Students excited for first win of Irish season

Fans react to Saturday’s 31-13 victory over Michigan State

By VIENNA WAGNER
Newswriter

For freshman Irish Schwei er, the Notre Dame victory over Michigan State on Saturday was a day of firsts.

For the first time, Schweier celebrated a win in the student section.

The 31-13 upset was also Schweier’s first chance to celebrate a touchdown with triumphant push-ups on her friends’ shoulders.

“My push-ups were slightly terrifying, but so much fun at the same time,” Schweier said.

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“This year, it’s a charity that the dorm’s residents felt a personal connection to this year’s fundraiser.

“This year, it’s a charity that everyone knows about,” Sarkis said. “All the guys who were freshmen last year and (older residents) knew Declan.”

Sullivan, a student videographer for the football team, died Oct. 27 after the scissors lift from which he was filming football practice fell.

The Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial Fund supports a full scholarship for a Film, Television and Theatre student who cannot afford to attend Notre Dame. Sarkis, who organized the event with junior Chris Grunewald, said the dorm chose the charity because of the way it was in peril after the economic meltdown, so we did “What’s Next!” before Thanksgiving,” he said. “We found it was good for internships but a little late for graduate schools and jobs.”

The Career Center moved the date so the events were held before Fall Break in order to accommodate the greatest number of application deadlines, he said.

“September turned out to be the sweet spot. You get your resume and talk to employers,” Sverte said. “Or you could begin applying for the funding created specifically for liberal arts majors early on.”

Last year the Career Center gave away $100,000, tax free, to liberal arts majors, he said.
QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DRINK AT STARBUCKS?

Chris Weber  
Freshman  
St. Edward’s  
Peppermint mocha.

Erin Wright  
Junior  
Pangborn  
“Peppermint hot chocolate.”

Joe Robinson  
Junior  
O’Neill  
“I don’t know where to begin.”

Caroline Kelleher  
Junior  
Welsh Family  
“White Mocha.”

Karyn Knecht  
Senior  
Pangborn  
Grande say latte. Every day.

All Wellman  
Freshman  
McGlinn  
“Hot chocolate.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com

OFFBEAT

Trinity college removes fake professor biography  
DUBLIN — Talk about a tough professor.

Trinity College in Dublin was spoofed Thursday when an unknown prankster posted an academic profile of its newest English lecturer: a certain Conan T. Barbarian, complete with Hollywood mug shot of a shirtless, sword-clad Arnold Schwarzenegger in his maiden film role.

Trinity removed the parody site but not before dozens of fans had archived the Web page of the mock biography and turned it into an Irish viral sensation.

Trinity spokeswoman Caoimhe Ni Lochlainn said the university had never had its Web site disrupted like this before. She confirmed that Trinity was certain it was an inside job, not the work of a hacker.

Dr. Barbarian’s Trinity profile contains a warrior’s feast of references to the arcanet of the 1982 film, which was critically panned but a box-office hit that launched Schwarzenegger’s movie career.

Conan’s stated classroom policy is to crush students who cheat or show weakness.

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GREENFIELD, Iowa — An Iowa couple have discovered an eerie presence in their pear tree, just in time for the Halloween season. Des Moines television station KCCI reports that Phil and JaNelle Lovely recently discovered a pumpkin that appears to be growing in the tree at their Greenfield home, 50 miles southwest of Des Moines.

They say they have no idea how the pumpkin ended up in their tree, but it appears to be the work of Mother Nature. A nearby garden vine climbed the tree, giving the non-green pumpkin the appearance of having sprouted from one of the tree’s branches.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Google employees discuss experiences

By JULIA HARRIS
News Writer

Two Saint Mary's College alums, Jennifer Bradburn and Mary Elizabeth Ulliman, visited Saint Mary's College on Friday to speak with students about how they started their careers as Google executives in digital advertising.

Bradburn said Saint Mary's prepared her well for her job with Google after graduation.

"You have to be scrappy and creative," Bradburn said. "I was faced with two of -

Mary Elizabeth Ulliman, a former business major and 2010 graduate, began her career at Google just last year.

She works as an account manager in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"When I came back to school senior year, I thought, 'I have to find a job,'" Ulliman said. "'Google was the only place I applied to that I heard back from.'"

As a Google executive, Ulliman said the best part of her job is the client interaction.

"It's really a fascinating company," Ulliman said. "We're allowed to bring dogs to work. We get to meet really cool people with different stories and experiences."

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"Mary and Jennifer are rightfully two of our campus' proudest and most inspirational stories and experiences," Bradburn said.

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Tournament falls short of record

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Underneath the lights of South Quad on Friday evening, 221 members of the Notre Dame community tried to break the Guinness World Record for most participants in a knockout basketball game.

Keough Hall and the Student Activities Office (SAO) sponsored the event, Keough Hall Rector Fr. Pete McCormick said.

The players and organizers were trying to break the record of 379 participants set by Grace College in Winona Lake, Ind., on April 8.

"Sadly, we did not reach that number, but we had a blast trying to get there," he said.

McCormick helped advertise the event and provided the staff and DJ. SAO contributed financial resources and knowledge about organizing the event.

Event staff asked players to register when they arrived at the tournament.

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"Don't waste a precious moment of your time at SMC worrying about your future," she said. "Enjoy your present time."

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its close connection with Fisher Hall.

Between Thursday and Saturday, the men of Fisher Hall spent 50 hours on the dorm's roof blasting music, wielding bullhorns, collecting money for the foundation and engaging in "good-natured panhandling," Sarkis said.

Sarkis said the spectacle drew campus visitors to donate."Notre Dame people are really great about giving money," Sarkis said. "With football weekends, there are so many people wandering around campus. We raise more money because people hear about it and want to know what we're doing with the loud music and the obnoxious things."

This year's roof-sit included new events, including Acousticafe on the roof and a showing of the movie "Land Before Time 3," Grunewald said.

"The more events we can incorporate with the roof-sit, the more successful it is," he said.

Rockstar Energy Drink and Spikeball, a popular ball game, also sponsored the roof-sit.

More than 100 Fisher residents took shifts on the roof, and Grunewald said a few members of the dorm braved colder temperatures to sleep there overnight.

"A bunch of guys brought out mattresses and sleeping bags," he said, "and lots of layers and coats."

The roof-sit began in 2002 in memory of Chad Sharon, a former Fisher resident who died in the same year. Fifty hours were chosen in honor of the dorm's 50th anniversary in 2002.

Each year, the event benefits a different charity chosen by the students. Last year's roof-sit earned more than $10,000 for earthquake relief in Haiti.

"It's grown every year," Grunewald said.

Grunewald said the roof-sit helps unite an already close-knit dorm.

"It's events like these where everyone wants to participate that brings Fisher closer together," he said. "Most Notre Dame students want to contribute to events, but this is a fun event where everyone wants to just hang out with each other ... Everyone helps in getting it done."

In addition to being a serious fundraiser, Sarkis said the roof-sit is something the Fishermen look forward to.

"It's a total bro-sesh," he said. "You get to play music. You're up on the roof dancing, and you've got your best friends up there."
Students participate in walk for diabetes research

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Instead of sleeping in after a victorious football Saturday, 14 students got out of bed early Sunday morning to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). The students participated in the JDRF Diabetes walk at nearby Beutter Park in Mishawaka. Junior Joe Williams helped to organize Team Notre Dame.

“I’m a Type 1 diabetic,” William said. “So were a lot of other people doing the walk, or they knew people with Type 1.”

While 14 students actually participated in the walk, Williams said many more donated to the team through a Facebook group and JDRF’s website.

“In total, we raised over $2,000 for the foundation,” Williams said. “It was really great.”

Juniors Joe Williams, left, and Gina O’Riordan participate in Sunday’s Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation walk at Beutter Park. Fourteen Notre Dame students participated in the walk.

Junior Gina O’Riordan suggested Notre Dame participate in the walk last semester.

“I usually do the walk at home with my family,” O’Riordan said. “It started with my grade school, and then in high school we started a family team.”

The event also included games of cornhole and free massages, Williams said.

“There were also a lot of companies there representing and displaying some of their diabetes-related projects,” he said.

Athletes from the men’s hockey team, the women’s tennis team and the women’s lacrosse team also attended the event to support Team Notre Dame.

O’Riordan said Notre Dame’s first-time participation in the event was a success.

“It’s always fun because you raise money obviously for a cure, but it’s also nice because you get to see the support you have,” O’Riordan said. “You see everyone really wants to be there for you.”

This year, Williams and O’Riordan founded Notre Dame’s Diabetes Support Group, which helps diabetic students as they transition from high school to college.

“That’s really the reason the group started. I want to support people with diabetes,” O’Riordan said. “It’s really helpful to have someone there to talk to.”

Although spreading the word about the walk was difficult for the fledgling group, O’Riordan said the event would probably be bigger in coming years.

“A lot of kids don’t share that they have diabetes,” O’Riordan said. “It’s not one of those things you can look and know. I think once kids know that students and their friends have diabetes, they’ll definite- ly come out and have a good time.”

The first meeting for the Diabetes Support Group will be Monday at 8 p.m. in Room 300 of Saint Liam Hall.

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SMC Alumnae Association hosts “Welcome Home” tailgate

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Saint Mary’s Alumnae Association invited alumnae and students to tailgate on campus Saturday morning as a way to say, “Welcome Home.”

“Alumnae can come and see people they know and meet new people,” Dawn Parker, a 1981 graduate and lead organizer of the event, said.

Saturday marked the Alumnae “Welcome Home” tailgate’s third year, and the turnout was much better than last year, according to Shari Rodriguez, vice president of College Relations.

“Last year it rained, so everyone came and stayed inside, but now people are coming and going, and there are a lot more students here,” Rodriguez said at the event.

Parker said the tailgate was a fun way to end a week full of annual board meetings and panels that had a more serious tone, both for the Alumnae Board and students. It also provides a necessary resource for current students.

“Students don’t realize that alumnae want to help,” Liz Leew, a senior and student chair on the Alumnae Board, said.

As alumnae and current students mingled, alumnae expressed interest in students’ majors and career goals, giving advice and providing the names of other alumnae students might contact.

“I never thought that I’d be president of the Dallas Alumnae Club when I was in school. I couldn’t look that far in the future,” alumna Linda Kawecki, a 1979 graduate, said.

Some students said the conversations they had with alumnae were invaluable.

“It’s really good to know (the alumnae stories) because I’m scared, and I have no idea what I’m going to do,” junior Theresa Nucciarone said.

The Alumnae Association has started a mentor program and also works with the Career Crossings Office to maintain a database of graduates, in addition to a page on LinkedIn, Parker added.

Not all talk was business. Kawecki said she and others came to the tailgate and caught up with roommates on their time at Saint Mary’s, telling current students stories.

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unique in song,” Paz said.

Freshman Katie Bascom said she felt the crowd’s spirit during her first full game in Notre Dame stadium.

“The only thing that we in the freshman student section have in common is that we are freshmen,” Bascom said. “But we all join arms in joy for the Irish-jig to celebrate our success and again in respect for the ‘Alma Mater.’ Win or lose, ‘Our hearts forever love thee Notre Dame.’”

While Saturday’s game was not her first Irish win, junior Leah Bernardi agreed that the energy in the student section added to the thrill of the victory.

“It was exciting to finally be able to do some push-ups,” Bernardi said.

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 Junior Joe Williams, left, and Gina O’Riordan participate in Sunday’s Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation walk at Beutter Park. Fourteen Notre Dame students participated in the walk.

Stadium Saturday to watch the Irish take on the Spartans.
NEW YORK — With a tense week ahead for the future of the Middle East, the United States and Europe scrambled Sunday for a strategy that would help avoid a jarring showdown over whether to admit an independent Palestine as a new United Nations member. Instead, they sought to guide Israel and the Palestinians back into the tough bargaining on a long-sought peace agreement.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton discussed the current trajectory in New York, in which the Palestinian plan to gain statehood and membership at the U.N. would run headlong into an American veto in the Security Council, and possible Israeli recriminations.

Yet there was no apparent immediate solution to the many problems that have hindered Mideast peace efforts for months. Diplomats were working feverishly as part of an increasingly desperate effort to guide the two parties back into direct negotiations, but were tighlipped on whether the slim chances for a breakthrough were improving.

“We are meeting to talk about the way forward,” Clinton said as she shook hands with Ashton in a New York hotel. She declined to say if mediators were making progress.

The Palestinians are frustrated by their inability to win from Israel concessions such as a freeze on settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. And with violence out of the question and bilateral talks with Israel failing, they see the U.N. route as the only viable route for progress in the short term.

To address the Palestinian concerns, Western officials were discussing the possibility of including some timeframes, however vague, in any statement put out by the Mideast peace mediators — the U.S., EU, and Russia — known as the Quartet, officials said.

These would focus on the restart of Israeli-Palestinian talks and signs of tangible progress.

Envoys from all four gathered Sunday in New York and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon met with Quartet envoy Tony Blair. A further meeting of Quartet officials was planned for Monday, officials said, with Ashton possibly presenting some ideas to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on the same day.

The timeframes wouldn’t be deadlines, as such, but would seem to address the Palestinian desire to see quick action. The offer would come with an unchanged message that Washing- ton would veto a Palestin- ian bid at the Security Council for U.N. recognition and mem- bership, but at the very least it would represent a dignity-say- ing compromise for Abbas’ U.S.-backed government.

The alternative concern is that an embarrassment for his government would embolden Hamas, which the U.S. and Israel consider a terrorist organi- zation and which would be far less eager to negotiate a two-state settlement with the Jewish nation.

The irony is that only 12 months ago, President Barack Obama said he wanted the U.N. to be welcoming Palestine as its newest member this year. But talks broke down long ago, and the U.S. is in the unenviable po- sition of leading the opposition to something it actually sup- ports. Fearful a Palestinian vic- tory might cause a debilitating rift with Israel and set the talks back further.

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Inside Column

To my brother

Sept. 19. 26th day of the year. (26/365) (26 years in the Gregorian calendar; Armed Forces Day in Chile; a Christian Feast day for six saints; the day Charlie Chaplin was refused reentry into the US in 1912; still he had been investigated; International Talk Like a Pirate Day; and the day the new season of How I Met Your Mother premiered.)

I think the last two make it an absolutely fantastic day. I even typed it into iFunes out of sheer curiosity — lo and behold, there’s even a folk jazz-fusion song dedicated to the day.

Despite the musical interpretation and impressive list Wikipedia provides when you type Sept. 19 into Google, the 19th of September will always be, first and foremost, the day my brother was born.

A few days after Chris came into the world, my parents placed my sister and me up from the day care that had taken us in during the big day.

I don’t really remember it well, but my parents gave us two tiny tumbling dolls and said my brother had gotten his first pair of skates. These dolls all drove back to the house only to be greeted by Sebastian, our German shepherd (aka the best dog ever). Everyone was finally home.

Over the years, my brother has transformed from a platinum blond haired toddler with a proliferation of pots and pans and who tore apart electronics (and couldn’t always put them back together) to a six-foot-four teenager who now both plays the drums and creates and sells his own iPhone apps.

Today I would like to say “happy birthday” when he blows out the candles. But since I’m not home, and I get this column to do whatever I want with, I’ll write him this:

Chris, you’re the best brother ever — you never went through the abominous kid phase or seemed plagued by preteen angst.

Sure, I was afraid I’d come home to find random holes drilled into your wall or that those red electrical wires were everywhere or that you’d built a mini-taser. You learned how to build things very quickly. When I saw you reading massive programming books, though, I was surprised. You were really dedicating yourself.

Then you started making games and eventually got some iPhone Apps together. Even when you were told you were too young, you kept going in whatever way you could. Now you’ve got two on the market and know the ins-and-outs of the App market better than any other follow your age.

I am so, so proud of you. So I suppose this applies to everyone with a brother or sister when I say this — if you haven’t contacted them in a while, give them a call today. Send a text, a carrier pigeon, smoke signals — whatever it is, and just let them know you miss them. Let them know you’re proud of them and why you’re proud of them.

Happy birthday Chris.

Adam Newman

Scienitia Potentia Est

During the summer, I drafted an op-ed about an economic agenda that President Obama could propose to help the American economy. The agenda was not simply Republican tax cuts or Democrats spending ideas, but more nuanced solutions that reflect the two major challengers President Obama faces in passing any legislation: (1) an unsustainable national debt that has made additional deficit spending politically toxic and (2) an ultra-conservative Republican Party unwilling to compromise.

If President Obama wants an economic agenda to pass Congress, he needs to ensure the agenda does not increase the deficit and that every solution within the agenda has gained Republican support in the past. These solutions are therefore titled “deficit neutral and bipartisan,” or DNB for short. Below are five examples of DNB solutions that President Obama could lead on to help the ailing economy.


The current U.S. tax code is complex and inefficient, leading to a myriad of loopholes and exemptions. Tax rates could be significantly decreased and the tax code simplified if many of these loopholes and exemptions were deleted from the code. This would lead to a more effective allocation of resources, increased investment from home and abroad, a more level playing field for businesses and a simpler tax return process. As long as increased revenue from the closed loopholes and exemptions offset the decrease in revenue from lower tax rates, tax reform could be deficit neutral.

2. Recruiting and retaining highly skilled immigrants.

During a weak economy, America should make recruiting and retaining highly skilled immigrants a top priority. America should increase the cap on visas for foreign high-skilled workers, offer any immigrant who graduates from an American college permanent residency and streamline the burden-some immigration system.

Recruiting and retaining more high-skilled immigrants would be a boon to the American economy. What do AT&T, Verizon, Google, Goldman Sachs, Intel and Kraft all have in common? Each is a Fortune 500 company that was either founded or co-founded by an immigrant. Opening America up to more high-skilled immigrants will lead to a stronger American workforce and an increased number of startups.

3. Signing outstanding free trade agreements.

Currently, free trade agreements between America and three countries, Colombia, South Korea and Panama, are written but pending Congressional approval. These agreements would allow America to better compete overseas by lowering tariffs and other barriers. Other countries have taken advantage of America’s political dysfunction. A trade deal between South Korea and the European Union became effective on Jul. 1, while a deal between Canada and Colombia became effective on Jul. 15. The longer Congress drags its feet, the harder it will be for American exporters to compete in these countries.


Even though America needs to cut spending in the long-term, it still needs economic stimulus in the short-term for a stronger recovery. These goals can be achieved by first implementing the President’s fiscal commission’s deficit reduction plan, “The Moment of Truth.” This proposal is balanced, bipartisan and would allow America to better compete overseas by lowering tariffs and other barriers. Other countries have taken advantage of America’s political dysfunction. A trade deal between South Korea and the European Union became effective on Jul. 1, while a deal between Canada and Colombia became effective on Jul. 15. The longer Congress drags its feet, the harder it will be for American exporters to compete in these countries.

5. Minimize political uncertainty.

During an economic recovery, Washington should minimize political uncertainty. Political uncertainty is when policies related to important issues are unclear in the near future. Political certainty is important because investors are more likely to invest capital and businesses are more likely to create jobs when the political climate is certain. “Current certainty” does not accurately describe America’s political system.

Uncertainty was created by political fights over the extension of the Bush tax cuts in winter 2010, funding the government in spring 2011 and raising the debt ceiling in summer 2011. Better negotiations, more compromise and less procrastination can end much of the political uncertainty that both parties have created over the past two years.

As I was finishing this op-ed in late August, President Obama announced he would address the nation on his new economic plan, providing me an opportunity to compare my ideas with those of the President.

But as I watched the President’s speech, I realized the agenda he offered uses the two DNB principles.

By offering a DNB economic agenda, President Obama reassured himself as the center-left pragmatist that Americans voted for in 2008. But as the saying goes, “it takes two to tango.” DNB solutions will only work if the Republicans can compromise with the President on an economic agenda.

Combining the center-left pragmatism of the Republican Party makes their number one goal assisting the millions of unemployed today, instead of beating Barack Obama in 2012.

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Dumb phone

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U.S. poet

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Politics and evolution: who cares?

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The “greatest of all university fight songs,” the Notre Dame Victory March, is a powerful expression of school spirit, but it does not currently reflect the totality of the Notre Dame student body and athletic teams. By committing to changing their fight song lyrics, Notre Dame student leaders are showing leadership and integrity in the pursuit of maintaining a celebratory and inclusive environment.

The U.S. Supreme Court decided in 1995 that school administrators have the authority to banish “Rally sons of Notre Dame” with either “ones” or “all of Notre Dame,” and “while her...” with “her” in order to replace male-oriented language with gender-inclusive language. We suggest replacing “in.”

In addition to making the song more inclusive, Notre Dame student leaders are maintaining the song’s readability and aesthetic appeal. Throughout its history, the song has been a powerful symbol of Notre Dame’s student body and athletic teams. By changing the lyrics, Notre Dame student leaders are taking an important step in promoting a more inclusive community and a more diverse university.

First, I must agree with you (“Let them eat bread,” Sept. 15) that the monitor’s action, in that particular incident at South Dining Hall, is a bit overboard. Most employees at South Dining Hall that I have met are generally very nice towards students. However, the policy “take one item with you” is not particularly clear. I did not know the policy until today. I went to the dining hall yesterday with a friend and I did not know the policy. Even though I did not know the policy, I still discussed in a political race taking place nearly a quarter of a century after the ruling was made? Social issues become popular in any presidential campaign, and the Republican candi- dates can expect to win some votes from the socially-conservative right wing by taking a more aggressive stance on a number of social issues. Evolution qualifies as one of these issues. Americans are more likely to vote for a candidate who either rather have a candidate tell me what he or she is going to do when elected that will have some practical results in the country. An immediate revision of 1987’s Edwards v. Aguillard seems unlikely fol- lowing the 2012 election.

If the self-proclaimed leaders of the country want to talk about education, then let’s talk about education. Let’s talk about the fact that the United States has continually finished behind China and a host of other countries in the OECD’s Program for International Student As-

Let’s talk about the “brutal truth that we’re being out-educated,” as Education Secretary Arne Duncan puts it, and let’s talk about what we can do to stop it. Let’s talk about the sky rocketing costs of a college education, where $30,000 tuition is moderate. On that note, let’s talk about the absurd prices of textbooks, and why three amended pages in Chapter 11 and a revised pledge constitutes a new $75 edition, rendering last year’s $65 version of the same book archaic. Let’s talk about affirmative ac-

Return with honor

Mr. Cohen,

On Sept. 14 (“A ‘9/11 commemoration,” Sept. 14), you objected to The Observer’s use of the phrase “defend our freedom,” referring to the actions of our troops engaged in the Middle East. While I respect your opinion to opine on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, I must protest how you turned your complaint against the phrase into a diatribe against national politics and the military. It seems you are unable to separate the soldiers fighting overseas from the political objectives (or lack thereof), you believe in. The troops are fighting to achieve a favored goal. The invasion of Iraq, you say, was “misguided, unproven,” while the politics involved were “ill-defined and indefinite.” Regardless of why America is involved in the Middle East, the troops do not set policy. They are given orders by their superiors. They fight the war they are given. Their “mistakes” make their countrymen the real victims, in my opinion.

Your point is valid, though, lies in a sentence: “So let’s honor members of the military for their courage and honor when they demonstrate it, as they often do, in a just cause.”

Until now, you hold that the current wars were unjustified. Unjustified. If ev-ery military action of the past decade was part of an unjust war, then how, by your logic, can the military be honored? Again, you conflate troops with na-

Our soldiers are honorable whether or not the cause is just. Later, you state that the American military is “not a human body, not a human soul,” which I take to mean that they not have our rights. Then your argument falls to pieces. They chose to fight — do not patronize them with sympathy. All they want is to know that the country they are fighting for will still welcome them home. Our military is not interchangeable with political goals. They fight to achieve them, but they are not equivalent. Take your anger out on the politi-

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’est that this decision is going to be repeated any time soon, so why is it still discussed in a political race taking place nearly a quarter of a century after the ruling was made? Social issues become popular in any presidential campaign, and the Republican candi-

tates can expect to win some votes from the socially-conservative right wing by taking a more aggressive stance on a number of social issues. Evolution qualifies as one of these issues. Americans are more likely to vote for a candidate who either rather have a candidate tell me what he or she is going to do when elected that will have some practical results in the country. An immediate revision of 1987’s Edwards v. Aguillard seems unlikely fol-

Rally all of Notre Dame

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Eating responsibly in the dining hall

Dear GFP: presidential hopefuls and political pundits. I would like to respectfully ask you to discontinue your talks on the “dilemma facing the United States.” Please stop pontificating, and shift the debate to issues that are real and relevant. I did not know the policy “take one item with you.” However, the lady at the door just told me that the policy is to know that the country they are fighting to protect will still welcome them home. Our military is not interchangeable with political goals. They fight to achieve them, but they are not equivalent. Take your anger out on the political pundits: I would like to respect-
Father and son team Emilio Estevez and Martin Sheen have been on a pilgrimage of their own, promoting their new film, “The Way.” The movie, written and directed by Estevez and starring Sheen, began its journey in California several weeks ago and will end with a benefit screening for The Walkabout Foundation on Oct. 5 in New York City. The Walkabout Foundation provides heavy-duty wheelchairs to people in need in third-world countries with undeveloped roads. Though their bus tour takes them to all parts of the country, one stop was non-negotiable — Notre Dame.

Sheen, who was honored with the Notre Dame Laetare Medal in 2008, had never been to a home football game. In an interview with The Observer, Estevez said, “So we had the Oct. 5 date, and then I said Sept. 17 is when Notre Dame plays MSU, so we need to be there on the 17th. So whatever date we leave, whatever, you know that, I mean, we need to be at Notre Dame by the 17th.”

It’s not just about the football, though. Both Estevez and Sheen felt strongly that their film needed to play before the Notre Dame community. “We think you guys get it,” Estevez said. “We think that you guys will get the themes of the film … This campus celebrates faith and community, and that is really what the movie is all about.”

David Alexanian, the film’s producer, is quick to point out that “The Way” is a spiritual film, which doesn’t necessarily mean religious.

“The film, though set on a very important religious landmark, isn’t very religious,” he said. “It’s spiritual.”

Sheen added, “We didn’t want to hit you over the head with it … but if people are open and receptive to the transcendent nature of pilgrimage, it has a double wallow you know, because it becomes deeply personal.”

Sheen, a vocal Catholic activist, won’t deny that his own religious beliefs did influence the film. “I love it. I’m nurtured and I identify myself with the demands of the faith because I was raised Catholic, and then faded away and then came back 30 years ago,” Sheen said. “But I came back to the church of social justice, of people and social justice, activism. So these last 30 years have been by far the most difficult in my life because of the commitment to social justice, but equally the happiest because I believe that if something is of value, it has to cost you something.

“There’s no way I could separate that identification from film, my personal, that immersion in my own faith, but I don’t expect to save the world or anybody in it,” he added. “The only reason I do it is for myself. I’m the only one that I can change. I’m the only one that I have any influence over and that’s difficult enough. I have to change, if anything. I do it for myself because I cannot do it for myself.”

In this respect, Sheen’s role in “The Way” as Tom, a lapsed-Catholic ophthalmologist who does not understand his son Daniel (played by Estevez) and his desire to travel the world, seems out of character. At the beginning of the film, Daniel has decided that he will not finish his cultural anthropology PhD so that he can experience the world’s cultures first-hand. Tom is disappointed in his son’s decision and even more concerned that Daniel is about to fly to Europe to complete the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Tom receives a call that his son has died in an accident at the beginning of his pilgrimage and so he flies to collect the cremated remains of his son. He decides in a moment of revelation that he will continue his son’s journey on the Camino and scatter the ashes along the way.

The Camino is an ancient pilgrimage route through northern Spain and ends in Galicia at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where the remains of St. James are rumored to be buried. Hundreds of thousands make the pilgrimage every year, often setting aside more than a month to complete the route. The pilgrims travel only with a single backpack and a walking stick and stop at important sites along the way to get a Camino passport stamped. Countless people within the Notre Dame community have completed or are currently in the process of completing the Camino.

Tom’s story in “The Way” is one of deep personal and spiritual growth. The man at the end of the film is much more like the man who plays him — a generous person with a desire to live a full life. Estevez said of the role he wrote, “By the end of the journey [Tom] becomes fully awake … and I think embraces the life his son had talked about that he never fully understood while the son was alive.”

The estranged relationship between Tom and Daniel is clearly not a reflection of that of Sheen and Estevez. What is abundantly clear when the two speak together is the real admiration they have for the other, both as artists and as people. Estevez credits his father for helping develop the story. “We worked together on this,” Alexanian added. “Here, you have people who deeply care about each other and have deep respect for each other and also deeply know each other.”

The film benefits from that … Friends, family, religion, spirituality, perseverance and the power of will are all central to “The Way” and remain potent messages for the Notre Dame community and the world community at large.

“The Way” is about a personal journey as well as a communal one. It is Tom’s story, but it also is the story of his son, the people he meets along the Camino and all of the pilgrims who travel the Camino every year. “The Way” want to put forward. Sheen said that his hope for what audiences will get from the film is that they would feel welcome to experience this journey vicariously with the actors.

“You don’t have to go to Santiago, you don’t have to go to Jerusalem or Rome or Mecca for pilgrimage,” Sheen said. “You don’t have to go to the inside, you know, for transcendence, to find yourself … What pilgrimage says is basically that you have to do the journey — no one can walk in your shoes, no one can carry your load. And you can be sure that if you go out there and you commit to doing it, you’re part of a community.”

Sheen ended by confirming his belief in the importance of community. “So you must do it alone, but you cannot do it without community,” he added. “And that’s a reflection of Notre Dame, too. You can do it alone, but you can’t do it without community. And you don’t even want to do it without community.”
“Some girls were into dressing up, but not me...I was never interested in fashion for its social purposes — namely to get a boyfriend,” Slowey said. 

Working at Vogue with the famed photographer Irving Penn for one year after graduating from Notre Dame with a B.A. in history furthered her passion for fashion for another reason: the beauty of the object. An aspiring writer, Slowey was transfixed by the “history, pageantry, and thoughtful, artful expression” of fashion.

“Great, more experienced design is aware of this history. A sleeve can convey the Baroque period, for example, and draw you into a romantic history,” Slowey said.

Slowey agrees with the notion of fashion as a visual, non-verbal language, with fashion always “existing within a cultural context.”

“Otherwise it’s just clothes,” Slowey said.

Slowey’s passion for adventure travel has highlighted these beliefs. Visiting countries as diverse as Uzbekistan and the Laplands, as well as multiple regions of Africa, India, Japan and China, gave her the opportunity to enter tribal regions, which designers such as John Galliano and Karl Lagerfeld have visited as well.

“The roots of many designs we see are in this education — a consciousness rising,” she said. And this consciousness rising applies to her European travels as well.

“In Europe there is a chic and sophisticated woman that [are] not here,” Slowey said. “They’re not so overtly sexual, but sensual with more attitude.”

She added that American women are “more open emotionally, while with European women there’s more affect.”

This doesn’t negate the fact that there is a clear European love affair with American style, epitomized by the popularity of brands such as Tommy Hilfiger and Ralph Lauren, whose European presence conveys “an obsession with American sport and casual wear.”

From this historical and bi-cultural perspective, Slowey highlights a meaning of fashion, which has lately been gaining more consideration in academic circles. Fashion doesn’t just simply visualize a different culture or time period through patterns or simple design, but it also keys us in to a culture’s values and traditions.

So, where does this leave Slowey? College students carry heavy course loads, beaucoup extracurricular activities, not to mention social entanglements. Anne Slowey was once one of us, and is now the author of her own ELLE column, Fashion-Know-It-All, a former star of the “Devil Meets Prada”-esque reality show “Stylista,” a one-time critic of the “City’s Whitney Port”, a fashion aesthete and the Director of the Fashion News (which your very own Fashion by Felicia checks religiously every morning on ELLE.com, late in hand).

Moreover, Slowey is no fashion talking head — her points are intellectual. One could even say she has an academic’s view on the world of fashion. However, she is quick to crush any opinion that casts historical interpretation as the only legitimate view.

“As I have gotten older, I have realized you use fashion to express yourself and what you think, to convey a sensitivity,” she said. “Clothes represent who you are — if you’re moody, a romantic intellect or if you’re playful or joyful. This Spring, in particular, we’ve seen a lot of that with beautiful nature prints.”

Slowey believes your wardrobe has the power to set the tone when you enter a room. “After all, you pick a trend and then you bring it to your own closet,” she said. “The bottom line is you pick some- thing which you have a feeling.”

Slowey was speechless (of course, as any true fashion lover knows, items of your wardrobe are like children — how could you possibly choose your favorite?), but added, “Anything by Balenciaga, or Pierre Hardy.”

Achieving our dreams is never easy, and it always takes us on unexpected routes. Did the young Anne Slowey dream of a place of power at ELLE Magazine as she felt the grass underneath her feet hot on that walk up to the Golden Dome? As she said, “I wanted to be a writer.” And so she is, and so much more.

The key to fashion lies in its ability to help us get there, to communicate our dreams and desires to the audience we wish to spellbind. Papers may be on their way, exams around the corner, but with the right ensemble and accessories, you can feel on top of the world and visually shout that empowerment from the rooftops. Now that’s what I like to call fashion enlightenment.

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Fantasy football

I have played fantasy football for 12 seasons now. Well, this is currently my 12th season. After the last 12 years, I have come to hate fantasy football.

First, let’s put 15 years in perspective, at least related to football. My rookie year was 2000. It was also Tom Brady’s first season. I won it a little.

My first year Brady waited until his second season, putting his career in jeopardy.

Now, retired, Plaxico Burress missed the last two seasons while serving time in jail. Julian Edelman kicked an NFL record-tying 63-yard field goal last week, but still fails to make the Oakland Raiders.

Of these players, only Julian Edelman has actually contributed. I think it is safe to assume none have competed while hating the game. Yet, I persevere.

Fantasy football is a grand endeavor. It annually brings friends together (near the goal line) and (almost) every time they were down (near the goal line) and (almost) every time they were down (near the goal line) and (almost) every time they were down.

But it gets worse.

In one of yesterday’s early afternoon games, Kansas City Chiefs running back Jamaal Charles went down with an injury. We were scored on, put the ball over inside the Patriots 1-yard line.

Pelvis. This is why I hate fantasy football threat. Thanks to him, my league hasn’t seen the NFL mark for most yards passed in a single game in 854, lasted about three hours. Caroline, a rookie in my league, set that before Brady ended the day at 940 yards.

Two pretty outstanding outings” by Brady, said left tackle Matt Light, whose fantasy team is blind side. “He’s the leader of our offense. When he’s doing well, we’re all good.”

Brady became the first player in NFL history to throw a 500-yard passing performance with a 400-yard game, and the Patriots also took the lead for the 10th straight regular-season game. He threw three touchdown passes and went 31 for 40 with no interceptions as the Patriots (2-0) scored on each of their four first-half possessions.

The Chargers (1-1) turned the ball over inside the Patriots zone three times, leading to 17 points. They also were stopped on a fourth-and-goal at the 1, and the Patriots started a 99-yard drive that ended with Wes Welker hooking up for a 99-yard touchdown on the next play. A 99-yard touchdown.

For the second straight game, New England had a 99-yard touchdown drive. After Stephen Gostkowski’s 22-yard field goal made it 10-7, the Patriots got the ball back at their 1-yard line when Jerod Mayo stopped Mike Tolbert short of the goal line.

In the 38-24 win over the Dolphins, the Patriots also took the ball over at the 1, and Brady and Wes Welker hooked up for a 99-yard touchdown on the next play. This time Brady needed 10 plays to score, completing the drive with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Gronkowski for a 17-7 lead.

San Diego wasted an opportunity on its next series when it reached the Patriots 29 before Wilfork’s interception. That set up a 4-yard field goal by Gostkowski on the first play of the second half.

With Mayo forced a fumble and Wilfork recovered at the Patriots 39, Brady needed just four plays to cover 69 yards and throw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Gronkowski. Danny Woodhead ran in for the 2-point conversion and a 18-14 lead.

The Chargers needed a comeback, but tight end Antonio Gates didn’t help as he was held without a catch for the first time in 34 games.

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Saint Mary’s finishes 11 of 16 at Calving Invitational

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

The Belles took on a 16-team field Saturday in Grand Rapids, Mich., that featured some top Division-III programs. The Belles finished in 11th place, leaving the Calving Invitational with a better understanding of where they stand in the MIAA than before.

Fellow conference member and host No. 15 Calvin took first with a team score of 27. No. 35 Ohio Northern took second with 66 points. Saint Mary’s finished with 279 team points. Senior captain Joanne Almond led the Belles with a time of 18:42.6, good enough for a 23rd individual finish.

Almond said she ran her best race. “Individually, I am thrilled with my time,” she said. “I set a new personal best by 40 seconds.”

Almond said her teammates also impressed in their races. “I am very proud of our team’s showing on Saturday,” she said. “I think that every single one of my teammates ran an excellent race.”

Though not an MIAA event, the Calvin Invitational included four schools from the conference. According to Almond, the results from the weekend showed the Belles how difficult their season will be.

“Based on the teams that were there, I think that the MIAA will be extremely competitive this year.”

With their first MIAA event coming this weekend in the form of the MIAA Jamboree at Trine University, the Belles now begin their season in earnest. Almond said results from the Calvin Invitational will determine how they train in preparation for conference action.

“Saturday’s invitational was a great indication of where our fitness is right now,” she said. “We will use our times from Saturday to tailor our workouts in preparation for our big races.”

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Packers survive Newton attack

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — For the second straight week, Cam Newton threw for more than 400 yards, sidestepped pass rushers and moved the Carolina Panthers up and down the field. Leave it to Aaron Rodgers and the Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers to spoil Newton’s home debut.

Rodgers threw for 308 yards and two scores, while the Packers withstood a 432-yard passing day from the No. 1 overall draft pick to beat the Panthers 30-23 on Sunday.

A week after throwing for 422 yards — most in league history by a rookie in his professional debut — Newton topped himself by setting an NFL rookie record for passing yardage in a game. He passed for one touchdown and also ran for a 4-yard score with 37 seconds left to bring Carolina (0-2) within seven, but the Packers (2-0) recovered the onside kick to seal the victory.

Newton briefly held the NFL record for most passing yards in the first two games of the season by any quarterback (854), before New England’s Tom Brady broke it a few hours later. Newton still set a league record for most yards passing in the first two games of a career.

“I knew he would be good, but if I told you I knew he’d be this good this early, I’d be lying to you,” said Packers nose tackle B.J. Raji, who had one of four sacks of Newton. “He doesn’t get frustrated. We threw a lot of stuff at him today and he was able to sit back there and make some of the plays they needed.”

While Newton racked up the big yards, Rodgers was the one to direct his team to a victory. He found Greg Jennings for a 49-yard touchdown pass early in the third quarter, the go-ahead score in a run of 23 straight points to erase an early 13-0 deficit.

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ND Volleyball

Notre Dame dominates at InnTowner Invitational

Observer Staff Report

On a weekend in which Irish senior outside hitter Kristen Dealy became just the eighth Notre Dame volleyball player to record both 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in her career, the Irish gave fans plenty more to cheer about with convincing wins over Western Michigan and Wisconsin at the InnTowner Invitational in Madison, Wis.

With a kill in the second set against Western Michigan on Friday, Dealy joined the 1,000-1,000 club in resounding fashion. The kill was one of 13 on the day for Dealy, who also recorded 21 digs. For her efforts, she was named MVP of the Invitational.

On Friday, the Irish (7-3) handled the Broncos (9-2) in four sets, winning 3-1 (25-18, 23-25, 25-14, 27-25) as three Irish hitters registered double-digit kills. Junior middle blocker Hilary Eppink and freshman middle blocker Jeni Houser recorded 14 and 11 kills, respectively.

The efforts of those three, along with sophomore setter Maggie Brindock, who finished with eight kills and 48 assists, helped the Irish to hit .296 on the match.

The real push, however, came from an Irish defense that held previously once-beaten Western Michigan to .178 hitting on the day. The Broncos hit just .088 in the first set and .000 in the third. Notre Dame completed its first-ever sweep of Wisconsin on Saturday, dispatching the Badgers (8-4) in straight sets (25-22, 25-22, 25-23) in front of a crowd of 3,410 at Wisconsin Field House. The match was closer than the score would suggest, with all three sets pushing the Irish to the limit.

An impressive effort from freshman outside hitter Toni Alugbue pushed the Irish over the top. Alugbue registered 10 kills without an error on her way to a prodigious .667 hitting percentage.

As they did against Western Michigan the day before, the Irish significantly out-hit their opponent, slamming .272 to the Badgers’ .180 mark. Eppink chipped in with nine kills, Dealy with eight and Houser with seven.

Between Alugbue, Houser and freshman libero Kathleen Severyn, who notched a couple of key aces down the stretch, the win showcased the degree to which the Irish freshmen are making an immediate impact. Houser is currently second on the team in kills.

The Irish return to the court to begin Big East play at home Friday, Sept. 24, against George-town in the Joyce Center.
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Notre Dame strives to return to NCAA championships

Observer Staff Report

The Irish start the fall portion of their schedule today at the Golfweek Conference Challenge in Wolcott, Colo. The team hopes to get an early indication of whether they can repeat a trip to the NCAA championships after earning a bid to the tournament for the first time in program history last season.

Top ranked teams from each conference last season were invited to the 54-hole tournament at the Red Sky Golf Club in Colorado. The top ranked course. If those teams were unable to participate in the 18-team field, the next highest ranked team was invited. The competition for the Irish, who finished 25th in the final Golfweek rankings last season, includes Pepperdine and Oklahoma, who were ranked 20th and 27th respectively.

The tournament will also feature the debuts of freshmen Ashley Armstrong and Kelli Orda for the Irish. Both were accomplished players in high school and each were ranked among the top 50 players in their class by Golfweek. Armstrong successfully qualified for the U.S. Women’s Amateur this past summer, while Orda earned a spot as an alternate for the 2011 U.S. Women’s Open.

Meanwhile, the experienced side of the five-player team is led by senior captain Becca Huffer. Last season, Huffer placed in the top-10 on four occasions in tournament play and held a 74.8 stroke average, good for second on the team. Huffer also has earned All-Big East honors in each of her three seasons. The location of the Golfweek Conference Challenge tournament will allow Huffer’s family to watch her compete.

Katie Allare, the other senior on the squad, averaged 78.3 strokes per round in 2010. The roster is rounded out by sophomore Kristina Nhimi, who placed an average of 76.2 strokes per round last season. Nhimi also placed third in the Big East championships with a six-over-par, missing out on the team by only one stroke.

Following the Golfweek Conference Challenge, the Irish will travel to North Carolina from Oct. 7-9 to compete in the Tar Heel Invitational.

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Notre Dame strives to return to NCAA championships

By WALKER CAREY
Sports Writer

The Irish entered the Illini Invitational in Olympia Fields, Ill., this weekend in a field that included four top-20 teams. The Irish finished 5-3 in doubles and 11-17 in singles at the three-day event.

“The competition at [the Illini Invitational] was very solid,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “I think we did a pretty good job of holding our own.”

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Irish win 9th straight Catholic Championship

The Irish continued their perennial dominance of the National Catholic Championships by-notch ing a pair of victories over the weekend.

“This race was definitely a step in the right direction for our team. We had improvements from every one that raced two weeks ago,” Irish senior Rachel Velarde said. “It was nice seeing everyone work so well together, and it produced good results.”

For the ninth straight year, a Notre Dame women’s runner topped the leaderboard as junior Jessica Rydberg finished first, running the five-kilometer course in just 17.16.

Rydberg’s mark was the fast- est time since 1999 and the third fastest in the meet’s history.

Sophomore Alexa Aragon finished third, while senior Molly Hirt placed fifth, helping the Irish take six of the top nine spots.

“This race was more competitive than two weeks ago, but not as competitive as ND [Invitational],” Velarde said. “It is nice for the freshmen to see the course and get a feel for it before ND Invite, where the big time racing happens.”

Irish freshmen Emily Frydrych and Gabby Gonzales finished 11th and 27th in their home meets, respectively.

“This race was a good stepping stone for the race in two weeks,” Velarde said. “I think we can work on bettering our pack time, and I think that’s one thing we can really improve on.”

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little bit distracted,” Kubinski said. “He wanted to put on a show for all his friends and family there. I don’t think it actually affected his play. He’s pretty good at blocking things out.”

Stamford ran away from the rest of the field as the Cardinal finished with a 54-hole total of 849 (+9). 16 strokes ahead of second-place Auburn.

“Stanford had four or five guys play really well each round,” Kubinski said. “Our defense was very good this week, which is why we had maybe two guys put up great scores each day. When we can start doing that we’ll start finishing higher, even in great fields like this.”

Notre Dame finished one spot and seven strokes ahead of defending national champion Augusta State.

The Irish return to action next Sunday at home for the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic at the Warren Golf Course.

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nities in the 56th minute, when Exeter tracked down a half and drove the ball into the corner. Her low cross made its way through lots of traffic in the box and found freshman midfielder Erin Vennedy streaking down the back side. Vennedy slotted the ball near-side from six yards and Louisville was on the board.

This Irish had several tantalizing opportunities as the game wound down, but the Cardinals held to the very end for the victory, snapping Notre Dame’s 62-match unbeaten streak in regular season con-

Irish sophomore forward Adrianna Leon, left, and freshman forward Lauren Bohaboy, center, battle for the ball in a 7-1 win Sept. 2 against Tulsa.

After that goal Notre Dame went to work, and found solid forward and tri-captain Melissa Hunter early on as she scored her 60th career goal in the 18th minute to even the score, then added more in the 26th and 63rd to complete her fifth career hat trick. Bohaboy scored her first career goal in the last three minutes and the Irish walked off the field as resounding victors.

Notre Dame will have time to rest after that win, however, as they face a very quick turnaround with the final weekend road trip. The Irish will fly down to Tampa for a televised contest against South Florida on Thursday, then will head to Milwaukee, Wis. to take on No. 8/9 Marquette on Saturday.
Mena

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Greg Klazura assisted Mena on both goals. “The game was funny because both goals were really replicas of one another,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

Mena also assisted sophomore forward Harry Shipp’s goal against Michigan State. “Mena was very much in -

The Irish almost took the tying goal before the clock ran out. “At a time like that, they’re just going to pile everything into your box,” Clark said. “You have got to handle that. There’s a lot of aerial service, a lot of stuff just lofted into your box. Your goalkeepers become very essential and important.”

Walsh had five saves against Michigan State and resisted the pressure of the desperate Spartan offense. “The game became much more direct in the last 15 or 20 minutes,” Clark said. It became quite a physical game, and I thought we handled that very well.

Mena and Finley each lead Notre Dame’s non-conference play concluded this weekend with its two goals and assist.”

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Back and outshot Michigan half with seven to the Wolverines’ 10, but the Irish came back and outshot Michigan 15-7 in the second half.

“They gave us all we could handle in the first half. The first half was a very tough contest for us,” Clark said. “In the second half, we really took hold of the game.”

The Irish almost took the game in the 80th minute as a shot from junior forward Ryan Finley hit the crossbar and went over the goal.

“The Wolverines” were a good team in the first half of the way our team battled. “At a time like that, they’re

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Though neither team scored in the first half was a very tough hold in the first half. The Irish came back and took command in the second half.”

Against the Spartans (1-5-1) at Michigan State’s Old College Field, Shipp’s goal in the 54th minute ultimately decided the game.

Though neither team scored before the half, the Irish established themselves offensively from the beginning of the match and outshot the Spartans 10-7 before the break. They continued the offensive domination in the second half with six shots to Michigan State’s three.

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ing ways to win, and that’s what I did.”
Lee was in fact knocked down once by a Stiers right hook, but the 24-year-old quickly got back on his feet and kept fighting.
Lee’s poise allowed him to remain active for all four rounds, as he had to adjust to Stiers’ playing style.
“I definitely wanted to pace myself,” he said. “He was running from me the whole fight and I didn’t want to get caught with anything stupid, but my trainer Ronnie Shields taught me to stay poised in this atmosphere.
“I easily could’ve gone out there and thrown a million punches and tried to go for a really quick knockout and tire myself out, but we’re trying to learn, so we’re trying to get those rounds and learn, and I think that’s what we did.”
While Lee did not knock out Stiers, he said he was very pleased with his performance.
“It was a great fight,” he said. “I knew I won the fight [after it ended], but yeah, when they raised my hands it’s the best feeling in the world. It’s tough to explain. It’s why I do what I do, and my dad knows that.
“We spend hours in the gym and weeks down in Houston, and it’s for that moment. It’s for that moment right there when I get to raise my hand and everybody gets to see the work we put in.”
The proceeds from the match were donated to the Robinson Community Family Center in South Bend and the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation.

“The fact that two organizations got the proceeds from the fight means the world to me,” he said.
Lee’s next fight will be held at Madison Square Garden in New York on Dec. 3rd.
Ramiro Bueno def. Anthony McManaway (KO)
Both light heavyweight fighters started aggressively in the first round, but South Bend native Ramiro Bueno was relentless en route to a knockout at the 1:24 mark in the first round.
James Shorter def. Boris Shishporenok (KO)
Despite a 63-pound weight disadvantage, Elkhart native James Shorter picked up a second round knockout to win the heavyweight match.
Ray Lucies def. Nathan Wilkes (Unanimous decision)
Most of the four-round fight was uneventful until Ray Lucies cornered his opponent for much of the final stanza to seal the match in his professional debut.
Troy Lowry def. Travis Loveless (KO)
Troy Lowry picked up a fifth-round knockout to improve to 27-11 with 15 KOs in his career.
Glen Tapia def. Marcus Thompkins (Unanimous decision)
Glen Tapia had an opportunity to finish Marcus Thompkins in the second round after cornering his opponent with great technique.
After getting some punches in, Thompkins was able to extend the match.

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2009 Notre Dame graduate Mike Lee stares down his opponent during his victory Friday at the Joyce Center.
**Crossword**

**Horoscope**

**Eugenia Last**

**Celebrities Born on This Day (D.O.B.):**
- Bruce Spence, 60
- James Marsden, 38
- Jada Pinkett Smith, 43
- James Gandolfini, 50

**Happy Birthday:**

Strive to make yourself totally marketable. Thinking ways to prove who you are and what you could offer to others in a unique and shining composite will help you attract attention. Perseverance will earn you improved assets and building financial security. You must exercise yourself from the overuse of cash. Turn around on Sat., 17, 24, 31, 34, 39.

**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Enjoy a community creative seminar or get together with friends. Romance is in the near. You have a promise for someone special, anew to the time. Travel and communications will result in added information as well as in a new opportunity. **★★★★**

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Make changes at home. Get your people to budget to the point to find and you will be done in no time. A social event to making extra cash should be avoided. Thank you for the maintenance they are trying to make for your well-being. **★★★★**

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Focus on being the first you can be and nurturing meaningful relationships. Arguments will lead to a misunderstanding. Make off any anger you are feeling and set your mind to acquiring goals. Make love, not war. **★★★★**

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Make adjustments to your environment to help you feel more secure. Don’t let others’ negativity or lack of insight dampen you. A Petit that can help you earn more cash should be avoided, or at least considered. Recovery will pay off. **★★★★**

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don’t take all of the opportunity offered to do something with friends. Engaging in good fellowship. A change of stations may gain you more of your wishes. Love is highlighted and extra is a commitment. Make your time for a little patience. **★★★★**

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Opportunity knocks, so don’t hesitate to sign up for a course or plan a day trip. Try to get in as soon as you can and you will perk knowledge quickly. Take the knowledge you are into something that will bring high esteem. **★★★★**

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Enjoy your friends or love. Your friends will help bring about the changes you’ve wanted to see. Start the day out when you are moving forward and your destination is reached. Travel if it helps you deal a creative person. **★★★★**

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Offer your help. It’s time to take charge and make things happen. A passionate, imaginative approach to whatever you do will be appreciated and talked about. You need to advance your quick and reliable coming. **★★★★**

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Though your friends will help you drop your guard, your ideas may not be as realistic as you think. Do your research or you may suffer your pain. A change at home can be expected and raise a personal relationship. **★★★★**

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You’ll need a dealing and take care of your personal business. You need to stand. This can be a smile advantage of the economic climate. Focus on your needs and making your plant better out your needs. A property deal looks good. **★★★★**

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Good fortune is ironing your way. Focus on deals that are a good fit. Focus on the positive about your friends and how well you will be well received. Changes at home will bring you more joy. A joint venture will help financially. **★★★★**

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** Expect the unexpected. Stand up for your rights and be prepared to go against what is right if you must. A piece of property bought from your friends will be well received. **★★★★**

**Birthday Baby:** You are charming, caring and understanding. You offer help freely and are not insatiable and patient.

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Irish finish 8th at talent-laden Olympia Fields Invitational

By CONOR KELLY
Men's Golf

Led by a one-under 69 in the final round by senior Max Scodro on his home course, the Irish jumped two spots to eighth place despite shooting a 297 (+12) in the second round. The 54-hole format proved difficult to score well, as it was a benefit to those who had lower rounds through the first two rounds. The best thing the Irish move into a tie for 10th after the second round tied for 12th.

The Irish opened the first round of the Invitational with a 292 (+12), led by Scodro's 71 (+1) and sophomore Niall Cubinski's 71 (+1) and the Irish jumped two spots to eighth place despite shooting a 297 (+12) in the second round. The 54-hole format proved difficult to score well, as it was a benefit to those who had lower rounds through the first two rounds. The best thing about it was his composure. It's something he's been working on for the past three years.”

Douglas Farmer
Editor-in-Chief

Men’s Soccer

ND extends unbeaten streak to 4

By MOLLY SAMMON

The Irish upped their unbeaten streak to four games with another two wins over the weekend. Notre Dame began the weekend with a 2-1 overtime win over Michigan at home Friday, before posting a 1-0 shutout over Michigan State on Sunday in East Lansing, Mich.

Senior midfielder Adam Mena scored both of the team’s goals against the Wolverines, the first in the 33rd minute and the second in the first minute of overtime, to lead the No. 16 Irish (4-1-2). Senior midfielder

Women’s Soccer

Notre Dame bounces back after tough loss

Observer Staff Report

After a rough 3-3-1 non-conference stretch to open the season, Notre Dame was ready to begin Big East play, in which they hadn’t lost a regular season match since 2005. And while that streak was ended in a 1-0 loss to Louisville on Friday, the team was able to bounce back in Sunday’s 4-1 win at Cincinnati.

Heading into Friday’s home match, the Irish (4-4-1, 1-0 Big East) were excited to head into Big East play, in which they hadn’t lost a regular season match since 2005. And while that streak was ended in a 1-0 loss to Louisville on Friday, the team was able to bounce back in Sunday’s 4-1 win at Cincinnati.

By ANDREW OWENS
Boxing

Notre Dame product Mike Lee puts on show

Mike Lee said he felt the enormity of the grand stage prior to being introduced at Purcell Pavilion, but he was excited to be at Olympia Fields Country Club in Chicago, Ill.

Facing some of the top professional boxer talent in the country, Lee (7-0, 4 KOs) needed all four rounds to win over Stiers (4-2, 2 KOs), but the former Bengal Bouts champion said he never imagined leaving Purcell Pavilion without a victory.

“I knew there was no losing,” Lee said. “I said in the press conference — if I’m losing, you’re going to have to carry me out. There was no way I was losing that fight. I just knew it. I don’t care if I was getting back up and finding the second and third days of the tournament after ending the first round tied for 12th. The Irish opened the first round of the Invitational with a 292 (+12), led by Scodro’s 71 (+1) and sophomore Niall Plaît’s 72 (+2).

“We came out and didn’t shoot terribly in the first round,” Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. “But against this competition we had to be better.”

ND extends unbeaten streak to 4

The gloves are off

Mike Lee, left, pins Jacob Stiers against the ropes in his win Friday night at the Joyce Center. The fight was the first professional boxing event to be held at Notre Dame.

By ANDREW OWENS
Boxing

Mike Lee said he felt the enormity of the grand stage prior to being introduced at Purcell Pavilion, but the 2009 Notre Dame graduate showed no signs of stage fright in his unanimous victory over Jacob Stiers in front of a packed crowd Friday night.

“We were standing in the tunnel, but once Good Life,” my song, came on, I felt at home. I felt good, and I think I came out with a lot of poise out there,” Lee said. “What a great night.”

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