Oil spill still controversial

By KRISTEN DURBIN
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On a typical summer day, sophomore Emily Degan enjoys boating and fishing in the bay near her vacation home in Mississippi. However, the cataclysmic Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico drastically altered her family’s plans this summer.

“One time, we were fishing in an inlet in the bay before it was boiled off,” Degan said. “But a boat approached us and the area we were in had been closed off to boaters.”

Degan also saw oil sheen and booms from both Mississippi and hep. The effects of the spill that have contributed to the closure of numerous bodies of water throughout the Gulf region.

Although the United States government declared the disaster-causing oil well dead on Sept. 19, Degan and people across the country are questioning the immediate and long-term effects of the spill on life in the Gulf region. Teams of scientists, see SPLILL/page 4

Past SMC president dies at 89

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Married professors work together

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News Writer

Many members of the Notre Dame community believe there is a “ring by spring” sentiment that pervades campus and the students. But what many people might not realize is that there is something in the air for many members of the Notre Dame faculty as well.

Notre Dame’s faculty features several individuals who are not only professional colleagues, but also husband and wife.

Some of these Dumer duos came to teach at Notre Dame together, while others spent time at separate institutions or careers before becoming the second member from their family to receive a faculty position at the University.

Professors Joshua Diehl and Kristin Valentino both teach in the Department of Psychology at the University. The couple, who have been married “5 years, 1 month and 27 days,” both received positions at Notre Dame last year.

“During our postdoctoral fellowship at Yale, we both went job hunting as a ‘package deal.’” Diehl said. “Notre Dame was the best opportunity for both of us because of its fantastic psychology department, top notch students, and the mission of the University fits well with both of our programs of research.”

Other professor-couples struggled with trying to find an academic position at the same university, or even in the same time zone.

Professor Annie Coleman of the Department of American Studies, who is married to others, but this is us reaching out to the Catholic community.”

The northern and southern parts of Sudan have been in conflict on-and-off for more than 50 years. In 2005, the two parties signed the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, which scheduled a referendum for Jan. 9, 2011, in which citizens of Southern Sudan could vote whether or not to secede from the country.

With less than 100 days until the referendum, however, things have not progressed as planned and peacekeepers fear that the centralized government of Sudan, which is located in the country’s capital, Khartoum, will somehow rig the vote.

Regardless of the official results, Ashworth said, the south will want to secede.

“Then, the vote is just a formality,” he said. “On Jan. 9 will be the mentality, the process of voting. The process of informing the world, ‘we have decided to secede.’ They know that the decision has been made to secede.”

Traveling Bishops discuss peace in Sudan

By LAURA MYERS
News Writer

Bishop Paride Taban and Bishop Daniel Adwok Kur are part of a Sudanese religious coalition traveling to Europe and the United States looking to stave off a civil war in their country.

With high-level meetings arranged in Washington, D.C., and with the United Nations in New York City, the two traveled to America a week early in order to begin their appeal at Notre Dame.

Dame and Notre Dame fell through, and the future of the Saint Mary’s logo is unknown, according to a 1972 South Bend Tribune article.

When Henry took over at Saint Mary’s, his college was set to lose over $60,000,000 because of the failed merger, the article said.

“Dr. Edward L. Henry, Saint Mary’s new president, is counting on unprecedented student recruitment, fund drives, plus a nudge from Women’s Lib to pump life back into the faltering campus,” the article said.

During this time, Saint Mary’s also began admitting women, which hurt Saint Mary’s enrollment.

An edition of Michiana — a weekly magazine that was distributed in South Bend at the time — was coincidentally distributed in South Bend at the

Oil spill still controversial

Workers remove a drill pipe that pumped the cement to seal the well that caused the oil spill off the Louisiana Coast.

ASU students to visit during football game

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Arizona State University (ASU) students and staff will experience the energy that electrifies the Notre Dame community on a home football weekend when they visit campus for the upcoming Pittsburgh game.

Director of Student Activities Facilities Ryan Willerton said 15 students and six administrators from ASU will arrive on campus Thursday to participate in a weekend designed to teach them about tradition at Notre Dame.

ASU Associate Athletic Director Steve Hank graduated from Notre Dame in 1994 and contacted the University’s Athletic Department to coordinate the trip, Willerton said.

“They consented to stay in a separate entity when we root on our team. We are cheering for our peers,” Hall Council President Alexa Doyle said.

Student leaders on campus see STUDENTS/page 5
**Question of the Day:** What do you do when the weather gets cold?

- Theresa Lai
  sophomore
  Lewis

- Christie Ahn
  sophomore
  Lewis

- Anh-Tan Tran
  sophomore
  Keenan

- Nikita Taniarperti
  freshman
  Rishkin

- Tyler Richards
  freshman
  Keenan

- Ana Dione-Lanier
  freshman
  Pasquerilla West

“I wear layers!”

“I put on Mufflare and Tabitha (mittens).”

“I don’t get cold, I’m just hot.”

“I wish I was back in India!”

“I play in the snow, when it’s down.”

“I like to come to LaFain to get some hot chocolate.”

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**Offbeat**

Fed-up girlfriend calls cops on pot-smoking beau

LEOMIN — A 35-year-old man was charged in Missouri with possessing marijuana after his girlfriend called 911 and said she was tired of him smoking pot all day instead of working. Dispatchers in the southwestern Missouri town of Lebanon got a 911 hang-up call Saturday night from a motel room. Police said officers went to the motel and were told by the woman that her boyfriend did nothing during the day but smoke mar-ijuana.

The Lebanon Daily Record reported that the man told police his girlfriend was angry because he didn’t have a job yet. He then admitted having mari-juana in his car, and handed over a pipe containing the illegal drug. He was issued a sum-mons for possession and released.

Police: Napping man had meth lab in back of truck

GOOD HOPE, — It wasn’t immediately known whether a man who napped in his car was trying to make methamphetamine. Law enforcement officers found a meth lab in the back of his truck, according to the Illinois State Police.

A man called 911 at 12:40 p.m. Saturday to report a napping man in his truck. When officers arrived, they found the man asleep inside a gray pickup truck. Police said officers were able to identify him and take him to a nearby law enforcement station.

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**Correction**

The Observer regrets indulging as a professional publication and errors for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4542 so we can correct our error.
Gigot hosts ‘Idea Challenge’ at ND

By PATRICK CRUJT News Writer

Ideas ranged from the high tech to the socially and environmentally conscious to the bizarre at the third annual Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies’ Idea Challenge, held yesterday in the Mendoza College of Business. Ideas included everything from laser pointers to automated ural carnival games.

Each student is given one minute to present their idea in front of an audience, which then votes on the best. The objective is to simulate an “elevator pitch” — the opportunity to present potential investors or partners with an original idea.

“The goal of the Gigot Center is to really look at the idea of venture development as a spectrum from idea to enterprise,” Laura Hollis, director of the Gigot Center, said.

The event is meant to kick off the rounds of competitions that come later, such as the main McGloshy Competition, which gives students the opportunity to present their business plans in the hopes of winning a $15,000 grand prize, according to Gigot’s website. Students can be intimidated by the prospect of presenting their ideas, so this event is supposed to help ease that anxiety, Hollis said. Both the Idea Challenge and McGloshy Competition are open to all Notre Dame students, no matter the major.

“The best projects are usually interdisciplinary,” Hollis said.

After all of the students have presented, the audience votes. There are two overall winners in two categories. Best Social Venture and Best Health Care Venture.

“The best projects are usually interdisciplinary.”

Lauren Hollis, director, Gigot Center

Fall is here, and with the cold starting to creep up, students are changing from summer’s shorts and tanks to fall’s jeans and scarves. Students will be holding a Runway Fall Fashion Show on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Dining Hall to give students ideas for fall fashions, junior Brianne Suckow said.

Suckow said the event will give 15 percent of the proceeds to support Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Awareness and Research.

“One in eight women will develop breast cancer during her lifetime, so raising awareness about the disease is important, especially at an all-woman’s college,” Suckow said.

This fashion show will be featuring fall trends from Flourish Boutique and Gallery, run by a Saint Mary’s alumna, Vanessa Cooreman Smith, located in Granger, Ind. Models for the event, which are current Saint Mary’s students who submitted appealing and attractive resumes, were chosen based on different hair color, ethnicities and sizes, Suckow said.

Each model will be showing two different outfits.

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Brianne Suckow, junior

SMC hosts fall show for cancer

By KELLY MURPHY News Writer

According to Flourish Boutique’s website, the Saint Mary’s models will be showing all different styles of clothes from different brands, including Capucce, Shimmer, CC Couture, Berek and Signette.

There is no admission fee or ticket required to attend this event, Suckow said.

Flourish Boutique and Gallery will have their clothing, jewelry, artwork and other accessories available for purchase in the Student Center Atrium on Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Flourish carries sizes XS to XL and 4 to 16. Students will receive a 15 percent discount, Suckow said.

Along with Flourish Boutique’s sale, pink hair streaks will be offered for purchase from Clarion Hair Spa in the Student Center. The first 20 people who purchase a pink hair streak will receive a $20 gift card to Clarion Hair Spa.

On Oct. 7, the Saint Mary’s Noble Family Dining Hall will be providing pink-colored food. This ranges from pink-frosted desserts to pink milkshakes.

“We have received a great response and a lot of enthusiasm about this event,” Suckow said.

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Dante expert to join ND faculty

By PATRICK CRUJT News Writer

One of the world’s leading Dante scholars, Zygmunt G. Baranski, is slated to join Notre Dame faculty next fall as the University’s first Notre Dame professor of Dante and Italian Studies. Baranski also serves as a distinguished visiting professor this semester.

Baranski comes to Notre Dame from the University of Cambridge, where, since 2002, he has been the Serena Professor of Italian and, between 2002 and 2006, head of the Department of Italian in the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages. From 1997 to 2002, Baranski first held a Personal and then an Established Chair in the Department of Italian, before joining the University of Reading, where, for many years, he was also head of the department.

“I feel that Notre Dame is exactly the right place for me to be going at this point in my career,” Baranski said. “I have a lot of respect for my colleagues I’ve met and have already collaborated with a lot of them. One of the other things I find extremely attractive is the fact that the University has a strong commitment to modern languages.”

Notre Dame also has a strong commitment to Catholicism and to a classic liberal arts education, which makes Dante an ideal subject to research, teach and study here, said Baranski, who joins other top Dante experts in the College of Arts and Letters, including Albert J. and Helen M. Bavarino Family Director of Dante and Italian Studies Ted Cachy, associate professor of Italian Christian Moevs and assistant professor of Religion and Literature Vittorio Montemaggi.

“I will be the fourth Dantist in the department,” Baranski said. “Nowhere else in the world is there such a grouping of Dante scholars.”

Baranski has been a visiting distinguished professor at Notre Dame on several previous occasions and has given numerous guest lectures on campus over the past two decades, said Cachy, who also is chair of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, and coordinator of Italian Studies at Notre Dame.

“Last spring, he gave an excellent lecture in the Medieval Institute that illustrated well the profoundly Catholic character of the Dante scholarship on the greatest poet of the Middle Ages,” said Cachy. “The visit consolidated the reputation that Zyg Baranski has established here at Notre Dame as a wonderful teacher and an inspiring intellectual presence.”
Student body is really motivated

"The student body at this school, Doyle said, "is especially difficult because their children were 1 and 4 years old when the family moved to South Bend."

"They have a lab rivalry," Ramzi said. "We have a lab rivalry because of their different subjects. Diehl and Valentino have also found ways to make their shared professional interests into an intellectual competition involving their students."

"It seems that for Notre Dame, Henry was born in 1921 in St. Cloud, Minn. He graduated from the University of Chicago. He also served as a naval officer during World War II. St. Mary's current president, Carol Ann Mooney, expressed her regret over Henry's passing in a press release.

"Ed Henry became president of St. Mary's at a pivotal time in our history," Mooney said. "We are grateful for his strong leadership and send our condolences to his family."
Spill
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including Notre Dame professors, are attempting to answer the most pressing questions about the aftermath of the spill.
Joannes Westerink, professor of civil engineering and geologi
cal sciences, said the primary question to be answered is sim
eple: Where did all the oil go?
“The oil obviously dispersed throughout the region, but the
exact locations and concentra
tions of this oil are relatively
unknown at the moment,” Westerink said. “In such a huge
volume of water, the oil has mixed into different layers of
water, but no one knows how
much oil has actually deteriorat
ed thus far.”
Westerink said it is too early to
determine the effects of the mix
ning of oil with Gulf waters, espe
cially on wetland ecosystems and human health. However, he
noted that the initial visual inspection of wetland areas
throughout the Gulf region has been somewhat promising in
that the oil has not seemed to
penetrate deep into those areas.
Unfortunately, this does not
mean the oil has fully disap
peared, he said.
“Even though we can’t see a
lot of this oil anymore, its
impacts will be discovered over
the next few years if people di
gently look for it,” Westerink
said. However, the Gulf region’s
high propensity for hurricane
activity has prompted Westerink
and his colleagues with another
important question.
“We are trying to predict what
would happen to the oil in these
inland waters if a major hurric
ane were to occur,” Westerink
said.
In response to this question,
Westerink and his colleagues are
applying their Advanced
Circulation Model (ADICM), a
sophisticated computer model
used by the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers and FEMA that meas
ures inland storm surge pene
tration, to the Deepwater Horizon spill as a means of pre
dicting the long-term effects of a
hurricane’s storm surge on
inland waters such as bays, estuaries, and wetlands in the
Gulf coastal flood plane.
Westerink said his team is
using ADICM in conjunction with satellite imagery from the
University of Texas to form a
forecasting system that can
track the movement of a simul
tated spill of millions of oil parti
cles with tide, wind and atmos
pheric pressure data. The data
gathered by this system would be
compared to an image taken
several days later to project a
clear picture of where the simu
lated spill has moved.
“From this data, we should be
able to determine how far inland
the oil would penetrate, what
kind of wetlands it would impact
and the possible impact on mar
ine and human life if a hurric
ane were to occur,” Westerink
said. “This is important because even small concentrations of oil can be very harmful to marine
life and human health.”
A quick look at the fate for resi
dents of the Gulf region lies in
the dispersal of the oil and its
marine life, namely shell fisheries in
wetland regions and the blue fin
tuna which are harvested near the site of the disaster.
Westerink said, “I’ve seen
pelicans covered in oil while I was fishing in Mississippi,”
Denegris said, “I’ve heard people angry about the spill in general.”
The economic effects of the spill will be felt throughout the
fishing industry and local eate
ries in that many shell fish
eries have been closed due to
the presence of oil, which has been reflected in the skyrocket
ning prices of seafood, especially
oysters.
“Oysters are one of the main
exports from southern Louisiana, so their high prices
have hurt everyone who makes
their living off the sea,” senior
Margaret Dumont said. “The spill really economically affected
a state that was having a hard
enough time coming back from
Hurricane Katrina.”
In response to the effects of the spill on people in the fishing
industry, the Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of New
Orleans began needs assess
ments in coastal areas where
many workers in the industry
live. Catholic Charities Parish
Social Ministry Coordinator Nick
Albares, a 2008 Notre Dame
degree graduate, said.
“Since those initial assess
ments, we have established
social service centers in five
Catholic parishes in various
areas of New Orleans,” Albares
said. “At these sites, Catholic
Charities social workers and
counselors work with clients on
case plans, including budgeting and accessing government assis
tance and other services.”
Catholic Charities workers also
assisted clients in obtaining food,
direct financial assistance, clini
cal counseling and pastoral care,
Albares said. He said all people
affected by the oil spill were also
impacted by Hurricane Katrina and
to a lesser extent, Hurricane Ike.
“They are resilient but suffer
ing,” Albares said. “The repair
process has been highly ineffic
tual for many, and the national
media has turned its attention
away from the Gulf Coast.”
Just five years after Katrina
took its toll on the Gulf region,
the Deepwater Horizon spill has
created another economic crisis
for Louisiana and its neighbor
ing states that will take years to
be fixed.
“It’s going to be years before
our economy and lifestyle go
back to normal,” Degan said.
Despite the huge potential for
economic and ecological damage
due to the spill, Westerink said
he hopes the improvement in
technology that occurred after
Katrina will happen again in the
aftermath of the oil spill.
“After Katrina happened, peo
ple invested in understanding the process behind it and put
effort into improving technology
such as computational models,”
Westerink said. “That is true for the oil spill. It triggered a
push for improved technology and measurements, and the
number one thing we’ve learned is how little we know about
its effects in the future. We need to
improve our ability to under
stand and predict the effects of
these disasters.”

Jawad Ahmad: Defined by action, inspired by collaboration. With PwC and LinkedIn, he is feeding his future.
Hobbies

Mike Gotimer
Sports Writer

There is no such thing as "private" prayer. There is — and certainly should be — deeply personal prayer, but really no such thing as "private" prayer. All Christian prayer, if it is to be true, is initiated by the prompting of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism, who prays in and through the hearts of the baptized who together are constituted as the Body of Christ, the Church. Two things are worth noting here: First, all prayer begins with God's initiative (it's graced — in the Tradition, the Holy Spirit is often referred to as "unread Grace"); and, second, the Church is constituted by God's action, not by mere human choice or conscious decision. Decision is obviously important, as the Gospels relate, in responding to Jesus, but it's also important to remember that the invitation comes first. All prayer then, personal or public, is done in communion with the Body of Christ, the Church, as the Spirit draws us in Christ to an ever-deeper communion with the Father.

Public, liturgical prayer should shape, inform and nurture our personal prayer. This is, rather than accommodate our experience of liturgical prayer to our experience of personal prayer — and thus asking, for example, whether the liturgy of the Church "meets my needs" or "touches me personally" — we should allow the public prayer of the Church continually to affect our experience of personal prayer: drawing us out of ourselves and uniting us more deeply to the self-offering of Christ to the Father: Our needs, our tastes, should themselves be open to and subjected to ongoing conversion.

The prayer of the Church par excellence is the Mass. The Eucharistic Liturgy, the Church tells us, is in fact the most effective thing the Church does. As Pope Benedict made clear in his first encyclical, Deus Caritas Est, the entire social mission of the Church, its apostolates of active charity and social justice, for example, derive their purpose and meaning — and their eschatological effectiveness — from the Sacrifice of the Altar, where the fullness of Love is revealed not as a human ideal but as a Divine Person. That's one of the reasons Mass is offered daily, and why Catholics are encouraged to participate regularly — even daily, when possible — at Mass. Ask anyone who, over the course of time, has had the opportunity to become a "daily communicant," and each will no doubt tell you that the opportunity to celebrate Mass daily has made a profound difference in his or her life.

At every celebration of the Eucharist, Christ reveals himself and is present in four distinct ways: in his Word proclaimed (it's God, not merely the lector, who speaks to us when the Scriptures are proclaimed), in the person of the priest or bishop (who acts in persona Christi), in the assembled people of God, and most especially (maxime) in the word used in the documents of the Church, literally, "most of all" in the consecrated elements, the bread and wine upon which the Holy Spirit is invoked and which are substantially changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

It is this last, substantial and efficacious presence of Christ which in fact constitutes the Church and which makes Christ present among his people. So it's not that we are given the Church so that somehow the Eucharist reveals Christ's presence, rather; it's because Christ reveals himself in the breaking of the bread (as he did to Cleopas and his otherwise unknown sidekick on the road to Emmaus), that we recognize him as present in the assembled people of God. It is the Holy Spirit who constitutes the Church by configuring us to Christ through our sharing in the Eucharist.

The most direct and substantial mode in which we participate in the Eucharist is the participation in the Lord's Night and the Lord's Supper. The Eucharist is the most immediate and substantial means by which we become what we receive — their identity (and ours) is derived from the mystery of the Lord's dying and rising, which St. Paul teaches we somehow carry within us as we trudge about from day to day. Our participation in the Eucharist is what incorporates us, quite literally, into the Body of Christ, the Church. There are of course many other modes of prayer and devotional life which distinguish the lives of Catholics: the Liturgy of the Hours, the Rosary, Lectio divina, Novenas, Chaplets, and Litanies, and a host of other ways of praying which adorn the Church. But this panoply of styles and approaches must all be seen as somehow participating in the one prayer of the Church, and always as taking their orientation from and ultimately leading back to, the celebration of the Eucharist.

Even when alone, one is never praying alone. There are times when a priest may celebrate Mass without a congregation. Even in such cases, we believe that the entire Church, including the angels and saints is somehow present in that celebration. A homebound person who devoutly prays each day, even if living alone, is an integral part of Christ's Body, the Church, at prayer: offering itself to the Father in union with Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. A lone sophomoric, stopping by the Grotto to pray at the end of a long day, prays in communion with the entire Church, whether she realizes it or not. All these individuals are not mere individuals when they pray: they pray as part of Christ's Body, in communion with the whole Church on earth and, yes, even in heaven.

You never really pray alone.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It is about winning

Recently an observant (read: pig-headed) freshman decided to let his thoughts regarding the senior class be known. With infallible logic such as, "Notre Dame Football" is not about the football! I realized how blind I have been the last four years. I haven't been paying $245 each year to watch football, I've been donating that minor fee to socialize for four hours once a week.

End sarcasm. Notre Dame football will always be about football, not showing up to the game plastered and taking a dozen pictures with every person I stumble into (which is what I assume she means when she says "being crazy, stubborn and unrelenting"). The bigger issue here is this: Notre Dame football is about winning. This applies to the whole school, winning drives this campus. People come to Notre Dame because they were student body president, valedictorians, or more concisely, winners. When this seems arrogant, this is what makes our school great. We have the confidence to expect to conquer whatever challenges we face. But not every person can be a winner, and sports are the perfect example. Unfortunately, in the last four years we have been too often on the losing side, with many of these losses being ugly. While BK has the team on the right track, we’re cautious to give ourselves to a freshman’s boundless optimism because we know the sting of a thorough drubbing (see Notre Dame vs. South Bend 2007). It’s like cheating on your girlfriend. Every time you find out she cheats, it hurts you, but then for some reason you take her back. Then she cheats again, and it hurts even worse, because you should have seen it coming, but you didn’t. At some point you reach an ultimatum: show me real change or don’t come back. While I’m not disowning the football team, my optimism only asks that you give it a good reason to show itself again.

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Action in accordance with our principles

In response to Sarah Furman’s viewpoint in the Sept. 24 issue of The Observer about ethical investments ("A call for ethical investment"), I read some interesting and troublingly dismissive responses on The Observer’s website. Some people have argued that the NLRB settlement closes the issue and that students who are raising concerns about HEI are drawing the matter out unnecessarily, or that the Notre Dame magazine article concerning Scott Malpass and his investment strategy is enough of an explanation of the University’s “ethical investments.” The article from the 2007-2008 winter issue states that the University investments are held to the standards of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and their investment principles. Drawing on this, the USCCB website states investors must seek “investment opportunities that meet both our financial needs and our social criteria...[specifically] 1) refusal to invest in companies whose products and/or policies are counter to the values of Catholic moral teaching or statements adopted by the Conference of bishops; 2) divesting from such companies.” Also, the USCCB calls on the necessity of active corporate participation of investors in any case, but especially when the questions of ethical investments are being voiced “to influence the corporate culture and to shape corporate policies and decisions.” In dialogue with the University, these specifications by the USCCB have not been carried out, or at least the University has not mentioned their efforts, if there have been any, which is suspect because it seems logical for the University to underscore these activities if the students are demanding evidence of ethical investment.

Due to the lack of progress from the University about the ethical considerations of its investments, I decided to visit a few HEI owned properties this summer to personally inquire about the condition of their workers. I spent a week in the Los Angeles area talking with workers about their jobs and the stories I heard were far more troubling than I imagined. I spoke to a worker about the missed breaks that had occurred for the last three years and she explained further that they were a result of more extensive problems of staff cuts and increased work loads, all intended to increase profit. Not only was this mother of three working longer and harder under HEI management without the respite of breaks mandated by California state law, but her wages are too low to cover the cost of healthcare provided by the company. She had to take on a second job working nights after working long days at the hotel, hardly seeing her children and still just barely scraping by. Other workers I spoke with shared similar stories.

These conditions are making people suffer and our University is standing by. Notre Dame prides itself on encouraging students to be involved with social justice, so we should act in accordance with our principles and set an example for others.

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Oct. 5

Gun control

In Monday’s Observer (“My cold dead hands”, Oct. 4), Mr. Kyle Retzloff writes that Nazi Germany’s alleged confiscation of private weapons is proof that an armed citizenry can act as a check on tyranny. This is a claim one often hears from pro-gun commentators. The history of armed citizens in modern politics is instructive, but not as Mr. Retzloff suggests.

Armed resistance by isolated individuals is pointless, because a modern state easily crushes such opposition. It happens in our own country; consider a gunman holes himself up; the police lay siege; the gunman dies. All that, without the government having to deploy a single one of its tanks, fighter bombers, or attack helicopters.

Of course, individuals can band together. Guerrilla forces sometimes stand against the advance of foreign invaders, but not a determined government. Nazi Germany occupied most of Europe during World War II. Most countries produced heroic resistance fighters, but to the Germans they were little more than a nuisance. Hitler’s army took the full force of the Allied armies, not bands of armed citizens. After World War II, Ukrainian guerrillas fought on against the Soviets; they too were crushed, because a band of citizens is no match for an army.

There is one exception: armed citizen “resistance” can indeed go far if the police and the army don’t defend the government. The German army watched from the sidelines as Hitler’s brown-shirted storm troopers (the SA) caused mayhem in the streets and destroyed German democracy. Mussolini made himself dictator by using his black-shirted “squads” to bully the government and murder the opposition while the army looked on. The Bolsheviks came to power in Russia when the army was to much in confusion to stop a coup by the Red Guards. The army, presently terrorizing Mexico illustrate the same point about the power of armed “citizens” to fight their government and bring fear and misery to their people.

And the guns that Hitler is supposed to have taken away from the German people? As best I can tell, this story refers to the confiscation in 1933 of weapons from former Communist and Socialist militiamen. The Nazis’ own militia, the SA, of course kept its weapons and in fact used them to stop a coup by the Red Guards. The SA leadership butchered. Even a heavily armed militia, it turned out, was helpless against the dictators.

There are valid arguments for and against gun control. However, to imagine private gun owners standing up to totalitarianism is pure fantasy.

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Oct. 4

EDITORIAL CARTOON

R.I.P.
AMERICAN MIDDLE CLASS
In case you haven’t heard, OK Go is coming to Notre Dame this weekend to perform at halftime of the Pittsburgh game and later in the evening at Legends Nightclub. Some other musical acts that have graced South Bend with their presence in the last couple of years include Good Charlotte for “The Show” in 2008 and Papa Roach with Trapt at Club Fever just last week.

Now, I am not equating the caliber of OK Go’s music with that of Trapt (although I do not doubt several of you know every word to “Headstrong”). I recognize OK Go’s talent and staying power. Nor am I denying that we have welcomed some other extremely gifted acts to campus in recent years (Guster, Mike Posner, The Roots).

But I cannot lie. As I paged through the yearbooks of the 1970s to see what artists had been at Notre Dame, I wept out of jealousy. Each year in the blissful decade, at least one music legend performed at Stepan Center, the Athletic and Convocation Center (ACC, now the JACC) or at an intimate blues festival. Only a straightforward chronology can do the 70s set-lists justice, and I am only mentioning some highlights. My apologies if you end up wallowing in the mediocrity of modern campus concerts after reading.

**1970**
Welcome Smoky Robinson and the Miracles (left), the first successful group act signed by Motown Records and performers of Motown’s first million-selling record “Shop Around.” Dionne Warwick (right) also made an appearance, an artist probably best known to our generation as the singer of “I Say A Little Prayer,” featured in the hit 1990s film “My Best Friend’s Wedding.”

**1971**
“Jeremiah was a bullfrog…” sang Three Dog Night at Notre Dame. It’s safe to say their hit single “Joy to the World” is known by almost every American.

**1972**
Students hopped on Cat Stevens’ “Peace Train,” were entertained by “Proud Mary” herself, Tina Turner (left) and relished SoCal vibes with The Beach Boys.

**1973**
The student body received English rock from Yes, local American rock from Chicago and Latin rock from Santana.

**1974**

**1975**
Van Morrison serenaded female Domers with “Brown Eyed Girl.” Elton John (left) donned a flashy sequined costume to entertain. And Elvis Presley (right) was just an added bonus.

**1976**
The Beach Boys returned. Notre Dame experienced another British invasion, this time from Rod Stewart and Jethro Tull.

**1977**
This year was host to a couple familiar faces as well as some notable newcomers: Chicago, The Doobie Brothers, Boston and KISS (left).

**1978**
Hall and Oates and Steve Miller. Don’t you wish you could hear “Rich Girl” and “The Joker” live? Crosby, Stills and Nash finally performed together, having visited Notre Dame as solo acts or duos in years past.

**1979**
Neil Young’s performance was apparently a “disappointment” to students, according to “The Dome.” Maybe they preferred the performance of Bruce Springsteen (right), The Beach Boys, Yes or Aerosmith (who’s “warm-up group” just happened to be a little band called AC-DC).

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Photos courtesy of “The Dome” 1970-79
Fit or fad?

‘Fitness shoes’ not for everyone

By JORDAN GAMBLE
Scene Editor

Reebok Easy Tones promise a nice posterior, Skechers Shape-Ups claim to give Joe Montana better posture and myriad knock-offs at stores like Target and Wal-Mart offer all the benefits at half the price.

But can so-called “fitness shoes” actually tone muscles on the walk to class? Dr. Damian Dieter, a podiatrist at the Portage Foot Clinic in South Bend, has treated some patients who have worn the shoes and has tried out a pair himself.

“It’s not a cookie-cutter answer, that’s a good or really bad,” he said.

From working muscles to increasing circulation, the benefits described in the commercials and other promotional materials are mostly true, he said, but there are some caveats.

Dieter said people with foot problems such as plantar fasciitis, heel spurs, bunions or arthritis — should be careful when trying out the shoes, since it might aggravate their discomfort.

“If you’ve got a really hacked-out foot and you think you can stretch it by walking in these shoes, it’s not going to work,” he said. “If you’ve got a really tight foot, it’s not going to work.”

Additionally, Dieter said “rocker bottom” shoes like the Skechers Shape-Ups, with a curved sole, actually shorten the wearer’s stride and force the person to walk faster.

“When you look at the shape-up, it’s not as natural a way to walk,” he said. “You can’t walk the way you normal walk.”

The Skechers’ website recommends doing some warm-up and adjustment exercises when first putting on the shoes, in order to adjust to the new form of walking.

“Re-learning how to walk shouldn’t be the goal of any exercise routine, he said, especially just for one pair of shoes.

“You shouldn’t have to tell your body what to do when you walk,” he said.

“Walking should be like breathing. You shouldn’t have to say to yourself, ‘I’m going to do this in a way that I’ve never done before.’”

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“People are going to go work out with any shoe, yeah, they’re going to have better circulation,” he said.

While Dieter said the instability and gait-changing aspects of these shoes will help some people with posture or circulation, just wearing a different kind of footwear won’t replace eating healthy or breaking a sweat.

“The marketing thing is that everybody wants to sell you something that, if you do this, you don’t have to go to the gym, you don’t have to watch what you eat,” he said. “Everybody’s got a gimmick.”

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Scene Writer

Does Kanye West have the potential to make a bad album? “808s and Heartbreaks” wasting out, but his worth over the long haul. With four dynamic albums behind him, three of which place on almost every American “Best of the Decade” list, Kanye West has set a high standard for himself.

Nine years from now, when the umipers of musical taste come together to analyze the defining moments of the decade, if Nov. 22 doesn’t land on the table in early in the discussion, then something will have truly gone wrong.

If the tracks released off his new album are any indication, its quality, fans have nothing to worry about. In fact, while tabloid and media hounds continue to portray him as the anti-Christ for interrupting VMAs acceptance speeches and accusing presidents of racial apathy, Kanye may be finishing up his magnum opus to shut them up once and for all.

If West can outdo himself again and releases his fifth greatest album, he can storm overrated award show acceptance speeches and interrupt public service announcements until he loses his voice.

Album release delays can be irritating for music aficionados, but Kanye West fans have had their fair share of aggravation. The numerous pushbacks of West’s fifth album have thus come as little surprise. Originally slated for a summer release, the album was pushed to Sept. 14, and then moved again when West announced that it would be hitting stores “some time in November.” Until yesterday, the date and album title were unconfirmed.

In a Twitter update, West revealed the new title and official release date of Nov. 22.

“Never mind that the new title, “My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy”, sounds like a bad manga series. The early track releases are some of the most innovative hip-hop tracks of the last couple of years. “Power,” the first single from the album released in June, is five minutes of classic bragging, soul searching and spot-on self-identification.

In July, West started the “GOOD Friday series,” releasing a new track every Friday for eight weeks, ultimately collaborating with over 15 artists. Among the eight tracks, four crossed the six-minute mark, six were brand new concepts and three were some of West’s best in years. “GOOD Friday,” “Monster” and “Christian Dior Denim” were the highlights and will hopefully make their way onto the album.

The most promising lies in the second single, “Runaway,” which West premiered at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Last week, the final mix was officially released for digital download. The song is West’s most accurate and peculiar artistic statement yet. Raising a glass to “scumbags” like himself, the song is the perfect mix of self-loathing and spit.

Excitement for the new album began back in 2009 before anyone had heard a minute of it. Confirmed collaborations with fellow innovative producers Q-Tip, DJ Premier and Pete Rock began anticipation. DJ Premier expressed excitement for the novelty of the material in an interview, and fellow rapper Drake speculated that the album could be one of “the best hip-hop albums of the last 10 years.”

Early evaluation for the album is high, but early speculation, considering most tracks have yet to see the light of day, but the album certainly has the potential for greatness. If Kanye West can pull off this media machine, he may secure himself a slot in not only rap history, but in the pantheon of popular music icons.

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Rugby
The Irish left South Bend at 6:30 a.m. Saturday to take on Indiana University in Bloomington.
After the four-hour bus ride, we loaded our car onto a wet and muddy field to prepare for the match. The Irish were on fire and we were excited to take on the Irish with intensity as they sought to avenge last week's loss. Senior center Andy Mullen was unrelenting in his defense, while senior Jackson was forced with an injury.
In his absence, senior Sean Mitchell and Packer Mullen stepped up their game and ensured Indiana stayed on the board.
Indiana won with a final score of 7-6. In the subsequent B-side match, freshman Xaver Kelley played a great game and helped the Irish to a redemptive 14-5 victory.

Equestrian
Competing for the first time in a new region, the Notre Dame – Saint Mary’s equestrian club opened its season at the University of Wisconsin on Wednesday.
Amy Giordano garnered her first earning third and fifth in open fences, and Natalie Stoerger tied for fifth in the intermediate fences, and Tori Oberschmied, sixth and walk-in closer.
Lusher, fourth, and Oberschmied, sixth and walk-in closer. Each has 2bd/2bath. Mstr. bdrm in New York City at the Jesu in Open at Fordham the breeze wrapped up, looking forward to continuing to developing the team as a whole, throughout the fall season. The Notre Dame women’s squad hosted their season's first game of the season against Notre Dame again fielded two teams, which also returned rookies to get lots of playing time and a great opportunity. Notre Dame X, captained by senior Molly Thompson, opened the weekend with a game against eventual tournament champion Northwestern. Northwestern won handily, but the Notre Dame women embraced the challenge as a great introduction to competitive ultimate. Its next game comes against N. Louis University, where they also lost by a score of 8-5. The team remained focused on improving their chemistry in the second half and had several losses to DePaul and Purdue.
At one point in the Purdue game, Notre Dame X scored an upwind break and held their first lead of the year, but the Irish lost to DePaul and Purdue. The Irish dropped their second game against Wooster in a 5-3 loss, but set up to play their final game against Notre Dame Y. This low-key game was a great way to end the weekend and do some team building, and Notre Dame X used their strong team to pull away in a 6-3 win.
Thompson did a fabulous job of leading the first-time team through the contest. Both teams were asleep on the field.
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No. 6 Oklahoma looks to improve in title hunt

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — No. 6 Oklahoma has a perfect record after clearing what's usually the toughest hurdle on its way to the Big 12 championship game and beyond.

Still, coach Bob Stoops sees no room for his Sooners (5-0, 1-0 Big 12) to relax, even with an off week before they host Iowa State on Oct. 16. He said this week started with the team addressing “at great length” the areas where improvement is needed.

“College guys are so young that there’s a lot of maturity and experience gained in technique work that should improve as you go through the year, and we’ve got to make it,” Stoops said Tuesday.

“We’re a long way from a finished product. Our job is to keep working it and pushing it to make that improvement, and I think we will.”

Stoops has led Oklahoma to a 5-0 start on six other occasions, and it’s almost always been a good omen. Five of those seasons have concluded with the Sooners playing for the Big 12 title, and four times they’ve played for the national championship, too.

Of course, making it to the halfway point of the season without a blemish means the Sooners have prevailed over archrival Texas, just as they did Saturday with a 28-20 win in the annual Red River Rivalry game. That’s usually an indicator that Oklahoma is on track to represent the Big 12 South in the conference title game, although team captain Travis Lewis doesn’t want to hear that as he sees other strong teams around the league.

“It’s not just a two-horse race anymore,” said Lewis, a linebacker. “It used to be if we beat Texas or Texas beats us, that team’s going to be in the Big 12 championship. It’s not going to be like that anymore.”

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“They’ve had an attitude that way of being hungry to improve and work, so we’ve got a lot of work ahead of us,” Stoops said.

“I said that last week. The Texas game is one game. We’ve got seven conference games ahead of us, and if you don’t win those, that game doesn’t much matter.”

Chief among the concerns for Oklahoma is a disturbing trend of poor play in the fourth quarter.

Opponents are outscoring the Sooners 51-17 in the final period, with Texas becoming the latest team to mount a comeback from a double-digit deficit that came up just short.

The Longhorns scored 10 straight points in the fourth quarter Saturday and had an opportunity to tie it when Sooners quarterback Landry Jones fumbled inside the 10-yard line. He was able to knock the ball away from Texas linebacker Jared Norton before he could scoop it up and score.

“We’re still playing great defense 80 percent of the time and the other 20 percent we’re giving up big plays,” Lewis said.

“And we’re giving up too many points in the fourth quarter.

“It’s good to be 5-0 and have all the problems that we do.”

The Sooners have won four of their five games by eight points or less—after leading by at least 15 points in each game.

“I know we’re in good enough shape where it’s not fatigue. Players are just getting their eyes in the wrong places and trying to do someone else’s job, and then they hit the big play on us,” Lewis said. “It’s a discipline type of thing. We need to be more disciplined in the fourth quarter.”

Offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson said his unit also needs to do a better job of protecting—and extending—late leads. After going up 28-10 on Texas, Oklahoma totaled just one first down on its next two drives while trying to put the game away.

“The bottom line is we’re not a tough-enough, pounding-it running team where we can totally just ram it against a really outstanding defense, which they had” Wilson said. “We ran the ball well, but we ran it when we had good balance.”

The Sooners were also at their best when using their hurry-up offense, not exactly their best weapon when trying to drain the clock. Yet Wilson said he still plans to operate at a slower pace late in games.

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NFLPA director Smith warns of 2011 lockout

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith sees new signs that owners are preparing for a football-free 2011. With support from Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, he asked fans to take the players’ side.

Speaking at a tailgate-style fan luncheon a few blocks from Lambeau Field on Tuesday, Smith referred to a recent Sports Business Journal report that said the NFL is requiring banks that lend money to its teams to extend grace periods for loan defaults through the end of the 2011 season in the event of a lockout.

“That to me is a step where the owners are protecting themselves in the event that there is no season,” Smith said.

Smith said the move, along with provisions in television deals that provide for some payments even if there is a lockout, are evidence that owners are planning for the possibility that there won’t be a season in 2011.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello noted that the players are going through the same plan with provisions for the possibility of a lockout.

Rodgers, the Packers’ newly elected player representative, said he would take it.

“Look, the fact is most of our fans who love this game right now believe mistakenly that free agency was a gift to the players,” Smith said. “That’s not true. Reggie White and Freeman McNeil put their careers on the line and had to sue for free agency.”

But Smith wouldn’t say whether the union or individual players currently are considering a new lawsuit, or are simply relying on the threat of legal action to force owners to make concessions in negotiations.

“The only thing that we will do is continue to protect our interest,” Smith said.

Smith said players have always been willing to keep playing under an extension of the existing CBA, and reiterated complaints that owners refused to open their financial records. As the NFLs only publicly owned franchise, the Packers are the only team that makes it financial information public.

The Packers posted an operating profit of approximately $9.8 million in the fiscal year that ended March 31, down from $20.1 million the previous year. Taking into account investment losses that were less severe, the team reported net income of approximately $5.2 million, up from $4 million.

“Show us the financial data that says that the National Football League is in some sort of economic (hardship),” Smith said.”

Smith also said owners are considering a new lawsuit if all goes according to plan, in the near future.

“It seems to me that the greatest gift we could possibly give is a Christmas gift where we sign a new deal and tell the people that football for our fans is not only going to continue, but that the businesses that rely on football and the jobs that this game generates are going to be secure,” Smith said.

MLB

Yankees set playoff rotation

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The New York Yankees bumped struggling starter A.J. Burnett to the bullpen for the AL playoffs against Minnesota.

Game 1 starter CC Sabathia would pitch on three days’ rest if Game 4 is necessary. Andy Pettitte will follow Sabathia and start Game 2, with Phil Hughes going in Game 3 back in the Bronx.

The series opens at Minnesota with games on Wednesday and Thursday.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi said he wants to throw as many lefties as he can against a Twins lineup loaded with dangerous left-handed hitters.

“We felt with all the left-handed hitters we would try to throw four lefties at them in five games,” Girardi said.

The Twins do have slightly better numbers this year against righties. They hit .276 with a .420 slugging percentage and a .343 on-base percentage while going 32-24 (.571). Against lefties, they hit .268 with a .400 slugging percentage and .336 on-base percentage while going 31-32 (.492). Burnett took the news in stride. He was 10-15 with a 5.26 ERA in 33 starts this season. He hasn’t pitched in the bullpen since April 16, 2008, when he appeared for Toronto in the 14th inning against Texas.

“It’s different if I had a great second half,” Burnett said. “But I took baby steps, not a huge leap. Those three guys (Sabathia, Pettitte and Hughes) have been our main starters.”

Burnett joined the Yankees as a free agent before last season, signing an $82.5 million, five-year contract. He pitched well against Minnesota in the first round of the playoffs, allowing one run and three hits in six innings during a Game 2 start.

Girardi also decided to go with Sergio Mitre and Dustin Moseley in the bullpen over Javer Vasquez and Chad Gaudin. The manager kept outfielder Greg Golson as the final position player.

“We really like the way (Mitre’s) sinker has been working lately and the way he has been throwing the ball,” Girardi said.

Smith left open the possibility that Burnett could start in the series if Sabathia told the Yankees that he didn’t feel good enough physically to pitch on three days’ rest. But if all goes according to plan, Burnett will remain in the bullpen.

“I’m not going to cause drama or be the bad apple,” Burnett said.

Girardi said all his roster decisions were difficult and he appreciated how Burnett handled the news.

“I didn’t know how he would take it,” Girardi said. “But we talked about it and he seemed like he’s on board. He’s going to do whatever he can to help us.”

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would come in and that has a good command of all aspects of the game. That’s definitely the void that we had to be filled.” Not only has McHugh been able to take on the role Notre Dame had ready for her but she also comes with extensive experience that has prepared her well to compete at the collegiate level.

A Ayo Linda, Calif native, McHugh was a member of the 2009 U.S. Youth National Team and she also played in the 2009 FIVB World Youth Championships in Thailand. On the high school level, McHugh set a number of school records, including career leader in kills (1,019) and digs (793), and led her El Dorado High School team to league championships in 2008 and 2009. Her school’s team was ranked 40th in the nation by PrepVolleyball.com while she was named 76th on their list of Senior Aces as well as one of their 2009 All-Americans. “She’s a strong competitor, and she’s easy to get along with,” Brown said. “I think her teammates enjoy playing with her and she enjoys playing with them.”

The 1-5 Irish team is a central component in McHugh’s early success, especially on the conference level where they undefeated at 4-0 and from which she has earned three Freshman of the Week honors. “Every time she’s won it, obviously her stats have been very good and the team has won.” Brown said. “Whenever we have the individual recognitions, it’s always because the team has done well, first and foremost. Usually with her, she’s hitting for a high percentage, she’s hitting for kills per game, she may have either aces or digs to go along with that so it’s something that wouldn’t happen without the team having success as well.”

The first came on Aug. 30 when McHugh was given the honor after her IrishInvitational debut performance. It was the first time a Notre Dame player had earned the award after the season’s opening weekend since Christi na Kaelin did in 2006.

The second came Sept. 27 after she had 4.17 kills/set and 3.33 digs/set in Notre Dame’s conference opening weekend and the third this week from her 13 kills and five aces against USF Oct. 1 and 19 kicks on a .562 hitting percentage at Georgetown Oct. 3. McHugh and the Irish are back on the road this weekend, taking on Louisville Oct. 9 and Cincinnati Oct. 10, where they will hope to carry on their four-match win streak.

原材料 outside hitter Andrea McHugh passes the ball during Notre Dame’s 3-0 victory over West Virginia on Sept. 24.

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native, is currently ranked fourth. “There aren’t any bad players in this tournament,” Irish coach Ryan Sachire said. “We knew going in that they were going to face top competition.”

Despite the losses, Sachire said he feels good about the talented players moving forward.

“The fall is all about development,” he said. “While we are trying to win in the fall, it is the spring when it counts the most. The goal is to get better and learn and we’re trying to apply that to our matches.”

Irish junior Casey Watt, who also traveled to Tulsa to compete, will not play until the main draw begins Thursday. The top 54 players face off in the main draw, and Watt is currently 39th.

“We expect Casey to go out and compete and see what he can do,” Sachire said. “He has really put in a lot of work and has improved a lot since the NCAA Tournament last May.”

Sachire said he expects Watt to use his development to his advantage. “He’s really improved with his forehand and volley,” he said. “It’s a matter of cementing things in competition. He feels good and he’s going to go out and see what he can do on Thursday.”

Following the ITA All-American Championships, the Irish will have a break in competition until Oct. 21-25 when they will host the Midwest Regional Championships.

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right are on the line. This game has a derby feel, as Notre Dame and Indiana are certainly two of the biggest names in the state.

The Hoosiers (5-2) come into the game against the Irish (4-2-1) with a dominant 24-5-1 lead in the all-time series, including a 3-0 victory over Notre Dame at Alumni Stadium last season.

Clark said he believes this year’s Hoosier performance — in their first season under new head coach Todd Yeagley — is better than their record lets on. “They’re very similar to us in a number of ways,” Clark said. “They’ve played a tough schedule just as we have. Their record isn’t indicative of their ability. They’ve taken some close losses, but they’re a good team. I think Indiana can win a championship just as I think Notre Dame can.”

The Hoosiers are led by junior forward Will Briner whose seven goals and 15 points lead a talented roster that includes standout sophomore goalie Luis Soffringer. “There’s more to this game than just a rivalry,” Clark said. “It’s a jolly game because both teams are filled with such talented players.”

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

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The Irish didn’t play a perfect game, Kelly said, but he said signs that his team is improving.

“You just need to win to cure a lot of things. But they’re very positive things,” Kelly said. “I pointed out to the offense the third quarter drive. Those are important steps forward, when you can put together 14 plays.

“On the defensive side of the ball, when you can limit a team to very minimal rushing [yards], those are good signs. So I pointed out the signs that I see that are positive towards getting this to be habit-forming. But we’re far from that yet.”

Turnover trouble

Despite some of the positive strides the offense made Saturday, the Irish are still turning the ball over at an alarming rate.

In the win, sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist threw a pick, and running backs Armand Allen and Cierre Wood each lost a fumble.

“How do I coach it? Well, I think first and foremost, you make sure that you’re doing the fundamentals right. So during practice, during indi- viduals, we’re making sure that we’re talking about tak- ing care of the football and doing those kinds of things,” Kelly said. “You just demand it. If it’s something that’s a lack of attention, if it’s lack of putting the ball away, we’re going to address it.

“So we’re pointing out things that we see that can put the ball on the ground. We’re trying to coach it dur- ing practice, and then we’re demanding it from our play- ers.”

Fresh face

The Irish special teams got a lift with the insertion of freshman wide receiver Bennett Jackson into the role of kick returner. Jackson returned four kickoffs for 111 yards Saturday, includ- ing a long of 43 yards.

“I think certainly you have to have the right mental approach to go out and start ‘We’re going to catch it and go,’” Kelly said of what it takes to be a good return man. “You can’t think a lot back there. You’ve got to hit it, and it’s just that mentality where he’s a bit fearless from that stand- point. So it takes a different kind of guy to do that.”

Jackson had made a splash in the opening win against Purdue with four tackles on kickoff coverage. Kelly has mentioned Jackson’s name in the context of potential play- ing time at receiver, and the move to return man involved the head coach feeling com- fortable with placing a starter back there, Kelly said.

“We had to obviously move one of our starters out of a position there, so that didn’t happen until [last] Wednesday,” Kelly said of putting Jackson in the lineup.

“I had not shared that har- dle in my own mind that I was ready to go in that direc- tion. Once we did, [Jackson] practiced at it hard on Wednesday and Thursday and was prepared for his chance on Saturday.”

No cover jinx

Sophomore linebacker Carlo Calabrese makes a tackle during Saturday’s Irish victory at Boston College.

Sophomore linebacker Carlo Calabrese graced the cover of The Observer’s Irish Insider last Friday, and he backed that appearance up by leading the Irish with 10 tackles on Saturday, includ- ing one sack and 3 ½ for loss.

He trails only fellow sopho- more inside linebacker Manti Te’o for the team-lead in tackles in the season. Te’o has 64 tackles (22 solo) on the season, while Calabrese has 38 (21 solo).

“Carlo is developing into a very solid linebacker and a consistent player for us,” Kelly said. “He’s tackling well in space. He’s much better in his coverage fits. That was some of our concerns.

“I think, really, he’s just tackling better and he’s play- ing more consistent on a play-to-play basis.”

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4. “The Wizard of Oz” weather event
5. Brown shade
6. “Got it”
7. Subway station eight
8. “Like a sunken treasure?”
9. Third of December?
10. Grp. with the platinum record
11. “A New World Record”
12. Systems of principles
13. Ice cream flavor, briefly
14. “The Office”
15. High place near Aberdeen?
16. One in custody
17. A.L. or N.L. division

Down
1. Places for double dibbles?
2. Gopher Hole
3. Not yet paid for, as a mailed package
4. Shot put’s path
5. Killer of “Real Gusa”
6. Kind of arch
7. Consume
8. Tablesite
9. Partner of piscis
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13. Some wines
14. Number after eleven
15. Homer
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That scrambled word game by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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FOOTBALL

Back on track

Irish look to build on momentum from win

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

After Notre Dame opened its season with a 23-12 victory over Purdue on Sept. 5, Irish coach Brian Kelly noted that while his team didn’t play a perfect game, he wanted to remind his players to celebrate a victory they worked hard to earn.

That wasn’t the case after Saturday’s 31-13 road win at Boston College snapped a three-game losing streak and improved Notre Dame to 2-3.

“I didn’t have to tell them to celebrate,” Kelly said at his Tuesday press conference. “They knew it was a road victory. Any road victory is one to celebrate. But we just have so many other moving pieces that we spent most of our time talking about them to celebrate,” Kelly said. “It’s like when you call these types of games derby games,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “It’s like when Rangers takes on Celtic in Scotland or when Manchester City faces Manchester United in England. City bragging rights on the line. It was another difficult evening on the court for the Belles as they dropped their seventh consecutive match Tuesday against ranked conference foe Hope College.

Saint Mary’s (3-13, 1-7 MIAA) continues to struggle within its conference. Of its last seven losses, five have come against MIAA opponents.

The No. 13 Flying Dutch star Jessica Maier led both teams with 18 digs and 15 assists in the win. The teams will meet again at Hope towards the end of the season.

In order to earn a better seed in the MIAA tournament, the Belles will need to improve to 11-4 (7-1 MIAA) on Saturday.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said, “She’s a really good all-around player. She’s a good passer. She’s a really good all-around player.”

ND VOLLEYBALL

All-around freshman makes quick impact

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

From the junior national team courts to the Purcell Pavilion to earning three Big East honors, freshman outside hitter Andrea McHugh has made her skills known early on in her Irish career.

“Her biggest strength is, is her ability to play the whole game,” Irish coach Debhie Brown said. “She’s a really good all-around player. She’s a good passer. She’s a good defender, good hitter, good server. Front and back row she does a really good job. That’s so valuable to have somebody like that on the court.”

An outstanding player from anywhere on the court, McHugh has brought her extensive experience to Notre Dame and has proved an unstoppable force thus far.

She put up a career-high 19 kills at Georgetown Oct. 3 to place her in a tie for 16th matches. Add in her .909 serving percentage, 18 blocks and 128 digs, and you have the versatile player Brown felt the Irish needed this season.

“We really needed somebody who we could call a sixth rotation outside hitter,” Brown said. “Somebody that...