Dominator doubles
Eight sets of twins currently enrolled in the Class of 2013; Twin Club formed on campus

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Notre Dame has a thing for twins.
The Class of 2013 currently has eight complete sets of twins in their year. When current junior Lillian Civantos was a freshman and learned that her class contained six sets of twins, the news came as a shock.

“I remember [University President] Fr. [John] Jenkins was addressing my freshman class and said that our class had six complete sets,” Civantos said.

“I thought that it would be really great if there was a way for all of us to get to know each other,” Civantos said.

Civantos took her idea and formed the Twin Club of Notre Dame, which has been up and running very successfully.

“It’s been very fun and enjoyable to see everyone get involved,” Civantos said.

Domenic DiBona is an identical twin. He and his sister Tess, who both work for The Observer, were amazed to hear how many twins attended Notre Dame and believed that there had to be some way for all of the twins in the school to get together.

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The student section cheers during Saturday’s victory over Nevada.

Game day changes a success
Season opener runs smoothly, fans respond well to additions

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Saturday’s season opener proved to be a success on and off the field as fans responded favorably to changes made to improve home football weekends.

Director of Game-Day Operations Mike Seamon said.

“We were very happy with how everything unfolded.”

Friday afternoon marked the first time that the tunnel to the stadium was open to the public, and over 3,500 people walked through the tunnel for photo opportunities on the field, Seamon said.

Students report thefts, attacks near campus

The report said a 19-year-old student told police he was tackled and robbed by two men last Tuesday. One man claimed to have a gun.

The student, who was walking down Notre Dame Ave. around 10:30 p.m., told police his backpack and wallet were stolen. The backpack contained the student’s laptop computer.

Another robbery was reported earlier that week by two female students who were also tackled by two men on Notre Dame Ave. about 1 a.m. Aug. 30, the Tribune report said.

Trent said students should take precautionary measures when choosing to walk off-campus at night, especially after a few drinks.

Ryan Hall residents settle in

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

The women of Ryan Hall are settling into their new home and intend to pick a mascot and colors by mid-October, around the time of the dorm’s dedication, hall Rector Bryan Tornifolio said.

“In two weeks we will elect our first hall council, who will help orchestrate discussions about our mascot and colors,” Tornifolio said.

The women will come up with those in need in Uganda.

Uganda is among the world’s poorest countries. Approximately half of 32.4 million Ugandans live below the international poverty line, which is a $1.25 per day.

Saint Mary’s cross country coach Jackie Bauters came up with the idea of helping Ugandans after two College nursing students, Caitlin Brodermerkel and Megan Clausen and Floyd earn honors

By ALLISON FRANKLIN
News Writer

On Sept. 5, the participants of the second-annual Saint Mary’s Alumnae Race collected old sneakers, which they plan to send to nursing students, Caitlin Brodermerkel and Megan Clausen.

The independent newspaper serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s
INSIDE COLUMN

On beauty

Many inside columns are like women’s skirts — long enough to cover the essentials, but short enough to keep you interested. They are often comical, slightly nostalgic, or sometimes self-referential.

Cornelius Rogers

Past topics have included Batman vs. Superman, favorite pokémons, and the ugly area in between the mod quad rooms. But I have decided to swim against the stream like the salmon on Capistrano. I have delivered you an inside column that involves a little more intellectual acumen. I am sure that as Notre Dame students and alumni your sharp minds are up to the task.

“Beauty is truth, truth beauty”—that is all! ‘Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.’ Many have heard the words uttered by John Keats in his Grecian urn, but how many have really stopped to contemplate their meaning? Can all of mankind’s existence simply be reduced to this single axiom?

Nowadays the adjective “beautiful” is used to describe anything involving the films, soap operas, people, cars, clothes, and of course people.

Perhaps the profuse use of the word today has diminished its value, but why do we even feel the need to use it? Perhaps we use the word because we all are looking for beauty in some way or another. A musician searches for it in her music. An author looks for it in his writing. A wayward Notre Dame student hopes to find it at an SYR. And the scientist seeks it as part of truth. It looks like Keats’ urn hit the mark.

However, this concept of beauty seems entirely subjective. Surely, beauty cannot be just what everyone finds beautiful. Some poor twisted soul may think Crowley Hall is beautiful, but that does not make it so. Is there anything that is universally agreed upon as beautiful?

What most people find beautiful are things belonging to nature. Mountains, waterfalls, rainbows, flowers, etc. What is so special about these? For us, they are the closest thing to eternity that we will experience on earth. Mountains, valleys and seas have been here long before we were and will endure long after we are gone. Flowers may wither. Leaves may fall and die, but both will come to life again and again. They are, in a word, everlasting. I like to think that these things that are naturally beautiful are God’s way of giving us an infinitely small foretaste of the joys of heaven. And what is heaven, but the realm of all truth.

So I think Keats was onto something when he uttered those “immortal words.” Are beauty and truth all we really need to know? You are more than welcome to agree or disagree with me. But I hope at the very least you think about it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Cornelius Rogers at crogers@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOUR RECTION BE IF DINING HALLS BECAME VEGETARIAN?

Brian Nasca

"I’d starve." Daniela Guldry

"I don’t eat a lot of meat anyway so I wouldn’t be completely opposed." Chris Damlin

"Where’s my meat?" Rebecca Sullivan

"I wouldn’t be ethically opposed, but I wouldn’t be for it. But as long as I have the mint and chocolate fro-yo, I’m good." Dave Wilkerson

"I’d lose 60 pounds." senior

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

IN BRIEF

A summer long program for children presents an exhibit entitled “Graffiti Art Project.” The exhibit is held in the Crossroads Gallery, 217 South Michigan Street. The display opens at 9 a.m. today.

"Fritz Schoeller, Contemporary Artist: Influences" will be presented by Native American artist Fritz Schoeller. The collection will be shown in the Milky and Fritz Kaener Mestrovic Studio Gallery in the Saint Museum of Art at 10 a.m. today.

An exhibit entitled "In Praise of Donors. Selections from Dr. and Mrs. B. Stephen Lehman Collection" will be held in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Saint Museum of Art at 10 a.m. today.

"Para la Gente: Art, Politics and Cultural Identity of the Taller de Gráfica Popular" will be held in O’Shaughnessy Galleries in the Saint Museum of Art at 10 a.m. today.

An exhibit called “Thin Photographs by Lauren Greenfield” will host 53 color photographs of young women with eating disorders. It will be held in the O’Shaughnessy West Galleries in the Saint Museum of Art today.

A Blood Drive will be held at noon in the ballroom of LaFontaine Student Center. Participants can sign up at www.givelife.org and schedule an appointment today.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

French teens forced to marry when traveling

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

‘EMX’ logo made available to all rentals still strong

By MEGAN LONEY

The demand for the DVD rental service — started by Notre Dame’s Student Government last year — is still strong, according to student body president Dan Schmidt and Nick Ruof, a senator from Carroll and head of the ResLife Committee.
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The ResLife Committee of Student Government runs the service. Schmidt said although they haven’t promoted the DVD club strongly this year, they will likely send an e-mail to the student body soon, promoting its services.
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Pastorek, previously a resident of McGinn Hall, said that the 248 residents of Ryan Hall are enjoying the new community.
“We want to live here,” Pastorek said. “I’m really enjoying living here. I made the right decision.”

According to Hoffman, the logo is being used by all student organizations, but students body vice president Megan Griffin said.
Since it is a student-designed logo, the student government is writing a resolution about the logo and guidelines for its use. SGA will vote on the resolution next Monday at their next meeting.
Just because the logo will be available to all student organizations, this does not mean that the logo will not be regulated. All fundraising apparel has to be approved by the director of Student Involvement, Patrick Daniel.
To welcome residents, the staff had a Ryan Hall Kickoff on August 31, including a grill-out and girl time for the new community.
The new building is full of beautiful features, the residents said. Included is a beautiful chapel and large spaces for residents. Emilian said.
Ryan Hall is a “green” hall, Michalska said. Some green features include high efficiency washing machines, energy efficient toilets, and tiles that have two flush sizes to save water. Michalska said.
“Our thing that was stressed was that Ryan Hall residents are the new and unique community,” Tornifolio said. “There’s lots of excitement, lots of involvement. All the girls involved are trying to take good things from Don Marroon, to bring the best of the dorms here.”

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operating for about a year. "The club is a way for different people to meet each other and talk to one another about what makes our lives special with being twins," Civantos said. "Being a twin is not the same as not being a twin; you go through life differently. The Twin Club is a forum where we can rejoice in our twin pride."

Civantos describes her very close relationship with her sister Tess, as being her main motivation in trying to bring the various Notre Dame twins together.

"Although all sets of twins are different, but I would say that nine times out of ten, your twin is your best friend," Civantos said. "Tess is definitely my best friend."

She said that while she is glad that she and Tess both ended up at Notre Dame, it was never an aspiration of hers to go to the same university.

"We never wanted to pick a school that we both would be at," she said. "It would have been the best fit for both of us."

Although Civantos and her twin are both pursuing degrees in the Program of Liberal Studies, having the same major as her twin is not typical for many twins, Civantos said.

"If two people go through life together, they end up liking the same things on a basic level," she said. "We are different than our twin because more of the 'rebel twin' and I'd like to think that I have a calm­ ing influence on her because she's more of the 'rebel twin'." Civantos explains that while she and her twin both ended up on the same path when it comes to their major, they have different focuses within it.

"We share the same love for Irish Studies, but we focus on different things. I'm more focused on the history and culture of Ireland, whereas she focuses on the language," she said.

Junior twins Kennedy and Coleman Civantos have also shared similar experiences with their twin. Kennedy said that while she and Tess both ended up at Notre Dame, it was never an aspiration of hers to go to the same university.

"We had a really good year," she said. "Tess is definitely my best friend, and I turn around and ask them what it's like not being a twin; I have no other frame of reference."

Kennedy Coleman junior

"I don't think that we're totally different or totally similar," Kennedy said. "We're somewhere in the middle."

Kennedy says that being an identical twin doesn't affect his day-to-day existence other than occasional confusion from friends.

"People confuse my brother and me all the time; it's just part of being a twin," he said.

Civan tos, who works for The Observer photog­ raphy depart­ ment says that the confusion partly has to do with location.

"Last year I lived on North Quad and he lived on South Quad. So when I went on South Quad I'd get called Kennedy all the time."

The Collins said they share more of a typical identical twin relationship as opposed to a twin one.

"It's a normal brother relation­ ship than anything else," Kennedy said. "It's only differ­ ent because we're the same age."

Cavan augh and brother are their own sepa­ rate entities and that it gets tiresome being known as a twin before being known as an individual.

"To see a twin as only a twin is shortsighted. People ask me all the time what it's like being a twin. I turn around and ask them what it's like not being a twin; I have no other frame of reference."

Cavanaugh and Coleman Collins state that while they are twins, they each have their own personal identity.

"I've had my best friend living with me my whole life and I have her here at school," Ellis said.

Ellie agrees that having her twin with her at college has its benefits.

"Sometimes it's almost easier to see how it was coming together; and people were just really positive," she said. "The people who came got in real easy and got out real easy."

Seamon said that while the weather could have been better, the golf course could have been a parking option for up to 2,000 people. But if it rains, the course will not be open for parking.

"Thirteen guest service people wearing green blazers were scattered throughout campus Saturday to provide information and assist guests, Seamon said."

"When we work and study and live here, we know everything that's going on. A lot of people for the first time don't know where the bookstore is or what time the band is."

"These folks really help people out."

"They gave me a lot of visitors maps. They gave them a game-day guide," Seamon said. "They're taking pictures of people. People say, can you get a picture of me in front of a certain building?"

Another highlight was the new "Rally on the Green," which took place Friday after­ noon and Saturday before the game. Over 5,000 students, alumni and guests came to Irish Greens, the field behind DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, to listen to live music, eat food and play games.

"We just had a ton of people go through there," he said. "People kind of used it as a gathering spot."

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McClowry, both volunteered as Alumnae donates money, sending shoes to Uganda is both expensive and complicated. "We're looking for corporate sponsors," Miller said.

The race on Saturday was the second Alumnae Race held by the Notre Dame cross country team. Students and Alumnae were joined by faculty and parents, all of whom donated running shoes.

The Belles were also able to build on the success of last year's Alumnae Race.

"We had a really good turnout. A lot of alums came back," Miller said. "Hopefully the race will continue to grow."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Police nab eighth jewel thief suspect

LONDON - Police say they have charged an eighth man in one of Britain's biggest heists.
The 22-year-old suspect David Joseph is accused of helping to plot the Aug. 6 theft of $65 million worth of rings, bracelets, necklaces and watches from Graff Diamonds' flagship store in London.

Seventeen others have been charged with conspiracy to rob the Bond Street jewelry shop. Of the 19 suspects, 17 are British and 2 are of Jamaican origin.

Tourists arrested after stiffing cabbie

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua - Nine American tourists in Antigua were charged with assault and malicious damage after refusing to pay a cab fare.

Four of the group, who were in Antigua to attend the National Jamaican Carnival, are females from Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. They pulled out guns, briefly took an employee hostage and escaped with the jewels in a series of getaway cars.

A ninth suspect has been released on bail and has not been charged.

Tourists arrested after stifling cabbie

The tourists, who were visiting the Caribbean island on a cruise ship stopover, refused to pay a driver who gave them a tour Friday because they believed they were being overcharged, according to police.

NATIONAL NEWS

Serial killer arrested after decades

MILWAUKEE - Milwaukee police said Monday that they have arrested a man connected to the slayings of nine women dating back to 1986 by using a DNA sample he provided just last week.

Walter E. Ellis, 49, was taken into custody after a struggle at a motel on Saturday, said police Chief Edward Flynn. Ellis was charged with two counts of first-degree intentional homicide and more charges are expected, said Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm.

County District Attorney John Chisholm said Ellis' DNA was found on the bodies of nine women who were killed between 1986 and 2007 on the city's north side. Investigators believed the victims were prostitutes and one was a runaway. They ranged in age from 16 to 41.

Flynn said police used a warrant to obtain Ellis' DNA on Friday, so investigators had to move quickly to test the evidence. Investigators knew he looked like they were needed.

Flynn said police work and good police science led to the arrest of Walter Ellis, 49.

"Good police work and good police science led to the arrest of Walter Ellis," Flynn said. "These cases, like all criminals, knew they were looking for him. He was arrested in nearby Franklin.

"He's had a very prolific career.

"The police and court system are excited, and we're excited, to get him off the street and get him out of our city because he's been a prolific career criminal," Flynn said. "We're excited to get him off the street and get him out of our city because he's been a prolific career criminal." He added that the arrest of Ellis is a "relief." He said the police would continue to investigate other cases to determine whether Ellis was involved.

"Just because we've got a suspect doesn't mean he's guilty," said Flynn. "We've got a confession and we've got the DNA. But we're not going to stop investigating. We're going to continue to investigate until we find out for sure."

Hiker gets engaged, has life saved

POTOMAC, Md. - It was a lucky day for one hiker near Washington - and not just because her boyfriend popped the question.

Rescue officials say that soon after the woman accepted the marriage proposal during an outing along the rugged Billy Goat Trail, she fell about 10 feet down a rock face and had to be rescued by the hiker who briefly lost consciousness, but her injuries weren't life-threatening.

LOCAL NEWS

Suspects arrested after shooting

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Police in South Bend have arrested three people after the fatal shooting of a man who was running down a street.

WSBT-TV says the shooting happened about 10:30 a.m. Monday when two men confronted the man, who they said was the same man who had shot a man in a nearby area earlier Monday.

The man killed was identified as a 43-year-old man who had been shot in the upper body.

The three men have not been named.

AFGHANISTAN

Afghan civilians killed in airstrike

German troops admit to killing 70 civilians but defend the decision to attack

Associated Press

KUNDUZ, Afghanistan - An Afghan rights group said Monday the Taliban has launched an attack on a pair of hijacked fuel tankers killed as many as 70 civilians in northern Afghanistan, but the German troops whose commander ordered the bombing defended the action.

Afghan Rights Monitor, an independent human rights group, reported that its survey of the area following Friday's attack shows it killed as many as 70 villagers who were siphoning gas from the vehicle's tanks. The bomb stuck on a sand spit in the Kunduz River.

The group's report came as the German government backed down from its previous insistence that only the Taliban hijackers had died, saying some civilians likely were killed.

But Germany defended the decision to call in an airstrike, citing fears the tankers could have been used to mount a suicide attack on its troops.

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Kennedy not running for Senate

Associated Press

BOSTON — Former Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II, the eldest son of Robert F. Kennedy, announced Monday he would not run for the U.S. Senate last week by his late uncle, Edward M. Kennedy. The decision was certain to widen the race for the Democratic nomination.

In a statement, the former six-term congressman said he cares about those seeking decent housing, fair wages and health care. But he added, "The best way for me to contribute to those causes is in continuing my work at Citizens Energy Corp."

The nonprofit organization provides free heating oil to the poor, and it has faced campaign questions about fuel it received from Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez — a persistent U.S. critic.

He also has settled into a comfortable lifestyle since leaving Congress in 1999, taking home a $5,000 salary as Citizens Energy's president as of 2007, and being spared the harsh glare of cameras that other local politicians recently have faced over past tempests and high pay.

Yet Kennedy also may have a job now that few other Democratic legislators who long supported the environment could hope to be given. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, he can distinguish himself from the party leadership if he chooses.

"Everybody loves you today," the congressman told a crowd of about 1,000 people Wednesday night and Saturday morning, his first public appearance in the District since finishing his Senate term.

But when it comes time to make tough decisions, that's when you start to figure who's got you covered. That's the moment when I can make the greatest difference," he said.

Kennedy and the other Democrats running for the Senate seat have been shaking hands with labor leaders and others who have been urging him to consider a White House run.

"I probably won't fit in in the U.S. Senate, but I think, in a lot of cases, the people of Massachusetts don't want a senator to fit in. They want to stand out, and I offer through my experience," Lynch said.

Lynch recalled twice being laid off from shipbuilding and automaking jobs, adding, "I share the experience that a lot of others are feeling right now."

Attorney General Martha Coakley became the first high-profile Democrat to declare for the seat when she announced her candidacy last week. Her supporters fanned out across the state to collect signatures for the primary.

"We're off and running," Coakley said as she shook hands outside the hotel.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Charter schools, already seeing a surge in students, are getting attention from another group — private investors. Entertainment Properties Trust, mostly for making its money into movie theaters and wineries, recently bought its first charter school operator iNnovate for about $170 million. The real estate investment trust acts as landlord, while the operator runs the schools and is using the investment to expand its chain of theaters.

"They really are an effective source of long-term financing that we can rely on and enables us to do what we’re doing, which is opening new charter schools and, do what they’re best at, which is long-term real estate ownership," said Barry Sharp, chief financial officer for the Twin Cities-based company. "It’s a good fit." Charter school supporters hope the move by Kansas City-based Entertainment Properties Trust is the first of many such partnerships as they deal with increased interest from parents but not more money to build or expand their facilities.

In the past decade, the number of U.S. charter schools has tripled to 4,618, while the number of students enrolled has almost quadrupled to more than 1.4 million, according to the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools.

While charter schools are publicly funded, they often don’t have the same access to bonds and other financing available to mainstream public schools that forces them to operate in places like storefronts or church basements.

"I think it’s probably the biggest challenge facing charters, not only finding space, but once you find it how do you pay for it, particularly if you’re going to buy it," Ziebarth said. "It’s limiting their growth and it’s limiting the expansion of existing schools.

Charter school supporters say the need for construction funding is high, and the entry of a for-profit player like Entertainment Properties Trust that they’ve gone from being an educational curiosity to being seen as a significant part of the educational landscape.

David Brain, chief executive of Entertainment Properties Trust, said he initially was skeptical of investing in charter schools. But he looked deeper and determined that most of the charter school operations that had failed either never opened or were independent operations with limited experience.

Focusing on large players who know how to operate schools, hire teachers and develop a curriculum, he said, provides the company a more dependable return.

"We’re not speculators, we’re investors, so I have to invest in property making money for me and my customers today," said Brain, whose trust owns a $2.6 billion portfolio. "The charter public schools offer lenders, the holders of a dependable revenue stream backed by a government payer. It’s a very desirable equation."
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Paul Ybarra, CSC  
Guest Columnist

In this column, I would like to discuss the concept of hope as it relates to our lives as students and as sports fans.

Hope, as defined by Merriam-Webster, is “a feeling of expectation and desire for a pleasant outcome.” When we think of hope, we often think of it in terms of a positive future, something that we can look forward to. As students, we hope to pass our exams and achieve good grades. As sports fans, we hope our team will win the game.

However, hope is not just about looking forward to a positive outcome. Hope is also about being present in the moment and finding meaning and purpose in our current circumstances. As students, we can find hope in the knowledge that our hard work will pay off in the future. As sports fans, we can find hope in the excitement of the game and the joy of watching our team perform.

In both cases, hope helps us to navigate the challenges and obstacles we face. It gives us the strength to persevere and the motivation to keep going, even when things don’t go as planned.

So, whether you are a student or a sports fan, remember to hold onto your hope. Let it guide you through the ups and downs of your current circumstances. And never forget that hope is a powerful force that can help us overcome any obstacle.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Exhibit indeed

Eating Disorders are not art. Emaciated women are not art. Death and destruction are not art. However, the administration of the Snite Museum apparently disagrees. By promoting Lauren Greenfield’s documentary, Thin, which follows four young women in a residential treatment facility for eating disorders, as art, they are equating a deadly mental illness with mere entertainment.

The advertising for this exhibit fuels the obsession of many women and men with dieting, exercise, and body image. I strongly urge the Snite to reconsider its vast advertising campaign and even the exhibit itself for the sake of the mental and physical health of the students of the University of Notre Dame.

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U-WIRE

Fanaticism over IKEA font change

Thanks to the blend of current events, coupled with numerous demesnedicated issues across the country, the change of IKEA’s signature typeface from Futura to Verdana font is another issue for consumers to digest.

For more than 60 years, IKEA has represented the charming Swedish vendor of inexpensive, unique home furnishings. The company’s 2010 catalog delivers familiar appeal, but the text is branded by the not-so-familiar Verdana font.

Although the company has not provided an official reason for the change, IKEA spokeswoman Monika Goic said the Verdana font is more cost-efficient because Verdana, which is distributed by Microsoft, allows IKEA to use the same font in all countries.

The difference between the fonts is virtually unnoticed. But according to the designers and thousands of fans, the change reflects an unfavorable alteration to the IKEA brand. The main complaint protesters share, besides the font’s ugly appearance, is that the original font portrayed IKEA’s innovative philosophy. The Futura font provided a unique theme that fit the company’s style.

Amid all the tragedies in the news, IKEA’s font flask has provoked an immediate hostile response. The uproar created on blogs, Twitter and other social-networking Web sites fueled Romanian design consultant Blis. Rafe’s University of Notre Dame opinion. Come and see the new Geddes Hall, the first “green” building on campus. Come and see the new Geddes Hall, the first “green” building on campus. Come and see the new Geddes Hall, the first “green” building on campus.

New scoreboard flops

On Saturday, we saw many firsts for the Notre Dame gameday experience. The band marched through the Law School arch. There were new gameday hospitality measures. The first shutdown in the Charlie Weis era. Another first was the introduction of the new energy efficient scoreboards.

While we applaud the University’s concern for the environment and energy consumption, we feel that the manner in which new LED displays were used detracted from the unique atmosphere of Notre Dame Stadium. Specifically, some graphics that were displayed during the game were nothing short of atrocious. The old display was simple, and while it wasn’t flashy it gave fans all the information they needed.

Graphics were simple and certainly did not compare to other over-the-top stadium scoreboards, which was just fine. The simple scoreboard ensured that fans focused on the game and evoked a more traditional feel inside the stadium.

The new display has full color, which is a welcome upgrade. However, this has turned out to be a double edged sword. While some displays, like the monogram and American flag in full color, were class additions, other new usages were inappropriate. Following a big defensive play, the moon exploding followed by “Bam!” was completely unnecessary. If we just put a first down on a 12 yard run, we don’t need to be told “What a sweet run” it was (and why isn’t the running back wearing school colors)?

The “Get loud” and clapping animations were superfluous, and frankly, insulting. Notre Dame fans are intelligent enough to follow a game and know when to clap and cheer.

So what are we asking for? We want the scoreboard to tell us what we want to know, such as other game scores and game stats. The scoreboard should not display silly graphics that serve no purpose. When fans enter Notre Dame Stadium, they should experience a traditional and unique experience that can’t be found anywhere else.

Unfortunately, some of the new graphics are out of place, and they no longer be used.

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Alexander Buell  
Sophomore  
Keough Hall  
Sept. 7

We’ll call Melissa.  
Don’t think we won’t.

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Scene's Best of You Tube

Funny French Bulldog Goes Crazy On Yoga Ball

Over time, you come to realize that very few things can really cheer you up. I find that these two things are a) Ben and Jerry's and b) ridiculous YouTube videos. Here are four that are guaranteed to put a smile on your face, even if they have no other actual merit.

Funny French Bulldog Goes Crazy on a Yoga Ball:
If cute animals don't make you giggle just a little, I am going to call PETA on you. This video is of a puppy having way too much fun with a yoga ball. Overdose of cute? Yes, please.

Baby Cries When She Hears the Michigan Fight Song:
In light of this weekend's victory, Notre Dame fans far and wide can only smirk when they contemplate what the rest of the season could hold. A second 35-0 shutout against USC? Let's go with 'yes' and 'I expect nothing less.' This little girl knows how the game is played, and watching her reaction makes the smirk nothing more and nothing less than smug. She is learning who does and doesn't play real football at an early stage in her life.

Stalking Cat:
And back to the funny animals! This cat is super sneaky, and while not everyone will find it as amusing as I do (low attention span, folks), it is highly entertaining to observe as the cat gets closer with every camera shot. Any training ninjas in the audience, take note. This is how it's done. If I could sneak as good as this cat, my roommates would have to sleep with both eyes open. Or, conversely, stay awake all night every night.

Jon Stewart on Obama Speaking At Notre Dame:
Now this is one that probably (unfortunately) slipped through the cracks. I'm sure a few of you — not many, of course — will remember how a certain President was our Commencement speaker this past May. It was a bally speech, by the way. But I'm sure even less of you will recall the reactions to the University's decision. This is one of the more amusing ones. Jon Stewart, you capture our school well.

So when you need to turn that frown upside down — or avoid that paper due on Friday — pull up these for some senseless, time wasting amusement. After all, being easily entertained facilitates procrastination, and YouTube is the best source for that at all times.

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Starting a Comeback

By JOEY KUHN
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ZZ Top, the legendary Texan blues-rock band, will perform at the Morris Performing Arts Center this Wednesday evening. ZZ Top has been playing together for 40 years and is one of the few active classic rock bands that still consist of the original band line-up. In 1981, Billy Gibbons, Dusty Hill and Frank Beard were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004 by Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones. Early in his career, Gibbons used to play with Jimi Hendrix, who named Gibbons one of his own favorite guitarists.

Over their four decades, ZZ Top has journeyed all the way from roots rock to electronically-tinged hard rock and back again. After forming in late 1969, the band achieved fame in the 1970s with their relatively simple, guitar-bass-drums approach to the blues. Their songs could have comprised the soundtrack for a Bell’s Angels lifestyle of cars, booze, and girls. The band reinforced this Texas-biker image by wearing black leather, cowboy hats, sunglasses, and later, chest-length beards (ironically, Frank Beard is the only member without a beard. In 1984, the Gillette Company reportedly offered Gibbons and Hill a million dollars each to shave their beards in a television commercial, but they declined, stating, “We’re too ugly without them.”

During the 1980s, like almost every other band, they began to experiment more with electronic effects and synthesizers, crafting a new sound that blended their good-times Texas rock with eighties pop. They embraced MTV and produced a series of hit music videos featuring a cherry 1933 Ford Coupe hot rod and a trio of nameless babes. Their most popular album to date, “Eliminator,” comes from this era.

The band eventually began turn back to their original, more minimalist blues rock sound in the 1990s. They have received numerous accolades and honors for their contribution to American music, but more importantly, they can boast a cameo as the folk-rock band playing at the wild west carnival in “Back to the Future Part III.”

At the concert in the Morris on Wednesday, fans can probably expect to hear a repertoire of ZZ Top’s songs from all eras, including perennial favorites such as “La Grange,” “Sharp Dressed Man,” and “Cheap Sunglasses.” The opening act will be the Sulentic Brothers Band, a seven-person Southern rock ensemble. They hail from South Bend and have been together for sixteen years.

This is a chance to see one of the longest-running and finest blues-rock bands in existence—it’s a truly American experience. Given the complete lack of A-list music acts on campus in recent years, students should jump at this chance. Tickets for the show, which starts at 7:30 p.m., are still available on the Morris Web site, over the phone or at the door of the venue.

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It’s been five very long years, but No Doubt is finally back in action.


Unfortunately for fans eagerly awaiting what is sure to be some awesome new No Doubt material, they didn’t have any songs off their new album ready to play. But they were filled with their greatest classics. Gwen and the guys rocked out to “Spiderwebs,” “Hella Good,” “Just A Girl,” “Sunday Morning.” They also proved they still had a softer side with “Underneath It All,” “Rock Steady,” “Simple Kind of Life” and “Don’t Speak.” Particularly with these slower, softer songs, No Doubt showed off a newfound maturity that they must have found over the course of their time apart.

However, these moments are generally few and far between, because No Doubt, and 2010 will hopefully be even better. They have a great buzz coming from this era. For further listening, students should jump at their 2009 tour, Gwen Stefani got down and did pushups as she sang while her band mates went crazy, doing flips and other crazy antics.

2009 proved to be a good year for No Doubt, and 2010 will hopefully be a great year going into their new album. As it seems they’ve returned to their roots this summer by playing more songs from their older albums “Tragic Kingdom” and “En En Live” and “The Singles Tour,” they should put out a great, inventive album. For further listening, check out the songs listed above, and also “Ex-Girlfriend,” “New,” “Excuse Me Mr.,” “That’s Just Me,” “Open The Gate,” “Bathwater,” “Different People” and “Hey You.”

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MLB

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**Associated Press**

San Diego Chargers star outside linebacker Shawne Merriman tossed a towel to a teammate during the Chargers practice on Monday. Merriman was arrested on suspicion of choking and restraining his girlfriend, reality TV star Tila Tequila, on Sunday.

**Grizzlies owner meets with Allen Iverson**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The owner of the Memphis Grizzlies and the team's staff met with Allen Iverson Monday, moving closer to a deal that will be announced by the Grizzlies on Monday, according to Allen Iverson's agent.

"I want to help them develop a winner," Iverson said on Twitter Sunday night.

The meeting was in Atlanta, where the 24-year-old star has been working out recently with former teammate Eric Snow. The Grizzlies confirmed the meeting but declined to comment further.

The Grizzlies last season finished 24-58, last in their division. No other NBA team has shown public interest in Iverson.

The Commercial Appeal newspaper reported that the Grizzlies have offered the 13-year veteran a one-year contract worth at least $3.5 million.

**Mangini keeping Browns staring? Swallow your secret**

BEREA, Ohio — Brady Quinn and Derek Anderson still don’t know who will start at quarterback for the Cleveland Browns.

"I'm not sure if that's something I plan to do," he said. "It will be internal. I understand everybody has a different opinion on it. I respect that. I understand the excitement in relationship to that and I respect that as well. But that will be something that will be internal."

**In Brief**

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Asked if he threw Tequila to the ground, the 6-foot-4, 265-pound Merriman said: “No. I can’t talk about any of that stuff.”

Scott E. Lemon, an attorney for Tequila, didn’t respond to an e-mail asking for comment on Merriman’s statement.

Also Monday, the owner of a downtown club where Merriman and Tequila attended a party Saturday night said his staff told him Tequila had been drinking and it appeared Merriman had ordered only bottled water.
Associated Press

Pirates clinch 17th-consecutive losing season in 4-2 loss

Astros complete four-game sweep of NL East-leading Phillies in 4-3 win on back of Pence's three RBIs

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - The Pittsburgh Pirates' not-so-secret number is zero, or the number of winning teams they've had during a record-setting run of futility over 17 forgettable seasons.

The Chicago Cubs assured the Pirates of an unwanted place in baseball's record book, getting two homers from Derrek Lee and an effective start from Ted Lilly while leading the last-place Pirates 4-2 on Monday.

By losing their 10th in 11 games, the Pirates are гаран­­anteed of finishing below .500, just as they have every season since 1993. The 17 consecutive losing seasons represent the longest streak for any team in the four major North American pro sports, and only the Phillies (1933-48) have also had as many as 16 in a row.

The Vancouver Canucks (NHL, 1976-91) and Kansas City/Sacramento Kings (NBA, 1983-98) had 15 consecutive losing seasons each and the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers had 14-year streak (1983-96).

"We can't ignore it and say it didn't happen," said manager John Russell, whose team was dismantled by the trade of five everyday players since opening day. "We're not accepting it. We're making moves to make sure we build a championship team, and we want that to happen as soon as possible.

The present-day Pirates (54-82) are a mix of prospects and lower-paid players, and must work to the signifi­­cance of the league. Rookie starting pitcher Daniel McCutchen (0-1) didn't realize his first career loss would be the Pirates' 1,501st since the streak began, the season after former Pirates star Barry Bonds left to sign with the Giants.

In the opposing dugout, the Cubs' Lou Pinella remembered managing in Cincinnati against Bonds-led Pirates teams that averaged eight wins from 1990 to 1992.

"There ain't any team that wants to lose," said Pinella, whose own team hasn't won the World Series since 1908. "Some are a little more fortunate, some have more money to spend, some of them draft better players. But I'm sure this organization in the near future will start winning with more regularity. It would be great for the National League and the fans here, they've had a lot of history here and success in the past to draw on."

No recent success, for sure. The Pirates have been in a rebuilding mode under three owners, four general managers and six managers since the streak began, but no team finished better than fourth games under .500.

Fittingly, the song "Money for Nothing" was played during one inning break, which befits a team that has spent about a half billion dollars on salaries since 1993 yet has folded only one team that went into September with an opportunity to win a division title.

Given that the Pirates' top talent is mostly in the minor leagues, it's conceivable the streak won't end in the next year or two.

"Setting a major league mark for losing hurts and it hits par­­tic­­ularly hard for us because everyone in this organization is extraordinarily proud to be a part of a franchise that has such a long and rich history of win­­ning," team president Frank Connelly said.

A franchise that won five World Series from 1909-79 and sent 13 players to the Hall of Fame did not publicly mention the dubious record, and there were few eyewitnesses.

14-673 — on a ditzily Labor Day. The loss was the Pirates' 24th in their last 30 games against the Cubs, one of the majors' most disappointing teams this season.

Except against the Pirates, who are 2-7 against the Cubs. Lee hit his 30th homer into the center field shrubbery with two out in the first, then hit his 31st into the front row of the left-field bleachers two innings later after Ryan Theriot's two-out single. It was Lee's second multiple-homer game in three days and the 22nd of his career.

"It's been a good few days," said Lee. "I definitely have been feeling good at the plate. It seems when I get a pitch, it's been going out of the ballpark."

McCutchen (0-1) has allowed three homers since being pro­­moted to the majors on Aug. 31, 2008.

Lilly (11-8) needed 86 pitches over six innings to win for the first time in his last six road starts, with the left-hander and relievers John Grabow, Angel Guzman and Carlos Marmol combining on a two-hitter. Lilly gave up both hits, struck out seven and walked one.

Marmol pitched the ninth for his 10th save in 14 opportuni­­ties. Andy LaRoche hit his eighth homer in the third and Brandon Moss doubled in a run in the fifth, but they couldn't prevent the Pirates from being mathe­­matically eliminated in the NL Central race.

With the Phillies leading 1-0, Jamie Moyer became the Phillies' last-minute starter when J.A. Happ was unable to pitch because of a right oblique strain. Moyer got a no-decision after allowing two runs and three hits in six innings.

Howard hit a two-run homer and an RBI double for the Astros, who've won eight of their last nine home games. Michael Bourn drew a bases-loaded walk from Chan Ho Park in the seventh inning.

Jose Valverde pitched a per­­fect ninth for his 22nd save in 26 chances.

Ryan Howard and Raul Ibanez hit back-to-back home runs in the fourth against Houston starter Brian Moehler. Howard also drove in a run with a first­­inning single.

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**MLB**

AL HR-leader Pena breaks two fingers

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Tampa Bay slugger Carlos Pena broke two fingers when he was hit by a CC Sabathia pitch in the opener of Monday's day-night doubleheader against the Yankees.

Pena was hit on an 0-1 offering in the first inning of a 4-1 loss, with the ball hitting his left hand and then his bat. "I knew when the ball hit me it was going to be bad," he said. "You don't take a 95 mph fastball on the finger and live to tell about it — or the finger live to tell about it."

Pena broke the middle and index fingers. He will return to Florida on Tuesday and meet with the Rays medical staff before a determination is made whether he needs surgery.

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Formula One

Fisichella not planning to replace injured Massa

Associated Press

FIORANO, Italy — Giancarlo Fisichella made it clear that he has no plan to become a full-time replacement for injured driver Felipe Massa at Ferrari.

"I spoke with Massa by phone and he told me he's very happy for me and that I was the right choice," Fisichella said Monday during his introduction as a Ferrari driver for the final five races of the Formula One season.

"I responded that I'm very sorry about what happened to him and told him to get better soon. Whenever you want your time replacement for injured Massa,

"He congratulated me. We've been good friends since we were 14," said Fisichella, whose first call after the move was to his father Roberto, a beautiful moments of our lives."

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"It is obviously pretty disappointing. It's my right arm and a run at the championship. This is what I want to do. It looks like fun. It looks like a lot of work, but it looks fun. She doesn't have some misguided idea that it's going to be easy doing it. She was planning to do it the right way. She has the intention of doing everything right because she knows that if she's going to try driving, it's going to be with Sparco.

"It's an awful lot of fact-finding for a driver simply trying to leverage a more lucrative contract in IndyCar, a series desperate to keep its most marketable driver. So it's not a question if Patrick plans for a spot in a fully-funded car. It's a matter of when, where and, most important, how.

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MLB

Kershaw to miss start after bruising shoulder

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Los Angeles Dodgers left-hander Clayton Kershaw was scratched from his scheduled Friday start after bruising his right shoulder during batting practice before Sunday's game.

Kershaw, 1-8 with a 2.99 ERA, ran into an appendicitis scareboard in Dodger Stadium while shagging fly balls during batting practice.

"I wish it didn't happen. It's one of those freak things that I feel bad. I kind of feel like I'm letting the team down a little bit by missing a start," said Kershaw, whose ERA is fifth in the NL.

"It is obviously pretty disappointing. It's really frustrating, too. At the same time, I'm not sure what it is. I just have to get better now.

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out Danica Patrick is planning to give NASCAR a try.

"I'm not planning to do that. I'm planning to use a six-man rotation this week after the recent acquisitions of Vincent Paddila and Jon Garland, so Wohl would be pitching on five days' rest for the first time.

"As a student you receive a 15% discount on hair services Monday through Wednesday with your student ID. Or, check out our apprentice program. All cuts are $10.00 with an apprentice stylist and color is 1/2 priced Call to schedule your appointment today.

"I wasn't running really well, but then I thought I don't know where you don't run it to, you don't change your style for it at all," Kershaw said.

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Steve Stricker pumps his fist after making a birdie on the 18th hole to win the Deutsche Bank Championship. Stricker's win put his FedEx Cup lead over Tiger Woods at 909 points.

PGAnumber 17-under wins Deutsche Bank in wild finish
Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Steve Stricker can build a strong case for the Deutsche Bank Championship as the biggest victory of his career.

For his first win with Tiger Woods in the tournament. His third victory of the season, he moved up to a career-high No. 2 in the world ranking. And he replaced Woods in the FedEx Cup standings.

What satisfied Stricker, the most, however, was how he won.

He tied for 11th, five shots behind. The Bear ranked 30th in that department.

"Certainly, from where I was, I couldn't win the tournament, even if I shot 60 or something like that," Woods said.

"Stricker was there," Woods said. "And I just found a way to get it done."

"I know that Strick would be tough to catch today," Verplank said. "I knew that Strick would be tough to catch today."

"And I lost it. I'll feel this one a lot more than some of the others," Stricker said. "Strick was there."

"The only suspense was whether he could go after a 29, and that ended with a pair on the 16th. Woods bogeyed the next hole and had to settle for his best score of the year. He tied for 11th, five shots behind.

Butkus says Bears' 'D' is key
Associated Press

The Hall of Fame linebacker has at least one more year of playing left, and he's thrilled to be playing for Butkus has at least another year of playing left.

"Really, the only suspense was whether he could go after a 29, and that ended with a pair on the 16th. Woods bogeyed the next hole and has to settle for his best score of the year. He tied for 11th, five shots behind."

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"The Bears had been searching for a franchise quarterback. They're not looking for one now. They're looking for a player that can help them win a championship."
Clausen said learning the timing of the routes with his receivers helped him develop.

"That's one of the main things why I can throw the ball like I do," Clausen said. "The timing with my receivers and just knowing that the receivers know where I'm going to throw it. And I know where they're going to be on route. It makes it easy for me."

Clausen felt comfortable enough with his play that he told Weis to play him as a dress rehearsal freshman quarterback Dane Crist in the second half.

"Actually Jimmy and I talked about it first, I said, 'Hey, I can keep you in for another series, but I think we should go with Crist here,' and he says, 'I agree. Let's put him in there.'" Weis said.

Clausen was nominated along with Missouri quarterback Blaine Gabbert, UCLA safety Rahim Moore and Baylor linebacker Joe Pawlowski for the Heisman position, which will be announced Thursday, by text-VOTE balloting.

Despite Clausen's performances on Oct. 2, Weis didn't get too excited yet because the Irish travel to Michigan Saturday.

"He's playing pretty well right now," Weis said. "But he knows that now we've got to go on the road to the Big Ten, and he knows he's (going) to be a formidable challenge, and you're not going to have a late-game 85 percent every time you go out there."

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Brown helps when the majority of the team's development work is done rather than underclassmen. It's always really good when you can get the freshmen in there too, but I think the seniors and the upperclassmen are the biggest factors."

Our Dame (3-3) has had its ups and downs in the early part of the season, highlighted by a 3-0 sweep of No. 25 Boston College to start home as part of the Shamrock Invitational.

Each of the team's three losses, two of which came this weekend in Cincinnati at the Xavier Invitational, has been a sweep as well. "They could do a lot of different things, double Kyle and Golden."

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from a defender for another and screened a third to catch a backwards throw."

"He just makes plays every time the ball's thrown to him in the box and death game."

Floyd caught 48 balls for 719 yards last season and had 10 touchdowns. He missed two games last season due to an injury.

Clausen didn't disappoint either, and was one of four players nominated for the AFIA All-American Player of the Week. He completed 15 of 18 passes for 313 yards and four touchdowns Saturday.

When asked to compare Clausen to former Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, Irish coach Charlie Weis said the two were close.

"I'd have to say, based off of my off-field work with him in the spring leading into the season that it's at least comparable, if not heading with the arrow pointing over," Weis said.

Clausen passed for 3,172 yards last season and threw 25 touchdowns with a 60.9 percent completion rate. He missed Floyd for a few games because of an injury, however, and it hampered the offense.

"You know, Golden (Tate) was pretty much the only one out there and we had a lot of everything," Clausen said. "They could do a lot of different things, double Kyle and Golden."

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ing to stifle opposing attacks. Ronayne had a goal and an assist as well last season. Possibly the most important returning senior for Saint Mary's is defensive back Patrick Duffy who started 14 games last season. Duffy recorded an astounding 81 saves last season and already has 23 saves in just three games so far this season.

Seniors Micki Hedinger and Sam Smogor give the Belles a tough back-four. Hedinger was second on the team with three goals last season and notched two assists. Smogor pitched in a goal and an assist of her own.

The Belles got off to a fast start after knocking off Holy Cross 3-0 in the first game of the season. Senior Katy Durkin showed the team's depth and versatility by coming on the bench to score a goal.

Saint Mary's ran into stiffer competition at the Centre College tournament where they dropped both decisions. But they have a tough game against Centre and Transylvania.

The team will host the Saint Mary's Invitational where it is scheduled to meet Otterbein and Manchester in an exhibition tournament Sept. 11-13. The Belles will begin their NCAA conference season looking to improve on last season's 1-8-1 record when they travel to Adrian College Sept. 30.

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Celebrations Born on This Day: Deva Sarvo, 31, Cuba Benez, 35, John Kerry, 70, Glenn Goodyear, 80

Happy Birthday: Be a little more creative about the way you handle financial matters. Give one common sense and simple to avoid a situation with potential. Taking action now will be vital hints in your success or short-term gain. Your numbers are 14, 16, 32, 34, 39, 40, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Routines will be difficult to control and could lead to costly mistakes. Put more emphasis on how and relationships or something doing that will serve you well also add to the difficulty. Anything pertaining to your current position or your packaging order is at once but will be of two outstanding. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have some amazing ideas that can help you advance professionally. If you take on too much, you will fail short of your goals. Start small and build slowly. Let your talent lead your way. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let your anger show. Someone is just waiting for you to make a mistake. Keep things made clear by fulfilling your responsibilities. Good things will come your way if you are patient and set out correctly. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you think you know what's best, don't go for it. What will result time must be shared with someone you love, without your palette. Pre- written wills will not be necessary. Cash. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Call the shots and you will avoid being taken advantage of by a fast talker. Try to get into anyone making for a friend or wanting your assistance. Now is not the time to do for others when you should be trying to get past. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Let your charm be the way. Someone is likely to make you angry and, if you respond angrily, it will set you back and make you look bad. Concentrate on what you care that is positive. Love is finding itself in a new romantic comedy. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A new love affair will change everyone that you have everything put the way you want it. Let your positive and put experiences guide you. Don't let anyone lead you to believe you don't have some worthwhile to offer. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be ready to play this one hot, but before you do, make sure you have kept information or up-to-date so that you are prepared. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can talk all you want but, if you are not ready, you will be wasting your time and energy. Leaping down the rules won't be easy in such a way that you don't rush ahead. Use a highly cautious and friendly persuasion. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Events you say you are going to keep up with will have some negative factors. The more you try to explain your past, the better equipped you will be to handle what's to come. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't place value or you'll have unanswered questions that may be important. Right now, you need to be more careful than ever about making some changes. Patience, understanding, compassion and forgiveness will be required. **

Birthday Baby: You are energetic and know how to get things done. You are a leader with others. You like being in the middle of action and actions make a difference.


--Eugenia's breakfast advice--

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Frequent places you used to enjoying going to and book up now. As you travel, a small group of people will arise if you remain accommodating. * * *

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Maund, Powers to represent U.S. in Under-20 World Cup

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Two Irish players will be representing country and Notre Dame this month when they play in the Under-20 World Cup in Suez, Egypt.

Junior midfielder Dillon Maund and freshman fielder Michael Floyd Powers were named to the U.S. Under-20 team in late August and will leave for the World Cup after this weekend's games against Seattle and New Mexico. Depending on the team's success, the two may not be back until Notre Dame's Oct. 21 match with Georgetown.

"I was really excited when named to the team because I worked really hard to get there," Maund said. "It's the World Cup, where every player dreams to be at one point. It was a great honor and I'm really excited to go."

Maund, who will turn 19 a week before the team's first World Cup game, has played 282 of 390 total minutes this season for Notre Dame (1-3-1). In 2008, his freshman season, he played every possible minute.

"It's tough to miss time from the season," he said. "But our squad is really deep this year, so we have options. Boss — that's our coach (Bobby Clark), we call him Boss — he has things up his sleeve. The team should be okay."

Powers, a highly regarded recruit and just 18 years old, has played in all three games for a total of 42 minutes. He has already notched an assist in the Sept. 1 win over Michigan.

"You just kind of get used to the fact that you're going to be gone and you travel all the time," Powers said. "It's the life of a soccer player."

Maund has been playing with U.S. Soccer for years — he played on the under-14, under-15 and under-17 teams, and started all three games in the under-17 World Cup in South Korea.

Powers is newer to the scene but the duo is looking forward to their experience with the Under-20 team.

ND Volleyball

Chemistry key to success

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

It's a word that sophomore and freshmen fear, but one that sports teams need for survival.

That word is chemistry, and Notre Dame is saturated with it.

"I think the chemistry is good," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "I think we have a very experienced team ... I think it's very positive." Experience is a big factor in team chemistry — Notre Dame's six seniors have known each other since they signed their letters of intent close to five years ago, and the younger players have had plenty of playing time together.

"They've been through the preseason, the tournaments before," Brown said. "It

SMC Soccer

Belles led by strong senior class

By ALEX BARKER
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Saint Mary's finished last season with a disappointing record of 2-13-1, partly due to the team's inexperience and shortage of senior leadership. However, second-year coach Ryan Crabbe's squad won't have that problem again this season.

The Belles (1-2) field nine seniors this time around, five of whom are starters.

Capitn Bridge Bonayne returns alongside classmate Jessica Stein to anchor a defense that gave up 35 goals last season. The pair will lead an experienced backline today.

SMC Volleyball

Kuschel has high hopes for Saint Mary's in '09

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

If you talk to Belles' volleyball head coach Toni Kuschel, it's safe to say that she thinks things are looking up for this year's squad.

Saint Mary's, which finished in third place at the Capital Tournament this past weekend, will start conference play against in-state rival Time tonight at the Angola Athletic Complex.

"The sky is the limit for this Saint Mary's team," Kuschel said. "This game is very important and will help set the tone for the rest of the season."

Despite her own expectations, Kuschel admitted that the fate of this season rests in the hands of her talented players.

"One of our teams goals this year is to finish in the very top of the MIAA. A coach can have a clear picture of what they want for their team, but the 12 of them are the ones who have to believe and make it happen out on the court."

The Belles should have no problems when it comes to self-motivation. They are led by a strong senior class headlined by Lorna Slupcznski.

Slupcznski, a Indiana native, was recently named to the Capital Tournament All-Tournament team and was a big reason for the Belles success. However, Kuschel also help along what Kuschel describes as "a very talented" freshman class in their first taste of college volleyball this weekend.

The Belles will open conference play tonight against the Thunder, who went only 9-20 last season.

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