games — including three wins in 15 days. He even had an assist on Connolly’s first.

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Calvert, Jenner halt Jackets’ skid

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Boone Jenner scored at 10:05 of the third period to lift Columbus past the Florida Panthers 2-1 and end the Blue Jackets’ six-game skid on Monday night.

Montoya had stopped 21 shots for Columbus, which entered having won only two of its past 17 games to drop to the bottom of the Eastern Conference.

Rookie Aaron Ekblad, the top overall pick, scored his third goal of the season for Florida, which has lost nine in a row to Columbus.

Tied at 1 in the third, Jenner poked home a loose puck in front of the goal. Al Montoya had stopped Kerby Ryhel’s spin-around shot, but Jenner got to the rebound for his second of the season.

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Irish suffer straight-set defeat on senior day

Observer Staff Report

In the final game of a season filled with challenges, the Irish celebrated the careers of six graduating players but lost 3-0 (25-20, 25-14, 25-18) to Pittsburgh at Purcell Pavilion on Friday. The Irish (6-25, 3-15 ACC) fought with the Panthers (25-6, 13-5) in the first set, which featured 11 ties and seven Irish leads. However, Pittsburgh’s offense caught fire, going on an 8-2 run en route to a 25-20 victory in the first set.

Despite remaining close early in each set, the Irish saw their season come to a close after a 14-5 run by the Panthers in the second set, and a 10-3 run in the third set brought the match to its end.

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“We were calm, and we are really efficient on the offensive end,” Irish coach Mike Brey told reporters Wednesday. “We put some guys in different spots to night against the zone; we didn’t force anything, and we threw it inside when we had to.

“It was good to see Demetrius Jackson rise up and shoot his 3-point shot and not overanalyze it. With him and Jerian, when the ball reverses to you and you have a clean look, we want you to shoot it.”

Against Grambling State, Notre Dame again had a bat tle on its hands for rebounds. While the Irish finished with a 30-29 edge overall, the Tigers brought down 11 of fensive rebounds, led by five offensive boards from 6-foot 7 junior forward Mark Grey. Brey has said on more than one occasion that rebound ing would be a key for success this season.

The Irish showed improve ment in that area Saturday against Chicago State. Notre Dame finished with a 39-26 advantage on the boards, as well as a 9-8 advantage on the offensive glass. Auguste led the team with eight re bounds, while Connaughton and Jackson each chipped in another five.

Grant tied his career high for points in the win over the Cougars, dropping 26 points on 6-of-12 shooting from the field. This included six 3-pointers, a new personal best for the senior. He also chipped in a team-high five assists.

“(Grant) is a scary talent,” Brey told reporters Saturday. “I feel like I’m coaching a pro because he is a pro. He pre pares like a pro. … He’s the type of guy that tries to get guys involved first, and we do have some guys that can score. I’m ok with that. But if we still, and we will, then we start to run some stuff for him.”

Connaughton chipped in 17 points for the Irish, while Jackson and fellow sopho more guard V.J. Beacham each finished with 11, the lat ter’s career-best after he tal lied 10 points in two games last season.

“I love that [Beachum] is scoring,” Brey said. “That scoring really helps us. He’s shooting it so confidently. … He still needs to improve de fensively, and we work with him every day on that. But he can rebound for us. The abili ty to have another shot-maker out there that stretches the defense gives us another weapon.”

Grambling State first-year assistant coach Ray Martin was led once again by junior guard Michaela Mabrey. The 3-pointer was part of an 11-7 swing late in the game that gave the Irish a 37-32 lead with 11:58 remaining in the period.

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more offensive rebounds, 10-8, than Notre Dame, the second time an Irish opponent has done that all season.

The Irish also faced their biggest deficit of the season, down 5-0, 74 seconds after the opening tip. However, bolstered by a long 3-pointer from junior guard Michaela Mabrey and a pair of free throws from sophomore guard Lindsay Allen, Notre Dame tied the game up in less than a minute and never trailed again.

On offense, the Irish were led once again by junior guard Jewell Loyd, who took 4:15 to record her first points, but then put up 23 in just 23 minutes on the court. On the season, she is aver aging just under a point per minute, playing 22.6 minutes per game and scoring 20.3 points.

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almost got a hold of,” Clark said. “Could we have done that earlier? I don’t know, but you always have to wait until you’re in a hole before you really go. You keep putting off finals until the last minute, and then you’ve got to work very hard.

“I think we just kept thinking it was going to come. I honestly thought it might have happened through our regular game... It just wasn’t enough.”

The third-round playoff match marked the third time this season and fifth time in the last two years that Notre Dame and Virginia squared off with each other. This year, the two teams tied in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Sept. 21, and Notre Dame won 3-0 in the quarterfinals of the ACC tournament Nov. 9 at Alumni Stadium.

Last season, Virginia was the only team to defeat Notre Dame en route to the national championship. The Cavaliers bested the Irish at home, 2-0, in the regular season and then advanced on penalty kicks when the two faced off again in the ACC tournament semifinals. In this episode of the budding rivalry, neither team could find space to work for much of the game.

“They did a good job,” Besler said. “They put ten people behind the ball, and I thought we controlled the game pretty much from the get-go. It was one of those days where you can’t score.”

“They don’t give up many goals,” Clark said. “They just defended really well.”

Irish graduate student goalkeeper Patrick Wall kept the game scoreless in the 24th minute when Cavaliers junior midfielder Todd Wharton put a free kick on net from just outside the penalty box. The ball burrowed through the wall of Irish defenders, but Wall smothered it. The goal-keeper finishes his career with 38-7-10 record and 19 shutouts.

Notre Dame just missed taking the lead seconds before halftime when Panken almost connected with a cross at the top of the six-yard box, but a Cavalier defender cleared the ball high of the wide-open net.

“That was a really good chance right before halftime,” Clark said. “The lad got it away from Evan Panken right at the back post. I think it was Patrick Hodan that put it across the goal.

“Goals change games. If we get a goal, then they come out, and you can get behind them again, but we just didn’t get the goal today. But like I said, I felt we played, in a funny way, much better than when we beat them 3-0 earlier in the year, but such is life.”

At halftime, the Irish held a 3-2 shot advantage although Wharton’s free kick blast was the only shot on goal for either team. Play opened up a little in the second half, and Notre Dame finished with an 11-8 shot advantage.

Although the loss was obviously not how the team hoped to end its season, Clark said the senior class can hold their heads high after all they have accomplished in their time at Notre Dame.

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**Hockey**

goal, roofing a backhand over the glove of Union sophomore goaltender Colin Stevens while the teams were in the midst of a line change.

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Buckeyes junior defender Blake Doerringer jumped on a rebound to give Ohio State a 1-0 lead seven minutes into the game, and senior forward Tanner Fritz doubled the visitors’ advantage five minutes later when he fired a wrist shot from the circle past Irish freshman goaltender Cal Petersen.

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With 56 seconds remaining in the first period, however, the Irish put on a goal when junior forward and captain Steven Fogarty put a rebound past Buckeyes sophomore goaltender Christian Frey. Assist were credited to DiPauli — his team-leading 10th of the year — and senior forward Peter Schneider.

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**Music**

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**Soccer**

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Buckeyes freshman defenceman Viktor Björkung scored his first career goal to pad his team’s lead 88 seconds into the final stanza, and senior forward Derek Angeli bagged the game’s final goal with nine minutes to play.

The Irish were 0-for-6 with the man advantage on the weekend and have now failed to score on 21 consecutive power plays.

Western Michigan won the Shillelagh Tournament crown with a 4-2 win against Ohio State on Friday and an 8-2 triumph over Union in Saturday’s title tilt.

Notre Dame will return to Hockey East play this weekend as it visits last-place UMass. Puck drop in Amherst, Massachusetts, is slated for 7 p.m. both Friday and Saturday nights.

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Late goal eliminates top-seeded Notre Dame

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
Sports Writer

The third time was not the charm for Notre Dame. After earning a draw and a win in their first two two-match-ups against Virginia this season, the top-seeded Irish (12-5-4, 6-1-1 ACC) felt the sting of the third possible outcome Sunday night at Alumni Stadium. A rebound goal in the 82nd minute by Cavaliers sophomore midfielder Nicko Corriera was all 16-seed Virginia (12-6-2, 3-3-2 ACC) needed to advance to the NCAA quarter-finals with a 1-0 victory and end Notre Dame’s bid for consecutive titles.

“I think we played against them this year, possibly that was the one we were able to hold onto. I think that was the one that we lost,” coach Bobby Clark said. “I felt that was the one that I really remember, yet that was the one that we lost. Soccer is a funny game sometimes.”

Scoring chances were hard to come by in a tight defensive game, but a shot by Cavaliers redshirt freshman midfielder Pablo Aguilar ricocheted off an Irish player and goalie Matt Livadary to make it 1-0 just seven minutes into the overtime period and scored the winner against Virginia this season.

Notre Dame ratcheted up the pressure in the closing minutes but was unable to find an answer. Irish freshman forward Jeffery Farina’s shot was knocked down a minute later by Cavalier fifth-year senior goalminder Calle Brown and Farina’s follow-up sailed wide. Senior midfielder and captain Nick Besler sent a blast from 20 yards high with under seven minutes remaining and junior midfielder Evan Pankern’s free kick from 25 yards out with 1:31 remaining in the game suffered a similar fate before the clock ran out on Notre Dame’s season.

There were a couple of very close chances that we

Irish drop two, finish last at Shillelagh Tournament

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame dropped a pair of decisions over the weekend — a 3-2 overtime loss to Union on Friday and a 3-1 defeat at the hands of Ohio State on Saturday — to finish last at the Shillelagh Tournament at the Compton Family Ice Arena.

The Irish (6-8-2, 2-2-2 Hockey East) grabbed a 2-0 lead for the fourth time in five home games Friday, but like the previous three, they were not able to hold onto the lead.

The defending national champion Dutchmen (7-6-1, 1-4-1 ECAC) got the first goal back coming off a faceoff in the Irish zone with just under 12 minutes to play in the game. After sophomore forward Mike Vecchione won the faceoff for Union, sophomore defenseman Jeff Taylor carried the puck below the blue line. A centering pass found freshman forward Spencer Foo in front of Irish sophomore goaltender Chad Katunar, and Foo put the biscuit in the basket for his seventh goal of the year, closing the gap to 2-1.

With fewer than four minutes remaining, Irish freshman defender Luke Ripley took a hooking penalty, and the Dutchmen used the man advantage to tie the game with 1.45 left in regulation. Union sophomore forward Michael Pontarelli centered a puck in the attacking zone that deflected off junior forward Matt Wilkins and into the Irish net, past Katunar, who finished with a career-high 35 saves. Wilkins and the Dutchmen managed the equalizer late in the third period and scored the winner even later in overtime.

In the final minute, Notre Dame was caught committing too many men forward, providing Union an opportunity on an odd-man rush. Dutchmen junior defense-man Sebastien Gingras sent a cross-ice pass to Wilkins who buried it to give the visitors the overtime win with just 22 seconds left on the clock.

Notre Dame went ahead just seven minutes into the game when junior forward Sam Herr scored his sixth goal of the season to grab a 1-0 lead. The Irish went 26-of-52 from behind the 3-point line, draining 12-3 pointers against Grambling State and another 14 against Chicago State.

Sophomore guard Demetrius Jackson led the way for the Irish against Grambling State, pouring in four 3-pointers and leading the team with 17 points. Senior guard Jerian Grant (13), junior forward Zach Augustine (12), and senior guard/forward Pat Connaughton (10) joined Jackson in double-figures.

Irish pummel Jayhawks

By GREG HADLEY
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No. 2 Notre Dame finished off the easiest portion of its schedule with flair Sunday afternoon, racing by Kansas, 89-47, in Uncasville, Connecticut, to finish the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame Women’s Challenge undefeated.

With the win over the Jayhawks (5-2), the Irish (7-0) completed the first half of their non-conference schedule, including victories over six unranked squads. Notre Dame has won every contest by an average of almost 47 points, but Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she is far from satisfied with the team’s early performance.

“Every area, honestly,” McGraw said when asked where the Irish could improve. “Against Kansas we didn’t do everything better.”

“The rebounding was disappointing,” McGraw said. “We wanted to out-rebound them by a bigger margin and we didn’t do that. When you shoot the ball well, you’re not going to get a lot of offensive rebounds, but I thought we should have done a better job defensively on the boards.” Kansas shot 38.2 percent from the field and collected men’s basketball: ND 94, GSU 54; ND 90, CSU 42

ND grabs pair of lopsided wins

Irish sophomore guard Demetrius Jackson looks to pass during Notre Dame's 104-67 win over Coppin State on Nov. 19 at Purcell Pavilion.

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
Sports Writer

Whatever the Irish ate over Thanksgiving, keep feeding it to them. Thanks to strong performances from beyond the 3-point arc, Notre Dame (6-1) rallied to big wins over Grambling State and Chicago State over the holiday. The Irish tamed the Tigers (1-4), 81-54, Wednesday and then followed that with a 90-42 steamrolling of the Cougars (2-6) on Saturday at Purcell Pavilion.

Combined, the Irish went