Jenkins thanks staff during town hall

President and executive vice president discuss community initiatives, the University’s fiscal standing

By LIZ O’DONNELL

University President Fr. John Jenkins and Executive Vice president John Affleck-Graves thanked members of the Notre Dame staff for their contributions last year and updated them on University projects at the annual town hall meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Jenkins began his address by thanking members of the Notre Dame staff for their hard work last school year.

He said last year was his "most challenging and most rewarding year," citing the world financial crisis and President Barack Obama’s Commencement speech as two key components.

"Our Commencement was probably the most watched commencement in the history of higher education," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said the Commencement speech demonstrated the special role of Notre Dame in higher education.

"What other campus could focus with such discipline, faith and community?" he said.

Jenkins also thanked the members of the financial team for their efforts in helping Notre Dame to deal with the financial crisis.

"We have been blessed with an approach to spending that is rewarding," he said.

Fr. John Jenkins addresses the Notre Dame faculty and students at Wednesday’s town hall meeting.

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Career Fair Expo packs Joyce Center

Thousands of students, hundreds of companies come together for annual employment convention

By MEGAN HEMLER

Thousands of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students and alumni, along with representatives from more than 150 companies, packed into the Joyce Center Fieldhouse Wednesday night from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the annual Fall Career Expo.

In a change from last year, the Fall Career Expo and the annual Engineering Day career fair were combined into one event that was open to students of all majors.

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Students pursue research activities

Undergraduates explore their academic passions through outside investigation

By KATIE PERALTA

Notre Dame students have long had the reputation of being bright and curious scholars, but some take their interest to the next level by participating in the University's Undergraduate Research Program, an opportunity for students to pursue their academic interests beyond the classroom.

The University hopes to encourage more students to participate every year and present their work at the annual University Scholars Conference, which takes place each spring.

Cecilia Lucero, assistant director for Undergraduate Research, said the amount of students who normally participate in the program is about 75 percent.

"For the Undergraduate Scholars Conference, at least, I would say 250 students," Lucero said. "Same with REU (Research Experiences for Undergraduates) and other summer programs."

Lucero said the program attracts students from all grade levels.

"Fewer first-year students," Lucero said. "But we did have a handful present at the Undergraduate Scholars Conference in the last two years."

The program draws students from a wide variety of majors, Lucero said, but most from natural sciences like biology as well as social sciences like psychology.

"There are few business students, though, who undertake academic research in business fields, and we're trying to change this," Lucero said.

The process of undergraduate research, Lucero said, is a long one — from brainstorming ideas to finding a faculty mentor to finding and applying for funding.

"There's plenty of advantages," Lucero said. Some include, she said, the thrill of discovery, understanding of how scientists and scholars work, enhanced job

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Law professor Carozza travels to Honduras

By MADELINE BUCKLEY

The June 28 Honduran military coup that ousted then-President Manuel Zelaya received criticism from the United States and several international organizations, but a Notre Dame Law professor saw a bitterly divided country on a recent fact-finding trip to Honduras.

Paola Carozza, an associate professor of Law and member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), helped investigate how the human rights situation in the country has fared since coup d’etat during a trip from Aug. 17-21 with the commission.

"It was just difficult on a very basic human level because it’s a country in which there’s so much polarization, conflict and very passionately and deeply held convictions on both sides about what happened and who was to blame and all of this," she said.

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West is a jackass, don't hide.

And I say this as an aspiring journalist said, faced public ridicule for hiring prosti­
tuting. Taylor Swift's music hurts my ears, ly see in the mirror.

West took the White House, as the comment was to hide. There is nowhere left

to his athletic abilities. Mr. President, if you think Kanye West is a jackass, don’t hide. Say it loud and proud. No need for any of us to hide anymore. There is nowhere left to hide.

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OFFBEAT
Naked man riding motorcycle charged with DUI

OGALA, Fla. — Authorities say a Florida man was charged with driving under the influence after he was spotted riding his motorcycle naked. The Marion County deputy was driving on Interstate 75 early Tuesday when he spotted what appeared to be a naked man on a motorcycle. The deputy caught up with 45-year-old J. Dante Krauss at a red light and stopped him.

Capt. Mike Rols said Krauss could not explain where he was coming from or why he was naked. Rols said the deputy asked him if he had been drinking, and he answered that he had Breathalyzer tests revealed blood alcohol levels above 0.08, the state's legal limit to drive. Krauss was charged with what Rols said turned out to be his fifth DUI. Jail records showed he was later released on $29,000 bail. They did not list an attorney and his phone number was not listed.

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The Career Center held a num-
ber of resume review sessions and
mock interviews with students.
"Workshop attendance has been
greater at the Career Center," said
Laura Flynn, assistant director for
the Colleges of Engineering and
Science. "Students tend to be tak-
ing action sooner."
Flynn noted that one of the most
important things she tells students is
to "manage their expectations, due
to the economic recession." 

Monahan said that while
employers are still coming to the
Career Expo, "Nobody walks out
ing their job or internship in hand,
but face to face time still counts in
recruiting."

When asked about the options
for non-business majors at the
Fall Career Expo, Mr. Monahan
said, "There are opportunities in
marketing, teaching programs,
and government agencies." 

Senior biology major Mary
Briggs said, "This is the first time I've
been here, so it's a little over-
whelming, but I'm hoping I'll have
some luck out of it!"

When asked about his experi-
ence at the Fall Expo, senior
Political Science major Aidan
Gillespie said, "I'm really interest-
ed in post-graduate service, so I
visited MatchCorps and Teach for
America."

Brittany Rose, a senior account-
ing major, said she "didn't have
enough time to visit everyone I wanted
to because of the long lines, but I did
get to meet with some people I didn't
expect to meet."
The Career Center also held a
debriefing session for students at
10 p.m. in Hesburgh Hall to focus on
interview preparation.

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College to offer on-the-go career advice
By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

For students with tight sched-
ules, the Career Crossings Office
(CC0) of Saint Mary's is now offer-
ing CO on the Go from 11 a.m. to
2 p.m. every Wednesday in the atrium
of the Student Center

"Students can drop off their
resumes and have us look over
their resumes while they eat
lunch," Dunton said. The wait is usually no longer than
five minutes, Dunton said. If
students have more in-depth
questions, she advised them to
make an appointment at the CC0.

Senior Communications major
Emily Van De Somepele used
CC0 on the Go Wednesday to revise her
resume in time for the career fair that took place later that night.
"I used CC0 on the Go as a follow-up from a meeting I had at
the office in order to make sure my resume looked right," Van
De Somepele said.

She said juniors and seniors
should seriously consider turning
to the CC0 for help.
"It's really important for juniors
and first-semester seniors to start
suddling things and looking for a
job," Van De Somepele said.

Juniors can start looking for
internships through CC0."
Juniors and seniors are not the
only ones who can benefit from
the services offered. Freshmen
often ask about internships and
what they can do to position them-
selves in their chosen career field, Dunton said.

Dunton said CC0 on the Go is
valuable to the Office's mission.
"I think it is important to remind
people that we are here," Dunton
said. "It's to remind them that we
can answer a quick question, and
they don't have to wait for a
week to wait for an appoint-
ment."

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Pladomon lecturer speaks on feminism
By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Feminism is considered a
dirty word in today's dis-
course, said Susan Douglas,
chair of the department of
Communication Studies at the
University of Michigan, dur-
ing the Pamfordin Lecture
Week in the DePauw Saint
Jay's.

Douglas explored the roles
of feminism and sexism in the
media during the lecture,
explaining that the media
portrays "have it all" women.
The media, according to
Douglas, depicts women as
powerful, strong leaders who
have control over men. These
television shows, however,
present the false presumption
that the goals of feminism are
no longer relevant.

"What the media have been
giving us then, my dears,
over the past 15 years are
fantasies of power," Douglas
said. "Now the media illusion
is that equality for girls and
women is a complete accom-
plished fact when it is not.
Since the early 1990s much of
the media have come to
overrepresent women as hav-
ing made it completely in the
profession, and having gained
sexual equality with men, and
having achieved a level of
financial success and com-
fort."

Highlighting the examples of
Katie Couric, Hillary
Clinton and Sarah Palin,
Douglas argued that the
media does not accurately
portray women's roles in
society.

"Slithering just below the
shiny mirage of power is the
dark, sneaky serpent of sex-
ism," Douglas explained.

"The objectification of women
is now fine."

Women also are portrayed as
tyrannical if they are able
to achieve power, Douglas
said.

"Still despite everything,
that pulses through our cul-
ture is the belief and the fear
that one women have power
they turn into Cruella Deville. Evil,
tyrannical, hated, unloved."

Another problem with the
media's portrayal of women
is the idea that women should
find power from buying the
right accessories, Douglas
said.

"True power comes from
shopping, having the right logos and being hot," Douglas
said.

Douglas said women should
come together to oppose what
she saw as false portrayals.
"The only way women can
straddle all this is to be super
women. To pull back the cur-
tains on fantasies of power. I
say, girls, we are all in this
together," Douglas said.

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Town hall continued from page 1 "cynical," he said. "We have been able to respond to crises in an even keeled way. Jenkins also congratulated the audience of staff members for making Notre Dame one of the top 10 universities to work for in the country. He highlighted job satisfaction, employee benefits, quality facilities, safety and the employees' commitment to the University's mission as key factors in placing Notre Dame high on the list.

"The new Eddy Street Commons is a development that will help to integrate the University into the South Bend community. "The Eddy Street Commons is a beautiful facility," he said. "It is a bridge between campus and the city."

He also said the University is continuing to work on the opening of Innovation Park, which he hopes will enhance the local economy.

In addition to these two initiatives, Jenkins said the University continues to work on the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Organization as well as the Robinson Community Learning Center as part of Notre Dame's financial commitment to the community.

Affleck-Graves addressed the audience about the University's economic situation. He said last year was challenging, but also an opportunity for the University to demonstrate the strength of its community in the face of adversity.

"What was most gratifying was everybody pulled together to get us through," Affleck-Graves said.

He said the University is not alone in its fiscal struggles, citing other top universities that are also feeling the effects of the crisis.

"In the industry of higher education, this is still a very difficult time," he said.

Notre Dame's endowment has decreased from $17.18 billion to $6.36 billion, and donor gifts are down 34 percent from the 2008 fiscal year to the 2009 fiscal year.

"People's individual wealth is down. Therefore giving is down," Affleck-Graves said. He said Notre Dame needs to remain vigilant about controlling costs and that job protection remains one of the University's top priorities.

Affleck Graves said the University is also working on three initiatives to benefit its staff. ND Renew, ND Voice and Improve ND.

ND Renew is a project in its design phase that is headed by human resources. Its goal is to ensure that all employees have a market-competitive salary. Affleck-Graves said they hope to implement it in the spring semester.

The second program, ND Voice, solicits feedback from employees. Affleck-Graves said there was a lot of positive feedback, but it also enabled the University to identify areas of improvement. These include accountability, teamwork, and respect and fairness for all employees.

Improve ND, the third initiative, was a study conducted to gather feedback about University services, Affleck-Graves said.

He said the results were positive overall, but one key area they needed to make better was value and pricing.

"We have to explore how do we balance price, level of service, and the way we look after employees," he said.

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and graduate school preparation and meaningful relationships with faculty, among others.

The new Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement (CUSE) helps students through the research process.

"CUSE also sponsors the annual Undergraduate Scholars Conference and supports student academic journals and other symposia where students can present their intellectual work," Lucero said.

This year's research students are enthusiastic about the prospect of scholarly discovery.

James Masters, a senior chemistry major, is conducting his research on the transition of metal-catalyzed reactions of organic compounds.

Masters became interested in the topic after taking organic chemistry his sophomore year.

"I quickly realized that I wanted to perform groundbreaking research in the field," Masters said. "It's inspiring to think that our research may result in the synthesis of entirely new pharmaceuticals or in more efficient synthesis of existing pharmaceuticals."

Eleanor Huntington, a senior who majors in History and Film, conducted research at the Nakivale Refugee Settlement in Mbarara, Western Uganda, for her senior history honors thesis. She is writing her thesis on the Hutu Rwandese refugees following the genocide in Rwanda in 1994.

"I wanted to learn more about the genocide after visiting the country during my 2008 fall study abroad program in Uganda," she said.

Tim Reidy, a fifth-year architecture student, also chose to focus on Uganda as a subject of his research project. He plans on designing a marketplace for a town in northern Uganda.

Reidy visited Uganda for the third time this past summer.

"I would love to continue my work with Uganda, possibly through a Fulbright Fellowship after graduation," Reidy said.

Masterson, Huntington and Reidy all received funding for their studies. The University also often awards credit to students who participate in undergraduate research.

In addition to a grant proposal workshop held Wednesday, Undergraduate Research will hold a grant another workshop Wednesday, September 30, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The deadline for submitting fall research proposals is Friday, October 2.

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Anti-abortion activist remembered

James Puillain praised for his dedication to pro-life cause after his death

Associated Press

OWOSSO, Mich. — An anti-abortion activist gunned down in a drive-by shooting was praised Wednesday as an unswerving worker in his faith, even if some people didn’t agree with his approach of holding a sign depicting a dead fetus.

More than 250 people, including family, friends and other activists, gathered at a local football field to remember James Pouillon, who was shot last week while holding his sign at one of his usual spots across the street from the school.

"You may not have agreed with his tactics or his methods. But you could not — not — miss his commitment or his passion," pastor David Knox of Abba's House in Owosso told those gathered at Williman Field, a church, told those gathered at Williman Field, a church, to shout out to the world what he was living for.

Pouillon was the first of two people shot and killed Friday by 33-year-old trucker Harlan Drake, prosecutors said. Drake found Pouillon’s methods irritating, especially when he’d protest near the high school parking lot.

Drake is charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Pouillon and 61-year-old Krystina Szucs.

Rouillon and Szucs are back in class.

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"If every town had a Jim Pouillon in it, like Owosso did, abortion would be illegal," Trewhella said. "Most people play bingo at his age, but here he was using an oxygen tank and speaking for the unborn.

Officers from Owosso, the county sheriff's office and state police stood watch but agreed with his tactics or his methods. But you could not — not — miss his commitment or his passion," pastor David Knox of Abba's House in Owosso told those gathered at Williman Field, a church, told those gathered at Williman Field, a church, to shout out to the world what he was living for.

The kids are moving back into their normal routine.

For more than 20 years, Pouillon protested outside the city's schools, City Hall, the library and even the athletic field where he was well-known here.

The clinic does not perform abortions but it refers people to clinics that do.

"Peaceful protest is a hallmark of democracy, and violence should always be rejected regardless of political or social motivation at any time or location, and especially near a school," Lori Lamerand, president of Planned Parenthood of Central Michigan, said.

Slovakia

New language law creates tension

Associated Press

NOVE ZAMKY, Slovakia — In a border town that boasts 23 official languages, one member, Slovak President Robert Fico, has said the law does not apply to private individuals — only to officials and state institutions — but there are clear signs the legislation has started to affect everyday life.

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Slovakia was once part of Hungary and is home to a population of 520,000 ethnic Hungarians who complain of discrimination by the Slovak government.

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"Some people are beginning to abuse this law," said Iva Sruca, a saleswoman at a shopping mall in Nove Zamky, a Slovak town with a large Hungarian population some 35 kilometers (21 miles) north of the border with Hungary.

Since the law came into force on Sept. 1, Sruca said she’s been involved in several incidents at her workplace. On one occasion, she was at the cash register and speaking in Hungarian to one of the buyers when someone in line warned her about her choice of language.

"She said ‘in Slovakia, Slovakian,’" recalled Sruca, adding that she had never before faced such problems since she started working at the mall in 1971.

The law, which took effect on Sept. 1, limits the use of Hungarian and Slovakia’s other minority languages, in public and calls for fines of up to euro5,000 ($7,300) for anyone “mis­ using” language. The terms of the law are ambiguous, and officials have yet to spell out what constitutes an infraction.
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Ph.D. from Indiana University in Bloomington. He is a lifelong Indiana resident and was born in Ft. Wayne, about two hours southeast of Notre Dame. Pierce said he did not always plan to go into teaching, but that his career choice came down to a decision between two post-graduate studies.

"I'm here accidentally. We talk to students all the time about planning things and how to situate yourself for grad school. I did none of those things. I'm here by the grace of god," he said. It came down between law school and grad school and I was more intrigued with the exchange of ideas. I haven't came down between law school, Pierce said. "It was more intrigued with those things. I'm here by the exchange of ideas."

In the past, Pierce has taught Africana studies, and has tried to teach both history and English classes that include aspects of both subjects.

Pierce is also researching the history of corporal punishment in American families. "Basically, what's the history of Americans spanking their kids?" Pierce said.

"Why do we do it?" Pierce has been conducting research over the past two years and hopes to eventually publish a book on the subject.

In his free time, Pierce enjoys playing golf and spending time with his three children. He also enjoys reading, but joked that reading has become less of a hobby since he started teaching.

"I used to love to read, but reading's my job now, by and large, so I had to come up with a new hobby," Pierce said.

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This semester, Pierce, Pierce is teaching a freshman University Seminar in Africana studies, which he will also teach in the spring. He said he is excited to help introduce Africana studies to a new group of Notre Dame students.

In the past, Pierce has taught both history and Africana Studies courses, and programs he has taught both courses that include aspects of both subjects. Pierce said of all the courses he has taught, he has most enjoyed the one allocates the blame, the one that is being made by the de facto authorities, he said. "They don't recognize the gravity of what's going on with a whole segment of the population."

During the trip, the IACHR sought to ensure that the de facto government was abiding by international obligations.

"Whether or not the people in power have constitutional legitimacy under the Honduran constitution, they have certain international obligations on behalf of the people. Carozza said, "Still [the de facto leader] has obligations to protect and respect human rights, and it is proper for us to hold him accountable, whatever our opinions are about legitimacy of transients."

The goal of the fact-finding mission was to publicize the situation in Honduras. Carozza said the job of the IACHR was only to evaluate human rights violations stemming from the constitutional crisis so other international organizations can determine what steps, if any, should be taken in regards to the coup.

"The Honduran regime is not a regime of state terrorism. There are not large numbers of dead people, no secret detention facilities. What we found was something in the middle."

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Sniper mastermind's execution date set

Associated Press

RICHMOND — A Virginia judge on Wednesday set a Nov. 10 execution date for John Allen Muhammad, mastermind of the 2002 sniper attacks in the Washington, D.C., area that left 10 dead.

Prince William County Circuit Judge Mary Grace O'Brien picked a Tuesday for the execution so that courts would be open the day before in case of any last-minute legal appeals.

Jonathan Sheldon, Muhammad's attorney, said Muhammad would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court and ask Gov. Timothy M. Kaine for clemency.

Muhammad was sentenced to death for the slaying of Dean Meyers, who was shot at a Manassas gas station during a three-week killing spree in October 2002 that left 10 dead in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

He and his teenage accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, were also suspected of shootings in several other states, including a killing in Louisiana and another in Alabama. Malvo is serving life in prison.

Meyers' brother, Robert Meyers of Perkiomenville, Pa., said the setting of an execution date has served as "something of a "reality check" for a death sentence that was imposed more than five years ago. "We're not bloodthirsty people. It's not like we can wait for this to happen," he said in a phone interview. "But there's a debt to society. And it's been determined in the right way — not by vigilism — that this is the action to be taken."

A federal appeals court last month rejected Muhammad's argument that prosecutors withheld critical evidence and that he never should have been allowed to act as his own attorney for a portion of his trial because he was too mentally impaired.

The attorney general's office declined to comment Wednesday.

Cheryl Wilz said she wants to witness the execution personally. Her father, Jerry Taylor, was shot and killed by Malvo on a Tucson, Ariz., golf course in March 2002 at Muhammad's direction.

"It's definitely about justice," she said. "The death penalty is the only justice for him."

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Inmate ‘traumatized’ after failed execution

Associated Press

COLUMBUS — The lawyer for an inmate whose execution was halted after an unprecedented two hours said trying to put him to death again in a week could be a disaster.

Ronell Broom is still recovering from Tuesday's prolonged execution attempt and is physically and emotionally traumatized, his attorney, Adele Shank, said Wednesday.

"It went so badly when he was walking in without injured veins, to go forward so soon afterward just seems to be inviting disaster," Shank said.

Gov. Ted Strickland's decision to stop Tuesday's execution and grant a one-week reprieve appeared to be unprecedented since capital punishment was declared constitutional and the nation resumed executions in the 1970s.

Inmates in several states have experienced delays with the injection of lethal chemicals, but those executions have always proceeded the same day.

Shank said one option was to ask Strickland to consider a reprieve that would extend to the next Monday and to commute Broom's sentence.

Strickland said he is reviewing the incident and consulting with prison officials and others about the next steps.

"That does not mean there will be a review of the larger issue of lethal injections," Strickland said Wednesday. "That's been settled. Obviously yesterday demonstrated that we have a problem with this particular set of circumstances."

A prison log released Wednesday blamed Broom's past drug use for problems finding a usable vein. The log indicates that executions have always proceeded without incident and consulting with prison officials and others about the next steps.

"The execution didn't work."

Broom was sentenced to die for the slaying of Tryna Middleton after abducting her in Cleveland in September 1984 as she walked home from a Friday night football game with two friends.

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Ken Hakuta

American inventor

Thursday, September 17, 2009

"It seems a different world on the 13th floor of the library. But it isn't. In the southeast corner, before the window, behind the pillar, at the desk, on the last day of the semester, I find myself starting at the graffiti left by generations. I run my fingers over the letters etched into the wood, grasping to comprehend what drove them to this. The authors seem not to have known whether they were having a heated argument or an existential crisis: "Limitations exist only within the human mind," insists one; "Man has failed to become what God meant him to be," responds another; "Rage, rage against the dying of the light," concludes a third. There is a desperation to all of it, as though they felt that here, where they were closest to God, there was more at stake — that what they etched into the wood would have to be worthy of endurance into distant ages. Their inscriptions are insights of a sort — revelations into the nature of things, into the machineries of reality at the heart of the world. But it is difficult to scratch the surface of more appearance — difficult to the point of tragedy, and I cannot shake the feeling that, even given their desperation, the insights that the generations etched into the wood are shallow — and that those generations etched deeply because, deep down, they knew this. But what they did not realize, perhaps, is that the table is itself graffiti, as is the library in which it stands: both are just the products of their builders trying to come to terms with an indifferent world. And they themselves, like all of us, are in this sense graffiti as well, since we are just the products of the previous generation trying to come to terms with the world — a generation that passed back into that world in time. We know this, deep down — that we are mortal, and therefore with limit. That we in turn will pass back into the world, just as our parents did, revealing that we were part of it all along — that the distinction we draw between ourselves and the world is, ultimately, something of a falsification. That there is a kind of unity to things, even if this is difficult to admit. That it seems a different world on the 13th floor of the library, but it isn't. Whether this insight is trivial or not, I do not know. Perhaps every insight is trivial when compared with some other — even this one. Perhaps, when we scratch the surface of more appearance, we reveal only deeper appearance. Perhaps underneath the surface of the wood is only more wood. And perhaps my race to understand the world is thus a pursuit that cannot end — for after every answer, there is another question. Truth runs ever ahead, alluring and elusive. And I will die before I catch it. If any insight is nontrivial, it is this one. Wittgenstein wrote that "The real discovery is the one which enables me to stop doing philosophy when I want to. To the one that gives philosophy peace, so that it is no longer torment­ed by questions" — even questions as silly as that of what graffiti can tell me about who I am, or about the world, and my place in it. For this question, like all questions, is itself graffiti: it is my desperate attempt to come to terms with a world that cares little for whether I ever understand it, for whether I learn at last how to live in peace as a part of it. The irony is that I can achieve this kind of understand­ ing only when I learn to stop my relentless pursuit of it; the last insight, perhaps, is into just how little insight can achieve. But to see clearly, to accept the world for what it is, is easier said than done. We are born running after understanding and, like our parents, we will in time bear children who do the same. Generations run after truth and, save for a few sages and saints, they meet their end before they learn to stand still. They etch their desper­ ate marks into the world because they see this end: trapped by the limita­tions of the human mind, they fail to become what God meant them to be and rage against the dying of the light. The generations see their end, and they fear it. And I myself am no less afraid. It is therefore difficult to deal with the ends of things — with riding the elevator as high as it goes, for instance. Or trying to come to terms with what a semester has meant, imposing a narrative even onto a table among the clouds. Let this be my graffiti."

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Letters to the Editor

Grotto, a place of silence

One of my earliest memories at Notre Dame is a trip I took to the Grotto with my RA and fellow freshmen after my dorm's first Mass. My RA told us that he had gone just about every Sunday since arriving at Notre Dame, and explained that the Grotto was the one place he felt he could peacefully and silently pray and reflect. I have since returned to the Grotto nearly every Sunday night, and have come to call the area my favorite spot on campus.

When asked why, I simply say that it is where I feel closest to God and that I have never found a quieter or more holy place at the University. I am writing to respectfully request that our campus community continues to honor the silent reverence of the Grotto.

Dating back to last spring, a group of students has begun to gather at night at the Grotto to pray the Rosary aloud, and I direct this letter to this group. While I wholeheartedly support your devotion to the Blessed Mother, I hope that you can understand and recognize the gravity of the loss. I am writing this because I feel diminished by the noise and activity of the Grotto.

One of my freshman friends from my hall also felt the same way, so we and a few others went to the Grotto to pray the Rosary aloud. While the noise continued, we were able to pray with our hearts and minds open.

To me, the Grotto is a place of peace, silence, and reflection. Please recognize and respect the silence and reverence of the Grotto.

Sincerely,

Michael Contos
Senior
Knorr Hall
Sept. 15

A class act

Dear Members of the Troubadours Glee Club,

Tuesday night I went to see you perform at the Dome at midnight. I and others were excited to see and hear you for nearly 30 minutes of harmonized excellence. I really would like to compliment the style with which you displayed your selves for the audience. I thought that style was very well executed, but I was wrong. When you called all the seniors into the middle we thought it was to do a special performance, but much to our dismay, it was to smoke. Really? for the classy Glee Club, you were going to smoke in the middle of your performance? Don't you know smoking ruins your singing voices, and can kill your family and friends? It wasn't cool or something for the underclassmen to look forward to. Needless to say, I did not want to breath it in, and felt disappointed with such conduct, and I along many others left. I would like to come to more performances, but smoke is not a very good environment. Please don't make those around you suffer.

I am just commenting on the tradition of performances around campus for the students, but I hope you will leave the smoking behind.

From a Disappointed Fan,

Clara Riger
assistant
Sept. 16

Haiti Program awareness

Highlighting the good work accomplished by the NTD program in Molly Madden's article "Program Works to Combat Diseases," it is necessary to note that it is but a component of the Haiti Program here at Notre Dame.

The Haiti Program is a disease elimination program established in 1999 by Fr. Tom Streit, the familiar Common Human disease instructor who researches for over half of the year in Haiti. The program operated in response to the 10 percent of Haitian individuals afflicted by lymphatic filariasis, a debilitating disease that it is but a component of the Haiti Program here at Notre Dame.

With the help of a grant from the Gates Foundation, it now combats all 13 of the Neglected Tropical Diseases listed by CDC. The freshmen-led NTD initiative is now adding to this already storied yet little recognized humanitarian program here at Notre Dame.

Brianna McGuire
Journalist
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Sept. 15

CDs or Tapes?

The proudest moment I've witnessed in Ann Arbor was watching our players walk off the field without holding the bar to the singing the Alma Mater. This was the last time in my four years here at Notre Dame that I have seen the football team collectively recognize and respond to the gravity of the loss.

Over the past four years I've witnessed a medley (at best) team snap our 43 year winning streak against them, watched our team lay a posse egg at home while allowing one of our biggest rival to score 38 points and brave arctic human weather conditions only to see us lose our last home game to one of the arguable worst college football teams of the last five years.

And after every one of these embarrassing losses I had to watch our football team be forced to sing a song in order to appease those of us that think everything will be okay if we all smile and pat each other on the back. While this against Michigan wasn't embarrassing in the same way as the previously mentioned games, it definitely hurt more. It was a crucial game for the direction of our program. And to be so close to victory only to fall nine seconds (or nine depending on who's reffing) short is more than disappointing.

It was devastating. I thought I was going to barf when I saw Forcier throw that last pass. When that clock ran clicked down to zero and 110,000 people started celebrating, the last thing I felt like doing was grabbing someone stranger next to me and joining in a chorus of "Kum By Yo Sump'n".

I appreciated knowing that the football team felt the same way. I know there will be critics out there that will say, "But Cameron, WE ARE (lap clap) ND (lap clap)" I say, shut up. We're still ND whether we celebrate it immediately after a loss or not. I love Notre Dame and I love our football program. I find it ridiculous that after such an impor tant game there are some of us who want to berate our team for not being your personal singing and dancing monkey.

I applaud the team members there are more important things at hand like putting an end to Sparty's good fortune in South Bend. Go Irish. Beat Spartans.

Cameron Randle
Senior
Off Campus
Sept. 16

Attention ESPN: Fantasy football as a metaphor for life

"Write about fantasy football," my 13year-old told me, with all the confidence that comes from being an eighth grader with his own team in his uncle's fantasy league.

"Just about fantasy football? For the Faithpoint column I sounded as doubt ful as 111 so I asked.

Undeterred, he continued, "It'll be great, Mom. You can write about how your team needs to be balanced, just like your life. How you can't only care about one position, or one part of your life. You have to take care of it and pay attention to it."

So I did a little research. I checked out NFL.com and ESPN.com. It became clear to me that for some, fantasy football has become a way to address seemingly endless amounts of free time apparently begging to be swacked away by blogging about positions, trades, breakouts and projections.

Now here I am, pretending to write a column about sports to try to grab readers who are going to be more interested in a column about faith and spirituality.

as my husband pointed out to my son, such a column still isn't going to interest everyone—what about the people who don't care about fantasy football (must black look of 13yearold incomprehension here)?

Whatever the reason you're still reading this, as my son pointed out, your team's Petco Park, their fantasy football team is crucial to their life, so I assume that you ask yourself this question: "What, in my life, seems to demand more inordinate amounts of my time right now?"

The answer may be fantasy football, or it may be something else. Maybe, after you finish studying, you spend your free hours exercising, or playing internet poker, or volunteering, or texting, or visiting with your friends, or going to parties, or a little of each of these. Maybe—hopingly—you spend some of your time attending to the call of your faith in Jesus Christ, through service, worship, private prayer or study. Time itself is a gift from God — just look at the way we talk about it. We "spend" our time, as if it were a valuable commodity to be shared with care. We lament the events which "waste" our time and seek out many ways to avoid Timetwisting.

However it's disguised, this truly is a column about our faith in our lives, and because I really do believe it's true, I can offer you that believing, practicing and participating in a life of faith is the most valuable way we can spend our time.

At Notre Dame, we do that primarily through the Catholic Christian tradition, while we welcome and support anyone of other faith traditions in their spiritual growth as well. Does this mean that all we do with our free time is pray, or read the Bible, or go to Mass? No, but if I'm going to balance my team (or my day) I need to make the important stuff my top priority.

Our prayer, our reflections on and study of Scripture, and our participation in the Eucharist should deeply influence the choices we make throughout each day.

So if prioritizing and integrating our faith into our daily choices is so essential, why does it seem so easy to get hooked on Wii games, or reality TV, or fantasy football, while reading the Bible or going to Mass or participating in faith starting groups is seen as boring, horrid? Without getting into the ways the entertainment industry has managed to drown out all the other sounds of our environment, I would challenge you to remember that the easiest, most obvious options before us aren't necessarily the ones we're called to choose. Try walking over to the Grotto or having a serious conversation about your faith with a person you admire. It may provide a surprisingly welcome hint of instant gratification, one which will last longer and afford us more deeply than we had imagined.

If we really can make any significant connections between fantasy football and life (and I'm not sure that I'm convinced of that), then to my son, "you have to take care of it and pay attention to it."

Our Lord is waiting to help us attend to every aspect of who we are, what we hold dear, and how we spend the valuable gift of our time. And that's not just a fantasy; it's the most important reality of our lives.

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Singer/songwriter and Michigan native Brendan Benson has probably become most well known as Jack White's wingman in The Raconteurs, although he has an intelligent and innovative, as well as critically acclaimed, solo albums before joining the quartet. "My Old, Familiar Friend," his newly released album, spotlights for the first time his ability to shine solo, illuminating a unique voice that was seemingly only stifled by White, no offense to indie's warbling demigod. Benson brings this effortless voice to this latest solo act, one that could be nearly as haunting as Rufus Wainwright if not for his decidedly buoyant sound. This verse also seems far more finessed than earlier works, and nods not only to 1970's rock with analog production, layered vocals and ELO synths, but also to 50's beach cruising tunes, 80's hard guitar and 90's books and pace.

Familiar Friend is full of dynamic and yet clever lyrics that the song smith focuses on personal quests, that vary between love (gained and lost) and a smile like on the malachol track "Garbage Day," that has a smile.

"And if she threw her heart away / I'll be there on garbage day."

This cohesive style begins the mission of who the real storyteller was in The Raconteurs. "A Whole Lot Better," the first track, is a bouncy rock n roll that has the first few seconds sounds like it's straight off of a raconteurs album. Then it segues into something that has that 90's pop and catchy pop-rock sound that calls back to Elvis Costello and other Brits like The Kinks, with a sprinkling of the American blues and motown his pre-natal sound seemed to favor. "I fell in love with you / And out of love with you / And back in love with you / All in the same day," seem to echo the swoop of a melody that is almost sure to inspire an infectious Noosy dance. Added wisdom from Benson's new...
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By CONOR ROGERS

When most people hear the word "nickelodeon" they think of "Hey Arnold!" or people getting slimed. However, before the hit television network, the term had an entirely different meaning. Nickelodeons were small theaters in America during the early 20th century. The etymology of its name comes from the cost of admission — one nickel (although most of them actually charged a dime).

The nickelodeon featured the growth of moving pictures which at that time were still in an infancy state. Many people often think of nickelodeons as predecessors to our present day movie theaters, i.e. Cinemark 14 or Loew's. This is true in some respects. The nickelodeon was a popular leisure time activity for the middle-class and could often constitute a weekend's entertainment. People would often bring popcorn and other delicious goodies into the theater as well.

This is where the similarities between nickelodeons and current movie theaters end. In movie theaters today, admission— one nickel (although most of them actually charged a dime). A typical presentation consists of previews for upcoming films followed by a two-hour-long feature length film. However, before the hit television network, the term had an entirely different meaning. Nickelodeons were not just movie theaters, but rather multimedia theaters. I personally had the opportunity to ask him about some of his work and how he made it a fortunate discovery.

Nickelodeon. "This project is aimed at recreating the early theater experience for audiences. It promises to be a show unlike any other."

I had the opportunity to ask Rick a few more questions. I asked him about the lack of interest in older films among college students. He laughed and tells me "I have students who tell me, 'I love classic movies ... like "Star Wars."" He continues, "Well, I think some films take a little background to explain, but it's up to the professors to select films that will get students really excited. With the right plot and the right characters, you can get almost any audience excited."

I also inquired as to where he thinks the future of cinema is headed. His main interest is in the extras now available on DVD. He says, "We are very lucky to have these extra available to us, particularly short films. I think that as people continue to dig, a lot of stuff that no one knows about will surface."

Rick Altman is currently a professor of Cinema and Comparative Literature at the University of Iowa. "The Living Nickelodeon with Rick Altman" takes place tonight at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

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Dining Hall Dish

By LIZ CHATEN

Although the affordable chicken breast acts as a staple in American households, this staple can be simply spectacular. This week’s dining hall dish shows off the best of this poultry pleasure, adding flavor and flair to any meal.

Chicken Cordon Bleu

The term "Cordon bleu" came from the blue sash worn by the highest members of a French order of knights. This blue sash resembled the blue ribbon on a steak’s apron. Hence, the term "cordon bleu" came to signify a dish at the peak of culinary distinction. Despite the high appellation, this particular chicken dish actually originates in America. Our earliest record of chicken cordon bleu is a 1967 advertisement in The New York Times for United Airlines, boasting the in-flight meal of chicken cor­don bleu as "prepared by our own European-trained chefs." Here, I provide a surprisingly simple recipe for this culinary classic.

1. Place grilled chicken on a plate.
2. From either the sandwich station or the carving station, take a few slices of ham and place on top of the chicken.
3. Place a piece of provolone or Swiss cheese on top, and send through the oven.
4. Season with salt and pepper, and a dusting of garlic powder.

For a more zesty dish, substitute cumin for the garlic powder. For an easy dinner: serve the chicken strips on a bed of rice, garnish with parsley.

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Red Sox walk off with late win over Angels

Cervelli delivers game-winning single in ninth for Yankees; Padres win in 10 on Diamondbacks

Associated Press

BOSTON — Alex Gonzalez hit a bases-loaded bloop to right to give Boston the lead in a four-run sixth inning, and the Red Sox won 9-2 over the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

Boston trailed 3-0 and 7-5 before tying the game in the bottom of the sixth. The Angels scored five times in the sixth, but the Rangers fell 7-5. Shortstop Elvis Andrus failed to turn a double play on a hit to lead off the sixth against Majestic Ellsbury.

The Angels and Rivera had three, but the Red Sox will meet again in the first round of the playoffs after a one-year absence, New York (9-4) finished its next-to-last homestand of the regular season by overcoming three wild pitches and an error by the shortstop Jeter, who gamely tried to go through his legs.

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Trip setup off a familiar celebration in Fenway, where the Red Sox have the best home record in the major leagues. The Angels were familiar, too, for Los Angeles, Boston's last opponents to win a first-round playoff opener.

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Five of the Angels' runs scored when the Angels failed to turn a double play on back-to-back grounders before taking the lead on Alex Gonzalez's two-run, bases-loaded bloop to right.

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Pedro 6, Diamondbacks 5

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The speed was certainly evident in the 10th when Durango slapped a ball wide of first base without grabbing it. But Yunesmo Wells (3-10) was no match for Durango as he tried to cover the bag while taking the throw from Allen. After pinch-hitter David Eckstein led out, Durango stole second. Cabrera then grounded a bunt out and Alexi Ogando charged the ball and fielded it in medium right field.

Durango beat the throw to the plate and slid around catcher Miguel Montero and touched the plate. "It was a strong throw," San Diego manager Bud Black said. "There's no doubt this guy's fast. That's an understatement." San Diego's Adrian Gonzalez, pinch-hitting for his brother Edgar, hit a two-run home run in the ninth off Enirmesque Quintero tie the score at 5.

"I'm not trying to hit a home run," Bell (6-4) pitched the 10th for the win.

It was the speed of Durango and Cabrera that had both teams talking.

"He [Durango] played the game with us however he wanted to," Montero said. "He never hit the ball out of the infield and got three hits. He hit his fast and he's got good speed, but we should have given him a little better." It has been a long time since San Diego has had two players with the kind of speed shown by Durango and Cabrera. "Their bunt singles and their aggressiveness is what tough to defend," Diamondbacks manager A.J. Hinch said. "We didn't have an answer for it."
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**NCAA**

Former Indiana University basketball coach and NCAA president Myles Brand speaks at a news conference in Indianapolis in 2004. He died Wednesday of pancreatic cancer at the age of 67.

**Associated Press**

INDIANAPOLIS — Myles Brand, who fired Bob Knight as Indiana University basketball coach and went on to become NCAA president, died Wednesday of pancreatic cancer. He was 67.

The first former university president to run college sports' largest governing body, Brand worked to change the perception that wins supersede academics and earned accolades for his efforts.

Brand broke the news that he had cancer in January at the NCAA convention and continued to handle the organization's day-to-day operations, despite undergoing treatment. NCAA officials, who announced his death, were not ready to say who would replace Brand or when they may begin searching for a successor.

"Myles Brand's passing is a great personal loss of a dear friend and an even greater loss in the NCAA and collegiate athletics," said Georgia president Michael Adams, who worked closely with Brand. "I believe Myles will be remembered as a person who helped us refocus on the student in student-athlete and his academic reforms will long outlive him."

Brand gained national attention in May 2000 when, as Indiana president, he put Knight on a zero-tolerance policy after a former player alleged the hugely successful but hotheaded coach had choked him during a practice years earlier.

Four months after that announcement, freshman Kent Harvey accused Knight of grabbing him, and Brand did what fans considered unthinkable — he fired the coach who won three national championships in Bloomington.

Knight later moved on to Texas Tech, stepping aside for his son, Pat, in February 2008. Texas Tech spokesman Randy Farley said Bob Knight left Lubbock on Tuesday and wouldn't be back until next month.

"Just because he fired us doesn't mean we want anything bad to happen," Pat Knight said. "That's shocking. I don't wish death upon anybody. That's sad, no matter who it is." Chicago students protested at the time of the firing, gathering in front of Brand's home and even hanging him in effigy, but his decision gave Brand a platform to address the problems he saw in college sports.

During a January 2001 speech at the National Press Club in Washington, Brand criticized the growing "arms race" in college sports, saying that school presidents faced tough challenges with celebrity coaches and suggesting the emphasis on winning championships endangered the real mission of universities.

**Preseason USTFCCA Men's Cross Country Division I Poll**

**Rays' Carl Crawford starts argument in clubhouse**

BALTIMORE — Tampa Bay outfielder Carl Crawford angrily shouted at teammate Pat Burrell in the clubhouse before Wednesday night's game against Baltimore, the latest breakdown in a lost season for the Rays.

It was not clear what caused the dispute shortly before the Rays took the field for pregame stretching. Crawford, the MVP of this year's All-Star Game, repeatedly yelled across the clubhouse at the Rays' designated hitter. Burrell did not respond.

A teammate then stepped in front of Crawford, trying to calm the situation. Crawford was ushered into a side room.

Manager Joe Maddon said he met with both players after confrontation and cleared the air.

"Everything's good," Maddon said.

The AL champion Rays have lost 12 of 13 and steadily dropped out of playoff contention.

**Yankees, Rays players receive suspensions, fines**

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Bills fans admit to defacing lawn

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Buffalo Bills cornerback Leodis McKelvin is so far willing to forgive and forget after two male teens admitted to police that they defaced the player's front lawn.

Hammond police Sgt. Thomas Best said Wednesday night that McKelvin is refusing to press charges against two 16-year-olds, who said they were the ones who spray-painted a message and an obscenity across the grass in front of the player's home shortly after the Bills' season-opening 23-24 loss at New England on Monday night.

Best said it'll be up to the Erie County district's attorney's office to press charges against the suspects. Best declined to release the names of the two teens because of their age but noted they both live near McKelvin's home in suburban Buffalo.

The vandalism created headlines across the country, was fodder for numerous sports talk radio programs and led to several Bills players questioning their privacy and security as they returned to practice to prepare to host the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday.

While McKelvin said early Wednesday afternoon he didn't want anyone arrested for what happened, receiver Terrell Owens had a far more defiant reaction.

"Once we make it to the play-offs, tell them to do his lawn again," Owens said. "You just attribute that to ignorance."

Linebacker Kawika Mitchell had guessed that the vandalism was caused by "a bunch of kids" but still noted how NFL players are concerned about their security after Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor died of a gunshot wound in November.

"It's extremely dangerous when someone is going to come to your house and do anything that's going to affect you," Mitchell said.

McKelvin shrugged it off, saying he still considers Bills fans to be the greatest.

"It's just one little incident. I hope it doesn't happen anymore," McKelvin said. "I was mad. I was kind of upset and angry in a way, but I was laughing a little bit for what they put on there. It was just something that isn't appropriate."

He was particularly impressed by a neighbor, who got out his lawn mower and cut the grass in order to erase what had been painted.

And McKelvin's already looking ahead to playing Sunday.

"Right now it's all about Tampa Bay," he said.

McKelvin has plenty of reason to look forward after being partly blamed for the loss at New England, in which the Bills squandered an 11-point lead in the final 2:06.

After the Patriots scored to cut Buffalo's lead to 24-19, McKelvin was faulted for not taking a knee in the end zone on the ensuing kickoff. Instead, he ran the ball out and had the ball stripped from his hands. The Patriots recovered at the Bills 31 and scored the decisive touchdown three plays later.

"I've just got to do my job. And of course with that, with me handling the ball, I've got to protect it," McKelvin said, noting that he expects a warm reception from Bills fans on Sunday. "Buffalo fans are great. They're real great."

And some of those fans intend to prove it based on the numerous reactions supporting McKelvin posted on several Bills message boards.

Mike Stock, a Bills fan from Syracuse, said the vandalism is not a reflection of the team's fans or of Buffalo — noted as "The City of Good Neighbors.""It's unimaginable to me that someone would decide that losing a football game was justification to vandalize someone's property," Stock said. "I'm not only angry at the act, I'm angry at the potential message it conveys. Let him know we'll be there screaming 'Leodis' on Sunday and that we've got his back."

Harry Kozlowski, a season-ticket holder from New Hampshire, has suggested fans sign a giant card apologizing to McKelvin and deliver it to the Bills.

"McKelvin incident is unfortunate because it tarnishes all Bills fans," Kozlowski said. "Football fans forget that players are human beings. Ruining a player's lawn is not going to help him play better. A show of support would do wonders for a guy who already has the weight of letting his teammates down on his shoulders."
Cuddyer leads Twins over Indians for sweep

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Michael Cuddyer is in a bit of a slump, and the Minnesota Twins have overcome so much and are still in the pennant race. It’s a big reason why.

Cuddyer homered, doubled and drove in three runs as the Twins beat the Cleveland Indians 7-3 for a three-game sweep.

Joe Mauer singled twice, raising his major league-leading average to .374, and drove in two runs as the Twins won their fourth in a row.

Just two games over .500, Minnesota began the day 4½ games behind Detroit in the AL Central. The Tigers were home Wednesday night and Thursday afternoon after visiting Kansas City for a three-game set beginning Friday.

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“They’re a team that’s in the division and the wild card and we’ve been able to come back and win,” Cuddyer said.

Mauer missed the first month of the season, and Minnesota’s starting rotation has been in flux nearly all season, including the absence of Kevin Slowey since July 4.

“It’s fun to watch. Matt Tolbert’s getting out there and hitting and covering ground at third base, Orlando Cabrera seems to always be prepared and ready to contribute. Even the guys that are hurt we need them to cheer us on,” Mauer said.

“It’s been like that much of the year,” Mauer said.

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West Quad Mass

Sunday, September 27th
9:00 p.m.

(Please note special time)

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Join students, rectors, hall staff, hall government, and priests-in-residence for this celebration of the Eucharist.
Blanton throws six scoreless to shut down Nats

Tigers honor announcer, win on Polanco single; Johnson strikes out nine as Marlins beat Cardinals

PHILADELPHIA — Inspired by Pedro Martinez and Cliff Lee, Blanton put more goose eggs on the scoreboard.

Blanton tossed six scoreless innings, allowing only three hits and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Washington Nationals 6-1 on Wednesday night.

Blanton (10-7) allowed five hits and struck out seven. The Phillies were one out away from recoding three consecutive shutouts for the first time in 40 years when Willie Harris singled in a run of Tyler Walker.

The Phillies beat the New York Mets 1-0 Sunday night behind eight strong innings from Martinez and one from Ryan Madison. Lee tossed a six-hitter in a 5-0 win against the Nationals on Tuesday.

"Hitting is contagious, but pitch­ing is contagious, too," Blanton said. "You see a lot of quality pitch­ers and a lot of outs and it goes in your head, it breaks confidence."

The NL East-leading Phillies reduced their magic number for first place to 13. Detroit leads Minnesota by 4 1/2 games.

"That's just the way we've played games all year," said Detroit short­stop Ramon Santiago, who drove in two runs, including the tying run in the sixth. "I don't know how to explain it. They've been pitching us up pretty good and to get a win, and win in that fashion, was big for us."

The victory ended the Tigers' five-game skid against Kansas City.

Detroit saluted Harwell, who recently said he has inoperable cancer, during the third inning as the Tigers, seeking their first division title since 1987, reduced their magic number to 13. Detroit leads Minnesota by 4 1/2 games.

"I think he really said some nice words," reliever Zach Miner said of Harwell, who spoke to the team before the game. "I think everyone kind of took it to heart and kind of realized that it's a game."

The 91-year-old Hall of Fame broadcaster was in the Detroit booth from 1960 to 2002.

Miller (4-5) and three other relievers kept the Royals scoreless over the final five innings. Fernando Rodney entered in the ninth to earn his 32nd save in 34 chances.

Everett and Curtis Granderson each drove in a run in Detroit's four-run fourth and Everett added his tying RBI single off starter Franklin Dihigo (10-3) in the sixth. Believer Jansy Wright gave up Polanco's hit with two outs.

Kansas City has lost nine of its last 11 games as Maddux, who had runners at second and third to start the eighth after Bobby Sveg gave up consecutive singles, but Brandon Lyon came on to induce a grounder to the mound and a strikeout before getting Alberto Callaspo to pop up to first.

"Obviously what Lyon did tonight was game-saving," Leyland said.

The Royals lost their lead baserunner three times, including in the third when Yuniesky Betancourt was thrown out at the plate by Ryan Raburn. Tigers catcher Gerald Laird later caught Betancourt's 34th runner trying to steal, when Willie Bloomquist failed to score.

"Situational hitting and defense — weren't at their best one and it carried over on offense. Kansas City manager Trey Hillman said.

Maier and Miguel Olivo had RBI singles and Alex Gordon added a sacrifice fly against starter Eddie Renteria.

Marlins 5, Cardinals 2

Johnson (15-4) gave up nine hits but allowed just one run in his 23rd quality start of the season. He struck out five and walked none, improving to 3-1 with a 3.14 ERA in his last five starts.

"They made good contact with the ball," Johnson said. "I'd throw good pitches and they'd get hits. It was one of those days where I didn't walk anybody. That was huge for me today."

The Cardinals rallied in the ninth. Jason LaTulipe walked with one out and Mark DeRosa followed with a double to left. Gonzalez then replaced Brian Sanches with closer Leo Nunez, whose wildness got the Marlins into more trouble.

Nunez hit Ryan Ludwick and Albert Pujols to force in a run before crossing Matt Holliday into a game-ending double play for his 22nd save in 28 opportunities.

"I really focused on throwing the fastball low and away," said Nunez, who had hit only two batters in his previous 68 innings. "I just wanted to get the ground ball and I got it."

Central-leading St. Louis fell to 1-5 in its nine-game homestand and lost back-to-back series for the first time since June 22-28 against the New York Mets and Minnesota.

Jose Prieto (14-14) gave up four runs and 10 hits in 5 1/3 innings for St. Louis.

Eight of Florida's first 10 batters reached safely. John Baker and Ross had RBI singles and Dan Uggla also drove in a run in the first with a fielder's choice.

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Eagles’ Kolb ready to start

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb was a casual bystander at Eagles practice. Wearing black sweat pants, an Eagles cap, and his red No. 5 jersey, McNabb looked more like an Eagles fan on a football Sunday than their starting quarterback.

Unlike those Philly die-hards, McNabb hopes to be playing instead of watching against New Orleans.

McNabb, who has a cracked rib, could not practice on Wednesday and likely won’t all week. So third-year reserve Kevin Kolb took snaps with the first-team offense in preparation for possibly the first start of his NFL career.

Coach Andy Reid made it clear on Wednesday: Kolb is the starter if McNabb can’t play.

“I think between myself and the coaches and the players, we all have a lot of confidence that he’ll go out, given the chance, and perform very, very well,” Reid said.

That means former Pro Bowl QB Jeff Garcia is simply here as insurance—for now.

Kolb hasn’t impressed any­one in his limited playing time over the last three seasons. He is 24 for 45 for 167 yards, no touchdowns and four interceptions with the Eagles in eight career games. He was 7 for 11 for 23 yards and sacked twice once he took over for the injured McNabb in a win against Carolina.

“I’ve gotten opportunities and chances, and I think I’m growing up,” Kolb said. “No excuses.”

That’s a small sample size to determine whether Kolb can handle the responsibilities of the No. 1 job if McNabb is out Sunday and beyond.

The unknown is what makes Eagles fans jittery. Sunday, Kolb may start the game, but there are no guar­antees he’ll be the starter beyond that.

Kolb, a second-round pick in 2007, has been waiting for this moment since draft day.

“You get to run the huddle the way you want to,” Kolb said. “All these things have been going through my head for two years. I’ll try not to change too much because you want to the same continuity, but you want to put your own little twist on things.”

There’s still a chance that Kolb could return to his usual role as McNabb’s understudy. Reid said McNabb was making progress and it was too early to rule him out.

“I know how Donovan’s wired and he’s a tough guy,” Reid said. “I’ve got to make sure that myself and the doc­tors and trainers evaluate that as we get closer. If he were OK’d to play and feel OK, I think he could go out there with very little practice and perform at a high level.”

Garcia, picked up by the Eagles on Tuesday, would be Kolb’s backup. He will be the No. 3 emergency quarterback if McNabb starts.

Michael Vick and Garcia will share snaps and be the Kansas City Chiefs. McNabb, Garcia and Vick have charted different paths to Pro Bowl.

“This (Kolb’s) opportunity is (Kolb’s) opportunity to present to the rest of the league what he’s all about,” Garcia said. “Hopefully he takes advantage of all of that.”

McNabb cracked a single rib when he was crushed by sev­eral defenders on his 3-yard touchdown run in the third quarter of last week’s win at Carolina. He didn’t immediate­ly get up after the touchdown, and was attended to by Eagles trainers before eventually leaving the field on his own.

Reid said McNabb’s ribs need to get “sticky”—or, not move as much before he should play.

Running back Brian Westbrook, who missed a game last season with a broken rib, said McNabb’s ability to play could depend on how much pain he can tolerate.

“He might be able to take a little bit more pain than I can,” Westbrook said. “It’s painful when you get hit, when you break it, you remember the run. It’s painful every time you move.”

Kolb’s most meaningful play­ing time came last season when Reid benched McNabb at halftime of a loss at Baltimore. Reid thought Kolb gave the team a better chance to win a game it desperately needed to win against the Baltimore Ravens.

“Kolb’s most meaningful game and haven’t done the best job of doing it, either,” Reid said.

As the Irish start their con­ference play, they will keep their main goal in mind.

“We want to win the league,” Clark said. “It’s our first big challenge of the season ... we’ve got a terrific team, and they’re certainly going to have a few good teams.”

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Friday game at DePaul.

Notre Dame has already played one Big East foe in the No. 5 St. John’s, losing 2-0 at the adidas/UConn Classic on Sept. 6. That game did not count as a conference match.

The conference also consists of seven teams in the Blue Division as well as four from the Red. Currently, due to a few rocky starts, only two Big East teams are ranked: Notre Dame, St. John’s, South Florida and No. 22 Louisville.

“Kolb is a very, very hard road games.”

The Irish will be missing three important defensive players as the team starts conference play. Senior mid­fielder Cory Reuss suffered a knee injury in the first game of the season, and sophomore defender Aaron Maund and freshman defender Dillon Powers will be playing at the under-20 World Cup in Egypt for most of the regular sea­son.

“We’ve lost three key play­ers, but this is an opportunity for guys to step up,” Clark said. “It’s a challenge to the squad and the players, but we have to overcome some big losses, but I think we’ve got a good shot.”

Maund and Powers will be back at the very latest for Notre Dame’s Oct. 21 game against Georgetown, which is one of the hard things of being a Mid­west school in the Big East. Clark said. “You travel a lot. I think the DePaul-South Florida trip is the worst. Plus it would have been nice to go to Florida later in the year.

As the Irish start their con­ference play, they will keep think­ing about the next game.

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and the challenge for us for this is to be prepared and make their physicality, “ Smith said.

McCarthy agreed.

Spartan State is one of the most physical games we play all year,” McCarthy said. “It’s just that they have something they have in their program. They get hard-not only are they a tough team to play and we are definitely going to be sore on Sunday.”

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FOOTBALL

Preparing for pain

Sophomore defensive tackle Ethan Johnson waits for the snap against Nevada on September 5. Johnson and the Irish defense notched a 33-0 shutout over the Wolf Pack and await a deep and physical Michigan State team.

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Assistant Sports Editor

While Michigan State has won six straight in Notre Dame stadium, Notre Dame’s captains were more concerned with recent results. Wednesday — primarily the last two lost to the Spartans. “I’ve only been here since 2005, same with Kyle [McCarthy],” linebacker and special teams captain Scott Smith said. “Really the only thing that’s been somewhat within our control is what’s happened since we’ve been here, I don’t really look back to what happened in 1993 or anything like that.”

McCarthy said the familiarity with Michigan State’s offense should help in trying to break the six-game home-losing streak.

“Every year we were trying to pound the ball,” quarterback Jimmy Clausen said. “They had seven, eight guys in the box and we just had to throw the ball if we were going to have a chance to win the game.”

The Irish run game seems to be vastly improved this year, with junior Armando Allen emerging as a tougher inside runner and averaging 5.9 yards per carry.

“The grand scheme of things, as an offensive line­man at any level of any foot­ball team, running the ball is kind of a thing of pride,” senior center Eric Komar said.

“With the loss we were a little young, but this year, those guys have really stepped up into more of a leadership role.

Both units should be prepared for a physical game against a Spartan team that came in five sets, a sign that was the familiar­ity with Michigan State’s offense should help in trying to break the six-game home-losing streak.

“We have to learn to keep executing what is working for us at the time and capitalize on the other teams weaknesses,” Kuschel said.

The Flying Dutch got off to a quick start, breezing to victory in the first two games 25-9 and 25-19. Saint Mary’s rallied together, however, rebounding to take the next two games 25-20 and 25-21.

Hoping to recover was the least

SMC VOLLEYBALL

SMC rallies, but falls 3-2 to Flying Dutch

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

The Belles dropped another close conference match to MIAA rival and No. 8 Hope Wednesday, 3-2.

“The match was a really tough loss,” coach Toni Kuschel said. “We had a lot of unforced errors and there were a few plays that did not go our way.”

“The loss was the Belles’ third that came in five sets, a sign that the team is playing well but is having issues closing out.”

“We have to learn to keep executing what is working for us at the time and capitalize on the other teams weaknesses”, Kuschel said.

The Belles are 4-0 on its current road trip when they play Sunday after a three straight road contest, a 5-0 decision at No. 7 Illinois Wesleyan College Wednesday night in Bloomington, Ill.

The Titans jumped out early with a goal in the 12th minute before adding three more first-half goals to put the game out of reach.

Junior midfielder Justin Morrow fights for a ball against New Mexico on Sept. 3 in a 2-1 overtime loss to the Lobos.

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame begins its conference play this week in hopes of winning its third straight Big East Blue Division title. For the Belles, it will be a lot of teams standing in the way of their first conference title.

“The Big East is one of the best conferences in the country,” coach Bobby Clark said. “To win it three years in a row would be pretty special. It’s a real achievement in the group for the guys.”

The No. 20 Irish (2-2-1) currently sit in fourth of the eight teams in the Blue Division of the conference, though the standings will certainly be shaken up once conference play begins. The other eight Big East teams comprise the Red Division, which is led by No. 11 South Florida (4-0), whom the Irish will play Sunday after a