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Engineering students travel to build bridges

By MEL FLANAGAN

A team of seven engineering students traveled to Nicaragua this summer to build a bridge connecting two communities—all in an effort to provide help to locals and take advantage of service projects for engineers at the University.

“There’s not that many opportuni- ties at Notre Dame to link service with engineering, surprisingly,” team member and first-year graduate student Brittani Russell said. “This is one of the only ones.”

The project, which just finished its third year, teams up with the non-profit organization Bridges to Prosperity to allow civil engineering students to travel to a third-world country and build a bridge for an area that needs it. The group has previously built structures in Honduras and Guatemala.

Russell and the six others participated in a year-long course during which they designed the bridge and fundraised $30,000 for the materials and other costs.

The course required two trips to Nicaragua, one during fall break in which the team surveyed the site and one after the semester ended in May to build the bridge.

During the first trip, the group was not only able to begin planning how they were going to build the bridge, but they also met with local hardware stores to discuss buying supplies.

“It also gave us a little indica- tion of how hot it was going to be,” Russell said. “I never really had an appreciation or understanding of how much you can sweat.”

The bridge, located in the municipality of Villa el Carmen between the villages of San Diego and San Bartolo, stretched 125 meters across and was 60 feet off the ground.

Community members worked alongside the students during construction, Russell said. “If we come in and build something for them it’s not going to mean the same thing, they’re going to take it for granted,” she said. “Whereas if they help us it’s their bridge, they’ll take more responsibility and the bridge will last longer.”

However, the local people and customs also posed a challenge for the group. Russell said the way construction projects run in Honduras differs greatly from those in the U.S.

“One of the representatives [of Bridges to Prosperity] had ordered wood for us, but didn’t get a receipt or contract. He just gave them $1,000 of our money,” she said. “We were tracking that wood down for two or three weeks.”

While adjusting to the culture wasn’t difficult for native Guatemalan and team member Quiche Descamps, actually building the bridge was a challenge.

“Raising the cables took a lot of manpower, and digging under the midday sun left everyone exhausted,” Descamps, a senior, said.

Descamps participated in the project in his home country of Guatemala in the summer of 2010 as well.

“Building the first bridge really opened my eyes to the potential we as students have to help, using what we learn in school, so I chose to stick with the project for another year,” he said.

Russell agreed the project provides a truly rewarding experience in which the team can see their work through, from design to completion and the impact it will have on the people living their everyday.

“It’s amazing to see how your work can benefit other commu- nities,” she said. “I’ve been to developing countries before and you can really see how civil infrastructure can help.”

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Photo courtesy of Brittani Russell

The team included, listed clockwise, Garret Quick, Tony Ayala, Mitch Kochanski, Jon Barry, Quiche Descamps, Megan Smith and Brittani Russell.
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Saint Mary’s College welcomes new Board of Trustees

By CAILTIN HOSUELY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Five new members of the Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees will join the group this year after President Carol Ann Mooney appointed them in the spring.

Student trustee Catherine Cleary, a senior, will begin her one-year term as a full voting member of the Board. Cleary said she will act as a voice for the student body.

“I serve on the Board of Trustees to articulate student issues and concerns with a clear and open mind,” Cleary said.

Cleary, who is majoring in women’s studies, also serves as an office assistant for the Women’s Studies Program. She is also a resident advisor. Cleary said her experience with working with students at the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) and a resident advisor.

According to a press release, Cleary sits on the Student Advisory Council for the American Association of University Women and will plan the 2011 North America Conference for College Women Student Leaders. “I am looking forward to the challenges that serving on the Board this year will bring and I am honored to be working with a group of individuals who are invested in a future for Saint Mary’s College.”

Cleary said “I believe philosopher William James described the role of the Board of Trustees best when he said, “The best use of life is to invest it in something that will outlive us.”

Cleary said as trustees, they are dedicated to addressing the issues of the six College divisions — student affairs, academic, financial and administration, mission, college relations and enrollment management.

The other new members of the Board are all Saint Mary’s or Notre Dame graduates. William Cusnava, Gretchen Flicker, Patricia Wiedner Purcell and David Taiclet will also join the Board this year.

Cusvava, a 1959 graduate of Notre Dame, was vice president of planning and assistant treasurer for Commercial InterTech Corporation until his retirement in 1996. The release stated. Since then, Cusvava has been involved in the South Bend community, working with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra and ND Downtown.

Flicker graduated from Saint Mary’s with a degree in mathematics and business administration in 1993. Currently, she serves as vice president of Institutional Services for Dimensional Fund Advisors in Santa Monica, Calif.

Purcell, a 1969 Saint Mary’s alumna, received her degree in special education. She served on the Madeleva Society Steering Committee and as a Madeleva Representative of the Reunion Gift Campaign.

Taiclet earned a bachelor’s degree in finance from the University of Notre Dame in 1985. He currently serves as the president of the Gourmet Food Group of 1-800-Flowers.com, Inc.

The College also re-elected five members of the Board to three-year terms.

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Workers focus on new building construction

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

When most students move out for the summer, workers with scaffolding and construction tools move in to complete renovations and repairs across campus.

Each summer brings a multitude of facility modification projects requested by various units across campus, University Architect Doug Marsh said. “These, along with traditionally-scheduled repair and maintenance projects, comprise most of the summer’s work.”

One of the larger projects tackled this summer was refurbishing the Hesburgh Library’s Word of Life mosaic, known popularly as “Touchdown Jesus.”

Doug Schlagle, the director of Construction and Quality Assurance, said all of the joints that hold together the stones making up the mosaic were removed and replaced, and the entire tower received light pressure washing. “Touchdown Jesus” will not need maintenance for another 15-20 years after this project is completed, he said.

The last time the mural was refurbished was in the summer of 1994. Current maintenance is expected to be finished sometime in September.

Building the Compton Family Ice Arena was a project that started last year, continued over the summer and is on schedule for completion in October. The arena will become the new home for the hockey team.

“We wanted two things: a long-term solution for the needs of the hockey players and a place that was accessible and well utilized by both the campus, local and regional community.” Senior Associate Athletic Director Tom Nevala said.

One of the major differences between this new arena and the previously used arena in the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center is two different ice rinks. One rink is even Olympic size, Marsh said. “There will be a weight room in the arena for use by any varsity athletic team, as well as cardio equipment and more hockey specific training,” Nevala said.

The Compton Family Ice Arena will also hold 5,000 seats. “There will also be more standing room capability to meet the demands of the community,” Nevala said. “Student seating capacity has also risen from 600 to 1,100 seats.”

As students return to campus, they will see a new project breaking ground. South of the Mendoza College of Business, construction of the Stayer Center for Executive Education began last month.

According to a 2008 University press release, the building’s construction is funded by a $20 million gift by Ralph Stayer, a 1965 University graduate and CEO of Johnsonville Sausages.

Marsh said the construction is on target for completion in the spring of 2013.

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nearby clinic.

“We woke up at 6:30 a.m., had toast for breakfast, would walk 20 minutes to school and begin teaching at 8:30 a.m.,” he said.

“We’d wake home for lunch and then take a bus to work at the clinic until it closed.”

The area Watthen stayed in, while semi-urban, was still rural.

“People grow their own food, and our dinners — chicken and goats — were running around the yard,” he said.

“It was really green since we were at the source of the food and the corner of Lake Victoria.”

Adjusting to the region was easier because of the hospitality of its people, Watthen said. The native’s attitude taught him the most during his stay.

“You don’t need a lot of things to be happy. You just need applicative for what they had and were extremely happy we were there,” Watthen said.

“It put a lot of things into perspective.”

Senior David Ulery traveled to Klerksdorp, South Africa, as part of a six-week ISSLP. Ulery volunteered with the Missionaries of Charity religious order, founded by Mother Teresa.

He taught orphans like a 10-year-old boy named Binoy, who was able to recognize English words and numbers by the end of Ulery’s time there.

“They would teach for maybe two hours a day. The other four or five hours we’d interact with the other boys who had different mental and physical abilities,” Ulery said.

“We would play games, do physical therapy or dance. We had some fun dance parties.”

While the progress made with Binoy was rewarding, Ulery struggled with the poverty he saw on the streets.

“The poverty is very real — suffering, starvation and death happen. They need help because people leave them alone in the world,” he said.

“In India, a lot of them are abandoned.”

Junior Ellen Carroll dealt with a different form of suffering during her internship at the Yonkers Branch of the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office in New York City. The most challenging part of the job, rather than the actual work, was handling the subject matter of domestic violence and abuse, she said.

“I hadn’t realized many of the victims were repeat cases. A woman would be with a man 10 years, press him for charges and take it back,” she said. “The case would be dropped and would often just happen again.”

However, successfully ending victims’ abuse under the law made this work worthwhile, she said. Carroll said her observations, both good and bad, have helped direct her future plans.

“I learned I wasn’t qualified yet to save all of these victims of crime, but I felt like I got a better idea of what I want to do,” she said.

“I might want to work for a judge next summer, so slightly more fast-paced, or intern with the FBI or DEA.”

All agreed their experiences have helped them decide what paths they might pursue in the future.

For Hendricks, this might mean returning to South Africa to experience more of the Xhosa culture. Watthen and Ulery found passion in providing medical aid to countries with a severe shortage of doctors.

Ulery said attitude and openness are paramount to effectively serving, as well as gaining the most out of the experience.

“You have to be excited about what you’re doing and fill your service with enthusiasm. The energy you put in equals what you’re doing and fill your service with enthusiasm. The energy you put in equals what you get back from it,” he said.

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Melissa Brown told police at the scene that her husband became upset with her earlier in the day and threatened her while he had a handgun in his pocket. Police reports state when she tried to flee, Corwin Brown refused to let her leave. The family’s three children fled from the home as police arrived on the scene, but police said Melissa Brown was still in the home at the time. The children were uninjured.

A SWAT team negotiated with Corwin Brown during the standoff because he was armed with a weapon. According to the report, Corwin Brown struggled with his wife when she tried to take the handgun from him, and the weapon accidentally discharged. Corwin Brown allowed his wife to leave, the report stated. She suffered minor bruising and swelling on her forehead.

Officers continued to negotiate with the former defensive coordinator during the seven-hour standoff, and the report stated several gunshot wounds were heard before Corwin Brown exited the home after 7 p.m. He suffered from a self-inflicted wound in his side, police said.

Corwin Brown was treated at Memorial Hospital for his wound and is currently being held in a secured medical facility, according to St. Joseph County police. A court date has not been set to address his charges.

Brown was a member of the Notre Dame football staff from 2007 to 2009. He then served as a defensive backs coach with the New England Patriots during the 2010 season, but he was relieved of his duties on the team in February.

“Corwin’s many friends at Notre Dame have him, Melissa and their children in our prayers during this difficult time,” University spokesman Dennis Brown said. Contact Megan Doyle at mdoyle11@nd.edu

LIBYA

Libyan rebels kill loyalist troops in Tripoli, invade city center

Associated Press

TRIPOLI — Hundreds of Libyan rebels stormed Moammar Gadhafi’s compound Tuesday, charging wildly off a statue of the besieged dictator. They killed loyalist troops, took a guard at the compound, and now all of that meant one thing: they had found the man himself.

Gadhafi’s power, marked the effective collapse of his 42-year-old regime. But with Gadhafi and his powerful sons now hiding underground, and with hundreds of fighters storming the Bab al-Aziziya, the nerve center for the crumbling regime as they killed loyalist troops, hostilities continued.

The storming of Bab al-Aziziya, long the nexus of Gadhafi’s power, marked the effective collapse of his 42-year-old regime. But with Gadhafi and his powerful sons still unaccounted for — and gunbattles flaring across the nervous city — the fighters cannot declare victory.

Hours after the battle erupted, a pro-Gadhafi TV channel quoted the Libyan leader as saying he retreated from his compound after fighting for the "V" for victory sign. Others carried injured rebels to ambulances. Rebels chanted "Allahu akbar" or "God is great" and on loudspeakers they cried: "Al-Hamdullilah," or "Thank God.""As the fighters stormed in, they captured a guard at the gates and threw him to the ground, slamming rifle butts into his back. A hostile crowd turned it to rubble. Al-Rai TV said Wednesday it would air the comments in full and report an excerpt in which Gadhafi vowed his forces would resist "the aggression with all strength" until either victory or death.

His government’s chief spokesman also managed to promise “we will be back to take Tripoli back.”

The rebel force entered the compound after fighting for five hours with Gadhafi loyalists outside, using mortars, heavy machine guns and anti-aircraft guns. They killed some of those who defended the compound and hauled off thousands of rifles, crates of weapons and trucks with guns mounted on the back in a frenzy of looting.

“We’re looking for Gadhafi now. We have to find him now,” said Sohaib Nefati, a rebel sitting against a wall with a Kalashnikov rifle.

Abdel-Aziz Shafiya, a 19-year-old rebel dressed in camouflage with a rocket-propelled grenade slung over one shoulder and a Kalashnikov over the other, said the rebels believed Gadhafi was inside the compound but hiding underground.

“Wasn’t he the one who called us rats? Now he is the rat underground,” he said.

Shafiya said he felt “an explosion of joy” to be standing inside Gadhafi’s stronghold in the capital after a lightning-quick rebel advance. He had left the rebel-held western city of Misrata just two days earlier.

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I spent last fall as a teaching assistant in Medical Ethics. I was responsible for leading two discussion sections every Friday. My students taught me a great deal — though not what I expected.

After one discussion, I worried that, in teaching my students certain moral debates — in preparation for evaluation, for example, the very best pro-life and pro-choice arguments — I had corrupted my students, had injected enough uncertainty into their principles such that, at a critical moment, they would do precisely the wrong thing, whereas, if I had just left them to their naive, the wrong thing would have struck them as unthinkable. That the decisions we debated — abortion, euthanasia and so on — are often made in confusing and deeply imprecise circumstances only compounded my worry.

Imagine for a moment that the debates in Medical Ethics really have the importance that we tell our students they do. Imagine, for example, that abortion really is murder — and thus, that it is evil to seek it. And consider cent of the students — young, passionate, and impressionable: her parents, simple but principled, taught her that abortion is an abomination, the murder of a child, before sending her off to college to learn the truth of the world. She is a biology major and will one day go to medical school — and so she registers for Medical Ethics, where she hears any number of pro-life arguments that her parents had never taught her. These arguments shock her confidence: she remembers the principles that she learned as a child, but she no longer knows what to believe — not, anyway, in her heart of hearts. And now imagine that, as a doctor, she is asked by her patient to authorize an abortion. She is, predictably, full of apprehension. She is, therefore, sorely tempted to deny her patient. It is now that the arguments that she learned in Medical Ethics are at their most damaging, for they can serve to weaken her resolve: if the best philosophers cannot agree that it is permissible, they think, who can blame her for withholding abortion? After all, she heard some pretty convincing arguments that it is murder! And so she violates the human rights of her patient — something she would not have done had I not taught her so well.

Perhaps neither of these situations is particularly plausible. But more plausible, I think, is a third: imagine again that abortion is murder, and is, therefore, sorely tempted to abort her child. It is now that the arguments that she learned in Medical Ethics are at their most dangerous, for they can serve only to weaken her resolve: if the best philosophers cannot agree that it is evil to seek it, they might think in a moment of rage, who can blame them for murdering. After all, they heard some pretty convincing arguments that it is fine! Of rage, who can blame them for murder? An education in virtue requires the assumption that certain options are unthinkable. Students sometimes concluded that murder is permissible, or even a human right — could only serve to weaken their resolve: if the best philosophers cannot agree that murder is wrong, they might think in a moment of rage, who can blame them for murdering? Of rage, who can blame them for murder?

This, then, is my fear. When I voiced it to a fellow graduate student, he reassured me that, “students do not listen to us anyway.” Which may well be true. But it is better not to take the chance if the stakes are as high as we take them to be — if, for example, abortion really is murder.

Consider a parallel case: we teach our children, before we send them off to college, that murder is wrong. We would never allow them to take, much less demand that they take, a course that would seriously question this — that would, so to speak, look at both sides of the murder debate. What would be the point? Even if some course did not manipulate them into the pro-death camp, presenting that camp as though it were a legitimate option — as though intelligent and responsible, students sometimes concluded that murder is permissible, or even a human right — could only serve to weaken their resolve: if the best philosophers cannot agree that murder is wrong, they might think in a moment of rage, who can blame them for murdering? Of rage, who can blame them for murder? An education in virtue requires the assumption that certain options are unthinkable. Students sometimes concluded that murder is permissible, or even a human right — could only serve to weaken their resolve: if the best philosophers cannot agree that murder is wrong, they might think in a moment of rage, who can blame them for murdering? Of rage, who can blame them for murder?

This issue marks the second issue in The Observer’s 45th year. Yes, The Observer is older than many of your professors. You would think by now we would be a polished, well-oiled opera-

Douglas Farmer
Editor-in-Chief

Changes ahead

This is only our 14th year down here, in the world. And that’s a big mistake.

Frank Wilczek
U.S. physicist

Wednesday, August 24, 2011
Department of Education gets it right

Our View: The Department of Education has stepped up enforcement of its sexual assault policies for universities. It's about time.

In April, the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights sent a letter to university officials across the country, clarifying the requirements of current gender non-discrimination laws in response to universities' sexual assault policies. This letter did not change the existing policy; it simply explained exactly how they expected the policy to be applied. Some universities scrambled to make changes to bring their aging sexual assault policies in line with these expectations.

The points in this letter, and the policy changes inspired by them, have since come under fire. The Department of Education has stepped up enforcement. Universities are doing the long- overdue right thing, and it's unfortunate that commentators have taken this as an opportunity to attack those universities and the department.

These policies require universities to inform victims of their rights and to educate faculty, staff and students about prevention and reporting. They mandate that the system be in place, and readily accessible, for pursuing administrative proceedings against accused attackers. These are incredibly important features, and ones that should not be taken for granted. If there are problems with specific features of the policy, surely we can find better ways to discuss them than by taking aim at the entire list of essential and beneficial requirements.

We're proud of Oklahoma's recent changes to the statute of limitations on sexual assault. It's a move that strengthens the university's own sexual assault policy and shows OU's commitment to preventing sexual violence. It's about time the rest of the nation's universities caught up.

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Subsidized student loans must stay

The facts: On Aug. 2, the Senate gave the final approval to raise the national debt limit by $2.4 trillion. The rise of the debt ceiling prevented a sudden jump in student loan interest rates, but lawmakers considered other measures, including removing subsidized student loans.

Our opinion: The raising of the debt ceiling and its potential consequences will be detrimental to students with financial aid or those already accruing massive student loans.

The increase of the debt ceiling was a controversial compromise that prevented a federal default but opened the door to further economic issues. One segment affected by the raise is federal and bank loans — particularly student loans. The specific effects to student university loans as a result of the debt ceiling are uncertain but deeply troubling, and lawmakers should make sure to maintain subsidized student loans throughout the debt crisis.

Tuition rose by 6.5 percent this academic year, and several reductions have already been made to available student financial aid. Paying for college has become an increasingly difficult task even for those deemed able to pay without financial aid or student loans.

Student loans traditionally took the form of subsidized loans, meaning that students could take loans without interest during the time that they were in school. Lawmakers are now considering revoking subsidized student loans, which would mean that students would have to pay interest while still in school.

The rise of the debt ceiling also means the government will be less likely to support banks providing student loans, which means that banks will be far more selective about their loans. Currently, when students are unable to pay back student loans on time, banks receive their money from the government and students must then reimburse the government. If the government fails to back banks, they will be far more reluctant to hand out loans.

All of these consequences suggest that students’ futures will be negatively impacted if lawmakers do away with subsidized loans. With the current debt crisis it is inevitable that certain cuts and revisions will have to be made to a variety of programs. However, the availability of subsidized student loans is a component of financial aid that should not be altered.

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By MAIJA GUSTIN
Scene Editor

B1 Block Party
The annual B1 Block Party opened its doors to Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students for the first time two years ago and has proven to be the perfect way to open a new school year. Held in the B1 parking lot, the Legends-sponsored concert begins at 5:30 p.m. this Saturday. Last year, Guster wowed the crowd. In the latest installment, popular disc jockey and mash-up artist Girl Talk will take the stage to get the students-only crowd jumping. With free food, a host of activities and live music all night long, the B1 Block Party is sure to get the year started in style.

Football Season
It’s been far too long since the 2010 football season. In an exciting year of football, Brian Kelly changed the face of the Fighting Irish. Notre Dame took down rival USC on their home turf and the student body stormed the field after defeating No. 15 Utah in the last home game of the season. On Saturday, Sept. 3, the No. 16 Irish return to the stadium against South Florida to kick off an exciting year of football. The season’s schedule features both old rivalries and fresh opponents and will be marked by the first home night game at Notre Dame Stadium in over 20 years when the Irish take on USC.

Women’s Soccer
Last season was a good time to be a Notre Dame women’s soccer fan. The Irish took down the undefeated Stanford team in the College Cup final to win the championship. This year, the No. 1 Irish return to defend their title and have already defeated Wisconsin in their home opener. Head out to Alumni Stadium to watch them play through the competition.

Hockey
Notre Dame hockey has a new home this year at the Compton Family Ice Arena. Hockey games are free for students and known for an atmosphere of chanting, cheering and lively crowds. The Irish made it to the Final Four last year, but were knocked out by Minnesota Duluth. Check out the new

Legends Trivia
Legends Trivia is beloved by many, but overlooked by many more. Every Thursday night, head to Legends at 9 p.m. for some trivia that will surely test even your Notre Dame education. Grab a group of friends and compete for prizes, from cash in $100 T-shirts. For those of legal age, Legends also has drink specials to accompany the rowdy trivia crowd. But don’t be late — trivia always fills up fast.

Senior Marshmallow Fight
This year, the highlight of the Irish football season will hopefully be an impressive record and a strong presence, and an even stronger possession of the ball on the field. But just in case that doesn’t excite you enough, don’t forget that the last home game, which will be against Boston College, features the infamous senior marshmallow fight. Watch the seniors vent their job-hunting frustration by pelting marshmallows at one another during halftime. And this year, there is an extra reason to look forward to this historic tradition — peruse your local grocery store and you’ll see they now sell bags of jumbo marshmallows at least twice the size of regular ones. Play a game with your friends and see who can catch the most stray marshmallows in his or her mouth.

Urban Outfitters
Eddy Street has steadily grown and improved since stores started moving in a few years ago. Now the street is set to get a little trendier when Urban Outfitters moves in. There seems to be no downside to being in close proximity to the clothing giant, except maybe for your wallet.

DPAC’s Midnight Movies
In an impressive line-up of films at the Dell’Arte Performing Arts Center this year, perhaps the most exciting is the Midnight Movies series. This film series, as the title would suggest, offers cult classics and new favorites at midnight in the Browning Cinema. Highlights will include the famous-comedians-before-they-were-famous classic “Wet Hot American Summer,” David Guest mockumentary “This Is Spinal Tap,” cult comedy favorite “Monty Python and the Holy Grail” and the movie that college students tend to love, “Superbad.” These movies are scattered throughout the semester and tickets are only $3 for students.

Blue Man Group
South Bend is about to get one of the hottest tickets in town next spring when Blue Man Group hits the Morris Performing Arts Center. The popular live music show, featuring those bald, blue men and their makeshift instruments will be in downtown South Bend for a weekend in April. Tickets go on sale for the five performances Monday Aug. 29, so be sure to get your tickets — they will likely go fast.

Dorm Events
A year at Notre Dame isn’t complete without participating in some of campus’ beloved dorm events. While some may be cheesy and others just plain absurd, they are always fun and a great way to spend a day bonding with your fellow students.

SYRs
Another Notre Dame tradition, be sure to grab that special someone and drag them to your dorm dance — be it the classy Dome Dance or your favorite themed event. Or you can take the name seriously and “set-up your roommate” to get a good laugh or see if sparks fly.

Brothers Bar and Grill
Brothers is a staple at many college campuses, like the University of Wisconsin and Indiana University. Now the popular bar is settling in at Eddy Street. Set to open in October, Brothers is sure to join O’Donnell’s as a new fixture for Notre Dame students looking for a fun night out.

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FASHION

by Felicia Caponigri

Well dearest fashionistas, it's that time of the year again. And as we tearfully say goodbye to summer with its intoxicating adventures and the minds to the goals and ambitions we have set for ourselves, one important question still remains: What are we going to wear? Like any one of us, women of ambition and sophistication, we have evolved over the summer. We have learned new languages, traveled to far off non-English speaking countries where we found fashion accessories the key to bartering for a coveted bottle of water (long story involving large hand gestures, Oscar-worthy acting and loud bohemian prints ... inquire at your leisure). We’ve created bonfires of our old selves and Bonjour to the new psyche we aim to create in the near future wardrobe we know to be part of our destiny after graduation (Darling Dior!)

For the petite among us, this elongation can either be achieved by using your heels or by using the top of your ankle bone, whether elongate your leg or abbreviate it. There is nothing more visually unappealing than unnecessary part of a finished wardrobe. There is nothing more visually snap-pealing than observing a pair of pants that does not fit its owner properly. Pants should never be too baggy or too tight, too long or too short. Leki as the fit through the hip area is crucially important, so is the length of the pant, which can either elongate your leg or abbreviate it. The classic trouser leg should end at the top of your ankle bone, whether you wear them with flats or heels.

For the petite among us, this elongates our gams, while the already statuesque remain in their goddess-like atmosphere. Do not be afraid to take your pants to a talented tailor for a good hemming (I, myself, am a huge fan of the lovely seamstress at our very own St. Michael’s Laundry). Frayed edges and street blackened pant ends will only frighten those dresses and tops you’re neighboring your pants in that sacred closet space.

In terms of color, the brighter the better. Italy has always been a fan of bright red (even on men), while trendy Londoners proclaim their groove in bright blues. The Spanish love classic sunset colors: orange, golden yellows and even green. Pair your bright pants with a classic oxford shirt to mellow the effect, or a wild print to call the spirits of bohemia to you. Use the pants’ color as a springboard for accessory matching: pair bright red pants with gold sandals and a gold bag, green pants with black sandals and your fabulous school satchel. Think of your bright pants as a modern armor to suavize that has evolved into your academic armor. As you step into that classroom, you’ll have your own source of inspirational light.

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The Bard & his plays

hit campus this week

By CLAIRE STEPHENS Scene Writer

One of Shakespeare’s many famous plays, the provocative comedy “The Merchant of Venice,” comes to life on Notre Dame’s campus at The Shakespeare Festival, the featured production of the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival. “The Merchant of Venice” follows Venetian merchant Bassanio on his quest for the hand of Portia, a wealthy heiress. When plans go awry and money problems surface, betrayal and blind anger face off against a cry for compassion and a clever young lawyer in disguise. Known for its controversial anti-Semitic themes, the play also deals with the power of love and a search for acceptance. The impressive acting, tremendous set, breathtaking scenery and colorful costumes create Shakespeare’s tale anew for a 21st century audience. Director David Bell’s adaption of “The Merchant of Venice” challenges the audience to determine what is most important: vengeance, mercy, understanding, belonging, loyalty, love.

The play showcases an impressive array of Notre Dame talent. Film, Television and Theater faculty members Marcus Stephens and Richard Donnelly designed the set and costumes, respectively. Young Company interns include Alex Goldklang, responsible for original music and music direction, and Brian Davenport, a member of the cast. The cast includes equity actors, community actors and Young Company actors alike.

This year’s Shakespeare Festival also included performances by the Young Company. Young Company members, made up of students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, receive training in voice and speech, stage combat, production management and set and costume construction. They work with nationally and internationally renowned professionals in the Mainstage production as well as a show specially produced for them. This year, Young Company performed “As You Like It” in the Festival. These free, outdoor performances began in mid-July at locations all around the South Bend community. The final performance was Monday in front of the Golden Dome.

The Shakespeare Festival also includes ShakeScenes, one of the most popular events. ShakeScenes consists of collected scenes from Shakespeare’s works performed by actors from the community. These local actors put their unique spin on the works in 10-minute scenes. Through this unique company, area actors and directors have the opportunity to immerse themselves in playing Shakespeare, according to the Festival website.

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On campus

What: “The Merchant of Venice”
Where: Decio Mainstage Theater, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
When: Wednesday - Sunday
How much: $25-35 adults, $12-15 students
Learn more: performingarts.nd.edu
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning's goals remain the same. It's the Colts' short-term focus that has changed. Instead of using the presea- son to fine-tune their high- scoring offense, they are still working to get healthy enough to make a dif- ference — and perhaps make Indianapolis' Super Bowl hopes come true.

"You understand why it's being hyped up, but it's so far away it doesn't even feel like it's this year's event," said kicker Adam Vinatieri, who already owns four NFL Super Bowl rings.

The muted reaction inside Indy's locker room is under- stood given the team's recent run of success. It has won seven of the last eight AFC South titles, tied the NFL record with nine straight playoff appearances, but has Super Bowl victories as the only team other than Indy to win the South title.

After reeling off 23 straight wins between 2008 and 2009, the Colts haven't topped 4.0 yards per carry since Indy's only Super Bowl victory in 2006.

"As tough as it is out here (at training camp), when things come together that's really when you want to see guys step for- ward," Pro Bowl tackle Ryan Lilja said Saturday. "That's what we'll see over the next few weeks. It's also when things will really get tough.

Houston believes its ready to destroy the Colts' division- domi- nance. Jacksonville nearly did last year; and Tennessee has signed Matt Hasselbeck to reju- venate the only team other than Indy to win the South title.

With or without the only four-time MVP in league histo- ry, Colts fans still have one wish seeing their team playing at Lucas Oil Stadium in February.

"We've not talked about that at all," Vinatieri said. "You know there's going to be hype and how excited the city is about it. You see the mayor on TV every other day talking about it and you get that. But from the football side of it, we haven't even looked gotten past the presea- son yet. We can't allow yourself to think about that right now."

Manning injury complicates upcoming season

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — After years of being shuffled between the rota- tion and the bullpen, if the timing is right, Simon wants to prove he deserves a career-high eight.

"I can be a starter, no matter what. Either way, I can be a starter, but sometimes something hap- pens and we have to handle it like that," Simon said. "I'm a power pitcher. I have four pitches." Simon drained 17 batters he faced and didn't give up a hit after Kyle Hughes' dou- ble in the third inning.

After going 63 games without holding an opponent to one run or less, Baltimore has held Minnesota to two runs in the series with a combination of Zach Britton's 4-1 win and personal rivalries Baltimore, New England, Pittsburgh And San Diego.

Simon leads Baltimore to 8-1 victory over Minnesota
NASCAR

Speeding ticket results in lost license for Busch

Associated Press

STATESVILLE, N.C. — NASCAR points leader Kyle Busch lost his driver’s license for 45 days on Tuesday for driving 128 mph on a road close to a day-care center and church in a nearly $400,000 car. His lawyer said his client was not treated “like any other citizen.”

Busch, who doesn’t need a license to compete in NASCAR, also was fined $1,000, sentenced to 30 hours of community service and put on one year of unsupervised probation. He pleaded guilty to speeding and no contest to reckless and careless driving in North Carolina District Court in Iredell County.

Busch addressed the court before his sentencing by District Court Judge H. Thomas Church, apologizing again for driving 128 mph in a 45 mph zone in a bright yellow 2012 Lexus on May 24.

“I think you’ll be different in the future,” Church said.

“I sure will, your honor,” Busch replied.

Busch attorney Cliff Homesley argued that his client wasn’t being treated the same as other people in similar circumstances, citing a July case of a 21-year-old convicted felon who was caught doing 128 mph and received a $300 fine and no loss of license.

“In 25 years of practicing law I’ve never seen someone not being offered better than this,” Homesley argued before the court. “All I am asking is to treat Kyle Busch like any other citizen that appears before the court.”

Homesley, calling Busch one of the best drivers in the world, said: “He had full control of that vehicle at all times. That automobile in his hands was like a scalpel in the hands of a surgeon. Not a knife in the hands of a 5-year-old.”

Busch is coming off his Sprint Cup series-best fourth victory at Michigan on Sunday, and he holds a 10-point lead over five-time defending NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson in the standings. His next scheduled race is Wednesday’s Trucks Series event at Bristol, where he’s won the last five races spanning NASCAR’s top three national series.
Class of 2015

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Thursday, August 25, 2011
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Begins at the Basilica and concludes at the Grotto
CHICAGO — Clearly, Jay Cutler is trying to lead the Chicago Bears. He acted as the de facto coach, organizing offseason workouts for the offense while the lockout lingered on, and he was the first to show up for training camp, too.

How far he can take the Bears, though, is the main question, and the answer largely hinges not on the quarterback but on the rest of the cast.

There’s that revamped offensive line with six-time Pro Bowl center Olin Kreutz gone. There’s Roy Williams, hoping he can revive his career and boost the receiving corps. There’s a new look at tight end, with Greg Olsen gone and blocker Matt Spaeth in. The mix at running back now includes Marion Barber and Adam Podlesh has replaced Brad Maynard at punter.

There are even a few uncertainties on defense, where Julius Peppers, Brian Urlacher and Lance Briggs are ready to wreak havoc again. For all that, though, the Bears have most of their core intact after winning the NFC North at 11-5 and coming within a victory of the Super Bowl last season.

After that unexpected and difficult run to the conference championship game, they’re looking for more, and it starts with the quarterback.

“We are expecting a lot from him, but just not Jay,” coach Lovie Smith said. “That’s the thing I’m excited about. We have a lot of weapons to go to. Our offense has gone through a facelift and I like the way we look right now.”

The last time the Bears played a meaningful game, Cutler spent most of the second half on the sideline with a sprained ligament in his left knee and watched as the Bears lost to Green Bay in the conference championship game. As if that weren’t painful enough, he got called out on Twitter by several current and former players who questioned his toughness.

It’s a new day now, a new season.

Cutler’s knee is fine. There are more pressing concerns at the moment, and at the top of the list is this: Will he stay on his feet?

The beating he took last season was well documented. Who can forget that concussion-inducing nine-sack first half against the New York Giants at the Meadowlands in early October in which he at one point started wandering toward the wrong sideline?

Cutler ranked around the middle of the pack in yards passing (3,274) and completion percentage (60.4), but the number that stands out is 52. That’s how many times he got sacked because of poor protection and unbalanced play-calling, particularly in the early going.

Injuries and poor play forced the Bears to go with four different lineups the first seven weeks, and they stumbled into their bye at 4-3. Then, they turned things around. They settled on a rotation in the trenches and committed more to the run, with Cutler getting sacked 25 times the rest of the way and Matt Forte winding up with 1,069 yards rushing.

Now, Kreutz is gone after a messy contract negotiation, creating a leadership void even if he was no longer at his physical peak. The Bears are going with Roberto Garza at center after moving him from right guard rather than starting newcomer Chris Spencer. Chicago also drafted Gabe Carimi in the first round, but a unit that ranked dead last in the league last season remains a huge question mark even if the players and coaches insist they’re in a much better spot this year.

“I’m more encouraged than I was at this point last year when we were playing musical lines, you know,” line coach Mike Tice said.

There are other unknowns, too.

A big one is whether Williams can rediscover the form that made him a Pro Bowl receiver under offensive coordinator Mike Martz in Detroit. He’s seeking some redemption after 2½ disappointing seasons in Dallas.

“Joe is going to be dynamic for us,” Cutler said. “He is going to be good. He is very steady, very consistent in his routes. You know where he’s going to be. He knows the offense.”

With Williams going deep and Spaeth at tight end, the offense could have more of a Martz feel to it. That doesn’t necessarily mean “The Greatest Show On Sod” will be playing at Soldier Field, but the Bears might try to open up their offense more — if the blocking holds up.
Be the change you wish to see in the world. —Gandhi

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showing the fans that even though this game only qualifies as an exhibition game, both teams showed up with winning on the agenda.

No. 6 Creighton netted the game’s first goal in the 33rd minute off of a penalty kick from a sliding challenge by Irish senior goalkeeper Will Walsh on the edge of the goal box. Eleven minutes later, Irish sophomore midfielder Harrison Shipp drew a penalty kick off of his own when he was taken down at the top of the Blue Jays’ box. Senior midfielder Brendan King rolled in the free kick for the Irish to even the score at 1-1.

The teams remained knotted at one deep into the second half, but the No. 9 Irish struggled to maintain possession and generate scoring opportunities.

“I was happy with the way we played for most of the first half, but the second half I felt that they stepped up the pressure and we struggled a little bit just to connect passes,” Clark said.

The Irish also struggled in the shooting aspect of the game. They trailed Creighton in shots taken 6-2 at the half, and 11-5 for the game.

“Still it’s preseason,” senior defender Aaron Maund said.

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“It’s still preseason,” senior defender Aaron Maund said. “We’re still trying to figure some things out, things will open up. [Creighton] is a great defensive team, they had good pressure. We’re going to figure it out.”

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“It’s good to test yourself there,” Clark said. “I think we’ve come in very fit, but at the same time, you need games. You can do all the run- ning on the track but until you play actual games, it’s very difficult to get actual game fit- ness.”

The proceeds from Monday’s game were donated to Grassroots Soccer, an organi- zation started by Clark’s son, Thomas, as a project in med- ical school.

“(Thomas) wanted to use soccer to educate young Africans about HIV,” Clark said.

The promotion managed to bring enough fans into the stands to catch the eye of Clark, who hopes that all the Irish home games will be as well-attended as the first.

“I hope the fans enjoyed it, they got to see four goals, so that’s always nice,” he said.

Next, the Irish welcome No. 12 Indiana for their first game of the season. Kickoff against the Hoosiers is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Alumni Stadium.

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between eight wins this fall and 10 — or even more. That argument was not about which quarterback could throw for 350 yards in a game. Frankly, with this receiving corps, either gunslinger could have put up eye-popping stats, but that's not the point.

Nor was this battle about which quarterback understood the offense better, or who had better chemistry with offensive line. Crist and Rees both grasp the complex Kelly schemes, and both are on the same page with their protection. That isn't going to make the difference on the depth chart. This wasn’t even about who could most effectively make the basic, simple passes that make up the heart of Kelly’s offense. Both quarterbacks are eminently capable of completing a swing pass to wide receiver Theo Riddick, a standard out route to tight end Tyler Eifert or a quick slant to wide receiver Michael Floyd. These are not the plays that separated Crist and Rees.

This decision is really important on a few less obvious levels — but those are the times that mean the difference between a decent season and a great one. What are those times?

Third-and-10 in the fourth quarter of a tie game in Ann Arbor Sept. 10. Fourth-and-4 at midfield with two minutes left, down one possession to USC. First-and-goal to win at Stanford, with a BCS berth on the line.

These are the situations in which Crist will be called on to make a play. Maybe it’s a pinpoint 12-yard out route across the field to Eifert. Perhaps it’s a rollout “go” route to Floyd. Whatever it is, in those situations, Crist is the guy. He’s got more arm strength, more rapport with his receivers and more innate talent to make a play out of nothing. These times will rarely show up, but when they do, they will be the line between a triumphant win in Michigan Stadium and a heartbreaking loss.

Rees will indeed keep pushing Crist. But when the rubber meets the road, Crist has a little more raw talent in him. In nearly hopeless situations, he creates just a little more room for hope. And in what was a neck-and-neck race for eight months, that makes all the difference.

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last spring following a patellar ligament injury to the knee in October against Tulsa. In his sophomore season, Crist tore the ACL as well.

“He has to play the game the way it comes to him,” Kelly said. “One of the things he did in camp was show great escapability. After two knee surgeries, he moved well, he was able to extend plays. We couldn’t have somebody that couldn’t extend plays in our offensive system, and he was able to do that.”

Kelly informed Crist and Rees of the decision during one-on-one meetings with each quarterback Monday. While physical attributes played a significant role in the decision, Kelly said subjective factors ultimately led him to choose Crist.

“I would say quite frankly and quite honestly, [Crist] is the kind of guy I want to coach,” Kelly said. “He’s tougher mentally. He believes in himself in that leadership position in the way I want our quarterbacks to handle it. We have great confidence in his ability to lead our football team to a championship.”

In addition to recovering from multiple knee surgeries and a torn ACL, Crist credits Kelly for overcoming a spring season that neither coach nor quarterback were particularly pleased with. Crist finished five of 10 through the air for 34 passing yards in the annual Blue-Gold scrimmage April 16.

Nevertheless, the senior maintained a strong work ethic over the summer, allowing him to secure the starting job.

“I’ve always tried to keep a positive mindset, and I know I’m confident of my abilities, but at the same time I wasn’t the one making the decision. Coach Kelly is,” Crist said. “So until I heard it from his lips, there was always this level of uncertainty. I just tried to keep a positive mindset throughout the duration of camp, and throughout the competition.”

Notre Dame quarterback emerged as a favorite heading into training camp, but Rees’ 4-1 record as a starter including a 33-17 victory over Miami in the Sun Bowl, made him the unquestioned incumbent. Kelly said Rees’ performance since the end of the 2010 season made the decision particularly difficult, but one the head coach looked forward to making.

Tommy Rees will be prepared to step in if he’s called on,” Kelly said. “Obviously, the guy that doesn’t get the starting nod is disappointed, and [I] wouldn’t have wanted a response any other way. Tommy also knows what he’s capable of doing too. Tommy’s a much better quarterback than he was last year.”

Kelly reaffirmed that while Crist is the intended starter for each game of the season, certain packages will incorporate Rees, sophomore Andrew Hendrix and freshman Everett Golson.

Although relieved by a sense of security at his position, Crist said he will look to Rees to continue pushing him throughout the season.

“We talked pretty soon after [Kelly’s decision]. We all met at pretty similar times. I told him, ‘I need you to keep pushing me. I think honestly you have made me a better quarterback,’” Crist said.

“Crist threw for 2,033 yards and 15 touchdowns last season before rupturing his patella tendon. The senior said he doesn’t foresee any challenges leading the Irish offense, citing increased familiarity with Kelly and his system. “It really just comes with experience,” Crist said. “Now, coming into year two, I understand how he likes to coach. He understands what gets me going, what pushes me, what doesn’t. That relationship is definitely growing, we’ve seen it grow together. Obviously, there is a ton more room for growth and [it] will continue to grow and evolve.”

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Kubinski did a great job at trying to keep it, switching the field and changing it up. I think we have a lot of work to do, but at the same time we are really progressing and getting better at it.

Just over 15 minutes into the second half, Irish senior midfielder Molly Campbell crossed the ball to an isolated Henderson, who headed the ball into the net. The goal sent the crowd of over 1,700 into a frenzy as the Irish were able to capitalize on a rare mistake by Wisconsin’s defense.

Waldrum was not thoroughly pleased with his team’s overall shot selection.

“I think the one thing we’ve got to continue to work on is we probably missed a few scoring opportunities that we could have won a little easier than we did,” Waldrum said. “We’ve got to get better at finishing those chances because you’re only going to get a few against good teams.

Not to take anything away from Wisconsin, but we had enough good chances to win by more than 2-0 today.”

The Irish have never lost when Henderson records a goal or an assist. Quick to shy away from the spotlight, Henderson said despite being double and triple-teamed, she is equally as talented as her teammates on the field.

“Mel’s got to get used to that because everybody knows her in the country. She is that player of the year in all that preseason balloting, but I think she’s been watched closely over the last couple years here,” Waldrum said. “I don’t think it’s anything new to her, but I do think you need somebody stepping in and scoring goals.

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Crist Chosen

By CHRIS MASoud
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Irish coach Brian Kelly removed any uncertainty regarding the quarterback position by naming Dayne Crist as the starter against South Florida in a press conference Tuesday afternoon.

Crist battled sophomore Tommy Rees throughout training camp to earn the nod from Kelly.

“We named a starting quarterback, and that will be Dayne Crist, who will start for us against the University of South Florida,” Kelly said.

“Both of those young men, Dayne and Tommy Rees, had a great battle for that starting position, but Dayne will be our starter, and I expect him to be our starter for 15 weeks.

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Crist was not the presumptive starter, but the fact that he won the job could be the difference in QB race

ND Women's Soccer

Notre Dame opens season with win over Wisconsin

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

Junior goalkeeper Maddie Fox gathered three saves in her first collegiate start for the Irish, giving the defending national champions a defensive advantage in their 2-0 shutout over Wisconsin Friday at Notre Dame's Alumni Stadium.

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Notre Dame came out and controlled the ball for the majority of the second half, barely surpassing a team goal of 400 passes per game with 401, and limiting the Badgers to just 103 passes.

“I think we had the upper hand when you're against a team that drops off continuously, but you have to just continually run at them,” Henderson said. “I think we saw that in this game.”

Men's Soccer

Final exhibition ends in tie

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

In front of a packed house at Alumni Stadium, Notre Dame's final exhibition game of the season against Creighton ended in a 2-2 tie.

Though the result of the game will not follow either team into its official season, the contest contained all the competition and drama normally reserved for regular season games.

“Although it doesn’t really matter. It always matters,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

Competitive play from both teams resulted in a combined three yellow cards, including two in the opening 30 minutes of the game.

Irish senior midfielder Brendan King looks for the ball in Monday's 2-2 draw against Creighton in Alumni Stadium.

Irish among Big East's best under Kubinski

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

When Jim Kubinski took the reins of the Notre Dame golf program in 2005, he had visions of an Irish team that could compete with the top programs in the country.

Facing, however, with challenges like the northwestern Indiana winters and the University's stringent admissions requirements, Kubinski knew the road to the top would not be easy.

Three Big East titles later, he will guide a 2011-2012 squad that has the potential to compete for its first NCAA championship since 1944.

“We want to be in the situation where we play in NCAA finals, not just the regional,” Kubinski said.

Kubinski took a circuitous road to South Bend. He was born in Springfield, Mass. and graduated from Springfield College in 1993, where he captained the team his junior and senior years.

He went on to play a number of minor professional tours in New England before landing a job as an assistant golf professional at Greenville Country Club in South Carolina. There, he developed the teaching style that would lead GOLF magazine to nominate him for its 2007 Top 100 Teacher's List.

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