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Connor Meehan  
freshman  
Zahn  

Emily Potucek  
freshman  
Breen-Phillips  

Elathan Montemayor  
sophomore  
Carroll  

Justin Cunningham  
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Kough  

Catherine Gillespie  
junior  
Lyons  

Caitlyn Kalscheur  
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"Charlie Sheen."

"Jesus."

"Manny Parquero."

"Donald 'Don' Duck."

"The E-Trade baby."

The science fiction film titled “World on a Wire” will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 6:30 p.m. The cost is $3 for students.

The exhibit titled, “Warhol’s Camera,” is on display at the Snite Museum of Art until Nov. 13. The exhibition focuses on the importance of photography to Warhol’s Pop aesthetic and explores a variety of roles that photography played in his work. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email detailed information about the event to observers@nd.edu.

IN BRIEF

Jean Zara, Palestinian Quaker, peace activist and author of “Occupied with Nonviolence: A Palestinian Woman Speaks,” will be the featured speaker at the 13th annual John Howard Yoder Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion and Peace. The lecture will begin at 11 a.m. today in the Hesburgh Center auditorium, followed by lunch and informal dialogue in room C-103.

The Institute for Latino Studies is sponsoring a lecture by Professor David Roediger of the University of Illinois titled “Race Management: Production and the Production of Difference in U.S. History” today at 4:30 p.m. in the Snite Museum of Art’s Annenberg Auditorium.

Heidi, Germany’s famous cross-eyed opossum, dies

BERLIN — Germany’s celebrity cross-eyed opossum Heidi — who made an appearance on American television this February predicting Oscar winners — died of old age on Wednesday at 3-1/2 years.

The star of Leipzig Zoo became a national darling when her photo appeared in the mass-circulation newspaper Bild in December.

With merchandise, a song written about her and more than 130,000 fans on Facebook, Heidi’s death will be mourned by many.

The zoo said Heidi had not moved and had been suffering for weeks. The pain had intensified over the last few days — even with increased medication.

“We did everything possible to find the cause of her immobility,” Leipzig Zoo Director Jörg Junhold said in a statement.

Doritos founder to be buried with iconic snack

BALLAS — The man credited with creating Doritos will be buried along with some of his beloved snack chips, his family said Tuesday.

Arch West died Sept. 20 of natural causes at a Dallas hospital. He was 97.

His remains were cremated, and the family plans to bury the urn inside a burial box at a local cemetery on Saturday.

The family requested that friends and relatives who attend the graveside service be allowed to toss Doritos around the box as a tribute.

“He would think it is hilarious,” said his daughter Jana Hacker, a resident of the Dallas area. "The cemetary does not mind because they are biodegradable." Doritos is the second-best selling chip of Frito-Lay’s brands nationally and internationally.

Global sales of Doritos were about $5 billion in 2010.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Local weather

Storm clouds loom over South Quad Wednesday after a tornado warning urging those on campus to seek shelter was issued around 1:45 p.m. The warning was lifted by 2 p.m.
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Members pass resolutions to improve fields, elections

By MEL FLANAGAN

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“Light the field, don’t expect the grass to grow around and you can’t grow grass if it’s too compressed with people stomping around, and you can’t grow grass if the field is not maintained,” he said. “This resolution is an attempt to maintain the field, to light the field, and that club use be accounted for over 50 hours per week.”

“The two most important factors are that last year there were almost 400 intramural and club games played at Riehle and that club use is mostly intended for McGlinn and Stepan Quad and Riehle Fields, commonly known as McGlinn and Stepan fields, respectively, including light the fields and covering them in turf.

Residence Life Chair John Sanders said the much-needed improvements of these fields was brought to the attention of the Residence Life Committee two years ago.

Use of them has just gone up to such an extent that it would be better for us to have improved facilities there,” he said. “Light the field, double the amount of time you can use it. We can turn it over and it’s not used for turf.”

Sanders said turf would improve the durability of the field.

With turf we wouldn’t need the maintenance,” he said. “The field is compressed with people strolling around and you can’t grow grass if it’s too compressed and the field quality goes down.”

When the idea was initially proposed, Sanders said RecSports and university architects created a plan based on student need and desires.

But the plan has not been acted on,” he said. “This resolution is an attempt to reignite the push for this project by demonstrating student need and desire for it.”

Because parts of Riehle fields are grass, Sanders said the lighting is mostly intended for McGlinn fields and the turf is intended for both.

Sanders said evidence of the need for these improvements can be seen through intramural and club uses.

“The two most important factors are that last year there were almost 400 intramural games played at Riehle and that club use accounted for over 50 hours per week,” he said.

“The second resolution passed by Senate comprised two main areas of concern in the election process, Oversight Chair Ben Noe said.

Noe said the first area of concern makes substantial changes in terms of policy issues.

The three main policies changed in the resolution are the algorithm, confidentiality requirement, the question of what constitutes a listserv, and how candidate endorsements are handled.

Former Oversight Chair Paige Becker said in past years, if an allegation was made against a particular candidate, then that candidate and the accusing person met with the election committee and would both present their cases.

“Then the two parties would leave and the election committee had a hearing and discussed their points,” Becker said.

Following the hearing, Noe said candidates would be informed of the committee’s decision, but would not be told any reasons why the committee made that decision.

Candidates then had to decide whether or not they wanted to appeal the decision, Noe said. If they decided to appeal they would be told the committee’s reasoning only a few minutes before the appeal hearing.

“They had to explain why they thought the violation was wrong but at the same time they were also hearing for the first time exactly what that violation was,” Noe said.

With the proposed changes, the vice president of elections is now required to give the candidates a detailed description of the committee’s decision process, explaining what they found them guilty of and why.

“We’re trying to open up the election committee a little more,” Noe said. “It was one of the complaints from last year.

In addition, if an allegation is made, the election committee will not release the results of the election to the student body until the allegation is resolved.

Another issue raised in last year’s election was the question of what constitutes a listserv.

Under the previous rules, the constitution stated candidates were not allowed to use a listserv, but it did not specify what exactly a listserv was.

“We decided that a listserv was fair as any email that ended in @listserv.nd.edu,” Noe said. “That’s what cannot be used in a campaign.”

Last year, an allegation was made saying a candidate used a listserv to campaign, Noe said. However, the committee decided that a list of student names, manually typed out, would not be considered a listserv.

In terms of endorsements, Noe said previously candidates were not allowed to solicit endorsements, but were allowed to campaign on them.

“But how do you define when a candidate is soliciting an endorsement or campaigning on an endorsement they didn’t solicit?” he said.

With the changes, tickets are allowed to solicit and campaign on endorsements from student groups. However, the groups are not allowed to spend any allocated or unallocated funds on the endorsement.

Noe said any group in the Student Union, except for Aquinas, is banned from endorsing candidates. In addition, tickets may not accept or campaign on endorsements from University offices or departments.

Last year’s election committee also made recommendations, which were taken into account in this resolution.

“Because last year’s election system was fairly new as well, we wanted to work out some kinks we ran across,” Noe said.

Ben Noe

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“Noe said if all the mentioned events take place the absolute latest decision would be released two Friday after the initial primary election.

Becker said one main reason for these changes was the decision to withhold election results if an allegation was upheld.

“If the election results were held up for a really long amount of time, then it would delay the runoff,” she said. “So we compressed the time that an appeal and appeal process could possibly take and moved the election and runoff time to the same day, which would always fit between them.”

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Saint Mary’s hosts annual Aquinas lecture

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College students should not feel the need to be constantly happy, Notre Dame philosophy professor Alasdair MacIntyre said in the annual McMahon Aquinas lecture Wednesday evening at Saint Mary’s.

The lecture, “How Truth Is Reformed Through Error: Rereading Aquinas’s Project at Summa Theologiae Ia-IIae, q1 and 12,” explored the teachings and writings of 13th century theologian Saint Thomas Aquinas.

MacIntyre began his lecture by discussing the way Aquinas approached philosophy.

He said Aquinas first introduced readers to the false conclusions reached by earlier philosophers. Then he encouraged readers in an ongoing philosophical discussion.

“We as human beings are truth seekers,” he said. “Self-deceiving, error-prone truth seekers.”

MacIntyre explained how Aquinas expected and advocated for human tendency to desire happiness in the “Summa Theologiae.”

To Aquinas, happiness was defined as an achievement of the virtues, particularly the Beatitudes, but as MacIntyre said, this is a difficult concept for 21st-century readers to understand.

“Happiness has become the name of a psychological state,” said Graft.

MacIntyre said people are less happy because they have become “foolishly self-indulged.” He said people have become “burdened by the notion of happiness” and feel ashamed to admit to being unhappy.

Instead, MacIntyre proposed that people, particularly college students, discredit the concept of needing to be happy at all times.

He said it is helpful to be unhappy because it allows people to be sure with the current self, a person may then be motivated to grow in virtue.

Thomas Graft, a sophomore philosophy major at Notre Dame, said he enjoyed the lecture as an introduction to Aquinas’s philosophy.

“I appreciated [MacIntyre’s] ability to make us think about the misconception of human happiness, but also consider the importance of philosophy and virtue as primarily an individual pursuit,” he said.

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The Saint Mary's College Dance Marathon sponsored the third annual "Trot for Tots" 5K, which attracted participants from Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and the South Bend community Wednesday.

Co-chair Fundraising Executives juniors Kate Kellogg and Kraig Kragh are responsible for planning and organizing the race. "We decided to start awareness early in the year," Kellogg said. "It's the kickoff fundraiser for Dance Marathon, but it gets the ball rolling on other fundraisers to come."

Kellogg and Kragh were satisfied with the turnout this year. Eighty people pre-registered, paying a $12 fee that included a tank top. "This is the first year we've had so many participants pre-register," Kellogg said. "So already, we've raised over $850 with pre-registration."

Last year's Dance Marathon raised $63,000 and Kellogg said they hope to increase that by 20 percent. "That's our goal," she said. "Kraig and I are Kraig Kragh said they are especially happy with the amount of money raised and two fundraisers underway for the number of students that attitudes toward the event.

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The race started at the softball fields and looped around the outer perimeter of campus twice. The finish line was marked at Library Green in front of McCombs Hall. "I already running, so it's something I already love to do," junior Dillon Yake said. "I was just awesome that I could combine helping kids with what I already love to do."

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Junior Rocky Stroud is applying to ACE as well, in addition to the Peace Corps and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) program that matches volunteers with partner organizations. "I'm applying for Teach For America (TFA) right now and ACE later on," he said. "The ACE mainstream job by converting both quantitative data and essays and finally ending in a full-day interview."

"First there's a group interview and then you have to teach a five-minute lesson in front of the entire group," Stroud said. "Then there's an individual interview." Last year, Stucko said about 46,000 students applied and TFA accepted 5,500, which is about 1 percent. The ACE application is not as competitive. They take about 50 to 60 students per year of service, even for people who have already signed contracts with companies," he said. "Students need to make the decision in either jump into one or to live for four or five years of school or to live for six years of school and discover more about one's self."

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The summer after his sophomore year, Stroud participated in a Summer Service Learning Program in Oregon where he worked at a free legal clinic. He is currently serving as a AmeriCorps volunteer at the Robinson Community Learning Center in South Bend.

Last year, Stroud also traveled to India for a spring break service trip. "We helped migrant workers down there, seeing how they actually pick tomatoes and put them in boxes," he said. "It's basically working slavery."

Stucko said she has participated in a multitude of volunteer teaching programs over the past year. "I'm a Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) major, so for three years I've done junior great books," she said. "On Friday, we go into South Bend classrooms and basically do PLS material with middle school kids." Stucko also taught a Sunday school class for Confirmation candidates.

However, Stucko said a definite highlight of the past summer when she taught 9th grade English in Houston with the non-profit called Collaborative, a TFA partner organization. "It was an amazing model but I'm for really intelligent low-income kids," she said. "It gives them extra help over the summer to get into great high schools and ultimately go to college."

Stucko said her time in Houston helped her realize she would like to participate in a program such as TFA after graduation. "This experience and the others culminated into me thinking this is what I want to do," she said. "I was just doing these things because I wanted to help. I realized, oh, I can do this as a real job."

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recent years, that number has increased to 32 or 13 percent. Many students are taking the plunge into postgraduate service," he said. "Those who do are better equipped to pursue fulltime jobs in the future because they have lived, experienced the world and know themselves."

He said two of the most popular programs in recent years have been the Peace Corps and ACE - American Corporate Experience for Catholic Education (ACE). ACE is a two-year program in which graduates serve as full-time teachers in underprivileged Catholic schools throughout the United States, he said.

"Because it's a signature ND program, ACE is pretty competitive. They take about 50 people each year," Hebbeler said. "The most competitive program is probably the Peace Corps, which only takes 20 of the 60 to 70 students who apply."

Despite the competition involved with some programs' application processes, Hebbeler said students should not be discouraged. "I encourage graduates to think about the work that can speak to them. They should think about their skills, gifts and interests," he said. "There are programs for every student in every major. If you want to do service, you can make it happen."

The majority of Notre Dame students either enter into their respective career fields or begin graduate or medical school after the year of service, according to Hebbeler. "It's inertia. All your friends are landing jobs in October or making plans to go to med school, so it seems like the thing to do," he said. "But that's not the point of a Notre Dame education. The point is that Notre Dame forms you in a way that inspires you to address issues of injustice and it makes it easier to live with the burdens of so many."

Caitlin Nichols, a member of the class of 2011, currently works with the St. Joseph Worker Program, an organization based in St. Paul, Minn. and run by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

"I work as a campus minister at a local Catholic high school in St. Paul," she said. "It has been great getting to know the people in this community and figuring out where I fit in and how I can give back."

Nichols, who graduated with a minor in Peace Studies, said she always knew she wanted to do a year of service after graduating.

"For me, it wasn't even a decision," she said. "I was involved with so many programs that were so fulfilling, I knew I wanted to continue in giving back to my community. I have plenty of time to figure out what I want to do with my life, and I think this year was great for helping me in the process."

Hebbeler said it is a common misconception that a year of service will make a person less attractive to future employers.

"Most companies will honor a graduate's decision to do a year of service, even for people who have already signed contracts with companies," he said. "Students need to make the decision in either jump into one or to live for four or five years of school or to live for six years of school and discover more about one's self."
Koehler discusses financial crisis

By VICTORIA MORENO
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Former German President Horst Koehler called for a re-imagination of global development and prosperity Wednesday evening.

Koehler, also the former managing director of the International Monetary Fund, delivered his first public address since resigning from his post in the German government in 2010. His lecture, “The World is at Stake,” advocated for a shift from individual-centered analysis to a collective struggle for the common good.

“Individualistic or nationalistic thinking deprives us of one of our fundamental human characteristics — the ability to view the whole picture,” he said. “We have to look at the whole picture, taking into account everyone and everything. We must not only bring the earth under our control but also protect it as a whole.”

Koehler emphasized the need for a collective effort in attempting to resolve the current international financial crisis.

“All citizens need to play a part in this participatory democracy,” he said. “We must help shape our world.”

According to Koehler, one of the fundamental lessons learned from the global financial crisis is the government’s role as overseer.

“Governments exists to set forth rules for citizens and then they must act as umpires making sure the rules are followed, but it is ultimately the citizens who play the game,” he said.

Koehler rejected the notion of specialized knowledge and the belief that the financial crisis should be left in the hands of “experts” or politicians.

“You don’t need to study credit default swaps or understand the whole mumbo-jumbo of market structures to know that what happened in that sector was not right,” he said. “We all know enough.”

Koehler instead called for a collective moral consciousness that emphasized the world population rather than individual nations, regions, states or persons.

“All of us have the necessary moral knowledge to assess the actions that led to this crisis,” he said. “We all learn, at a young age, that there is good and evil and this helps us judge the actions in the world.”

Koehler advocated for international solidarity, a “global ethos” that strives for sustainable development not necessarily national growth.

“The crisis is not over,” he said.

Koehler noted trust, accountability and freedom as key elements that could lead to the sustainable growth and solidarity necessary to bring the crisis to a close.

Koehler said he has hope for the future and borrowed lyrics from the Michael Jackson song “Man in the Mirror.”

“If you want to make the world a better place, then take a look at yourself and make a change,” he said.

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Kopp said it is important to realize how extreme the crisis is and to be able to respond to it.

“We know it doesn’t need to be this way,” she said. “It requires our embracing a new concept of what education is and requires changes inside and outside of the system, but it can happen.”

The panel also addressed the achievement gap in American education.

Rangel attributed the ever-increasing gap in the politics of education.

“It has nothing to do with the kids, but a lot to do with adult interests,” he said. “Adults have forgotten what the premise of a public school education is about.”

Kopp said the achievement gap has occurred because children in low-income communities face challenges that other children do not.

“Schools aren’t designed to meet their needs or level the playing field for them,” she said.

The panel also touched on the presence of faith-based schools in American education and the issue of school choice.

Kopp said financial assistance is becoming increasingly important in faith-based schools.

“Without some kind of funding, faith-based schools are not going to be viable,” he said. “We have to work in a way to try to get them together.”

According to Kopp, every parent should be able to choose where he or she sends their child to school.

“I have to say from my vantage point we should be incredibly optimistic (about school choice),” she said. “I’m optimistic because we know now it’s possible and we can actually make it happen for our kids.”

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Our kind of diversity

Wow. My first Inside Column ever. And — you’ll agree with me after you read this — probably my last.

First, a confession. I wasn’t even prepared for this. I realized I was supposed to write this about an hour ago. As I scrambled to try and come up with something to write about, I considered football (the forgotten fruit of Inside Columns), Notre Dame tradition, the Forum, even the epic South Bend tornado — that wasn’t. I was clearly desperate for a topic.

I nearly folded. I tried to pawn this column off on another member of the Observer photo department. Then it hit me. Why not me? My staff.

Too boring, you say. Maybe a few of you are reading right there. Clearly my brilliant idea of having photographs and graphics write these columns as well as writers were a disasterous proposition.

I say I try to you! My staff is vibrant. Lively. Talented. And diverse. Just take our nightly editors, for instance. There are five of us. Of the five, one is from Omaha, Neb. and is majoring in Computer Science (or ‘ComSci’ as she recently informed me). One is from the Seattle area and spent the summer digging up an ancient city in Albania. Another is originally from Vietnam and has the shortest e-mail address possible at Notre Dame. The fourth nightly editor is from New York, the only girl from Lewis Hall who I’ve ever met in my four years here. I am the boring one — the 5'04" person at Notre Dame from “near Chicago” and a typical political science major. But that’s not the point.

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IN inside column

Do you believe in angels? Do you think they really exist or do they only live in movie characters like Clarence, the big-hearted angel-in-training from “It’s a Wonderful Life”? Or are they just handy for solving philosophical puzzles — say, about the number of angels dancing on the head of a pin?”

When you Google “angels” (and get past the Angels of Anaheim fan sites) you can find sites that offer proof — proof!! photos!! — of the existence of ghosts and angels ... together!!! Despite a surplus of superstitious information, as well as Google’s 45.6 million images of angels (with about 45.5 million of them sporting bird- or bat-like wings), quite clearly the existence of angels is well-documented through both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. And they have their work cut out for them. In the Bible we find many instances of angels defending heaven, attending the Lord, “standing before God’s throne,” and serving as intermediaries. The word angel itself means messenger, primarily a messenger from God to humans.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Archangels — Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, three angels specifically named in the Bible. St. Michael led the “war in Heaven” described in the Book of Revelation, in which he fought Satan and his fallen angels, hurling them out of heaven and down to the earth. Gabriel brought messages from God to such well-known Biblical personages as Daniel, Zechariah (the father of John the Baptist), Mary the Mother of God and Joseph. According to Luke’s gospel, Gabriel also comforted Jesus while he hung on the cross. Raphael appears in the book of Tobit, one of the canonical books of the Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox Churches, to protect Tobiah, son of Tobit, on an adventurous journey. When Tobiah and Raphael return to Tobit, Raphael heals the blind Tobit and restores his sight.

When we celebrate the feast days of saints, as we have done this week for St. Vincent de Paul, St. Cosmas, St. Damian, St. Wenceslaus and St. Jerome, or of angels and archangels as we do today, we have the opportunity to focus on God, on the communities which surround us and on our own hearts as well, and ask ourselves significant questions. Who has protected us from evil as Michael did? Who has helped us to hear God’s words to us, as St. Gabriel brought God’s message to Mary? Have we comforted anyone on a difficult journey like Raphael did for Tobiah or taken special care of the poor and the outcast as Michael did? Do we study the Scriptures with patient care and attention as St. Raphael did?

Too often we mark these special feasts in the life of the Church with admiration — of the saints leads us to believe that the work of following Christ is reserved for certain people with extraordinary gifts or a unique relationship with God.

Perhaps today, then, on this Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, we might ask ourselves who the angels have been in our lives? Even more importantly, we can remember that we too are called to be protectors, messengers and companions — to sing that-wasn’t. I was clearly desperate for a topic.

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Weekly Poll

Which band is best?

Nickelback
Creed
All-American Rejects
Train

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This is a question that is asked somewhat frequently here. And since many of those who ask this question say that the answer is “not too Catholic” or that Notre Dame has lost its soul, I feel compelled to write a few words to the contrary. Notre Dame is a very Catholic place. I attended the University of Notre Dame as an undergraduate, student, 1972-1976. As a student, I fond Notre Dame to be the most Catholic place I had ever been in my life. I loved it.

After graduation I returned to Notre Dame in 1977 to study for the priesthood. During my years at Moreau Seminary and while studying for the Master of Divinity degree, I found Notre Dame to be as Catholic as it ever was.

From 1983 until 2009, I was assigned to work in Holy Cross apostolates in Oregon and Arizona. I returned to Notre Dame on average three times a year during those 26 years. During those years away, I began to hear rumblings about the Catholic nature of Notre Dame. The controversy surrounding the commencement visit of the President of the United States in 2008 made this question of significance. Some of my brother priests found it necessary to write articles and letters questioning the Catholic character of Notre Dame. For 19 of the 26 years that I was away, I served on campus as a priestly leader to the students. I have found Notre Dame to be as Catholic as it ever was.

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On Sept. 11, 2011, the Office of the President and the Office of Campus Ministry organized an outdoor Mass in remembrance of the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11. The Mass was beautiful beyond words. As a priest I sat in the front rows facing the altar, so I had no idea how many students were at the other end in the other chapel. When I walked into the congregation to bring communion, there were students everywhere. There were students for as far as I could see. As I walked back to the altar after communion, there were students kneeling on the grass in prayer. I won’t forget this image.

I know there was a candlelight procession from the Hesburgh Library to the Grotto. I was deeply moved by the prayerfulness of the students as they walked silently in procession. And I thought to myself … what’s all this nonsense about how Catholic is Notre Dame? An event like this Mass reveals the deep faith that is part of Notre Dame. It is at the heart of Notre Dame. Some might say that this Mass does not show that Notre Dame is very Catholic. But I would argue that indeed it does. Our theology shows itself best in our instincts, and so does our life of prayer and faith. I am repeatedly inspired by the deep faith at Notre Dame.

One day last week I received an email from the President of Dillon Hall where I am privileged to live. The email was announcing an upcoming dance. Part of the email read, “Tickets will be on sale in the 24 hour lounge tonight after Mass.” I wonder how many other universities and colleges have resident hall presidents sending emails saying, “tickets will be on sale after Mass.” It’s just how Notre Dame is.

Notre Dame is Catholic, very Catholic. I am very grateful to be working and living at Notre Dame. It is the very Catholic place that it has always been. It strives today, as it always has, to serve the Church. I love Notre Dame.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The football coaching internship continues

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PEMCo not only knows how to smell success — they can spell it too. With this weekend’s production of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,” PEMCo promises to captivate audiences with quirky characters, catchy songs and tons of tongue-in-cheek humor.

Director and choreographer senior Clare Cooney, explains why she, along with producers, seniors Will Docimo and Kevin De La Montaigne, chose “Putnam” last May.

“It’s got everything you want from a musical comedy,” Cooney said. “Fun dance numbers, beautiful music, dynamic characters and most importantly, the most hilarious script I have ever read. ‘Putnam’ offers a strong ensemble cast and a daring, dry sense of humor that I knew PEMCo could make come alive.”

With a cast of only nine and a crew of only 11, “Putnam” has to work hard to ensure both the musical and acting strength of each performer. Cooney and music director, fifth year Mark Wurzelbacher, do this flawlessly. Instrumentation, vocals and choreography mesh perfectly in this nuanced and larger-than-life comedy.

“Putnam” captures the insecurities, fears and innocent dreams of six young spelling-bee hopefuls as they ready themselves to compete in Putnam County. The spellers grow with the show, finding friendship and confidence through comedic social interactions and hilarious spelling bee experiences.

As part of a small cast, actors must work rigorously to perfect their solos and lines, practicing about three to four hours each day, five days per week. “Putnam” has been rehearsing for only a short four weeks, following auditions that were held Aug. 25 and 26. Cooney said the small cast size, coupled with the intense rehearsal schedule makes for strong relationships and a stronger show.

“When coming to rehearsal becomes a joy, not a chore, that’s when you know you’ve got the makings of a wonderful show,” Cooney said.

The success of “Putnam” was ensured from the beginning. Sophomore Natalie Perez (Logainne SchwartzandGrubenierre) said everyone knew the songs and their harmonies before the first read-through. The actors’ investment in their characters and the music is evident in every line they deliver and every action they take. When asked whether or not she relates to her character, senior Kristy Cloetingh (Olive Ostrovsky) laughed good-naturedly.

“I am an English major.” Cloetingh said. “Olive is a nerd. Absolutely.”

Senior Sean Leyes (Chip Tolentino) described the characters as being “caricatures, but relatable at the same time.”

With a full array of childhood props, including toy soldiers, My Little Ponies, puppets and juice boxes, audience members are transported back to their primary years. Emotions range from enthusiastic ambition to near hopelessness, all perfectly conveyed by invested actors, a beautiful set, well-executed cues and endearing props.

Audience members can look forward to being part of the Bee, as well. The experience of being a part of the show is incredible and unforgettable. Guest spellers are privy to the characters’ quirks up close. They partake, first-hand, in the Notre Dame jokes, hilarious words and off-color definitions. Show-goers who wish to volunteer should be sure to get to the show a bit early in order to enter the drawing. Four audience volunteers will be chosen per show.

Tickets are available for purchase ($6 student, $8 non-student) at the LaFortune Box Office and at the door. Performances will take place in Washington Hall on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 1 at 4:30 p.m.

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On campus

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By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

It has been a Sigourney Weaver overload since her visit to Saint Mary’s at the beginning of the week, but it got me thinking about one of my favorite best worst movies — and don’t you dare think “Ghostbusters” because you’d be dead wrong. In fact, a very persuasive argument could be made that “Ghostbusters” is an amazingly brilliant movie.

“Heartbreakers” is the winner today. So for those of you who aren’t familiar, it stars Sigourney Weaver obviously, as well as Jennifer Love Hewitt, Ray Liotta, Gene Hackman and Jason Lee. Zach Galifianakis and Sarah Silverman are even thrown in there. A totally random cast — always a best worst movie plus. Also, probably the best tagline in all of movie history, “Caution: Dangerous Curves Ahead.”

Weaver and J. Love are a mother-daughter con duo who marry men for the divorce settlement. The mother, Max (Weaver) marries them, and then Page (Hewitt) flounces in as the tempting piece of tail, and voila, divorce court. It all makes a lot of sense. Anyways, everything starts to go wrong as these gauche Gilmore Girls decide to pull one last con, but Page makes the biggest con mistake of all — falling in love.

She falls for the owner of a bar (Lee) way out in the swamps of Palm Beach, which just happens to be on a million dollar tract of land. Dilemma. At the same time, Mommy Dearest is trying to seduce a barely alive human ashtray who happens to be worth billions as a tobacco executive (Hackman), but as Page says, “Old money, but also just plain old.” Max uses the disguise of a Russian woman named Ulga, and the Russian accent is classic. Prepare to annoy your friends by speaking in it for a few days.

Basically the entire movie can be summed up in these two lines:

Page: “I can make men do anything.”

Max: “Boys. You can make boys do anything. Gas station attendants, bartenders, the occasional migrant worker…”

The rest of the movie is spent trying to prove which one is better at manipulating men, so it’s great for female self-esteem.

The zany (it’s always a must watch when you put the word “zany” in there) plot isn’t even the best part. It’s the puns. This movie is so flipping punny. For instance: “Excuse me, may I grab your nuts? Mmm. Salty.”

There is a whole lot more that is totally inappropriate, completely hilarious and unfortunately unprintable. You do however get to hear Page get called a junior slut and the seed of Satan by Liotta, which is just funny.

Also for con artists, they wear some fantastic clothing. For the male population, Hewitt’s cleavage is pretty much a separate character in the movie. It has a plot line.

Then there’s my personal favorite, surprisingly poignant, thought provoking quote, “God is everywhere.” “Yes, he is, isn’t he? Nosy bastard.” “See, Mother? You were wrong. I can learn something from watching these stupid movies.”

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The Cy Young race is all about names. So we are going to play a little game — sort of like one of those dating shows that nobody watches — where you try to set three of your dream contestants and have to choose one blindly, except you (hopefully) aren’t desperate for a match.

Contestant #1 is 13-14 this year with a 7.47 (fifth in the NL) with 220 strikeouts (third in the NL) and opposing hitters are hitting .237 against him.

Yeah, I would probably choose Contestant #2 too, but would you keep that pick if you knew the others were fanatics on phenoms (or pitchers, same difference) — even though Contestant #3 is probably a more likely pick for you.

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Raiders coach Hue Jackson argues a call in Denver on Sept. 29.

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Halladay remains a bigger giant to push out of the Cy Young spotlight. The stats are closer to that of Kershaw’s, but Halladay made only seven of his 32 starts against teams that entered the final week of the season in playoff contention. Last year’s Cy Young winner, the Doc finished with a 1-4 record in seven meetings with Kershaw. Meanwhile, was 12-3 in 18 meetings with teams in playoff contention, including a 12-1 record at home with a 1.72 ERA. Personally, Cliff Lee appears better suited to be the third in the NL, but the pull of Halladay is at least a four.

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Reflecting on his time in New England, Seymour, has done a great job here of being, one, a pro, number two, mentoring our players and making them understand what it takes to be the best they can be.”

Jackson said. “He’s been tremendous to our staff because he’s a leader of men and he understands what it takes to get this job done in week in and week out. So he’s been invaluable to our organization.”

Brian Waters, no stranger to

us.
ROCKIES CONCLUDE LOSING SEASON WITH SOLEMN WIN

San Francisco — The post-game hugs and handshakes had little zest.

The Colorado Rockies piled out of the dugout and muttered in from all corners of the infield to congratulate themselves on the only thing left to celebrate: avoiding 90 losses and, perhaps most gratifying, finally being able to say this sorry season is over.

Finally, Kevin Kouzmanoff had three hits and drove in two runs, and the Rockies beat the San Francisco Giants 6-3 on Wednesday.

"We know where our situation is," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said. "We're going to be busy here a hell of a lot sooner than later and do some of the things necessary to turn the tables on what is definitely a very disappointing season. But we're going to solve it."

As a small consolation, the Rockies will at least be able to soak in a win this winter.

Drew Pomeranz (2-1) outpitched fellow rookie Eric Surkamp (2-2) in their second matchup in two weeks, and at the plate, Carlos Gonzalez added a pair of RBIs singles for the Rockies, who snapped a seven-game losing streak against the Giants.

The Rockies finished the season with a 73-89 record, 14 games behind playoff-bound Arizona (86-76) and nine points behind the last-place San Diego Padres (80-92), who finished fourth.

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Many Rockies regulars sat out, too. No injured Carlos Gonzalez or Troy Tulowitzki, the pair who helped the Rockies beat the San Francisco Giants 3-2 in the World Series.

"Whatever Ozzie brings to the organization is," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said. "We're going to get our appreciation."

But Loria said he'll continue to be a hands-on owner.

"I'm involved," he said. "I do care. I want to see the franchise and the community have a ballclub commensurate with the new stadium. I don't think you can say being involved is a bad thing. In 2003 I put my foot down and said, 'We need a catcher here, and we're going to sign Pudge Rodriguez.' Well, I guess that worked out."

Aside from satisfying the boss, the biggest challenge for Guillen may be to tap into the potential of 2009 NL batting champion Hanley Ramirez, whose effort and attitude have frequently been questioned. Ramirez endured a disappointing, injury-plagued season.

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Bryant mulls offer from Italy

Associated Press

MILAN — Kobe Bryant said it’s "very possible" he will play in Italy during the NBA lockout, adding the country is like "home because he spent part of his childhood there.

Virtus Bologna has made numerous contract offers to the Los Angeles Lakers star. Bryant discussed the offer with the Gazzetta dello Sport during a sponsor’s appearance in Milan on Wednesday.

"It’s very possible. It would be a dream for me," Bryant said, according to the Gazzetta. "There’s an opportunity that we’ve been discussing over the last few days. It’s very possible and that’s good news for me."

Bryant later spoke to a crowd — in Italian — at the event in Milan.

"I don’t know what’s going to happen over the next three or four weeks, but Italy has always been in my heart," Bryant said.

Virtus told The Associated Press today the latest talks are centered on a $2.5 million offer for 10 games over 40 days from Oct. 9 to Nov. 16. That would come out to about $1.5 million after taxes.

The deal would allow Bryant to return to the Lakers immediately if the NBA lockout is settled.

The 33-year-old Bryant spent several years in Italy when his father, Joe Bryant, played on five teams from 1984-91. The elder Bryant owns a franchise in Italy that includes Virtus.

Italy is my home. It’s where my dream of playing in the NBA started. This is where I learned the fundamentals, learned to shoot, to pass and to move without the ball," Kobe Bryant said, according to the Gazzetta. "All things that when I came back to America the players my age didn’t know how to do because they were only thinking about jumping and dunking."

Turkish club Besiktas and at least one team in China have expressed interest in Bryant, a winner of five NBA championships and 15-time All-Star. However, he seems most interested in the Virtus offer.

"It’s a huge honor for me to return to Italy. It’s home for me," Bryant said in a video posted on the Gazzetta website. "It’s always been a dream for me to play in Italy. We’ve got to wait and see what happens."

Virtus also recently reached out to Manu Ginobili, who played with Bologna before joining the San Antonio Spurs in 2002. Denver Nuggets forward Danilo Gallinari rejoined his former Italian club Olimpia Milano last week.

The NBA season usually begins in late October, but owners and players have failed to agree on a new labor deal. The two sides are at odds over how to divide the league’s revenue, a salary cap structure and the length of гарантированных contracts.

Last week, NBA officials announced the postponement of training camp and the cancellation of 43 preseason games.

Virtus has won 15 Italian league titles but none since 2001, when it also won the Euroleague for the second time. Bologna opens the Italian league against Roma on Oct. 9. It did not qualify for this season’s Euroleague, although the team has big ambitions after signing former Clemson point guard Terrell McIntyre, who led Siena to four consecutive Italian titles before transferring to Malaga in Spain last season.
NBA

Lockout enters key stretch before weekend meetings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Regular-season games could be at stake when NBA owners and players meet this weekend.

And those might not be all that is lost, Commissioner David Stern warned, without real headway toward a new labor deal.

“All I’d say to that is that there are enormous consequences at play here on the basis of the weekend,” Stern said Wednesday. “Either we’ll make very good progress, and we know what that would mean — we know how good that would be, without putting dates to it — or we won’t make any progress and then it won’t be a question of just starting the season on time. It will be a lot at risk because of the absence of progress.”

Talks between negotiators ended after two days Wednesday so they could return home before summoning their respective bargaining committees to New York for what might be the most important stretch of the lockout. They will meet Friday and are prepared to talk through the weekend if progress toward a new collective bargaining agreement is made.

There hasn’t been enough of it so far, with the lockout nearly three months complete.

Both Stern and union president Derek Fisher of the Lakers said they are not close, with the Nov. 1 season opener a little more than a month away, and Fisher added the commitment more than a month away, and Fisher added the commitment by the teams to New York for the most crucial meetings.

“It points to the realities that we face with our calendar and that if we can’t find a way to get some common ground really, really soon, then the time of starting the regular season is its scheduled date is going to be in jeopardy big-time,” he added.

Training camps already have been postponed and 43 games scheduled for the first week of the preseason have been canceled. The league has said it will make decisions about the remainder of exhibition play as warranted, and those could come shortly.

Fisher said some of the league’s biggest names could join the executive committee in Friday’s meeting, and Miami guard Dwyane Wade has committed to attend.

Wade was part of a meeting about labor issues at the 2010 All-Star weekend in Dallas, when players were briefed about owners’ plans for dramatic changes to the league’s salary structure. Owners have been looking to reduce the players’ guarantee of basketball-related income from 57 percent to somewhere in the mid-40s.

“I look forward to learning something that I didn’t learn two years ago,” Wade told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. “Hopefully, it’s different information, something that will move us forward. Hopefully we don’t walk out of the meeting back at where we were at the All-Star game two years ago.”

Wade has been in New York for the past couple days for business meetings. When the invitation came to attend Friday’s session, he did not hesitate.

“I’ve talked to a couple guys,” Wade said. “I’m here. I was going to leave tomorrow, but I’m going to stay in town and go to the next meeting.”

Fisher will brief the players first on the state of the talks.

“I can’t say that common ground is evident, but our desire to try to get there I think is there,” Fisher said. “We still have a great deal of issues to work through, so there won’t be any magic that will happen this weekend to just make those things go away, but we have to put the time in.”

The sides met for about four hours Wednesday, again in small groups.

The full groups have met only once since the lockout began July 1, and it resulted in a setback. Players were prepared to make what union executive director Billy Hunter called a “significant” financial concession, but owners rejected their call to leave the current salary cap structure intact as a condition of the move.

Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said it was time to go back to the larger groups again because “whatever decisions we are now going to be making would be so monumental given the point of the calendar that we’re at.”

Stern wouldn’t comment on reports that owners had softened their insistence on a hard salary cap in favor of adding more restrictions to the current cap system that allows teams to exceed it through use of certain exceptions. Nor would he say if the season could still start on Nov. 1 without any preseason play.

“I shouldn’t deal with hypotheticals here,” he said. “I’m focused on let’s get the two committees in and see whether they can either have a season or not have a season, and that’s what’s at risk this weekend.”

Belles defeat Albion to extend MIAA win streak

By CONOR KELLY Sports Writer

The Belles faced conference rival Albion at home Wednesday and came away with a 3-0 (25-15, 25-17, 25-23) victory against the Britons. Saint Mary’s (6-7, 4-4 MIAA) took its third straight MIAA match and secured its fourth-place spot in the conference with the win.

“This was a must-win match for us,” Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. “One of our goals from the beginning of the season has been to finish top-four in conference, and we had to have this match tonight.”

Junior Allison Zandarski had 11 kills and 47.6 hitting percentage in the match. First year Katie Schneider and junior Stephanie Bodien chipped in with eight and nine kills, respectively. The match, however, was won on the other side of the court as the Belles collected 61 digs as a team and held Albion to a .142 hitting percentage. Senior Meghann Rose led the squad with 14 digs.

“Our defense played excellent today,” Kuschel said. “Rose leading the team in digs was huge, and Annie Bodien really stepped up.”

As she has in every match this season, junior Danae Brink led the Belles in assists with 28. The rest of the team combined for 16.

“We passed very well today, and that’s what led to our good numbers in the kills department,” Kuschel said. “Allison and Danae are really connecting right now.”

The win was the third in a row for the Belles and completes their first half of the MIAA schedule.

“We want to take care of business and control our own destiny,” Kuschel said. “We’re happy to get the wins we did the first time through, but we want to add to those this time around.”

Kuschel said seeing teams for the second time will be beneficial for the Belles as many teams, including Saint Mary’s, have youth-laden rosters.

“We’ve got a week now to get ready for Kalamazoo,” Kuschel said. “So we’ll be watching tape and making adjustments because so much can change from the first time you see a team to the next.”

The Belles next play Oct. 7 at home against Kalamazoo.
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the second, keeping the game tight even as Calvin outlet Saint Mary’s 2-11.

“In the first half, our keeper, Chanler Rosenbaum, made a number of fantastic saves,” Rompola said. “She kept us in the match early on.

Rompola filled in for Belles coach Michael Joyce, who was spending time with his family after his wife gave birth. “I would like to see improved in time for the next game. We just need to keep being able to put together solid rounds and find more opportunities to get shots on goal,” Brown said. “In the second half we were able to get better positioning, but I don’t think we find quite as many opportunities as we would have liked to get the ball in the back of the net.”

The Belles will look to rebound when they take on Kalamazoo at home Saturday at noon.

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ground on the two teams and close the gap.”

The Belles have been close to putting together solid rounds, but big numbers have been hard to come by all year.

Brown said she understands the importance of keeping a clean sheet, especially since the small things. It separates the mediocre teams from the great teams, she said.

“When you compare the teams who do win national championships to the ones who are placing lower, it all comes down to the short game and minimizing errors,” Brown said.

Brown said Saint Mary’s needs a complete team effort to be successful in this week’s match, a theme it will need to continue throughout the remainder of the season.

“I would like to be able to string together some consistent low rounds,” Brown said. “I also want to remain focused and continue with my ability this week. That is something that not only myself, but everyone else on the team is aiming to do as well.

“We drive each other as a team, so anyone who can lead a team to victory. It takes good scores from each and every individual to get us to where we want to be.”

Saint Mary’s and Albion will face off Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Medalist Golf Course in Marshall at noon.

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so I was recruiting the same players also.”

Clark said specific contacts in Massachusetts that helped land him two current players — Maud and sophomore forward Leon Brown. Paul Sugg, their high school coach at The Roxbury Latin School and Clark’s contact from his days at Dartmouth, recommended both players to Clark.

“When someone like Paul Sugg says they’re a good player, you listen,” Clark said. “You know you develop certain pipelines.”

The Irish roster features players from 17 different states, reaching as far west as California and as far south as Texas.

Unlike football, where high school games are the main attraction, soccer recruiting focuses mainly on club teams, Clark said.

“That’s really where you do most of your recruiting,” he said. “A good club team will consist of the best players from four or five high schools in the area. It makes a lot of sense to go to look at them.

If half the players in a team are a bank vault of talent, consider the new Development Academy the Federal Reserve.

The Development Academy, run by the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), takes some of the best club teams national wide and partners them with the USSF to produce the next generation of National Team members.

Clark said the majority of the best players will be in the academy system, but there also remain viable substitutes such as club teams and high school squads.

“Most of the U.S. scouts will be there,” Clark said of the academy system. “They play 10 months of soccer. A lot of them don’t play for their high schools. I’m not sure about that, I think it’s good for kids to play for high schools. For the Holts to balance the demands at work and at home. After a few years of practice, though, they’ve managed to find a routine that allows success on the course as well as quality time at home.

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From Purdue, the Holts moved to Florida, where Susan took over the head coaching job at South Florida, Tim continued to work in golf, and took on a couple coaching jobs as well, at Zephyrhills High School, and later at Saint Leo University. While down south, they also started a family, welcoming children Justin and Kristin.

After 13 successful seasons at Notre Dame, including five conference championships, two NCAA championship appearances and receiving the title “Coach of the Decade” in Conference USA, Susan accepted a job offer from Notre Dame, and the family returned to the Midwest.

“We moved here six years ago,” she said. “I got hired by Notre Dame, and [Tim] started as an instructor locally and worked at [local course] Juday Creek in the summers. He really immersed himself in the golf community here, and he was an obvious candidate when Holy Cross was looking for a head coach.”

Since the two have taken their current coaching jobs, they’ve enjoyed an intense run. Aided by the assistance they receive from one another, Tim’s Saints have won four tournaments under his command, while Susan’s Irish have won 10 tournaments and two Big East championships.

Notre Dame also made their first-ever NCAA championship appearance last season.

“Having each other has been really helpful over the years,” Susan said. “[Tim] played college golf, and he’s in the business of golf, so he’s been able to help me a lot.”

Between the commitments of practices, tournaments and golf’s demanding travel schedule, it can be difficult for the Holts to balance the demands at work and at home. After a few years of practice, though, they’ve managed to find a routine that allows success on the course as well as quality time at home.

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Irish junior midfielder Dillon Powers protects the ball from a Louisville defender during Notre Dame’s 1-0 win over the Cardinals on Sept. 24.

It’s challenging,” Susan said. “We have a daughter who’s 13 and a son who’s 15, so it requires a lot of time management. We keep in touch throughout the day and we make sure that they’re getting picked up and that we’re there when we need to be. We definitely keep us busy.”

For the Holts, though, they wouldn’t have it any other way.

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kosmo Purely, 31; Harley Bell, 24; Mary Service, 44; Jeanne Moreau, 74; Merv Griffin, 83.

Hagai Wilner: Unspell your dreams, hopes and wishes, and don't stop until you reach your goal. You have what it takes to continue either to assist you in getting what you want. Change is upon you and things are about to get better if you just focus and concentrate. Don't be afraid to push you when you feel that the sun is rising. Your number is 3, 13, 23, 33, 43, 53, 63, 73, 83, 93, 03.

ARES (March 21-April 19): Take hold of your situation. Perhaps others will pitch in to help. Social gathering will be a comfortable place for you to enjoy the winter and plot your future course.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You cannot make a mistake now, especially with regard to work or finances. Rather let the aggressive individuals surround you. Your imagination may be enlivened, but do the earth signs offer you a gift that is questionable?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Peace issues may be necessary to keep things moving in a direction that suits you. Your argumentative and playful way of handling others will impress and help you develop support. Listen to another and you will surprise your goals. Love looks promising.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might have trouble controlling your emotions. Don't make a rash decision about a bond investment. Adopt a defensive position around you or you can become more open. You may have to reassess a relationship. Change is upon you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can manage more than you realize. Communication how you feel matters. It will be beneficial. Your guidance, coupled with their practices, will push you into a leadership position. Love is the mix, along with a vacation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look, but you shall not see. Be realistic past experiences has led you to plan that can help you. A change in career or an adventure is coming in your direction. Consider investing in you and your aspirations. There is money heading your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Show everyone what you are worth and how you can be your skills to benefit others. Expose your talents and you will please. A unique skill will be your power here. Consider how you improve your image and appearances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Information may be withheld. Handling with utmost caution is promising. You have to spell out what you want but don't other. Enjoy yourself with known, almost to escape your past. Autumn has built for itself. A difference. H:

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Wealth, you do being about better and better options. A change in your environment is expected. More favorable is expected. Your harmonious and promising specialty. A difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't rely on others. You will be disappointed if you don't imagine or even expect to land your feet. You are not the only one to a fight, but instead quickly move yourself from an abnormal situation.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are working on how to executive and grace. The court is due to change your life. Explore any avenue that will lead to an improved lifestyle and better living arrangements. Money is to the stars, along with love and friendship.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Let your creativity lead you to new discoveries. You will capture the interest of someone who wants to be a partner. Aggressive action will pay off in business and relationships. Promise your goal.

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Men’s Soccer

National footprint

Irish senior defender Aaron Maund looks for an open teammate during Notre Dame’s 2-1 overtime win over Michigan on Sept. 16. Maund is one of two Irish players from Massachusetts.

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

Plato once said, “You can learn more about a person in an hour of play than you can in a lifetime conversation.” Looks like Plato and Irish coach Bobby Clark have more in common than you may think.

Unlike Plato, however, Clark applies this principle to recruiting.

“I’m a big believer in watching someone play a sport,” Clark said. “You can watch the emotions, see how he is. You can pick up on his intensity. You can pick up on his determination. You can see how he handles success and adversity. You can see it in his eyes.”

Clark has recruited successfully in guiding the No. 11 Irish (5-1-2) to a fast start, including a 1-0 win over then-No. 3 Louisville. In the upset win, junior forward Danny O’Leary scored off senior midfielder Adam Mena’s assist while senior Will Walsh anchored the goal and junior Grant Van De Casteele and seniors Greg Klazura, Aaron Maud and Michael Knapp contributed on defense.

Those seven key players for the Irish hail from five different states, a mark of Notre Dame’s national recruiting stamp. Clark attributes the national base to his myriad of contacts.

“When I was at Dartmouth, I made contacts on the East coast,” he said. “When I was at Stanford, I made contacts on the West coast. Now I am here in the Midwest. Dartmouth, Stanford and Notre Dame are all similar.”

ND Women’s Golf

Holts enjoy sharing profession, marriage

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

Being married to your job can be stressful, depressing and ultimately damaging. But being married to someone who has the same job? That can be helpful, comforting and, for Irish coach Susan Holt, a whole lot of fun.

Holt is entering her 22nd year as a women’s golf coach, and her sixth year coaching at Notre Dame. For the past three years she has been joined by her husband Tim Holt, who is currently the men’s and women’s golf coach just across the street at Holy Cross College.

The story of how the two came together to coach at neighboring schools, though, began well before their time in South Bend.

“Susan played golf in college at Ohio State, and landed her first coaching position in 1990, just two years out of school,” Tim said. “I was head coach at Purdue from 1990-1993, and Tim was a club pro at a town near Lafayette,” Susan said. “We met through a mutual friend, and we ended up getting married in 1993.”

SMC Golf

Belles try to catch conference rivals

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

With the regular season winding down, the Belles will attempt to gain ground on MIAA leaders Hope and Olivet when they play conference foe Albion at the Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, Mich. on Thursday.

Senior Christine Brown said the team is familiar with the course and has high expectations for the match.

“Most of the team has played the Medalist previously because it is the home course of two MIAA teams,” she said. “We have always played well at the course and playing there is a great opportunity for us to do well.”

The contest provides Saint Mary’s an important opportunity to move up in the MIAA standings, where it is currently ranked third.

“We are currently behind Hope and Olivet in the MIAA,” Brown said. “In this match, we hope to gain

Saint Mary’s loses conference match, drops to 6-3

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Belles were just moments from forcing overtime against a tough Calvin squad when a redirected shot dribbled into the goal, handing Saint Mary’s a demoralizing 2-1 defeat.

“The second goal came with 11 seconds left, so it was a bit of a heartbreaker,” Belles assistant coach Randy Rompola said. “The ball just kind of slotted through after a throw-in and was able to find the back of the net.”

The last-minute goal was the second of the game for Calvin junior midfielder Francesca Smith, who also scored two goals Saturday when the Knights (4-5, 4-1 MIAA) shut out Olivet. Her first goal came in the 49th minute on a redirection from outside the six-yard box.

Sophomore Paige Rindels and Laura Van Engen each earned an assist on the play.

The win put the Knights in a tie for second place in the MIAA standings.

Saint Mary’s (6-3, 2-3) tied the game less than five minutes later when Belles sophomore defender Kerry Puckett gained possession of the ball and sent it up field to senior defender Michelle Marshall, who sent the pass sailing into the net.

“We were able to get a number of players forward and put a lot of pressure on them,” Rompola said. “Then we were able to drop the ball back and finish it.”

Although Marshall’s goal tied the game, coaches said it was freshman goal-keeper Chanler Rosenbaum who gained their attention.

Rosenbaum made seven saves in the first half and four in the second half.

Saint Mary’s senior defender Keely Noonan delivers a cross during the Belles’ 3-0 win over Olivet on Sept. 14.