Students speak about Islamic life on campus

Muslims juggle religion, customs, class and culture at Notre Dame

By SARAH MERVOSH
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Editor’s note: This is the first installment of a two-part series about Muslim students who attend the University of Notre Dame.

Junior Hiba Ahmed wore a dress and leggings to class Friday, but by mid-afternoon, she was standing in the parking lot of the local mosque, dressed in traditional Pakistani clothing.

She used the reflection in her SUV’s window to wrap a scarf around her head, adjusting it so that it covered stray strands of hair, and headed up a small hill toward the door women use to enter the mosque.

Ahmed, one of the few Muslim undergraduate students who attend Notre Dame, left her shoes at the door and entered the section of the mosque designated for women.

“Women and men pray separately in order to try and minimize any distractions,” Ahmed said. “A very attractive woman could potentially be distracting to some guy while he’s trying to connect with God.”

Though men and women are physically separated, the congregation prays aloud together, led by an imam, the Islamic version of a priest.

Muslims from around the South Bend area trickled in during the service and sat down on the floor in the self-made rows of the congregation. Some wore more traditional Islamic clothing, while one boy wore his high school football jersey and a man attended in hospital scrubs.

During the service, which lasted about 45 minutes, the congregation said verses of the Quran aloud as they repeated kneeling, bowing and putting their foreheads to the ground.

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Alumni enjoy working for alma mater

By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
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Stephanie Mola graduated from Notre Dame in 2009 and moved to Florida to work for Johnson & Johnson, but a “Notre Dame itch” brought her back to South Bend a year later.

“Along the way there just seemed to be a big part of me missing and a lot of it pointed me back here,” she said. “And this just kind of fell in my lap and seemed like the perfect fit.”

Now, as the Notre Dame Alumni Association’s young alumni programs manager, Mola is one of many young graduates to work for her alma mater.

Lyons hosts 17th 5k Mara Fox Run

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
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What started out as a chilly morning broke into an interlude of sunshine just long enough for the runners to weave their way around the 5k Mara Fox course Saturday.

Over 300 people participated in the 17th annual Mara Fox Run sponsored by Lyons Hall, event co-chairman Melissa Buddie and Erika Miller said.

During this brief burst of warmth, runners and volunteers gathered to celebrate the life of Mara Fox, a freshman in Lyons Hall who was killed by a drunk driver on Nov. 13, 1993. Coming to Notre Dame from northern Virginia, Fox intended to study as a psychology and Spanish double major.

The money raised from the run goes toward a scholarship that supports students to study abroad in Toledo, Spain, where Fox had dreamed of traveling, Fox’s mother Teresa McCarthy said.

“We’re now sending a minimum of two students...”
Some hotel staff and guests have had occasion to look up from the sun-drenched poolside at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas and take in the sight of a 99-foot-tall, glimmering glass facade of the concave-shaped, high-rise Vdara hotel and condominium, which opened last December.

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 Leicesterham David Zimmer does pushups in a crowd of Notre Dame fans after Notre Dame’s second touchdown against Boston College during the game Saturday.

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A portion of the $5 price of each box goes to the Feed The Children organization, available through PBLS’s website. In a tweet, the football player had directed fans to a website. The player’s agent said Thursday. The wrong number was given by the Feed the Children charity. Ochocinco’s agent Robert Bailey said. “It’s a shame because it’s a good cause.”

The Baba of the Sacred Heart will be hosting a special Mass in honor of the Feast of St. Francis — Patron Saint of the Environment — tonight at 8 p.m. in the Geddes Hall Coffeehouse. The public is welcome to join in this free presentation given by Dan Dilley of the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change. The program is sponsored by the Office of Sustainability, the Center for Social Concerns, the Department of Theology, and Campus Ministry.

Online Registration for Session 2 Swim Lessons will be open from 8 a.m. to midnight online via recsports.nd.edu. Students, faculty and staff are welcome to take this RecSports class held at Rockne Memorial Pool. The classes will begin Oct. 25 and end Nov. 21.

Students, faculty and staff can still sign up for Winter 10 Weekend personal training packages. Each package purchased on any Monday until Nov. 29 will receive 10 percent off. This offer is available through RecSports.

Free seasonal influenza vaccines will be available Oct. 5, 6, and 7 through University Health Services. Students, faculty, staff, retirees and spouses of retirees are encouraged to get these at Stepan Center. Tomorrow, the shots will be available from 9 to 9 p.m.

To submit information to be included in the In Brief section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer.news@gmail.com.
Saint Mary’s hosts annual Memory Walk

By CAITLYN HOUSLEY
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Saint Mary’s was a sea of purple Sunday as it hosted the Alzheimer’s Association’s annual Memory Walk. This was Saint Mary’s second year hosting the event. Community members, students, staff and faculty gathered in order to raise awareness for Alzheimer’s Disease, a brain disorder that destroys cells and leads to memory loss and death.

According to Michael Sullivan, the director of Public Policy and Advocacy of Indiana’s Alzheimer’s Association, this year’s event attracted more walkers than last year, gathering around 150 people.

“Alzheimer’s was declared the sixth leading cause of death,” Sullivan said. “Even if a cure cannot be found, slowing the progress of the disease will be beneficial.”

Sullivan is a strong supporter of raising awareness, as well as advocacy for federal funding of Alzheimer’s treatment.

The course of the Memory Walk ran throughout Saint Mary’s campus.

“I always teach my children that education is key. It is the one thing that cannot be taken away from you,” Regional Director Melissa Barile said. “No. We are all wrong. Alzheimer’s can take all of our education — no matter when we learned it — away from us.”

For this reason, Barile stressed raising awareness and funding for Alzheimer’s research is just as vital as education of the disease.

“My biggest hope is that [the event] does raise awareness. I’ve been working with the Association for many years now and have visited many places, but each time it’s like I’ve just begun,” Barile said.

“Awareness needs to increase. Education, education, education and support groups.”

Sullivan said he hoped the event would raise awareness about Alzheimer’s, as well. It provides educational services, support groups, a 24-hour help line and more, all free of charge.

“The Association is the largest source of funding for the disease nationally and internationally.”

Many Saint Mary’s students gathered to help provide support and to remember loved ones who had the disease.

Juniors Jessica Cross and Lauren Wilkerson walked to remember their grandparents.

“I used to always do this with my family, but it’s my first time walking in South Bend,” Cross said. “It’s so nice to see a good turn out.”

“Barile said she hopes to see the event grow bigger and bigger every year.

“If you could see the impact it’s making on the children, grandchildren, no matter the age group, you would just see how it touches this disease affects and why it is so important to raise awareness now,” she said.

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GRC holds annual body image week

By AMANDA GRAY
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For the seventh consecutive year, the Gender Relations Center (GRC), in alliance with several other on-campus groups and offices, will be celebrating a week to raise awareness about body image and eating disorders.

From today through Sunday, Body Image and Eating Disorders Awareness Week will host events throughout campus on a variety of topics within the larger discussion.

“We want people and students talking to each other about body image problems,” Heather Racokzy Russell, program director for the GRC, said.

“We don’t want them to be silent about these things. At the very least people will realize they don’t have to be alone in these things.”

Finding Balance in College: How to do it with your Healthy Voice is the first women-only event in the history of the week which is tonight at Lefrancois from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event will feature Meredith Terpaul, a Notre Dame graduate and president of a wellness and life coaching company.

Russell said she will bring a unique viewpoint to the lecture because she knows what the environment is like on campus.

Tuesday night will feature the Mass of Healing at 10 p.m. in the Dillon Hall Chapel.

“The Mass of Healing puts a special Notre Dame spin on this kind of thing,” Russell said.

The panel, Perfectly Disordered: Eating Disorders, Body Image and College Life, is Wednesday night in the Oak Center Auditorium. The panel will feature talks from students as well as Valerie Staples, a staff psychologist from the University Counseling Center.

“This will offer a much broader perspective,” Russell said.

Russell said attitudes at Notre Dame can serve a breeding ground for body image problems and eating disorders.

“Our Notre Dame is an environment where competition and perfection run rampant,” she said. “We need to work together to overcome obstacles and head in the direction of recovery.”

Public service announcement put together by the Week’s organizers will run in Saturday’s football program.

“The eating disorders are serious, life threatening illnesses — no choices,” the announcement states. “It is important to recognize the pressures, attitudes and behaviors that contribute to the development of eating disorders and body image concerns.”

Russell said this is the first time the week has run anything in the football program, but she is hop- ing it will help with the cause.

“The point is for outreach to the larger community,” she said. “This is an issue Notre Dame students are concerned about.”

More than 10 million females and 1 million males battle with an eating disorder, the announcement states.

“Some people perceive that Notre Dame students have it all together and that Notre Dame students wouldn’t battle these issues,” Russell said. “It’s actually much more likely with high-achieving students to experience these issues.”

Other events this week include a poster campaign and an event with AcoustiCafe.

“The poster campaign, ‘This Is My Student Body,’ is contin- ued from something student government started last year,” Senior Mariah McGrogan said. McGrogan is co-chair of the Gender Issues Committee for Student Senate and works as a student assistant with the GRC.

“Notre Dame is an environment that is so important to raise awareness... We need to check ourselves with our language and dieting habits.”

The AcoustiCafe event will feature the regular musicians of AcoustiCafe with special touches, such as word pieces and information about body image and eating disorders.

“The nice part about the AcoustiCafe event is we’re taking a signature staple event at Notre Dame and asking them to feature this issue,” she said. “We hope the regulars are exposed to some- thing they wouldn’t have typically attended.”

Russell said students should talk to someone if they are experiencing problems with these issues.

“They are important for them to talk to one person they can trust,” she said. “Not someone who will judge or make them feel bad.”

Russell said students should attitudinally and behaviorally support putting them down when they say things like, “I feel fat.”

They need someone who can go out to help for their personal issues.

“The Week is hosted by the Gender Issues Committee through the University Counseling Center, Student-Athlete Wellness and Development, Feminist Voice and student government.”

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... and to try to cover themselves and it is one is forcing Muslim women issue. It's a very personal
... between you and God," she said. "Ideally, I'd find someone myself, probably when I get out of..." Though growing up in America and staying true to a traditional religion can sometimes come into conflict, these students said the key is balance, and being comfortable with their relationship with God. For example, Ahmed said she wore a short, strappy dress to her homecoming dance senior year of high school, but wore tights and a cardigan with it. "I've never felt bad about who I am," she said. "Each individual has to have the self-confidence to be who they are and still feel like they fit in." The second installment of this series will examine how Muslim students experience life at a Catholic university. It will run in tomorrow’s Observer.

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each spring," she said. "One year we sent three. Each applicant must write an essay about how they embody Fox's characteristics and how they would help others while abroad. McCarthy said Fox instictively knew she wanted to help others.

"Eventually, when Mara got her degree she wanted to work with children in the Hispanic community," she said. "I just had this great love for people, and she knew it right from here.

Buddie and Miller contacted alumni and businesses to further support this cause. With alumni donations, funds gained from race registration and sponsorships from several companies, Buddie said more than $3,000 was raised. These companies included Chipotle, Between the Buns, Outback Steakhouse and Luna Bars.

PILLARS, a group on campus aimed at increasing alcohol awareness, and the Office of International Studies also worked to honor Fox's memory by promoting the event. McCarthy said she is grateful to all participants, but especially Lyons' resident dormi. In addition, the Office of International Studies has helped continue the event every year.

"I appreciate PILLARS coming in, and these young women putting in..." McCarthy continued. "They have been such a wonderful support system for the event. And it really is a way to make the trip.

The race itself was a 5k that stretched down South Quad, wound around Saint Mary's and St. Joseph lakes, and ended under the Lyons arch, a symbolic touch added by the co-commissi. There was also a Fun Walk for non-runners. The male winners were seniors Michael Hogan, Evan Possley and Matthew Zak. The top females were senior Laura Lindsay, sophomore Alison Podlaski and senior Caroline Green. The top fini... Looking up to the race, McCarthy gave a speech in the Coleman-Morse lounge on Friday night about what happened to her daughter. Buddie also said Lyons sponsored a dance in the Monogram Room at the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center.

"The speech was fantasti," Buddie said. "We've never had this before, and it was just a beautiful talk on what happened to Mara and why it's important to run this race."

Every year, Fox's family and friends come to the race. McCarthy said this year about 200 people came, and she said Fox would appreciate the cause her name has inspired.

"Mara is with us here today. Her memory lives on, and for a good cause," she said. "I know she would be pleased with that."

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In this Feb. 16, 2006 photo, a gray wolf is seen on the run in Yellowstone National Park. Lawmakers are proposing a rewrite of the Endangered Species Act that would lift protections for wolves.

BILLINGS, Mont. — Two decades after the federal government spent a half-million dollars to study the reintroduction of gray wolves to the Northern Rockies, lawmakers say it’s time for Congress to step in again — this time to clamp down on the endangered animals.

To do so they are proposing to bypass the Endangered Species Act and lift protections, first enacted in 1974, for today’s booming wolf population.

Critics say the move would undercut one of the nation’s premiere environmental laws and allow for the unchecked killing of wolves across the West.

But bitterness against the iconic predator is easing as livestock killings increase and some big game herds dwindle.

And with state efforts to knock back the predators’ expansion stalled in court, senators from Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah want to strip wolves of their endangered status by force. "When they brought wolves to Idaho, the Legislature voted against it, the governor didn’t want it and the Congressional delegation didn’t want it," said Idaho Republican Sen. James Risch. "We didn’t want them in the first place. But we are prepared to deal with them as we see fit.

"Now I walk around and see all these people I work with that I didn’t really know existed before," she said. One difficult part of returning to Notre Dame as an employee, Mola said, is separating herself from student life because she has friends who are still undergraduates.

As a former Notre Dame football player, it is emotionally difficult for her to be on campus but no longer playing with the rest of the team.

"It’s hard to seem them. It’s hard to go by the field and hear about them going to practice, and I’m not going with them," she said.

Because Mola graduated recently, however, she said she is better able to do her job at the Alumni Association, where she organizes programs for both current and former undergraduates who graduated within the past 10 years.

Mola said she has also learned since she began working at the Alumni Association that people who work for the University, even if they are not alumni, just as enthusiastic about Notre Dame as the student body.

"I guess an easy parallel from both perspectives is Notre Dame’s pretty well-known for having great people," she said. "Everybody here is so welcoming and wants you to do well, just like when you were a student."

Mola said she does not know what she will do in the future, especially since her current position is best filled by a young alum. She said she would be open, however, to other positions at the University.

"I’ll tell you, I left this place once and it’s going to be hard to do it again," she said. "So I can definitely see myself staying here for a long time."

John Whitty, a 2010 Notre Dame graduate who now works for the athletic department’s Joyce Grants-in-Aid Program, said he also experienced a transition from being a student to being a University employee.

Unlike Mola, Whitty began working for Notre Dame immediately following graduation.

"I think it’s definitely a different experience working for a university than attending a university, but it’s been a good opportunity to see the different sides of the University as a whole," Whitty said. "And I’m humbled that my card doesn’t work at the dining hall anymore."

He currently works with donors who give enough to the Athletic Department each year to fund one student athlete’s scholarship.

Whitty did not plan to stay at Notre Dame following graduation, but he began working in the athletic department during the second semester of his senior year.

"As the semester progressed, I talked to my superiors and they expressed interest in keeping me," he said. "It was pretty much too good of an opportunity to pass up. So I decided to stay here and it’s actually worked out pretty well."

Because he works for the athletic department, Whitty said the contrast between his life and that of undergraduates is perhaps best exemplified on home football weekends.

"I get to see a lot of insider stuff from players, donors, it’s definitely not the student weekend football experience," he said. "I’m pretty busy on football weekends, but I definitely don’t get to watch.

Although he would like to go to graduate school for business or sports administration in the future, Whitty said he is happy in his current role at the University.

"I like where I’m at right now, but I’m always open to options other places as well," he said. "There’s no question that if there were positions available… I would stay at Notre Dame."

Sarah Rodts, also a 2009 Notre Dame graduate, began working for the University’s athletics media relations office the summer after her graduation.

Rodts had planned to go to law school following graduation. “I was going to have to separate myself as an athlete,” she said. During the final semester of her senior year, she cancelled her plans to go to law school in Chicago and decided to work toward her dream of being a successful broadcast reporter.

Now, she splits her time between two jobs: she is a student at Notre Dame, and one at WNDU, a local television station.

"In terms of whether or not I thought I would end up doing it last year at this time, absolutely not, but as it’s all worked out, I’m happy with it. I think it could not be more perfect," Rodts said.

"I’m learning a lot about media and how it is to work in the media, but then I’m on the other side of it, too.

Rodts said one of the highlights of working for athletics media relations thus far was serving as the University liaison to an Adidas production crew that came to campus on a football weekend to shoot a commercial.

While it is difficult to transition from student life to working 13-hour days, seven days a week, Rodts was prepared for the change.

"I was going to have to separate my undergrad life from the post-grad life," she said.

In addition, she said her busy work schedule does not allow her much time to miss being a student.

Even though she was prepared to face this transition, Rodts said it is hard when she does not have the time to see her friends who are still undergraduates. But her current positions are perfect for her planned career path, and she is happy to be at Notre Dame.

"I’m still too much a part of the University, and I don’t feel like graduation has made me any less a part of it," she said.

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ISLAMABAD — Suspected militants attacked and set fire to at least four trucks on the NATO supply route into Afghanistan, the Pakistani Taliban claimed Monday, making it the third such strike inside Pakistan in as many days, police said.

The attack came as the capital Islamabad placed on a supply line that has been targeted by insurgents along the border closing imposed by Pakistan's authorities to prevent NATO helicopter attacks that killed three Pakistan troops last week.

It will raise the stakes in the closure, which has exacerbated tensions between Washington and Islamabad and has been welcomed by insurgents opposed to Pakistan's support of the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan.

Pakistan's Interior Ministerials, who were killed and warned that the Taliban's attacks "terrorists." The attackers opened fire on trucks that were parked at a poorly guarded terminal before setting them on fire, Umer Hayat said.

The convoys take several days to reach the border after setting out from Karachi, and make frequent stops. They receive little or no protection outside the border region and are indistinguishable from ordinary trucks and targeted by insurgents.

Over the past two years they often have been attacked by militants, mostly in the northwestern border region where militants are strongest.

In one attack in May, a convoy in bullion was torched in the southwestern border region along the Afghan border.

Attacks on convoys in Pakistan give militants a propaganda victory, but coalition officials say they do not result in shortages in Afghanistan. Hundreds of trucks cross the border each day.

A senior official of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency, or ISI, told The Associated Press that there are believed to be "several dozen" people with European citizenship - many of Pakistani origin - among the Islamic extremists operating in the lawless border area.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not supposed to talk about classified information to the media, said foreigners in the area also include Arabs, Turks and some who are related to the militants.

"That shows you that some of the people who are coming are very well educated," he said.

The official also said Pakistan's authorities had arrested four Russian jihadis who were linked to the Taliban in Pakistan along with their families. "It was very surprising for us but they come thinking this is the pure (Islamic) ideology they are talking about," he said.

At Paris' spring-summer 2011 ready-to-wear fashion shows, W magazine fashion market director Karla Martinez said she gets "worried for five minutes, but then I forget about it and get back to the job that I'm here to do.

"It's a little scary when you're staying in a big hotel with lots of tourists, because we hear that could be a target, but I try not to give too much importance to it," she said. "At the end of the day all you can do is keep your eyes and ears open and not be too naive.

The nonprofit group IES Abroad sent e-mails warning about 1,300 college students in its European study abroad programs to avoid crowded tourist spots and hangouts typically frequented by Americans. The message - also sent to the students' parents - also told students to leave public places if they see signs of trouble.

"We say, 'Be aware, cautious and aware of your surroundings,'" IES executive vice-president Bill Hoye said. "It means, 'Don't be totally plugged into your iPod.'"

Hours after the e-mails were sent by the Chicago-based group, it had no sign of any students who wanted to drop out of the programs.

The impact on travel could deepen if the threat leads to new, tighter security measures, said Henry Harteveldt, a travel analyst for Forrester Research. But the U.S.-based Air Transport Association, a trade group of the airline industry, said it expects "business as usual." United, Continental and Delta said they were operating as usual on Sunday without any cancellations or delays related to the terror alert. The airlines said customers will be charged the usual penalty if they want to change itineraries.

Kevin Mitchell, chairman of the Business Travel Coalition, said business travelers will likely keep plans and hold on to nonrefundable tickets as long as security officials "fairly gen-

"The biggest impact will be those people who right now haven't yet made their plans," Mitchell said. "They're the ones who will forestall their decision until the situation is a little bit more clear.

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Invasion of privacy

Though theTiiger Woods fiasco, some parallels can be drawn, however. At how much the media was allowed to invade the privacy of a person or celebrity, I was shocked. I wrote for my high school newspaper, "NPR Commentator Frank Deford said it best that the media is protected by the 'First and Half Amendment: A combination of freedom of the press and the right to shoot from the hip.' I am ashamed that the American people are hearing more about Tiger Woods' personal life than of matters of national and international importance to the safety and security of our world. I am ashamed that the tabloid media can record a chip shot at the 16th hole of the Masters and then turn and use the cameras to invade Tiger's privacy off of the golf course.

Cyberbullying is a problem growing among young people, but it is one that is not necessarily an avoidable one. People think of Facebook and Twitter as adding social networking sites, not as harmful means for bullying. What makes cyberbullying so dangerous is that technology allows us to act on impulse, before conscience has time to settle. Online bullying can be done anonymously, making it easier to shake off responsibility for one's actions. In addition, rumors and insults can spread virally, making the effect of bullying exponentially more severe.

The intolerance Tyler Clementi endured is devastating, yet his case is not an isolated one. Similar instances of bullying occur daily. The Internet can be used as a forum for discrimination, but misinterpretation can also cause unintentional offenses. Before you broadcast an opinion online, whether via tweet or Facebook status update, consider your audience, and consider how your words could be understood out of context. In a digital arena where information is posted, bookmarked, tweeted, liked, retweeted, sent and forwarded, what you put out for the world to see cannot be taken back. Remembering that the case of posting the "post" button does not always match up with the magnitude of the comment is crucial.

Tyler's parents said in a statement, "In the case of legal rights and privacy, our hope is that our family's personal tragedy will serve as a call for compassion, empathy and understanding." This call for compassion is imperative at college campuses, where students are still developing their identities and any blow to one's reputation can seem absolutely overwhelming. We need a concentrated effort to be open and accepting towards everyone, and we must be constantly reminded of how our words can go, especially on the Internet where the line between public and private is blurred.

Alex Coccia

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I went to college in a recession. I was a history major and graduated during the economic downturn of 1982 in the midst of chaos in the real estate market. Interest rates were 18 percent and I, like my dad lost his job in Lorain, Ohio and I took out more college loans to make it through my senior year. I experienced stress, anguish, loss of confidence in my career and wondered why the job market was so brutal for people like me. I only wish my college had a series of events for liberal arts majors like Notre Dame has scheduled this week. Events and career advising support like these programs would have helped me a great deal to focus on my skills, understand vast array of careers open to A&L majors and prepare me for the competitive application process in a tough job market. I didn't have access to paid internship programs where my college could provide stipend monies for me to gain experience in the real world before college. But today, I am proud to be heading a career operation at Notre Dame where we can give back to students who have opportunities that I did not have in the early 1980s. There should be no "great career insecurity" and the planned events will addresses appropriate behavior with changing technology. This is a good endeavor by a university which has been the cornerstone of many Progressive changes over the years. While too late for Clementi, this program, by touching on Clementi's death, will hopefully prevent future actions like Ravi's from occurring. In a video pro- moting Project Civility, a Rutgers profes- sor says, "I cut young people some slack. When you're young, you have so many prejudices, that's part of growing up. But you have to unshroud them." This unshrouding of prejudices must be part of the individual's understanding of social decency. And must be the responsibility of the university to help students unshroud their prejudices. Hopefully, Project Civility is a start for Rutgers. Rutgers, and any university, must do more than talk the talk. Ravi's invasion of Clementi's privacy is unfortunately something that could happen at any university, even Notre Dame. Clementi's death is one of five suicides or attempted suicides of gay or perceived gay teens in recent weeks thought to be a result of harassment and bullying. Universities across the country must ensure that discriminato- rily activities against homosexuals are unacceptable behavior, and must foster a wider acceptance of GLBTQ students and groups. Whatever prejudices exist in students as they enter college, uni- versities have the obligation to expand their knowledge and deepen their understanding to help them overcome those prejudices. Then, such social indifference could hopefully be curbed. There is a degree to which one should be careful of what he or she makes public whether on Facebook, MySpace or Twitter. But more importantly, leave me my privacy, and I will leave you yours.

Saturday was homecoming week at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. There was an amazing presence for Tyler at the football game Saturday, and a candlelight vigil Sunday. Please, take a moment of silence, go to the grotto, reflect, and pray for Tyler Clementi.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My cold, dead hands

Mr. Ryan Williams attempts to argue in his viewpoint entitled “A Safer World Without Guns” (Sept. 30) that we should have stricter gun laws to mitigate the chances of shooting tragedies across the nation from happening. He claims that there is a direct correlation between taking automatic weapons away from the hands of citizens and a decrease in gun violence. Quite simply, that is ridiculous. Removing any semblance of a threat posed to criminals by ordinary citizens will only make the problem worse by allowing the perpetrators to hold the most firepower. Outlawing automatic weapons will have little effect on the actions of criminals to obtain them on the black market. If they want a gun, they’ll get it somehow. I want everyone to have the availability of force equal to any criminal I may encounter.

Mr. Williams doubts the need for an automatic weapon to accomplish the task of defending the home. What he fails to understand is that home is not more than just a physical place on a map. It is our families, our liberties and our valued American way of life that could potentially come under attack from enemies foreign and domestic. No, the founding fathers probably did not have the AK-47 in mind when writing the Constitution, but they believed that a regulated populace was the best way in preventing a despotic government from taking advantage of the people. To quote George Mason, one of the Fathers of the Bill of Rights, “To disarm the people is the most effectual way to enslave them.” By not allowing citizens an available degree of weaponry also openly accessibly for potential enemies, the government is essentially disarming the populace. Armed citizens are absolutely a means to quell the ambitions of a military government. Perfect examples of this include the regimes in China, where Hitler and Mussolini made private weapons confiscation a top priority.

To echo the words of the late and great Franklin Roosevelt, “A safer world without guns.” Mr. Williams concludes the United States would be safer if government disarmed citizens of all automatic and semi-automatic rifles and handguns.

A ban like Mr. Williams suggests would effectively prevent criminals from defending themselves from attack. Bans like this have been imposed by American cities and by national governments; in each instance, gun control has led to higher murder rates.

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After passing laws that protect the citizen’s right to carry a handgun for protection, Florida, Texas and Michigan have all experienced a decrease in murder rates larger than the simultaneous decrease in the national average murder rate.

Looking at these FBI statistics reveals American citizens are considerably safer when their natu- ral, God-given, Constitutional right to defend themselves is upheld — not infringed upon — by the government. Law-abiding citizens can be disarmed, but criminals will always have a gun. To restore the “common sense and sanity” Mr. Williams calls for, American citizens should link up to firearms for protection. The adage “When seconds matter, the police are only minutes away” strikes a chord when considering the recent incidents at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University. These tragedies might have been prevent- ed if faculty and students were allowed to defend themselves with the same weapons used to murder them.

An estimated 2.5 million Americans each year defend themselves, their families and their prop- erty with firearms.

Check out urrla.org/armedcitizen for their stories.

Kyle Sladek
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St. Edward’s Hall
Oct. 3

Are the fans tough?

A Notre Dame fan since 1944, a grad student '56-'58, I well remember going to pep rallies because, even though my mail came in at a Madison Square Garden house, I was a cheerleader. The starting lineup was the starting quarterback, running back, and center. Our cheerleader’s in Madison Square Gardens was an urban legend. Our loud voice worked as an undergraduate to pep rallies because, even though my library every morning, but she decided not to that morning.

I did my undergraduate work at Texas. My cousin studies at the University of Notre Dame. She, like me, is an Irish Catholic, but she happens to have a single- or double-action revolver, or a bolt- or pump-action firearm, and you happen to miss the attacker with your first shot, well, game over. With a semi-automatic weapon, this risk is averted because it will reload automatically.

Now, one question remains: that is the question of whether or not the ordinary citizen should be legal considering that from a long range, rifles are signifi- cantly more accurate. This ability could certainly be proven necessary in some cases. Simply put, restric- tions on owning firearms will not prevent criminals (prepared to break laws against robbery and murder) from breaking laws against gun ownership. In order to prevent ourselves against these people, semi-automatic gun ownership could prove very necessary.

Michael Martinson
Law student
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Sept. 30

The moment I heard that there was a gunman on the University of Texas the campus became a common enemy. We stood in the plaza in front of the iconic Statue of Liberty with our friends and family that go to school at Notre Dame. Thank you for standing proud as Boston College students.

Fischer Graduate Residences
Oct. 5

Fear is the only thing to fear

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The Social Network

The film that defines a generation a few seconds ago

Wall
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Edit My Profile

By ALEX KILPATRICK
Scene Writer

Highly lauded as the film that defines the past decade, “The Social Network” meets, if not rises above, expectations. David Fincher’s film tells the story of Facebook’s founding, adapted from Ben Mezrich’s 2009 nonfiction novel “The Accidental Billionaires.”

The drama not only represents the online phenomenon with strikingly honest theatres, but much of the movie contrasts the social aspects of college with the narcissistic, albeit ingenious, misanthrope that is the social network’s founder Mark Zuckerberg.

Well portrayed by Jesse Eisenberg, Zuckerberg’s character is depicted as ironically lonely and shy but cocky at the same time. In spite of his best efforts to connect with the college social scene during his Harvard years, he finds himself in constant conflict with his close personal friendships, instead uniting hundreds of millions of individuals in 207 countries using 70 languages.

The film is appropriately set to propulsioningly chilling background music by Nine Inch Nails founder Trent Reznor and music producer Atticus Ross. The soundtrack drives the movie with the pair’s eerie musical energy without distracting from the plot and character development.

Fincher manages to develop his complex characters in such a way that the audience is left with a new view. “Facebook” character’s likability throughout the course of the movie. Zuckerberg’s friend and roommate Eduardo Saverin (played by British actor Andrew Garfield) sways the audience attempts to discover what truly is no subtle political or thematic message.

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The Social Network

Columbia Pictures

Director: David Fincher
Starring: Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield, Justin Timberlake, Arnie Hammer, Rooney Mara

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By MAC HENDRICKSON
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Animal Collective fans may love or hate producer Ben Allen, depending on how they look at the situation. Allen was behind the experimental quartet’s 2009 album “Merriweather Post Pavilion,” which managed to present Animal Collective as something you might actually hear on the radio, not a strange experimental noise sampling you might come across in Andy Warhol’s basement.

It was also the band’s cleanest, finest and most approachable album to date. Allen stopped in with the production of Deerhunter’s recent release “Halcyon Digest,” an album just as successful as “Pavilion.” “Halcyon Digest” is Deerhunter through and through, but stands as a record one could aptly pit against some- garage bands don’t know what their songs can sound like until they throw a few thousand dollars behind it. That first lis- ten, after a producer has messed with their sounds for a few hours and cleaned everything up, is shocking, scary and beautiful. “Halcyon Digest” gives a similar experience. Everything is clean and com- pletes the common waxing that occurs with experimental indie rock. The record is sparse and surreal, reaching familiar ground between a nightmare and a daydream.

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As for Zuckerberg’s opinion of his own depiction in the film, he said, “I just wished that nobody made a movie of me while I was still alive,” according to CNET News. In a recent interview on The Oprah Winfrey Show, when asked about the movie, he replied, “A lot of it is fiction, but even the filmmakers will say that. They’re trying to build a good story...[and] this is my life, so I know it’s not that dramatic. The last six years have been a lot of coding and focus and hard work.”

Whether or not the movie is entirely authentic to the true events surrounding Facebook’s founding, the film seems honest, which is what makes it a well-made drama. The dynamic character development, impeccable script, excellent direction, appropriately chilling soundtrack and fine acting all around are what makes “The Social Network” the defining film of the Millenarian Generation.
Scene Writer

By COURTNEY COX

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This Week’s Mix: Dance Hits

by Claire Stephens

1  “Dynamite”- Taio Cruz
2  “Somebody to Love”- Justin Bieber
3  “Club Can’t Handle Me”- Flo Rida feat. David Guetta
4  “Telephone”- Lady Gaga feat. Beyonce
5  “Blah Blah Blah”- Ke$ha feat. 3OH!3
6  “I Like It”- Enrique Iglesias feat. Pit Bull
7  “Like a G6”- Far East Movement feat. Dev and the Cataracs
8  “DJ Got Us Falling in Love”- Usher feat. Pit Bull
9  “Commander”- Kelly Rowland feat. David Guetta
10 “Teenage Dream”- Katy Perry

So Notre Dame won a football game by a decent margin and NOT in the last few minutes (finally!). Keep that victorious vibe going, keep the weekend party energy with you all week long and get psyched for Club Hits Night at Legends this week with a dance playlist of some of the greatest (even if overplayed) of today’s dance hits.

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NFL

Vick injured, McNabb leads ‘Skins in Philly

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — That hardly looked like Donovan McNabb taking snaps at the Line, and it had nothing to do with his burgundy and gold jersey.

McNabb threw for 125 yards and one touchdown, leading the Washington Redskins to a 17-12 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday in his first game against his former team.

Michael Vick was forced out in the first quarter with chest and rib injuries in his first start in front of the hometown crowd. Kevin Kolb, who was supposed to be McNabb’s successor all along, replaced Vick after losing his starting job because he got hurt in Week 1.

So, the McNabb-Vick showdown turned into the McNabb-Kolb face-off everyone anticipated. But this one didn’t live up to the hype.

On a field where he made so many dynamic plays throughout his career, McNabb looked more like a game-manager than an elite player. A six-time Pro Bowl pick in 11 seasons with the Eagles, McNabb didn’t get much of a chance to showcase his skills because Redskins coach Mike Shanahan stuck with a conservative approach and relied on the ground attack.

You get into a throwing game specially here, in this environment with the crowd, usually you’re in for a long day,” Shanahan said. “So you have to establish the run.”

That meant McNabb turned around and handed off — again and again. It’s an unfamiliar role for McNabb, who used to throw more than any quarterback back when he played for the Eagles.

Washington had 169 yards rushing, including 55 by Clinton Portis before leaving with a groin injury. Ryan Torain had 70 yards on 17 carries, and Kolb threw three interceptions.

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McNabb had a love-hate relationship with Philly fans, so many wondered what type of reception he would receive. While some outside the stadium boosed and carried signs that read “McChoke,” it was an overwhelmingly positive response inside the Line.

“You realize you spent 11 years here and I knew it was coming,” McNabb said. “I didn’t expect them to cheer the whole game. That wouldn’t be right. I was happy with the way they gave me a standing ovation at the beginning. I think all of the quarterbacks got booed today.”

McNabb led the Eagles to ﬁve NFC championship games and one Super Bowl — a 24-21 loss to New England in Feb. 2005. He was traded to Washington in April, paving the way for Kolb to be the starter.

But Kolb sustained a concussion in Week 1, and Vick played so well he forced coach Andy Reid to make a ﬂip-ﬂop decision and keep him in. Now Vick’s status is uncertain and it’s unclear who Reid will do when he’s healthy.

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Kolb then drove Philadelphia to the Redskins 32, a double-lateral after a short pass got the Eagles there. But Kolb’s desperation heave into the end zone on the final play bounced out of Jason Avant’s hands and was intercepted by DeAngelo Hall.

Kolb finished 22 of 35 for 201 yards and one TD and one interception.

McNabb handed off five straight times before attempting his ﬁrst pass, a deep one to Fred Davis. The ball was slightly behind a wide-open Davis, who let it go through his hands. On his next pass later in that drive, McNabb made a perfect throw over the middle to Chris Cooley for a 31-yard touchdown and a 14-12 lead.

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A's finish off Mariners; Giants win NL West

Associated Press

SEATTLE — At the end of his second 101-loss season in three years, Ichiro Suzuki summed up a miserable summer of Seattle baseball.

"I don’t think anyone could have imagined this," he said through an interpreter. "I think it’s stupid to imagine this."

While the Mariners concluded a season of futility, the Oakland Athletics were filled with optimism.

Kurt Suzuki and Kevin Kouzmanoff hit long solo home runs, and Oakland’s Chris Carter added the go-ahead RBI single as the Athletics beat the Mariners 4-3 on Sunday to complete a season-ending four-game sweep.

Oakland finished 81-81 for its first non-losing season since winning the AL West with 93 victories four years ago.

"It’s a lot better than last year sitting at this desk. That was a great finish," Oakland manager Bob Geren said. "I think it’s stupid to imagine this."

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That was about the most exciting moment for the Mariners, who fell 10 1/2 games out of the AL West lead on July 4.

"I was feeling just like I was able to finish any kind of pitches," Suzuki said. "All you can feel is you feel good on a game like this."

The San Francisco Giants held their celebratory clubhouse party at last, following a tough two-day wait.

Sanchez pitched the Giants back into the playoffs after a six-year absence and also provided a clutch hit, beating the San Diego Padres Sunday to wrap up the NL West title.

"It’s a group that coalesced," Geren said of Breslow. "That was a great finish," Oakland manager Bob Geren said.

"It was more just trying to have fun," said Smoak, who entered the game Thursday at AT&T Park, slapping hands with fans on his way off for the 12th time.

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"I told myself, ‘This is my last game, I’m going to win this weekend’ — to capture their first division crown and playoff berth since 2003."

"I told myself, ‘This is my last start and I’m going to win this game,’" Sanchez said.

The Giants were in fourth place and 7 1/2 games out of the lead on July 4.

"We were in fourth place but we said, ‘We’re a team that can win it.’" Sandoval said. "We can get to the World Series."

The pitching-rich Padres head home for a longer winter than they wanted knowing they blew quite an opportunity. San Diego led the division by 6 1/2 games before a 10-game losing streak from Aug. 26 to Sept. 5.

"Anyone who goes through what we’ve been through this year, it has to be coming on the last," said Black. "It’s a release for us.

The Padres managed only four hits Sunday and were shut out for the 12th time.

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Baker took third with a 20.03 finish.

With the MIAA Championships at the end of the month, the Belles showed many signs of improvement as personal records were broken by four runners. Kenney’s first place finish on the team marked a new personal best. Baker’s third place finish for the squad was also a new career best that smashed her previous record by 22 seconds. The Belles will be preparing this week for their next meet.

On day two, the Irish totaled a 23-4 season for the weekend. With six of nine victories in doubles, with junior Samuel Keeton and Moore also combining for an undefeated doubles record for the weekend. The Irish will continue their success in the tournament. Andrews finished with a 2-1 record, earning the Carey Winn Freshman to Watch Award for the tournament.

This weekend, the Irish hosted the 55th annual Notre Dame Invitational, welcoming some of the top teams in the country at the Warren Golf Course. Irish men’s coach Joe Piane said that the invitational was an “opportunity for both the men and women to pick up large points to qualify for the NCAA Championships.”

After this weekend’s performance, the Irish are well on their way after successful finishes by both teams. In the 21-team men’s competition, the Irish finished in seventh place with 208 points. With six of the top 25 teams in the country competing, including eventual Invitation winner No. 3 Oregon, Piane said the race was “phenomenal.”

Senior Dan Jackson, who finished 15th individually, was the top runner for the Irish, crossing the line at 24:13. Sophomore Jeremy Rae followed in 24:30, while junior Jordan Carlsen finished third for the Irish with a time of 24:41. The rest of the Irish lineup included freshman Martin Grady, who finished in 24:44, and senior Matt Abernethy, who crossed at 25:19.

Piane said that the women’s race was “unbelievable,” as it featured 12 nationally ranked teams. These included Invitation winner No. 1 Villanova, No. 2 Florida State, No. 3 Washington and No. 5 Oregon.

The Irish women came in 18th overall with 402 points. Freshman Meg Ryan finished first for the Irish with a time of 17:37. Ryan was joined by senior Erica Watson, who crossed at 17:41, and sophomore Rebecca Tracy, who turned in a time of 17:57. Juniors Rachel Velarde and Susanna Sullivan contributed with times of 18:02 and 18:03.

“This meet [was] as tough a meet as we’re going to face all year besides the NCAAs,” Piane said. “It [was] also a meet to get us to the NCAAs.”

The Irish will next compete in the NCAA Pre-National Meet on Oct. 16, which Piane said he believes will be very challenging. The tournament is expected to feature as many as 80 schools.

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By KATHARINE MACK

Saint Mary’s finished 28th in Loyola-hosted 5k

By KATE GRABAREK

The Irish continued their fall success this weekend at the Harvard Invitational in Cambridge, Mass. The Irish set the tone from the first day of the tournament, winning six of their nine matches against Minnesota.

Seniors Stephen Havens and Tyler Davis both earned wins on day one of the tournament over Sebastian Gallego and Julian Dehn respectively.

Freshman Billy Pecor, junior Niall Fitzgerald and sophomores Michael Moore and Spencer Talmdge all pulled out wins for the Irish to round out the six on one.

“Billy beat a strong Indian player with a great deal of international experience from Alabama,” Bayliss said. “Billy can really hit through the court and needs to harness some of his raw power more selectively.”

“Certainly doubles needs to become a strength for us this year, and I saw some encouraging things last weekend,” Bayliss said. “Davis-Havens looked great, as did Fitzgerald-Talmage. Several of the freshmen can contribute here as well, but we need to be able to cut off more balls around the net and finish points there. We need to be six balls tough from two-back and really establish a presence on the doubles court. There could be some new combinations this year and we have all fall to figure it out.

On day three the Irish pulled out even more victories, culminating in Havens finishing the tournament undefeated in both singles and doubles play along with Davis. Havens earned the Dale Junta ‘58 Award for his success in the tournament.

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By MAIJA GUSTIN

This weekend, the Irish hosted the 55th annual Notre Dame Invitational, welcoming some of the top teams in the country at the Warren Golf Course. Irish men’s coach Joe Piane said that the invitational was an “opportunity for both the women and men to pick up large points to qualify for the NCAA Championships.”

After this weekend’s performance, the Irish are well on their way after successful finishes by both teams. In the 21-team men’s competition, the Irish finished in seventh place with 208 points. With six of the top 25 teams in the country competing, including eventual Invitation winner No. 3 Oregon, Piane said the race was “phenomenal.”

Senior Dan Jackson, who finished 15th individually, was the top runner for the Irish, crossing the line at 24:13. Sophomore Jeremy Rae followed in 24:30, while junior Jordan Carlsen finished third for the Irish with a time of 24:41. The rest of the Irish lineup included freshman Martin Grady, who finished in 24:44, and senior Matt Abernethy, who crossed at 25:19.

Piane said that the women’s race was “unbelievable,” as it featured 12 nationally ranked teams. These included Invitation winner No. 1 Villanova, No. 2 Florida State, No. 3 Washington and No. 5 Oregon.

The Irish women came in 18th overall with 402 points. Freshman Meg Ryan finished first for the Irish with a time of 17:37. Ryan was joined by senior Erica Watson, who crossed at 17:41, and sophomore Rebecca Tracy, who turned in a time of 17:57. Juniors Rachel Velarde and Susanna Sullivan contributed with times of 18:02 and 18:03.

“This meet [was] as tough a meet as we’re going to face all year besides the NCAAs,” Piane said. “It [was] also a meet to get us to the NCAAs.”

The Irish will next compete in the NCAA Pre-National Meet on Oct. 16, which Piane said he believes will be very challenging. The tournament is expected to feature as many as 80 schools.

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By KATHARINE MACK

Saint Mary’s took 28th place at the 2010 Sean Earl Invitational. The 5k race took place in Chicago and was hosted by Loyola University.

The Irish’s division featured squads from all three NCAA divisions, as well as NAIA teams. NCAA Division I squad Northwestern took the top spot among the 41 on fall Saturday, followed by McMaster, Saint Olaf, Drake and Chicago.

The Belles score of 725 put them two points behind Indiana for the overall title. Saint Mary’s was led by sophomore Michael Moore and junior Niall Fitzgerald, each with top times of 15:16.

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opened the scoring 6:45 into
the game on a delayed Gryphon
derby, taking a feed from
Tynan in the slot and firing the
puck past Gryph goalie
Andrew Loverock.

Under a new CCHA rule this
season, the Irish were still
granted a power play even after
scoring with the extra
attacker. On the ensuing power
play, Voran took a feed from
Tynan and made a nice individ-
ual move down the right side
before stuffing the puck past
Loverock to give the Irish a 2-0
lead.

“We had two in the first,
which is probably good for
having the first game,” Ridderwall said. “Obviously
we’d like to score more, but in
a game like this it’s really about
finding the groove for the sea-
son.”

The Gryphons answered back
at the tail end of the first peri-
dode. With the seconds winding
out, Guelph’s J.T. Macdonald
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The Gryphons tied the game
once again on a shorthanded
goal just 31 seconds into the
final period, but the Irish
replied with another goal from
a freshman. This time it was
Jeff Costello, who took a feed
from Tynan and found himself
in a 2-on-1 with classmate
Kevin Lind. Costello took the
shot himself and beat Loverock
with a wrister to the short side.
The goal gave Tynan his third
assist of the game.

“(Tynan)’s very subtle with
some of the decisions he makes
with the puck — he’s got great
instincts,” Jackson said. “We
knew he could be creative and
effective offensively.”

The Irish sealed the win with
a breakaway goal from Lee
after a long outlet pass from
freshman Shayne Taker taken deep
in the defensive zone.

Jackson said that, while he
was pleased with the win, the
Irish were still in the develop-
mental process.

“We’ve thrown a lot at them
even very short period of
time,” he said. “When you overwhelm
someone with information,
sometimes it doesn’t stick. It
goes in one ear and out the
other when there’s so much
information.”

Ridderwall added that the
first game always involves
shaking off some rust from the
offseason.

“I thought the game was pret-
ty messy,” he said. “The first
game of the season usually is.
Overall, I think we did some
good things, obviously we’ve
not got to improve some things,
but I think it was good for the
freshmen to get off to a good
start.”

The Irish will kick off the reg-
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the Ice Breaker Tournament in
St. Louis. They will play Holy
Cross in the opener and then
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Wisconsin in their second

“-It’s about us being better
next Friday than we were
two days ago,” Jackson said. “We’ve got to
take one step at a time in this
process because we’ve got a lot
development work to do with
some guys … The good thing is
there’s a great canvas there
to develop guys.”

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Soccer
Saint Mary’s shut out by Alma, falls behind in MIAA

By MAIJA GUSTIN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s lost 4-0 this
weekend to MIAA division
rival Alma College.

The Belles (2-10) lost their eighth road game to the Scots
(8-3) in Belles coach Michael
Joyce’s first year at the helm.

Saint Mary’s held Alma
scoreless in the first half, but
the tide quickly turned in the
Scots’ favor when freshman
forward Taryn Handyside
scored just 26 seconds into
the second half on an assist
from sophomore midfielder
Elaine Cunningham on a corner kick.

Junior midfielder Carly
Reising scored for the Scots
in the 52nd minute off an
assist from Meurer, who net-
ted her second goal of the
season, a team high.

Saint Mary’s sealed the win
with three more goals,
including one from
senior fired a one-
timer past Loverock’s glove
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The Irish faced their first collegiate competition of the fall season. For the freshmen, it was their first collegiate matches of their respective careers.

"I thought we had a great weekend," Louderback said. "It was good for our freshmen to compete against college players and they looked very good."

Other than Kellner and Sanders, freshmen JoHanna Manningham and Julie Sabacinski, made their collegiate debuts. Manningham wrapped up play in the green singles division by defeating Ohio State’s Kelsey Becker 6-1, 6-1.

The other advantage of this weekend’s season-opening tournament was the opportunity to experiment with different doubles combinations. Rafael and Manningham were the runners up in the gold division, and sophomore Chrissie McCall and Sabacinski finished third in the blue double draw. These pairings are not set in stone, however, and Louderback will likely switch things up before he finalizes them.

Louderback was pleased with the way his team played, with the exception of a few errors that could have been eliminated.

"We still need work on our doubles and finishing points in singles," Louderback said.

Next, the Irish will compete in Regional Qualifying hosted by Michigan on Oct. 21 and 22.

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**No. 7 Irish win Warren Invitational at home**

By MEGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The No. 7 Irish came out on top again this weekend as they won the William K. Warren Irish Invitational at Notre Dame’s Warren Golf Course for their second straight tournament victory.

Notre Dame shot a 905 (+41) three-round total to defeat Kent State by five strokes and grab its second win over Kent in as many weeks.

"This was a team effort all the way," Holt said. "We got key rounds from all five players. It is great to know that we have depth in our lineup and do not rely on any one person to have to carry the load."

Senior So-Hyun Park finished in second for the Irish with a 229, shooting two consistent rounds of 76 on day one and carding a 77 on day two to take 12th. Junior Becca Huffer was not far behind Park, tying for 17th with a finish of 77, 75 and 79.

Freshman Kristina Nhim had another successful weekend after a tough first round. Nhim shot an 83 to commence the tournament, but came back with a 72 in round two and a 79 in round three to finish at 234 for 28th place. Junior Katie Allare rounded out the Irish scoring by carding a 236 with rounds of 79, 81 and 76 to tie for 35th.

Senior Katie Conway competed as an individual in the invite and had the best finish of all the unattached competitors with a 213. Conway shot rounds of 79, 75 and 79 to end up in 21st overall.

"Confidence and good golf go hand in hand," Holt said. "With back to back wins we have a high level of confidence heading into the University of Tennessee event next weekend. I think we will continue our solid play."

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Notre Dame has now dominated all four Big East matches this year, winning each in straight sets.

“The last four matches have shown what we are capable of ... being a young team, the maturity we have gained through game experience has helped us really develop,” Brown said.

The Irish will continue their conference schedule next weekend, when they travel to Louisville and Cincinnati.

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been real pleased about the last two weekends, is offensively we’re starting to click and create more chances and score more goals.”

It’s no coincidence that Notre Dame’s recent onslaught on the scoreboard comes on the heels of a remarkable offensive run by junior forward Melissa Henderson. The All-American netted two goals apiece this weekend, and has now tallied 6 goals and two assists (14 points) in her last three games.

“Melissa Henderson was fantastic this whole weekend,” Waldrum said. “She was dangerous every time she touched the ball ... to me, she’s the best forward in the country. And we keep telling her that — she’s such a humble person, she doesn’t want to hear it. That’s just the kind of person she is.”

True to form, the Irish started the scoring early against both Syracuse (5-6-3, 2-3) and St. John’s (4-7-1, 1-4).

Freshman midfielder Elizabeth Tucker scored in the 19th minute Friday in what proved to be the game-winner, while Henderson found the back of the net on a penalty kick in the 10th minute Sunday. The Irish have scored in the first 12 minutes in four of their last five games.

“I don’t really feel like I’ve been consistent,” Henderson said. “I’ve been trying to bring out my game and help my teammates out a little bit more because they’ve been carrying everything. All over the field, you’re going to see players that are willing to do it and get it done.”

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Defensive domination
ND blanks Syracuse, dismantles St. John's

By CHRIS MASOU/D
Sport Writer

Offense, defense and goalkeeping — up until this weekend, Irish coach Randy Waldrum was pleased with his team's performance in the latter two. But after a convincing weekend sweep over Syracuse and St. John's, Waldrum said he believes all three are operating in midseason form.

No. 5/7 Notre Dame (10-1, 4-0 Big East) shut out the Orange 3-0 Friday night in a dominating performance on both sides of the ball, before putting together a 4-1 dismantling of St. John's Sunday afternoon.

“You want to try to distance yourself as much as you can, so it was a good weekend,” Waldrum said. “But probably more importantly, what I've seen is the cohesion our team showed against the Bulls.

"I told the team after the game that our match against South Florida may have been the best team effort I have seen in my time at Notre Dame," she said. "We competed really well for every point and showed a very strong competitive drive."

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Sport Writer

Weekend sweep completed over USF, Georgetown

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sport Writer

The Irish swept another weekend of conference matches, defeating both South Florida and Georgetown in straight sets to run their Big East regular season winning streak to 19 games, dating back to the 2008 season.

The team played Friday, traveling to Tampa to take on South Florida. The Irish (11-5, 4-0 Big East) defeated the Bulls (7-8, 3-11) in straight sets 3-0 (25-19, 25-17, 25-20) in what was the 1,800th match in Notre Dame volleyball history.

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ND women's tennis

Three titles for Irish in Eck Classic

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sport Writer

Notre Dame capped off a three event at the Eck Classic, hosted at the Courtney Tennis Center, with two singles championships.

Senior Kristen Rafael defeated freshman teammate Britney Sanders 3-6, 6-1, 6-1 in the Blue division.

Junior Jennifer Kellner beat Tulsa's Anastasia Erofeva 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-0 (9-7) to claim the Gold division title.

Previously, the duo of Kellner and Sanders won the Blue doubles division Saturday.

Irish coach Jay Louderback praised the performance of his senior champion.

"Kristen Rafael has been playing really well in practice," Louderback said. "It was exciting to see it carry over in match situations."
By ERIC PRISTER
Associate Sports Editor

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — The Irish got off to a much-needed fast start against the Eagles, scoring three times in their first four possessions. Notre Dame simply needed an early 21-point lead and a shut-down defensive performance to hold on for a convincing 31-13 victory Saturday night.

“We got off to a fast start,” Irish coach Brian Kelly said. “I thought that was key, obviously, on the road. We had three touchdowns on the first four possessions, and that gives us a lot of confidence early on. We’re just happy to get a victory at this point.”

Behind the arm and legs of junior quarterback Dane Crist, the Irish moved the ball up and down the field in the first quarter. They capped off their first scoring drive with a seven-yard touchdown run by Crist, something Irish coach Brian Kelly has been looking for in his signal-caller.

“It’s got to be a spread quarterback or he can’t be the quarterback here,” Kelly said. “We’re running a spread offense, and there’s got to be a spread quarterback.”

Crist finished the game 24-for-44 with 203 yards, two touchdowns and an interception for the Irish.

Senior Armando Allen led the Irish rushing attack, carrying the ball 13 times for 56 yards and one touchdown. Irish running back Montel Harris to 28 attempts for 44 with 203 yards, two touchdowns and an interception for the Irish.

Sophomore receiver Theo Riddick celebrates his 20-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter to put the Irish up 20-0 during their 31-13 victory over Boston College Saturday night. Riddick ended the day with nine catches for 69 yards.

“We got back to some of our principles in the spread,” Kelly said. “We had our quarterback run for a touchdown, we were able to spread the field a little bit better, and you’ve got to handle situations a little better. We’re just hot and cold right now. Theo Riddick caught the ball well. [Junior receiver] Michael Floyd continues to perform. Again, I thought we get off to a good start. They were confident in their ability. We just haven’t shown it on a consistent basis.”

Boston College showed signs of life near the end of the first quarter, as freshman quarterback Chase Rettig connected on a deep pass to freshman receiver Bobby Swigert, who took the catch-and-run into the end zone for a 58-yard score.

The Eagles then converted two of their next three drives into field goals, a 49-yarder and a 25-yarder off the foot of freshman kicker Nate Freese, to bring them within eight.

The Irish were able to score once more in the first half, on a 37-yard field goal by senior David Ruffer, which puts him at a perfect 13-for-13 in his career.

The Irish defense came out even stronger in the second half, keeping the Eagles scoreless for the final 30 minutes. Boston College managed only five total rushing yards in the game, while tallying 11 punts and converting four of 19 third-down opportunities.

“Our defense played great against the run,” Kelly said. “We really focused on taking the run away, knowing that the quarterback would be coming in and out of the game, we really focused on the run and we ended up only giving up five yards of rushing. So, any time you go on the road, play good rush defense, get off to a good start — we’ve got a lot of work to do — but again, those things are the things you’re looking for when you go on the road.”

Sophomore linebackers Manti Te’o and Carlo Calabrese each recorded 10 tackles, leading the effort which limited Eagles running back Montel Harris to 28 yards on 15 carries. Junior Robert Blanton and senior Harrison Smith each added an interception for the Irish.

“(Calabrese is playing very well,” Kelly said. “He’s been a compliment to our linebacker corps which is getting better and better each week.”

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Crist said that happiness mainly stems from Notre Dame feeling it was closer to victory than the three losses indicated.

“It was huge,” the junior quarterback said. “Guys knew how close we were. We’ve told you this before, but guys weren’t down after those losses, because we know how this team can play. We know the potential this team has and where we can go. We’re just trying to be masters of our own destiny, take it one game at a time and do everything we can to get wins. It feels great; there isn’t a better feeling than winning.”

Kelly said that he was not completely satisfied, and that the area that Notre Dame needs to improve on is their mentalit along during games.

“[It’s] toughness,” he said. “Mental and physical toughness. We have to do it. That’s our weakness right now. We’re going to continue to work on it, as it comes. Our ability to stay focused, locked in, for 76 plays, is really what we’re getting at. And that has to be created on a day-to-day basis. It can’t be left to ‘I’ll get it later.’ It’s got to be tended to immediately, and our guys are understanding that, and we’ll continue to build it.”
Tradition creates undue pressure
By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

CHESNUT HILL, Mass. — Coming into Saturday's game, the Irish had allowed 190 rushing yards per game.
Saturday, they allowed five, compared to forcing 11 Boston College punts and 10 Eagle three-and-outs.

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First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Boston College 0
Dayne Crist 7-yard run (David Ruffer kick) with 12:12 remaining.
Drive: 4 plays, 59 yards, 1:48 elapsed.

Notre Dame 14, Boston College 0
Kyle Rudolph 2-yard pass from Crist (Ruffer kick) with 6:26 remaining.
Drive: 9 plays, 59 yards, 3:26 elapsed.

Notre Dame 21, Boston College 0
Theo Riddick 20-yard pass from Crist (Ruffer kick) with 2:19 remaining.
Drive: 7 plays, 72 yards, 2:22 elapsed.

Notre Dame 21, Boston College 7
Bobby Swigert 59-yard pass from Chase Rettig (Rake Freese kick) with 0:19 remaining.
Drive: 4 plays, 68 yards, 2:08.

Second quarter

Notre Dame 21, Boston College 10
Freese 49-yard field goal with 11:32 remaining.
Drive: 7 plays, 14 yards, 3:26 elapsed.

Notre Dame 21, Boston College 13
Freese 25-yard field goal with 6:32 remaining.
Drive: 4 plays, 10 yards, 1:18 elapsed.

Notre Dame 24, Boston College 10
Rudolph 21-yard field goal with 2:22 remaining.
Drive: 5 plays, 26 yards, 1:30 elapsed.

Third quarter

Notre Dame 31, Boston College 13
Armando Allen 2-yard run (Ruffer kick) with 4:39 remaining.
Drive: 14 plays, 70 yards, 4:44 elapsed.

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By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

CHESNUT HILL, Mass. — In the series between the nation’s only two Catholic universities playing in the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision, Notre Dame earned victories in consecutive years for the first time since 1997-98. The latter of those two years was also the last time the Irish won against the Eagles on the road. Irish coach Brian Kelly did not miss the importance of the road win.

“How can you win, good?”
Kelly said. “What I have told our football team is that when you go on the road, and you get off to a good start, and play good defense against the run, and you don’t shoot yourself in the foot on special teams, you’ve got a chance to win any game.”

Less, but still a lot

One week after recording 21 tackles against Stanford, sophomore linebacker Manti Te’o is only managed 10 tackles Saturday. Through five games, the native Hawaiian has 64 tackles, tied for second in the country with Dwayne Woods, Jr., of Bowling Green. Te’o is one tackle behind the nation’s leader — Mario Harvey of Marshall.

“It’s a good linebacker,” sophomore linebacker Carlo Calabrese said of his teammate. “[Those totals] don’t surprise me at all. I think there will be a lot more games with 20-plus tackles in the future for him.”

The nation’s fourth-most prolific tackler in Boston College linebacker Luke Kuechly with 12.75 take-downs per game. Against the Irish, Kuechly exceeded his average with 14 tackles.

Keep on kicking

Senior kicker David Ruffer has now converted all 13 of his field goal attempts in his career. That streak ties Ruffer for second longest streak in school history and for longest streak to start a career. In both instances, Ruffer is tied with Mike Johnston, who established his marks in 1982.

Furthermore, Ruffer has sent a kick through the uprights in eight consecutive games — every game he has started as Notre Dame’s placekicker. The longest streak by a Notre Dame kicke is 16 consecutive games with a field goal, set by Nick Setta in 2000-02.

In memoriam

Boston College senior defensive end Albritght, who recorded the Eagles’ only sack, wore No. 78 in Saturday in memory of his friend and for mer high school teammate Matt James, who Albritght played with at St. Xavier in Cincinnati.

James, who had committed to play for Notre Dame, died in March.
Notre Dame ended a three-game losing streak with a 31-13 victory over Boston College Saturday. The Irish scored on their opening drive and never looked back, piling on two more touchdowns before the first quarter ended.

Junior quarterback Dayne Crist led the offensive onslaught, with one rushing touchdown and two more through the air. He ended the game with 203 passing yards, completing passes to seven different receivers. Senior running back Armando Allen led the Irish rushing attack with 90 yards on the ground. The balanced Irish offense tallied 112 total rushing yards.

Sophomore linebackers Manti Te’o and Carlo Calabrese led the Irish defense as it held the Eagles to only five rushing yards, on 23 attempts.