Tournament raises funds for Africa
Irish men's soccer team hosts 'Lose the Shoes' games to help Grassroot program

By LAURA MYERS
News Writer

No shoes? No problem. This weekend Notre Dame will become the newest school to host Lose the Shoes, a 3-on-3 barefoot soccer tournament to benefit Grassroot Soccer.

The tournament — organized by the Irish men's soccer coach Bobby Clark and MBA student Lisa Scullion — will feature 32 teams of three players each. The teams will play soccer Saturday afternoon on South Quad and the championship will be played Sunday during halftime of Notre Dame's game against Cincinnati.

"We want to get it started this year, and hopefully do it every year," Scullion said. "Like Bookstore Basketball, we want to make it part of Notre Dame tradition."

Each participant must donate at least $10, though more donations are welcome.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning team as well as to the team that raises the most money and to the team that scores the most points in a single game. Scullion said the prizes are not final but may include basketball tickets and Grassroots gear.

Scullion said other fundraisers will be held.

GRC launches poster campaign
Week-long effort to raise awareness of eating disorders, help improve students' self-esteem

By MEGAN HEMLER
News Writer

Notre Dame students may soon be seeing their friends, classmates and themselves in a whole new way. The Gender Issues Committee of student government is launching the "Love Thy Notre Dame, Love Thyself" poster campaign, which is co-sponsored by the Counseling Center, the Gender Relations Center (GRC), Feminist Voice and the Snite Museum.

The campaign posters feature pictures of body parts of anonymous volunteers that are accompanied by phrases emphasizing what their bodies can do other than just their appearance.

"With the publicity surrounding the "Thin" exhibit at the Snite, we wanted to circulate examples of positive body image," Robyn Grant, co-director of the Gender Issues Committee, said. "Most advertising is not truly representative of the average human body."

Grant also said that the goal of the campaign is to "disassociate emotions with physical appearance, and reclaim the body as a tool that does amazing things."

The posters will be unveiled all over campus on Oct. 1 to kick off "Body Image and Eating Disorders Awareness Week," Oct. 1-8. The goal of the campaign as well as the overall event is to raise awareness of body image and eating disorders.

Along with the poster campaign, a screening of the movie "Mean Girls," a Mass and Coffee House Open Mic Night are among the events planned for that week.

"Both women and men at the University struggle with eating disorders," Grant said.

"We hope to alleviate some of the pressure to maintain a perfect body," the photo shoot with volunteers took place Sunday afternoon. Twelve models participated, and the Gender Issues Committee created the positive captions for the posters. Model Aidan Gillespie said the photo shoot "was a fun experience. I can't wait to see my leg on a poster somewhere in O'Shaugnessy."

Grant hopes the posters will help improve self esteem on campus.

"Everyone came away with

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Australia program students injured

By JOSEPH MACAHON
Assistant News Editor

Two Notre Dame students studying abroad in an Australia program were injured while rock climbing, according to Bill Kirk, associate vice president for Residence Life.

Kirk said he cannot comment further on the injuries without permission from the families of the students.

The Office of International Studies, Student Affairs and the host university in Australia have been corre-
sponding and offering assistance to the families and will continue to do so, Kirk said.

He said the families are asking for the prayers of the Notre Dame community.

The University has two Australia study abroad programs, according to the Office of International Study's Web site.

One program is located in Perth, Australia and the other is in Fremantle. Both are semester-long programs.
The meaning of life

Taking up the torch from my illustrious forebears, I will now endeavor to set forth a theory of the meaning of life. Unlike them, I will reach my conclusion in only four numbered words, proving my superior intellect and defying the strictures of this column.

First hypothesis: life is for yourself. Model: a single, free-floating point. Epicurus and his follower Lucretius were proponents of the doctrine that the goal of life is to seek pleasure and to avoid pain. Seeking pleasure does not necessarily mean binge-drinking, stuffing your face with McDonald's, and smoking hours every night. Lucretius admirably held knowledge to be the highest pleasure. Nevertheless, theory fails because it makes for a very cold, lonely life.

Second hypothesis: life is for you and your soul mate. Model: two points attached by a line. Belief currently in vogue in certain circles of Hollywood and among writers of books about teenage vampires. Respectable and much cozier than the first theory, but many brains (Ovid, Augustine, Dante, Shakespeare, among others) have pointed out the fallacy of this path. Theory fails because two hopeless lovers become cut off from everyone and everything else, leading to disaster.

Third hypothesis: life is for everyone. Model: triangle. Belief that love must extend to all humans as well as God. Christian writers such as St. Bonaventure and St. Anselm reasoned that this is the smallest number of persons possible for a God who loves us. A one-person God would be wrapped up in itself. A two-person God would be wrapped up in its love between the two. When a third person is added, the love is opened up to extend outwards, ever-infusing everything. Evidence: a three-sided figure is the simplest polygon that can contain any area, i.e., that can encompass anything else. Furthermore, the number three is a perfect number, built fundamentally into the fabric of the universe by means of circles, historically considered the most perfect and divine of shapes. Pi equals three (the three persons of God) plus an infinite decimal tail (the endless overflow of love from those three persons). Pi also sounds like pie (pizza or otherwise), a circular and arguably perfect food that can contain so much other food as a topping and still taste amazing.

And so without further ado, here is the answer for which you have been seeking your entire life. The meaning of life is: Pi.

Q.E.D.

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The meaning of life is: Pi.
Rickey dies at 95 in his Minn. home

Special to The Observer

George Rickey died at his home in Saint Paul, Minn., on July 17, 2002, at the age of 95. As seems appropriate for a "kinetic" sculptor, an artist whose work needs motion no less than forged steel, his previous obituaries number the numerous and far flung, including Santa Barbara, Calif.; East Chatham, N.Y.; Denver; London; Madrid; Chicago; Paris; Oxford; and Hedehoum and Gentzien in Scotland.

But the very first of them was 1000 block Washington St. in South Bend, Ind., no three crow-fly miles from the University of Notre Dame's Art's Dillon Courtyard, where two of his sculptures, "A Little II" and "Two Lines Oblique," bear their untitled dignities, elegantly and continually dancing with every breeze, gust or gale that comes across the city.

There are other Rickey works to be seen at the Snite, such as the three that sail the thermal air currents of the museum's atrium and there are soon to be many more, from his estate to the University, along with the voluminous correspondence accumulated over the course of his unique artistic career.

Something of that uniqueness was evident during one of his frequent return visits to South Bend, when Rickey provided a Notre Dame audience a glimpse of a improbable artistic inspiration. Recounting his military service during World War II, he said, that taught him so much about the ball bearings, in bouncing weapons, metal structure, construction techniques and hardware that he would later put to a far less lethal use in his artistic contrivances.

Around 1941, Charles H. Loving, director of the Snite Museum and current keeper of the George Rickey archive, "the promised gift of 20 George Rickey sculptures from the late artist's estate," in addition to the Snite's new building, as well as the future gift of his entire business and scholarly archives to Notre Dame Archives, is a far Notre Dame because of the unique international standing as a major modern artist.

In gratitude for these gifts and in appreciation of that standing, the Snite Museum will host a "Rickey, and Mary Miss, an artist whose work merges sculpture, architecture and landscape design. Concurrently, two other celebrations of Rickey's artwork will be held on campus. The Community Foundation of St. Joseph County will install five large Rickey sculptures in downtown South Bend for a year, beginning Sept. 26.

"I think last year one of my main issues had to do with a lack of transparency within our organization. My hope this year is that by communication students will be more aware of us and place their trust in us.

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President

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throughout the afternoon, including a heading tournament and a shoot-out in which students go against a goalie.
A Grassroot is an organization that raises AIDS awareness in Africa through children's soccer programs. Founded in 2002 by Tommy Clark, son of Bobby Clark, the program has already spread to 14 countries in Africa and two in Latin America.
Tommy Clark said he felt the need to start the organization after playing professional soccer in Africa and seeing the effect AIDS had on the community. "People were playing with and teaching with ended up dying with AIDS. I wanted to do something about it." Scullion said the tournaments served as creative ways to teach kids about AIDS while playing soccer. For example, children would have to answer a question about the disease before shooting a goal. "It gave kids someone to talk to. Over there there's a bit of a stigma, they just try to trash it up, sweep it under the rug. This opens up the lines of communication." Luke Scullion organizer of "Lose the Shoes"

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people, including an NDSP officer, outside of the Stadium. One underage person was also issued a summons for intoxication but was released to an adult. Johnson said one person was transported from the Stadium to St. Joseph County Hospital for possible alcohol overdose.
Johnson said police are also investigating an incident that occurred at the Fisher Graduate Residences early Saturday morning. "A student reported to NDSP that an unknown person or persons entered an apartment bedroom while the student was away between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. an e-mail sent to the Notre Dame student body said. "Entry to the apartment appeared to have been by removing a screen and opening an unlocked window." According to the e-mail, "valuable property" was stolen from the apartment. Johnson would not elaborate on the incident, although he said NDSP does not currently have any suspects.
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home football weekends. When they were able to rent it for five football games in the first year of owning the house, it dawned on the three friends that they had a real business opportunity. "There was a big risk. People thought we were crazy for going into real estate in South Bend," Curnes said. "We had a lot to learn. There are a lot of real estate rules, but we pooled all of our savings."
Now, the company owns and rents 30 properties — some to students living off-campus for the year and some to football fans for a weekend. "That's part of entrepreneurship," he said. "You have to be willing to take a risk." Curnes said the company aims to buy one house every two months, usually at St. Joseph County tax sales. He said they have bought houses for as little as $8,000. The company follows the city's zoning laws, "yes, and the student houses aren't clustered together to avoid problems in the neighborhood," Curnes said. "We rebah them to make them look nicer. We put in new kitchens, new floors," he said. "We can teach students how to do this. It is a very realistic business you can get into with relatively low amounts of money." Curnes said the company could cover all of our expenses, so they would have to remove day by day, week by week. They entered an apartment that an unknown person or persons entered an apartment bedroom while the student was away between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m., an e-mail sent to the Notre Dame student body said. "Entry to the apartment appeared to have been by removing a screen and opening an unlocked window." According to the e-mail, "valuable property" was stolen from the apartment. Johnson would not elaborate on the incident, although he said NDSP does not currently have any suspects. At the Nevada game two weeks earlier, only one man was arrested outside of the Stadium, while four people were issued summons for alcohol violations including underage drinking and sale of alcohol without a permit," Johnson said. Johnson said a total of three people, including two inside of the Stadium, were transport- ed by ambulance from the public safety office to a local hospital for possible, so he said they struck up a partnership with the Entrepreneurship Society to help educate as many students as possible about starting a business.
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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Ex-president defies arrest

**TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Deposed President Manuel Zelaya made a dramatic return to Honduras’ capital on Monday, taking shelter from arrest at Brazil’s embassy and calling for negotiations with the leaders who forced him from the country a year ago.**

The interim government ordered a 15-hour curfew, but thousands of Zelaya supporters poured into the deserted downtown (1200 GMT) shutdown and remained outside the embassy, dancing and cheering.

Others in the capital started running home, lining up at bus stands and frantically making phone calls.

The leftist leader’s homecoming creates a sharp new challenge for the interim government that has threatened repeatedly to throw him in jail if he returns.

**Guantanamo trials delayed 60 days**

**GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba** — A military judge agreed Monday to another delay in the war crimes trial of five Guantanamo prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 attacks to give U.S. officials more time to decide how to try them.

Army Col. Stephen Henley granted the 60-day continuance at the request of President Barack Obama’s administration, which has said it will decide by Nov. 16 which Guantanamo cases will be tried in a revamped military court and which ones moved to civilian courts.

**National News**

**Killer had run-ins with the police**

**FARMVILLE, Va.** — An aspiring rap artist accused of killing a Virginia pastor and three other children had two run-ins with police in the days before his arrest, but authorities said he never acted strangely or raised suspicions.

Richard Alan Summer McCreosky III, 20, answered the door of a home the day before the bodies were discovered and calmly told police looking for a teenager from out of town that she was at the movies with a friend.

A day later, McCreosky was ticketed for driving with a car with a license — 12 hours before the reported decompositions were discovered.

The car hadn’t been reported stolen, and police said they didn’t realize until later that day the driver suspected killer go free.

McCreosky, of Castro Valley, Calif., was an aspiring rapper. He released his first music video, which sets violent lyrics to hip-hop beats. He is accused of killing Mark Niederbrock, a pastor, and three other children.

**CHICAGO** — Four men have been arrested in connection with a hate crimes trial of five Guantanamo prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 attacks.

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**Accused sex tourists defy guilt**

**LOS ANGELES** — Three men charged with traveling to Cambodia to engage in sex acts with children have pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles.

Ronald Royajian, Erik Peeters and Jack Sporich entered their pleas Monday in federal court.

**India**

**Earthquake kills at least 11 in Bhutan**

**GAHAT, India — A 6.3-magnitude earthquake shook the remote mountain nation of Bhutan on Monday, killing at least 11 people and destroying an ancient monastery and forcing hundreds to flee, officials said. About 15 people were also injured.

The afternoon earthquake was initially reported at 6.4 magnitude, the capital of Bhutan’s northeastern Assam state, but it was centered in a little-populated eastern region of the tiny nation of Bhutan.

Much of Bhutan, a Himalayan nation sandwiched between India and China, is sparsely populated, reachable only by walking paths and without electricity or telephones.

“We’re trying to piece together information to assess the damage,”עשה Tenzing, the country’s director of disaster management said from Thimphu, Bhutan’s capital.

He said at least seven people were killed when their houses collapsed in the eastern districts of Mongar and Trashiing, and rescuers were searching for survivors under the debris of other buildings. Most buildings in that region are small farmhouses made by hand from mud and stone.

Four Indian highway workers were also killed in Bhutan’s Samdrup Jongkhar district, near the border with India, when the road they were working on collapsed, Tenzing said, adding that at least 15 people had been injured across the earthquake zone.

In the Trashigang district, more than 200 Buddhist monks and 100 local officials were forced to flee an ancient monastery when it was left damaged by the quake. For centuries, much of Bhutan was governed from fortified monasteries, and today many of those buildings are also used as government offices.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported the quake’s magnitude as 6.3 and it said it was centered about 80 miles (125 kilometers) north of Gashish and 115 miles (180 kilometers) east of Thimphu at a depth of 4.5 miles (7.2 kilometers).
Companies able to be sued to cut emissions

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court rejected a challenge by several states trying to combat global warming that says six eastern states have the right to sue six eastern states to cut the greenhouse gases emitted by their power plants in 20 states. The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan rein­
ated the laws after a lower court judge tossed out the actions brought in 2004 by eight states, New York City and the city of New York.

The lawsuits accuse the companies of being among the largest polluters of carbon dioxide in the world and sought to force them to reduce their carbon dioxide emis­sions.

The appeals court said that the lower court judge erred in rul­ing that the issue was a politi­cal one that was not meant to be decided by the courts.

The court said that not every case with political overtones has to be kept out of the courts.

"It is error to equate a politi­cal issue with a political case," the court wrote. "Given the checks and balances among the branches of our government, the judiciary can and must use executive and legislative prerogatives

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Prosecutors will not retry a man whose murder conviction was over­turned by a federal appeals court after he spent 26 years in prison for his mother's slaying.

The decision announced during a court hearing Monday was an emotional one for his mother, who had been destroyed, authorities said.

Lisker, 44, said he was shocked and speechless when Deputy District Attorney Pat Dixon moved to dismiss the charges.

"I had a feeling, but you can't go on that. You have to stay on the side of caution and assume that they'll take this thing to the last en­durance," Lisker said. "Justice and truth finally won out today."

Lisker was convicted and sentenced to life in prison in the 1980 slaying of his 66-year-old mother, Dorka, in 1980 in near Sherman Oaks, Calif. A Los Angeles Times investigation in 2005 raised questions about the evidence against him and his defense attorney.

U.S. District Judge Virginia A. Phillips overturned his con­viction in 2009, saying the trial was tainted by false evidence and Lisker's attorney did not ade­quately question key witnesses. His release was freed on Aug. 13 and pleaded not guilty at an arraignment.

Dixon said he believed Lisker had turned his life around after the trial and that he had made amends with his mother.

Lisker said he felt like his murdered mother and his family's grief was "at an end." He thanked his family and the court for the ruling.

"The people who worked so selflessly on this for so long, just because they believed in the justice of our case, they gave me my life back and I told them that after court," he said.

Lisker was 17 and had a his­tory of drug abuse and fighting with his mother when she was murdered on March 10, 1983. He lived with his mother and his father in a house he was going to his mother's house when he looked through a window, said her body on the floor, broke into the locked room and asked to help her.

Investigators doubted the story, saying he couldn't have seen her. After his trial, they claimed a bloody shoe print belonged to Lisker. Lisker claimed the mur­der in prison but said he only told it so in hopes of getting parole.

The Los Angeles Times reported a new analysis con­cluded the bloody shoe print wasn't Lisker's.


Meet the Author

Harlan Cohen: The Naked Roommate: And 107 Other Issues You Might Run into in College

September 24
5pm - 7pm
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From sharing a bathroom with 40 strangers to sharing lecture notes, "The Naked Roommate" is the behind-the-scenes look at every student need to know about college (but never knew they needed to know).

Books available before and at the event.
New Univision president embodies future

MIAMI — When Cesar Conde walks into a room, his youthful looks and earnest countenance have at times led people to confuse the trim executive with an intern. But the 35-year-old is increasingly rare. The Miami-born son of Cuban immigrants who came to the U.S. "with absolutely nothing except for the space change and the clothes they had on their back," according to his son. He is also a Harvard graduate with an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania, embodying not only the immigrant dream but also the network's future — including second- and third-generation Hispanics drawn to the network because of its cultural, as well as language ties.

It is his Gen X ability to move from talk of political empowerment to market statistics to the company's latest reality TV offerings that makes Conde such a force in shaping the future of one of the nation's fastest-growing networks.

Former Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, whom Conde served as a White House Fellow from 2002 to 2003, said he quickly noticed something special about the young businessman.

"It was clear to me that he had great potential," Powell said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "I believe a person's early accomplishments are an important signal of their future success, and Cesar has had many of them. His sense of purpose and maturity allow him to lead by bringing out the best in those around him despite his young age."

Univision, and Spanish-language media in general, have long embraced advocacy journalism promoting a "we're on your side" ethos for its audience, but Conde is part of a new leadership looking to expand the tradition.
Flood kills 2-year-old boy
Son swept away from father's arms after downpours hit Atlanta

Associated Press
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Room 207, DeBartolo Hall

Terror suspect faces charges for possession

Wendy Aiello (eye-eh-loh) says he was cited because he was the owner of the boat where the marijuana was found during a safety inspection. She says the marijuana belonged to one of Folsom's friends who was a guest on the boat.

A pretrial conference in the marijuana case is scheduled for Oct. 13.

Folsom's client, 24-year-old Najibullah Zazi (nah-jee-boo'-lah ZAH'-zee), faces charges of lying to the government in a matter involving terrorism. He has denied being involved in a terrorist plot.
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — A Florida woman slain along with her five children and husband was buried after being traced to a remote mountain, where her husband had stopped her car and killed her under a story of a missing woman, police said.

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Information Session

Trinity College
Dublin, Ireland

1) Study at prestigious Trinity College Dublin
2) Advice on how to complete the Trinity hard copy application
3) Immersing into an Irish University and still be part of a Notre Dame Community

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009
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Obama has proposed no "plan" of his own separate from the bills he has endorsed, including chiefly H.R. 3200 and other bills which allow federal funding of abortion. The question remains: is he correct in claiming that, "under our plan no federal dollars" will be used to fund abortions? The Capps Amendment is compli­cated; it provides that the federalally funded subsidy for individual public option health care premiums would be deductible. It says, "The Treasury may not be used to fund abortions." The Hyde Amendment, however, the Health Care Commissioner "shall estimate the basic per enrollee, per month cost, determined on an average actuarial basis, for including coverage for such elective abortions. The premium charged to enrollees in the federally operated public option would be increased by the proportional amount (at least $1 a month) required to pay for all those elective abortions. The abortionsists would bill the federal agency for such abor­tions performed on subscribers to the pub­lic option. The abortionsists would be paid by checks drawn on the United States Treasury. Everyone subscribing to public option health insurance would be required to pay the premium surcharge to support all the abortions for which the Treasury would pay the abortionsists. The dollars paid to the federal government under that sur­charge would obviously become "federal dollars" which would then be disbursed by the Treasury to the abortionsists. Obama's flat statement in Congress and the American people that "under our plan no federal dollars will be used to fund abor­tions," is either evidence of an incomprehensible ignorance of what is in H.R. 3200 and similar bills or it is knowingly false, that is, "You lie!"

The nation's Catholic bishops, including especially Cardinal Justin Rigali and Bishop William Murphy of Rockville Center, New York, view health care "as a basic right" and "have long supported health care reform that respects human life and dignity from conception to natural death, provides access to quality health care for all, with a special concern for immigrants and the poor, and with respect to the right to conscience and restraint costs while sharing them equa­lly." The bishops rightly insist that the pay­ment for abortion must be excluded from the health care plan. It would be a mistake, however, to con­clude that merely excluding abortion cover­age would make the plan "pro-life" acceptable. Other problems are involved. One is the definition of abortion. Many so-called contraceptive pills can operate as abortifacients. The "morning after pill" which can release abortion, is sold over-the­counter as an "emergency contraceptive." A prohibition of funding for "abortion" would not prevent funding of such abortifac­tive "contraceptives." On another point, consider H.R. 3200, section 241, page 768, which provides for "home visits by trained nurses to families with a first-time pregnant woman, or a child (under 2 years of age), who is eligible for medical assis­tance, to prevent the occurrence of such home visits is that they "are effective" in "lessening maternal or child health and pregnancy outcomes of increasing birth intervals between pregnancies." A federal fund­ing system, therefore, would come into a low-income home to improve "pregnancy outcomes," one of which could be abortion, and to "increase birth intervals between pregnancies." By the time the bureaucrats get through writing the regulations for this, it could operate as a covert version of Obama's "one-child policy.

In a joint statement, "Principles of Catholic Social Teaching and Health Care Reform," the Kansas City bishops, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann and Bishop Robert W. Finn, analyzed both the inade­quacies and strengths of our current health care system. Significantly, they emphasized that the principle of subsidiarity requires that "health care ought to be determined at the lowest level rather than at the higher strata of society. .. The writings of recent Popes have warned that the neglect of sub­sidarity can lead to an excessive centraliza­tion of human services, which in turn leads to excessive costs, and loss of personal responsibility and quality of care.

"The right of every individual to access health care," said Naumann and Finn, "does not necessarily suppose an obligation on the part of the government to provide it. Yet in our American culture, Catholic teaching about the 'right' to healthcare is some­times confused with the structures of 'enti­tlement.' The teaching of the Universe has never been to suggest a government socialization of medical services. Rather, the Church has asserted the right of each individual to have access to those things most necessary for sustaining and caring for human life, while at the same time insisting on the personal responsibility of each individual to care properly for his or her own health.

Here, however, the social and moral teachings of the Church would not support principles of human solidarity, dignity and common sense as well as the right to life. Professor Emerita Rice is on the Law School faculty. She is a Roman Catholic and a United States movie actress.
Letters to the Editor

No laughing matter

Dear "Toolman,"

Thank you for providing your comedic enthusiasm to the Notre Dame community via our Observer comic strip. Yes, I realize the point of a comic strip is to make fun of groups of people. However there is one thing that is socially unacceptable to mock: women and their weight. If you haven't seen the Snite Museum already, there are images full of women who struggle with their body image because media, society, and peers have convinced them that they need to look a "certain way" as well. Unfortunately, these women have taken their body images to an extreme. But women with eating disorders are not the only ones who struggle with their appearance; women on this campus and worldwide also have issues with their weight. A size 0 is not attainable for every shape and frame. Nor can you expect every woman to have the body of a Victoria's Secret model. You may have been "joking" but your senseless comments affect many of us. Please watch what you ridicule.

Erica Severson

Know thine enemy

I myself was not altogether pleased by the arguments put forward by Mr. Damian in his earlier letter ("The sexist church," Sept. 16). Although he shares my belief that women cannot be ordained, he incorrectly assumes that arguments citing "nature" or "the Church" would be effective in an increasingly secular environment such as Notre Dame.

There are two separate currents of popular thinking which meet under the shade cast by this question. The first is that no one but oneself is the authority over oneself. It is individualism gone wrong. We, as a society, perpetuate the myth that we can determine our final state in life almost any serious inquiry as to the quality of that final state. If one by some miracle does inquire, radical individualism would dictate such inquiry be limited to the realm of one's experiences. "No one else can tell me how to be happy."
The second current, related to the first, is that we all have "rights" which undermine any authority's attempt to direct our lives. While in many cases, these rights have helped liberate an oppressed minority, these rights have also given rise to another viewpoint that we can do whatever we want because we have a right to. Want something? Make up a right. In this line of thinking, many opponents of Mr. Damian's original letter have implicitly stated, in one way or another, that women have a "right" to become a priest. No one will point out in the public conversation, however, that priesthood is not a right. Because that would be the oppressive Roman Catholic Church, perpetrator of the Inquisition and the Crusades, rearing its ugly head again.

Mr. Damian and many others may hold the views they wish to hold but, to be persuasive in a public forum, must understand their opponent. Citing any authority (even nature), especially in this debate over women ordination, will cause the rivers of individualism and "rights" to flow with passion.

Daniel Amiel

Priesthood 101

In response to Malcolm Pfean's letter ("Bless me Father, for I have questioned," Sept. 31), here is the Church's answer.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1577: "Only a baptized man (vir) validly receives sacred ordination." The Lord Jesus chose men (vir) to form the college of the 12 apostles, and the apostles did the same when they chose collaborators to succeed them in their ministry. The college of bishops, with whom the priests are united in the priesthood, makes the college of the twelve an ever-present and active reality until Christ's return. The Church recognizes herself to be bound by this choice made by the Lord himself. For this reason the ordination of women is not possible.

The Church cannot make women priests because Christ instituted a male priesthood. It is a doctrinal issue and it cannot change. Neither Pope Benedict XVI nor University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh can create a female priesthood.

Doug Carder

A true American hero

I was disappointed this past week to find that The Observer omitted the newsworthy passing of not just an American icon, but a world hero: Norman Borlaug. Borlaug, a scientist and humanitarian from Cresco, Iowa, put his Midwest farming background to good use and focused on feeding the hungry people of the world. He helped develop new forms of wheat that enabled famine-ravaged countries like Mexico and India to feed their own population and eventually produce enough to export food to other nations.

His contributions are widely credited with helping save millions of lives. Borlaug died Oct. 13, ("Forgotten Benefactor of Humanity," 1997). He founded the World Food Prize, which recognizes individuals and groups that help eradicate famine and hunger around the world. Among his many accomplishments, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, a Congressional Gold Medal and a Nobel Peace Prize. Borlaug joins six others, including the likes of Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, and Martin Luther King Jr., as the only people to have been awarded each of these distinctions.

It is incredible to think that, while many people dream of being doctors, police officers, or other professionals, in hopes of saving or impacting lives, that Norman Borlaug did just that, and more. Perhaps the World Food Prize website characterized his contributions best by recalling him as, "the man who saved more lives than any other person who has ever lived."

John Whitty

U-Wire

American PC goes on a rant

Old Western films were always my dad's favorites, but never mine. More and more though, I find myself watching them for a reason that took until now to materialize. I find it amazing that those old films can be showing the same ground we live on today. America has become a powerhouse in the world with its booming, metropolitan cities, filled with some of today's most bright and beautiful people. Sure, problems plague us like any other country. But overall, I would say our country is in a good state on the surface. But that's on the surface. What is happening to the people of this country? Forget about the economy. Forget about immigration issues. Forget about the rising price of your cappuccino. The量化ity is one that is developing, day-by-day, inside of all of us.

Here it is: You're too damn sensitive. Now, don't take this term the wrong way. When your mom says, "It's good that you're sensitive," she's right. It's nice to have emotions. I wish I did. Also, don't think I want to disregard any humanity issues such as racism or women's rights are issues that one should be sensitive about.

I'm talking about the everyday, little things that people — you and I included — get pissed about. Someone humps into you. The bus is crowded. They were out of your favorite muffin at Starbucks. One, muffins are gay ... but not gay in the homosexual way. I have no problems with homosexuals, I love homosexuals ... but not in that way ... not that would be a problem or anything...

No? That sentence is the physical manifestation of the problem. No one in their right mind actually thinks a muffin can have an agenda and be homosexual, even though it is from Starbucks. The problem is that someone is an example of the sensitive people making decisions for the rest of us. One person's dissonant voice can bring down the whole lot of us. Just because they feel that gay is being used in a derogatory manner, the rest of us have to watch what we say everywhere we go. Not me. Not anymore. I thought I was deeply hurting someone, of course I'd stop. You and I both know that is a policy that doesn't exist. Get it together. What happened to you? What happened to our leather skin? What happened to whiskey instead of applejack? What happened to having fun and worrying about the consequences later? We need a little more of that old westerner in your lives. That doesn't mean everyone who is a stocktoner gets to be a Rascal. But we do need to get our spines back and fight for what we believe in. We need to get back on the horse and show people that America still has a little Wild West in them, that we still have our balls. Or ovaries if any ladies are reading.

See?

This column first ran in the Sept. 21 edition of The Indiana Daily Student, the daily newspaper serving Indiana University.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

The newest NBC comedy, "Community," starring comedian Joel McHale ("The Soup") is surprisingly funny, considering the ideals it has pitted itself against. At first glance it looks like the latest installment of "The Office" spin-offs, especially since it premiered right after the show on NBC's exclusive comedy powerhouse Thursday nights (also featuring a weekend edition of "Parks and Recreation" and "30 Rock" which starts up in October) and on second glance — a kind of looks like that. The surprising part is that it is not a butch thing — a group of quirky misfits who are thrown into a boring environment, sit in some clever dialogue and awkwardness and voila, comedy finita.

"Community" centers around smooth-talkin' (he makes a tear jerking argument that begins: "We're the only species on Earth that observes Shark Week.") recently disbarred lawyer Jeff, who has essentially been sentenced to community college if he ever wants his license back. While trying to seduce a Spanish classmate, he accidently forms a study group of the school's strangest, where the culture clash of looks like that. He's in, slowly kind of shows up, to your know, your know, everybody. I mean it's a dream come true. It's so something I've never imagined. It's — you know, I feel like, you know, I can really communicate in my performances because everyone else is amazing. And no, but, you know, it's really is ideal because Dan Harmon is such an incredible writer. The Russo brothers who did " Arrested Development" and they're directing most of the episodes. And then you've got this cast of, you know, from Chevy Chase to John Oliver to Ken Jeong to Jim Rash to everyone in, you know, everybody. I mean it's really ideal. And I can't, you know, it's one of those things where it's like yeah, it's awesome and I'm so excited. That's kind of like I can't believe it.

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Question: How similar is your character to yourself? 
Joel McHale: Well, you know, with any — with any acting role you have to kind of ask, "how do I relate to this person" and how do I make this and how do I not and how do I — how do I communicate, who this person is on screen. And so I — boy, how is he similar to me? I guess he — this guy — I mean similar to me in that I did everything I could not to, you know, work hard in school because I was much more interested in acting and trying to do that. And I always felt like I was kind of putting in — you know, just kind of clocking time at school until I could get out and do something, you know, and perform. But that's not the greatest parallel, I mean my — this guy is — he starts off very selfish. I hopefully am not that way. And he cheats and he lies to get what he wants. And I don't really have not done a lot of that. But I've — I have — I have cheated in a math class or two. But. Right. I was so bad. I literally had to take a math class in college that was for no credit. It was literally just to get into college while I was already in college. And they were like just — they basically were like look, you're going to pass. You just don't ever take math again, you moron. So, you know, it's fun to play a guy who has kind of — he's kind of — he's kind of reckless in how he approaches life in that he just kind of did what he wanted to do. And people kind of let him get by with it. And this is the first time that he actually has to do work. And it's a change in his world completely.

Q: How do you think people who are actually in college are going to view the "Community" depiction of their schools? 
JM: I personally think this show will show, that is that I hope, and in it's success will do what, you know, "The Office" has done for people, who you know, in the workplace that this will do for what, you know, the sixty million people that go to community college. And so I kind of see that the backdrop of school is the same way as a line of, you know — it's not like going to a show about making fun of community college in any way. But my character will definitely lash out about it because he doesn't want to be there and this group of misfits, this study group that he's in, slowly kind of shows him that, you know, you can be a human being.

Q: How do you see "Community" fitting into the line up of the other NBC Thursday night shows?
JM: I mean from the nature of, you know, what it is it's it's really is ideal that it's been to those, I would be honored I feel like, you know, hopefully it has the same sort of vibe for Thursday night comedy on NBC and I can't believe I'm even on that night. I mean it's so strange to think about it. So let's hope — let's hope that it's different enough that it separates itself and that it's similar enough that people will tune to it.

Q: What does it feel like to have this great cast and crew behind you right out of the gate? 
JM: Oh it's crazy. It's, you know, it's a dream come true. It's something I never imagined. It's — you know, I feel like, you know, I can really phone in my performances because everyone else is amazing. And no, but, you know, it's really is ideal because Dan Harmon is such an incredible writer. The Russo brothers who did " Arrested Development" and they're directing most of the episodes. And then you've got this cast of, you know, from Chevy Chase to John Oliver to Ken Jeong to Jim Rash to everyone in, you know, everybody. I mean it's really ideal. And I can't, you know, it's one of those things where it's like yeah, it's awesome and I'm so excited. That's kind of like I can't believe it.

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NEW YORK — Chipper Jones homered and drove in four runs to power the Atlanta Braves to an 11-3 victory over the New York Mets on Monday night.

Garret Anderson and Matt Diaz also connected for the Braves, who have won nine of 11 to keep a grip on their faint playoff hopes. They moved within five games of idle Colorado for the NL wild-card lead with 12 games left.

Atlanta opened a six-game trip with its most runs since it set a season high in a 15-2 win at New York on Aug. 19. Martín Prado had three hits, Nate McLouth scored three times and Derek Lowe (15-9) pitched five innings to help the Braves improve to 11-5 against the Mets this season.

Daniel Murphy homered and Luis Castillo had two hits for New York, which has lost seven of nine. Castillo was replaced by Anderson Hernandez with Atlanta leading 11-1 in the fourth and All-Star third baseman David Wright was taken out in the sixth.

Murphy, who doubled and scored in the second, is batting .358 (19 for 53) with three homers and 12 RBIs in his last 14 games. Atlanta jumped all over Pat Misch (1-9), scoring four times in each of the first two innings. Anderson capped the scoring in the first with a two-run drive into the second deck in right and Diaz started the second with a liner into the seats in center.

Jones, who has been bothered by a slew of physical ailments during a disappointing season, said before the game he was feeling better but his swing was still off. He also reiterated he could retire if he struggles again next season.

"Money will not keep me in this game," he said. "Nor will numbers. When I stop being fun, when I stop thinking I'm productive, I will walk away.

Jones sure looked all right while adding to his stellar career numbers against New York.

The 37-year-old third base­man drove in the Braves' first run with a groundout and chased Misch with a towering three-run drive to left in the second for his 17th homer and first since Aug. 29, at Philadelphia.

Jones has a .324 batting average, 42 homers and 133 RBIs in 203 games against New York. He was booted before each of his at-bats.

Lowe allowed three runs and six hits, and helped himself at the plate with his sixth career two-hit game. Kenshin Kawakami pitched four innings of one-hit ball for his first career save.

Lowe left his previous start Wednesday against the Mets after two innings because of a blister on his right ring finger. The right-hander reached the 15-win mark for the fourth time in his career and first since he went 11-8 for the Dodgers in 2006.

St. Louis 7, Houston 3

Mark Ellis homered twice at Minute Maid Park for the second time this season and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Astros on Monday night, a few hours after Houston fired manager Cecil Cooper.

Third-base coach Dave Clark was named Houston's interim manager for the last two weeks of the regular season, but the Astros lost their eighth straight game in Clark's major­league managing debut.

Ellis struck out as a pinch hitter but also singled for the Cardinals, who reduced their magic number for winning the NL Central to three.

Kyle Lohse (6-8) allowed three runs and five hits in six innings to earn his first win since Aug. 10. Houston starter Wendy Rodriguez (13-11) had given up no more than one run in 11 of his previous 14 starts, but trailed 3-0 after the first inning in this one.

Albert Pujols doubled to right center with two outs and scored on Matt Holliday's single to left, Ryan Ludwick singled and Delino DeRosa doubled, and DeRosa was tagged out trying to stretch his hit to a triple.

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Adam Lind, Edwin Encarnacion and Travis Snider each had a base hit for the Blue Jays, who batted around in the third and eighth.

Attendance was 11,298, the third straight game Toronto had fewer than 12,000 fans. Toronto's all-time low is 10,074, set April 17, 1979, against the Chicago White Sox.

Purcell (1-2) had not won since pitching eight shutout innings in a 2-0 win over Texas on Aug. 20, against Tampa Bay. The left­hander allowed one run and four hits in a season-high 7 2/3 innings. He walked four and struck out four.

Baltimore loaded the bases with two outs in the eighth but Shawn Camp came on and got Melvin Mora to ground into a double play.

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NFL

San Francisco 49ers top draft pick Michael Crabtree speaks at a news conference on Apr. 26 in Santa Clara, Calif. The New York Jets have been sued for tampering charges regarding Crabtree.

49ers filed tampering charges over Crabtree

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The 49ers have filed tampering charges against the New York Jets regarding top San Francisco draft pick Michael Crabtree. Jets coach Rex Ryan confirmed Monday.

"My understanding is they filed charges with the league," Ryan said. "I'm saying my response is it's not true. I mean, it's not accurate. It's not true, but, hey, we'll let the league figure this out." When asked Monday if his team filed charges, 49ers coach Mike Singletary said it's a situation "the league is going to handle internally."

Kevin Kolb to start if McNabb cannot go for Eagles

PHILADELPHIA — Kevin Kolb will make his second straight start for the Philadelphia Eagles if Donovan McNabb can't play against Kansas City.

Coach Andy Reid isn't sure whether Jeff Garcia or Michael Vick would be the backup quarterback in that scenario. Vick is eligible to play for the Eagles if Donovan McNabb can't play against Kansas City.

McNabb missed Sunday's 48-22 loss to New Orleans with a cracked rib. Kolb made his first NFL start, throwing for 391 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions. Garcia, signed last week as insurance, was the backup.

While Crabtree falls further behind each passing day — former 49ers great Jerry Rice questioned Sunday what kind of impact Crabtree would have if he did finally show up — Singletary isn't ready to say he's better off without the Texas Tech star in San Francisco's run-oriented offense.

"I would never say that... We need every football player that can help us win that's supposed to be here, here," Singletary said. "I think he's a talented guy. Hopefully it works out that he gets here. If he doesn't, I feel comfortable with what we have."

In Brief

NASCAR evaluation of Mayfield

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR asked a federal judge Monday to order a mental and physical examination on suspended driver Jeremy Mayfield to determine if he has a substance-abuse problem and or attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

The filing in U.S. District Court includes three affidavits and one deposition from four different people who claim to have witnessed Mayfield using methamphetamines multiple times since 1999.

The deposition is from former brother-in-law David Keith, who tes­tified he witnessed Mayfield snort methamphetamine in his house, garage and car from 1998 through 2000. The deposition was taken Aug. 19, with attorneys for NASCAR and Mayfield in attendance, and Keith testified the drivers' drug use escala­ted to daily usage.

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SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — A top prospect for the San Francisco Giants was charged with murder in the death of a 25-year-old man last weekend at a bar in his Caribbean homeland.

Angel Villalona, who received a club-record $2.1 million bonus when he was signed by the Giants in 2006, was a ballgame away from Monday to his hearing at a court in the city of La Romana. He pleaded innocent to the murder charge.

The 19-year-old Villalona could face up to 20 years in prison if found guilty in the Saturday night shooting death of Mario Felix de Jesus Velete.

Judge Aranibal Manzanos Zapata ordered Villalona jailed for two months while authorities prepare their case in the Dominican Republic. Villalona turned himself in 12 hours after the shooting at a La Romana bar.
MLB

Cooper fired with 13 games to go

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros fired manager Cecil Cooper Friday, with 13 games left in another disappointing season. Third base coach Dave Clark was named interim manager. The Astros were 27-72 headed into Monday's home game against St. Louis.

General manager Ed Wade said the change couldn't wait until the end of the season. He added that more changes could be coming for a franchise just four years removed from its only World Series appearance.

"We're tasked with evaluating all aspects of our situation," Wade said. "At the end of the day, we're going to try to address those off-field issues that exist. We're not walking away from it. The issue we had to address here, in the short term, was the managerial issue and that's why we moved forward today."

The 59-year-old Cooper was hired on Aug. 7, 2007, to replace Phil Garner. Houston went 171-176 under Cooper, who was the bench coach under Garner between 2003-07.

Cooper became the fourth manager in franchise history, all of them in the National League. Arizona dismissed Bob Melvin on May 7, Colorado replaced Clint Hurdle on May 29 and Washington fired Maury Acta on July 13.

Wade said Clark would be considered a candidate during the search for a new manager. Cooper did not answer calls to his cell phone and his voicemail was full.

Wade, owner Drayton McLane and president of baseball operations Tal Smith met with Cooper in his office on Monday afternoon to tell him the news.

"I was able to let him know that he's not in the plans going forward for us," Wade said. "I think his game plan was out at Triple-A affiliate in Round Rock."

"I think we both recognized that we had to make changes and it wasn't going to be a very complicated process. It's not easy to say the manager, the coaches or the players or management. It all weaves together."

Cooper's initial contract ran through the 2009 season and the Astros picked up his option for 2010. Houston won 66 games in 2008, a 13-game turnaround from 2007. But this season, the Astros are almost guaranteed their second losing record in three years and only the third since 1991.

Wade said the extension was the right decision at the time, but "things changed" as the season progressed.

"You don't have control over a lot of things that changed," Wade said. "We felt, at the time, that executing the option sent the right message to our club, and CoCo and I agree that the club was not where we wanted it to be."

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NFC

Turner says San Diego needs work

San Diego — Whether he's trying to deflect criticism of his play-calling or deliver some kind of pre-emptive strike, coach Norv Turner has a message for fans: the San Diego Chargers aren't as good as outsiders think.

Turner said he believes he has a good handle on where the Chargers are after two games — a close call against the Oakland Raiders in the season opener and a 31-26 home-opening loss to the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday.

"I don't think right now we're as good as you that cover us think or expect us to be. I don't think we're as good as what we want us to be," Turner said Monday at the start of his weekly news conference. "But I believe we're capable of it. There was a lot of work to get there."

The Chargers went into the season having picked up some Super Bowl favorites. The players themselves have Super Bowl expectations, although they're not as chatty about them as they have been the last three seasons, when their playoff runs ended short like we've been on a gradual downward spiral," he said. "You don't have control over a lot of things that changed," Wade said. "We felt, at the time, that executing the option sent the right message to our club, and CoCo and I agree that the club was not where we wanted it to be."

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NBA

Marion excited to play with Kidd

Associated Press

DALLAS — Shawn Marion had it easy when he broke into the NBA. All he had to do was grab rebounds for Jason Kidd to start fast breaks, then hustle to the other rim to try finishing off those quick scoring chances.

It's been eight years since they were last together in Phoenix and a lot has changed. Marion has gone from rookie to All-Star to journeyman, while Kidd has gone from All-Star in his prime to elder statesman polishing off a Hall of Fame resume.

Now they're teammates again, reunited as part of a new Dallas Mavericks lineup built around versatile 30-somethings seeking their first championship. The master plan would get a big boost if Kidd and Marion can rekindle the different lineup combinations, "The Matrix" because of how many roles he can play.

"Shawn makes the game so easy, especially above the rim, he gets easy baskets," Kidd said. "He can get out there and defend (point guards) through (centers). He's a great teammate in the locker room, so I'm glad to have him by my side."

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Jets’ defense turning heads early

Associated Press
FLOREHAM PARK, N.J. — The New York Jets’ stifling defense has made the end zone unfamiliar territory for opposing offenses.

Two games down, and no touchdowns allowed. The Jets can’t possibly remain this stingy, could they?

“Hey, the New England Patriots went undefeated during the regular season,” cornerback Darrelle Revis said with a laugh Monday, “so I don’t know.”

The fact is, Rex Ryan’s big-talking, aggressive defense has already caused fits for two high-powered defenses in shutting down Houston 24-7 — the Texans’ only TD came on a fumbled punt powered offenses in shutting down Houston Monday, “so I don’t know.”

Revis said. “If they don’t, they know how to handle it, but we’ll see how they catch on to it.”

“Definitely exciting when you know that you can rattle arguably the No. 1 QB, and we know offenses are going to look at that,” defensive back Donald Strickland said. “Even though we didn’t get a sack, we got 23 hits on him and we rattled him. He didn’t make the clutch throws that he usually makes. It was definitely exciting. We’re going to take that into the next game.”

The Jets had no sacks against Tom Brady on Sunday against the Chicago Bears, though the three-time Pro Bowl quarterback is hoping to start despite a broken rib.

Seattle coach Jim Mora confirmed Monday that Hasselbeck has a fractured rib from a hard hit in the back by 49ers linebacker Patrick Willis while the quarterback dived for the goal line late in the first half of San Francisco’s 23-10 win on Sunday.

Asked if he had to plan to face the Bears without Hasselbeck, Mora said, “Right now, we’ll probably do that — unless we get word otherwise.”

Mora did say Hasselbeck “seems to be doing a lot better today.”

Backup Seneca Wallace, who started eight games last season when Hasselbeck was out with a bulging disk in his back, would make his 13th career start if Hasselbeck can’t go. Wallace completed 15 of 23 passes for 127 yards with a touchdown and interception while finishing Sunday’s loss.

Hasselbeck, who turns 34 on Friday, said the fracture is on the back of a top rib and that the pain is near the shoulder. He said he broke a rib once before while with the Seahawks and played the next game. He didn’t specify when.

“I have definitely felt worse. I have definitely shaken up on a Monday and felt worse,” Hasselbeck said Monday in an empty locker room, standing stiffly with his hands on his hips.

“I’m absolutely hoping to play... I think it’s one of things you just got to suck it up.”

Hasselbeck struggled toward the sideline after Willis’ hit, making it look as if he was loopy. He said he was light-headed because he couldn’t breathe. He took a trainer’s advice to go in the ground before leaving the field, while Wallace scrambled to enter the game.

An X-ray at the stadium was negative. The Seahawks then had him rushed to Stanford Medical Center, because they feared broken or internal injuries such as a damaged lung. He underwent an electrocardiogram test and a CT scan. The scan showed the fractured rib.

“Never had to go to the hospital during a game. That was different,” he said.
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the end of the game. Instead, it took a late interception by senior safety Kyle McCarthy to hold off a potential game-winning drive for Michigan State.

"You get the ball with a little less than five minutes, somewhere in that mark right there. The intent is to try to use it all up," Weis said. "We put ourselves in the same position that we did the previous week. But the difference between one week and the next week was somebody making a play."

That play — McCarthy's third interception in as many games — may have been the biggest for Notre Dame in the early portion of this season. In fact, it may have been the difference between a 2-1 record and a 1-2 mark for the Irish.

"If it weren't for Kyle McCarthy and sometimes Harrison Smith, as well, we're giving up a little bit of our edge on defense. But in the second half, we put ourselves in control of the game and played well defensively and offensively," Weis said.

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Charlie Weis
Irish coach

NBA
Replacement refs don't worry Hornets' Paul

"The book is about basketball, but it's a bigger story than that," Paul said. "It may be in the work force, it may be anywhere that you want to succeed, there's going to be people that doubt you and think that you can't do it. But if you believe in yourself and things like that, the sky's the limit."

It has been for Paul, who went on to become Rookie of the Year, a two-time All-Star and a member of the gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic team in 2008. There was even some question if he would make that team because of his size, since coach Mike Krzyzewski wanted his backcourt to have players who could deal with the bigger and more physical international guards.

Paul's New Orleans Hornets struggled at the end of last season because of injuries and were quickly eliminated from the playoffs. They made a big trade over the summer, dealing starting center Tyson Chandler to Charlotte for Emeka Okafor.

Chandler had his best offensive seasons in New Orleans, where Paul often set him up for easy dunks with alley-oop passes. Paul said he won't have the same relationship with Okafor — but doesn't want one.

"Tyson's a totally different player from Emeka. Emeka's a totally different type. They play two totally different style games," Paul said. "I don't want Emeka to come in and try to be Tyson. And I think starting from day one in training camp, me and Emeka have the opportunity to start our own thing."

Because of his size, many teams will always try to be physical with Chris Paul. Yet the All-Star guard isn't worried about play getting out of hand if his games are being called by replacement officials.

"No, no," Paul said Monday. "I don't worry about replacement referees. End of the day, you're reffing the game."

The NBA and its referees union have failed to reach agreement on a new contract and the league announced last week it will begin training replacement officials. Without a new deal soon, replacements will be used when preseason play opens Oct. 1.

The league hasn't begun a season without its regular referees since 1995.

"They probably won't know us as well and we won't know them on a first-name basis like we do the regular referees, but you've got to play the game," Paul said.

The 6-foot Paul is one of the NBA's shortest players, but his size has never stopped him. And he wants kids to know it doesn't have to stop them, either.

Paul was at the NBA Store reading and signing copies of his new book, "Long Shot: Never Too Small To Dream Big," a children's book Paul wrote about overcoming his height to try out and make a team as a youngster growing up in North Carolina.

Paul said he has faced skepticism throughout his career, and hopes the book teaches children how to deal with it.

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Chris Paul
Hornets guard

Associated Press

"Obviously, the play at the end of the game, nothing was more critical than that one."

Still, there exists some concern about the defense's play against a Michigan State offense that wasn't supposed to dominate by any means, particularly through the air as the Spartans threw for more than 300 yards.

"I think the first thing we have to do better on defense, to be perfectly honest with you, is be better fundamentally," Weis said.

"There's just too many easy yards, too many easy yards that we're giving up that we have to make those yards tougher."

How the Irish will do that remains to be seen.

"I'm not saying cut down or simplify, but I think you got to be able to hang your hat on something that's working on a regular basis," Weis said.

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add better net skills, the ability to counter well with his slice backhand, playing more up in the court and the ability to use the width of the court into his comfort zone in order to handle the load at No. 1."

Junior Dan Stahl also proved vital for the Irish last season moving up to play No. 3 singles and also spent some time in the ITA rankings during last season.

Bayliss also noted his success last year while at the No. 3 position, and notes that Stahl is good at taking the ball early but needs to work on taking advantage of his opportunities to come in and finish off the point.

The most likely candidate it seems to take the No. 1 position this season is junior Stephen Havens, who played in the second slot for the Irish last season. Havens also joins Watt in the ITA rankings this season debuting at No. 98.

"Last year Stephen Havens at times played like that player, but he needs to demonstrate the match-to-match consistency that was missing a year ago," Bayliss said. "Certainly he has the ball-striking ability to win at the top. Adding a stronger presence at the net will give him a chance to see just how good he can become."

When comparing last season's No. 1 Helgeson to Havens, Bayliss said that what proved key for Helgeson was his ability to bounce back after some tough losses. Helgeson lost at least 10 dual matches last season and with the tough schedule the Irish face, the No. 1 for the Irish this year will also face a tough challenge.

"The results you will be able to achieve will be based on your ability to respond to adversity," Bayliss said. "Stephen has added some new weapons to his arsenal — a better slice backhand, more punch on the volley, better variety on his serve. Now the challenge is to see how he integrates them into his overall scheme, how quickly he reads opportunities to come forward and how well he assesses situations."

While the Irish don't have a clear cut No. 1, they will work towards finding that person when they next take the court on Oct. 9 in Cambridge, Mass., at the Harvard Invitational.

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Carroll junior quarterback Brian Vaila gets rid of the ball just before a St. Edward's defender levels him. The Vermin squeaked by the Gentlemen 7-6 in an opening weekend game Sunday.

The Gentlemen have a bye week coming up, giving them two weeks to prepare for Fisher. "We just have to work on our coverage, a little bit, maybe spice it up a little as it was a little vanilla," Nester said. "We were pretty pleased with our defense.

The Vermin will play Fisher next week while the Gentlemen have a bye week.

Dillon 23, O'Neill 0

Dillon routed O'Neill 23-0 in a game featuring different offensive styles and expectations.

The Big Red dominated every aspect of the game as a balanced hard-hitting, opportunistic defense with an overpowering running attack that was just too much for the Mob to handle.

"Our defense and offensive line really set the tone for the day," said Robert Kenevey, a junior on the Mob. "We kept them from getting into the backfield and we kept our defense on the field the whole game."

The Big Red offense continued to harass O'Neill's defense the rest of the game, starting with a first down through the first three quarters and forcing four four-and-unders from the Mob in the fourth.

Along with the Big Red's outstanding defense, the story of the game was the story of St. Ed's, who finished the day with 22 points on the scoreboard.

The Gentlemen struck first, driving the end zone through the air early in the second quarter. The extra point was blocked by Mob's Chris Philpott and Kats, and that play created the difference in the final score.

St. Ed's took over on offense with 7:0 remaining in the game, hoping for a game-winning drive. They converted on a third down, but then threw consecutive incomplete passes to give the ball back to Carroll. The Vermin produced a three-and-out.

"It was a good game," Carroll coach sophomore Patrick Shanley said. "We stayed classy and played the whole game."

"We don't look at it as a win or a loss," said Mob's Nick Rock. "We were very excited to be back on the field and we were ready to play."

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**MEN’S INTERHALL FOOTBALL**

Week 1: Domination

Four shutouts posted in six season openers

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Sorin 3-4, Fisher 0

Sorin rode two big pass plays to a 14-0 victory over Fisher in a game that saw both teams struggle to build strong drives.

Fisher looked poised to score the first touchdown of the game in the beginning of the second quarter, driving to the Sorin 20 yard line. However, a tipped ball thrown by junior quarterback Grant Erickson was intercepted by senior defensive back Rob Gallic, giving Sorin their first and only takeaway of the game.

Sorin turned the interception into points two plays later when freshman quarterback Ted Spinelli hit senior wide receiver Jeremy Bruck on an 80-yard touchdown pass.

"We’ve got a couple young studs on this team. We’re lucky they let the old guys play," Bruck said. "The quarterback put the ball right where it needed to be."

Fisher appeared to have answered on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Erickson to senior wide receiver Pat McHugh on the following drive. However, the play was called back due to offensive pass interference after McHugh made contact with the defending Bruck, a call that drew the ire of Fisher’s sideline.

"I was definitely interfered with," Bruck said. "If there’s a flag on the field, there’s a foul on the play. He can me over.

Fisher’s drive stalled after the penalty as the workmanlike Ryan Robinson and lightning-quick Matt Gamber combined to sack Erickson to put Fisher out of the game.

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Sorin senior wide receiver Jeremy Bruck breaks away from the Fisher defense for a long touchdown during the first half of the Otters’ 14-0 victory Sunday.

**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

Belles try to get back on track against MIAA’s Olivet

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Saint Mary’s will return to the court after a weeklong break looking to turn the tide from a tough stretch that has seen the Belles drop three of their last four matches, with each loss coming in a five-set battle.

"It is very vital that we start out our games strong and fight hard for the first set," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "We need to focus on continuing to cut down on errors and play our game."

Saint Mary’s (4-5, 1-3 MIAA) will challenge conference foe Olivet, a team coming off a three set loss to Hope College last week. As she has all season, Kuschel will rely on her three seniors — Lorna Slupczynski, Lianna Rohr and Kathleen Mills — to lead a team looking to return to form after a solid season-opening showing at the Capital University Tournament in Columbus, Ohio.

"This year means a lot to our seniors," Kuschel said. "They work very hard every day in practice and set great examples for the underclassmen.

One underclassman that is turning heads on the coaching staff is freshman outside hitter Stephanie Bodien, whose 88 kills are second to Slupczynski’s 141.

"Stephanie has really come on strong," Kuschel said. "If you watch her play she does not look or act as a freshman."

Junior Andrea Sassegn, the team’s tallest player at 5 feet, 10 inches, has also made her presence felt in the early part of the season.

She leads the team in blocks and is third in kills with 76.

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**FOOTBALL**

Penalties still a concern after narrow victory

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The dust has settled after Notre Dame’s nearly heart-attack-inducing victory over Michigan State Saturday, but coach Charlie Weis said Sunday there are still a few things the Irish need to clean up before this week’s contest at Purdue.

And it’s not just the defense. Offensive penalties could have killed Notre Dame Saturday, and the Irish can’t afford to continue to take 10- and 15-yard infractions on such a regular basis, Weis said.

"Two holding penalties didn’t bother me nearly as much as the false start, a lit of scrimmage penalty at home, which you should never have, and the late hit at the end of the game," Weis said. "They’re the type of things that happen in the game that frustrate you more than something that happens during the game."

The late hit call on senior right tackle Sam Young was especially troublesome, as it nearly kept Notre Dame from advancing the ball as it tried to run out the clock late in the game.

"Fortunately, Golden [Tate] goes and bails us out of that one," Weis said of the junior receiver’s reception that went for a crucial first down. "When you’re trying to stress running out the clock at the end of the game, finishing out of the game, you can’t have a penalty like that."

Though the Irish did pick up a few big first downs late in the fourth quarter, they still weren’t able to bury the Spartans and hold the ball until...