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Women's rugby team makes school history

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

This year, the 17 students on Notre Dame's first-ever women's rugby club team are making school history and starting a successful program with an 84-0 win already under their belts.

The team at Notre Dame formed during the 2009-10 school year, but began competing in matches this fall. Priscilla Nyankson, a sophomore who joined the team last year, said it has been a great experience so far.

"We're making Notre Dame history," Nyankson said. "It's one of the coolest things I've done here as of yet. A lot of people coming here aren't going to be varsity athletes, but with rugby I get to play a sport and be part of a team."

After a loss in their first scrimmage against Eastern Illinois University, the team had two successive wins, including the 84-0 win Saturday over Northwestern University.

"I noticed that we made a lot of mistakes in the scrimmage because we didn't know a lot of the rules," Nyankson said, "but with that we were able to learn a lot.

"Learning the rules of the game was something almost all of the girls went through together," Nyankson said. Although everybody on the team was an athlete in high school, only two or three had ever played rugby before.

"It was definitely difficult for everybody. We were learning something totally new," Nyankson said. "It was kind of frustrating in the beginning."

Despite these difficulties, Nyankson said she's hooked on the sport ever since she began last year.

"It was super exciting," Nyankson said. "Even waking up at 6:30 in the morning last year for practice, yeah you kind of cry about it, but after you feel great about it. We really bonded as a team and it was really nice to be a part of something like that."

Last year the team was much larger, with around 30 members. Nyankson said. Although everyone on the team was an athlete in high school, only two or three had ever played rugby before.

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Andrew Gastelum and Chris Smith discuss the finer points of Notre Dame football on their weekly WVFI radio show “Pardon the NDruption.” The show and other WVFI programming can be heard at wvfi.nd.edu.

IN BRIEF

The seminar “Self-assembling Block Copolymers for Gene Delivery and Biomineralization” will take place at 1:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall room 138. Sonya K. Mallapragada, department chair of Interdisciplinary Engineering at Iowa State University, will present.

The lecture “Blockading the Border and Human Rights: The El Paso Operation that Remade Immigration Enforcement” will take place today at 4:00 p.m. in McKenna Hall room 112. Timothy J. Dunn, associate professor of sociology at Salisbury University in Maryland, will present.

The University Counseling Center will sponsor “Peace of Mind: The Art of Mindful Relaxation” on Wednesday at 4:05 p.m. in the Saint Liam Hall Conference Room. The event is free and open to all Notre Dame students, faculty and staff.

The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) will sponsor a Postgraduate Service Fair on Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Concave. Representatives from over 75 service programs will be present.

The Student Union Board (SUB) and Joint Engineering Council will sponsor a Boston College game watch on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Legends. Admission is free and the Irish Dance Team will perform.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observers@nd.edu.
Cargill donates to ND Haiti program

By REBECCA MORIARTY
News Writer

Cargill, a company that produces and markets food, agriculture and other products, donated $20,000 to Notre Dame Haiti Program, the university announced in a press release.

The donation will go toward purchasing raw salt for the Haiti Program, which works to eliminate lymphatic filariasis, also known as filariasis, a disease that affects approximately one-third of the Haitian population. It is caused by parasites that cause extensive swelling in arms, legs and other body parts.

Cargill’s donation is important to the Haiti Program because lymphatic filariasis can be treated with the use of table salt.

“Medicated salt has been proven as the most effective secondary treatment, particularly in Haiti where diets tend to be salt-rich,” Fr. Thomas Streit, founder of the Notre Dame Haiti Program, said in the press release.

The donation will go toward purchasing raw salt for the Haiti Program because it is the world’s foremost source of information about salt and its uses. Cargill produces salt for agricultural, food, water conditioning, industrial and packaged salt control.

The Haiti Program began working with the U.S. Centers for Disease Prevention and Control to eliminate lymphatic filariasis in Haiti nearly 20 years ago. The program plans to administer drugs for lymphatic filariasis across the entire nation of Haiti by 2011. This plan is still on target despite the January earthquake in Haiti.

“By helping to address this problem in Haiti, Notre Dame provides hope and relief to the Haitian people while living out the Notre Dame mission to cultivate in its students not only an appreciation for the great achievements of human beings, but also a disciplined sensibility and a humane appreciation for the great good that can happen in the world,” Ruth Kimmelshure, president of Cargill Salt, said in the press release.

“Cargill and Notre Dame previously both worked with the Salt Institute, based in the U.S., which is the world’s foremost source of information about salt and its uses. Cargill produces salt for agricultural, food, water conditioning, industrial and packaged salt control,” Kimmelshure said.

Streit said the project because it is often inconvenient for students who live on campus to get toiletries and other essentials such as soap and toothpaste. He said the need for these items is acute.

“Every year I’ve been at Notre Dame it’s been a struggle to try to get off campus to go shopping for the things I need. I know that there are lots of other students who have the same difficulty, so I started erraNDs-4-U with Angelise in order to give students a convenient alternative to taking a taxi or going without necessities like shampoo for days,” Streiter said.

“People who’ve told us about the business or advertised to have all said that it is a great idea and a much needed service,” Hadley said.

Currently, services are provided solely to students living on campus at Notre Dame.

“The business has great potential to expand. We hope to be able to reach a huge portion of the student population and would hopefully be able to make their lives a little easier,” Hadley said.

Drivers shop at both Super Target and Super Wal-Mart and service fees are $5 for one to five items, $7 for six to 10 items and $10 for more than 10 items. They make deliveries on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The team meets Monday through Friday, with two days of contact practice, two days of weight lifting and one day of practicing plays and game-like situations. They play matches Saturdays on McGlinn Fields.

The team has two home matches and two away matches remaining this season. The next home match is against DePaul University on Oct. 9 at 9 a.m.

Once the official season ends, the team will practice for the rest of the year.

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“We are putting our focus on the Notre Dame dorms. However, that’s not to say that we won’t expand to Saint Mary’s College and off-campus students in the future,” Hadley said.

Just in its beginning stage, Streiter and Hadley are the sole errand-runners, but they said the business has great potential to expand.

“We hope to be able to reach as many students as possible and maybe expand to have more students working for us as drivers and deliverers,” Hadley said.

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Shortage delays executions

The shortage delayed an Oklahoma execution last month and led Kentucky’s governor to postpone the signing of death warrants for two inmates. Arizona is trying to get its hands on the drug for its next execution, in late October. California, with an inmate set to die on Wednesday, said the shortage will force it to stop executions after Sept. 30.

The sole U.S. manufacturer, Hospira Inc. of Lake Forest, Ill., has blamed the shortage on unspecified problems with its raw-material suppliers and said new batches of sodium thiopental will not be available until January at the earliest.

Meanwhile, the company said it is working to get it back onto the market for our customers as soon as we can,” Hospira spokesman Dan Rosenberg said.

The death penalty expert was skeptical of hospira’s explanation, noting that the company has made it clear it objects to using its drugs for executions. Hospira also makes the two other chemicals used in lethal injections.

Sodium thiopental is a barbiturate, used primarily to anesthetize surgical patients and induce medical comas. It is also used to help terminally ill people commit suicide and sometimes to euthanize animals.

Thirty-three of the states that use lethal injection employ the three-drug combination that was created in the 1970s. First, sodium thiopental is given by syringe to put the inmate to sleep. Then two other drugs are administered: pancuronium bromide, which paralyzes muscles, and potassium chloride, which stops the heart.

Ohio and Washington state use just one drug to carry out executions: a single, extra-large dose of sodium thiopental.

Hospira has blamed the shortage on “raw-material supplier issues” since last spring, first promising availability in July, then October, then early 2011. The company has refused to elaborate on the problem. But according to a letter obtained by The Associated Press from the Kentucky governor’s office, Hospira told state officials that it lost its sole supplier of the drug’s active ingredient and was trying to find a new one.

As for the possibility of obtaining the drug elsewhere, the Food and Drug Administration said there are no FDA-approved manufacturer of the drug’s active ingredient and was trying to find a new one.

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Some executions in the U.S. have been put on hold because of a shortage of one of the drugs used in lethal injections from coast to coast.

Several of the 35 states that rely on lethal injection are either scrambling to find sodium thiopental — an anesthetic that renders the condemned inmate unconscious — or considering using another drug. But both routes are strewn with legal or ethical roadblocks.

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Midwest flooding stabilizes

Flooding waters surround a farm near Renner, S.D. Sunday. Dozens of homes in the area flooded after the Big Sioux River overflowed due to heavy rains.

Associated Press

PORTAGE, Wis. — Floodwaters from the burgeoning Wisconsin River turned a rural neighborhood into a virtual island Monday, cutting off dozens of homes from the outside world.

The river was seeping through and surging around a levée protecting the Blackhawk Park neighborhood in the town of Caledonia just southeast of Portage. The only road in was covered by nearly a foot of rust-colored water.

Greg Matthews, spokesman for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, said the levee was “in bad shape” Monday night but that officials were optimistic conditions would improve before there was a complete failure.

A few homes in the neighborhood’s low-lying areas were surrounded by water, but most of the houses stood on high ground and remained untouched Monday afternoon.

Emergency workers asked people to leave on Sunday as the river began to rise after last week’s heavy rains overwhelmed rivers. Some 300 people live in the neighborhood, and Columbia County Emergency Management director Pat Boghin said about 25 homes remained occupied.

Boghin said the worst-case scenario was water could wash away the access road, stranding those residents for up to a week.

A century-old earthen dike, part of a 1.4-mile berm, separates Portage and the neighborhood from the river. But the river rose so high and so forcefully it surged around the dike and poured into the bottom lands around the neighborhood, said Steve Miller, director of the DNR Bureau of Facilities and Lands.

The rising water chipped away at portions of the berm system Monday afternoon. Much of the levee protects forest and farmland, but a breach in the Blackhawk Park portion could make matters far worse for the neighborhood by potentially washing away the access road.

DNR workers patrolled the length of the berm Monday, using sandbags to control the seepage.

Matthews said the effort seemed to be working.

Water levels in the storm-blasted Big Sioux River in South Dakota were stable Monday after up to 4 inches of rain last week pushed the waterway over its banks along a 50-mile stretch from Brookings to Sioux Falls.

About two dozen homes in Renner, the worst-hit town, were affected by the rare autumn flood, Renner Fire Chief Mike Schmitz said.

Officials reopen case of Ariz. deputy’s shooting

PHOENIX — Arizona officials on Monday reopened the investigation into a death in which a state trooper said he shot a man in the remote desert south of Phoenix amid speculation it was a hoax timed to enflame the debate over illegal immigration.

The final County Sheriff’s Office announced its decision Monday after two nationally known forensic pathologists raised questions about a wound the deputy suspected in a Phoenix New Times story, and then later to other media outlets.

Pinal County Deputy Louis Purlow told investigators that he was fol-

lowing a group of smugglers carry-

ning bales of marijuana April 30 when he was ambushed by men firing AK-47 rifles. In what Purlow described as a running gunbattle, he was grazed by a bullet in the back.

The pathologists, Dr. Michael Baden of New York and Dr. Werner Spitz of New Jersey, reviewed his x-rays and photos of the wound released by the sheriff’s office. They told The Associated Press on Friday that they concluded the bullet was fired from inches away, not from at least 25 yards as Purlow said.

The sheriff’s office soon after released a statement saying it stood behind the official investiga-

tion, and that physical evidence supported the gun battle account.

But the office reopened the case Monday, saying it wants to main-

tain transparency.

Final County Sheriff Paul Babeu told The Associated Press that the short delay was the daying the shooting was being sent to the state Department of Public Safety for testing. The department will do a gunshot residue, char-

ing, burning or any other evi-

dence that it was a close-range

shot.

“Clearly we don’t have anything to hide,” Babeu said. “If you think, ‘Oh my God, this is the smoking gun of a performer from an outside agency and they’re going to tell us.’”

Babeu said the shirt wasn’t sent to DPS originally because his office never had any indication that Purlow wasn’t telling the truth, and all the evidence backed up his story raising questions.

He said Purlow thanked him for reopening the case so he could be vindicated and get back to his nor-

mal life.

Purlow is back to performing his normal duties, but Babeu said he’s been cleared through the gaunt-

let of public scrutiny.

On Friday, the sheriff’s office said if Purlow fired gunshots, they would hand over the testing. Before the case was closed, it consulted with Dr. Phil Keen, former chief medical examiner for the state, and other pathologists’ opinions. He said they all agreed there would need the tests of results on the shirt to confirm his opinion.

Purlow’s attorney pointed out an already blazing debate in Arizona and the nation about the dangers of immigration, which are among other concerns. It came just days after Arizona Governor Jan Brewer signed a sweeping law giving law enforcement powers to ques-

t and arrest people suspected of smuggling and arrest them. The major parts of the law have been put on hold by a federal judge on constitutional grounds.

Tenn. ash spill blamed on poor management

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Poor coal ash control practices and the Tennessee Valley Authority management culture led to the huge December 2008 spill on the Emory River in East Tennessee, the utility’s inspector general said in a report released Monday.

The report on the inspector general’s website describes the spill of sludge laden with selenium, mercury and arsenic as “one of the largest environmental disasters in U.S. history.”

TVA, the nation’s largest public utility, responded in the report, saying the description as one of the largest disasters is “not sustainable.” Inspector General Richard Moore refused to change his assessment.

“Any analysis of TVA manage-

ment challenges would be com-
plete without recognizing that the Kingston Fossil Plant coal ash spill surfaced cultural prob-
lems within TVA that likely extend beyond the management of coal ash,” the report said.

TVA’s challenge is to change the way its employees view environmental compliance issues, the inspector general concluded.

“Culture is a reflection of a corporate mindset and part of the change that is occurring at TVA is a review of compliance processes along with education of TVA employees to alter the corporate mindset,” the report concluded.

TVA spokeswoman Barbara Martorci said in a statement that the utility “believes there is room for improvement in the work that we do.”

It said the report helps clarify where changes can be made.

“TVA appreciates their work and will use their findings to improve our performance,” the statement said.

The utility company is fighting damage lawsuits and has released reports that say there was harm from the spill, which released about 5.4 million cubic yard spill. TVA has been slapped with penalties totaling $14.5 million for the spill, partly to pay for via after Arizona Group. Environmental groups have said they want TVA to be prosecuted.

The inspector general said the ash contains elements “that can be toxic under certain circum-

stances.”

“Although industry has thus far avoided the toxic, or possibly poisoned, this is dis-
puted,” the report says.

Moore said in another report that the National Academy of Sciences described high levels of coal ash contaminants as a possible reason for long-term human health and ecological concerns.


**Americans overlook farming**

Associated Press  

*VISALIA, Calif. — It's a ques- tion rekindled by the recess- ion: Are immigrants taking jobs away from American citi- zens? In the heart of the nation's biggest farming state, the answer is a resounding no.*

"It surprises me, too, but we do put the information out there for the public," said Lucy Ruelas, who manages the California Employment Development Department's agricultural services unit.

"If an applicant sees the reality of the job, they might change their mind."

"Sometimes, U.S. workers also will turn down the jobs because they don't want their unemployment insurance claims to be affected, or because farm labor positions do not begin for several months, and applicants prefer to be hired immediately," Ruelas said.

Fortin spent $3,000 this year to make sure that domestic workers have first dibs on his jobs in the sparsely populated stretch of the state, advertising in newspapers and on an elec- tronic job registry. But he did not get any tak- ers, even though he followed the requirements of a little- known, little-used program to bring in foreign farmworkers the legal way — by applying for guest worker visas.

The California figures rep- resent only a small part of the national effort to recruit domestic workers under the H-2A Guest Worker Program, but they provide a snapshot of how hard it is to get growers to use the program — and to attract Americans to farm labor, even in the San Joaquin Valley, where the average unemployment rate is 15.8 percent.

The majority of farmers rely on illegal labor to harvest their crops, but they can also use the little-known H-2A visa to hire guest workers, as long as they request the workers months in advance of the har- vest season and can show that no Americans want the job.

Of the estimated 40,900 full- time farmers and ranchers in California, just 34, including Fortin, petitioned to bring in foreign farmworkers on the visas, according to government data for the first eight months of the year. The Labor Department did not respond to a request for comment about the findings, and state officials did not immediately provide figures showing the number of domes- tic workers hired in July and August.

More than half of farmwork- ers in the United States are illegal immigrants, the Labor Department says. Proponents of tougher immigration laws — as well as the United Farm Workers of America — say farmers are used to cheap, largely undocumented work force, and if growers raised wages and improved working conditions, the jobs would attract Americans.

So far, an effort by the UFW to get Americans to take farm jobs has been more effective in attracting applicants than the official channels.

The UFW in June launched the “Take Our Jobs Campaign,” inviting people to go online and apply. About 8,600 people filled out an application form, but only seven have been placed in farm jobs, UFW President Arturo Rodriguez said.

Some U.S. workers refused for jobs at Fortin’s nursery couldn’t do the grinding work.

"A few years ago when domestic workers were refused, we had a hoo- t of a problem, and we had people asking for time off after they had just started," he said. "Some were actually planting the plants upside down."

Asked what the agency could do to get more U.S. workers into farm jobs, California Employment Development Department spokeswoman Patti Roberg said the UFW could refer applicants to the state or employers, and the state could publicize the open- ings through public service announcements.

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**New center encourages undergraduate research**

Special to The Observer

"Noire Dame is strong in undergraduate research, but the next frontier is students working with professors to do research," said Lindley, associate professor of political science and director of the University of Notre Dame’s new Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement (CUSE).

"Research is development of the mind — the development of students who will be of service to the University and to the world.

The center, opened on the second floor of Notre Dame’s Geddes Hall late last year, will offer ideas, advice and central- ization of information for under- graduates interested in doing research, in addition to partner- ing with faculty to create research opportunities.

"We are a University-wide center whose mission is to increase intellectual vibrancy on campus, increase the breadth and depth of undergraduate research and help students apply and win fellowships," Lindley said. "We thank our generous benefactors who helped catalyze CUSE into exis- ence."

The University is part of a nationwide trend in encourag- ing students to engage in research at the undergraduate level, said Lindley. Research can be about gaining an understanding of a subject, mitting knowledge about litera- ture, understanding the bios- phere, or helping the poor — that will improve human life, whether through medicine or art, he added.

"Our mission is to help all stu- dents get just the best and brightest, be the best they can be — to push them to new lev- els in their chosen fields," Lindley said.

Physics Professor Philippe Collon, CUSE associate director for scholarly engagement, launched the Sorin Scholars program, which identifies and mentors some of the University’s best and brightest students each year.

"Students still don’t realize they can make a difference in their field, whether science or art and developing a character."

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WASHINGTON — Barely into the new school year, President Barack Obama issued a tough-love message to students and teachers on Monday. Their year in the classroom should be longer, and poorly performing teachers should get out.

American students are falling behind some of their foreign counterparts, especially in math and science, and that’s got to change, Obama said. Seeking to revive a sense of urgency that education reform may have lost amid the recession’s focus on the economy, Obama declared that the future of the country is at stake.

“Whether jobs are created here, high-end jobs that support families and support the future of the American people, is going to depend on whether or not we can do something about these schools,” the president said in an interview on NBC’s “Today” show. U.S. schools through high school offer an average of 189 instruction days per year, according to the Education Commission of the States, compared to an average of 197 days for lower grade students and 202 days in grades in the country with the best student achievement levels, including Japan, South Korea, Germany and New Zealand.

“July month makes a difference,” the president said. “It means that kids are losing a lot of what they learned during the school year during the summer. It’s especially severe for poorer kids who may not see as many books in the house during the summers, aren’t getting as many educational opportunities.”

Obama said teachers and their profession should be more highly honored — as in China and some other countries, he said — and he said he wanted to work with the teachers’ unions. But he also said that unions should not defend a status quo in which one-third of children are dropping out. He challenged them not to be resistant to change.

And the president endorsed the firing of teachers who, once given the chance and the help to improve, are still failing short.

“We have got to identify teachers who are doing well. Teachers who are not doing well, we have got to give them the support and the training to do well. And if some teachers aren’t doing a good job, they’ve got to go,” Obama said.

Their goal, the president has articulated in the past, but his ability to see them realized is limited. States set the minimum length of school years, and although there’s experimentation in some places, there’s not been wholesale change since Obama issued the same challenge for more classroom time at the start of the past school year.

One issue is money, and although the president said that lengthening the school year would be “money well spent,” that doesn’t mean cash-strapped states and districts could afford it.

“It comes down to the old hogsfoot resources. It costs money to keep kids in school,” said Mayor Scott Smith of Mesa, Ariz. “Every hour believe, we can achieve greater things if we have a longer school year. The question is how do you pay for it.

One model is Massachusetts, where the state issues grants to districts that set out clear plans on how they would use the money to constructively lengthen instructional class time, said Kathy Christy, chief of staff at the Education Commission of the States. Obama’s Education Department already is using petitions among states for curriculum grant money through its “Race to the Top” initiative.

“The federal carrots of additional money would help more states do it or schools do it in states where they don’t have a state grant process,” Christie said.

But the federal budget is hard up, too. And while many educators believe students would benefit from more quality learning time, the idea is not universally popular.

In Kansas, sporadic efforts by local districts to extend the school year at even a few schools have been met by parental resistance, said state education commissioner Diane DeBarker.

“It’s been tried,” she said, describing one instance of a ‘topka-area elementary school that scrapped year-round schooling after just one year. “The community was just not ready for kids to be in school all summer long. Kids wanted to go on vacation. Their families wanted to go on vacation,”

Teachers’ unions say they’re open to the discussion of longer classroom time, but they also say that pay needs to be part of the equation. Some are offering to forgoing underperforming teachers, National Education Association President Dennis Van Roekel said unions weren’t the only thing killing George Armstrong Custer and wiped out most of the Army’s 7th Cavalry.

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In a take on the information that was being given out of a government agency, the Houma and co-chairman William Reilly described “nothing understated the number of Indians on the other side of the hill and the bill paid the ultimate price.”

Federal officials botched the government’s response to local official and government and university scientists content focused from Administration focused on the questions of who was in charge and how much oil spewed out of the well into the Gulf of Mexico.

Eventually, U.S. officials said the spill was about 60 times bigger than originally estimated. Instead of 42,000 gallons a day, the volume of leaking oil was closer to 2.4 million barrels a day.

“It’s a lot like Custer,” said panel co-chairman Bob Graham, a former Florida senator and governor, reiterating to the chief starting block there, as many education reformers assert.

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A senior government scientist, Bill Lehr of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said once NOAA realized the spill was much larger than estimated, things changed dramatically. Vacations were canceled, and there was a complete revamping of the oil response staff was “given a blank check,” he said.

University’s Ian MacDonald said it took eight attempts by the government to arrive at the correct estimate. He said BP’s estimate of 20,000 gallons a day was about 100 times less than federal guidelines said it could be. Everything was based on the thickness and color of the oil.
But how can we make sense of teleology in this late age of the world — now after the genius of Machiavelli, Hobbes, and Darwin, after the courage of Marx, Nietzsche, Freud and Foucault? For in their relentless suspicion of the system of the world as they received it — a suspicion so intense as to border on the neurotic — there is indeed a genius, a courage: to change the system of the world — to revolve our understanding of the divine order, as did Socrates, Kant and Hegel — seems the highest expression of our humanity. But to overthrow the very idea of a system — to deny that there is any order to be found, as did Marx, Nietzsche, and Freud, beyond the lies that we are willing to tell ourselves — seems something more than human — or would, had these thinkers not shuttered the transcendent.

Even to call their relentless suspicion neurotic is no defense, since this category is itself born of the school of suspicion — and its members would be the first to apply it to themselves: in the end, they know that they too are human, all too human. We are all of us neurotic — but only some have the genius and the courage to channel this neurosis into honesty.

But this honesty, in the end, has proven more destructive by far than divine ordering that it did so much to overthrow: before, when the Cosmos or God or Reason seemed to order things, what is, when man was mastered by others — Marx, Nietzsche and Freud proclaimed that these were lies, damned lies, perpetrated by tyrants, priests and man’s own self-deception. In response, he liberated himself — and, over the course of a century gone mad, tore his world apart. For, set free, man has no master, not even himself in philosophizing with hammer, these brave ones had smashed every idol — and thus left nothing at all upon which to stand.

It was not obvious, when the West awoke more than two millennia ago, that things would come to this: it is only clear in hindsight that the full implications of teleology lead to its rejection — and that the replacements thereof, both consequentiplast and deontological, rely upon systematic deception — of oneself and others — for their success. In a certain sense, the Aristotelian tradition and the Enlightenment tradition that replaced it amounted to much the same thing: the important question,” writes Williams, “is whether or not a given writer or philosopher believes that, beyond some things that human beings have themselves shaped, there is anything at all that is intrinsically shaped to human interests, in particular to human beings’ ethical interests. In the light of that question and the distinctions it invites, Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Hegel are all on the same side, all believing in one way or another that the universe or history or the structure of human reason can, when properly understood, yield a pattern that makes sense of human life and human aspirations.

But when first hope in God and then hope in man are lost — as they were, first in the Scientific Revolution and Reformation and then in collapse of the Enlightenment — not even despair remains: there is only chaos — man as a powerless, intermittently gullible witness to his own madness as he births the twentieth century. For he now sees his world as “only partially intelligible to human agency and in itself... not necessarily well adjusted to ethical aspirations,” writes Williams. For shattered is the system of the world — never better, perhaps, than a dim hope — of “all those who have thought that somehow or other, in this life or the next, morally if not materially, as individuals or as a historical collective, we shall be safe, or, if not safe, at least reassured that at some level of the world’s constitution there is something to be discovered that makes ultimate sense of our concerns. Where, then, do we now stand — when neither teleology nor enlightenment nor suspicion remain?” "Wandering between two worlds,” writes Arnold, “one dead, the other powerless to be born,” it seems that our heroes — those courageous, if neurotic, masters of suspicion — have forsaken us — just as did the idols that they smashed, whether teleological, consequentialist or deontological. It is not clear where to go from here — to see the world as once again a system full of divine purpose, or ourselves as sufficiently divine to live with one another in truth and justice, or even the all too human task of suspicion as exhilarating rather than maddening — well, all of these seem now beyond us; either we are not the heroes that our forebears were, or they were not the heroes that we took them to be.

To birth a new world — one powerless to be born on its own — may require, in the end, an act of faith — a deliberate return to where we began, before our illusions were shattered — and those shatterings were themselves revealed as yet more illusion. Whether this is possible without self-deception — whether, in effect, man can live without lies — is a question that keeps me up at night. I wish that there was more to say.

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Traditions of failure

I understand the complaints about the Celtic Chant a few weeks back. After all, it is a moment of student silence and hand motions (then again most students don’t make any sound until the opposing team breaks the huddle anyway), but I do understand it is a very high volume number which when blasted towards the huddle of the opposing team can result in inaudible play calling.

My main concern with it is its connection with failure. For those who do not know, the song was introduced during the first year of one Bob Davie. Since the song’s introduction one only needs to look at the past 13 years to see what the song has been attached to. So I say, find traditions of the DaviHamIes era and rid the game of them.

Tim Staub
junior
Dillon Hall
Sept. 27

Pro-progressive

It is no surprise that politics and current events are common discussions in everyday American life. You might walk down your dorm hall and hear fellow students discussing the legality or immorality of abortion or walk past a couple of people in the Bookstore talking about the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan.

It is interesting to find that most people also tend to put political labels on themselves. You might hear someone say, “I’m a Democrat,” and another person say, “I’m a conservative.” One political label in particular is worth discussing. Many people might find themselves saying, “I’m a progressive.” Depending on who you are talking to, some people find this pleasing and others offensive. In mainstream America, progressives have been branded as people who have ultra-liberal and/or socialist ideals. However, I believe this is not what a true progressive is. If you were to take a minute and look up the word progressive in the dictionary, you would find that it simply means, “moving forward; advancing.”

As a member of College Democrats here at Notre Dame, I am not afraid to admit that I label myself to be a moderate Democrat. Yet, if someone were to ask me if I consider myself to be a progressive, I would not hesitate to say, “Absolutely!” I am a progressive, not because of political views, but because I am interested in seeing America “move forward and advance.”

Each day, Americans are given constant reminders of the bad shape their country is in and has been in for the last couple of years. Although we may have politically different ideas in how to solve our pressing dilemmas, I think we can all agree that the ultimate goal is to make this nation better for us and for our posterity. So, for those of you who are reading this who want to see America “move forward and advance,” I urge you to ignore the pre-established labels, call yourselves progressives, and join other progressives in wearing blue on Sept. 28.

Trenton Spoolstra
member
College Democrats
Sept. 23

Rallies

My Notre Dame brothers and sisters, as you may or may not be aware, on Oct. 30, Comedy Central’s Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert will be holding competing political rallies on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Seeing as the vast majority of Stewart and Colbert’s audience are college students (and according to my rough estimates, most of the students on our campus are fans of one, if not both comedians), we should have a Notre Dame bus trip to Washington to show our support at these rallies.

In these most turbulent times of our nation’s political history, I believe it is of the utmost importance that we, the voice of tomorrow, take a step toward descalating the political climate’s inevitable arrival at the boiling point. By the time you are reading this, I will have contacted the Student Activities Office for a request to arrange a bus trip be made. If any of you share my vision, please echo my sentiment by contacting SAO via e-mail to let our wishes be known. An event like this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity — don’t pass it up.

Philip Zeiss
sophomore
Siegfried Hall
Sept. 26

State of the game

Students, as a member of the Class of 1975, I am tired of seeing our fine tradition of producing competitive football teams diminished to being the “joke of the day” on national TV programs for years now. The college sport is only one of the many jobs that our Notre Dame football teams can do the best at. For those of you who have not noticed, the college sport has given verbal commits because they love how awesome and rowdy the student section is. They

George Miller
alumnus
Class of 1975
Sept. 27

Please recycle
The Observer.
The situation: Music hunters seek, read, blog and call music from radio, print and mutual friends happen to be listening to. If you are a gatherer, this space is for you. If you are a hunter, email me your latest find, and I promise you’ll find it written up here. (Seriously. E-mail. Even if you’re not a student.)

There is an entire genre of sophisticated instrumental music that straddles the gap between Mozart, Enya and Yanni. Founded in the ’70s, the album label Windham Hill has been subtly pushing “new age acoustic,” or “new classical.” Windham Hill artists can be found on late night classical stations and stock next to the innocence in your neighborhood new age store. The label specializes in acoustic and folk. It is often simple, always alluring and will calm you down no matter how horrible your orgs looks.

Montreux

This gathering of individual Windham Hill artists led to one of the most boundary-pushing jazz groups in the last 50 years. They balance violin, piano, mandolin, guitar, bass and synthesizer into a sound that is sometimes new age, sometimes blues. Since each artist is so accomplished in his or her own field, the combination of Darol Anger, Barbara Leightie, Mike Marshall and Michael Mauring creates music that is interesting enough to keep your mind awake but cohesive to the point that it won’t distract. If Mozart were alive, this is what his kids would be listening to.

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George Winston

This man is the grand ole granddaddy of new age classical. His “rural folk piano” bursts onto the scene with the 1980 album “Autumn,” changing the face of new classical music and placing Windham Hill at the forefront of the genre. There is no one that sounds quite like Winston, and his seemingly simplistic arpeggios can change on a dime to become suddenly intricate and exciting. Winston is not ashamed to revel in the glory of a minimalist piano lullaby, and equally unafraid to start a move on the keys in a jazz progression lifted directly from Vince Guaraldi. One spin through any album he’s released will leave you a convert.

Tracks to Tap: “Colors/Dance,” “Dubaque,” “Carol of the Bells”

Michael Hedges

The guitar was reborn the day this man picked one up. There is really no genre in which to place Hedges, other than to say he did things to the guitar that no one had ever imagined, and left thousands awestruck from his mind-blowing techniques in the wake of his death in a car accident in 1997. Two phrases that attempt to place Hedges are “heavy mental” and “new edge.” His music is exploratory yet calming. He strums the guitar while plucking it, often making it sounds like there are two or more guitars at work. The only way to appreciate his playing is to YouTube it.

Tracks to Tap: “Ariel Boundaries,” “Java Man”

By KEVIN NOONAN

Not quite rock, a little more than pop and at times drifting towards funk, Maroon 5 has refused to be pinned into a single genre since its inception. And at the same time, one of the consistent criticisms against the band is that all of its songs sound the same. The group’s newest studio album, “Hands All Over,” is no different.

Although lead singer Adam Levine and company try very hard to move their band more distinctively toward the rock genre, the experiment is, for the most part, unsuccessful. Both lyrically and musically, “Hands All Over” is quite similar to the band’s two previous albums.

That’s not to say the album as a whole is unsuccessful. The hooks are catchy without sounding forced, the music is smoothly produced and the lyrics are expressive. Levine’s alternations in delivery between bursting swagger and shaky self-consciousness are skillful and fit well with the different tones and lyrics of each individual song.

The band’s experiment in “Hands All Over” to try and shift their sound is a strategy it had tried on its second album, “It Won’t Be Soon Before Long.” On its debut studio album, “Songs About Jane,” the band worked with Matt Wallace, who has produced albums for Train, Third Eye Blind and 0.A.R. For its second album, the band shook things up and turned to Mike Elizondo as producer, who is best known for his work with artists such as Eminem, Jay-Z, Dr. Dre and 50 Cent.

With the lack of success in creating a new sound on that album, the band once again turned to a producer with a radically different skill set than it had seen before: Robert “Mutt” Lange. His producer credits include work with AC/DC and Def Leppard. While the album clearly shows Lange to be a skilled producer in terms of the overall delivery of the music, “Hands All Over” contains no traces of AC/DC.

“That’s all [Angel] is, is big. He goes for huge and international and it was such a refreshing thing to working with someone who really felt we still had something to prove,” Levine said in an interview with MTV.

But the band still knows its sound.

“Hands All Over”

Maroon 5

Label: A&M/Octone

Best Tracks: “Misery,” “Out of Goodbyes,” “Slither”

“It sounds like … Maroon 5. What you’re thinking of is what it is,” Levine said in the interview.

As with previous albums, “Hands All Over” is laden with songs that are destined for serious radio time. The first single from the album, “Misery,” released 17 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 chart. The album’s second single, “Give a Little More,” conceived in the same vein as previous hits such as “This Love” and “Wake Up Call,” can expect similar results in the coming weeks.

The band will most likely see its greatest chart success and teenage girl approval from a single that has yet to be released, the country cross-over with Lady Antebellum entitled “Out of Goodbyes.” Of all the songs on the album, this one most successfully brings a new feel to the band. It maintains the broken love tone so common to Maroon 5’s repertoire, but by collaborating with country music great Lady Antebellum, the band delivers a unique, true hit.

Maroon 5 once again proves to be consistently above average, and does so without providing the music world any shocking revelations. They continue to be Backstreet Boys for grown-ups. Fans of previous albums will be fans of “Hands All Over,” but Maroon 5 won’t be reaching very many new audiences.

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America prepares to defend Ryder Cup title

Associated Press

NEWPORT, Wales — A young woman working at the Celtic Manor this week did a double take when she saw Corey Pavin getting into a golf cart. She didn’t realize he was the U.S. captain. What got her attention was what he was holding.

“Is this the Ryder Cup trophy?” she said excitedly before holding up her credential to show the captain and his police.

Pavin and the American team own the real thing. The question is whether they go home with it.

After a night of travel on a charter flight out of Atlanta, the defending champions arrived in Wales for the Ryder Cup matches they will try to win on foreign soil for the first time since 1993.

Europe is considered the stronger team with two major champions, Graeme McDowell and Martin Kaymer, and a 21-man roster that has produced 17 victories this year, five of those on the PGA Tour. The perception of strength also is based on who didn’t make the transatlantic trip, Paul Casey and Sergio Garcia.

European captain Colin Montgomerie isn’t buying into that.

“You, we might be favorites,” he said. “But I don’t see it as much as you guys might be putting this together. This will be very, very close and very competitive, as they always are.”

The Americans have to top two players in the world ranking, in which case this might be misleading. Tiger Woods has not won a tournament all year — he hasn’t even come close — while dealing with an embarrassing scandal that cost him his marriage. Phil Mickelson won the Masters, but he has been in the top 10 only once in the last three months.

Even so, Pavin has reason to feel his U.S. team is ready to defend.

Jim Furyk won the Tour Championship on Sunday, making him the third U.S. team member to win a FedEx Cup playoff event. Matt Kuchar won The Barclays, which Dustin Johnson won the BMW Championship.

“I like the way Team USA is playing right now,” Pavin said. “I think there’s a lot of guys that have been playing well, and that’s always a good thing. Any captain is going to want his players to be up on their game. The only thing that can happen during a week of golf is just like I would like my guys to be out there and be comfortable, relaxed, and get some good practice in the next couple of days. They were plenty relaxed on the way over.

It was the first time since at least 1997 the entire American team came over on the same plane. Some travelers and airport workers were stunned Sunday night to see Woods leaning against a wall having a casual conversation with Mickelson as the U.S. team, wives and caddies gathered outside one of the gates of the international concourse.

Odd’s are Woods and Mickelson weren’t talking four-balls strategies. That experiment of them playing together didn’t work so well in the 2004 matches at Oakland Hills.

Montgomerie already has told his players their partners, and Pavin has given his players an indication of who might be playing, and when. He just wasn’t about to reveal anything until the opening ceremony Thursday.

“I have a very good idea of what we’re going to do,” Pavin said. “We’ve talked about it quite a bit, and the players have an idea of the directions that I’m going to go. But there’s no reason for me to discuss it too much until I actually write the pairings down on paper and turn them in.”

Some pairings could become clearer when the teams begin practicing on the Twenty Ten course at Celtic Manor, the first course in Britain designated with a Ryder Cup in mind.

Steve Stricker and Dustin Johnson took in a few holes of practice. Stricker dressed in a blue rain suit. The sky was gray and dreary, and rain was in the forecast for much of the week.

Montgomerie otherwise looked ready to stage the biggest team event in golf. The grandstand at first glance was the shape of an amphitheater, with towering bleachers behind the 18th green, and a stage already erected for the opening ceremony. Casual observers might not know if they were at a golf tournament or Woodstock.

It was an otherwise routine day, the big news that both captains have asked their players not to use Twitter or Facebook during the Ryder Cup. Stewart Cink and Ian Poulter each have more than a million followers.

Montgomerie doesn’t tweet.

More strange to him is not playing.

“Strange in many ways,” Montgomerie said. “Biggest event in my golfing career and I’ve come here with no clubs. Quite weird, really. I stood on the first tee on Friday when I arrived. Had my own thoughts about ever playing in the Ryder Cup. And after this great honor and responsibility that this is, I intend to do my utmost to try and make the team in 2012.”
McGrady looks forward to career return after knee injuries

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McGrady had major surgery on his left knee in February 2009, and a year later he was traded from Houston to the Knicks. He started all 24 games he played with New York but averaged only 9.4 points.

At Detroit’s media day Monday, McGrady described some difficult nights watching basketball and wondering what had become of his career.

“It was frustrating. There were times when I actually teared up when I was by myself...”

Just a wake-up call and a culture shock to me at the same time,” Prince said. “I’m just excited to get back and help these young guys, because they were kind of out on an island last year with me and Rip being hurt so much.”

If everyone stays healthy, McGrady’s addition could give the Pistons a glut of players with similar abilities on the perimeter. Hamilton has been the subject of trade speculation.

“I wouldn’t put this jersey on if I didn’t want to be here,” Hamilton said. “I’ve been here, the fans and organization have been so great to me.”

Eleven players started at least 10 games for Detroit last season, and all but one are back. Add McGrady and lottery pick Greg Monroe, and Kuester will have plenty of decisions to make before the season opener.

“We’re going to have a number of guys that are going to be competing for playing time, and that’s what you want in a basketball camp,” Kuester said.

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Kansas City, Mo. — Kansas City Chiefs offensive coordinator Charlie Weis had emergency gall bladder surgery Monday morning, according to a newspaper report.

Weis' agent, Bob LaMonte, told The Kansas City Star that Weis chose to delay surgery until after the Sunday's home game against the San Francisco 49ers.

Chiefs coach Todd Haley refused to talk about Weis' condition Monday beyond saying that it was not a life-threatening situation.

Radio station 810 WHB was the first to report that the 54-year-old Weis had undergone emergency treatment after the game. Another Kansas City station, 610 Sports Radio KCSP, later reported that it was gall bladder surgery.

LaMonte told the newspaper that Weis had a painful infection but put off the surgery so he could coach in the game, a 31-10 Chiefs victory over the 49ers.

Last week, Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio was hospitalized after his team beat Notre Dame in overtime for what was described as a mild heart attack.

Weis, the offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots' Super Bowl teams, was hired by the Chiefs after he was fired last year as head coach at Notre Dame.

He underwent a procedure on his knee in the offseason and spent most of training camp moving around on a motorized cart. He walked with difficulty while using a cane and wore a large knee brace. All he has said about that situation was that part of his knee “fell off” a few weeks before camp opened.

Associated Press

TORONTO — Vernon Wells hit a three-run homer, John Buck added a solo shot and the Toronto Blue Jays pounded A.J. Burnett, then held on for a 7-5 victory over the New York Yankees on Monday.

Toronto assured itself of at least a .500 finish and temporarily denied the Yankees the chance to clinch a playoff berth. A Boston loss later Monday would also send New York into the postseason.

Mark Teixeira hit a three-run homer and Curtis Granderson added a two-run drive for the Yankees, who have lost five of six.

The Blue Jays lead the major leagues with 243 home runs this season, one shy of the team record set in 2000.

Toronto left-hander Marc Rzepczynski (3-4) allowed two runs and four hits in five innings to win back-to-back starts for the first time this season. He walked three and matched a career high with nine strikeouts.

Brian Tallet pitched 1 1-3 innings, Josh Roenicke and Jesse Carlson each got one out. Scott Downs worked the eighth and Kevin Gregg closed it out in the ninth for his 36th save in 41 chances.

Burnett (10-15), who has lost seven of his past 11 starts, allowed seven runs and seven hits in 2 1-3 innings, his second shortest start of the year. The right-hander, who walked one and struck out one, is 0-3 with a 9.61 ERA in four starts against his former team this season.

Jays 3B Alex Rodriguez fanned to end the first. Robinson Cano struck out to start the second and, after singles by Marcus Thames and Austin Kearns, Rzepczynski struck out Granderson and Francisco Cervelli.

Associated Press

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter hits a single against the Blue Jays in the seventh inning of a game in Toronto Monday night.
**Hockey**

Irish announce senior Lavin as team captain

*Observer Staff Report*

Irish coach Jeff Jackson announced his selections as captains and alternates for the upcoming 2010-11 season Monday. Senior defender Joe Lavin will wear the ‘C for the Irish, while classmates Calle Ridderwall and Ben Ryan will be alternates. Jackson and Ryan Guentzel will serve as assistant captains.

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“Calle [Ridderwall] has made great strides in his four years here as a player on the ice, in the weight room and in the classroom,” Jackson said. “He leads by example with his work ethic and his tenaci- ty in the way he plays the game.

Ryan has played in 115 career games for Notre Dame, scoring 29 goals. The center has also shown a knack for scoring when it matters most, with seven career game-winning goals. Ryan will also likely handle a majority of the faceoff duties for the Irish this season.

“[Ryan has taken a very pro- active approach to getting our team back to a high level in giving back to the community,” Jackson said. “I’m very proud of where Ben is right now. I expect him to be one of our top players and have a strong presence in the locker room.”

Guentzel rounds out the Irish leadership corps for the upcoming season. Playing at right wing, Guentzel has seen action in 100 career games, with four goals and 17 assists to his name. While he may not put up gaudy statistics, Guentzel garnered praise for his versatility and leadership off the ice.

“He’s played a modest role for us since he’s been here but has always had a good attitude and a strong under- standing of the game,” Jackson said. “Some of the vocal guys in the locker room. He understands what we need to do and how we need to do it as far as doing the right thing.

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SMC Golf

Senior Boyce leads Belles to third place

By TIM SINGLER

Senior Joe Lavin defends against Nebraska/Omaha Jan. 30. Irish coach Jeff Jackson named Lavin a captain Monday.

Senior Mary Kate Boyce leads the way for the Belles to third place in the USHL.

Oct. 8 when they take part in the Warrior College Hockey Ice Breaker Tournament in St. Louis.

**Energy**

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and four blocks to lead the Irish as they closed out the Big East opening weekend. And her perfor- 
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Saint Mary’s finished third in the two-day tournament hosted by Olethorpe University at the Mission Inn Resort in Howey-of-the-Hills, Fla.

The Belles totaled a team score of 679, shooting a 341 and a 338 on the first day and second day respectively.

Senior Mary Kate Boyce led the attack for the Belles as she shot a two-day total 165 (85-80). She also sunk the most pars in the tournament. Her two-day fourth place finish was enough to mark her as one of the top competitors.

The team had yet another consistent effort from the other golfers. Freshman Doyle O’Brien finished with an 84 Monday, four strokes less then her score Sunday, to finish in 22nd place.

Senior Rosie O’Connor finished in 25th place and freshman Meg Ryan shot a 105 to help the Belles to a third place finish.

The top-ranked and 13-time defending national champions Methodist University captured the top honors as well as the individual honors. They fin-

ished with a two-day total 651. Illinois Wesleyan came in second place with a 665 team score.

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**Men’s Golf**

**Juniors lead way in Classic**

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The quest for the Irish to repeat as champions in the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic is turning into a two-team race, as Notre Dame is tied with Iowa at seven-over-par after the first two rounds of the three-round tournament.

The Irish and the Hawkeyes hold a 10-stroke advantage over San Francisco going into the final round.

Junior Tom Usher led the Irish on day one, which featured 36 holes of golf on the Warren Golf Course north of campus. Usher fired a 1-under score of 139 over two rounds to share the individual lead in the tournament with San Francisco’s Taylor Travis.

Usher posted five birdies on the front nine to reach a low score of bogey or worse to even day, posting 10 birdies and nine bogeys on the 10th through 12th holes.

Right behind Usher was his fellow junior and Irish team leader Max Scodro, who had an eventful tournament with San Francisco’s Platt playing a clean round in the second round at Warren Monday afternoon.

Freshman Andrew Lane takes a shot in the second round at Warren Monday afternoon.

**NCAA Football**

**Hoosiers focus for Wolverines challenge**

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana coach Bill Lynch wants his players focused solely on football all week.

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"I remember what happened," Indiana quarterback Ben Chappell said with a wry smile after Saturday night's win over Akron.

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Fifty-three weeks later, the storylines are virtually the same. Both teams are unbeaten. Both have proven they can score. Both are concerned about giving up too many points, and Michigan is ranked, again, while Indiana is not.

What has changed is the perception of the game. A year ago, nobody outside Indiana's locker room thought the Hoosiers could be competitive against one of their long-standing nemesis. Now, it's anybody's guess.

"The conversations have returned to 1987, the last time Indiana beat Michigan, or 1990, the last time the Hoosiers started 4-0, or 2001, the last time Indiana won its Big Ten opener."

"But the Hoosiers (3-0) aren't talking about any of that. "Any team we play, we think we can beat the team. We never go into a game saying, 'I hope we win,'" receiver Terrance Turner said Monday. "If you're a competitor you want to win every game you play. We have more and more players with that same attitude."

"Why not? The Hoosiers have scored at least 35 points in all three games this season, and have had winning margins of 15 points or more all three times as well. Indiana has stayed relatively healthy, and Chappell is playing like a fifth-year senior, completing 72.4 percent of his passes, while throwing nine touchdowns and no interceptions.

And now, against a much better opponent than Towson, Western Kentucky or Akron, Chappell knows he and his teammates have to be even better if they want to rewrite history.

"I watched quite a lot of film yesterday, and I've tried to get somewhat comfortable with them," Chappell said. "They are similar to last year defensively, I think they're better. I think they had a lot of young guys last year and they were getting used to that system. So, now they've had a year in it and they're moving around a lot. They're a good team."

"Good enough to give the Hoosiers worry."

"Indiana's defense has given up several big plays to mobile quarterbacks during the first month of the season, and it has struggled to stop the run. Last weekend, Akron churned out 160 yards and averaged 5.3 yards per carry, something that must get fixed before Denard Robinson and the Wolverines (4-0) come to town this weekend. Even if Robinson is gimpy after bruising his left knee."

But will that be enough for the Hoosiers to, finally, beat Michigan after 16 consecutive losses? Perhaps.
Phoxes
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exhibited a stellar performance for the first half as senior quar-
terback Kayla Bishop and junior wide receiver Jenny Gasser
connected for two touchdowns, one in the final minute of the
half.

"I kind of had to scramble for it, so all of the sudden the ball
was coming down," Gassner said. "It was a pretty much sta-
Cavanaugh

Cavanaugh relied on a stifling defense and a number of big
plays provided by the offense to beat Lyons and prolong their
season play after a loss in the 2009 championship game.

"We showed improvement from last week, and we’re ready
to take on Welsh Family next weekend," Speigelberg said.
Despite the victory, Pasquerilla West players said they see areas
for improvement.

"We worked on running the ball today, but in the future we’d
like to see some more passing," senior wide receiver Mary Forr
said.
The Purple Weasels look to continue their winning streak
next week against Ryan, while Walsh tries to earn its first victo-
ry in a matchup with Welsh Family.

Pasquerilla East 13, Badin 0

In a tough defensive battle between two young teams each
looking for their first wins, the outcome was determined by
misses. Pasquerilla East mini-
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capitalized on risky passing plays
by the Pyros.

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Howard stays perfect against Pangborn

By MEGAN GOLDEN, LUCIE GORDON, JOSEPH MONARDO, SARAH CRIPPIN and JACK YUSKO
Sports Writers

The secondary of Howard came ready to back up the Ducks’ undefeated record, as their two-interception performance was enough to bring the Ducks to a hard fought 21-7 victory over Pangborn.

The Phoxes (1-1) put their only points on the board early, as senior quarterback Gabby Tate ran for a touchdown in their first possession of the game, taking an early 7-0 lead. "Howard did a really fantastic job. Their defense was awesome, and the run was the one thing that was open," Tate said. "But passing wise, I don’t think I’ve faced a tougher defense, so hat off to them."

Undefeated Howard (3-0)

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Jersey auction to start for Kicks Against Breast Cancer

By CHRIS MASoud
Sports Writer

After dismantling Cincinnati and Louisville over the weekend with nine combined goals and allowing none, the No. 5 Irish have been playing their hearts out en route to a 9-1 start to the season Sunday when Notre Dame (9-5) took first place in the Phoxes/Cancer. The Phoxes (1-1) put their two-interception performance was enough to bring the Ducks to a hard fought 21-7 victory over Pangborn.

In an effort to raise funds for Kicks Against Breast Cancer, the Irish will auction commemorative pink-and-white jerseys to be worn dur-
ning the final homestand of the season against Seton Hall on Oct. 8 and Rutgers on Oct. 10. Fans will be able to bid on the autographed jerseys through the official Notre Dame athletics auction website at www.und.com/auc-
tions.

To that end, the Irish have stepped up to the challenge by enlisting their support to finding a cure for breast cancer. The initiative includes a fundraising tournament in April, but it also encourages the top collegiate programs around the nation to contribute by raising $1,000. To that end, the Irish have stepped up to the challenge of the contest.

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This season’s fundraiser comes on the heels of the highly successful jersey auction last spring to support the Camp Waicha-Wanna-Do, an Indiana based camp dedicated to supporting children’s fight cancer.

The squad raised close to $3000, as the auctioned jerseys were worn in an April 23 exhibition match against the Mexican National Team.

“Players took the initiative and wanted to make this happen, and I hope we’ll see some enthusiastic and competitive bids for these one-of-a-kind jerseys,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum told und.com.

The auctions start at $50 per jersey.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Eppink gets into sophomore swing

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The energy the Irish bring to the volleyball court is almost con-
tagious, and sophomore Hilary Eppink has definitely become part of the new epidemic in her sophomore season.

The middle blocker is not only having fun this season but she’s also stepping up her game unlike ever before.Like she did last Sunday when Notre Dame (9-5) defeated Pittsburgh 3-0.

"I just wanted to stay aggressive, not get tentative, not get passive," Eppink said. "I just wanted to really help out the team. It’s just fun out there, there’s a great energy, and I wanted to keep going."

Eppink did keep going for 12 kills with her game if you want to prove your abilities to hang with the competition.

"It definitely was more intense, and the quality of games is so much higher. People are or become much better players in college, so you definitely have to step up your game if you want to compete and win," Nhim said.

For Nhim, golf began as a