Students meet with artists at reception

By CEALY GLOVER

Saint Mary’s students had the opportunity Friday to meet the artists behind the work currently hanging in the Moreau Art Galleries.

The artists reception, which was held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday evening, gave students and the public the chance to view three exhibitions as well as meet the artists who created them.

The reception featured the artwork of a Saint Mary’s professor and student, as well as two student exhibitions.

Senior Kerri Doherty said she enjoyed looking at the different exhibits.

The art reception was so interesting,” Doherty said. “The artwork was amazing and the atmosphere was energetic. It was great to see the work of a Saint Mary’s student as well as outside artists.

Doherty said she felt a connection to the work displayed. “Each artist’s exhibit was unique in that it explored the relationship between art and life,” Doherty said. “I was really able to connect to the art.”

The student exhibit is the result of Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR), which is a grant given to a faculty member and student to conduct research for several weeks during the summer and create a final project.

The student, usually a senior, pursues research as a junior-colleague with the faculty partner.

Krista Hoefle, associate professor of art, and senior Katie Fisher created this year’s SISTAR installation, “Unknown Atomic.” Displayed in the Sister Rosaire Gallery, the silk screen project explores the relationship between replication and repetition, attraction and repulsion.

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Fifth-graders explore engineering

By MEL FLANAGAN

Notre Dame students teamed up with fifth-graders from the South Bend school district this weekend to play with robotic pets, conduct experiments with LEGO racecars and spark interest in engineering.

Over 300 fifth-graders attended the annual event, “ID2: Imagination, Innovation, Discovery and Design at Notre Dame,” which took place for the second time at the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center on Friday.

“This technology discovery day” began because of fresh men engineering students’ robotic pet project, said Victoria Goodrich, director of the first-year engineering program.

“We started a new project last year where they create robotic pets,” she said. “We wanted to have customer input, so we have fifth-graders come up and act as their customers.

The freshmen engineering students led the children in a discussion on “Irish Pets.” The engineers prompted them with “It would be cool if the Irish Pet could…”

Freshman Eleanor Merson said the fifth-graders were the perfect mock customers. “Fifth-graders don’t really think about what’s possible and what’s not,” she said. “They have a bigger imagination, which let’s us be more innovative and creative.”

Fifth-graders from the South Bend school district explored engineering with LEGO racecars at Notre Dame on Friday.

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Irish fall in final seconds

Michigan wins during game’s last quarter, fans stunned

By DAN BROMBACK

Sadness, anger and disbelief were three overwhelming emotions of Notre Dame fans as they exited the “Big House” Saturday following a heart-breaking loss to rival Michigan.

A night that began full of promise for Notre Dame ended in stunning defeat, as the Irish lost 31-35 and Michigan scored 28 points in the fourth quarter.

Like many other students, freshman Max Verorega, a member of the Notre Dame marching band, said he experienced a rollercoaster of emotions during the game.

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Anti-hunger campaign continues

By SARA FELSENSTEIN

With copious amounts of food in the dining halls and around campus, it’s easy to forget that just a few miles away on the west side of South Bend there is an identified food desert.

Notre Dame’s eND Hunger Campaign, initiated by former student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell last year, seeks to engage Notre Dame students and faculty in the challenge of food scarcity in South Bend.

“I think it’s really important because a lot of times we focus on efforts that extend outside of South Bend, changing the world,” junior Catherine Flatley, subcommittee coordinator of the West Side Food Security Council, said. “If you look at statistics, the hunger issues in Indiana, and South Bend in particular, are astronomical.

Potential actions for the campaign include initiating a food cooperative, advocating for a
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‘Diabetes Sidekick’ to support students

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Starting this semester, students with diabetes will have a resource for support and advice on how to adjust to living on a college campus.

Junior Joe Williams, who had diabetes, began the “Diabetes Sidekick” program to help students with the disease transition to living in a new environment.

“When you’re at home, you have your parents to remind you to take your insulin,” Williams said. “When you’re in the dining hall, you’re going to have a little apprehension about giving yourself a shot.”

Williams got the idea after giving a presentation about the transition from high school to college, and managing diabetes as a college student.

“There was a pretty obvious need for a better understanding of management when you go to college,” he said.

Williams said he wanted to figure out a way to help students in this transitional period.

“I thought I could start a group that would help people, especially incoming freshman, who are used to having a little more management,” he said.

During the summer, Williams worked more on this idea and spoke with Health Services to figure out how to bring the club to fruition.

Williams said the program will help new students transition from living with diabetes at home, to college, where the support system is far away.

Williams said community and support are two vital aspects of the group.

“This is a place where people can come and say, ‘I need help with this,’” he said. “And it’s a place where people can understand what’s going on.”

For Williams, the hardest part of transitioning to college was prioritizing his diabetes.

“You’re on your own schedule, it’s hard to prioritize,” he said.

“When you’re trying to take on all these other things, it’s difficult to take time to check your sugars.”

He also said learning what to eat in the dining hall can be difficult for diabetic students.

“The advice I usually give to new students is to take your insulin before you get to the dining hall and eat,” he said. “It’s just easier.”

He said the support system will likely be modeled off of the “big sister, little sister” concept used in many female dorms.

Williams said there will be formal meetings for the first few weeks. After that, partners will meet on their own time.

“We will sponsor several guest speakers throughout the academic year and will participate in local fundraising events,” he said.

The program’s first event will be a diabetes walk Sept. 18 to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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pulsion and good versus evil.

“The SISTAR grant is a great opportunity for both students and faculty,” Hoefle said. “It really gives the student, in her junior year, an experience similar to that of a graduate stu-
dent. They really do their own thing, and own their own project.”

Fisher said she and Hoefle “really had to start from scratch” on their project.

“We set up a two women print making and sculpture studio. We didn’t rely on anyone but ourselves,” she said. “Any re-
source we had came from us.”

Hoefle said they needed a “hug amount of space to com-
to complete the project.”

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grocery store and coordinat-
ing local farmers with corner stores to market fresh produce, according to the student gov-
ernment website.

Senior Hallie Brewster, who is the student liaison to the West Side Food Security Coun-
 cil, said reaching for more healthy and affordable options in the West Side is the campaign’s main goal. She said food options include mostly fast food or just small shops in the area.

“In the long run, many years down the road, we’d love to have (the campaign) expand to many areas of St. Joseph’s County,” she said.

Brewster said student repre-
sentatives meet monthly with a coalition of about 20 commu-
nity leaders who are fighting hunger locally to discuss South Bend’s food in the community.

Brewster and Flatley attend these monthly meetings along with sophomores Greg Yungman, student director of the eND Hunger student council.

Flatley said the eND Hunger campaign has two major long-
term goals.

“To kind of change the way in which Notre Dame interacts with the South Bend Commu-
nity, to really build a relation-
ship and put ourselves on the rents of all the community members,” she said. “Also, to promote the long-term [food] security on the West Side.”

Brewster said a main objec-
tive for fall semester is to assist the Urban Garden Mar-
et, a farmer’s market located in the West Side.

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gineering, Science and Tech-
ology Entrepreneurship Ex-
cellence Masters (ESTEP) pro-
gram led the fifth-graders in a science experiment.

The children built LEGO racecars and sent them down a ramp, measuring how far they could go. They then added weight at different intervals to test whether the heavier or lighter car could go farther.

“it gives them a way to get into experiments because they have to predict what they think is going to happen, then they build a model, test it and

then draw conclusions,” ES-
TEEM student Jordan Bryant
said.

The children were also en-
couraged to build their own LEGO towers.

Freshman Samuel Leung said the tower building project was meant to show the fifth-
graders what they can achieve.

“i think it allows them to see how much fun just building
anything can be,” he said.

“It lets them see the variety of things you can do with science — not just what they usually see in school.”

After the program, Goodrich said they sent the students home with materials so they can continue to experiment beyond the classroom.

“Studies say students start
to think about their career paths in middle school,” she said. “The more we can expose these students to science and engineering the better.”

Still, combined with the Irish loss to South Florida on Sept. 3, other students said it’s difficult not to feel angry.

“As sophomores Nick Riachard said, ‘We beat ourselves again. Plain and simple.’

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“Losing was crazy because I went from being extremely de-
pressed, to being extremely ex-
cited and then back to being ex-
tremely depressed in about 30 seconds,” he said. “The range of emotions was intense.”

Students said the atmosphere at Michigan Stadium, known as the “Big House,” was hyped up and chaotic.

Dan O’Brien, a sophomore who was also at the game, said it was unlike anything he had seen before.

“The atmosphere was abso-
lutely electric,” O’Brien said.

“It was the loudest and crazi-
est sporting event I’ve been to. Even during full points the crowd was absolutely insane.”

O’Brien said the Notre Dame student section was drowned out at points by the masses of Michigan fans.

“Our student section was loud but it wasn’t well-orga-
nized,” he said. “There were

some points during the game

when it just went dead.”

He said he was also struck by the intensity of the Michigan alumni present at the game.

“The alumni were as loud, if not louder, than the student section,” O’Brien said. “They knew the student chants and did them throughout the game. That’s something that I would really like to see here at Notre Dame.”

With roughly 30 seconds left in the fourth quarter, the Irish scored a 31-29 lead, causing an ecstatic response from the Notre Dame student section.

But Michigan promptly an-
swered, driving down the field and scoring on quarterback Denard Robinson’s touchdown pass as the stadium exploded in cheering.

Irish fans’ devestation was palpable, students said.

In addition to witnessing their team lose, students who made the trip to Ann Arbor had to endure the aftermath in an unfriendly environment.

Sophomore Kevin Noonan, a member of The Observer Scene

staff, said leaving the stadium was difficult.

“i felt like my soul had just been ripped out,” Noonan said. “We definitely got swept at a loss. It wasn’t just the Michi-

gan fans were sour winners, it was that many were borderline hostile toward us.”

Even though his first Notre Dame games as a student end-
ed in defeat, Verege said he’s still optimistic about the foot-

ball season.

“This past game was so vola-
tile that it was really anybody’s game. As such, i’m still optimi-
istic about the season,” he said.

“Emotionally this was a heartbreaking loss, but it made me feel better that our team played harder and better than we did against USF.”

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NEW YORK — Determined never to forget but perhaps ready to move on, the nation gently handed Sept. 11 over to history Sunday and etched its memory on a new generation. A stark memorial took its place where twin towers once stood, and the names of the lost resounded from children too young to remember terror from a decade ago.

In New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, across the United States and the world, people carried out rituals now as familiar as they are heartbreakingly American flags unfurled at the new World Trade Center tower and the Eiffel Tower, and tears shed at the base of the Pentagon and a base in Iraq.

President Barack Obama quoted the Bible and spoke of finding strength in fear. George W. Bush, still new to the presidency that day, invoked the national sacrifice of the Civil War. Vice President Joe Biden said hope must grow from tragedy.

Jessica Rhodes talked about her niece, Kathryn L. LaBorie, the lead flight attendant on the plane that hit the south tower. She remembered a radiant smile and infinite compassion, and suggested now, 10 years on, it is time to turn a corner.

“Although she may not ever be found, she will never ever be lost to her family and her friends,” Rhodes said after she read a segment of the list of the dead at ground zero. “Today we honor her by letting go of the sadness over losing her and embracing the joy of knowing her.”

It was the 10th time the nation has paused to remember a defining day. In doing so, it closed a decade that produced two wars, deep changes in national security, shifts in everyday life — and, months before it ended, the death at American hands of the elusive terrorist who masterminded the attack.

The anniversary took place under heightened security. In New York and Washington especially, authorities were on alert. Ahead of the anniversary, the federal government warned those cities of a tip about a possible car-bomb plot. Police searched trucks in New York, and streets near the trade center were blocked. To walk within blocks of the site, people had to go through checkpoints.

The names of the fallen — 2,983 of them, all the victims from the attack sites and six people who died when terrorists set off a truck bomb under the towers in 1993 — echoed across a place utterly transformed.

In the footprints of the towers was a stately memorial, two weeping waterfalls, unveiled for the first time and open only to the relatives of the victims.

Nation unites in memory of 9/11

Associated Press
Eurocentrism: it affects you, too

Remember 9/11

On Sep. 11, 2001, while my par- ents, brother and I were watching the televi- sion, I curled up on the floor with my journal, trying to grasp it all myself. I felt compelled to learn everything whatever I could — somehow I knew this was an event I’d look back on. “Our United Sta- tes is changed forever, that’s what the news re- porters say,” I jotted down quietly in my journal. “New York looks like a war site.”

Ten years after the towers fell, I can’t say I have a much better understand- ing of 9/11 than when I was an 11-year-old.

But slowing down daily life to cher- ish relationships is one of many les- sons I’ll take away.

My hometown of Ridgewood, N.J. is about an hour's drive northwest of Midtown Manhattan. With many residents commuting to the Financial District for work, Ridgewood was deeply af- fected by the Sept. 11 attacks.

We were just removed enough to be out of all see, but close enough to note the smoke.

A week back to those days, weeks, even months after the attacks, what strikes me is how Ridgewood — the 4.5 square-mile New York City suburb — slowed down for just a little while.

People lingered outside of church for longer than usual. Candlelight vigils in the town square took priority over homework and sports practices. Downtime in front of the television turned into time for community gath- erings. Residents pulled together rota- tions of lasagna dinners for families who had lost a loved one.

With the skyline broken and 12 community members who had been reported missing, people found time for what was important.

Then 9/11 passed, and the dust settled. Trains kept running to and from Penn Station.

So, in the wrong way the best way? I’ll toss the question out for more diversity in thinking, yet how much does that even exercise Eurocentrism if the other side — that has already been done in early education, where students are fed history books with incomplete narra- tives? The most insidious aspect of its nature is actually the way in which we all subconsciously absorb the euro- centric mentality over time, to the point where it seems unnatural to think otherwise.

Christopher Columbus is a case of “historying,” as author James W. Loewen calls it, where both trivial and important details are omitted in order to paint a picture perfect character — a “hero.” The flaws and outrageous transgressions of such heroes” are excused at best and completely ex- cluded at worst. Here, we see editing at its finest. Did your teachers tell you, also, that Woodrow Wilson was a racist and compulsive interventionist? We did not learn facts such as these. We learned only what comfortably fit our mold of American exceptionalism.

What are the consequences of this? Eurocentrism, first of all, fuels the “us versus them” mentality. This can, or even ignoring the contributions of the rest of the world, “we” send the message that “they” are not quite as human, not quite as legitimate or capable. Even if the “other” over admittance, there is still an inescapable, subconsciously framed of mind that non-European societies have values contrary to American ideals of freedom and individualism, that they practice less legitimate faiths, lack the integrity to be innovative and forward thinking and have to be ‘saved’ by us. The best see development of these societies as a Western undertaking and where such development according to Western standards organizes success and happiness is a definite step in the right direction. As a consequence, widespread integration — systematically or unwittingly instilled — of Western stan- dards and values results in the belief that such must be universal standards and values.

The sad part is, even non-European societies hold it to be so. The field of plastic surgery is enjoying a boom as societies hold it to be so. The field of plastic surgery is enjoying a boom as people of all ages in Asian societies seek eyelid surgery to widen the eyes, nose reshaping to elevate the nasal bridge, and facial contouring to slenderize a typically rounder face. Why? They will point out to you the archetypes of beauty — mod- els found in Western media. And in this increasingly competitive world, appear- ance is the biggest factor in the equation of success. This is one of the most ob- servable instances of the pervasive pres- ence of Western ideals as the universal but is not even close to being the limit of the consequences of eurocentrism. Such beliefs and actions may not be purposeful and non-European societies are not being changes or influenced, yet, there is a message to be read and of which to take heed. Eurocentrism has resulted in both explicit and subliminal racial self-hatred, where non-Western practices, beliefs and cultures may ei- ther just not be enough or undesired.

When an incomplete story is presented — where we read only of the brilliant successes and discoveries of the Western world and, at the other end of the spect- um, of the plight of the “suffering” or the ills of the “bad guys” — it is all too easy for non-Western societies to be de- monized and de-legitimized. Similarly, and especially for students, it is difficult to be motivated and empowered when one is among the “other.”

For a country that enjoys equating itself with a “melting pot,” we are not performing very well in the “melting” department. Regardless of where the person is, there is nothing to speak of if there is no integration and embracing of diverse peoples and their cultures.

Eurocentrism is accomplishing the very opposite of what it claims to be doing, uniting us, we are encouraging uniformity through standardizing the eurocentric way as the way. “Unity without unifor- mity,” as professor George Lipsitz of UC Santa Barbara puts it, is a unity “forged tactically by appreciating differences yet recognizing similarities.”

Comprehensive education, a wholly inclusive education — one that accounts for the good, the bad, the successes and the flaws and the perspectives of all those involved — is what we need. We can begin to be rid of a Western monoculture, a unity that is so inadequate and alienated by eurocentric approaches to life.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Abraham Lincoln
15th president of the U.S.

“I am not a pessimist. Whatever I could withimportance in our lives, even if that sometimes means being a few minutes late.”

There will always be another train.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alumni ad-libs

Last year, I noticed a trend in alumni Letters to the Editor after football losses, which appears to be catching on once again. So I figured I would save our, no doubt, very busy alumni some time by drawing up a template for them that they can simply fill out and resubmit.

No need to thank me.

I. (name of alumnus) (was/ was) (adjective), (synonym of adjective), and downright (synonym of adjective) after the game on Saturday. Never mind that the team performed (like/ as) (animal) feces, or that (head coach)’s face was consistently (color) — no, the real problem lies in the student section.

Back in (national championship year), I never would have dreamed that Notre Dame fans would behave so (negative adjective). Leaving the game early? Booing the team?! I never would have boosed (ND football icon), and not just because he had (impressive statistics). It was because I had love for the team, which was in no way related to our (big number) (small number) record. Back in my day, if the football team had performed like it has in recent years, I would have shown the same support, and that is in no way an embellishment or an exaggeration. You (insulting adjective) current students have yet to realize that you are the team’s only hope.

(Rankings poll) and (TV contract) will realize before long that Notre Dame deserves (fraction) of the (adjective) (team) pointspread accolades it receives.

We alumni won’t be here forever, and when we’re gone, who will contribute to the sense of entitlement on campus?

Most importantly, who will write outraged letters to (student publication) complaining about (irrelevant issue)? Shame on you.

In closing, I would like to remind the reader that this letter is in no way an attempt to project my frustration with the football team on (anything but the football team) — no, the real problem lies in the student section.

Cordially,

(Aronalumnus)

(Class of some number between 1960-1990)

Military-industrial complex

This is in response to “War weary America” from Sept. 9.

War weary? I think not! America loves war. If we pull out of those two wars, do you know how many jobs will be lost? Who would help increase the deficit if we didn’t go to war?

President Eisenhower warned us about the Military-Industrial Complex, and he was spot on. We have had a history of major military engagements since World War Two that is troublesome.

However, what is even more amazing is that this military-industrial complex is now mostly secret. Do you know that the amount of money we spend on defense and intelligence is a state secret?

I’ve tried to find out the budget for CIA, FBI, DHS, NSA, NRO, DIA, NGA, ONI, NSCOM, AFSRSA, MCIA, NGA, DIA, DEA, INR and TFI, you would have a difficult time. Wow, look at that list. I’m sure there’s a few more somewhere that are classified.

So, if we stop going to war, if we stop the military-industrial complex, people lose too much money. We have spent somewhere between three and four trillion dollars or more over the past 10 years on fighting this war on terrorism. Somewhere is getting rich, and they would like to keep it that way. Welcome to 1984.

America cannot worry because a Republican is going to change the status-quo much either, so we’re in for a real treat.

Robert McKeon

Class of 2010

Ambridge, Pa.

Sept. 8

The state of the program

Ladies and gentlemen

Football is a physical game that requires vicious play. It demands respect both of and for the opponent. However, you gain the respect of no one if you first fail to respect yourself.

As it stands, there are three men who have proven that they can restore the football program to elite status.

Two are yet again positioning their teams to reach the pinnacle of the college football season. One is on hiatus.

The University of Notre Dame oversees a $6.8 billion endowment that it has amassed due to excellence in academic, athletic and spiritual pursuits. The football program is the cornerstone of dedication.

Jack, I don’t care what it takes. Fly six Black Hawks to his home, extricate it from Mother Earth and bring him to South Bend.

The landscape of college football is about to change dramatically. Clever brand positioning has allowed us to limp along in mediocrity for 18 years.

It can sustain us no longer. Conference affiliation is not an option.

The time to act responsibly occurred 15 years ago. We are only left with today. Let’s live for it while we still can.

Mike Varley

Class of 2007

Durham, N.C.

Sept. 11

Attacks were acts, not events

Riding my bicycle to school on Sept. 11, 2001, I can remember thinking what a beautiful day it was. Little did I know it would be one of the darkest days in U.S. history. It was the beginning of the “post-9/11 world.”

Ten years after the attacks, a lot has changed. The Pentagon has been repaired and federal officials have gone back to work there. One World Trade Center rises 80 stories above Lower Manhattan, well on its way to a final height of 1,776 feet. Workers have cleaned up the ash and dust that floated down like snow from the New York City sky. The plane wreckage has been cleared from a field in Shanksville, Pa.

We are rebuilding.

Considering the progress we have made, it can be tempting to consider 9/11 as an impersonal event. Is it time to simply put the attacks behind us and move on with our lives? No, because 9/11 was so much more than a point on the timeline of history. The Sept. 11 attacks were acts — not events — of intense hatred that claimed almost 3,000 innocent lives. They were not natural disasters; they were man-made.

The stages of grief are temporary, and it is good for us to rebuild and move forward after a tragedy. But we also ought to remember the heroism of the first responders, the families’ heartbreak for loved ones lost and the blind hatred of the fanatics who hijacked four commercial airliners.

With this in mind, may we stand against hatred in our world, bringing about a planet on which such heinous acts as the Sept. 11 attacks will never again be committed. There is a difference between living with a tragedy and forgetting about a tragedy. We must strive to do the former, not the latter.

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new and old shows to look for

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New Shows

“The Ringer” — Tuesday, Sept. 13, The CW

The most exciting part about this upcoming CW show is that Buffy is back! Sarah Michelle Gellar has had an almost cult following in the science fiction genre, and this show will have a creepy edge perfect for her. Gellar plays Bridget Kelly, a woman who is starting to turn her life around right as she is the only witness in a murder trial. Telling no one, she reunites with her estranged twin, Siobhan, in New York. Her sister is living in a pampered life and is married to a handsome self-made millionaire, played by Ioan Gruffudd of “Fantastic Four” fame. The only catch is that no one in Siobhan’s life knows that her troubled twin exists. The sisters seem to be mending their relationship when Siobhan disappears mysteriously, and Bridget makes the decision to take on her sister’s identity. She begins to discover shocking secrets about her twin’s life, which was not the fairy tale it appeared to be. All in all, it looks like a show that will have plenty of twists and turns, as well as the mysterious secret factor that draws in the “Pretty Little Liars” crowd.

“Up All Night” — Wednesday, Sept. 14, NBC

The new comedy series stars Will Arnett and Christina Applegate as the parents of an infant struggling to keep their lives in balance. While the premise sounds a bit cliché, so is pretty much every new TV show ever. It all depends on the cast and the writing, and with Applegate and Arnett heading the show, not to mention SNL alum Maya Rudolph as a co-star, it seems to be in good hands. If he be nice to see an Arnett project take off, as his show last year, “Running Wilde,” failed so miserably. The only possible hiccup in this show is that Nick Cannon also co-stars. Lorne Michaels is an executive producer though, so maybe he can teach Cannon to be funny.

“The Playboy Club” — Monday, Sept. 19, NBC

This new NBC drama is the story of life in Chicago in the 1960s at the downtown Playboy Club. The Club is a fantasy world full of beautiful Bunnies, powerful men and plenty of secrets and intrigue to go around. A star-studded cast compliments the provocative and ambitious new show, with actors like Eddie Cibrian (“Third Watch”), Amber Heard (“Pineapple Express”), Jenna Dewan Tatum (“Step Up”) and David Krumholtz (“Numb3rs”). Secrets, dangerous friendships and the mob promise to make this a show to put on your fall TV schedule.

“Pan Am” — Sunday, Sept. 25, ABC

Set in the 1960s, this series is positioning itself as the perfect alternative to “Mad Men” during its off-season. “Pan Am” follows a crew of pilots and air hostesses as they take to the skies and live the glamorous jet-set lifestyle of which most Americans can only dream. The show stars Christina Ricci as a free spirit who buttons up for a proper career as a flight attendant. The ’60s style will surely be a draw for many viewers and the stewardess uniforms are certainly fashionable.

“Terra Nova” — Monday, Sept. 26, Fox

In 2149, the Earth’s resources are just about used up. To try fix this, scientists construct a time machine that will send groups of people back in time to prehistoric Earth, where people can continue to live freely and, hopefully, save the Earth from its bleak future. “Terra Nova” focuses most closely on a single family who travel to Terra Nova, the first human colony. Unfortunately, Terra Nova happens to be in the midst of packs of dangerous dinosaurs. Produced by Steven Spielberg, Fox is banking on this big budget sci-fi show to be a hit. Previews suggest we won’t be disappointed.

“Alcatraz” — Monday, midseason, Fox

J.J. Abrams is launching a new show mid-season about a group of smart and witty people solving crimes. Typical weeknight television show, right? Wrong. J.J. would never endorse such an original set-up. The show’s crime investigators are chasing down inmates from Alcatraz who are wreaking havoc on San Francisco’s streets. 50 years after their mysterious disappearance from the prison. Now that’s more like it. Let’s remember that Abrams also brought us “Alias,” “Fringe” and “Lost,” which had a cast member that will also star in “Alcatraz,” Jorge Garcia.

“Awake” — 2012, NBC

Certainly one of the most interesting concepts on TV, “Awake” centers on a cop who is involved in a car crash with his wife and son. One dies, but he isn’t sure which one. In one of his realities, he has lost his wife, and in the other, it is son who died instead. He isn’t sure which of these realities is real, nor is he particularly keen on either of them. The writers never give any clues, at least in the early episodes, as to which of his realities is real. It’s hard to say where the story will go, but for now, it’s an incredibly compelling show unlike anything else on TV.

Returning Shows

“Parenthood” — Tuesday, Sept. 13, NBC

The Braverman family returns for a second season this fall. Almost dysfunctional, the three generation of family living in the same household struggle with the same issues that most families do, just with a touch more drama. The family has survived by burying all major problems under the happy surface of their family, but the problems continue to emerge in typical comedic drama fashion. Lauren Graham also shines in her first major TV role since “Gilmore Girls” as Sarah, the slightly unstable but always hilarious daughter, especially with such a star-studded supporting cast, including Dax Shepard and Peter Krause.

“It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia” — Thursday, Sept. 15, FX

“It’s Always Sunny” is not for the easily offended. The show focuses on a group of friends who own a shoddy bar in Philadelphia. At the
“The Vampire Diaries” — Thursday, Sept. 15, The CW

After a tumultuous end to Season 2, The CW’s “Vampire Diaries” promises an exciting new season, full of all the love, blood and generally gorgeous people we have come to love. To save his brother’s life, Stefan (Paul Wesley) pledged himself to be Klaus (Joseph Morgan) wingman, which mostly consists of hitting the necks of the unsuspecting humans around them. Meanwhile, Elena (Nina Dobrev) will still be caught in a love triangle between Stefan and Damon (Ian Somerhalder), his brother, but with Stefan’s ex, Elena and Damon may finally have a chance. Caroline (Candace Accola) and Tyler (Michael Trevino) will continue to build sexual tension and just might push the boundaries of vampire-werewolf relationships. A promising new season ensues.

“How I Met Your Mother” — Monday, Sept. 19, CBS

Ted’s (Josh Radnor) search for love will continue when Season 7 of the sitcom opens. With Lily (Alyson Hannigan) finally pregnant, Ted will inevitably be even more pathetically pressured to find the love of his life. But the most intriguing plot line to come stems from the cryptic image of Barney (Neil Patrick Harris) at the alter, about to wed an unidentified bride. We all hope it’s Robin (Cobie Smulders), but with the show’s producers Carter Bays and Craig Thomas’ affinity for drag-queens, Frank is getting married and the Waitress makes her return. 

“Modern Family” — Monday, Sept. 19, ABC

Fors (Glenn Howerton) and father, Frank (Danny DeVito). Further initiating the humor are Dennis’ childhood friends, the laughably bizarre Mac and Charlie (Rob McElhenney and Charlie Day), who mesh well with the rest of the office. It seems likely. Charlie is coaching child pageants, Frank is getting married and the Waitress and Cricket make their return to the storyline. The show will have a totally different vibe, but true Office fans will surely tune in Sept. 22 for the premiere.

“Community” — Thursday, Sept. 22, NBC

The comedy series is set to premiere next week. Joel McHale (“The Soup”) leads the group of misfits as they try to skate through college. No one could call it that. Last season ended by revisiting the greatest of all “Community” episodes when Pierce (Chevy Chase) left “the group” and presumably the show. It will be interesting to see how the show deals with this, but there’s little doubt “Community” will continue to be comedy gold.

“Parks and Recreation” — Thursday, Sept. 22, NBC

When last season closed, Leslie Knope (Amy Poehler) had been approached about running for mayor. Leslie’s vaulting ambition and love of local government made saying “yes” easy. The upcoming season promises to continue this season with the show’s producers Ruth Ann Smith and Nahnatchka Khan.

“Glee” — Tuesday, Sept. 20, Fox

This season will be the last for “Glee” stars Lea Michele, Cory Monteith and Chris Colfer. As these three main characters prepare for graduation and their final shot at a Glee Club National Title, an intense Season 3 musical repertoire seems likely. Fans should also look out for “Glee” newcomers this year. The two winners from Oxygen’s “The Glee Project,” Samuel Larsen and Damien McGinty, have been promised seven-episode stints this season, while the two runners-up, Alex Newell and Lindsay Pearce, have been promised two-episode appearances. Though viewers can expect some big revelations about the characters’ futures on the show, anchors like Mr. Schuester (Matt Morrison) and Sue Sylvester (Jane Lynch) will continue to be entertaining.

“Modern Family” — Wednesday, Sept. 21, ABC

If you enjoy a laugh, relatable characters, and the awkward situations of others, you do, or should, watch ABC’s hit show “Modern Family.” On the off-chance that you don’t watch this show, it highlights the humor in the everyday lives of the members of an extended family. Season two ended with a middle school graduation and an enduring moment (that seems to happen every episode) when the family realized how lucky they were to have each other. The third season is starting off with a one hour, instead of the usual thirty-minute, episode about the family vacationing at a Dude Ranch. The third season is sure to have plenty of laughs in store.

“The Office” — Thursday, Sept. 22, NBC

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“Desperate Housewives” — Sunday, Sept. 25, ABC

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“Psych” — Wednesday, Oct. 12, USA

Viewers of ABC’s “Desperate Housewives” are preparing to say goodbye to Wisteria Lane as they await the final season premiere. Last season left fans marveling at the twisted, overlapping lifestyles of the housewives. This season’s premiere trailer alludes to the fashing out of dramatic plotlines, opening with Lynette (Felicity Huffman), Susan (Teri Hatcher), Gabrielle (Eva Longoria) and Bree (Marcia Cross) rushing to bury Season 7’s murder victim. The final season does not seem to slow the fast pace of the show, still introducing new characters and revisiting old ones. The details of Wisteria Lane’s inhabitants will be revealed.

“Bones” — Thursday, Nov. 3, Fox

The Fox TV show returns Nov. 4 after the jaw-dropping cliffhanger that ended last season. Dr. Temperance “Bones” Brennan (Emily Deschanel) took on Special Agent Seeley Booth (David Boreanaz), after six seasons of dancing around each other, the two are having a baby together. The two will navigate their new roles as co-parents as well as all their new cases in this season. Although the season will focus a lot on the characters’ new lives, the duo will continue their unbroken streak of crime solving.

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Sports serve as a fitting 9/11 tribute

There’s no denying it. The events of Sept. 11, 2001 dramatically changed the face of American culture — and sports were no exception.

Across the country, professional sports stadiums were uncertain if more attacks would come. That Saturday, college football games across the country were canceled, as fear still ran rampant — gatherings of tens of thousands of fans were no longer expressions of common support for a cause, but rather prime targets for destruction.

These were not just temporary changes, either. The memories of 9/11 caused lasting changes, and not necessarily those that persist to this day. Just as American security tightened, so did American sports for safety. Body frisks and hand-rattling dogs, once unheard-of at sporting events, are now commonplace.

But security wasn’t the only change.

Across the sports world, tributes to those lost in the attacks cropped up. As America went to war in Afghanistan, and later in Iraq, teams, athletes and fans honored American soldiers with flags, posters, flyovers, chants, fireworks and ceremonies.

While the Yankees made it to the 2001 World Series, every pitcher who watched as President George W. Bush threw out the first pitch — and many of them cheered for the hated New York team. How could they not, playing so close to Ground Zero and after such a moving rendition of “God Bless America?”

In fact, the routines have moved from genuine to contrived, from heartfelt gestures to marketing gimmicks. Every Fourth of July, baseball teams around the country take the field in American-flag hats that serve just as much to pad owners’ coffers as they do to pay respect. “God Bless America” has become so commonplace that fans even risk going to the concession stand instead of stand and sing — much like they used to for “Take Me Out to the Ball Game.” Even the “U-S-A!” chant has started to feel hollow.

You might think this is a problem. It’s not.

In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, it became clear what al-Qaeda’s goal was. It was not to kill every American citizen. Rather, these terrorists truly desired terror. What they wanted, more than anything, was to disrupt the American way of life. Their ideal was one where every American worried about his or her safety every time he or she left home.

In that world, American culture disappears. Fathers stop taking their families to baseball games. Mothers stop buying their children tickets to football games. Sports fall out of American culture. They have not.

Rather than see al-Qaeda accomplish its goal, Americans have largely returned to normalcy. Some things will never be the same, but many things are returning to where they used to be. Americans fill arenas and stadiums across the United States. Record crowds gather in expanded facilities. Owners have gone back to the quintessential American pastime of pursuing larger profits.

This is the way we can pay to those who perished in the attacks 10 years ago. With a decade ago, this nation faced a choice. It could change the way it lived. It could allow the terrorists to dictate how it lived. It could allow the terrorists to dictate how its citizens lived their lives.

So while America has changed, many things about sports are back to the way they once were.

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SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers seemed headed for another one of those slow starts that have defined coach Norv Turner’s tenure.

The Chargers not only let Percy Harvin return the opening kickoff 103 yards for a touchdown, but kicker Nate Kaeding hurt his left knee on the play, forcing punter Mike Scifres to do his first place-kicking since college.

Well, guess again.

With the Vikings sputtering badly, Philip Rivers got the opening he’d been waiting for.

Rivers completed 33 of 48 passes for 335 yards and was intercepted twice.

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There was more Good Rex than Bad Rex in Grossman’s first Week 1 start since 2007. When Grossman later connected with Armstrong for a touchdown that counted, the quarterback made a giddy backward trot toward the sideline, then turned around and kept running for another 20 yards or more along the Washington Redskins bench.

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There was more Good Rex than Bad Rex in Grossman’s first Week 1 start since 2007. The quarterback so maligned back then in Chicago completed 21 of 34 passes for 305 yards Sunday with two touchdowns, no interceptions and one lost fumble — mostly avoiding the type of negative play that has often defined his career — as the Redskins opened the season with a 28-14 win over the New York Giants.

“I know it means so much to Rex,” said tight end Chris Cooley, who had a Saturday dinner with Grossman during which both expressed their opening day nerves. “He wants to be an outstanding quarterback. ... He deserved to play so well today. I’m so happy for him.”

Chargers complete comeback; Grossman leads Redskins

Chargers running back Mike Tolbert scores a touchdown during San Diego’s 24-17 win over Minnesota on Sunday.

AP
Belles keep winning streak alive with victory

By KATIE HEIT Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s continued its winning pattern with a 2-0 victory over Franklin on Sunday, keeping its undefeated streak alive.

The Belles (4-0), who are enjoying their best start to the season in recent history, took an early lead against the Grizzlies (3-1). Belles coach Michael Joyce said he was pleased with his squad’s play despite unusual conditions.

“I thought we played well,” Joyce said. “It was challenging because it was artificial turf, but we did fairly well with our possession.”

Saint Mary’s tied for eighth place in the annual O’Brian National Invitational for their third goal of the season.

The younger Belles stepped up, with freshman goalie Natalie Warner playing the entire game for Saint Mary’s and gaining her first season win. Warner also blocked a penalty kick during the first half in the process of earning her first collegiate shut-out. Joyce said Meckes and sophomore defender Kerry Puckett also had exceptional performances in the contest.

“Kerry attacked well out of the back and Maddie worked tirelessly in the midfield,” he said. “She covered a lot of ground and was a big factor today.”

Maddie’s score off its second corner kick with a goal inside the three-minute mark by sophomore midfielder Molly Valencia, her first of the season.

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to fill out a lineup one through five, Kubinski sees his top-five as an encouraging sign for an Irish team that has its sights on a successful post-season, Kubinski was quick to caution his players in team meetings Sunday evening not to focus on the results of the teams around them.

“I think in the past this team has paid too much attention to how the teams around them are doing,” Kubinski said. “But now they’re older and much more mature. They realize that only what they do tomorrow matters. This is an experienced team.”

With the second round of the Gopher Invitational Monday, Notre Dame will be matched with the rest of the top-five teams in Arkansas, UNC-Chapel Hill and SMU as the Irish return to the course in Wayzata, Minn.

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Saint Mary’s tied for eighth place

By JOE WIRTH Sports Writer

Coming off a loss in their first match of the season, the Belles shot a score of 318 Sunday at the Warren Golf Course, emerging from the first day of the O’Brian National Invitational tied for eighth place.

No. 5 Saint Mary’s currently shares the eighth spot with Gustavus Adolphus College, the first round of competition leaving them 23 shots behind co-leaders No. 1 Methodist University and No. 8 Centre College. No. 2 Depauw holds the third place spot with a 317. One of the strongest tournaments in all of Division III women’s golf, the O’Brian National Invitational hosts only teams ranked in the top-11 nationally, including top-ranked Methodist. The field includes the NGCA Division III Freshman of the Year, 10 All-Americans and 16 All-Region honorees from 2011.

Calm conditions provided good opportunities for scoring on the par-72 layout. The Belles were led by two scores of 83 from sophomore Doyle O’Brian and junior Cara Kielty. The pair of 11-over rounds leaves them seven strokes off the individual lead in a tie for 24th place. O’Brian turned in a strong individual performance, highlighted by a birdie on the par-four 16th hole. The top spot is shared by five players. Centre College’s junior Whitney Miller, Methodist’s sophomore Kelsey Carralero and junior Jenny Sullivan.
very closely. They are very physical with a pretty direct style of play, and they get the ball forward.”

The biggest setback for the Irish on Friday was the torrential rains, Clark said. Toward the end of the first half, he said the rain drastically affected how the No. 14 Irish played.

“The heavens opened and it made the field very sloppy, but I think we adapted by the end of the game.”

Clark said. In Friday’s 2-2 tie against Denver, the Irish took an early lead in the first half when two Notre Dame players earned their first career goals. Senior midfielder Chris Sutton opened scoring on the day with a goal that looked like it might end the game in favor of the Irish, but it hit the crossbar and the clock ran out.

“Denver” certainly made it a battle and showed a lot of character by getting two goals back,” Clark said. “They’re a good team, and they’re a bit like Bucknell.”

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“That woke everyone up,” Clark said. “We thought we were cruising out of the game and finishing it out nicely, and things changed pretty quickly at that point. That was a pretty drastic wake up, especially after losing a two-goal lead on Friday. That got the heart beating a little bit faster.”

Walsh leaped up to remove one of his 90 minutes of play and tie his career record of saves per game with seven.

“Will was very solid over the weekend, I was sad for him that he didn’t manage a shutout in either of the games because he played very well,” Clark said. “He has very good presence in the goal and he had several excellent saves.”

“I think look forward to a five- day break from competition before a tough upcoming weekend. They welcome Michigan to Alumni Stadi- um on Friday and will travel to East Lansing to play the Spartans of Michigan State on Sunday.”

“We’ll move on from there,” Clark said. “We’ll try and sort some things out for the next weekend in Michigan for those two big games.”

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Irish defenders fight for a ball in the air during Notre Dame’s 2-1 victory over Bucknell on Sunday at Alumni Stadium.

Maddie Fox for the Sunday matinée.

Neither one has yet to prove that they’re the goalkeeper we need, and that conversation has gone into the season,” Waldrum said. “Notre Dame’s defense continued to struggle over the weekend and was left helpless when junior defen- der Jazmin Hall left the Stanford goal due to injury.

I think we’re still a little questionable in the back. Friday against Stanford, we were clearly the better team. Jazmin Hall played great, and when she left the game injured we scram- bled to find replacements,” Wal- drum said. “The [defenders] we brought on to give minutes struggled, and we didn’t have what it takes to compete. We’re starting to get things a little more settled, but we need more depth at those positions.”

The Irish got off to a slow start at Santa Clara Sunday, and the Broncos took a 1-0 lead just under 30 minutes into the game. Despite Notre Dame’s dominance in pos- session, the Irish struggled to heat up offensively. It was Henderson who played a little questionable in the back. Friday against Stanford, we were clearly the better team. Jazmin Hall played great, and when she left the game injured we scram- bled to find replacements,” Wal- drum said. “The [defenders] we brought on to give minutes struggled, and we didn’t have what it takes to compete. We’re starting to get things a little more settled, but we need more depth at those positions.”

The Irish outmatched the Bron- cos according to the stat sheet, winning the shots-goal battle 9-6 and gathering five more cor- ner kicks than Santa Clara.

Waldrum said he was disap- pointed Notre Dame’s offensive performance did not carry over from its tough loss at Stanford.

“I’m disappointed in our finish- ing and creativity. We played well in time of possession, and we were dominant in every area and stat you can think of," he said. “Good teams are hungry to score, and we’re struggling with that right now.”

Notre Dame will return home to take on Louisville Friday at 5 p.m. Contact Megan Golden at mgolden01@stmarys.edu

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fielder Mandy Laddish and senior midfielder Courtney Barg were each credited with an assist on the play.

Though Notre Dame held a de- ciseive 11-4 advantage in shots on goal for the game, Stanford stepped up in the clutch, netting two goals in the last 10 minutes of play. Cardinal senior forward Lindsay Taylor recorded a goal and an assist, helping lead her team to a 2-1 victory over the Irish.

“It was a great game, and it was exactly everything we expected. They’re a great team and we played extremely, extremely well. It’s disappointing to lose in the last 10 minutes,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “We had a couple of freshmen who made a few mis- takes in there late. That’s why we get them in there, so they experi- ence that and are better when we see teams like that at the end of the year.”

The loss to the Cardinal marks the first-ever defeat in Henderson’s career in games she has recorded either a goal or assist (47-1-3).

Waldrum said he wants Hen- derson to contribute even more to the team.

“Oh obviously she has a great impact, but we need her to have a greater impact right now. She can do so much more for us than what she’s doing. Things get in her head, and she has to be mature and strong enough psychologi- cally when things aren’t going her way,” he said. “She’s a key player, and our record indicates that.

We know that, but right now we need her to lead a little more off-ensively.”

Irish freshman goalkeeper Sarah Voigt started in goal for the Irish on Friday, recording two saves and allowing two goals in crunch time at Stanford. Wal- drum turned to junior goalkeeper
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still, so we’re still learning the effect that each of the players have. She is a true competitor and she always wants the ball. I think she’s doing a great job so far.”

Though Notre Dame did compete hard over the weekend, the team’s serving suffered at times and Brown said her team still has work to do.

“We need to work on [serving] a little bit more,” Brown said. “We’re putting pressure on some teams, but we’re missing too much. There has to be a balance. You can’t serve so that all of them are in — that’s too easy. I think that we let teams off the hook a little bit this weekend when we’d have a tough serve on them, but then we would end up missing a serve or we would come out of a timeout and miss a serve.”

In addition to some inconsistent serving, Brown said she was also disappointed in some of the sloppy plays over the weekend, particularly during Notre Dame’s loss to Portland.

“There were some scramble plays where we just had poor communication and times when we had a relatively easy point or a free ball where we could have converted it and we didn’t,” she said. “Certainly, the opponents got their kills and their earned points, but I think that we hurt ourselves a decent amount as well. Those are the types of errors we have to eliminate.”

The Irish will use a week of practice to fine-tune those errors as they prepare for this weekend’s InnTower Invitational in Wisconsin.

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did a fantastic job of setting our offense.”

Brink served up a match-high 26 assists. Junior Allison Zandarski finished with 10 kills while freshman Kati Schneider and junior Stephanie Bodien recorded seven each.

On defense, the Belles held Olivet to a -.154 percentage in the first set and a .000 mark on the game.

“That really showcased the total package right there,” Kuschel said. “That’s how we want to play as a volleyball team, aggressive on both offense and defense. It’s something that we haven’t found as often as we’d like so far this year.”

The win marked the first conference victory and second overall for the Belles.

“A win, especially in conference, always feels good,” Kuschel said.

Saint Mary’s returns to action at home Wednesday against Alma College at 7 p.m.

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Session III - Human Subjects Research and the Institutional Review Board
Date, time and location: TBD

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE:**
Lodwick, 34; Tariq (Hines), 41; Harry Connick Jr., 44; Virginia Madsen, 50.

Happy Birthday! You’ll be pulled in several directions and must do your best to accommodate everyone, even if you resist. The stars of the week will be luck and change. You’ll find new things easy and enjoyable. While you’ll be an active supporter of possible, there is no need for one to see it as the solicitor. Participation will lead to victory. This is true in your evaluation to position yourself for a strong time. Your numbers are 5, 17, 22, 31, 38, 41.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Take care of personal matters before it’s too late. August and sport will be a week of many after the first. Concentrate on opportunities that allow you some skills to make more money. Avoid physical challenges that may result in injury. You must stay for stability.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Everything is becoming in your favor, so it is best to secure the moment. Travel, meeting new people and enhancing a love relationship are all highlighted. Changing your home to your evolving lifestyle will bring you about the result you want much sooner.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): Get out the obligations and get down to business. Planning continued grows now turns out favorably. You have to stick to the stick and get on with your day. Someones situations and events will have good advice you should follow. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22): Real success, friends, relations and negotiations and you will get a good response. Entertaining the people around you will have its benefits. Romance is forecasted, and decisions about your future can be made. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You need to listen to everyone who thinks before you make a decision regarding a change in your location, profession or status. Travel should be scheduled if it will help deal with a problem that needs attention. A simple approach will bring the best reward.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do your best to please friends, family and your lover. If you are single, you will meet someone special if you try to socialize with people looking for love. A change of location will bring your success. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You need to study things up. Taking a different approach or changing the way you deal with people will help you more. Don’t let a job you are working on get you, please. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can do for others, listen, and get involved in new opportunities that will tone your mind and allow you to integrate your old ideas with thoughts that are a little more relevant to the way life is with a little science. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will face tough enough situations and better be prepared to make tough decisions and figure this out can be easily understood. Someone you are helped to will have the flexibility to deal with a much more occasional scope. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t back waiting for things to come to you when there is so much to do. You can find a home or the outcome of something by being a active participant. Not waiting a moment or visiting helpful places will be enlightening. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your bagging (try your style), and don’t help get your own way. It is nicer to follow through with promises and to do without making a fuss. Keep things simple, affordable and influential. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Follow through with promises and you will face opposition. Questions aimed to see if you are listening to the entire as the people you are with are the most. Continue general contact (if there is one) to.

Friday Birthday: You are expansive, outgoing, goal- oriented, sensitive, loving and kind.
ND claims Golden Dome Invitational title

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

After an up-and-down weekend that included the team winning easily Friday before dropping a close match Saturday, Notre Dame closed the Golden Dome Invitational with a dominant victory.

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Irish senior defender Aaron Maund passes the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Bucknell on Sunday.

Men's Golf

Notre Dame leads Gopher Invitational

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

After the first day of the Gopher Invitational in Wayzata, Minn., the Irish find themselves at the top of the leader board. Led by junior Paul McNamara, who sits atop the individual standings, the Irish have up four shots on Arkansas with 36 holes to go.

The first 36 holes proved to be a tale of two rounds for the Irish, as they collectively shot six-under par on their way to an eight-shot lead in the first round. In round two, a scrorching back nine had to salvage a front that left much to be desired.

Overall, however, Irish coach Jim Gahinski expressed satisfaction with his team’s performance.

“We’re pretty happy with where we are at this point,” Ku binski said. “Arkanas is a good team that finished very well in NCAAs last year. So anytime we’re beating them, it’s nice to see us playing well.”

The calling card of this expe rienced Irish team is its depth. While the NCAA requires him

Role reversal

No. 8 Irish end West Coast swing winless

By MEGAN GOLDBERG
Sports Writer

A statistically sound performance over the weekend turned ugly in a hurry for No. 8 Notre Dame, ultimately leaving the Irish with more questions surrounding their defense.

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Irish sophomore forward Adriana Leon pressures the ball during Notre Dame’s 7-1 victory over Tulsa on Sept. 2. Leon and the Irish ended the weekend with a tie with Santa Clara on Sunday.

Men's Soccer

Irish, Clark achieve record win

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Irish coach Bobby Clark became the winningest head coach in the history of the Notre Dame men's soccer program after Sunday’s 2-1 victory over Bucknell as a part of the Mike Bertiellini tournament at Alumni Stadium.

With a 2-2 tie against Denver on Friday and Saturday's subsequent win, the Irish (2-1-2) placed second in the tournament after No. 10 Indiana.

Notre Dame had a good over all team performance, even Friday night, though the overtimes were more of a battle,” Clark said. “[Denver] played both their games...