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“The captain told us in the past few years, they’ve gotten answers. We plan on meeting him again,” Soler said. “We’re hoping to get a meeting with the [Indiana State] Excise Police as well.”

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“I do not support the use of gang signs.”

Susan Esquivel  
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“I don’t like it. It really hurts my hands.”

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**IN BRIEF**

The seminar “Turbulence Measurements in the Atmosphere” will be held today at 11 a.m. in Fitzpatrick Hall room 258. Elie Dedecker, professor of mechanical engineering at Tel Aviv University, will present this installment of the Environmental Fluid Dynamics Seminar Series.

Professor David Solomon will lecture today at 8 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall room 141. The lecture will focus on the works of Ralph McNerny and is a part of the Catholic Culture Lecture Series. The event is free and open to the public.

Fr. Pete McCormick, C.S.C., rector of Kroc Hall, will speak today at 8:30 p.m in the Cavanaugh Hall chapel. The lecture is sponsored by the Four:7 Catholic Fellowship group.

The Notre Dame Kane Center for Teaching and Learning will host a panel discussion and workshop titled “Starting Your Academic Job Search” on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall room 149. A panel of ND faculty from a range of disciplines will share their experiences and suggestions for grad students. Online registration is required.

Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” will be performed by Actors from the London Stage on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are $20 for adults, $18 for faculty, staff and seniors, and $12 for students.

To submit information to be included in the next issue of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

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After beginning on Twycenham Drive, the bus route goes to Eddy Street, fol-
lowed by Notre Dame Avenue and downtown South Bend. LeStrange is currently working
on getting the new route print-
ed on large maps to hang not
only in residence halls, but also
in off-campus houses and bars.

I don’t think most people know
that you can get on or off the
bus anywhere as long as it
can stop safely,” LeStrange said.

If you wanted to wave it
down on Notre Dame Ave., it
would be able to stop for you as
long as it wouldn’t be a hazard
to traffic.”

The off-campus committee
is also looking into the possibility of running the Transpo service on
Thursday nights, which Soler said is dependent on
costs.

“In the fall we’re really trying
to just get the word out there
that Transpo is still around,”

LeStrange said. “It’s a free, safe
alternative to taxis and is a
great service that student gov-
ernment can provide for us.”

Freshman Meaghan Ayers
said she has not yet used the
Transpo route, but was glad to
hear that it exists.

“I haven’t gone off campus
much yet but when I do I’m def-
initely going to try to use
Transpo,” she said. “None of
my friends at other schools
have a free bus service for
when they go out at night. It’s
really cool that Notre Dame
offers it.”

Sophomore Teresa Goetz
said she did not use Transpo many
times last year, but she likes
knowing that it is an option.

“It’s more convenient and def-
initely more entertaining than
a normal cab ride,” she said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Life lessons

This past summer, I interned at the South Bend Tribune. I did all kinds of fun things for work, including reviewing an R&B/hip-hop concert (ticket list price: $70), my “press pass” price: nada) and spending several afternoons interviewing women in the South Bend Roller Derby league and desperately wishing I was brave enough to join.

But after work, I was alone in a big, four-bedroom house, with only DVR and wireless internet and the occasional false alarm on the security system to entertain me. Here are the life lessons I received during those 11 weeks.

1. “The O.C.” has not aged well at all. I started re-watching the series on SoapNet, and I would watch them on the DVR when I got home from my internship in the evening. I can still remember McKenzie (hot and Rachel Bilson, hilari- ous), not to mention the fabulous Cohen (Leah Remini), with Peter Gallagher and Kelly Rowan. Mischa Barton is such a terrible actress, it’s almost insulting, and Adam Brody’s nerdy, proto-hipster sh*t isn’t cute anymore, it’s just grating.

2. Those home alarm systems really do connect to the police department. I know this because a squirrel or some other small international population, you homogenous school with a relatively small international population, you could have a bigger that movie. And no one questions it. However, you meet are our friends and family. I have

3. “The Today Show” can get really human alarm systems really do connect to the police department. I know this because a squirrel or some other small international population, you have been exposed to otherwise. As a high school student, it is hard to real- ize just how big of a world there is outside your little bubble that you live in, particularly if you’ve only lived in one town in your entire life (like me). People act a certain way, talk a cer- tain way and root for certain teams, and no one questions it. However, even at Notre Dame, a notoriously homogenous school with a relatively small international population, you come in contact with people that pos- sess a huge variety of perspectives on life. I have met people that have been going out to bars since they were 18 (Deep South), people who think the Midwest moves way too slow (East Coast), people who think the Midwest moves way too fast (Great Plains), people who wear coats when it is 60 degrees (Southern California) and peo- ple who think it’s cool to say “jello” (Northern California). To these people, these experiences and feeling are completely normal, but to me they were all ridiculous when I first heard them. A funny thing happens, though, as you get older, you start to pick up on other’s experiences and beliefs and assimilate them into your own. I may not ever want to move out of the Midwest, but I have at least gained perspective on life and have learned a lot about myself in the process.

4. College will expose you to people and cultures that you never would have been exposed to otherwise. As a high school student, it is hard to realize just how big of a world there is outside your little bubble that you live in, particularly if you’ve only lived in one town in your entire life (like me). People act a certain way, talk a certain way and root for certain teams, and no one questions it. However, even at Notre Dame, a notoriously homogenous school with a relatively small international population, you come in contact with people that pos-

5. “The Today Show” can get really awkward in their mid-morning program- ming. I’m not even talking about the fourth-hour, Kathie-Lee-and-Hoda shenanigans, but their stiffed segments with the Duggers announcing another baby or Matt Lauer probing the “Jersey Shore” cast about their salaries. The best (or worst) was when Matt Lauer “inter- viewed” the Dalai Lama, but really all he did was talk to him like he was a tod- dler. So awkward.

6. “Boy Meets World” is still the best show ever.

7. Never, ever read the Michigan State marching band’s message board. I was trying to find videos of Golden Tate cata- maring. I’m not even talking about the animal that brought them to Irish 

8. In a severe thunderstorm or possible tornado, during which you see the neigh-

9. It’s possible to miss Notre Dame every road trip you take by it everyday and you run around the lakes a few times a week.

As a child, I was shown the movie “Animal House” at way too early of an age. But beyond all of the offensive language, sexual nudity and complete disregard for authority, that movie had a bigger impact on me. It created an image of my mind of what college was supposed to be like.

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Well, after having been in school for three years now, I can tell you that college is not like they showed in the movies (not Notre Dame, anyway). At first, I was a little disappointed. Those guys in the movies were having the time of their lives, hanging out with their best friends, partying and not worrying about anything. That is what college was supposed to be. But now, I realize that college is (fortunately) so much more than that.

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That’s so college

by Andrew Ziccarelli

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Dear SBPD,

I tried to remain neutral during this off campus drunkenness shenanigans. Why did I try to remain neutral? Well, I’m 22 years of age. In most states, they recognize that of being of the legal age to consume alcoholic beverages. However, I learned a new lesson this weekend. My legal buddies and I decided that this off campus police situation has gotten out of hand after a series of events at The Backer. My roommate was the driver for the evening, so I decided to have a very, very good time. However, the SBPD decided that my roommate, the designated driver, should not have a good evening. Not only apologize on his behalf for being responsible.

My roommate was sitting at the bar, ordering waters for himself, and alcoholic beverages for the likes of me. However, the SBPD decided my roommate too far gone with the abundance of water that he had consumed at that point in time. Luckily, some other friends of mine had decided that I was too far gone and they took me home. Me, being a drunken lunatic, had made it home scott free. However, my sober roommate had nearly gotten arrested because he had far too much water to drink. This e-tour of the local police has gotten far out of hand. I can understand when cops yell at me for hitting on random girls that I don’t know. However, when four officers rip my shirt off and pull me out of a bar, I begin to have problems. If these shenanigans continues, then I promise the SBPD that you will meet my sober side, and I don’t like my sober side.

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Dearest SBPD...

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Welcome to this week’s edition of “Under the Radar.” Last week I laid out the goal of letting the music hunters do great service to the gatherers by letting them know about any band, old or new, that enjoys pleasant success without having, say, “The Fame.”

To recap: hunters seek, read, blog and pull music from radio, print and, most often, the interwebs. Gatherers collect mix CD’s, free digital downloads and whatever their friends happen to be listening to. As a self-aggrandizing hunter, I instinctively take the label of gatherer to be an insult. Interestingly, I’ve heard most from those with an emphatically professed gatherer status. It seems that those who let music come to them are quite content to let it be so.

This week’s foray into the hunter’s territory features the emerging genre of mashing sounds into a dance-pop mentality. This has been done before, in a million venues, but it seems that a recent growth out of the “Indie” mentality has been an Owl City-like affinity for pops and electronic rifts. These three hands come a bit raver, compound electronic pop and convention-al instruments into an easily consumable sampling of what, a decade earlier, would have been considered très avant-garde.

Goldfish
Goldfish is a two-man electronica-dance group from South Africa. Their signature seems to be setting a basic riff and lyric structure, and then overlaying as many African/Jazz/computerized accents as possible. The song “Fort Knox” is a great example of this. The song “Soundtracks and Comebacks” begins with a lone bass line that will get your feet tapping. Then comes the frenetic clapping. Then comes the radio-static-covered voice, followed by an electronic bleep riff that turns into a flute line. The song is featured on an album titled “South African Pop & Rock,” which pretty aptly sums them up.

Tracks to Tap: “Fort Knox,” “Soundtracks and Comebacks,” “Hold Tight”

Passion Pit
Passion Pit is an electronic band from Cambridge after MGMT’s heart, complete with high male vocals that are vaguely reminiscent of a fourteen-year-old girl (but not in the genre of Mr. Bieber). They fall into “Second Wave Synthpop.” It’s a gathering of urban and electronic awareness, along the lines of Hellogoodbye, La Roux, The Ting Tings and Ellie Goulding. Their song “Little Secrets” is basically a reworking of MGMT’s “Kids,” but I would argue a more danceable one. “Moth’s Wings” begins with what sounds like a harpsichord, but then opens into a Coldplay-esque anthem of lush electronics.

Tracks to Tap: “Little Secrets,” “Moth’s Wings”

Teddybears
Teddybears is a Swedish outfit that formed in 1993 as hardcore punk, but has since drifted to the top of the synth-soundscape scene. Their first state-side release was the album “Soft Machine” in 2006, which, though bearing the fingerprints of punk (three chord structure, repetitive chorus), is decidedly electronica, and almost begs to be featured in an iPhone commercial. The most delicious track is “Punkrocker,” featuring Iggy Pop. It is a touch Bowie, a touch Metric, and a whole lot of irony. The lyrics detailing the iconic “punk rocker” are laid against music that is so full and computer-tooled that it flies in the face of the very idea of punk. But it is that kind of blatant irony that Teddybears seems to thrive on.

Tracks to Tap: “Punkrocker,” “Different Sound,” “Yours To Keep,” “Are You Feelin’ It?”

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The story must go something like this: sometime after being wowed by the success of "Avatar," some brainy Hollywood executive came up with the grand idea of making a 3D movie by banking on the two keys to success for any movie — girls and piranhas.

Yes, "Piranha 3D" can be described as overly tanned college girls getting eaten by weird-looking, angry piranhas. A million or so prehistoric piranhas are set free from the depths of their world beneath Lake Victoria by a tremor just in time for the boozing and wet T-shirt contests of Spring Break. Only their idea of a wild week at the beach doesn't involve partying hard with the "college bros" and "promiscuous girls," but rather eating them alive. What ensues is a frat-like dorky-guy-gets-the-girl story drenched in blood, dismembered body parts and bad acting.

What the film does feature besides constantly dancing college kids (honestly, I've been to Spring Break and I don't remember everyone at the beach dancing for every waking moment) is a slew of over-the-hill actors who for some reason agreed to be in this film. Richard Dreyfuss plays a follow-up to his role in "Jaws," Jerry O'Connell poses as an adult film director, Ving Rhames ("Pulp Fiction") is the sheriff who heroically dies and Christopher Lloyd plays the whacked out scientist who, for some reason, owns a statue of the extinct piranhas, and seems to be very aroused by their reemergence.

"Piranha 3D" isn't necessarily a "bad" film if you ignore most of what happens between the beginning and end credits from a truly critical standpoint. But when you think twice about the film, it becomes quite apparent that the filmmakers behind "Piranha 3D" meant for the film to be tongue-in-cheek. It never crosses the line and becomes offensive. Just the same, it never takes itself seriously enough to deserve the kind of shredding that films of its ilk often do when they try to make statements or pass themselves off as serious cinema.

Instead, it's a film chock full of metaphorical subplots, riveting character development and thought-provoking themes that... come on, really? It's a movie with a bunch of piranhas and even more beautiful girls. Enough said.

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By COURTNEY COX

**Names:** Janelle Romano and Clare Parks

**Location:** Irish Row

Janelle is wearing a North Face jacket, jean shorts, and flip-flops. Clare is wearing an American flag bandana, a Notre Dame tank-top and windbreaker, a quilted patent leather bag and neon Nike high-tops.

Nothing but Notre Dame spirit inspired their attire on game day. They bought their Notre Dame gear at the bookstore and just love to go crazy for games.

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CLUB SPORTS

Penberthy scores to seal rugby win

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame Rugby Football Club took down the Chicago Lions 17-5 in South Bend this Saturday. While both teams warmed up, fans crowded onto McGinn Field in anticipation of the 11:10 a.m. game.

The pace of the game was set early in the first half when sophomore Sean Peterson booted the ball high and deep into Lions territory on the 13th and quickly took down the Lions prop who caught the ball. The Lions, who hosted multiple United States national players and very impressive size within the pack, dominated the scrums for the first half. The Irish were able to win in the third quarter, however, with a devastating speed and endurance edge.

There were several occasions where the Irish displayed their hard-nosed attitude and smashmouth attitude. One of these was a junior prop Daniel Scheger thwarted a potentially dangerous Lions attack with a devastating hit to the opposing flanker. Although the Irish found themselves buried in the scrums, they were able to use their dominant kicking game, lead in part by sophomore David Penberthy and senior Mitchell, to keep the Lions deep in their defensive zone. After a costly knock-on by the Lions, the Notre Dame side was able to send quick kicks to the sides to allow the senior captain David Brany an easy try near the sidelines. The game was a very physical display of power, with a lot of time on the defensive. However, the team showed a ball control and hit to the line and several attacks deep within the Irish zone. With about 15 minutes remaining in the half, the Lions found themselves down in a very close 5-7 game.

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Wozniacki comes through to beat Sharapova

The 14th-seeded Sharapova, trying to return to the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows for the first time since winning it all in 2006, fought for longer than any of Wozniacki’s opponents to this point. But as the pressure of Wozniacki’s consistency built, the hard-hitting Russian went for even more, with limited results. Sharapova wound up making 36 unforced errors. Wozniacki finished with 10 in what was, by far, her biggest challenge of the tournament thus far. “I knew it wasn’t going to be easy,” said Wozniacki, who lost to Kim Clijsters in the final last year. “I got a lot of experience from last year, so it definitely helped me today.” Wozniacki improved to 18-1 since Wimbledon and stretched her winning streak to 12 matches. Through her first four U.S. Open matches, she has lost a total of 10 games. Maybe most impressive, though, is this stat: She’s made 40 unforced errors, compared to 123 by her opponent.

The Dane, ranked second in the world but seeded first because of Serena Williams’ withdrawal, eliminated what is largely considered her toughest opponent remaining on her side of the draw.

Next up, “Woz” plays 45th-ranked Dominika Cibulkova, who defeated No. 11 Svetlana Kuznetsova 7-5, 7-6 (4) earlier Monday. In the other quarterfinal on this side of the draw, No. 31 Kaia Kanepi will play the winner of a late-Monday match between No. 7 Vera Zvonareva and Andrea Petkovic. Kanepi defeated No. 15 Yanina Wickmayer 6-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1 on Monday.

The Wozniacki-Sharapova match was the best show of three afternoon matches in Arthur Ashe Stadium, where earlier No. 3 Novak Djokovic sucked all the life out of the crowd by routing No. 19-seeded American Mardy Fish, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

Fish’s loss left only one American in the draw, No. 20 Sam Querrey, who plays No. 25 Stanislas Wawrinka on Tuesday. Djokovic, eyeing his third straight U.S. Open semifinal, will play No. 17 Gael Monfils in the quarters. Earlier, Monfils beat fellow Frenchman Richard Gasquet 6-4, 7-5, 7-5.

Since a five-set scare in the first round, Djokovic hasn’t dropped a set. Against Fish, who has played two five-setters in addition to doubles over the first week, the Serb was the better, fresher player. “It’s playing with a lot of confidence,” Djokovic said. “It’s definitely great to raise the level of performance toward the end of the tournament. It’s been a great couple years for me in New York. Hopefully, I can go on.”

With countrymen Andy Roddick and John Isner already gone, Fish was hoping to make Labor Day something memorable for his country — an underdog trying to get some momentum, and the crowd, on his side early, maybe channel his inner Jimmy Connors and turn the stadium into his own, personal cheering section.
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Florham Park, N.J. — Darrelle Revis was walking toward his teammates on the practice field when a strange feeling came over him.

“I had butterflies,” the New York Jets’ cornerback said with a grin Monday.

For a guy who routinely shut down opponents’ best wide receivers, the acknowledgment of insecurity was stunning.

“I didn’t know how my teammates were going to accept me,” Revis said, “because I haven’t been here for a month.”

After some loud, welcoming cheers and good-natured ribbing, Revis knew he was finally back home. He signed his four-year, $66 million contract Monday afternoon, apologizing to fans for not getting back sooner and officially making his return after a 36-day holdout.

“It was a good feeling just to wanting to be around them,” Revis said, “because I haven’t seen them for a while.”

Revis agreed to a new contract late Sunday night and took an early morning flight Monday from his home in South Florida. He arrived at the Jets’ training facility after 1 p.m., rejoined his teammates and signed the deal.

“It was a long process,” he said. “It was rough on me. You know I’m a football player and I love to play the game and I’m happy it’s over with. I can go play football now.”

And, he’ll get started right away. Revis is expected to practice Tuesday and be ready to play in the season opener next Monday night against Baltimore.

“I do think we may play Revis, I’m not sure,” coach Rex Ryan quipped. “I think he might need to practice for several weeks before we play him, but don’t be shocked if he’s out there.”

“In other words, he’s definitely playing.”

Revis said he has stayed in shape by working out during his holdout, but he acknowledges that he’s not necessarily in football shape.

“I haven’t had pads on and I haven’t had contact,” he said. “So that’s something I have to get back into and just take it slow in the process.”

The Jets and Revis’ agents declined to announce financial terms of the deal, but it is reportedly worth at least $46 million, including $32 million guaranteed.

Revis said all along he wanted to be the highest-paid player at his position, something agent Jonathan Feinsod said the Jets corner would be — without releasing terms.

“The numbers would reflect in our minds that he’s being paid as the highest-paid corner back,” Feinsod said.

After months of waiting and wondering about his future, the All-Pro cornerback was just happy to be back on the field.

“This experience humbled me so much just because I love to play football,” Revis said. “At one point, it was something that was taken away, that I love to do. I’ve never had anything taken away from me that I love to do. So this was a point in my life where it was serious.

Perhaps the most crucial moment of the negotiations came Saturday, when both Ryan and owner Woody Johnson flew to South Florida to meet with Revis, mother Diana Gilbert and uncle and former NFL player Sean Gilbert to try to solve the contract impasse.

“It meant a lot to me,” Revis said, “to show the passion they have for me to come down to Florida and just chat with me and see if we can come to a common ground and both sides can see the right thing.”

Both the Jets and Revis’ agents spoke all weekend until reaching what general manager Mike Tannenbaum called “a break-through” before coming to an agreement around 11 p.m. Sunday night.

“I think the thing was, the season is upon us,” Johnson said. “It was basically, let’s see if we can leave this room with something.”

During the discussion with Revis, Johnson brought up the cornerback’s Hall of Fame potential.

“We talked about how important it is to keep on the right track,” Johnson said. “If he continues his progress, I think Hall of Fame and Darrelle Revis don’t sound like they’re a strange pair.”

Revis began his holdout Aug. 1, when the team reported for training camp in Cortland without him. Agent Neil Schwartz said the nearly $600,000 in fines Revis accrued for sitting out would be given to an undetermined charity.

Since early August, the team and Revis’ agents agreed to keep all negotiations confidential. The last time things got testy through the media. With the silence came the fear that Revis could sit out the entire season, as his uncle once did.

“I didn’t think it was going to get done,” linebacker Bart Scott said. “I was preparing myself to go into the game without him. Thankfully, we got it figured out and I think we’re a better team because of it.”

Ryan said he heard Revis was at his New Jersey home a week or so ago, and drove there to try to meet with his star player. But, Revis wasn’t home. He also acknowledged storms out of a meeting room Sunday night in frustration while negotiations with Revis agents were being done over the phone.
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her biggest strength is her intensity. She’s physical, she’s highly competitive, and that’s what’s going to make her successful.
Leon logged her first minutes of the season on Friday night in Notre Dame’s 1-0 triumph against Santa Clara, making her return from a broken ankle she sustained in a physical collision early in the summer season. Despite the long layoff, she was able to step right in to the game and play well enough to earn another 30 minutes of playing time in the Irish’s Sunday win over Texas Tech. The diminutive striker credits her experience on various Canadian national squads with providing her with the confidence to play at the college level.
"Playing internationally prepared me for a higher level," Leon said. "I got used to the faster pace of the game."
Waldrum, who has coached many players with national team experience, concurred, seeing national team experience as invaluable to a player’s development, especially freshmen who struggle with the transition to the faster-paced college game.
"The level of the training and the intensity level of the [national team]’s is very hard to simulate, because every player is obviously the top of the top," he said. "When they come back at a really high level of play, they start to understand the game a little better."
Despite Leon’s experience, both she and her coach agree that she has to improve on playing the ball more quickly to her teammates, an improvement that will come simply by playing more with her new teammates.
"The biggest thing [for Adriana] is just getting her back and getting her used to playing with the players around her," Waldrum said. Leon agreed with her coach. "It’s hard to play with people you’ve never really played with before, so getting used to it will take a while," she said.
Despite the challenges that Leon faces, she hopes to utilize her outside shot and her speed (still recovering from the ankle injury) to make an impact this season — and it comes as no surprise to hear that she will draw on her hockey experience to help her do so.
"You definitely need a nose for the goal as a forward in both sports," she said. "You need to work hard. It’s the same in both sports."
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were so many learning opportunities,” Kubinski said. “The wisdom afforded all in attendance was remarkable. I always tell our players that the guy taking all the time probably isn’t learning much. Of course, if you’re not learning, it’s difficult to improve yourself. The person who opens his ears and his mind is best suited for growth. I spent the day listening. It was a day I will never forget.”
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Despite the success he experienced in his first two years, Watt is motivated to make some more damage on both the Big East and national levels.
“This year we have seven seniors and four juniors, so we have extremely high expectations because we are such an experienced team,” Watt said.
Watt added that he hopes to qualify for the NCAA Singles Tournament this season. He also hopes that the Irish win the Big East and host the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament.
For Watt, the expectation is that the added work will result in a tournament berth and another selection to the All-Big East team.
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“[Shulz] hasn’t been able to get in that mix just yet,” Irish coach Tim Connelly said. “But she should be back soon and hopefully will be ready to contribute by the time the championship races come around in October.” One thing that Connelly said the freshmen know is that they must gain experience at the collegiate level and not become beleaguered. Thus far, they have fared well. He said all of the new runners are comfortable in their new roles on the team.
“This is a talented group, but they also seem very focused and haven’t been overwhelmed by anything so far,” Connelly said.
The freshmen are also in a tough spot because there are not a lot of open slots in races, but they have been competing extremely hard to jump into those spots.
“We are in an unusual situation, in that we bring back a large part of our team from last year, yet we also have a number of newcomers who appear to be ready to step in and contribute,” Connelly said. “It’s creating a very competitive, yet positive situation where people are showing up every day and working hard.”
The freshman class hopes to make an impact on the team this year at some point. After settling down into their routines, Connelly said running would come natural as well.
"To me, the biggest challenge that newer athletes face isn’t necessarily the increased competition and training load that they see," Connelly said. "It’s dealing with academics, a new environment, new roommates, etc. If they can handle all that, then the running will come around and they will get more confident the more they race.”
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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

O Canada!

Freshman Leon is latest Irish player to come to South Bend from north of the border

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For most Canadian athletes, hockey is far and away the most interesting, prominent and popular sport for males and females alike, as evidenced by Canada’s domination on both sides in the most recent Winter Olympics. Despite the sport’s tight grip on the Canadian national consciousness, Irish coach Randy Waldrum has been able to find and recruit Canadian soccer players since Notre Dame on a consistent basis, including former All-Americans Melissa Tancredi and Candace Chapman from Ontario. Freshman forward Adriana Leon is Notre Dame’s latest talent from north of the border, and it comes as no surprise that the striker is a hockey player herself.

“She’s actually looking to play hockey on a scholarship,” Leon said. “But I chose Notre Dame soccer because of the reputation it has for its academic and it’s a great soccer program. You can’t get much better than this.”

Waldrum is glad that the Farley Hall–dwelling business intent chose to lace up cleats for the Irish instead of skates somewhere else, as his program needed another goal scorer after losses to graduation. He discovered Leon through an unconventional route and said he’s glad he did.

“We really, really were in the need for a forward, and we kind of stumbled on to her through a connection,” he said. “The lady that brought her to my attention actually had a daughter who played at West Virginia, which is actually one of our biggest rivals, I thought that was a little odd. No matter Leon’s unusual path to get here, Waldrum is effusive in his praise of his forward’s skills and mentality and has high hopes for her, evoking the name of Irish soccer legend Kerri Hanks in terms of Leon’s ceiling.

“[Adriana] got a ton of skill and ability—I think she’s a goal scorer and really strikes the ball well,” he said. “But I think Notre Dame’s 2-0 win over Texas Tech on Sunday.


ND CROSS COUNTRY

Talented freshmen join squad

By TIM SINGLER
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MEN’S GOLF

Coach receives special opportunity this summer

Kubinski gets chance to caddy for legends

By CHRIS ALLEN
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With an impressive list of accomplishments spanning 20 years in golf, Irish head coach James Kubinski’s name has been associated with golfing greats throughout the country. Kubinski found himself on the golf course in the company of legends. The opportunity this summer placed Kubinski, as he filled a vacancy at the Irish as he took the opportunity to caddy in an event on Aug. 10. The request from Isban—arguably the best Notre Dame golfer in program history—seemed reasonable to Kubinski.

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Men’s Tennis

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