Students, University respond to arrests

University, student government representatives meet with police officials

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

In response to the large number of students recently arrested and incarcerated for underage drinking, representatives from the University and student government met with the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) this week.

These meetings opened communication channels and resulted in small changes in SBPD procedure, Tom Doyle, vice president for Student Affairs said.

South Bend police officers will wear and activate body microphones, Doyle said. "As long as they're in proximity to the car, there will be an audio account," he said. "This is for the officer's security and this is for every-
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OFFBEAT

Man leads hour-long chase in dump truck SYRACUSE, N.Y. Police said a 37-year-old man driving a dump truck led them on an hour-long chase over roads, rails and yards in the Syracuse area that ended with the suspect being shot. The Onondaga County Sheriff’s office said Stanley Lostumbo jumped into a dump truck Tuesday night after being accused of stealing from vending machines at a mall. Police pursued the truck on a highway, through backyards and school grounds and down railroad tracks at speeds up to 65 mph before stopping it at a hurricane in East Syracuse.

Police said Lostumbo reversed the truck and hit a sheriff’s vehicle and officers fired, apparently striking Lostumbo in the shoulder. He was briefly hospitalized for minor injuries.

Dead plants declared start of fire LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A fire that did $20,000 in damages to a northeast Arkansas home wasn’t caused by an electrical problem or burning food or arson, an insurance investigator concluded. Instead, the dead plants did it, according to a summary provided to the homeowner, Brian Duncan. “The fire was caused by self-heating through decomposition of organic materials contained within a plastic flowerpot,” the Aug. 25 letter from State Farm Insurance Co. said. Or, in layman’s terms, spontaneous combustion. Duncan, whose home is a few miles south of Paragould, said the flowerpot had contained dead, decomposing flowers and potting soil that his wife had planted in the summer of 2009. Paragould is about 150 miles northeast of Little Rock.

“How many rushing TDs for Dayne Crist have?”

I’ll give him three rushing touchdowns.

“How many rushing TDs for you?”

If Dayne has three, I have to have at least three [laughing]. Just kidding. Probably one.

Students of Zahn hall hung their “Here Come the Irish” banner Thursday. The banner will be displayed for Saturday’s game against Purdue, which is Brian Kelly’s first game as the Irish coach.

In Brief

The “Parallel Currents: Highlights of the Bicentennial Collection of Latin American Art” will be exhibited today in the Snite Art Museum from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The exhibit is open to students, faculty, staff and the public.

Susan Blum, a professor in the Department of Anthropology, will speak Saturday at noon in the Snite Museum’s Annenburg Auditorium. The lecture, “Plagiarism and Code Culture” is part of the Saturday Scholars Series. The event is free and open to the public.

“From Earth to the Edges,” a Saturday Science Exploration Series event will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. Keith Davis will lead a tour of the capabilities of the Jordan Hall of Science Digital Visualization Theater. The event will take place in room 100 of the Jordan Hall of Science.

Architectural exhibit, “Documentary History, Charting Progress and Exploring the World,” showing today at the Snite Collection of 19th-century European photography will open Sunday at 10 a.m. The exhibit will be located in the Snite Art Museum. The exhibit is open to the public.

Recent Gifts from the Dr. William McGregor ‘65 Photography Collection will be showcased in the Snite Art Museum from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Students, faculty, staff and the public are welcome to attend.

To submit information to be included in the section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obobserver.nba@gmail.com

Correction

The Observer regrets indulg as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-5113 so we can correct our error.

The HOT SEAT: one person, five questions, infinite possibilities

Do you think you’ll actually run the Wildcat offense this weekend?

That’d be awesome. We’re excited to just have it in our gameplan.

What would be your first thought if that were to happen? If it’s in the red zone on the goal line, it’s going to be score.

Would you rather throw a TD pass to Dayne Crist or run one in yourself?

I’ll throw it to him. A passing touchdown and a receiving touchdown for him would be nice.

Know someone who should be in the hot seat? E-mail djacobs1@nd.edu

THE HOT SEAT is a new addition to Page 2. On Mondays a prominent student will be featured and Fridays will feature a campus personality. Don’t worry, the Photo Poll will still run in our midweek editions.

Kyle Rudolph
Junior
Tight end

TODAY    TONIGHT    GAME DAY    SUNDAY    MONDAY    TUESDAY

LOCAL WEATHER
Zipcars give a greener alternative

By AMANDA GRAY
Assistant News Editor

A global company with an earth-friendly agenda has come to campus. Zipcars, the world’s largest car-sharing program, now has four cars on Notre Dame’s campus, Erin Hafner said. Hafner is the programs manager for the Office of Sustainability.

“We had several requests from students and student groups to offer a car-sharing program,” she said.

The program opened Thursday, with an event at South Dining Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. where students could register on-site and win giveaways. The event was originally located at the Fieldhouse Mall but was moved due to rain. There will also be an identical event today.

The program is available for anyone on campus older than 18 with a driver’s license, Hafner said. The company covers insurance, gas, 180 miles each day, reserved parking spots, roadside assistance, cleaning and maintenance. There’s even a gas card in the visor to fill up when around town.

“We’re hoping as it’s more popular students will come to campus not bringiing cars,” Hafner said.

The program states for every Zipcar used, 15 to 20 cars are taken off the road. “We’re hoping to fill the 15 to 20 vehicles,” Hafner said. “Think of students bringing vehicles to campus – they sit there. They’re not only used a few times during campus. These are opportunities to use Zipcars.” Hafner said she hopes parents also see Zipcar as an alternative to sending their children to school with cars. The cars on campus are all low-emission vehicles. Two Toyota Priuses, named Paddy and Perpetua, and two Scion Xb’s named Bree and Blarne now call Notre Dame home. Zipcar normally enrolls 3,000 annual members and requires a $50 annual registration fee. Anyone affiliated with Notre Dame registers through www.zipcar.com/notredame, where the annual registration fee is $35, with $35 driving credit added toward the first month of driving, according to a press release.

After students, faculty or staff register, they receive a “Zipcard” in the mail, which looks like a credit card and has a built-in microchip. After registration, users reserve cars through the company’s website. Once cars approach their limits, as shown with the microchip in the door, the cards are returned to the Zipcar Center, the microchip in the door unlocks the door. Cars rent for $8 an hour Monday through Friday, with a maximum of $66 per day charged. On weekends, the cost rises to $9 an hour, with a maximum charge of $72.

Hafner said users with iPhones can download an application to rent cars and open vehicles directly from their phone. “It’s important to know you have to be on time with returning the vehicle,” Hafner said. “They give you plenty of options to extend your time, but there is a fee associated with it.”

Hafner said when participating in the program reach the age of 21, they can share any Zipcar globally. “You can fly to Paris and use a Zipcar,” she said.

The decision to work with Zipcar instead of other car-sharing programs was simple, Hafner said. “Zipcar has been around the longest — they have the most robust program.”

Erin Hafner, Zipcar programs manager, Office of Sustainability

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“I’m eager to learn whatever she has to offer me. As a young actress, I’m always learning new things,” Tomlin said. “And I think it’s a great opportunity for anyone who has a passion for acting.” While some girls may be nervous to work with the actress, Cavadini said, “I’m not nervous at all. She’s a person just like anyone else.”

In addition, Tomlin will dine with students that evening. Schmitt is excited for this opportunity, as it will give students one-on-one time between the actress and the students.

“I am really excited and feel fortunate that Saint Mary’s gives us the opportunity to work and converse with such a talented and well-known artist,” Schmitt said.

That evening at 7:30 p.m., Tomlin will give a public presentation on O’Laughlin Auditorium of the Moreau Center for the Arts on Notre Dame’s campus.

Tomlin is looking forward to the event. “It’s an opportunity to hear a dominant figure in the media world speak, and I’m going to learn a lot,” she said.

The event is free to all Saint Mary’s, Notre Dame and Holy Cross students. However, tickets are still required to attend the event. Tickets are available at the Moreau Box Office.

The event is also open to the general public with tickets costing $14 online or $13 at the door. Contact Caitlin Housley at chou010@saintmarys.edu

London actors to put on Shakespeare

Special to The Observer

Shakespeare at Notre Dame and Actors From The London Stage (AFTLS) will present William Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” Wednesday to Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Admission is $20 for the general public, $18 for senior citizens, and $12 for students. Tickets are available in advance at the office by calling 574-631-2800 or visiting http://performingarts.nd.edu. Contact Caitlin Housley at chou010@saintmarys.edu
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Thanks for making us your favorite breakfast and lunch place!
Members of the Cultural Affairs Committee (CAC) at Saint Mary’s College have been working for months to determine this year’s Moreau Center calendar and have recently announced the entertainment for the school year.

This year’s line-up includes actress/comedienne Lily Tomlin at the request of the Humanistic Studies Department.

"(The Committee) is charged with bringing in a variety of programming in which to expose our students to over their four years at Saint Mary’s.”

Christopher Sallak, patron services and marketing manager Saint Mary’s College

The lineup also includes dance with the help of the Milwaukee Ballet II. The lineup also includes dance with the help of the Milwaukee Ballet II.

The Cultural Affairs Committee meets a year in advance of a new season to discuss the potential line-up of shows. About a dozen members comprise of faculty, staff and students of Saint Mary’s meet to discuss recommendations for the Performing Arts Series. Variety is key. Director of Special Events Richard Baxter noted that performances aren’t truly chosen based on the expected number of student turnout. Instead, he said they are chosen on balance and diversity.

In order to achieve this balance, Baxter meets with all departments involved in the Performing Arts series. “Every fall, I meet with the Music, Dance, Theater, Art and Communication departments and talk about the calendar for the upcoming year,” Baxter said.

The departments then discussed whom they have visiting, and they pick the particular dates they want the event to occur based on the newly formed calendar. Baxter then takes the calendar back to the Cultural Affairs Committee and they discuss the Performing Arts Series line-up.

The committee does look to years past to help select the new year’s line-up. Baxter said, “We analyzed the past 10 years of the Performing Arts Series and selected the artists according to the charge from the Performing Arts Series and selected the artists according to the charge from the Governance manual. We also select artists with respect to what the budget and the calendar permit. The budget comes from Saint Mary’s itself with the help of an endowed fund from the Shaheen family. Operating budgets cover technical supplies, food, accommodation for the performer, hospitality and more.

While they may consider past years in the selection process, this year’s line-up varies from previous in that a charity event (the jazz concert) is part of the Performing Arts Series.

“Service and Saint Mary’s College go hand in hand. They seem right together,” Baxter said. The Moreau center has hosted charity events before, however, they were never part of the Performing Arts series.

In addition, the Communicative Disorders department recommended physically challenged musician Brittany Maier.

“We will be working with her department and other local agencies to make this event accessible to others who are physically challenged,” Sallak said.

While changes to the line-up may have occurred, all changes are made in the interest of bringing variety to the students.

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Center’s line up provides variety

Oil rig explosion rocks Gulf again

NEW ORLEANS — An oil platform exploded and burned off the Louisiana coast Thursday, the second such disaster in the Gulf of Mexico in less than five months. This time, the Coast Guard said there was no leak, and no one was killed.

The Coast Guard initially reported that an oil sheen a mile long and 100 feet wide had begun to spread from the site of the blast, about 200 miles west of the source of BP’s massive spill. But hours later, Coast Guard Cmdr. Cheri Ben-Jesa said crews were unable to find any spill.

The company that owns the platform, Houston-based Mariner Energy, did not know what caused the fire. Mariner Energy’s Patrick Cassidy said he considered the incident a fire, not an explosion.

“The platform is still intact and it was just a small portion of the platform that appears to be burned,” he said.

Mariner officials said there were seven active production wells on the platform, and they were shut down shortly before the fire broke out.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said the company told him the fire began in 100 barrels of light crude oil. The Coast Guard said Mariner Energy reported the oil sheen.

In a public statement, the company said an initial flyover did not show any oil.

Photos from the scene showed at least five ships floating near the platform. Three of them were shooting great plumes of water onto the machinery. Light smoke could be seen drifting across the deep blue waters of the gulf.

By late afternoon, the fire on the platform was out.

The platform is in about 340 feet of water and about 100 miles south of Louisiana’s Vermilion Bay. Its location is considered shallow water, much less than the approximately 5,000 feet where BP’s well spewed oil and gas for three months after the April rig explosion that killed 11 workers.

Responding to any oil spill in shallow water would be much easier than in deep water, where crews depend on remote-operated vehicles to access equipment on the seafloor.

A Homeland Security update obtained by The Associated Press said the platform was producing 58,800 gallons of oil and 900,000 cubic feet of gas per day. The platform can store 4,200 gallons of oil.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said the administration has “response assets ready for deployment should we receive reports of pollution in the water.”

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Is God calling you? Do you know?

Thinking of living a life of purpose and joy? Think you might have a vocation to serve as a priest or brother? Join the Holy Cross community at Notre Dame’s Corby Hall for an hour of prayer, pizza, and informal discussion.

Corby Night

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Questions? Call 1-8385.
Cultural Passport gets students off campus

By MOLLY MADDEN
Assistant News Editor

While many Notre Dame students may decide to study abroad and travel to far-off places, a new program on campus is encouraging students to seek out the marvels in the local community.

For the first time last spring, the Cultural Passport program was developed through a partnership with the College of Science and Mayor Stephen Lukecke of South Bend. The program gives each student a cultural passport featuring 14 destinations in the South Bend area where students are encouraged to visit.

"I had a lot of folks of our students need to graduate with not only a great education but actually knowing something about the community that they've lived in for four years," Dean Gregory Crawford of the College of Science said.

When the program was conceived last year, it was initially only offered to a select group of students from the College of Science and was more of a "proof of concept," according to Crawford. However, the program has been expanded to include every undergraduate and graduate student at Notre Dame.

Each passport features a description of the location, hours of operation and some destinations even offer special discounts for Notre Dame students. The goal of the passport format, according to Crawford, is to get students to visit as many of the destinations as possible. At every location a student shows the passport, they will receive a stamp on the passport for that organization.

Crawford said he came up with the idea when he realized how few Notre Dame students ever venture into the South Bend community.

"Before starting this program, I visited most of the places that are in the passports and I was fascinated by all these various organizations," he said. "I started working with the Mayor's office and together we compiled this list of fourteen locations that we encourage students to visit during their time here at Notre Dame."

Crawford and Mayor Lukecke worked with each of the fourteen destinations to be included in the program. The Mayor's Office agreed to print up a special certificate for any student who receives a stamp from every location in the passport. But Crawford hopes that students participate in the program for different reasons.

"This is a nice and easy way to engage the community, and a very important one," he said. "I would hate to think that they would participate in this simply to receive a certificate."

Each College has the passports and students are encouraged to go to their dean's office and pick up.

The Class of 2014 received their passports during freshmen orientation. Many of the freshmen said they received their passport gives them a lot more to South Bend than just Notre Dame.

"I would never have thought to explore South Bend until I got my passport," freshman Gina Rogali said. "I didn't know we had some of those things around here."

Freshman Molly Shank said while she found the passport "helpful," initially she wasn't sure of its purpose.

"There wasn't a whole lot of explanation about the program," she said. "They need to explain it better because I would definitely use it now."

Crawford said the program will be reviewed at the end of the year and feedback will be solicited from the students who participated in the program to see if any changes should be made.

Crawford said he has little doubt that the program will help bring new outlook to the students who take advantage of the program and the city of South Bend.

"Our students should be able to leave this community that they've lived in for four years and tell people all about it," he said. "Besides, I think that when they visit some of these places, they will be blown away by what they see."

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Illinois prison chief resigns

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Illinois' prison chief, who became a political liability to Gov. Pat Quinn during an election year because of a secret prisoner release program he oversaw, is stepping down, the governor said Thursday.

Corrections Director Michael Randle is resigning as of Sept. 17 to pursue a new opportunity and his replacement will be named soon, Quinn said.

Randle's departure comes after a review last month of the early release program that found the corrections department didn't consider possible dangers to the public if it tried to save money by letting prisoners out early, including some who were violent.

Quinn canceled MGT Push — named for the "meritorious good time" that was granted to prisoners — after The Associated Press revealed the program's existence last fall. By then, some 1,700 inmates had been granted early release, including hundreds of prisoners with records of violence.

Quinn, a Democrat who's running for his first full term as governor, heaped most of the blame on Randle, and Randle said Quinn had ordered that violent offenders not be part of the program.

"I appreciate Director Randle's dedicated service to the state of Illinois during these challenging times," Quinn said in a statement. Randle was appointed corrections chief in May 2009.

Randle's office declined an interview request. The Chicago Tribune was the first to report his pending departure.

Randle is leaving amid calls for his ouster by Quinn's Republican opponent in the governor's race, state Sen. Bill Brady, of Bloomington. Quinn has repeatedly said he would not fire Randle, although he acknowledged he considered it.

"Michael Randle should have been fired long ago. Allowing the top official responsible for one of Illinois' worst public safety failures to simply depart state government without reprimand shows the Quinn Administration to be a nothing but a revolving door of reckless ineptitude," Brady spokeswoman Patty Schacht said in a statement.

The controversy over the early release program was a major issue in the February Democratic primary for governor that Quinn narrowly won over state comptroller Dan Rahn.

Under the early release program, inmates were given time off as soon as they walked through the prison doors. The Corrections Department dropped its policy of requiring prisoners to serve at least 61 days before getting any time off for good behavior.
ND utilizes the iPad

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

As the academic year kicks into high gear, many students have heard of the buzz surrounding the iPad class. Inside of Corin Angst's project management class, the use of Apple's popular gadget allows students to take advantage of the iPad's capabilities in a unique way.

The seven-week course is the first of several pilot classes that will use 50 University-owned iPads as means to determine the role e-publishing technology should play in the classroom, Angst, assistant professor of management, said.

These classes are the result of Notre Dame's e-publishing working group, which formed in March as a partnership between the Office of Initiatives and Technologies, Academic Technologies, Hesburgh Libraries, the Hammer, Notre Dame Bookstore, the Office of Institutional Marketing and the Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures (CSLC).

Academic technologies consultant Jon Crutchfield said the group's main goal is to determine what an "e-publishing ecosystem" would look like at Notre Dame.

"We've seen the transition from print text to digital texts for years," Crutchfield said. "We knew the iPad was coming out last April which would help increase acceptance of e-readers and e-books, and the iPad is more functional enough to justify its cost."

The 499 iPads were funded by OIT, Hesburgh Libraries, MCOB, the Law School and the CSLC, allowing students to use them without any personal cost.

"There's no question," Crutchfield said of the iPad's color display, multimedia capabilities and Internet access, "it's an advantage over other black-and-white e-readers that have been unsuccessfully piloted at other universities."

In contrast with those failed pilots, Angst has received virtually no complaints about the iPads and their role in the class.

"Students work on real-world projects in this team-based course," Angst said. "Besides using the iPad as an e-reader, they are probably using shared calendars to coordinate their schedules and about half the students are using their iPads during class."

Angst's students also depend on the iPad during the transition to a paperless, iPad-based course.

"I'm actually surprised how much I like reading our text," said Jordan Rockwell said. "They have a very hard job to do and we understand that," he said.

Angst is heading a research project that will assess the effectiveness of e-readers and e-books, energy efficiency and people create, distribute, read and share content in terms of savings from e-books, energy efficiency and whether you can instantly access your book on any computer to the iPad so you can instantly access your own files or Professor Crutchfield's files.

Andrea Angst said she's been surprised by how much she like reading our text, and that she would like to do in the future.

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By FR. TOM DOLY
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"This is not a marketing plan. It's simply an awareness campaign. It's really multifaceted," Soler said. "We want BeND to be a place where students come and go."

"From our perspective, we're getting calls from people and they're saying I'm trying to sleep and there's a mob behind my house," he said.

"The recent trend to incarcerate students repeatedly shared stories and issue citations — stems from the fact that there is a certain amount of liability for students who are allowed to go home, Trent said. For example, if a group of people are stopped on Washington Street, two miles from campus, they would have a lengthy walk back to campus, which could potentially get into trouble."

"We're not in a situation where we can just shush and allow 50 or 100 students in a residential neighborhood to just disperse," Trent said.

Trent expects complaints will subside once the weather cools down because parties will move indoors and residents will sleep with their windows shut.

Going into the first home football weekend, there will be 25 South Bend police officers patrolling the campus area. There will be 15 officers on Friday and Saturday night, Soler said.

"It's our responsibility to be a good neighbor, both on campus and off campus, and about half the students coordinate their schedules and use the University's shuttle to commute."

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BeND opened up to us, at least gives us a chance to share what we really are," he said.

Soler said BeND included the "distinct qualities that are already enacted under BeND include the distribution of tickets to homes that are not ready to be concentrated around Eddy Street and Notre Dame Avenue, as were the bars and night spots for students. Now, students live in more residential neighborhoods and parties draw more complaints.

Trent said that officers are responsive to these types of complaints and are not "trying to hinder or put a stop to the college experience," rather they're trying to arrest people because they're citing or arresting, "a conspiracy."

Trent said Notre Dame student off-campus housing used to be concentrated around Eddy Street and Notre Dame Avenue, as were the bars and night spots for students.

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BeND opened up to us, at least gives us a chance to share what we really are," he said.

Soler said BeND included the "distinct qualities that are already enacted under BeND include the distribution of tickets to homes that are not ready to be concentrated around Eddy Street and Notre Dame Avenue, as were the bars and night spots for students. Now, students live in more residential neighborhoods and parties draw more complaints.

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difficult, you know, and rough and rude, the officer said. "And they were kind of taunting ... They read his ID and they said 'Oh, he's a freshman, no way.'"

Kemnetz said she tried to talk to the police officer and requested that they give her boyfriend a citation rather than take him into custody.

"I was trying to be as coopera-
tive as possible," she said. "But that the fact that they made him spend the night in jail just seems over the top."

Her boyfriend declined to comment.

This case is one of around 70 arrests related to off-campus alcohol consumption since the weekend of Aug. 21.

"It's the one thing that every-

core's talking about," senior Jack Winnike said. "You walk into classes and you overhear people talking about the police and everyone is like, 'Oh what are you going to do this weekend? I don't know.'"

Winnike, 21, was present when the police officer arrived at the home in reference to a Street party Monday night, and said South Bend Police broke up a large party. One officer told the students he could hear their music from the street, but the incident has made him, as an off-campus student, par-
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some of Winnike's friends were arrested at the Washington Street party, which consisted of about 30 students. According to the police report, officers arrived at the home in reference to a large party. One officer told the students he could hear their music from the street, but Winnike said no music was playing when the police arrived.

"One of the things that always pops into my mind is people say the law is the law and the police have to enforce it regardless," he said. "That whole concept is really just absurd because if you got a ticket for jay walking, you would be trat. You expect to be able to drive a 37 in a 35 with out being pulled over ... To say that they just have to uphold the law and that's it and they can't use their judgement in terms of what's best for public safety, that's just not accurate."

Senior Liam Bhagian was also present at the Washington Street party Monday night, and said seven or eight police cars arrived at the scene. He said when they asked students for their identification, he said, they told 21 year olds, like Bhagian, to leave.

"And then they just told us to walk home, which doesn't make sense because one of the rea-

ions. They said that student had not been drinking."

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dents at the party who had been drinking, Stavole said. They were handcuffed, taken to the police car, but released with citations.

"For Stavole, recent arrests mark a change from his previ-
ous three years at Notre Dame. He said he was present at par-
ties during his freshman year when police simply asked students to dis-
perse from the party. This year, he has not heard of that type of party bust."

"It's to a point where I don't want my friends who are under-
age to come over my house," he said. "The situation's just very
tense between police and stu-
dents."

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Dillon Hall Pep Rally

Friday, September 3rd
5:45-7:00
South Quad in Front of Dillon Hall
One topic has dominated campus conversation for the past week, and it has nothing to do with the start of fall classes, the Dillon Hall pep rally or Brian Kelly’s new spread offense.

Two weeks into the school year, more than 70 students have already been arrested on charges related to off-campus alcohol consumption — a number so alarmingly high that University officials and local law enforcement have been conducting meetings aimed at mediating the growing tension.

The first question has to be: why? What has changed since we left school in May that has caused the number of off-campus arrests — not citations — to rise so rapidly?

There’s been nothing to suggest off-campus student behavior has drastically changed. The laws haven’t changed, either; underaged drinking is still illegal, and individual police officers can still use their discretion when deciding whether to arrest or cite those in violation of the law.

Bit it seems highly unlikely that all of the 70-plus students fell into one of those three categories.

So, we return to the question: Why? What has changed?

And the only change that lies in how police officers have exercised their discretion.

For Tom Doyle, vice president for student Affairs, may have summed it up when he told The Observer Wednesday, “Things just seem different than they have in previous years.”

Things do seem different, and students have been left in the dark as to why. If local law enforcement has changed its policies or attitudes, they have not communicated these changes to students — at least not through words.

Even more concerning than the recent trend for officers to arrest, not cite, violators is the palpable sense of fear and uncertainty that these incidents have instilled in the student body.

Campus is buzzing about this issue. It is by far the most talked-about topic in class and in the dining halls. But while students have plenty to say about it, most are haf-

That students who have had interactions with law enforcement brought their stories to Doyle and others within the University and student government, yet only four have been willing to go on the record with The Observer.

The fact that these students are hesitant to have their names in print demonstrates the atmosphere of fear that pervades campus. This should not be the student body’s foremost feeling heading into the first home football weekend.

Doyle said he has noticed a pattern in student stories about “their rights or their dignity is being violated,” which prompted the University to engage in discussions with law enforcement and city officials. But where will those discussions lead — and, almost as important, when will students know the results?

There doesn’t seem to be a straightforward solution for a problem that seemed to arise overnight.

While we hope the recent “us vs. them” mentality will eventually subside as the University becomes more involved with local officials, students are still left in a precarious position — especially heading into the first home football weekend.

Doyle’s advice: “I think we all have to reflect on what’s happened the past two weeks and say the prudent course of action for students would be to be model citi-
zens in the community, especially those who are not of age.”

Those may not be the words some students want to hear. But with so much uncertainty, what else are we to do?
Can someone please start a charity fund that donates money to help the unemployed get job training for every time a politician says he or she is not a part of Washington culture? My first thoughts every time a guy in a suit, excuse me pleated khakis and a working man collar shirt, says he wants to be sent to Washington to change the culture of D.C. is how stupid must the U.S. public be to buy this as genuine? Despite your political beliefs you are likely equally baffled as to why politi- cians can say with a straight face that they will “shake up Washington.” Yet, they will get away with it and win their elections (Only seven incumbents in all of Congress have lost in a pri- mary so far this year), not because people are dumb, but because there are no real options. Pessimism is attacking the soul of the United States. We need to start finding ways to stop it.

The journey towards saving our democracy from the obsession of short-term political benefit versus long-term health for our country is a rigorous one, but it must start with challenging the two-party system. I’ve spent the last three years of my life campaigning for candidates, and then fighting issue-by-issue trying to win legislative battles to move them further forward. After two years of the Obama Administration I am far from empty- handed, but enormous issues like the environment and immigration policy are untouched and each major bill passed is defined by being sub- optim- al. Thanks to the two-party monop- oly on the system and a lot of money changing hands in D.C., we have bloated bills addressing national crises like health care and Wall Street reform that no one understands except the lobbyists that wrote them. I have concluded that instead of advocating incrementally for certain issues, the roots of legislative failure must be addressed. There needs to be real political competition injected into our system. While a number of solu- tions need to be put forth, like public financing for elections, making it more difficult for members of Congress and their staffs to become lobbyists, and filibuster reform, I am most intrigued by the concept of ranked-choice vot- ing.

Ranked-choice voting is when a voter has a first choice, second choice, and sometimes a third choice vote. The system is used in various countries around the world and by a selection of cities and counties in the U.S. The most notable city of San Francisco. Ranked-choice voting tallies all of the first choice votes and if a candidate has more than 50 percent of those votes he or she is victorious. The likely event that no one gets a majority the lowest vote getter is eliminated and the second choice voters get allo- cated according to the voters’ selec- tions. This process is repeated until a candidate gets more than 50 percent of the total votes. Ranked-choice voting would bring a desperately needed breath of fresh air to the predictable and depressing back and forth that dominates U.S. politics today. Party lines would begin to blur as candidates emerged that gave vot- ers real choices on the most important issues of our time. Third party candi- dates would at a very minimum inject new ideas and approaches into debates. With ranked-choice voting candidates will less frequently give in to attacking their opponents because they will not want to alienate potential second choice voters. Also, the dissolv- ing integrity of U.S. media could be slowed as people started to regain interest in debates. Third party candi- dates and ideas would throw a wrench into today’s news cycle of political pundits spewing the daily talking points. Having massive “big tent” parties does not serve the interests of the peo- ple effectively. During the 2008 elec- tion people demanded change, trans- parency, and accountability from their government. The problem was that such a large and politically diverse majority of the electorate elected to Congress that the debates over every major piece of legislation took place almost entirely within the walls of Congress or the West Wing. The media simply chased behind reporting erroneously and selectively on polls that fit into their particular narrative. I am not writing this article because I believe I am not writing this article because I believe I am not writing this article because I believe I am not writing this article because I believe...
Before the weather starts getting really terrible, take the time to make a trip over to Carroll Hall to see the massive "Go Irish" banner. It's quite the surprise that so much Notre Dame spirit can be contained in such a small dorm, but seeing the banner early on Saturday morning will certainly evoke pride in even the most lackluster football fans.

For anyone looking for that quintessential "so college" moment, look no further than Alumni Quad Dancing. Early Friday afternoon, the men of Alumni Hall showcase their dance moves and manage to make passersby feel as uncomfortable as possible. They tend to sacrifice their bodies for the dance and may even sacrifice a little pride. When walking out of South Dining Hall on Friday, don't be alarmed by the dancing cone or shirtless Bill Clinton. It's just the Alumni Quad Dance.

After stopping by Carroll Hall, complete the Notre Dame banner tour by heading to Zahm Hall. For every home game a large banner reading "Here Come the Irish" covers the building. It's nothing compared to hearing the same phrase read by the announcer as our team takes the field, but it's an integral part of the football tradition.

The biggest event this weekend, other than the actual game, is the Dillon Pep Rally. Each dorm showcasing their dorm pride is quite exciting. Viking hats and giant oars may not be commonplace at Notre Dame, but they aren't out of the ordinary at the Dillon Pep rally. Come experience the thrill of Notre Dame football at 6:00 p.m. on Friday while the team is still undefeated.

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Scene Writer

Things to do before the game

By BRANDY CERNE
Scene Writer

Friday around 12:30 p.m. – One of the strangest yet most enjoyable football weekend experiences is watching the Alumni Dawgs have a dance party in front of their dorm on South Quad. Take a break from your walk from class to South Dining Hall to admire the random mix of costumes, dance moves and upbeat songs.

Friday 6 p.m. – The Dillon Pep Rally, held before the first home game each year, always provides plenty of laughs as it satirizes campus events and the football program. The rest of the pep rallies will most likely continue to disappoint this year, which gives students even more reason to come to South Quad to laugh and get excited for Saturday's game.

Friday Midnight – For first timers, the Drummer's Circle in front of Main Building is a can't-miss event. After listening to the beats of classic Notre Dame songs with a mix of students and other fans, everyone comes away feeling even more pumped for the game the next day. And for all you freshmen, it's a great chance to perfect some of those cheers.

Saturday 1:45 p.m. – For the biggest of football fans, line up to watch and cheer on the players as they walk over from mass to the stadium. Catch a glimpse of your favorite players just a few hours before they (hopefully) make plays to remember all season.

Saturday 2:30 p.m. – If you miss the trumpets standing on their seats and playing in South Dining Hall during lunch, catch them playing band classics under Notre Dame's most iconic landmark, the Dome.

Saturday immediately after the game – Join the rush after the game to get to the dining halls as soon as possible to avoid the long lines for the candlelight dinners (here's an insider tip: there's no escaping the lines). They are all worth it though, for the rare treat of a more intimate ambiance and food of much higher quality than the day-to-day dining hall provisions.

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Things to avoid on Football Friday

Bookstore: Like sporting the latest The Shirt on football weekends? Of course! Like it enough to be touched anonymously by hundreds of other noisy fans in the mile-long cashier lines? Didn't think so.

Grape Road: The main thoroughfare of downtown Mishawaka is bad enough during rush hour. Toss in a hundred thousand extra drivers searching for a place to celebrate the victory over Purdue, and it's a recipe for auto disaster.

Library or any study hall: You kidding me!? New coach, new quarterback, new season? Forget about it!

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Eating after the game

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There are two good options for where to enjoy your post-victory or lamentation meal – the campus dining halls or one of the fine local food establishments, accessible by foot (Eddy Street Commons) or car (pretty much everywhere else). Decide which will hit that post-game sweet spot, and then plan ahead! Did you forget that there are over 80,000 people on campus on game days? A little pre-emptive planning will save you a big headache when sitting in traffic or waiting in line for your much-needed food.

Wait it out: if you can make it a few hours without eating, the crowds, both on campus and off, will be infinitely smaller and getting around by foot or car will take less than half the time. And if you’re planning to enjoy your meals in the dining halls, pay for your dinner earlier in the day at either dining hall and then just make sure to bring your ticket with when it’s time for dinner. Not having to wait in the cash register line will save you and/or your guests tons of time.

Call ahead: if you’re checking out a local eatery, see if they take reservations. If so, make one, but if you’re totally不方便. But they will be packed for hours on end. Avoid Douglas Road at all costs: it’s a one-way street and it takes longer than your life sentence. The restaurants at Eddy Street Commons: they’re totally convenient. But they will be packed for hours after the game is over. Just keep that in mind.

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What your arrival times say about you

By JORDAN GAMBLE
Scene Editor

9:30 am – You’re trying (and failing) to buy a ticket for your friend from Purdue from the ticket window. You leave the stadium and go take pictures with your roommates jumping in the air in front of Zahm’s “Here Come the Irish” banner until the crepes line opens at North Dining Hall. Later, your Purdue friend pays an ungodly amount to the scalpers stationed on the corner of Douglas and 933.

1:30 pm – You LOVE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL SO MUCH, but you forgot about Daylight Savings Time. The gates aren’t open yet, though you rattle them in desperation. You want to enter your cathedral of college sporting tradition, but the sanctuary is not yet willing to rescue you from the real world. You spend the next hour circling the stadium, kissing the feet of all the coaches’ statues. For the Lou Holtz one, you climb up onto the pedestal and just kind of hug him for a few minutes.

2:30 pm – You LOVE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL SO MUCH. You are the first student at Gate E, and you give all the ushers high-fives and you stare in awe at all the banners and Heisman winners and … then you see how far you have to hike up the ramp to your seats in section 34. You buy an overpriced hot dog and a Commemorative Stadium Mug and wait on some steps for all your friends to show up.

2:45 pm – An hour before, you were camped out by Sorin, hoping for a glimpse of study student-athletes in suits strutting from the basilica to the stadium. Now you’re glued to your seat, wearing your artfully-cut-up The Shirt with pride. You’re not a jersey chaser or anything, but you like to watch the team stretch.

2:50 pm – You are a band groupie. You love the music and pageantry and marching and funny spoofs on shoes, so you follow the band through the Law School Arch. You give the marimba guy a wink. He looked pretty cute at drummer circle last night.

3:00 pm – You’ve filled up on free food from tailgates (the alumni giving it are possibly related to your freshman-year roommate’s cousin’s roommate) in the stadium lot, so you join the rush of people streaming into the various gates. You consider yourself a dedicated Notre Dame football fan and would under any other circumstances be there at 2:30, but man, you liked those hamburgers from Mr. Dorm Donor ’71.

3:05 pm – You make it just in time for all the patriotic and school-spirited ceremonies before the game. You are also a little bit tipsy, but you are so patriotic and you love Notre Dame and have superb balance, so you can stand on your wooden bench and belt out “America the Beautiful” and “The Star Spangled Banner” with ease. You even perfectly time your fist-pump during the Victory March.

3:15 pm – Football is fun. So is the shuttle bus from White Fields. So many new friends! Woo college! Purdue’s!! Haha, get it? Purdue’s? Let’s go Irish! Go Irish, beat Trains! That’s what a Bedlammer is, right? A train?

3:30 pm - The security personnel at the gates confiscated your vuvuzela. Jerks. You even spent 10 minutes trying to conceal it in your pants and now you’re left without anything sufficiently obnoxious. You trudge in, disfranchised.

3:37 pm – You catch kick-off and yell politely along with everybody else. You like football, you really do. Maybe. It’s just so confusing. You also like to sit down during time-outs and text a lot during key defensive moments. Some student section purists yell at you for being a lackluster Irish fan, but you don’t really care.

4:00 pm – You left your ticket booklet on your dining hall tray and just spent the last three hours digging through trash cans in South. The ushers manage to scan the barcode around all the scrambled eggs caked on the Purdue stub.

4:15 pm – Well, you paid $245 for the season. Might as well see what’s going on. Looks like a good time. You don’t think the beaches look too comfortable. You ask an usher where the grad student section is.

Never, because you don’t have tickets – You are an international student who thinks American football is kind of ridiculous. You stay at home to watch soccer/football matches streaming on your laptop and do some of your homework. When your roommate comes home and collapses on the futon after a four-hour marathon of screaming and standing and jumping and touchdown push-ups, you ask how the weather was today.

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Yankees shut out Athletics for four-game sweep

Konerko hits a three-run home run for second win in five; Five runs in second inning lead Boston to split series

NEW YORK — CC Sabathia pitched one-hit ball for eight innings to earn his major league-leading 19th win, Ill-in Curtis Granderson homered twice and the New York Yankees beat the Oakland Athletics 5-0 Thursday for a four-game sweep.

Sabathia (19-5) breezed on a strong afternoon, nicked only by Mark Ellis' clean single leading off the second. Jonathan Albaladejo combined the complete one-hitter in the ninth.

Granderson hit a solo homer and a two-run shot as a replacement for Nick Swisher, who left after one inning because of a stiff left knee. Jorge Posada also homered a day after an animated ejection for Swisher, who left for a hit-and-run in the eighth, and retired the next three batters and a walk to start the ninth.

New York increased its AL East lead over idle Tampa to 1/2 games. Oakland’s loss gave AL West-leading Texas a 10-game bulge.

Sabathia matched his career high with 13 strikeouts and won his 20th game of the season. There are 40 rules all athletes must learn before the age of 5. [sings] Learn your rules, if you don't you're gonna have a bad time. Ever.

The Associated Press

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Early in the inning, Sabathia struck out Cesar Izturis and hit a tying, three-run homer in Chicago’s 4-3 win.

Chicago reliever Tony Pena (4-2) pitched three innings after replacing Freddy Garcia, who left after four with a stiff back. Rockies-Tigers Sale, the team’s first-round draft pick, pitched eight innings for his seventh career save. The left-hander struck out Shin Soo-Choo with the tying run on base to end the ninth.

Wearing his familiar No. 99 and dreadlocks yet to be trimmed to length, Ramirez went 1-for-3 in his return to the on-deck circle, 3 bases home by Red Sox fans.

Braden and Rodriguez have never faced each other in the majors, but Braden started against the Yankees for the first time since his dugout with Alex Rodriguez on April 22 in Oakland. A-Rod angered Braden by crossing the mound while returning to first base after a foul ball, and the two laugher at each other and the A’s sold T-shirts printed with “Get Off My Mound.”

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Woods hopes for qualifying bid at TPC Boston

Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — A chart of FedEx Cup standings at the Deutsche Bank Championship showed Tiger Woods at the top, but not unusual considering he has won the cup and its $10 million prize every year he has played. This chart was different. It listed the 10 players who are on the bubble at the TPC Boston, starting with Woods at No. 65 through Josh Teater at No. 75. Only the top 70 after this week will advance to the third round of the playoffs at the BMW Championship, where Woods is defending champion.

Woods has failed to defend a title when the tournament has changed dates or when he was injured. Never has he not gone back to a tournament as the defending champion because he was not eligible.

“It’s been a different year,” Woods said. “Mentally, I’m hitting the ball much better, hence I have more confidence. I’m driving the ball much straighter, hitting the ball a little bit farther, especially with my irons. And those are all positive signs. It’s just a matter of making it a little bit more natural. And that’s just reps.”

Whether the tournament lasts any longer than Labor Day depends on the path of Hurricane Earl — the same name as Woods’ late father. The forecast was for good weather through noon on Friday before it starts getting nasty, with the worst of it late Friday afternoon and into the night.

The tournament moved tee times up as much as it could with a 99-man field — 40 minutes — with the first group set in stone yet, but I think it depends a lot on how good picks. I think it depends a lot on how many is at stake this week — not one cup, but two.

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For the 99 players — Kenny Perry pulled out on Wednesday — the goal is to finish in the top 70 in the standings to advance to Chicago and the BMW Championship. It’s far more tense for the 14 players that U.S. captain Corey Pavin has on a white sheet of paper he keeps in his pocket, all of them candidates to be among his four Ryder Cup picks.

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Roethlisberger seeks to reduce suspension

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger’s first big gain of the season may occur weeks before he returns to the field.

His six-game suspension for violating the league’s personal conduct policy likely will be shortened to four games by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell after the two meet in New York on Friday. The meeting will take place about 12 hours after the quarterback played two series in the Steelers’ final preseason game, completing 4 of 6 passes for 39 yards against the Carolina Panthers in Pittsburgh.

The league plans to review Roethlisberger’s behavior since he was accused of sexually assaulting a Georgia college student following a night of drinking in a Milledgeville, Ga., bar on March 5. Once it was determined six weeks later that Roethlisberger would not be charged by Georgia authorities, Goodell suspended Roethlisberger for the start of the season and ordered him to undergo an extensive evaluation. If Roethlisberger followed the league’s guidelines and stayed out of trouble, Goodell said he would consider cutting the suspension to four games. While Roethlisberger is likely to contend that his conduct has been exemplary and the penalty should be cut even further, perhaps to three games, NFL officials have emphasized that Goodell’s initial ruling specified a punishment of at least four games.

Steelers president Art Rooney II is expected to accompany Roethlisberger to the meeting. Goodell's rulings were made in consultation with Rooney and the Steelers, who were angered by the two-time Super Bowl quarterback's behavior and would have punished him if the league hadn’t.

Goodell’s office has kept in frequent contact with the Steelers’ ownership and is expected to announce shortly after the meeting whether the suspension will be shortened.

Roethlisberger was encouraged last month when Goodell said he was going “above and beyond” what the league asked him. The quarterback spent considerable time during training camp interacting with fans, working at charitable and youth functions and appearing at children’s hospitals.

“I’m very encouraged by what he’s doing,” Goodell said at Steelers training camp Aug. 5. “He hasn’t just done what he’s been told to do. I think he’s worked hard to really try to improve and focus on himself and understand what he’s been through and what he’s going to do differently going forward. I think that’s a very positive thing.”

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NEW YORK — Roger Federer is one cool customer. The temperature climbed into the 90s yet again Thursday at Flushing Meadows, and the guy showed up for work wearing a warmup jacket. Then he put in his 1 hour, 41 minutes on court, dismissing 104th-ranked Andreas Beck of Germany 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 with the help of 15 aces, to ease into the third round of the U.S. Open.

“It's about just saving your energy for the really big match coming up, maybe the next one,” Federer said, perhaps mindful that he was pushed to five sets in the opening round at Wimbledon in June before eventually losing in the quarterfinals at a second consecutive major tournament.

He dropped all of seven games in the first round of the U.S. Open, and the owner of a record 16 Grand Slam titles is feeling pretty good about things at the moment.

“It's the perfect start, sure. I played Monday; had two days off. I had another easy one physically today, and here I am in the third round feeling like I'm completely in the tournament,” said Federer, a five-time U.S. Open champion and the only man left in the field who has won it.

“I got a sense for how the court speed is again. I got the sense of the crowd and the wind now, as well. I played one night, one day,” he continued. “I have all the answers after two matches.”

In other words: Let everyone else sweat it out.

Like Kei Nishikori, the 147th-ranked qualifier from Japan, who fought cramps in his racket-holding right hand and elsewhere while taking a minute shy of five hours to wrap up a 5-7, 7-6 (6), 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-1 victory over 11th-seeded Marin Cilic.

“It was very humid. It wasn’t easy to get the oxygen,” said Cilic, a U.S. Open quarterfinalist last year, and an Australian Open semifinalist in January.

The 20-year-old Nishikori began feeling his muscles tighten in the second set but didn’t really begin worrying until after trailing 2-1 in sets.
Despite Hardesty’s injury, Browns defeat Bears

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Montario Hardesty can’t seem to outrun his knee problems.

Cleveland’s highly touted rookie running back, whose career at Tennessee was slowed by knee injuries, hurt his left one in the second quarter of Thursday night’s 13-10 win over the Chicago Bears, a potentially major blow to the Browns’ running game.

Fellow rookie Colt McCoy got his first pro start and went a perfect 13 of 13 for 131 yards in two-plus quarters. The former Texas star fumbled his first snap, but finally showed some potential in easily his best performance of an otherwise rough preseason.

Quarterback Todd Collins, recently signed by Chicago to back up Jay Cutler, completed 10 of 15 for 139 yards and a 15-yard TD pass to tight end Greg Olsen for the Bears (0-4).

Phil Dawson kicked a 36-yard field goal — set up when Cleveland’s defensive back DeAngelo Smith blocked a punt — as time expired for the Browns (2-2).

Hardesty made his pro debut after missing training camp with a bone bruise, an injury he sustained in his surgically repaired right knee during the week before Cleveland’s veterans reported. He recently returned to practice and the Browns were excited about him finally getting on the field.

Hardesty showed his inside power before getting hurt, scoring on a 1-yard run in the first quarter. He finished with 25 yards on seven carries.

On a routine running play off the left side, Hardesty picked up 2 yards but stayed on the ground after being tackled. He grimaced as trainers worked on his leg before he walked slowly to the sideline, where Cleveland’s medical staff examined him.

He was escorted to the locker room for further tests. Hardesty didn’t limp and was able to put full weight on his left leg as he left the field.

The team provided no details on Hardesty’s injury.

The Browns traded into the second round to draft Hardesty, who gained 1,345 yards last season in the rugged SEC. Cleveland’s front office is high on Hardesty, believing he can step in as a starter or serve as a change-of-pace for Jerome Harrison, who at just 5-foot-9 and 205 pounds has durability questions.

Not wanting to risk injuries with their season openers looming, both teams rested most of their starters. Cutler didn’t play and the Browns sat starting QB Jake Delhomme and backup Seneca Wallace.

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NCAA Football

No. 13 Miami cruises past Florida A&M
QB Harris completes 12 of 15 passes for 210 yards and three touchdowns; ‘Canes outgain Rattlers 405-110

Associated Press

MIAMI — Jacory Harris and the Miami Hurricanes have been trying to not think too much about their long-awaited trip to Ohio State.
It’s all they’ll think about for the next week — and Harris might be ready for the challenge.
Harris completed 12 of 15 passes for 210 yards and three touchdowns before sitting out the second half, and the 13th-ranked Hurricanes got their first shutout since 2006 by beating overmatched Florida A&M 45-0 to open the season Thursday night.
“I went out there and took care of my business,” Harris said. “As a team, we came out there and did everything we had to do in the first half, and coach sat us out for the rest of the game. I guess it was well-deserved.

Leonard Hankerson caught the first two of Harris’ TD passes and finished with 70 receiving yards, as the Hurricanes (1-0) ran out to a 35-0 lead in the first 25 minutes and wound up outgaining Florida A&M 405-110.
Looming for Miami. A trip next Saturday to visit the second-ranked Buckeyes, the first meeting between the schools since the 2003 Fiesta Bowl, where Ohio State denied the Hurricanes what would have been their second straight national championship in a game best remembered for a late pass interference call in overtime.
Miami coach Randy Shannon said he wouldn’t start thinking about the Buckeyes until Friday.

“Something you never do, never take a victory and not enjoy it,” Shannon said. “I told the players and the coaches, it’s a good time. We need that.”

Harris needed just 1:40 to get Miami on the scoreboard, finding Damien Berry for a 19-yard score, and the Rattlers (0-1) quickly found themselves in trouble.
With Miami greets Michael Irvin, James James and Otis Anderson looking on, the Hurricanes spent much of the first half in a no-huddle offense.
Of Harris’ 12 completions, 10 went for either first downs or touchdowns.

“That’s a tremendous football team. That’s the bottom line,” Florida A&M coach Joe Taylor said. “To come down in this atmosphere and play against a team like that, that’s the way to get better. They are legitimately in the top 15, that’s for sure.”

Damien Berry made it 21-0 with a 32-yard catch-and-run early in the second quarter.
Ray-Ray Armstrong had a 22-yard interception return for another score, and Mike James’ 1-yard plunge pushed Miami’s lead to 35-0 with 2:22 left until halftime.
Lamar Miller added a 5-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter for the Hurricanes.
Philip Sylvester rushed for a team-best 45 yards for the Rattlers, who have lost all eight of their matchups against Miami since 1990, now by a combined 400-49.

“We don’t take any opponent lightly,” Hankerson said.

Florida A&M had some chances, even early against Miami’s first-string defense.
The Rattlers drove to the Miami 19 on their second possession, only to come up empty after Marcus Robinson and Oliver Vernon combined to sack Martin Ukpai for a 14-yard loss.
Trevor Scott’s 50-yard field goal attempt was plenty long, but bounced off the right upright.
FAMU went on to post 11 plays in that drive — and 20 yards on its other 19 plays of the half.

It was Miami’s first shutout since beating Florida International 35-0 on Oct. 14, 2006, the season before Shannon became the Hurricanes’ head coach.
The 46-game span between shutouts was Miami’s longest since a 79-game stretch spanning from 1966 to 1976.
The Hurricanes never punted, either.
“Not least Ohio State doesn’t know what we do in the punt game,” Shannon said.

A good night got even better for Miami late in the third quarter, when running back Craig Cooper — Miami’s No. 5 career rusher — got into the game.

Cooper badly hurt his right knee in the Hurricanes’ loss to Wisconsin in the Champs Sports Bowl in late December, prompting fears that he would miss the entire 2010 season.
He finished with 11 yards on two carries, plus 13 yards on two receptions.

“Why a guy who worked hard during rehab was there every day and fought through everything,” Harris said. “Just to see him get the ball and do what he did, it was amazing.”
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Peerman, Cincinnati defeat resting Colts

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INDIANAPOLIS — Cedric Peerman made the kind of play a fourth-string running back needs to get his coach’s attention in the final preseason game.

His 93-yard touchdown run in the third quarter helped the Cincinnati Bengals beat the Indianapolis Colts 30-28 on Thursday night.

Peerman burst up the middle, then got loose down the right sideline on a second-and-10 just as the relatively quiet Indianapolis crowd started getting into the game. The score gave the Bengals a 13-6 lead.

Peerman finished with 100 yards rushing and had a 50-yard kickoff return. His touchdown run made the kind of mark he was hoping to leave.

“That shows the speed we know he’s got,” Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. “That was the thing Cedric had coming out of Virginia a year ago. It kind of got him elevated in the draft. We know he can do it. He’s been an impressive guy for us.”

Jordan Palmer completed 10 of 14 passes for 114 yards and two touchdowns for the Bengals (3-2). Starting quarterback Carson Palmer played for one possession, which netted a field goal.

Lewis said his mission was accomplished.

“To sum it up, we had an opportunity to look at the guys that we wanted to look at,” he said. “It was a close game throughout, and everytime the Colts were able to score, we went back and answered, which was a good thing. I think the only negative that I’d like to clean up was on special teams.”

Colts quarterback Peyton Manning didn’t play, and most of Indy’s starters took the night off. Backup Tom Fortenberry got the start and completed nine of 20 passes for 114 yards. Backup Tom Fortenberry completed 10 of 18 passes for 177 yards and three touchdowns, all to rookie Brandon James.

It’s the sixth winless preseason in Colts history. They last failed to win a preseason game in 2006, then finished with the league’s best record in the regular season.

It was a marked change in fortunes for Indy’s offense. The Colts had scored on only three of 26 possessions led by backup quarterbacks heading into Thursday’s game. Colts coach Jim Caldwell has been committed to Painter as Manning’s backup, but Brandstater has outperformed him statistically.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Lee propels Georgia State to inaugural win

Associated Press

ATLANTA — When Parris Lee and his Georgia State teammates trotted onto the field and saw all those blue-clad fans — nearly 5,000 more than turned out for a major league baseball game a couple of miles away — nearly all of them decked out in Panther blue, everyone was amazed by the crowd. A 14-year absence.

The student turnout was so large they opened up sections of the club level in the mammoth stadium, best known as home of the NFL’s Atlanta Falcons.

This from a school that averaged barely over 1,000 a game for its men’s basketball team last season.

“[I had] they all come back,” Curry said. “And bring their friends.”

Lee scored another touchdown in the third quarter, and Drew Little tossed a pair of TD passes to lead the Panthers, who are playing this season as an NCAA Football Championship Subdivision independent. They had no trouble against Shorter (0-2), a tiny NAIA school from north-west Georgia that lost its opening game to West Alabama 37-7.

Still, Curry was pleased with Lee’s performance in its debut.

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“Crew ran up to me and said, ‘You scored!’ I was like, ‘I scored?’” Lee said, breaking into a big smile. “Then it hit me. All the linemen jumped on me. That was a great experience that will live with me for the rest of my life.”

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Vikings top Broncos in battle of backups

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Denver ran out of gas Friday night when Minnesota's Tervaris Jackson and the Vikings forced four first-half turnovers and beat the Broncos 31-24 on Thursday night in the preseason finale for both teams.

Tebow fumbled his first snap. Erin Henderson found the ball and scooted into the end zone from 45 yards out for the Vikings. The 2007 Heisman Trophy winner and first-round draft pick from Florida then threw a wobbler over the middle into the end zone.

Tebow also had 21 yards rushing on four attempts, gaining 122 yards for Denver.

Minnesota native Eric Decker caught five passes for 122 yards for the Broncos, including a 57-yard scoring catch by Brandon Lloyd.

Sure the competition wasn't as fierce as the regular season, the Vikings had three turnovers and the Broncos had one.

Tebow, though, found a rhythm in the second quarter and — despite the turnovers and some carelessness with the ball as he scrambled around in the backfield — finished 12 for 16 for 167 yards and one touchdown. His favorite target was Marvin Harrison, who caught five passes for 57 yards.

Minnesota defensive end Brian Robison sacked Tebow and forced a fumble that led to a touchdown, and the Vikings led 17-7 at halftime.

Minnesota's Tarvaris Jackson struggled in the second half.

Tebow had 21 yards passing for 26 yards to give Kyle Orton the starting job for the Broncos.

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All-Pro left tackle Ryan Clady saw his first action for the Broncos, a major step in his recovery from a knee injury he sustained in April, but he looked slow and was beaten badly a few times by Brian Robison on the pass rush.

Starting right tackle Ryan Harris, who grew up in St. Paul, hurt his ankle and didn't return.

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Ohio State handles Marshall

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — It was as if the Rose Bowl never ended for Terrelle Pryor.

The Ohio State star tossed three touchdown passes, Brandon Saine ran for 103 yards and two scores and the second-ranked Buckeyes rolled over error-prone Marshall 45-7 on Thursday night in a tuneup for a big date with Miami.

Pryor completed 17 of 25 passes for 247 yards and TDs covering 6 and 11 yards to DeVier Posey and 65 yards to Dane Sanzenbacher before 105,040 at Ohio Stadium. The last time Ohio State fans saw Pryor playing, he was having the game of his career and leading the Buckeyes to a 26-17 win against Oregon at Pasadena, Calif., in January.

Sure the competition wasn’t as good Thursday night, but the Heisman Trophy contender was Rose Bowl sharp against the Thundering Herd.

The Buckeyes, who haven’t lost to a lower division since 1978, next play on Sept. 11 against No. 13 Miami, which coasted past Florida A&M 45-0.

It was a bleak debut for new Marshall coach Doc Holliday, who spent the last two seasons as an assistant at West Virginia. The Thundering Herd fumbled the opening kickoff and were down 14-0 before running their first play in Ohio State territory.

Ohio State’s defense limited Marshall to 44 yards in the opening kickoff and was hit hard by Dorian Bell and Dominic Clarke. The ball came loose and Nate Oliver recovered at the Marshall 22 for Ohio State.

Four plays later, Posey was open by a mile in the left corner and Pryor hit him for a 4-yard score.

After a punt, the Buckeyes were right back in business.

Pryor hit Posey for a 5-yard gain before Saine raced 40 yards off left tackle, breaking two tackles on the way to the 4. He then took a pitch untouched around right end for another score.

The Buckeyes had run seven plays, taking 2:13, and were up 14-0.

The offense continued to click. Pryor hooked up with Sanzenbacher on a 65-yard bomb and Saine added a 45-yard scoring run on a quick burst up the middle.

Late in the half, the Buckeyes took a 35-7 lead when Rolle — who scored his only other career touchdown in last year’s opening-game victory over Navy — grabbed Anderson’s throw and followed a line of blockers into the end zone.
Senior goalkeeper Nikki Weiss makes a save during Notre Dame’s 1-0 victory over Oregon State on Nov. 20, 2009.

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got a couple of really key kids that we think can cause us some problems, and so we’re going to have to play very well to get the win.”

Notre Dame is not nearly as familiar with Texas Tech, but Waldrum is familiar with the Red Raiders coach. Tom Stone was Waldrum’s star in the first coaching job the Irish coach ever held. In his fourth season at Texas Tech, Stone has begun to build a program that is beginning to win consistently.

Waldrum said he and his staff have not had much of an opportunity to scout the Red Raiders, and will use the tournament-opening contest between Ole Miss and Texas Tech to familiarize themselves with Stone’s strategy and tactics.

“I do know he’s got a couple of kids that we tried to recruit,” Waldrum said. “But beyond that, we don’t have a lot of information on them.”

Despite the uncertainty of the weekend’s second contest, the Irish know what their focus will be.

“That’s ball possession,” Waldrum said. “That’s been the impetus all week and that’s been the focus.”

The Irish take on the Broncos at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and then face the Red Raiders at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Alumni Stadium.

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she expects a better performance on the offensive end as the younger players adjust to the faster style of play.

“We’re just looking to improve,” Kuschel said.

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As will likely become custom this year, the Belles look to sophomore Julia Kenney, junior Joanne Almond and seniors Catie Salyer and Claire McVey, who took the top four spots in Wednesday’s meet.

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just sharpening up our own performance and building up the little momentum we’ve gotten through the presea-son,” Clark said.

Three of the five starting Irish defenders are new to the pitch, and Clark has been stressing the importance of communication and unity on the field as they establish a new dynamic on the field.

“She has a lot of ability, and she has a lot of talent,” Clark said. “It’s going to be a different style of play.”

The Belles look to sophomore Julia Kenney, who took the tournament-opening contest against Oregon State, to lead this year’s team.

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SMC Soccer

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**ND Women's Soccer**

Measuring stick

Irish look to make early statement against west coast powerhouse Santa Clara

By ALLAN JOSEPH

Sports Writer

An old soccer adage holds that the team that has the possession advantage will win the game, a strategy Spain used to great effect this summer in its World Cup triumph. Irish coach Randy Waldrum hopes to emulate the newly minted world champions this weekend in both style and results as Notre Dame hosts the run at Saint Mary’s Classic.

The No. 3/0 Irish (2-0) will face No. 9/9 Santa Clara (2-0-1) on Friday night before taking on Texas Tech (5-0) on Sunday afternoon in a pair of clashes that Waldrum feels has significance beyond the early days of September.

“You always want to win every game if you can,” he said. “More importantly, we feel that when you play top teams early, it sets us up for being able to host playoff wins late in the year — if you can get enough of these big wins. We kind of like having teams coming in here in November and having to play us at our place.”

The three central midfielders in Waldrum’s 4-3-3 system will be especially important in ball possession, which has been the focus of practice all week.

“We’ve not been very good the first couple games of keeping the ball enough,” Waldrum said. “It’s going to be our focus to keep the ball so that we can make the opponents chase the game a little bit and chase us.”

Friday night’s game against Santa Clara will provide one of the season’s toughest challenges all year, as this year’s edition of the Broncs is again one of the top squads in the country. The Santa Clara matchup has become a yearly fixture on the Irish schedule that has consistently proven to be an early test for Notre Dame, and Waldrum sees no difference in this year’s matchup.

“They’ve always been good, and they’ve got a good team again,” he said. “[They’ve seen us] at our place.”

**SMC Volleyball**

Team seeks first win at Elmhurst tournament

SMC to face Chicago, Wheaton, Western New England, tournament host Elmhurst

By CHRIS MASoud

Sports Writer

Following a three-game sweep at the hands of Bethel on Wednesday, the Belles look to get into the win column for the first time this season as they compete in the Elmhurst Invitational. Saint Mary’s will face the University of Chicago and Wheaton on Friday, before taking on Western New England and Elmhurst Saturday in the final tune-up before the conference season.

“We’ve got some tough competition, more of the same,” Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. “We’re going to have some strong blockers up at the net. The University of Chicago and Wheaton are two of our biggest threats.”

Saint Mary’s will face Elmhurst in its first tournament of the year. Kuschel is confident Saint Mary’s (0-1) will rise to the challenge as it faces stiff competition early in the season. She credits the senior class for bringng drive and professionalism to the court every day, qualities that have rubbed off on the underclassmen.

“They [seniors] have just been doing an amazing job from day one. Coming in with five freshmen this year, they’ve just done a great job creating that family-type atmosphere here at Saint Mary’s. They’ve really taken the underclassmen under their wing, and our junior leaders are doing the same thing. They’re all just getting along so well.”

Despite the loss, several players emerged as contributors on the Belles’ squad. Sophomore transfer Allison Zandarksi racked up six kills to lead the team, while junior setter Danie Brink chipped in with 14 assists and three digs.

While pleased with the Belles’ performance on the defensive side, Kuschel said they have a young team.

**Men’s Soccer**

ND to tackle UCLA, Cal

**SMC Cross Country**

Belles take on field at Wabash

By MEGAN FINNERAN

Sports Writer

The Belles got their first home meet out of the way with great success, taking the top eight places against Goshen Wednesday evening. This weekend, they approach the next step — their first away match and open meet of the season.

“The biggest goal this weekend at the Hokum Kareem meet is to tighten up the pack, especially among the top eight runners, as consistency was lacking in the last meet,” Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. “I think it was a great first showing for the team, even if the times aren’t exactly where they want them quite yet.”

**Meetings between Clark and UCLA**

“I know it’ll be a good time,” Clark said. “During my five years at Stanford, we played them on a yearly basis, and they always produce very good teams.”

Notre Dame’s 3-0 record in the exhibition season gives them a good boost of confidence heading into a demanding regular season.

“We haven’t spent much time dwelling on UCLA, but...”
Manti Te’o leads his football ‘brothers’ against Purdue with his Samoan culture on display
COMMENTARY

A season opener is only one game

Almost all coaches will say that, over the course of an entire season, it’s important to keep an even keel. It’s easy to say that a team can’t let one win or one loss get them too high or too low.

Purdue coach Danny Hope is not one of those coaches. “There’s a million things to gain from a win,” Hope said in a press conference earlier this week. “We can’t lose Saturday, we can’t win Saturday.” If Notre Dame fans are smart this Saturday, they’ll look at Hope’s view and take the exact opposite. That’s not to say I’m predicting a loss — if you skip ahead a few pages you’ll see that I’m not — just simply that the Brian Kelly era at Notre Dame will not be defined by this one game.

Of course some will make grand sweeping remarks, talking about yet another “Return to Glory,” or that the Irish win big or a fifth straight failed coaching hire if they lose. Yes, George O’Leary counts.

Neither would be correct, though, and Irish fans only need to look back five years for evidence, when then coach Charlie Weis was coaching circles around Pittsburgh’s Dave Wannstedt in both of their debuts. Now, Wannstedt has his team ranked No. 2 with top 15 while Weis is out of the college coaching game altogether.

It’s important to remember that, especially when a coach is bringing in changes as large as Kelly’s, it’ll take some time to adjust. Dane Crist can run option reads in practice all he wants, but there’s nothing like running your offense against a defense that’s not made up of teammates.

On the other end of the spectrum, a big Irish win won’t mean it’s time to start printing the National Championship t-shirts. While Purdue is certainly a solid football team, they’re hardly elite. A win against Purdue won’t necessarily mean that Notre Dame is ready to compete against the elite BCS teams of the college football world.

FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Two commits visit ND for opener

By DOUGLAS FARMER

Since landing four recruits in the last weekend of July, Notre Dame’s recruiting efforts haven’t exactly stalled, though certainly are not the top item on Irish coach Brian Kelly’s priority list.

With only two committed recruits visiting campus this weekend, that is unlikely to change. Irish recruiting expert Frank Mike Frank expected that the Irish will continue through the final whistle.

“I think the staff wants to try and get more of the official visits not during the season,” said Frank, who runs the online ESPN affiliate Irish Sports Daily. “They would like to get them up for the games of course, so they can see that game experience. But part of the issue is you just don’t get a lot of time to spend with the players when you have a football game. You don’t get the time to try to get to know the families or really develop a relationship.”

Defensive lineman Tony Springmann and kicker Kyle Brindza will watch the season opener from inside Notre Dame Stadium this weekend. Springmann, measuring in at 6-foot-6 and 265 pounds, will have a blue-collar attitude to the Irish.

“Springmann is one of your lunch-pail guys,” Frank said. “He builds championship teams around lunch-pail guys. You need your great athletes who can do a lot of things, but lunch-pail guys do the dirty work and make it difficult for an offense.”

The Fort Wayne, Ind., native has committed to the Irish and will join a 2011 class only including two other defensive linemen currently.

“He is a guy who will be very stout against the run,” Frank said. “He plays a very physical and aggressive brand of football.”

Brindza will bring a cannon leg to Notre Dame, possibly setting the annual battle for the starting kicker position early. “He’s one of the best kickers around,” Frank said. “He has a monster leg and can consistently kick 50-yard field goals, and he’s accurate.”

Brindza will need to overcome one challenge that faces all high school kickers.

“There is obviously a change when you move from kicking off a tee to not kicking off a tee, and some guys don’t quite adjust to that,” Frank said. “I’d be very surprised if he doesn’t end up as one of the best kickers in the country.”

The slow week on the recruiting trail does not foreshadow slow recruiting overall for Notre Dame, which has already secured four commitments from the ESPN 150.

For more on Irish recruiting, check out Mike Frank’s Irish-sportsdaily.com. E-mail Mike at mikefrank18@sbcglobal.net and tell him The Observer sent you.

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Tattoo’d Te’o

Sophomore linebacker Manti Te’o displays his Samoan culture and values, on and off the field

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

When Manti Te’o returned from Christmas Break in January, he had two surprises in store for his Irish teammates.

One — he had decided not to take a two-year mission during his college career, as is customary in the Church of Latter Day Saints, of which Te’o is a member.

Two — he was sporting a Samoan tattoo, courtesy of his native Hawaii, covered his left bicep.

Irish fans and players alike were overjoyed by the first decision, but it is the tattoo — a tradition in Samoan culture — that displays the true character of Te’o.

The cultural value of a tattoo

“It is very special to me, because it represents everything that I stand for: my culture, my home and my family,” the junior linebacker said. “Everything that is important to me I have here on my arm.”

Te’o speaks of his culture and family as often as he does football. Not only does tattooing represent the Samoan culture, but he also sought permission from his parents before putting the ink to skin.

“When you put something on yourself that is permanent, you want to ask your parents, especially if your parents are Samoan,” he said. “My dad is the Samoan patriarch of our family, and he has one … They were very supportive of it.”

Once his teammates saw the “tatau” — Samoan for tattoo — they quickly deemed it the “tightest” tattoo on the team, and some even considered getting a similar one. But to Te’o, while he does consider some of his teammates to be as close as brothers, the tattoo is not for just anyone.

“Sure, it’s a very nice tattoo, but it represents more than just some body art. It represents a whole culture, a whole group of people,” said Te’o, a nominee for the 2010 Rotary Lombardi Trophy. “For somebody to get this, and not be Samoan, makes me wonder, ‘Why are you getting it?’”

Values shine without a mission

The first of those two surprises — not taking a two-year service mission — could carry effects for years to come, especially the next three years for Irish fans. When he first arrived at Notre Dame, Te’o was considering taking his mission after his freshman season, but his time at Notre Dame, and time talking with his family, led to the Christmas Break decision.

“When I went home over Christmas I sat down with my family. I prayed a lot about it,” Te’o said. “I just felt that it was the right thing to do to come back and focus on football, try my best to help my team win.”

Even though he has remained in northwest Indiana, Te’o is constantly reminded of his family, culture and faith, simply by not seeing them around him.

“It’s not that hard to r e m e m b e r who you are and what you stand for when you look around and there is nobody like you,” he said. “There was no other Samoan.”

Now, with freshmen Justin Utupo and Kona Schwenke joining him on the football field, Te’o sees two Samoans that remind him of the values he stands by.

“Samoans are very proud people. We pride ourselves in our culture and our strength of values that we live by, and how we treat others,” he said. “Discipline. Honor. All of those kind of values that aren’t really stressed in today’s society. That is something that I’m proud of, that I come from a culture that stresses loyalty, strength and honor.”

Samoan values at Notre Dame

Te’o has found those values among his Irish teammates and coaches as well.

From his defensive coordinator, Bob Diaco, Te’o hears criticism and advice that he always responds positively to.

“He is interested in being the very best that he can be,” Diaco said. “He has a nice, thick skin. He isn’t overly-sensitive to constructive criticism, so he comes out diligently to try to work on the things you’re coaching from the day before. That is how a player moves forward.”

Te’o handles that criticism so well because he has always heard it, especially back at home, said

“When it comes to the thick skin, it is from knowing who I am, knowing the kind of guy that my parents raised me to be.”

Among his teammates, Te’o has found suitable additions to his five siblings at home.

“I have friends here that I am very close with,” Te’o said. “Sarai Utupo and Kona Schwenke, my four-year-old brother Manasseh coming into town for both the Purdue and Michigan games, our Notre Dame friends and Samoan parents will spend much time together, but Te’o knows the meetings and meals will feel as if everyone has always known each other.

“My parents know that my friends are mirror images of me, so when they see them, they aren’t shocked. They are very happy around my friends,” Te’o said. “I completely understand that my friends have a direct impact on me, and I’ll never choose a friend, call him my brother, if he is somebody that could be detrimental to me in any way.”

Family on the field

Having those friends, or “brothers,” on the field should help Te’o play even better than he did in his freshman season, when he finished with 63 tackles.

“When you are around people you don’t really know and you don’t really trust, you tend to not come out of your shell,” Te’o said. “But when you trust somebody, you can be you. You can do things, you can act the way you want to act and you know they won’t be offended.”

That might not seem real applicable to play on the field, but when he takes his position Saturday, he will know Fleming is less than 10 yards to his side, along with nine other of his closest friends nearby. Of those 11 players on the field, Te’o will be leading them, in what Diaco called “just win.”

“I am just excited more than anything, to get out there and start a new season. Just win.”

Manti Te’o
Sophomore linebacker

Senior running back Armando Allen, in blue, and sophomore linebacker Manti Te’o congratulate each other after a collision between the two No. 5s during fall practice.

Tattoo’d Te’o
Sophomore linebacker Manti Te’o tackles freshman receiver TJ Jones during the Blue-Gold Game in April.

“Just win.”

When Te’o explains the meaning of his tattoo, the meaning of his family and the role of his friends around him, it is easy to envision him playing his heart out.

But in all of reality, that won’t be enough for him. Only one result this year will satisfy Te’o: “I am just excited more than anything, to get out there and start a new season. Just win.”

Once this season plays out, win or lose, Te’o has another mission to continue, on his left bicep. This time his teammates won’t be as surprised.

“The tattoo’s going to extend up here [onto the lower portion of his neck] and then down here [onto his upper chest],” Te’o said. “I’ll wait until after the season because I have to go home to get it, but it’ll be as soon as possible.”

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As Dayne Crist’s knee goes, so does Brian Kelly’s spread offense. The reviews of Crist have been high for years, but this is the junior’s first chance to show some of his promise at Notre Dame.

Helping Crist debut the highly-anticipated offense is junior receiver Michael Floyd, a potential All-American. In only nine games last season, in some of which he only played limited time, Floyd managed nearly 800 yards and nine touchdowns.

Crist’s main target could also be junior tight end Kyle Rudolph, another potential star in the making plagued by injuries the past two seasons.

Purdue’s secondary will have a problem with jump balls against Floyd and Rudolph, who at 6-foot-3 and 6-foot-6, respectively, tower over the Boilermakers defensive backfield, with only one player taller than 6-foot-1, and no seniors to provide veteran leadership.

For Notre Dame’s offense, I’d most like to see a confident, disciplined unit — that means no early timeouts, and no penalties. There are enough playmakers there to put up the points necessary to beat the Boilers.

The Irish are running a brand new system with a brand new quarterback. It seems likely that the offense won’t be entirely prepared to run all that a Brian Kelly offense has to offer. For the first time in years, Notre Dame’s defense should be its strength, at least until Crist and Co. start to click. Ten out of the 11 defensive starters saw significant playing time last season, and nothing can replace experience on defense. Purdue will struggle to move the ball, and I have a hard team seeing a Brian Kelly offense scoring less than three times.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

I may be just as excited to see the new Irish 3-4 defense as I am to watch Dayne Crist run Brian Kelly’s spread offense. With the talent Notre Dame boasts in its front-seven, I have high hopes that Robert Marve will be hassled all afternoon. He’s talented and will make a few plays, but I think a few of his throws will find the hands of Irish defensive backs, too.

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FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31, Purdue 13
Boilermakers Offense vs. Irish Defense

Senior running back Dan Dierking will likely get on the field at some point, and having a three-year starter in a back-up role cannot be considered a bad thing. Add in the talented Te’o and Marve, McBurse and DiRienzo could have trouble finding openings, yet alone getting upfield against the Irish.

EDGE: PURDUE

Notre Dame senior David Ruffer is on the team for one reason, his kick distance, but even that has been inconsistent at times during his career. The Boilermakers place Al-Terek McBurse in place to receive Ruffer’s kicks, and he could take one to the end zone at any point. Purdue freshman Cody Webster has not yet kicked an NCAA punt, so his first one against the Irish will determine better than anything else what he is, or is not, capable of.

EDGE: PURDUE

Junior quarterback Robert Marve will try to both run and pass on Notre Dame, and will be a serious threat to do both well. The Miami transfer has a fifth-year senior receiver to fear in Keith Smith. Last year, Smith put up over 1,000 yards, and will be a serious threat to do both run and pass on Notre Dame, which the defense is to function throughout the season. Purdue in the game last year, although Purdue, led by junior quarterback Robert Marve, will give the Irish a run for their money for three straight years.

EDGE: EVEN

Returning Leaders

**Notre Dame**

- Head coach: Brian Kelly
- Off. Coordinator: Tom Hackett
- Def. Coordinator: Bob Diaco
- Kicker: Peter Toner
- Punter: Kyle Brindza
- Edges: 8-5-2
- Losses: 2-2-1
- Wins: 7-4-1

**Purdue**

- Head coach: Danny Hope
- Off. Coordinator: Gary Nord
- Def. Coordinator: Donn Landholm
- Kicker: Michael Wedmon
- Punter: Sam Werner
- Edges: 7-6-1
- Losses: 2-2-1
- Wins: 2-1-1

**Notre Dame’s Offense**

- Passing: 294.82 ypg (16th)
- Rushing: 117.36 ypg (50th)
- Total: 412.18 ypg (17th)
- Scoring: 25.96 ppg (59th)

**Purdue’s Defense**

- Scoring: 23.75 ppg (22nd)
- Rushing: 81.25 ypg (25th)
- Total: 312.57 ypg (19th)
- Scoring: 20.56 ppg (44th)

**Notre Dame’s Defense**

- Scoring: 18.21 ppg (6th)
- Rushing: 93.36 ypg (14th)
- Total: 275.57 ypg (14th)
- Scoring: 14.53 ppg (9th)

**Purdue’s Offense**

- Passing: 253.52 ypg (30th)
- Rushing: 136.06 ypg (76th)
- Total: 391.33 ypg (53rd)
- Scoring: 27.83 ppg (58th)

**Notre Dame’s Offense**

- Passing: 257.13 ypg (27th)
- Rushing: 170.25 ypg (89th)
- Total: 427.38 ypg (47th)
- Scoring: 25.92 ppg (63rd)

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**2nd season at Purdue**

**career record**: 40-29

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Transfer Marve leads youthful Boilermakers

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Saturday’s opener may be Robert Marve’s debut in a Purdue uniform, but that won’t stop him from being the key to the Boilermakers’ success, at least on the offensive side of the ball.

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“We have the potential to do very well,” Hope said. “It’s a big game on a big stage. We have a lot of young guys that haven’t played in games like this or haven’t played at all. So I’m excited to see how our team performs, really excited.”

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**2010 SCHEDULE**

Sept. 04 vs. Purdue @ Notre Dame
Sept. 11 vs. Michigan @ Notre Dame
Sept. 18 vs. Michigan State @ East Lansing, MI
Sept. 25 vs. Stanford @ Notre Dame
Oct. 02 vs. Boston College @ Chestnut Hill, MA
Oct. 09 vs. Pittsburgh @ Notre Dame
Oct. 16 vs. Western Michigan @ Notre Dame
Oct. 23 vs. Navy @ East Rutherford, NJ
Oct. 30 vs. Tulsa @ Notre Dame
Nov. 13 vs. Utah @ Notre Dame
Nov. 20 vs. Army @ Bronx, NY
Nov. 27 vs. USC @ Los Angeles, CA

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**What are you most excited for off the field this year?**
I really want to do well in school this semester. I’ve got a tough schedule so I want to do well there.

**What is your toughest class this semester?**
My Foresight class. It’s a lot of reading, close to 100 pages.

**Are you already behind on the reading?**
Actually, I’m 100 pages ahead in that class ... Just kidding [laughing].

**What is your most enjoyable class this semester?**
Probably my Introduction to Psychology class. It’s not in my major so it’s pretty relaxing.

**What’s your favorite place to eat on campus?**
South, just because of the variety of food that they have.
Multiple position battles come down to last day

By LAURA MYERS

The depth chart released Monday shows which players will be on the field for Saturday’s first snap, but many positions are still up for grabs, and could remain battles for the rest of the season.

Starters and backups on both sides of the ball were set in place on the two-deep chart, but nothing was written in stone.

“If you’re afraid of competition, maybe you shouldn’t come to Notre Dame,” Irish coach Brian Kelly said in a press conference Tuesday.

Junior Braxston Cave, who will start Saturday at center, said players are still competing on a daily basis.

“It doesn’t light up at all,” Cave said. “Around here there’s no relaxing. And I think that’s why this team has come so far. Every day you’ve got a guy on your back, pushing you. And the moment you let up is when he slides in.”

Braxston Cave junior center

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Coaches said performance in practice, from big plays to fundamentals, was key to who got the starting jobs.

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Cave, too, pointed to the importance of practice.

“There’s always someone there pushing you,” he said. “When it comes to game time, the rotation is how it is, whatever the coaches want, but the preparation in practice is the key point.”

Kelly preaches a philosophy of “next man in,” to ensure that any players on the field are at full strength.

This lessens the pressure to be a No. 1 or No. 2, coaches said, because many players will play.

“You can call us starters, but we don’t use the term starters,” junior safety Jamoris Slaughter said. “Just next man in if anybody ever goes down. But if you want to call us starters, you can.”

Slaughter and senior Harrison Smith will be the starting safeties Saturday, with junior Dan McCarthy and sophomore Zeke Motta as backups. All four were vying for anything but Slaughter would call the starting spots, but the more experienced backs ended up in front.

“I wouldn’t necessarily say it was a battle, it was just coming out every week,” Slaughter said. “There were no set positions when we first got here, but they knew who knew most and who was most experienced, which was me and Harrison, and they just went off that and went off our production of Spring all the way through now.”

Another defensive battle is in place at the outside linebacker position, where senior Kerry Neal overtook classmate Brian Smith, who has started there for the last two years. But the “next man in” strategy is in place there, too.

“We’ve got two seniors in Neal and Smith,” Kelly said. “They’re both going to play.”

On offense the biggest question was where the many receivers would land — but receivers coach Tony Alford said the decisions were not hard.

“I don’t think they’re difficult decisions,” Alford said. “You put the guys on the field who can make plays. So I don’t look at it as a difficult situation. What you see in practice is hopefully what you’re going to get in the game, if you’re not doing it in practice you’re not going to do it in the game.”

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“[Starting] was definitely a battle,” Jones said. “That was the first goal and now that I’ve got that it’s time to keep that job this year.”

Part of the reason that Jones won the spot, Kelly said, is that Kamara is still adjusting to the new position after being shuffled between all three receiver spots.

“To be quite honest with you [Kamara] hasn’t had a chance to settle into that position yet,” Kelly said after Wednesday’s practice.

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