Women's rugby club established on campus
By SARAH MERVOSH

Girls on campus wearing rugby jerseys may be making more than just a fashion statement. They may be members of the University's first women's rugby club team, which was approved this year.

The team, which has around 50 members — aims to start practices by the end of the month and play games by next semester, sophomore Christina Konkey, the co-founder of the team, said.

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While the Irish battled the Washington Huskies in the rain Saturday, South Bend Police and Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) arrested three people outside the stadium and 34 people were asked to leave the stadium, director of NDSP Sergeant Phil Johnson said.

Johnson said one person was arrested for "public intoxication and vandalism, one for public intoxication and trespass and one for..."
An olympic relief

Somewhere in Washington, a former Obama staff member is looking for another job. Perhaps more than one. The botched weekend, he should at least take solace in, faced a preemptive increase within the city of Chicago, whose property taxes suffered a palpable political defeat over the weekend for the decision to gamble with presidential staff paid dearly over the scramble for lost time. Somebody on the President’s time and more importantly, his quickly dwindling political capital.

A developed city like Chicago had no other choice. The winner in all of this, paradoxically, is Chicago, who should view the IOC’s decision to save his home town backfired dramatically when the Committee announced Chicago’s ninth inning of this page 2

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IN BRIEF

The New Playwrights Workshop presents “Largo” and “Scattered Voices” from today to Oct. 11 at the Philbin Studio Theatre in the DeVorah Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase through the box office or at performingarts.nd.edu.

A lecture, “The Plundered Planet and Restoring Natural Order in the Bottom Billion,” will take place Thursday in the auditorium of the Hendricks Center at 5 p.m. Paul Collier, director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies at the University of Oxford, will lecture. The lecture is free.

Richard Halloran will be giving a lecture entitled “The Seven Myths of Stedia” in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Halloran is a former New York Times and Washington Post correspondent.

“Breast Cancer,” a lecture in the Cancer Care Lecture Series, will take place Thursday in the auditorium at Indiana University School of Medicine — South Bend, located at 1234 Notre Dame Avenue, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but requires registration at southbendclinic.com.

A film, “Goodbye Sale” (2008), will be shown Friday at the Browning Cinema in the DeVorah Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. Buy tickets at the box office or online at performingarts.nd.edu.

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Bloggmg becomes past time

By SARA FELSENSTEIN

"I write mostly for myself and my close friends — just observation about the world and silly things I’m thinking of and want to share. My goal as a blogger is to entertain," Pieper said.

Senior Johanna Kirch blogs to be a part of an online community.

"I’m LiveJournal ‘friends’ with people at all different stages of life from all sorts of backgrounds, and I’m good friends with many of them beyond the arbitrary LiveJournal designation. Being part of a community allows me to lose out ideas, or ask questions of people who I know will know more about something than I will," Kirch said.

Blogs have also affected the dynamic of the mainstream media. Despite constrained budgets, news corporations like The New York Times and The Chicago Tribune have adopted extensive blog sections to their Web sites. Storin said these blogs do not generate much money, but they help the companies stay on top of the news beat and appeal to younger demographics.

"It used to be if a newspaper ran a controversial story it would get complaints through snail mail about three days later…now (with blogs) it’s three minutes later," Storin said.

Blogging is different than traditional media forms in that readers can have a last word on the news. Blogs are not just a story — they are a conversation. Storin said blogs give people who hold strong opinions the opportunity to voice those opinions publicly.

"[Blogs] really add to debate and discourse, sometimes in a very unfiltered, even crude manner," Pieper said. Blogs can indicate a trend of opinion among the public, Storin said. Especially in political situations, they can be a way to gage public sentiments.

"Sometimes the slightest intimation that blogs are not important is met by a common cry of complaint and resistance," Storin said. "The impact in reality of blogs is somewhat south of where the participants think it is, and somewhat north of where mainstream media thinks it is." Many blogs, by their very nature, come with a bias attached.

"The bias of blogs makes them more attractive to certain readers… the more strongly held political opinions of these readers, the more likely they are to go to certain blogs," Storin said.

With so many blogs and so much contradicting content available on the web, facts can easily get suffocated in opinion.

"What is diluted in a sense of what is real news. The day in and day out difficult work of gathering info and having the means to convey it — that’s greatly threatened," Storin said.

The way YouTube videos rise to unprecedented popularity, reaching millions of views and thereby disappear out of cyberspace, the popularity of individual blogs can also rise and fall rapidly.

"What she believes the future of media will include blogs, just not quite as many of them."

"I think the fall of blogs will be some time," Storin said. "Blogs will stay around... because the basic opinion is one of the most basic elements of life in a functioning democracy."

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Updates presented by 3 task forces Monday

By LIZ O’DONNELL

The Campus Life Council (CLC) met Monday to present updates from their three task forces. Students body vice president Cynthia Bascino, who chairs the evaluation of student disciplinary records, said her group was working quickly and contacting key University officials to accrue the information. The purpose of discipline at Notre Dame is to accomplish their mission.

"We are looking at expunging records of a minor disciplinary infraction," she said. "The purpose of discipline at Notre Dame is education and if education has already happened why should [the record] follow?"

Weber said the task force looked at what the disciplinary practice is and if it is on track, if it was, were later posed to Associate Vice President of Residence Life Bill Kirk.

In addition, members of the group asked to submit several proposals with their own ideas of how the disciplinary process should work.

Student Union Board manager Kat Bielefeldt asked Weber if the school considered extending the options to transfer students during their first year on campus.

Weber said the group will take the proposal under consideration, but the outcome will be primarily up to the students themselves.

Student body president Greg Scerifini said CLC has contributed prominently to the Web site and is completely supportive of it.

"We are 100 percent behind that Web site," he said.

Weber said in addition to advertising through the online venue, as the group has done, the budget for the site might be increased in a future budget.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA approves 2009-2010 budget Monday

By NIKKI TAYLOR

Saint Mary’s Student Government Association (SGA) approved its 2009-2010 budget at its meeting Monday night.

The total budget this year comes to $211,000, which comes from each student's activity fee and carryover from previous boards.

The budget has increased from last year by 20 percent overall. This is due to the inclusion of previous revenue sources into the SGA budget and also Saint Mary's entrance being up to 1,664 students.

The extra 20 percent has been distributed across all of the allotments within the budget. The budget also includes setting aside $55,000 in the SGA account to carry over into the new year.

SGA decided this year to give equal allotments to each board, giving $30,000 for class boards. The money will be distributed across all of the allotments within the budget. The allotments were determined by the amount of money each board brings in and the amount each board needs to work within the budget.

"We are looking at equalizing the SGA budget and also Saint Mary’s entrance being up to 1,664 students," said Jenny Hoffmann, SGA vice president.

"The budget will also be required to bring in receipts to show how their money is being spent so SGA can see that funds are properly being used," Hoffmann said.

"We are also considering that the budget makes for new.computers in the SGA office, covering salaries of staff, and workers to keep the student center open until midnight and the Campus Reading Program, which provides newspapers and comic books to students free of charge.

"Our board has set up a contingency fund for SGA, which is money that SGA is working towards the Contingency fund is also sort of a ‘some extra money that we might need extra money for throughout the year," Hoffmann said.

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“There’s almost no hostility.” But the club team will be more than just a social team. They will be competitive.

Although the team cannot play games this semester because it is too late to participate, Konkey said she hopes the team will at least play exhibition games with teams from around the Midwest by next semester.

Konkey said she is hopeful that the Notre Dame team will be successful because rugby requires intelligence.

“It’s an intelligent person’s game. You need to be able to think quickly,” she said. “That’s also another reason why I’m really excited to have a Notre Dame team. We’re just going to have such a high quality of player to work with because we have really athletic girls, but we also have really intelligent girls,” Konkey said.

Konkey said she didn’t understand why people love rugby until she played.

“All my friends were so crazy about rugby and they were like, wait until your first game, just wait until you play,” she said. “I was like, I don’t think I’m ever going to be as crazy as you guys and then, I’m being yelled within two minutes of my first game. That’s why I’m thinking, like where was this sport my entire life?”

Konkey said experiencing the sport is the only way to truly understand what it’s like.

“It’s one of those things where you have to play to even be able to try and understand what I’m trying to say,” Konkey said. “You cannot put into words why. It’s a really bizarre thing, but I’ve come across it time and time again.”

Konkey also said girls who wish to play do not necessarily have to be big and strong.

“That’s another huge misconception that people have. In that way, it’s very similar to the way in which not all different sized people and they fulfill different positions and they fulfill different requirements for the team,” she said. Konkey encouraged anyone who is interested in the sport to give it a shot.

“You don’t let your fear hold you back,” she said. “Give it a shot and stick with it through your first game. Because once you get on that pitch you’re never going to want to leave.”

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focused on authors like G.K. Chesterton, E.M. Forster, Flannery O’Connor and J.R.R. Tolkien.

Wales said, “Any artist who may not be nominally Catholic can still contribute to truth, beauty, and goodness, and that’s what the Church is all about—its same truth.”

The focus on literature through the annual lecture series is an effort by Wales to stress the importance of literature to Wales, who designed her own major in Roman Catholic Studies as an undergraduate at the University of Pittsburgh by focusing on Catholic authors.

“I’ve lived in (South Bend) for two and a half years, and when I first heard about this series I know I would look forward to it every year,” Wales said. “I hope the students look forward to it every year and it continues to grow.”

Wales, Ratio and undergraduate assistant Tom Everett all said you don’t need to be an expert on any of the authors to enjoy the series.

“There were a number of people in the audience who had read neither Dante nor Eliot at the first lecture, but it still helped them,” Wales said.

Everett said of the second lecture, “Even though one who didn’t know much about the topic, I thought the speaker did a wonderful job of bringing to life an author not too many other students might know. The lecture didn’t assume too much.”

This fall’s series is only one example of the events that the center holds for undergraduate students. The center hosts a film series in the spring, with the 2010 schedule including “Big Fish” and “The Crucible.”

“The center is also known for its Breacking Bread dinners, which were designed as a chance for faculty and students to come together over a setting meal on a 15-minute talk and a "big piece of chocolate cake" for dessert. The series of Life dinners follow a similar format but focus on life issues and are intended for senior seminarians, although students of any class are welcome. With any luck, you may even meet your future spouse,” Wales said.

“I met my husband at an event in Pittsburgh, but this was very similar to the center’s Breacking Bread dinners,” Wales said.

Even if matching is not in the cards for you, the center’s events will contribute to your understanding of the Catholic intellectual tradition.

“The backbone of the Catholic worldview is that truth exists and morality is an absolute,” Wales said. “In The Royal Tenenbaums, it’s because there’s a ‘should be’ and the story is redeemable. A story of redemption participates in some way in the Psalms and the Bible.”

Whether it’s through The Royal Tenenbaums, “Big Fish,” or a lecture on Dostoevsky, the Center for Ratio is Culture has something to interest any student and encourage each one to think more about the Catholic faith.

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Hutchings said, “However, racial prejudice itself is also associated with racial prejudice.”

Sniderman presented a self-critique of his own past studies, in which he failed to give adequate weight and significance to positive attitudes held by white individuals in regard to African Americans, since he said he believed that such talk was “cheap,” easy to fake and ultimately unmeasurable.

According to Sniderman, though, prejudice is a continuum, with favorable opinions being just as valid as negative ones.

“The two evaluative scorecards are not independent of each other,” Sniderman said. “As one becomes more consistent positively, they also become less negative.”

The lecture concluded with brief question and answer session, in which the scholars visited the stadium tunnel on Friday, while 6,500 attended the pep rally on Irish Green. Before the game Saturday, 4,125 people attended events on Irish Green, Seamon said. He also said 485 cars were able to park on Burke Golf Course, although “there was limited parking on the golf course due to the weather.”

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tresspases. Each person was transported to Saint Joseph County Jail. Police also issued one summons to an intoxicated person for underage alcohol violation and released her to a sober adult,” Johnson said.

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ND enters agreement with Boeing

Special to The Observer

The Boeing Company and the University of Notre Dame recently entered into a Master Sponsored Research Agreement whereby Boeing will fund research projects at the University with a near-term focus on technology translation.

The agreement, the first of its kind under Boeing’s recently implemented enterprise-wide research strategy, distinguishes Notre Dame as a premier provider of applied research in aerophysics and aeronautics.

One of the 34 people removed from the stadium, most of the incidents stemmed from “impairment or possession of alcohol,” Johnson said. Attendance for the University’s game day initiatives was also high Saturday, assistant vice president for University Events and Protocol and director of Game Day Operations Michael Seamon said. Seamon said 4,013 people

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Express-convicted of embezzlement
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — A Costa Rican court has found former President Rafael Calderon guilty of embezzlement and sentenced him to five years in prison.

Calderon, who was president from 1990 to 1994, was accused of receiving at least $520,000 in 2004 from a Finnish government loan to Costa Rica’s social security system.

Prosecutors alleged that about $8 million of the $40 million loan was split among eight officials, including Calderon, who at the time was president of the Social Christian Unity Party. Calderon has said he received the money as a loan to Costa Rica.

Bathroom break a ploy for bomber
ISLAMABAD — A suicide bomber who killed five staff members at the U.N. food agency’s headquarters in Islamabad Wednesday was dressed as a security officer and allowed to enter the building after he asked to use the bathroom.

The United Nations announced it was temporarily halting its offices in Pakistan after the onetime bombing, which blew out windows and left victims lying in pools of blood in the lobby of the three-story World Food Program compound.

“This is a heinous crime committed against those who have been working tirelessly to assist the poor and vulnerable on the front lines of hunger and other human suffering in Pakistan,” U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in Geneva.

NATIONAL NEWS

Mom lets daughter ride in box on van
ALBERTVILLE, Ala. — An Alabama woman has been charged with endangering the welfare of a child after police say she let her daughter ride in a cardboard box on top of a van.

The Alabaster Police spokesman Sgt. Jamie Smith said the 37-year-old woman was arrested Sunday after police received a call about a minivan on a state highway with a child riding on top.

Smith said in instructions to police the box was too big to go inside the van, and that her daughter was inside the box to hold it down.

“I told her to get in the car,” Smith said. “She said her child was safe because she had the box secured to the van with tape.”

The 13-year-old daughter wasn’t harmed and was turned over to a relative. A jail worker said the mother was out on bond Monday.

Family tried to sell kidnapped baby
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A Tennessee newborn girl in a plastic bag was placed in foster care with his three siblings after allegations prove that a family member tried to sell the infant, sources familiar with the case said Monday.

Week-old Yair Anthony Carillo was recovered safely in Alabama Friday, three days after he was taken from his Nashville home.

Soon after, the state took custody of the children away from his mother, 30-year-old Marica Corrolla. An Alabama woman is in custody, facing federal kidnapping charges.

Two officials confirmed the baby-selling allegations but spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to discuss the case.

LOCAL NEWS

Infant found dead in trash
INDIANAPOLIS — Authorities are investigating the death of a body in a trash container on Indianapolis’ north side.

The Indianapolis Star and WTHR-TV say a couple found the body in a wood pallet in a trash container early Monday afternoon near trash near the north end of the bin behind a vacant warehouse.

Sgt. Matthew Mount, a spokesman for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, says investigators aren’t sure if the remains are those of a full-term baby or possibly a stillborn fetus. They also haven’t determined the infant’s sex or race.

HONDURAS

Government restores civil rights
Interim president revokes decree that prohibited protest and shut down media

U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, right, holds a Honduran constitution during a press conference with President Roberto Micheletti at the presidential house Monday.

Micheletti, 61, was inaugurated Monday morning. He takes office with the backing of the Organization of American States, local representatives of the Catholic Church and others.

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LEBANON

Jailed journalist faces personal ordeal

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Newsweek reporter Maziar Bahari, who has been imprisoned in Iran for more than three months, was grumbling news is his wife has a difficult pregnancy and will be delivering their first child without him.

Paula Gourley, the stepmother of the baby, said some days the child is due and she is two weeks early during a recent phone call Sunday from Tehran’s Evin Prison.

"What’s wrong with you?" he kept asking, Gourley told The Associated Press on Monday from her home in London. She has been placed on bed rest by her doctor and is scheduled to deliver by cesarean section on Oct. 26.

The call — only their second since Bahari, 42, was arrested on June 21 — was short, a few minutes. And even with the relief of talking to him, it was bitter-sweet.

The two were to have been together in London for the first glimpse at their child — by ultrasound — when Bahari was arrested. On Sunday, she told him the baby’s sex, a detail she preferred to keep private.

The couple met in March 2007 in London, where Gourley, 40, who is British, practices law. Bahari was born in Iran and emigrated to Canada, where he attended university and obtained Canadian citizenship.

A journalist and documentary filmmaker, he has worked for Newsweek for 10 years and has always been fully accredited with the Iranian authorities, said Newsweek’s foreign editor, Nidal Hajari.

The magazine has appealed for Bahari’s release on humanitarian grounds.

“The one very strong humanitarian reason for him to be released so he can be with his partner when she gives birth,” Hajari said in a telephone interview Monday from New York. “If they (the Iranians) want to engage with the rest of the world and build trust, freeing people like Maziar is a good way to start.”
Immigrant received training in Pakistan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An Afghan immigrant accused of plotting a terrorist attack in New York after receiving training in Pakistan was in contact with a senior al-Qaeda operative, intelligence officials familiar with the investigation told The Associated Press.

The CIA learned about Highbird Zazi through one of its sources and alerted domestic agencies, including the FBI, intelligence officials said.

U.S. Intelligence organizations first became aware of Zazi in late August, a senior official said. Interest in Zazi surfaced just weeks before prosecutors claim he was planning to strike on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

The intelligence and administration officials declined to offer more details on the operative and spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

The fact that intelligence officials learned of Zazi through a CIA source sheds more light on the government's claim that the charges against him are part of a broader, international conspiracy and begins to explain why the investigation triggered such a large offensive from the nation's intelligence community.

It also shows the case stems from the CIA's counterrorism efforts to track al-Qaida and not an investigation initiated in this country by someone's suspicious actions, like most other domestic terrorism cases handled by the FBI.

President Barack Obama began receiving briefings on the investigation in late August, updated at least daily and sometimes several times a day, as intelligence officials were crafting their case against Zazi, senior administration officials said.

Zazi initially was characterized as a man of interest because of suspected involvement in two bomb plots, the officials said. Obama's primary interest in those briefings was to ensure an attack was prevented and all involved in the plot were identified, the officials said.

The CIA declined to comment Monday, spokesman George Little said.

Federal agents began watching Zazi in Denver in early September. He drove a rental car to New York on Sept. 9, but left the city to return to Denver on Sept. 12 after learning that investigators were looking for him, prosecutors said. FBI agents raided three apartments in Queens two days after Zazi left the New York area.

Zazi and his lawyer agreed to meet with investigators at FBI offices in Denver on Sept. 16. And after three days of meetings, Zazi was arrested and charged with lying to a federal agent.

Speaking Monday in Colorado as a conference of police chiefs, Attorney General Eric Holder said the plot had the potential to kill scores of people.

Zazi, 24, is the only suspect publicly identified as the terror plot. More arrests are expected. Prosecutors have said three others in New York City worked with Zazi, although they do not currently pose a threat.

“Unlike Zazi, the lawyer were not arrested Monday,” Zazi's attorney said.

Early Monday morning, Zazi was arrested by federal investigators. He remains held without bond and has pleaded not guilty to conspiring to use weapons of mass destruction and murder. The charges related to his statement to investigators later were dropped.

Zazi's father, Mohammed Zazi, a New York imam, Ahmad Wais Afzali, faces charges of lying to investigators.

The challenge seemed clear. Build on Thursday's startling confession from Zazi, although Grant moment for Letterman, when he served as his own Hugh Grant.

While Letterman has joked about his affairs with female staffers, it is unclear how many women he had sex with, and he has offered no specifics.

Letterman apologized to wife

NEW YORK — David Letterman apologized to his wife on Monday's "Late Show," saying he was "horribly hurt" by behavior.

The late-night host vowed to repair his relationship with his wife, Regina Lasko.

"Let me give you folks, I got my work cut out for me," he said, according to an early transcript of the program released by CBS.

"Monday's show was the first. Let me have a chance to sit down and sort this one out," Letterman said Monday evening.

Letterman's letter to his staff was released Tuesday afternoon.

The 50 million profit will target a Superfund site luring in the water below the small town of Bodega Bay, on the northern California Peninsula in order to reduce concentrations of chemicals in fish in that area.

About 110 tons of DDT from a manufacturer and 10 tons of PCBs from industrial operations flowed for years through the San Francisco Bay system into the ocean and accumulated in a nine-mile-long swatch. Now, an existing thin layer of silt over the contaminants is showing signs of erosion.

Keith Takata, the EPA's Superfund director for the West, said the cap will be placed over the most contaminated sediment on what's known as the Palos Verdes Shelf.

The government could also continue programs aimed at educating the public to eat contaminated fish.

EPA project manager Carmen White said the actual capping won't happen until 2012, after the best method for placing the sand is determined. The new material can't simply be dropped from the surface because that would stir up the contaminated sediment and spread it. Rather, it must be released close to the bottom.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Clean sand and silt will be used to cover a vast portion of the ocean floor where DDT and toxic compound PCB on the ocean floor of Southern California, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Monday.

The $50 million plan will target a Superfund site luring in the water below the small town of Bodega Bay, on the northern California Peninsula in order to reduce concentrations of chemicals in fish in that area.

A TV reporter stands outside of the Ed Sullivan Theatre during the taping of the Late Show with David Letterman Monday.

But one of his affairs was with Stephanie Birkett, who was an assistant to Letterman and frequently appeared on camera with the host in a comedy bit. Birkett went to live with Robert Halderman, a CBS news producer, who found her diary describing her relationship with Letterman and used it to help blackmail him, a law enforcement official confirmed Monday.

The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

Halderman, a producer for the true-crime show "44 Hours Mystery," pleaded not guilty last week to extortion charges.

The closed of attention on Letterman was inevitable, and the way he initially dealt with this maraestrolan an embarrassing dilemma for another star in 1995.

For a celebrity the caliber of Grant, publicity — including speculation of career suicide — was unavoidable when he was exposed. When Letterman was on "Hollywood's Sunset Strip" 14 years ago.

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While Letterman apologized to Palin and her family in what became another Jay-and-Hugh moment. Implicit in the criticism of O'Brien was that Palin was simply a more visible victim of an O'Brien.

And now he may have truly sealed the deal. With his masterful monologue last Thursday, Letterman single-handedly gave a TV performance to equal the Jay and Hugh moment that was everything he said about his own behavior was the unspoken question: "What the hell was I thinking?"

It couldn't be that Letterman's carefully calibrated act of self-disclosure has put him in the best spot possible to weather the situation — and even to relish it. Beloved by viewers and critics for decades, he has abruptly freshened the enduring Letterman brand and demonstrated he still has the ability to captivate even fans who thought they knew him well.

Indeed, a legendary late-night host has not only been but praise for Letterman's skill at crisis management.

"To me, it seems Dave Letterman's handling of this is impeccable," Dick Cavett said in an e-mail. "Brave, direct, and dare I say it? — manly. He has a real example here of managing a crisis, even when assaulted in such a sleazy operation.

"It can't be the first time Letterman has shown finesse in managing a firestorm. In June, he had a run-in with former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin that could made as similar the exposure of her teenage daughter. He emerged from a tumultuous few weeks of TV and radio talk shows, and his dismissal with a ratings dip, thanks to the dumb luck timing of the flap, he also inadvertently handled his stock. But just as O'Brien was taking over as "Tonight" host.

While Letterman apologized to Palin and her family in what became another Jay-and-Hugh moment. Implicit in the criticism of O'Brien was that Palin was simply a more visible victim of an O'Brien.
**In Brief**

Disney names new top exec.  

**Los Angeles** — The Walt Disney Co. on Monday named Disney Channels Worldwide top executive Rich Ross as its movie studios chairman, following a year of disappointing movie results and the abrupt departure of its former chief, Dick Cook.  
The announcement puts Ross in charge of worldwide production, distribution, and marketing for all of the entertainment giant's film studios, including Walt Disney, Touchstone, Miramax and Pixar. Ross, who turns 48 on Wednesday, also will lead Disney's theatrical and musical groups.  
His appointment takes effect immediately and follows Cook's resignation three weeks ago.  
Disney's studio revenue has fallen in each of the last five quarters, sinking from $1.82 billion in the March quarter of 2008 to $2.6 billion in the quarter ended in June this year.  
The studio also posted a $12 million operating profit last year.

**Toyota recalls 3.8 million vehicles**

**Washington** — Toyota Motor Corp. officially recalled 3.8 million vehicles in the United States on Monday, including problems with floor mats that could cause the gas pedal to stick and cause a crash.  
The announcement formally informed the federal government of the recall in a letter to a senator on Monday. It will be Toyota's largest U.S. recall and the country's sixth-largest recall, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.  
Chris Santos, Toyota's assistant manager for technical and regulatory affairs, wrote the letter to NHTSA that there are 3.8 million vehicles involved but “this estimate is subject to change as Toyota refines the number of affected vehicles by model.”

**Alaska’s free land offer fails**

Tiny town forecloses on 18 of the 26 lots it gave away free to boost population  

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**Exchange Rates**

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- British pound: 1.5945

**Associated Press**

**ANNCHORAGE, Alaska** — Reality TV star Bruce Wehrbrauch walks from the federal court building in Anchorage, near the site of the failed attempt to build population through a land giveaway.

The family is now living in their nearly completed 3,300-square foot home, along with four dogs, an iguana, a tortoise and four fish, said Warner, a technical sergeant with the Alaska Air National Guard.

Two other houses have gone up, but one of the homeowners is leaving because his home did not meet the bank's building standards, according to Peterson.

Three other lots have received construction schedule extensions and one has been returned to the town. A bed and breakfast is being built on another lot and may be expanded over more space, according to Peterson, so he estimates the giveaway could result in a 25 percent success rate.

"It wasn't a complete failure," he said. "It was a learning process.

The project could have worked out better under the original vision of students, said Daryl Frisbie, a former local high school teacher whose social studies class developed the idea. Instead, everyone focused on the free part, causing locals to become霞ious because they missed out on a lot and dividing the community, Frisbie said.

"Unfortunately, somewhere along the way, the student perspective and original intent was lost and that was lost when the word free came in," Frisbie said.

**Only Tyree offers to buy Chicago Sun-Times**

In a brief memo Monday evening, Sun-Times Media Group Chairman Jeremy Halbreich informed company employees that no other potential buyers came forward. He said he hopes a Delaware bankruptcy court can now approve a sale to Tyree on Thursday.

In a memo, Halbreich struck an upbeat note, saying he continued "to be confident that all of the conditions to the completion of that transaction, including the approval of all of the required union contract amendments, will be in hand before we appear before the Court."    

As of Monday, five of the Sun-Times unions had said they wouldn't agree to the concessions, nine had agreed and two hadn't yet voted, according to Sun-Times spokeswoman Tammy Chase.

A message left Monday evening for Tom Thibaut, executive director of the Chicago Newspaper Guild, which represents editorial workers at the Sun-Times newspapers, was not immediately returned.

Tyree, 51, grew up on Chicago's South Side and now heads Mesirov Financial, a financial services firm. He leads a group that has offered to pay $5 million for assets of the Sun-Times Media Group, which also runs more than 50 suburban publications. The investors also would assume about $22 million in liabilities.

A judge said last month that the parties should have until December to agree, but media group executives have said they don't have the cash to hold out until then. They've said the company could shut down for good, jeopardizing more than 1,500 jobs.
**Man found guilty killing 6-year-old**

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Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Gov. Ted Strickland on Monday delayed the state's next two executions to allow a full review of lethal injection procedures, the latest in a series of unprecedented capital punishment developments in Ohio.

Strickland ordered the reprieves for condemned inmates Lawrence Reynolds, scheduled to be executed Thursday, and Darryl Durr, scheduled to die next month, in the midst of a legal battle over Reynolds' execution.

Reynolds' execution was delayed until March 9, Durr's until April 20. Strickland said the Ohio corrections department needed more time to finish updating protocols for dealing with long delays in finding suitable veins on inmates.

The surprise announcement Monday came as the U.S. Supreme Court weighed whether to allow Reynolds' execution, for strangling his 67-year-old neighbor in 1994, to proceed. Earlier this month, a panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had delayed the execution, citing problems with the planned Sept. 15 execution of Roosevelt Broom.

Strickland stopped Broom's injection after executioners failed to find a vein after two hours. Until it was halted, the execution had taken the longest in Ohio to date, and Strickland's order to stop it was unprecedented nationally since the country resumed executions in the 1970s.

Ohio has put 32 people to death since 1997, to put the planned Sept. 15 executions on hold, citing problems with the planned Sept. 15 execution of Roosevelt Broom.

"Although they have made substantial progress in this regard, more research and evaluation of back-up or alternative procedures is necessary before one or more can be selected," Strickland said.

The backup procedure will also require training and other preparation, Strickland said.

Death penalty experts say it could be months before it's clear what effect Broom's case could have on executions elsewhere.

Texas executed two people immediately after Broom's execution was stayed. Virginia is preparing to put Washingtons' super John A Ilen Muhammad to death next month.

Jon Sheldon, Muhammad's attorney, said he had no choice but to raise an injection issue as part of an upcoming appeal. He said it's difficult to challenge the constitutionality of injection in the unlikely chance the state keeps many details of its process secret.

Virginia, unlike Ohio, does not permit witnesses to view the injection. It also shields its protocols, considering them related to security, said Larry Taylor, spokesman for the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Texas also does not permit anyone to witness the placement of the IVs.

Broom's execution is on hold while his attorneys prepare for a Nov. 30 federal court hearing. They argue that an unprec edented second execution attempt on Broom violates a constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

The impact of Broom's case nationally will probably become clearer once U.S. District Judge Gregory Frost holds that hearing, said Deborah Denno, a Fordham University law professor and lethal injection expert.

The reprieves issued Monday provide some insight into how Ohio executes people, since he could have gone even further, said Lori Hanes, a University of Dayton death penalty expert.

What he hasn't done is put a moratoria on these executions," she said. "He took this step, but he didn't take the greater leap." 

Judge Royce Martin said Broom's case raises questions about Ohio's lethal injection procedures, including the competency of the state's medical team.

The important constitutional and humanitarian issues at stake in all death penalty cases, these problems in the Ohio lethal injection protocol are certainly worth of meaningful consideration," Martin wrote.

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**Former VH1 contestant flees and kills himself after allegedly murdering his ex-model wife**

Associated Press

BUENA PARK, Calif. — A reality show contestant charged with murder for allegedly beheading and dismembering one of her former lovers was found Monday still clinging to the body he had hacked apart.

Diane Sloane was found in a suitcase in a Buena Park trash bin early on Aug. 15. Her nose was broken, she was badly beaten and she was missing the last digit of all her fingers and toes, authorities said.

Her former lovers said he had beheaded and dismembered her — presumably to hamper efforts to identify her.

Police ultimately learned her name by tracking the serial number on her breast implants, but not until Jenkins had a three-day head start on his escape.

Jenkins, who appeared on the MTV reality show "Streetlife," was convicted for his native Canada 24 hours after Sloane's body was found. The son of a prominent Calgary architect was found dead later that day in a laneway in Hope, British Columbia, where he had committed suicide.

Kohaneck says detectives believe the note was written Aug. 20, the day he checked into the motel and three days before his body was found.
Twin doctors commit drug sex crimes

Jury selection begins for pediatrician brothers that used medical practice to provide victims for sex acts

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Virginia resident Becky Menas are allowed to disperse Monday. Blakenburg and his twin brother were both charged with sex and drug crimes against minors.

Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ohio — Jury selection began Monday for the first of two twin brother pediatricians charged with sex and drug crimes against minors, some of them former patients.

Assistant Prosecutor Lance Salyers has said Mark Blakenburg and his brother used their medical practices to provide them with victims and with money for sex acts or bribes.

The 53-year-old doctors have practiced in Butler County for more than 20 years, and authorities said the alleged abuses date back to 1987. The county is located about 30 miles north of Cincinnati.

Mark Blakenburg, wearing a suit and tie, appeared calm as jury selection started.

The court called 150 potential jurors, about three times the normal amount, using a conference room for questioning because the courthouse's largest courtroom was occupied. Officials did not say why such a large jury pool was called. The case has gained much notoriety in the city and the trial is expected to last two weeks.

Common Pleas Judge Keith Spach sought to seat 12 jurors as well as up to four alternates by the end of the day, but only about 20 had been eliminated by mid-afternoon.

Spach reviewed the charges with potential jurors and pool them on several issues. At least six had children or grandchildren who had been patients of one of the doctors, and one woman had worked for Mark Blakenburg until February.

The jury will decide six sex charges, with the judge ruling on about 25 remaining counts, including money laundering, bribery, corrupt activity and drug charges.

Spach last month separated additional pornography charges involving young boys from Mark Blakens' current trial charges. A second trial date on the pornography charges has not been set.

Blankenburg's twin, Dr. Scott Blakenburg, faces a separate trial in April.

Mark Blakenburg was first indicted on 36 felony counts in December. A dual indictment in March included more counts and accused him of committing sex acts on minors, providing them with prescription drugs, paying them, money launder­ ing and bribing them not to tell authorities.

Government changes child support policies

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — Changes in how state governments are allowed to disburse child support payments to welfare families has put more money in the pocket of West Virginia resident Becky Salmons, allowing her to buy school supplies and medicine for her 17-year-old daughter.

West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Washington are among the states taking advantage of changes in federal law that encourage states to stop using the money to reimburse state and federal welfare services and instead use it to help poor families get back on their feet.

For some families, the change means hundreds of extra dollars a month.

Until a year ago, most of the $225 Salmons' ex-husband paid each month went to the government. Now, she gets all the money.

"Moneymaking it was rough," said Salmons, who moved in with her mother in southwest West Virginia following her divorce three years ago. "We just had to split and save, but family members would help out as much as they could.

"The policy changes were a gradual philosophical shift for child support payment programs that began a decade ago and were reinforced by Congress in 2006, said Vicki Turetsky, commissioner for the Office of Child Support Enforcement in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. States had until Oct. 1 to at least take

some small step toward putting more money into welfare recipients' hands.

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Turetsky said a pilot project in Wisconsin showed parents were more likely to pay child support and pay it in a timely manner if the money went to their children rather than reimburse government agencies.

"The net cost to the government was minimal because parents were paying more and families had less need to receive public assistance," Turetsky said.

The federal Office of Management and Budget estimated the changes could result in $4.9 billion in savings nationwide over 10 years as more states leave assistance programs.

The federal policy changes allow states to choose from a smorgasbord of options to funnel current and overdue child support collections to current and former families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF.

Many states have been slow to embrace all the changes, though, because of severe budget problems.

Turetsky said West Virginia was the first state to implement all the options. West Virginia Child Support Director Scott Bayer said there is a potential to put $85 million in child support into the hands of about 18,000 families.

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Body part harvester sentenced

RALEIGH, N.C. — A former North Carolina body parts harvester was sentenced in eight years in prison Monday for what prosecutors described as a business that included selling cadavers and their organs.

Philip Guyett Jr., 42, pleaded guilty to three counts of mail fraud in March. Prosecutors said he was involved in concealing medical problems of cadavers he gathered in Las Vegas and then in Raleigh, using fake blood samples and hiding details about cancer, drugs and AIDS.

Investigators said Guyett showed no respect for the bodies he was entrusted to handle, and one sobbing woman at the sentencing yelled across the courtroom that "You can call him whatever you want — Guyett!" Guyett broke into tears several times, declaring that he had made a "dumb decision" in trying to get rid of tissues as his business was falling.

U.S. District Judge Earl Britt showed no sympathy. He went above the sentencing guidelines while blasting Guyett for his questionable testimony on the stand and saying investigations that inflicted clear emotional distress on the families of victims also stained the courtroom by immediately sending Guyett into custody.

"He was on the front lines of quality control," said Jason Cowley, the assistant U.S. attorney handling the case. "The whole system relies on people like him to be honest, truthful and forthright in the process."

Guyett's case, along with another tissue case that is the biggest investigation in New Jersey, heightened concerns about an industry that has long relied on the honesty of its workers.

Prosecutors said Guyett's bodies produced 2,600 tissue products, with 783 of those implanted into humans. They argued that 127 patients received tissue from donors with questionable medical histories and at least one victim contracted a staff infection. That doctor believes was linked to Guyett's unsanitary procurement of tissue.

Betty Ogletree, 71, of Fort Valley, Ga., said she suffered complications following a surgery in 2004 that she believes were linked to Guyett.

"I feel like I'm a prisoner in my own home because I can't go anywhere and can't do anything unless someone carries me," said Ogletree. "They brought Guyett to the courtroom in a wheelchair."

And Jennifer Stainback, 29, of Raleigh, said Guyett claimed in 2004 that her father's body would be used for cancer research after he died of lung cancer. She said she now has recurring nightmares about how her father's body was handled.
The path to Federal Takeover

The health care debate makes sense only in the context of the transformation of our constitutional system. So let's do a quick review of Constitution 101.

The Constitution itself created a new federal system or government with only limited, delegated powers. Only Congress had the power to make laws, while the states controlled domestic affairs. The Articles of Confederation, which took effect in 1789, created essentially a federation of semi-autonomous states. The Constitution created a real government of the nation, but a government limited to specified powers. Under the Constitution, neither Congress, nor the Executive nor the Judiciary, had unlimited jurisdiction. Article I, Sec. 8, specified that "The Congress shall have Power" to legislate only on specified subjects. Incidentally, no power was granted to Congress to regulate health care, no such power was granted. Nor was Congress granted a power over education, apart from special situations such as land-grant schools. The states retained all powers not delegated by the Constitution.

That constitutional system has gone the way of the bronze axe and the spinning wheel. One transformative event was the Supreme Court's definition in United S. v. Butler (1936), that Congress shall have power to tax and spend for the "general welfare of the United States" was not limited to spending on the subjects on which Article I, Section 8, authorized it to go to Congress to legislate. But Congress' spending had to be for the "general welfare." Congress, however, has wide latitude to determine what is the "general welfare." While the Court said that the spending power was not a general power to regulate for public purposes, the Court has held that Congress can impose conditions on the subsidies it grants. South Dakota v. Dole (1987). That power to regulate related federal programs is, in part mildly, very broad, as General Motors, banks and other recipients of bailouts have learned. And as all of us will learn when the likely terms of Obamacare go into effect in 2013 (after Obama's reelection), there is no such thing as a free lunch. If you take the money, you take the strings.

Many factors contributed over the years to the centralization of power. In Washington. But in the past eight months, Congress' use of its spending power, and President Obama's unprecedented executive, have so expanded federal power that it amounts to an extragovernmental, extraconstitutio- nal coup. The federal takeover of health care, one-sixth of the economy, is essential to the success of that coup. It would open the door to federal control not only on what medical care you can receive but potentially also on what you eat, how much you weigh, your exercise regime, the level of heat and noise in your home and what- ever else might affect your health and therefore the cost of your health care to the taxpayer. The framers of the Constitution would have been surprised, to say the least. Health care, however, is not the only centralizing initiative in Congress. Another example is H.R. 3221, the Student Aid and Financial Responsibility Act of 2009 (SARFA). It advanced under the radar while every- one was talking about health care. SARFA revises the financial options of students seeking higher education. It passed the House and now is in the Senate Health and Education Committee.

The federal government now subsidizes student loans through the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFEL), which is subsidized by taxpayers from private lenders at low interest rates, and through the Direct Loan program (DL), in which the Department of Education is the lender and the funds come from the U.S. Treasury. The Higher Education Act sets the terms and conditions on FFEL and DL loans. FFEL was created in 1966. More than 2,000 lenders participate in FFEL, serving 4,400 institutions, with $70 billion in loans this year. The DL program, established in 1993, serves 1,700 institutions, with $22 billion in loans this year.

SAFRA would replace FFEL and shift all federal student loans, including Federal Direct Perkins Loans, to the DL program. SAFRA would also create nine new pro- grams and otherwise increase federal involvement in schools and school construction, etc. On September 10, 40 current and former presidents of state, region- al and national financial aid associations alerted House and Senate committees to problems involved in implementing SAFRA as early as the 2010-11 school year.

Beyond those implementation issues, SAFRA, if it were to become the expansion of the DL program, would dismantle a system that has worked fairly well for four decades. It would eliminate all federal student aid programs as well as consumer choice, competition among lenders, and existing programs to reduce defaults. For non-wealthy high school seniors, SAFRA would make it more difficult for federal student loans to depend entirely on approval by government. One concern is that the predictably voluminous SAFRA regulations could provide openings for covert political or other illicit discrimination against bor- rowers or recipient schools. A more obvi- ous concern is that "Congress," in the words of Representative Paul B. Broun (R- GA), has no business putting taxpayers on the hook for defaulted student loans when the private sector would gladly bear this risk.

The objections to federal takeovers of the private sector do not arise from constitu- tional archaenomacy. Those takeovers vi- olate the same principle of subsidiarity. "Has it not to withdraw from the individual and commit to the community at large what private enterprise and industry can accomplish, so too, is it an injustice, a grave evil, and a disturbance of right order to absorb them." Pius XI, "Quadragesimo Anno" 79.

"Subsidiarity," said Benedict XVI, "is the most effective antidote against any form of all-encompassing welfare state." "Low in Truth," no. 57.

When they elected Notre Dame's most obsequiously honored alumnus, the American people voted for both hope and change. They are, indeed, getting one of those. Congressman Broun asked the ques- tion about the change that, so far, has no answer: "When will the massive spending and Federal takeover end?"

Professor Emeritus Rius Rice on the law school faculty. He may be reached at rice.hindu.edu or 633-4415.

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"Before you contradict an old man, try for a moment to understand him.

George Santayana
U.S. philosopher
The trial of Colin Sullivan

In regards to those out for Colin Sullivan’s blood, I would just like to go on the record, as a woman, saying that not only am I not offended by his clearly joking remark, but I find it ridiculous that people are using this as yet another soapbox for their amusement. First of all, there are women on the Observer staff and they obviously knew his off-hand comment was a joke so they published it. He found being a woman comparable to bad weather? Come on, ladies, he clearly wasn’t serious and if you are going to begin censoring statements like that, you need a new hobby. For those of you that made the “WANTED” posters, don’t you have exams to study for? Personally, I would find it slightly creepy if Colin made a joke that left to the will of the more powerful. It must be determined in accordance that this type of discrimination doesn’t occur, so why not change the clause so seriously, people who make sure that no such despicable joke goes unpunished. I think for having shown us just how truly wicked men are because, in all honesty, a woman would never even think about craking a joke about the opposite sex. They are above such actions. So, as a fellow brother in arms, I salute you. Please continue your diligence in making sure that every comment in the Question of the Day is taken seriously. Sexism is not a joke... unless it’s really funny.

Hayley Coffing
sophomore
Pequea Hall
Oct. 5

What about living wages?

The economic crisis is not an uncommon theme of conversation today. Whether it be at family reunions, in class, in the dining hall, anywhere really, we hear of how many people are unemployed, how much we should be worried about our futures, etc. etc. etc. Yet, there is yet another question, another theme that is lacking from most conversations regarding the current economic crisis: does a living wage apply?

Does the Church stop demanding payers employ a living wage in times of economic crisis? Or more generally, is injustice and social sin acceptable in times of crisis? Pope John XXIII said the following: “We consider it our duty to reaffirm that the remuneration of work is not something that can be left to the laws of the marketplace; nor should it be a decision left to the whims of the market. It must be based on justice and equity; which means that workers must be paid a wage which allows them to live a truly human life.” (Mater Ecclesiae, p. 34)

It is our duty, as a Catholic university, as one attempting to continue creating a culture of life through dialogue and practice, that we respect the living wage of every worker too, not only the unborn and the older generation. For if we believe in the seamless garment of life, then that means we must be seamless. We pose the question then, what does this mean for our students at Notre Dame?

What does Church teaching tell us about the wages we pay our workers? Can we still use the convenient excuse of "economic hardship"? Are our workers paid a living wage? Do we respect the life at all stages?

I think it is a question we must ask the administration: Why do we still not pay a living wage? Why are we not living in accordance with Catholic teaching in this area? Is life not important at all stages?

Alcic Qwos
sophomore
effect campus
Oct. 4

Northwestern students are left feeling refreshed that there exists such a movement to welcome and accept gay students at Notre Dame. Last year the Princeton Review ranked Notre Dame as the fifth most homophobic university in the country, and hopefully with the efforts of the Core Council, we can rid ourselves of this distinction. But one glaring inconsistency made me question the sincerity of the University’s efforts — the non-discrimination clause.

“Northwestern University does not discriminate on the basis of race/ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age in the administration of any of its employment, educational programs, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics, recreational, and other school-administered programs.” Nowhere in its non-discrimination clause does the University express this profound acceptance of homosexual students. How can gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning student feel at home at Notre Dame if there is no promise of protection from discrimination? By the current clause, it is perfectly acceptable for any policy or standpoint to deny athletic participation, scholarship money and even admission to the school based on someone’s sexual orientation.

As long as the clause exists, leave the present state, no matter how much we claim to be accepting of differences in sexual orientation, there is no guarantee that gay students would even be admitted if they were open about their sexuality on their applications. If I am to believe that Notre Dame is the welcoming place I have chosen as my home for four years, I have to believe that this type of discrimination doesn’t occur, for why not change the clause and definitively say so?

Melanie Fritz
freshman
Pavilion
Oct. 4

ND vs. USC — a call to arms

Dear Feminist Vigilante Group,

I have captured the wicked, wicked man known as Colin Sullivan. Thanks to your innovative signs placed around O’Shag that read Wanted. Colin Sullivan for the Crime of Sexism (thank God I read past the Wanted part because I first thought the ad was a Craig’s List posting for companionship), I was able to track him down and bring him and his evils ways to justice.

As of now he is locked in the makeshift jail cell that I created in my room, spewing obscenities about how women cannot drive, how their brains are only a third the size of ours and how we owe them a fist from the Garden of Eden Days. Fear not, for his obscenities will be swiftly crushed by the well-encased and slightly effeminate band of the law. It’s thanks to your ad that I’m glad there are people on this campus who take themselves so seriously, people who make sure that no such despicable joke goes unpunished. I thank for people like the Feminist Vigilantes who ensure that we watch our every move and make sure that every comment we utter is socially acceptable.

In the meantime, I am the only one who forces us to seek deep within our souls with such questions as “Why do we laugh at the fact that some think it is worse to be a woman?” (I don’t think I’m going to get much sleep until I answer that question). Feminist Vigilantes, you have shown us just how truly wicked men are because, in all honesty, a woman would never even think about cracking a joke about the opposite sex. They are above such action. So, as a fellow brother in arms, I salute you. Please continue your diligence in making sure that every comment in the Question of the Day is taken seriously. Sexism is not a joke... unless it’s really funny.

P.S. Do you want Colin dead or alive? How much will I be compensated for each?

Mike Rooney
junior
O’Neill Hall
Oct. 5

Bring on the noise

This weekend, we had probably the biggest home game of our season thus far, and I was both very impressed and disappointed by the student section. As far as top 10’s from ESPN and rivals.com columnists go, Notre Dame Stadium is not one of the top 10 toughest stadiums for opposing teams. But with a program as renowned as the Fighting Irish it definitely should be. On Saturday, I noticed that during the first half the student section seemed relatively quiet compared to how I remembered it last year. The freshman section seemed to drown out the other classes. At some points, I could even hear myself cheering because not that many around me were joining in. However, toward the end of the game, the student section was booming, exclaiming the cheers and rooting on the team with full force. Our support of the defense during the final plays helped us to win the game. It may be easy to criticize the football team for their mistakes, but we should remember our role in cheering the team on, because we also have a significant effect on the outcome. On Oct. 17, we have to remain loud through the whole game and shake up the Trojans. Giving the Irish a true home field advantage. Go Irish! Beat Trojans!

Brian Conaway
sophomore
St. Edward’s Hall
Oct. 4

Clause needs updating

After attending the community meeting for freshmen students sponsored by the Core Council and the student government, I felt refreshing that there exists such a movement to welcome and accept gay students at Notre Dame. Last year the Princeton Review ranked Notre Dame as the fifth most homophobic university in the country, and hopefully with the efforts of the Core Council, we can rid ourselves of this distinction. But one glaring inconsistency made me question the sincerity of the
The film works magic with its cast and mindless zombies creating wizies. "Shaun of the Dead" was British. "Zombieland" is the evolution in it and significantly less subtle humor. In a weekend with many hyped haps the pinnacle of the zom-com, a romantic comedy with zombies, they've become a bit of a pop-culture juggernaut appearing in audiences around the world in 1968. "28 Days Later" resonates one trying to enjoy the little things, constantly seeking to eat one of the last Twinkles in the world and going to their on-screen chemistry is revealed. Ultimately, the foursome on a believable post-apocalyptic world and the hilarious terrors of living up and double-tapping to make sure the zombie is dead, again. "Zombieland" (Woody Harrelson, on the other hand, simply lives day-to-day trying to enjoy the little things, constantly seeking to eat one of the last Twinkles in the world and going to the movie really becomes interesting when they all meet up and decide that the best place to go is a theme park called Pacific ode to romance to spice up character development and a growing attachment to the movie. The film works magic with its cast and mindless zombies creating a believable post-apocalyptic world and the hilarious terrors of living up and double-tapping to make sure the zombie is dead, again. "Zombieland" (Woody Harrelson, on the other hand, simply lives day-to-day trying to enjoy the little things, constantly seeking to eat one of the last Twinkles in the world and going to the movie really becomes interesting when they all meet up and decide that the best place to go is a theme park called Pacific Upstar to the wold, which we quickly discover is part of what makes up her quirky yet endearing personality. The two inevitably fall for each other, but the way in which their relationship is portrayed is not very convincing or interesting, as there is little to no chemistry between Eckhart and Aniston. The relationship as a whole is not very well developed, as the movie seems to focus more on the character development of Burke, whom Eckhart does not portray very convincingly. On the other hand, the performances of the supporting actors add much to the quality of the rom-com as a whole. Judy Greer, as always, plays the quintessential best friend and confidante of Eloise, as a fellow underachieving florist named Marty. The ridiculousness of her personality adds well-deserved humor to the otherwise rather mundane movie. Another outstanding performance comes from the often underappreciated actor John Carroll Lynch, who plays Walter, a contractor from Montana, who reluctantly drives the distance to Seattle for Burke's self-help seminar after suffering the loss of his 12-year-old son in a tragic accident. On a good note, one must give the movie props for a well-crafted soundtrack. Not only does the chick-flick include an unexpected live performance by Oakland-based indie rock band Rogue Wave, but the well-crafted soundtrack also includes music by British alternative singer songwriter Badly Drawn Boy, electronic indie pop band The Postal Service and Austin-based instrumental post-rock band Explosions in the Sky. For the most part, "Love Happens" is a cute rom-com chick-flick trying way too hard for some reason to cause its target audience to react to the same level of depression as would such tear-jerking Oscar-winning dramas as "Walk the Line" or "Breakback Mountain," and surprisingly succeeding to the detriment of many of its viewers. "Love Happens" will not be critically acclaimed any time soon, but if you're in the mood for a really sad romantic comedy with all the good plot twists of a made-for-TV Hallmark movie, you're in luck.
Music has shattered into a million seg- 
ments. Thanks to the Internet, all styles, 
influences and genres can be explored, 
welcomed, interpreted and appreciated 
by millions of like-minded listeners.

According to Google, there are several 
Web sites concerning "jazz polka fusion." 
This, undoubtedly, is good for our culture. 
Passionate fans will always push for better 
than the setup-musified masses. And as much 
as we music writers have thought it, there's 
been a leveling of artistic merit, leaving qual- 
ity nearly subjective.

What we've lost, however, is shared cul-
tural experiences. There will never again be 
a performance like the Beatles on the Ed 
Sullivan Show, Woodstock or James Brown 
saving Boston in '68. Chuck Klosterman 
suggested that Johnny Carson's retirement 
represented that last time our entire culture 
cared about a single event. Because of this, 
it's getting harder to define a generation by 
its music. Instead of a rock, punk, soul or 
rap culture, we've collected an amalgama-
tion of styles, a schizophrenic representation 
of our modern mindset. While we're shuff-
ling through the crowded, noisy back-
ground of culture, a new style has emerged 
to match the mood up.

Within the past five years, mash ups have 
come as close as the 2000s will have to a 
dominant music style. Of course, this is the 
result of a distinct lack of clear style, incor-
porating any and all songs with an interest-
ning beat, lyric or sound. Performers like Girl 
Talk, the Hood Internet and Team Y have 
combined the best songs of the game, but the 
credit for the genre falls square on a sin-
gle album from a DJ who quickly gave up 
the style.

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McNabb returns to practice, expected to start

Lions list Stafford as day-to-day with knee injury; Bulger tests bruised rotator cuff with light throwing

**PHILADELPHIA**

Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb returned to practice Monday and is expected to start Sunday when the Eagles host the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

McNabb has been out since breaking his rib in the season opener. He missed two games before the Eagles had their bye this past weekend.

"He looked good," said back-up Kevin Kolb, who replaced McNabb for two starts, with the Eagles going 1-1. "He was throwing the ball well."

Seated at his locker after practice, which was closed to the media, McNabb refused to address reporters on any topic from his health to whether local football team Temple is better than his alma mater, Syracuse.

"No comment," McNabb said each time to a string of questions.

Coach Andy Reid was not made available to the media Monday and is not expected to speak formally until his regularly scheduled news conference Wednesday morning.

Running back Brian Westbrook, who also sat out the Eagles’ last game with a knee injury, was back at Monday’s short practice, the team’s first since taking a week off for the bye.

McNabb was injured scoring a rushing touchdown Sept. 6 in a win over the Carolina Panthers. "I enjoyed being No. 1. I also know the situation and understand it," Kolb said. "If I were forced to fill in again, I’ll be ready. I think we know now we can win with someone else there, with me in there. I have more confidence now. I mean, I was always confident in myself, but until you do it you’re really not sure."

"Even now just because I did it for two games doesn’t mean I can do it over an entire season or a whole career. But I think I did help my confidence and the confidence of others around me," McNabb said.

Michael Vick is also expected to dress against the Bucs. His role is still undefined.

"I’m just going to continue to do whatever I can to help the team win," Vick said Monday.

One of those things is to lose a few pounds. Vick, who missed two years while he was serving prison time for his involvement in a dogfighting ring, is down to 212 pounds. He says his ideal playing weight is 208.

"I’m almost there," he said. "I can see the light."

Stafford listed as day-to-day

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — The Detroit Lions are publicly holding out hope Matthew Stafford, the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, might be healthy enough to play the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"It’s possible," Lions coach Jim Schwartz said Monday. 

Stafford’s right knee was twisted on a sack in the fourth quarter of Sunday’s loss against the Chicago Bears and he immediately grabbed behind it and screamed in pain on the ground.

"He’s day to day and we’ll know more on Wednesday," Schwartz said.

Stafford is the first-year head coach, though, does not plan to shake up his staff.

Bulger resumes light throwing

ST. LOUIS — One thing the St. Louis Rams don’t have is a quarterback controversy. They’ve been shut out twice — once with Marc Bulger taking the snaps and again on Sunday with Kyle Boller getting the start.

The winless Rams (0-4) have been outscored 106-24 and are making far too many mistakes under a rookie coaching staff that has stressed fundamentals from Day 1, committing three turnovers that produced touchdowns for the 49ers in a 35-0 whitewash two weeks ago.

Since Spagnuolo told the team Monday, as he has every week, to separate the upcoming game against Minnesota from the past failures of a franchise that has an NFL-low 14-game losing streak and overall 5-31 record since 2007.

Spagnuolo didn’t say what else prompted the benching. He spoke with Bannor on Monday and reminded him of the team’s expectations for a player who was drafted as the No. 4 overall pick.

Two years after he benched in training camp, but our inefficiency in kick returns is glaring and it needs to be addressed," Schwartz said. "It’s going to have to be done." He said the Lions did not acknowledge tests have been completed on Stafforrd’s knee.

"It’s just how he responds to it," Schwartz said.

Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford is sacked during Detroit’s 48-24 loss to Chicago Sunday. Stafford left the game because of a knee injury.

The Lions (1-3) did not play a Division two to snap out of their 19-game losing streak, losing 48-24 at Chicago.

"A couple of you astutely observed that I seemed a little ticked off after the game," Schwartz said at his weekly news conference. "And I’m here to say that after 24 hours, I’m probably more ticketed off now than I was right after the game."

"We never gave ourselves a chance to win that game. There were too many too many errors in all phases of the game, but particularly in special teams."

Stafford announced one change, putting third-round pick Derrick Williams in as a kickoff returner after sixth-round selection Aaron Brown averaged 22 yards on kickoff returns in the four games.

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"I have my reasons for what I did, and they’ve been expressed to the team as well as Alex," Spagnuolo said. "Just like I told Alex, it’s over, it’s done, we moved on.

Bulger did some light throwing Monday, testing a bruised rotator cuff, and Spagnuolo said he’d probably be questionable for this week’s game against the Vikings.

"That’s a long way away from a week ago when he couldn’t even throw and it’s a tough call," Spagnuolo said. "I think we’ll rest it and see what he can do on Wednesday."
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**Women’s Soccer Top 25**

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**Around the Nation**

**NCAA Football**

Quarterback Tim Tebow of the No. 1 Florida Gators prepares to pass during the Gators’ win over Charleston Southern on Sept. 5. Tebow is recovering from a concussion he suffered in the game against Kentucky on Sept. 26.

Tim Tebow deals with aftermath of concussion

Associated Press

"I know he’s allowed to watch TV. Earlier in the week he wasn’t allowed to do anything focused. I guess that’s normal protocol. And then after a week they accelerate,” Meyer said.

Tebow has been without headaches and other symptoms for several days. He said Tebow was given balance and memory tests Friday, Sunday and Monday, and the results were “very positive.”

Tebow was hospitalized overnight nine days ago after his helmet struck teammate Marcus Gilbert’s leg during a sack in the game against Kentucky.

Tebow didn’t attend any of Florida’s practices last week, and Meyer said he wasn’t sure whether Tebow would return this week.

Meyer also said Tebow still could play if he got cleared late in the week.

"I can’t answer that," Meyer said. "Can Tim play quarterback at Florida against a very good defense without practice? I don’t know that. It’s going to be as we move on.”

The Gators (4-0) planned to practice Monday afternoon with third-year sophomore John Brantley taking most of the repetitions at quarterback.

Brantley has completed 73 percent of his passes this season for 252 yards, with four touchdowns and no interceptions. But he’s played only in mop-up duty, so he still hasn’t taken a meaningful snap in three years at Florida.

Meyer said he would let everyone know when, and if, Tebow was cleared to practice, and insisted he wouldn’t keep a secret in hopes of deceiving the Tigers or making them prepare for both quarterbacks.

"I haven’t even thought about it," Meyer said. "A lot of that I think is overrated. I think one’s a great proven player and one’s got a lot of ability. Do things change? Are we going to abandon our offense?" All of a sudden be this information, under-center, power, off-tackle team? No, we’re not.

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Associated Press

Seattle Seahawks’ Matt Hasselbeck hopes to play Sunday against the Indianapolis Colts after spraining his ankle against the Colts.

Hasselbeck was injured on a dive for the goal line on Sept. 20 at San Francisco. He hasn’t practiced or played since.

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49ers speak out about intentions to play Crabtree

"We’re not sure what to say about it," Coach Mike Singletary said Monday that Crabtree’s agent was about to renew negotiations with the team, Singletary said he would not close the door on Crabtree, even though the wide receiver from Texas Tech has yet to practice with the 49ers because of a contract impasse.

"Any guy that can play and help us win, I would never say, "No, we don’t need him,"” Singletary said. "We need all the good football players we can get.”

Crabtree is seeking money comparable to higher picks. He has turned down a reported five-year, $30 million offer from the team that includes $16 million in guaranteed money.

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Seattle lost their third starting offensive lineman when left guard Rob Sims sprained his ankle against the Colts. He is expected to miss at least two games.

Semena gains support of African National Congress

JOHANNESBURG — The ruling African National Congress says champion runner Castor Semenya should continue in women’s athletics regardless of any gender tests.

Party spokesman Jackson Mthembu said Monday that Semenya had been brought up as a girl and should therefore "continue to run as a woman.”

Semenya won the 800 meters at the world championships in August in Berlin. Before the final, the International Association of Athletics Federations said it had ordered gender tests.

The ANC has set up a group to support Semenya who it says in a statement has been "victimized and subjected to unnecessary public scrutiny.”

Former President Nelson Mandela’s ex-wife Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, a prominent ANC figure and lawmaker, is to head the support group.
Talitl, "Hudson said. "When games for violating baseball's business, even when Manny used, he'd throw a speech in 20-0. He keep same mentality."

Torre has pretty much seen it all in baseball — as an All-Star player, manager of five teams, a castoff of Steinbrenner, and now a successful second act in Los Angeles.

In his two seasons here, the Dodgers have won consecutive NL West titles for the first time since 1977-78. When LaSorda was both manager and bench coach, red sauce and red pants were flown through the manager's office.

With his 14th straight playoff appearance, Torre has exceeded his record for manager set by Atlanta's Bobby Cox.

"The thing I'm most pleased about, probably, is coming here after leaving New York and inheriting a team with a lot of talent, then being able to add some special pieces and being able to have the success we've had in the last couple of years," Torre said.

One thing Torre discovered about the Dodgers this season is their penchant for coming through when tested. It took them a while — a stretch of six games — to finally clinch the division.

They did it with a 5-0 victory over wild-card Colorado on Sunday, their first win in five games since losing streak. Torre noted the team's champagne soaking, then was content to leave the spotlight to his players.

"He and Mr. Cox are definitely two first-ballot Hall of Famers," Los Angeles second baseman Orlando Hudson said. "They've managed some great players, some Hall of Famers — they've had it all in their careers, in my situation that baseball can imagine having, and they've both done so much for this game."

Torre's low-key personality has helped create the Dodgers clubhouse. He's never too high, never too low and rarely meddles in his players' business, even when Manny Ramirez was suspended for 50 games for violating baseball's drug policy.

"It's just as relaxed whether we were winning 15-0 or losing 20-0. He keeps the same mentality," Hudson said. "When things weren't going well for us, he'd throw a speech in every now and then. But no matter what we were going through, he's seen it all before, and that's something that we do new to him."

The Dodgers have been difficult to read, whether coming from behind to win games or going 29-21 when they were relaxed.

Torre knows he can't eliminate everything, but he's used to focusing on one person or another, who's hitting or getting hit from both sides of the bench. Outwardly, he didn't flinch even as the Dodgers watched their division lead shrivel to one game over the Rockies.

"He was still going in the right room to work out, still laughing and talking on the bench, just taking it one day at a time," Hudson said. "That's just the way he is, man. He's just relaxed, because he knows this game is not easy to play."

Randy Wolf will start for the Dodgers in their playoff opener. Wednesday is a day off, a first for St. Louis Cardinals — his first post-season day off since installing this spring.

Wolf admits nervses will get to him until he steps on the mound, when he can hide his comfort zone. The left-hander said Torre is mostly hands-off when it comes to one-on-one interactions with the players, but he's big on recognizing positive trends.

"If the team is going in a certain direction that he doesn't like, he addresses it right away. He doesn't sit down and let it carry on," Wolf said. "He doesn't get caught up in every moment, but at the same time he realizes that you've got to keep the same attitude every day."

When the Dodgers moved 27 games above .500 to their season high in mid-September, Torre dangled another carrot in front of the team.

"Every team will get to that 20-game lead," Hudson said, "but when that happened, he said, 'All right guys, it's part of the game. We're going to keep going out, keep battling, having fun, having quality bloop singles.' And that's how we look for our way up stairs at the end of the day.

The Dodgers haven't been to the penthouse level since winning the World Series in 1981. Torre won four titles managing the Yankees.

He never got there as a player or manager with Atlanta, St. Louis or the New York Mets — his stop before Steinbrenner hired him with the Yankees. "The Yanks didn't offer me a bonus for me," Torre said. "I was just very fortunate that other people that were on that list already had jobs to go to. I still think I was at the bottom of that list, that doesn't insult me, when you're talking about Sparky Anderson, Davey Johnson and Tony La Russa. I feel very blessed that I got that opportunity, and that I've been there that long. It's crazy."

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Torre prepares LA for the postseason

**NFL**

Colts D strings together solid games

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts defensive end Robert Mathis is having fun again. He's smiling, joking, taking pride in his big game against Seattle and the recent improvement he and his teammates have made.

It's a stark contrast to two weeks ago when an exhausted Mathis had to answer questions about Indianapolis' defensive debacle at Miami — and that was a win for the Colts. Mathis didn't hide then.

"We were embarrassed, basically," Mathis said Monday. "Everybody had to be accountable. We felt like we had lost that game even though we won." The Colts (4-0) took their ticks, learned their lessons, went back to work and now look like a rebuilt defense.

Over the last two weeks, the Colts have put quarterbacks Kurt Warner and Seneca Wallace under extreme duress. They limited Arizona and Seattle to a combined 73 yards rushing and only 57 points — 14 coming in the last three minutes of Sunday's 34-17 victory over the Seahawks.

The new Indy defense is using blitz packages to help Mathis and Dwight Freeney draw more one-on-one blocking matchups, a predicament for opponents that appears as one-sided on tape as it does in the stat books.

Freeney and Mathis already have five sacks each, nearly half of their combined total from last season when Mathis finished with 11½, Freeney had 10½ and both went to the Pro Bowl. They've forced four fumbles and when they're not catching quarterbacks they're still forcing them into poor decisions, hurried throws or inaccurate passes.

Opponents just can't keep up with it.

"They're still trying to double team, but they can't do it like they used to," Freeney said. "They have to be more creative because we're doing different things now. They can't just double me and double Robert, it's a little more man-a-man.

And a clear mismatch in favor of the Colts.

The rest of the defense is showing confidence, too. Defensive tackles Ed Johnson and Antonio Johnson are keeping the massive offensive linemen off Indy's small-line linebackers, allowing them to fill those gaping holes Miami exposed for 239 yards rushing. An influx of young talent is helping the Colts play the game they want instead of playing the Colts' way, too.

It's all part of the plan new defensive coordinator Larry Coyer installed this spring.

"I think the effort is outstanding in terms of getting to the ball," coach Jim Caldwell said. "I think we're getting good enthusiastic play from the players who are on the field."

The question, of course, is how long will that last? Are the Colts able to work up for 12 more games and the playoffs? Players believe it can. "I hope Miami was the anomaly, it was one of those games where we were out of position," linebacker Freddy Keiaho said. "And I'm pretty sure that games 1, 2 and 3 are what we are as a defense."

But the Colts could get even better.

Bob Sanders, the 2007 NFL defensive player of the year, hasn't even been on the practice field yet after having off-season knee surgery. Keiaho has started the last two games at middle linebacker for Gary Brackett, the defensive captain, who sprained his left knee late in the Miami game. Cornerback Kelvin Hayden, who signed a $43 million contract in February, has missed the last two weeks after injuring his left hamstring, and last year's other starting corner back, Marlin Jackson, has been limited primarily to nickel and dime packages as he comes back from two surgeries on his right knee.

"It kind of bodes well for us, but it's something that's been the case around here for a long time," Caldwell said of the injuries. "We don't fret about the fact that this guy is missing and we expect whoever or whoever comes to do the job."

Then when the other person does return, we end up with some pretty good depth.

And a lot more fun.

"What makes it fun is success," Freddie Keiaho said. "That's what's going on right now. We've beaten some good teams. You build off that momentum and everything snowballs.
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QB Manning has inflamed right foot

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Eli Manning is going to have to play in pain if he wants to continue as the New York Giants quarterback.

Manning was diagnosed with inflammation in the right foot late Monday following an MRI at the Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan. It’s a problem that usually develops over time and lingers.

Team physician Russell Warren told Manning he could play this weekend against the Oakland Raiders if he could tolerate the pain.

“It’s not as serious an injury as (the doctor) has seen before, where it’s the whole foot that’s hurting,” Manning said in an interview on ESPN Radio in New York. “It’s just kind of a portion of it.”

The Giants (4-0) have listed Manning as day to day with the plantar fasciitis, which has caused soreness and swelling in the heel and arch area on the bottom of his foot.

Dr. Steven Weinfield, chief of foot and ankle surgery from Mount Sinai’s Department of Orthopedics in New York City, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press Tuesday the injury could be treated by tapping the foot, stretching, cushioning the area and using ibuprofen or any anti-inflammatory medicine. He said cortisone injections also can help.

The past 24 hours have been a scary time for Giants faithful, knowing an injury could suddenly elevate veteran David Carr to the starting job this weekend against Oakland, and a serious injury could crush hopes of another championship run.

Manning, who has thrown for 1,039 yards, eight touchdowns and two interceptions this season, was hurt early in the fourth quarter in a non-contact injury in New York’s 27-16 win over the Chiefs in Kansas City.

The MVP of the Super Bowl in February 2008 made a fake play-action and went back to throw. As he glanced his right foot, he suddenly hopped as if he had stepped in a divot or something popped. He threw an incomplete pass to Steve Smith seconds later.

The play reminded many of the season-ending Achilles’ tendon injury former Jets quarterback Vinny Test Averde suffered at the start of the 1999 season.

“It’s not as serious an injury as (the doctor) has seen before where it’s the whole foot that’s hurting, it’s just kind of a portion of it.”

Eli Manning

Giants quarterback

The only obvious sign of an injury was a slight limp when he walked away.

“Yeah, there is all positive stuff,” Manning said. “I think it’s just time and ice and some treatment here and at home, kind of nonstop everything for the next couple of days. My goal is by Wednesday to be practicing and get out there and not be restricted.”

Manning admittedly was concerned about his Aces’ tendon briefly after his incomplete pass to Smith. He threw a touchdown pass to rookie Hakeem Nicks on the next play and then spent the rest of the game on the bench.

“I know what it was,” Manning said. “I knew it was the bottom of my foot, my heel area, I could walk around a little bit. It was good that we got a touchdown on that play, kind of gave ourselves a pretty good lead at the time.”

Manning, who has started 82 consecutive games, still had some swelling and soreness Monday morning. He got ice and stimulation treatment and went through his strength and conditioning program before attending meetings and talking to the media.

“It doesn’t feel any worse today than it did yesterday, which is a good sign,” Manning said. “Hopefully, it just gets better every day.”

Manning has played through pain. He injured the A-C joint in his right shoulder in a game against Dallas early in 2007 and came back the following weekend to play against Green Bay.

“The last time, with the shoulder, (the doctor) said I’d be out a month and I played the next week,” Manning said, noting Warren told him this time it’s just a matter of how fast can he heal.

Coughlin said Manning is one of those players who wants to be out there with his teammates.

“I am not worried about him,” said Rich Seubert. “A couple of years ago, he had the shoulder or whatever it was and he was fine and didn’t miss anything. Then I let (Browns nose tackle) Shaun Rogers fall on him last year. He’s a tough kid. I know on Sunday he will be out there playing with us.”

Carr, the No. 1 pick overall by Houston in the 2002 draft and a veteran of 79 NFL starts, is ready just in case.

“I have done this before, it’s not my first rodeo,” Carr said. “I have a great team around me, that’s the biggest thing. I think we have the best offensive line in football and throwers and some young receivers that are really excited to play, excited to watch, exciting to throw to. I got a chance to throw to them a little bit in preseason and every day in practice, so it should be exciting. We have a good football team. I just have to go in and do my job.”
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The Babes offense took over, with a slew of passes that eventually resulted in Schanzer’s turnover, and the offense converted the turnover into yet another touchdown by Schanzer with just over a minute left in the first half.

With a comfortable lead, the second half gave them room to play fresh legs and players who don’t normally see playing time. “It was nice that we were able to give everyone some real-game experience because everyone had played so well,” Hadley said.

Even with the less experienced players, Walsh was still able to come through with a touchdown. The second half also gave Radin room to show its strengths after adjusting to Walsh’s style. A strong set of completed passes between freshman receiver Ashley Okonta and sophomore quarterback Ryan Conney led to a touchdown by Okonta.

“It felt good to have a comfortable victory and not have to come back from behind,” coach Jeremiah Herman said. “If we execute like this every game, that’s what will get us in the playoffs.”

Radin will take on Pasquerilla West Thursday while Walsh has a bye week.

Lewis 33, Breen-Phillips 0

After a rough 0-2 start, Lewis earned its first win of the season Sunday with a shutout victory over Breen-Phillips.

Senior quarterback Catherine Guarneri scored five total touchdowns, throwing three and running for two more. Freshman receiver Coomaught Blood caught a reception over two Breen-Phillips defenders.

The Lewis defense used an interception, a sack and numerous turnovers on downs to stifle the Breen-Phillips offense throughout the game. Sophomore Margot Deflot was crucial in saving the shutout, with an interception in the Chicks’ end zone and a crucial stop of a threatening run by the Babes’ quarterback in the last play of the game.

“It was nice to win, we played really well,” Guarneri said. “Our defense is really a key to our play and our offense has stepped up recently.”

Despite some successful drives and big plays, the Breen-Phillips defense was unable to capitalize and put points on the board. Freshman quarterback Stefan Santeramo connected with sophomore Lauren Kalinski for multiple clutch gains, including a 40-yard pass at the start of the second half which brought them within a couple of yards of the red zone.

“Our team did great. The offense ran great routes,” Santeramo said. “Next game we’ll do a lot better.”

The Babes expressed satisfaction with its improvement over the team’s improvement over the team’s recent past. “I know we’ll win,” Miller said. “We’re disappointed but let’s move forward and we learned from this game and we’ll win next week.”

Farley on the other hand was ecstatic after evading what seemed to be sure defeat.

“We would have liked a win,” Yoviene said. “But obviously we’re really happy with the comeback.”

Both teams will gear up for Tuesday night matchups, as McGlinn takes on Pasquerilla East and Farley battles the Howard.

Pangborn 28, Lyons 0

After two tough losses, Pangborn (1-2) proved itself as a force to be reckoned with by dominating Lyons (0-2) 28-0.

The first half was plagued with penalty after penalty, frustrating both teams as a new rule prohibits any sign of raised elbows while blocking. After going back and forth with forlorn pants when neither team could convert to a first down, Pangborn finally had a few for good. When Lyons senior quarterback Claire Connell came out for the rest of the game to figure out what was working, Freshman Erica Miller took over as quarterback.

“They weren’t the best circumstances, but we still kept our spirits up,” Miller said.

After Connell’s injury, the Lions struggled to advance the ball and Pangborn’s enthusiasm finally paid off with an interception by senior co-captain Meghan Bescher on a Lyons fourth down.

After a successful drive run by Pangborn senior quarterback Gabby Tate, a string of successful passes, and one final run by Tate into the end zone, Pangborn got its first touchdown.

This only started what would become a powerful display of force by both the defense and offense. The first half ended with a sack by Pangborn, shutting down the Lyons offense.

After another succession of passes, Tate continued upfield, taking the ball for an 18-yard gain, leading 14-0.

The defensive line came through once again, sacking the Lyons quarterback twice and forcing the punt returner to punt.

Pangborn continued its touchdown streak, with another combination of run by Tate and a Jackie Okonta touchdown.

The Babes could not be stopped, quickly regaining possession from Lyons with an interception by Bescher. The turnover led to a touchdown by Tate and a final extra point by senior Annie Kotz.

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back PJ McHugh, has now given up three points or less in two of their games.

The Mob offense was on the field for most of the second half, but was unfulfilled because of three negative points. The only O'Neill score came on a safety forced by the defense.

"The defense was great," Keenan sophomore quarterback Terry Morrissey said. "It's the offense that milks the clock. I guess that's the epitome of bend-but-don't-break defense. It was a great goal-line stand, but unfortunately they gave us one more chance at the play of the defense."

The Mob defense kept the team in the game, allowing only the second quarter field goal by Martinez. It was a vast improvement from the squad's opening game.

"I thought we did really well on defense," senior captain Charles Johnson said. "We improved from last time. We had a safety, which was really good for us. The defense was great except for the field goal."

Morrissey will look to continue the winning ways against perennial powerhouse Siegfried next weekend.

"This win just gives us more momentum heading into next week's matchup," Yahus said. "Everyone played and contributed today, so as a team our experience level is growing up, which is always a good thing."

Siegfried 34, Alumn 0

Siegfried's electric offense was too much for Alumn's defense to handle Sunday.

The defending champion Ramblers used three running touchdowns, including two scoring runs over 30-yards by junior quarterback Matt Meinert, to rout Alumn 34-0.

"I scored both of my touchdowns on option plays," Meinert said. "It's a play that we practice a lot. The line did a good job today."

Alumn struggled early to amass any offense. They were hampered by turnovers, including a punt-out that set up Siegfried's first quarter touchdown. The Dawgs failed to get a first down in the first quarter, setting the tone for the rest of the game.

"Siegfried's defense played just as well as its offense, resulting to every tackle and finishing every play. Junior defensive lineman Dan Scime had two sacks; and senior captain Dex Cure took a recovered fumble to the house in the second quarter. This touchdown was one of three scored in the second period for the Ramblers.

The balltime adjustments made by the Dawgs brought a spark to both the offense and defense. They methodically moved the ball down the field, make startups killed their momentum once again. Defensivey, they recovered a fumble and only allowed one touchdown in the second half.

However, Alumn encountered more of the same grinding offense from Siegfried. While Meinert continued to make yardage and score, their pass defense to the room. The Green Wave pulled out a big win with a touchdown pass to a wide-open receiver down field. St. Edward's turned the tide of the game again when a defensive lineman stripped the hand-off from the running back and took off running. The Dawgs finished the ball running to the end zone. Junior lineman Dominic Facelli picked it up and scored for the Gentlemen. Despite the dreary outcome for Fisher, they continue to look towards the future.

"We are going to get in the wind in our sails and get those gears turning," senior captain Jamie Ellis said.

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Crabbe said, "She finished her two chances well. She has been working hard after coming in a bit behind in pre-season." After a tough loss in their first conference matchup with Adrian, the Belles were looking to regain momentum heading into the rest of conference play and will need to use it well against Calvin.

Crabbe said while earning the victory over Trine was good, the Belles cannot afford to dwell on their success as Calvin presents an entirely new set of challenge. It will be tough going from playing the worst team in the conference to the best.

Saint Mary's, who has already doubled its win total from last season, will be looking to avoid being shut out for the eighth time already this season. While their offense has struggled at times, the combination of senior Patty Duffy and freshman Adele Bruggeman has held their opponents to only two goals in the team's four wins this season.

"Certainly scoring first would be a tremendous way to start the game."

Ryan Crabbe
Belles coach

"We can't give up early goals," Crabbe said. "The longer we keep the game close the better our chances. We have had problems falling behind and having to chase the game against quality opponents. Certainly scoring first would be a tremendous way to start the game."

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"This is the largest amount of wins we've had since I've been here," said Carroll. "Cardwell's win sets up a battle of two undefeated squads Sunday against Sorth.

Stanford 12, Dillon 7
Stanford defeated Dillon in a thrilling contest that was not decided until the end of a wild fourth quarter.

The game opened with a defensive struggle, with neither team able to put points on the board in the first quarter. At the beginning of the second quarter, however, Stanford began connecting through the air and was able to reach the end zone on a touchdown pass from junior quarterback Tony Rizzo to junior receiver Brian Cash. The Griffins missed the ensuing extra-point attempt. Dillon could muster no offense in the first half and the teams went to halftime with Stanford leading 6-0.

The third quarter was also a defensive struggle, as well as the beginning of the fourth quarter. With less than three minutes left in the fourth quarter, however, Stanford had the ball and was looking to run out the clock and escape with a victory.

Dillon junior captain Jordan Smith then stripped the ball from Rizzo and ran the ball back for a touchdown. The Big Red were able to convert the extra point and take a one-point lead with just two minutes to go in the game.

The Griffins then used quick, methodical passes to move the ball to the Dillon 42-yard-line in merely 50 seconds. On the next play, Rizzo again connected with Cash for a 42-yard touchdown pass to give Stanford a 12-7 lead. Dillon tried to quickly score in the waning seconds but the comeback attempt fell short, allowing the Griffins to leave with victory.

"Both teams played hard, I thought we were going to steal one," Smith said. "I wasn't thinking they were going to drive down the field."

He also credited Stanford's defense for stopping the Big Red rushing attack just as they intended to do.

"Dillon played a great game," Stanford senior captain Chris Gill said. "Both defenses played well, and we just got lucky with Cash being open twice.

He was also proud of Rizzo's resilience, as well as the execution of the Griffin offense on the game-deciding drive. As usual, the Stanford-Dillon matchup had play-off implications.

"It's good to know that we are sitting on top of the division right now," Gill said. Meanwhile, Dillon looks to win out and make the playoffs again, where they will most likely face Stanford again.

"I would love to face Stanford again," Smith said. "I hope they win enough games so that we can play them."

For now, both teams will have to continue their defensive prowess for the rest of the regular season.

Dillon faces Knebach next week as Stanford meets O'Neill.

Keenan 3, O'Neill 2
It may have been ugly, but for Keenan it marks the first victory of the season, keeping them in playoff contention.

The lone score of the game came on a second quarter field goal of 41 yards by junior kicker Pablo Martinez. It was his second made field goal this season.

The Knight's defense, led by senior defensive end Tony Canning who stopped many O'Neill running plays and sophomore defensive

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Belles take on Calvin as part of ‘Dig for Cure’ promotion

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles square off in an important MIAA matchup with Calvin tonight, but this game will carry much more importance than just any conference showdown. That is because the teams will be playing to raise awareness for breast cancer. The Belles will sponsor the Dig for the Cure contest against Calvin, an event in partnership with the Susan G. Komen Foundation to raise money for cancer research. All of the teams in the MIAA conference will put on an event similar to this for one of their matches in the month of October. The format is simple. Each player will go out and ask for monetary pledges per dig in the match. The average number of digs per game for the Belles will be multiplied by that pledge, and the total amount will be given to the Komen Foundation. If the Belles maintain their season average of 17.5 digs per game tonight, a pledge of five dollars will amount to $85 toward cancer research. They will also be selling pink desserts and pink t-shirts at the concession stand during the game. To raise the most money, the Belles will have to play stellar defense, something that has been somewhat suspect in their last two games this past weekend where they dropped two contests by scores of 3-0.

“We were not able to play our game on Saturday,” coach Toni Kuschel said. “There were times that we were able to gain control but we were not able to ever capture a comfortable lead. The Belles now turn to their next opponent, the last MIAA opponent on their schedule that they have yet to face. No.11 Calvin is having its usual successful season and is currently 11-4 on the year. History is also not on the Belles’ side as the Knights swept the series last year with two 3-0 victories.

The Knights feature one of the most powerful offenses in the conference, and have more than twice as many kills per game as their opponents. “We expect them to come out and play as strong as they have played everyone else this year so far,” Kuschel said. "They have a really good offense so our defense will really have to be on (tonight). The match will begin at 7 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

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Goodbye Solo (2008)
Directed by Ramin Bahrani
8, 91 minutes

On the lonely roads of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, two men forge an improbable friendship that will change both of their lives forever. Solo is a cabbie; he drops off a local man named Ebert (played by a remarkable James Franco) at his last location, the Angora Lounge. Ebert is the son of a local cab driver working to provide a better life for his young family. William is a tough Southern good of boy with a lifetime of regrets. One man’s American dream is just beginning, while the other’s is quickly winding down. But despite their differences, both men soon realize they need each other more than either is willing to admit. Through this unlikely but unforgettable friendship, GOOODBYE SOLO deftly explores the passing of a generation as well as the rapidly changing face of America.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Congratulations, detail, fair play and patience will be required if you want to take advantage of creative opportunities coming your way this year. Connecting with old friends, lovers or neighbors will lead to new possibilities. This is a year of reconnecting and reacquainting. Your numbers are 1, 9, 14, 27, 30, 39.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take what the month's luck and stars present to you. You'll need to let your imagination run wild to maximize your success potential. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): With a couple of productive and imaginative changes, you'll be able to live life on your own terms. Not everyone will be as happy with you but you should be able to move forward with only mild interference. ★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll have to do double duty. Not matter how you look at a situation, you can expect to be surprised by the outcome. Keep your guard up and your thoughts focused for now.★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll have more than your share of enemies and your personal life. Getting involved in domestic projects will help ease tensions as you figure out ways to accommodate everyone you love.★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may feel like going away but working is what's required. Your mind will be able to move forward with only mild interference. ★★★

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are able to call the shots. Not everyone will be in agreement with you but you should be able to move forward with only mild interference.★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A partnership can make a huge difference to your personal and professional future. Don't be afraid to speak your mind. You are ready to figure out ways to accommodate everyone you love.★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can probably fool some of the people you are dealing with, but the ones who know you best will see through your ruse.★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You've got all the right moves to go your way and things will fall into place.★ ★ ★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's not the end of the world that will come, it's the way things take a different path.★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You've been spending time with the same people, and it's time to make some changes. ★★★★★

Answer: To some, the time is right. For others, the time might just be a dream.★★★★★

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You've been working on a partnership or a new relationship. Don't procrastinate.★★★★★

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are able to call the shots. Not everyone will be in agreement with you but you should be able to move forward with only mild interference.★★★★★

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Standing strong
Senior goalkeeper leads young Irish D

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

A year after starting all 27 games for Notre Dame (8-3-1) with a goals against average (GAA) of 0.44, some would say senior goalkeeper Kelsey Lysander has slipped this year as her GAA jumped to 1.15. What they would fail to notice is Lysander’s expanded role as one of only two seniors able to consistently play, her adjustment to a young back line and her 0.45 GAA in the seven Irish victories she has played in.

Lysander first saw consistent playing time last season after learning under Lauren Karas, who graduated in 2008. In her second season as starter, the

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SMC SOCCER

Belles play to host to Calvin

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

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WOMEN’S INTERHALL

Walsh still undefeated, beats Badin

By MEGAN FINNERAN, KEVIN BROWN, CHRIS ALLEN, KAITLYN MURPHY and KELLY ZENERE
Sports Writers

Walsh 29, Badin 6

Despite Badin’s strongest efforts, Walsh remains undefeated with a 29-6 victory over the Bullfrogs. Unlike their past two games against Pangborn and Cavanaugh, this week the Wild Women dominated from beginning to end.

“It felt pretty nice,” junior Lindsay Schaus said. “It’s good to be able to relax and get some of the girls in who don’t always get a lot of playing time.”

Walsh began its animated cheering even before the game

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MEN’S INTERHALL

Tammerine’s long sprint catapults Vermin over Zahmbies

By COLIN KING, ALLAN JOSEPH, ANDREW OWENS, MATTHEW ROBINSON, LEN DENNIS and TIM SINGER
Sports Writers

Carroll 6, Zahn 0

Carroll (0-0-3) outlasted Zahn 6-0 Sunday by playing solid defense, making fewer mistakes and capitalizing on one-game-deciding play.

Early in the third quarter, sophomore running back Nick Tammerine said. “The play was option right. I received some great blocking downfield blocking, and was lucky enough to score.”

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Transfer Martin tears ACL, out for season

Observer Staff Report

Junior guard Scott Martin tore his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and will miss the 2009-10 season, the athletic department said Monday.

Martin tore his ACL during a pre-season workout on Oct. 1, the statement said. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) exams Monday confirmed the injury.

“I am very disappointed for Scott,” coach Mike Brey said in the statement. “He had worked so hard last season in practices and in the weight room improving his overall strength and getting himself ready to be a big part of our lineup this season. We are expecting Scott to make a full recovery and he will use this year to rehabilitate and get prepared for the 2010-11 season.”

The statement said Martin will have surgery during the week of Oct. 19.

Martin transferred in June 2008 from Purdue, where he averaged 8.5 points and 3.8 rebounds per game during the 2007-2008 season. He sat out last season because of the NCAA transfer rules.

“Scott Martin is going to be a very good player here at Notre Dame,” Brey said. “It’s now just going to be a little bit longer wait before we can get him on the court.”

Mike Brey
Irish coach

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Men and women taking initiative for their sport.

This page contains a mix of articles, including soccer, basketball, and football, with a focus on team performances and individual players' abilities. The articles cover various aspects of the games, from team strategies to individual highlights. The tone is informative and balanced, with a mix of quotes from players and coaches to provide context and analysis.