Notre Dame takes down Air Force

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

Students relished a record-setting 59-33 victory over Air Force on a balmy Saturday afternoon at Notre Dame Stadium.

En route to the triumphant Irish win, spectators bore witness to the most combined scored points in Stadium history and the most points scored by the Irish since 1996.

Junior Kevin McDermott said he was ecstatic to see the defense let loose and blow out an opposing team.

“Our offense performed really well, but we continued to struggle on defense defending the option as we did last year against Navy,” McDermott said. “I was a bit disappointed that Air Force continued to draw the game out, and I do not think the score is representative of how much we dominated the game.”

The comfortable atmosphere inside the student section was something never experienced before, McDermott said.

“Finally being able to win comfortably was awesome,” McDermott said. “From doing push-ups on just about every offensive play to participating in the wave in the third quarter, a cheer generously reserved for the fourth quarter if we are well ahead, the experience was amazing.”

With the convincing performance Saturday, McDermott expects a victory against archrival USC.

“Our offense perform at a high level this week, I think we should win,” McDermott said. “I just hope our secondary can stand up to USC’s high-octane offense.”

Saturday’s victory was one of the most important of the year because of the upcoming night game with the Trojans in two weeks, sophomore Mara Stolee said.

“A blowout victory was exactly what we needed,” Stolee said.

Rugby team prepares for collegiate season

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

For sophomore Greg Allare, the challenges of playing on the Notre Dame men’s rugby club team are outweighed by the friendships between its team members.

“The guys I play with and the fun of the sport make every hour of work worth it,” Allare said.

The team consists of approximately 50 students who practice year round and play non-divisional games in the fall and the College Division IA in the spring.

Allare said the practices and games are often demanding.

“Rugby is not a small commitment,” he said. “The physical toll alone is huge, not to mention the countless hours on the field and in the weight room that the sport requires to play at a high level.”

Junior Ryan Mitchell agreed that one of the biggest challenges of the sport is recovering from a game.

“Everyone on the field just takes a beating, so it’s really hard to get up the next morning when you can’t walk,” he said.

The team has a busy practice schedule during the week and plays games on Fridays or Saturdays.

“We practice three times a week with a workout on Tuesday, a yoga session on Thursday and Friday. The fundraiser raised close to $3,500 for The Water Project.

Howard Hall’s mascot sits on a seesaw in the third annual Totter for Water fundraising event

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

The women of Howard Hall raised close to $3,500 for The Water Project, a non-profit organization that provides distressed communities with access to clean water, during the third annual Totter for Water on Thursday and Friday.

From 5 p.m. Thursday until 5 p.m. Friday, participants tested-tottered for half-hour shifts on South Quad in order to solicit donations to build a well in Africa.

“We have girls out there all 24 hours signed up to take shifts,” sophomore and Howard Hall president Claire Robinson said. “It brings attention to [the fundraiser], and we ask that people donate in order to totter. It’s kind of an attraction.”

People also donated online, sophomore Sarah Cahalan, one of Howard Hall’s service commission members, said. Online donations made before the event would be

Students raise funds for clean water

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**Question of the Day:** What is the best midterm study snack?

**Andrea Buechler**

freshman

**Brendan Melichiori**

junior

**Diana Yu**

junior

**Willem Tax**

junior

**Christina Murray**

sophomore

**Tomas Mann**

junior

**Peanut M&Ms or roasted picniku**

“Chocolate chip granola bars”

“Nutella and Pretzels.”

“I don’t study for midterms, but I like Rollos.”

“Gummy bears and Dr. Pepper.”

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**Offbeat**

Smugglers release swarm of bees to deter police

ANKARA, Turkey — A Turkish news agency says suspected smugglers set loose a swarm of bees on 15 police officers searching for contraband cigarettes hidden among a truckload of hay.

The state-run Anatolia agency says police, acting on a tip, stopped the truck in the southern city of Adana on Sunday. The alleged smugglers then set some of the bees free to prevent police from searching the vehicle.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

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**In Brief**

The coffee house in Geddes Hall will host a panel discussion, “Goging Where You Are Needed but Not Necessarily Loved,” from 12 to 1:20 p.m. today. The panel will present the overseas experiences of life-long missionaries and discuss the transformations that mission efforts have undergone.

The Hayes-Healy center will host a colloquium, “Statistical Challenges in Merging Longitudinal Cohort Data,” from 4 to 5 p.m. today in Room 127. The colloquium is sponsored by the Department of Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics.

The lecture, “A Walking Guide for Virtual Shakespeare,” will be held in the Digital Visualization Theatre of the Jordan Hall of Science from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today.

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. Author Baille will read from his book, “Tomorrowland,” in the Welsh Parlor of the magnesium office at Saint Mary’s. Following the reading, Baille will be available for a question-and-answer session and book signing. Books will be available for purchase.

The workshop, “Presentation Zen,” will be held in the Notre Dame Room of the Fortran Student Center from 2 to 3:15 p.m. tomorrow. The workshop will teach techniques for improving presentation powerpoints.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observers.nd@gmail.com

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Students seek post-graduate service in Peace Corps

By ANA BOARINI
News Writer

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps, the Center for Social Concerns hosted a unique networking event that brought together Notre Dame Saint Mary’s Peace Corps alumni and prospective volunteers Friday in the LaFortune Ballroom. 2009 Notre Dame graduate Bill Warnock is currently serving with the Peace Corps in Alakumizy-ambomihama, Madagascar. Warnock spoke with current students about participating in the Peace Corps.

“I work in a small enterprise development program, teaching management, marketing and accounting skills to artisans like basket weavers and painters,” he said.

Warnock also teaches information technology courses at a local high school in a computer lab that was established and runs an English club for middle and high school students.

Warnock said he was not sure what he wanted to do after graduation, and the Peace Corps is a great place to learn about yourself.

“I was an accounting major and now most of my friends are working for a big firm, and I knew that really wasn’t for me,” he said. “Peace Corps is a pretty good place to find yourself. It gives you a lot of time for reflection and to think about what you want out of your life.”

Marilyn Blasingame, a current senior, applied for the Peace Corps.

“I’m really interested in the program and could learn a lot from it,” she said.

Blasingame is open to several places if accepted into the program, but hopes to serve in a Russian-speaking country.

“T’m really open to where I’ll serve, but I currently take Russian, and want to serve in a Russian-speaking country,” she said.

Deputy Director of the Peace Corps Carrie Hessler-Radelet said Notre Dame students make ideal Peace Corps volunteers.

“Notre Dame’s commitment to social justice, your commitment to community based learning, your commitment to research and study of humanity all contribute to the goals of world peace and encouraging service among your students,” Carr said.

Hessler-Radelet said “So I would say that Peace Corps and Notre Dame share the same guiding principles.”

The Peace Corps guiding principles are to help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women, to help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of people served and to help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans, she said.

“At the center of Social Concerns, I was told that 10 percent of the Notre Dame population goes overseas in some type of service, and that’s incredible,” she said. “I don’t know another school that has such a high percentage of students that are that involved internationally volunteering and service, and so it is exactly the same kind of student [the Peace Corps] wants.”

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accounted for almost $2,700 of Totter for Water’s total proceeds. Approximately 90 Howard residents and 50 others participated in Totter for Water over the course of 48 shifts, Cahalan said.

Robinson said she was impressed with the number of people that stopped by the event.

“I even went out there at 4:30 in the morning and we had people out there,” she said.

Howard Hall hosted African-themed events last week to prepare for Totter for Water, Robinson said.

“We had African Mass [and] a speaker come talk to us about his work with the wells,” she said. “Then we also had African desserts and a water documentary, and finally, we had a little kick-off party with the dorn mascot.

The speaker, Stephen Silliman, professor of civil engineering and geological sciences, spoke to Howard Hall residents Monday about his experience building wells in Benin, Cahalan said.

Robinson said Silliman’s talk caused her and the service committee to consider donating Totter for Water’s proceeds to a nation in western Africa, but they did not decide what specific country or village the donation would benefit.

“Previously, we have designated funding for countries we want the well built for, but we haven’t made the decision yet this year,” Robinson said. “I think we’re going to try to reach out to countries within the community and donate to the same well every year, but I honestly don’t know.”

Robinson and Cahalan said the event raised more money this year than in past years.

“The past two years that we’ve done it (the fundraiser) made about $1,000 online, and we made $2,693 [this year],” Robinson said. “I think we’re going to try to involve with the students within the community and donate to the same well every year, but I honestly don’t know.”

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what we needed,” Stolee said. “It has been a while since we had an exciting football experience.”

Stolee said it is imperative for both the team and student body to keep up the high emotions in preparation for the Trojans.

“Because we did so well early in the game, the excitement level went down as the game progressed because the outcome was clear,” Stolee said. “I hope the atmosphere will be just as electric for the USC game as it was for Air Force because of the importance of it and its historical significance.”

Notre Dame’s convincing victory impressed sophomore Michael Vella.

“It was nice to see Notre Dame finally put away an opponent convincingly,” Vella said. “Moreover, it was also huge for the fans so we can have a confidence booster going into the USC game.”

Vella enjoyed seeing second-string players, including quarterback Andrew Hendrix, find success on the field.

“Everybody was in high spirits the entire game because there was no doubt in our mind that we were going to win, which is something that has happened in the past,” Vella said. “Because of this, it was nice to see [Irish coach Brian Kelly] put in some of the guys who do not see the field that often.”

Elkhart freshman Cailin Gillespie was pleased with the positive outcome of the game.

“I fully expected the Irish team to win, and it was nice for me to see them finally follow through,” Gillespie said. “The first half was especially exciting as it was the first time this season I heard people complain about the number of touchdowns push-ups we were doing.”

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Sodexo provides food for local charities

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News Writer

Though most Saint Mary’s students turn to dining service Sodexo for their daily physical nourishment, the company also takes time to work with students to nourish the bodies of those less fortunate in the local South Bend community.

Sodexo makes a point of helping and encouraging students to reach out and support local and school-run charities. General Manager Barry Bowles said. Yet the community of Saint Mary’s students, not the company, powers much of this goodwill.

"Most of the time, it’s not Sodexo that gives to charities it’s the students," Bowles said. "For example, the students will give away a meal swipe to help raise money for starving children in Africa.

Sodexo often has food left over that the staff would rather give to charities than throw away, he said. When students leave on holiday or when the food does not get eaten, Sodexo will transport it to local charities such as the homeless shelter in South Bend.

"Students contribute to all the time, asking if I can help contribute food to their charity," Bowles said. "Dance Marathon and Belles for Africa are two charities Sodexo supports.

Sodexo contributes food to Dance Marathon, and often times a large share of that food is leftover at the end of the night, Bowles said. In this case, Sodexo will pick up the food and transport it to the homeless shelter as a donation in Dance Marathon’s name.

"The students do all the work. All we are doing is dropping the food off," Bowles said. "Does Sodexo do a lot of work? Yes, but overall the students do the majority of work.

Sodexo consistently contributes large donations to Red Cross, Hands Across America and other charities. However, Sodexo likes to support student efforts and student charities above anything else.

"How can we help students?" Bowles said. "What can we do to help their charitable giving? That is what Sodexo aims to do.

Two times throughout the year, Sodexo donates a significant amount of food to the South Bend Center for the Homeless. These donations are given during fall break and winter break.

"When the students leave for break, the food just sits in the coolers and the perishable items go to waste," he said. "To prevent this from happening over long breaks, we take the food and give it to people who are actually going to use it.

The dining company may be a separate entity from the college, but Bowles said the group is considered part of the school.

"We have been here for 56 years," Bowles said. "When we do things like this, we want it to be known that Saint Mary’s is the overall contributor to the community. In essence, it’s not really Sodexo. It’s Saint Mary’s and it’s the students.

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The rugby team fosters bonds between athletes on the team and allows them to meet people outside of their dorms.

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"Since our coach, Sean O’Leary, got here four years ago, we’ve been on quite a rise," he said. "We started out in Division II and have made our way up to Division I-A, the highest level of college rugby."

Last year the team had a 3-3 record, beating LSU, Ohio State and Tennessee.

The team 0-2 this season, with losses to Davenport and Air Force.

"This year may be more of a challenge because we lost 16 seniors and are breaking in a multitude of freshmen and new players," Penberthy said.

Allare, who joined the team in August, said the unfamiliar rules are the greatest struggle of learning the sport.

"Rugby is great because it is an easy sport to pick up, but there’s still a lot of rules that I’m sure I break every time I play," he said. "I’m not too worried though because I’ve only been playing the sport for six weeks."

Despite the challenges, Allare said joining the team was the best decision he has made since he has been at Notre Dame.

"I can’t tell you how happy I am that I decided to join the team," he said. "I just started playing, and I already am great friends with the entire team.

Mitchell agreed that the most rewarding aspect of rugby is meeting new people.

"You meet kids that aren’t in your dorm or your classes," he said. "It’s a different group of guys.

Allare said the team has already improved an incredible amount over the past few weeks.

"We play with a lot of heart and passion and we know that’s what is going to get us some huge wins in the end," he said.

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Panelists encourage Notre Dame students to follow their passions

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News Writer

When Notre Dame men’s lacrosse head coach Kevin Corrigan began his coaching career, he knew he was dedicating his life to something he loved.

“Find that thing you want to do,” Corrigan said. “Do something you’re passionate about.”

Life after college may be uncertain and expectations of students are high. But Corrigan and three other panelists encouraged students to follow their passions and make their dreams a reality during Friday’s panel, “Discerning Vocation in a World of Expectations.”

“I traveled for three months in Africa, and what struck me most were the people’s friendships and relationships,” he said. During his travel, Byington learned an African saying, “I am strong if you are strong.”

“Find that thing you want to do,” Corrigan said. “Do something you’re passionate about.”

“We can’t stop learning,” Byington said. “We can’t stop thinking about things we want to accomplish.”

“Take a risk, you have to throw yourself over the fence. How much do you believe in yourself?”

“It was draining my soul in a lot of ways,” he said. Byington quit his job. “You have to be willing to lose your job.”

“This saying embodied everything I was experiencing in Zimbabwe. It means together we’re stronger.”

“Collaborative events are important issues.”

“Music is one of those things you have to do,” said Dugan. “We focus on continual innovation and working to do it better,” he said.

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Head drum major senior Matt Roe said winning the trophy felt amazing.

“I was actually in the band building when we received the phone call saying that we were going to be awarded the trophy,” he said. “That was one of the coolest things I’ve ever seen.”

Roe said that the band’s greatest strength is the commitment of its members.

“There are times when we’re learning three different shows at the same time,” Roe said. “It’s up to you to be able to remember it all, and to go practice every day with the frame of mind that we’re going to have fun at practice while still keeping in mind that we have a job to do is a challenge. The commitment of everyone involved is inspiring, and it’s a lot of fun to perform at every football game.”

Dye said the band focuses on developing a halftime show that can reach every demographic within the audience.

“We focus on continual innovation to develop and present something that visually connect to the audience,” Dye said. “If we do something on the field, we want to be able to guess what it is and to participate in the show as it evolves. We also try to pick music that is appealing to all of the generations of Notre Dame fans, with a particular focus to the music that is appealing and recognizable to our students.”

Senior piccolo player Laura Taylor said the band’s motto encapsulates the spirit of the band and was a big part of what makes the band special.

“The band’s motto is tradition, excellence and family,” Taylor said. “We have such a deep love for Notre Dame, and that infuses everything we do. We are really cognizant that we are representing the University, and we all really love the tradition that we are continuing. The camaraderie in the band also motivates us to work at a high level.”

Dye said the band will continue improving and working hard.

“Music is one of those things at which you never can really achieve perfection; you always have to work at it better,” he said.

“We try to stay abreast of the changes in music and the current events that can be adapted to visual formations on the field.”

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No one can, or would, say that diversity is a horrible thing, nor can anyone say that our university does not have diversity. Our campus is abundant with diversity!

Cultural clubs abound, constantly putting on fascinating cultural shows — even during holidays jinli in with alternate folk cultures from Asia, African, Indian, Greek and Vietnamese cuisines.

Isn’t it odd to offer American dancing for freshmen, but we also have Latin dancing to spice up our steps and swell our hips. We can all say that we have at least one friend — or at least an acquaintance — who is not of the same race.

Some of us can also say that we have experienced birthing cultures through study abroad programs, such as the miniature Notre Dame in London. We also have a great fascination with Africa. We are just so exceptionally inclusive.

“Diversity is at the heart of our university,” Father Jenkins said in a diversity video shown to half-awake freshmen in Contemporary Topics. He is implying that not only our students embrace the different cultures here on campus with enthusiasm, but the administration also actively works toward fomenting the kind of inclusive environment that would allow for such diversities to thrive.

It is evident that the University of Notre Dame has been working towards diversity. Diversity is one of the topics covered during freshmen orientation. “Diversity Day” during Contemporary topics and “Practicum in Diversity Training” recruits from the student body to lead the freshmen in the topic.

We have Multicultural Student Programs & Services and an abundance of other cultural groups dedicated to supporting historically underrepresented students on campus. These groups provide opportunities for the entire Notre Dame community to become aware, learn and fully appreciate the beauty in differences.

What about the existence of ignorance and intolerance toward other cultures and races?

What about the fact that many minorities want to transfer out of Notre Dame during their first years at the university? Such factors should compel us to ask if diversity really is at the heart of Notre Dame.

On Apr. 23, 2009, Scholastic published the article, “The Diversity Dilemma.” A student named Phan expressed her concerns about ethnic diversity through student attendance in cultural events.

She said, “At cultural events, you don’t see as many white people unless they’re with another Asian person who has forced them to come or another black person who has forced them to come.”

It’s not like they see it as an opportunity to branch out outside their circle and experience something new that they’ve never been able to experience before. I’m pretty sure many white people here haven’t tried anything that’s part of a real culture’s experience. It just doesn’t seem like a priority for them.”

The article expands on how «members of cultural clubs believe this lack of (a diverse audience)» rises less out of cultural hostility than out of complacency and, in some cases, apathy for cultural diversity.

If we claim diversity matters, then how much it is embraced also matters. The attendance rate for cultural events is only a surface reflection, yet is extremely revealing.

Not much has changed in the social scene of these events over the past two years. Why ask how the students of color feel on this campus? Do we ever actively engage our diverse population to gauge how they feel? How sincerely do we care?

From our month of existence under the name Asiatic Gaze, we have been approached by many caring members of our community.

Their support gives us hope, but it’s not our intention to feel secure in levying words of those who already know what’s going on.

It is more important for us to create space for dialogue with those who do not see why they should think about diversity at all.

We want to engage those who are apathetic or even hostile toward us, and what we fight for. It is rather ambitious and might even be a wild-goose chase.

Yet, on another dimension, we feel that our voice might somehow let others know that they are not alone. Who knows if our voice will empower future Domers to speak up for themselves? Let’s not have our future generations have to work hard to exude the marginal voices within our times.

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Letter to the Editor

Pro-life memorial is worthwhile

Elizabeth Chaten’s idea of a Tomb for the Unknown Child on campus (“Tomb for the unknown child,” Oct. 7) presents a great opportunity to perpetually honor all those who have been killed through the horror of abortion.

As already stated by Miss Chaten, the pro-life displays on campus do not simply signify an effort to end an unjust and immoral policy, but to remember the murder of countless numbers of innocent children.

What better way to offer our acknowledgement than to dedicate a tomb for all those who have died and will be killed until Roe vs. Wades is overturned?” Financing the project should be easier than beating Purdue — just call back all the alumni who were outraged over the commemoration invitation of President Obama.

Tell them that we want outsiders to know we are a thoroughly pro-life university, and we want their help to display this message.

A pro-life memorial may provide a visible sign to outsiders who doubt our level of Catholicism and more conservative institutions like Franciscan University do not simply signify an effort to end an unjust and immoral policy, but to remember the murder of countless numbers of innocent children. They support gives us hope, but it’s not our intention to feel secure in levying words of those who already know what’s going on.

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There’s nothing better than watching reruns of America’s Next Top Model and eating Chinese food when you’re hung over. I love the photo shoot with the Seven Deadly Sins. This got me thinking, where did this list come from and why are they so evil?

I did some research. Pope Gregory the Great edited Charles Panat’s list of wicked human passions and ranked them from worst (the most offensive to love) to least. Luckily, I’m guilty of them all. Pride: I know we should give glory to God for our achievements and successes. However, it’s easy to think, “Wow, I’m awesome, I did that.” In everyday life, being proud, having self-esteem, and being proud of yourself is okay to do, but not to devalue other’s accomplishments or overly prioritize oneself can be dangerous.

I think students like me, come first,” are flawed. If you love someone, sometimes you don’t put yourself first. It can’t be awful to be proud of non-superficial things, doing well in school or getting a good job.

I admit I’m proud of the shallow things too. My friends will tell you I need to stop (half) joking about being so darn cute (Don’t worry, God smote me for being vain already). But even the deeper the things you want more than you had or wanted something that belonged to someone else. Isn’t that just part of human nature? Wanting more? Better? It’s how we stay motivated — to get into your dream college, that new position, the nicer car, the bigger house … At the same time, those aren’t the most important things. Maybe this has to do with more focus. We acknowledge our earthly desires but focus on our relationships with God, family and friends.

Sloth and Gluttony: For the most part, I’m okay for sloth (except when I’m studying for a test). But I make my 11-year-old brother bring me up a snack at noon on weekends when I’m hung over in bed, but I can see why it’s so destructive. Lack of focus is to not use our God-given talents to better this world. So often we want to see change in the world, but don’t care quite enough to do anything. Now, gluttony’s a huge problem for me. I don’t see the point in drinking if I’m not going to get drunk … why the empty calories? I also have the craziest diet. I won’t touch junk foods or fast foods for two weeks then binge and eat until I want to throw up for two days. Why do we do this to ourselves?

Lux: When my friends and I attempted to fail the test as the Seven Deadly Sins for Halloween, I was Lux. Maxim says the average woman thinks about sex 2-5 times a day … say, there’s no way it’s that low. I’ve made excuses for being lustful, I say, God, I don’t have premarital sex, while many people do, so can’t I at least think the same way other sexual sins do? I already know his answer. Sexualit is naturally and beautiful. I think it must be “evil” in excess, yet it’s glorified in today’s pop culture. Our culture is obsessed with sex — premarital sex is portrayed as exciting, fun, often emotionless and problem-free. While I think there are so many things on media, it’s not who we make media, reflect and consume it.

Wrath: I’m easily irritated, annoyed and impatient. Doesn’t sound like I’m much fun to be around either? But how hot tempers something we can overcome?

Envy and Greed: Unfairly can’t control myself from feeling angry or rolling my eyes when someone is rude. I can’t hold a grudge if someone wrongs me and then sincerely apologizes, but I can’t help but feel the ones who don’t acknowledge me for being worthy of the apology by forgiving.

Recently, I learned that forgiveness is often for the forgiver, not the forgiven. It’s exhausting staying angry at someone. Jesus preached to forgive those who did not deserve it. That’s the whole point of mercy. We didn’t deserve eternal life, yet Jesus was willing to die for us. If we only forgive and love those who return our love, are we any different from the rest of the world? Bitterness is also poisonous. I often wonder if I feel that I’m getting more than I’m receiving. But it’s that also what Jesus preached? It’s a blessing to give more than we get. Our reward is in heaven.

I know God’s disappointed when we fall short of his holiness, but it’s inevitable. Does that mean it’s okay to not try? But because your parents love you unconditionally, is it okay to continue to do things that make them cry every night? So why do we continue to hurt and offend our Heavenly Father?

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By CLAIRE STEPHENS
Scene Writer

Gentlemen Hall, a band hailing from Boston, rocked the LaFortune Ballroom last Thursday after performing in Kentucky earlier that same day. The group’s infectious, electropop set included songs from its new album, “When We All Disappear.” Guitarist and vocalist Gavin Merlot and flutist Seth Hachen, a South Bend native whose story of joining the band includes an Oompah-Loompa costume, spoke to Scene about their experiences in the band.

Why the name “Gentlemen Hall”? “Those are the two words that fit well together. Would you say electro-pop/synthpop accurately describes your genre?”

In the past decades there have always been obvious genres. We’ve reached a point where there’s such a reach and mix of genres. We guess the only form we’ve ever had is good, catchy songs with strong hooks.

How do you reconcile such different musical backgrounds when making music? When we started the band, it was kind of tricky. We each come from jazz, rock, blues, classical, funk... everybody has a completely different background. We had to figure out how we can meld all these different styles. I would say that’s the biggest milestone. It took a couple of years and hundreds of songs. It took a long time being comfortable with what each of us felt they were bringing to the group. A big part was our producer, Brian Hall. He helped us and worked with us, telling us what songs sounded like Gentlemen Hall.” It’s hard for a band to find a sound. We stumbled across it by writing a lot of material. What is the coolest thing you’ve ever done as a band?

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There often seems no end, dear fel-low fashionistas, to the mountain of misunderstanding we lovers of fashion face. This is a problem of grandiose proportions that needs our immediate attention. Our love of fashion is ridiculed and taken entirely out of context, leading to descriptive labels applied to both men and women such as “shad-low,” “insecure,” “stuck up,” “narcis-sis” and, in the one we women loan the most of all, “high maintenance.” It’s time we were clear about what it really means to pay attention to and love fashion. The aforementioned labels only address the perceived (often incorrectly) results of a love of fashion, not the impetus for that love. A desire to dress with an eye towards trends and general chicness, paying attention to the detail of the color palette, fit and the overall message of one’s ensemble indicate not an obsession with one’s self or feelings of inadequacy without the proper outfit, but rather a desire to visually communicate with the rest of the world and to participate in a shared set of ideas and messages.

When Coco Chanel began to use leopard as a fabric, she wasn’t thinking about the fame it would bring her. She wanted to wear something more comfortable in which she felt she could design and think better. Likewise, when a fashionista takes longer to do her hair, make-up and pick out an outfit for her everyday commitments, she is not worried about what other people will think. Rather, she is selecting items that will amplify her natural strength and confidence to attain the goals she has set for herself. She is no different from the engineer who slaves over his design, the architect who revises his business strategy, the entrepreneur who revises his business plan, or the woman who worries about what other people will think before they make-up and pick out an outfit for an important event.

Senior Laura Taylor models leopard.

Perhaps the fashionista is so misunderstood because her method is simply more visual than all the rest, more public, more flamboyantly fabulous. Now, what item embodies this misunderstanding glamour more than any other? Why, anything leopard of course! Leopard is the one pattern that screams strength and confidence. Like our primitive ancestors who clothed themselves in the animal skins of yore for protection against the elements, leopard is best used as an added confidence boost in the face of life’s uncertain academic weather midterms, long study sessions, evening entertainments, job interviews, and let’s not forget those pesky “high maintenance,” label-dropping naysayers.

The key to this pattern is to not wear it from head to toe, but to instead incorporate it into a monochromatic ensemble. Wearing black pants and a black t-shirt? Tie a leopard scarf as a belt, wear a leopard sweater or even leopard shoes. Today, designers have been using leopard in more than just the traditional pattern, incorporating cream, red and sometimes even blue to the mix. This simply makes leopard all the more versatile.

A word to the wise: Matching different leopard patterns is not for the faint of heart. As with gold accessories, think of yourself as a canvas. Frame yourself with touches of leopard and stick to the same overall color scheme, whether that’s black, brown and camel or cream, black and red. Men, I suggest you let the ladies be the leaders of the pack on this one. “High Maintenance” never looked this good.

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Leopard Scarf, Aldo Shoes, $58.00.

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There are those of us women who set for herself. She is no different from the engineer who slays over his drawing board, the architect who checks that last foundation plan or the entrepreneur who reverses his business strategy. We all strive towards worthy goals our methods are simply different.

CONAN O’BRIEN CAN’T STOP

After getting the boot from NBC as the host of “The Tonight Show,” Conan O’Brien was legally prohibited from appearing on television for months after his departure. He ultimately found a home at TBS, but during his TV-hiatus, Conan took his comedy on the road with “The Legally Prohibited from Being Funny on Television Tour.” This documental follows Conan as he prepped the tour and took it around the country for a string of completely sold-out shows. The unprecedented look into Conan’s life is equally hilarious and moving as he puts the pressure on himself to bring the funny.

DEAR ZACHARY: A LETTER TO A SON ABOUT HIS FATHER

A man is killed, and his best friend makes a tribute to his unborn son through interviews with his closest friends and family. If you want to properly experience this documentary, that’s all you should know going into it. What will result is the most heartfelt, shocking and thrilling hour-and-a-half you’ll ever experience watching a film. This true-crime tour de force pulls you in from the first seconds and never lets you go, even long after it’s done. Twist after twist leaves viewers emotionally raw and exhausted at the end, but the experience is so worth it. And once more, don’t look up any other details before watching.

THE BIG LEBOWSKI

This film is, simply put, a cult classic. The movie is directed by the Coen brothers before they became Academy Award winners, and stars Jeff Bridges and John Goodman in what might be their finest roles. The story is an absurd mystery, drawing from the classic film-noir the Big Sleep. It follows the Dude, or El Duderino if you’re not into the whole brevity thing, a laid back old hippie who just wants compensation for a destroyed rug that really tied the room together.

VALENTINO: THE LAST EMPEROR

This intimate portrait of the famed Italian fashion house exposes the complicated process of designing impeccably beautiful clothing. Valentino himself is the picture of diva-ness, and in all honesty, it’s fantastic. Who could possibly pull off having five pugs dripping in diamonds? Valentino, that’s who.

BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY’S

Everyone knows Audrey Hepburn’s classic film, “Breakfast at Tiffany’s.” It has a mammoth presence in pop-culture 50 years after its release and is as iconic now as it was then. But how many of you have actually seen it? Netflix is there to fix this problem with its recent addition to Watch Instantly. Grab some tissues and your favorite pearls for a look back at the classiest of films.
The problem with polls

by Allan Joseph
Sports Editor

It’s time to face two hard facts about college football. First, the polls don’t work. Second, there’s no good way to fix them.

It’s pretty clear. Anyone who watches college football that the rankings are essentially arbitrary. The pre-season polls come out each year based on subjective interpretations of last year’s results with some spring practice observations taken into account if the writers and coaches are feeling particularly generous. The fans and coaches alike want to feel that there are humans in control of the process.

But the problem is that there’s no good way to make it clear to expect coaches (or really, the assistants who fill out the polls) and writers to do in-depth analysis of every game. This is simply impossible.

So the answer is to make the polls matter less, while making football matter more. That’s right, a playoff system.

It wouldn’t be perfect, certainly. A playoff would still depend on rankings voters. Even the most expansive proposal, a 16-team playoff with automatic bids for every conference champion, relies on the polls to fill its at-large slots.

It might not be perfect, but expanding to a playoff system keeps the polls from doing as much harm as possible. Sure, it will be difficult for the polls to decide between the No. 8 and No. 9 slot. But it’s a better decision than making all the coaches rank their 25 teams in the country are.

No question what, a loss is a loss in the polls. It doesn’t matter whether that was a last-second loss to the top-ranked team in the country - the losing team is in the polls. There’s no reason for that.

The rankings are supposed to suggest relative rankings. Teams are supposed to lose to higher ranked teams. It should be no surprise when the No. 1 team wins. The No. 1 team beating the No. 10 team doesn’t mean the No. 10 team shouldn’t drop in the polls, unless the game was a blowout. If the No. 10 team gave the No. 1 squad a real game, in fact, it should rise in the polls. But it doesn’t. The polls never actually give a true view of teams who the best 25 teams in the country are, and in what order.

That’s the entire point of having the polls. The system is broken.

What’s worse, human polls make up two-thirds of the Bowl Championship Series formula that determines who plays in the national championship.

This stuff matters.

That’s why it’s time to figure out a way to fix the polls. Obviously, a computer-only system is never going to be acceptable. Fans, players and coaches alike want to feel that there are humans in control of the process.

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It wasn’t almost like slow motion, the tipped ball and it landed in my hands and it was a footrace from there,” Browner said.

Washington quarterback Jake Locker, who replaced the injured Tarvaris Jackson in the third quarter, led the Seahawks (2-3) on an 80-yard touchdown drive capped with his 22-yard touchdown in which the Giants seemed to stop after defensive end Osi Umenyiora, rushing from the right sideline.

“I didn’t notice that,” Whitehurst said of the offside. “Leon (Washington) picked him up.” That he stopped dead and I got the ball out of my hand quickly. Dang was wide open.”

The Giants mounted another drive after the field goal and the Seahawks 5 after consecutive completions of 41 and 19 yards to Victor Cruz. A procedure penalty on first down pushed the ball back to the 10, then Eli Manning (24 of 39 for 420 yards, eight touchdowns and three interceptions) looked to Cruz one more time. His pass was tipped off Cruz’s hands, bounced off Kam Chancellor

and was picked off in the air at the 6-yard line by Browner, who went the distance to ice the game.

Cruz had eight catches for 81 yards, including a 64-yard TD after Chancellor misplayed what should have been an interception and tipped the ball into the air. Cruz stuck out his right arm for a one-handed catch and sped the final 25 yards to score, making it 22-19 for New York.

But Cruz couldn’t hold on to the biggest throw.

“I thought I gripped it, but as soon as I went to grip it in, I got hit and it bobbed up in the air,” Cruz said. “I knew it was all downhill from there because there were two guys there and one of them was going to pick it off.”

Whitehurst finished 19 of 114 for 199 yards in relief of Jackson, who was 15 of 22 for 366 yards and a touchdown before going out with a chest injury after having hurt his shoulder in a third-quarter run.

Marshawn Lynch rushed for 98 yards and a touchdown, and Steven Hauschka had field goals of 51 and 43 yards.

Manning’s touchdown passes covered 13 yards to tight end Jake Ballard, 19 to Hakeem Nicks just before halftime and the long one to Cruz, which seemingly had the Giants on the road to their fourth straight win.

Seattle dominated the third quarter with defense. It took a 16-14 lead on a safety by Anthony Hargrove on a tackle that started at the Giants 5.

“I came inside and beat the guard and all I saw was a guy in blue in the end zone,” Har

grove said.

The lead grew to 19-14 on the long field goal by Hauschka, and then the fun started in the fourth quarter.

The Seahawks should have gone to the locker room at halftime with at least a seven-point lead, but instead found themselves tied at 14 after Giants cornerback Aaron Ross picked off Jackson’s throw at the New York 41 with less than a minute to play. Manning then completed four straight passing plays, moving 19 yards to a diving Nicks in the right corner of the end zone.

The interception wasn’t the only mistake for Seattle, which lost two fumbles deep in Giants territory. Lynch lost one at the 11 in the first quarter and Michael Robinson lost the other on a first-and-goal from the 2 in the second quarter.

The Seahawks also let a golden opportunity slip away just before halftime when Manning couldn’t handle a low snap on fourth down at the New York 1. Butler finished the drive with a 25-yard field goal.

The game opened with the teams exchanging lightning-fast 8-yard touchdown drives. Ben Ohman scored on a 11-yard pass in the flat that grazed the Giants in the back, while Ballard carried line-backer David Hawthorne the final 2 yards on a 13-yard pass that put up the middle.
ND Women’s Golf
Irish disappoint in Invitational

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

The Irish enjoyed their most successful season ever last year, reaching the NCAA championship for the first time in program history. They won four tournaments, and Irish coach Susan Holt was named Big East Coach of the Year. That previous level of success, however, has yet to carry over to this season.

Notre Dame's struggles continued this weekend at the highly competitive Tar Heel Invitational at the UNC Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill, N.C. The Irish finished with a team score of 909 (+45) for last place, 53 strokes behind champion LSU (-8). Of the 18 teams in the tournament, 12 were ranked in the top-25, and the field quickly pulled away.

"The quality of the field was incredible here," Holt said. "When you play teams like that, you need to show up. We've got a good team, but we just couldn't get it done."

While the team may have struggled early on, the Irish were able to rally on Sunday to turn in a +9 score as a team, their best round of the year. On top of that, four of the team's five golfers turned in their lowest rounds of the tournament. Holt said, however, that the day was not without flaws.

"Today we did shoot our low round of the year, and that's encouraging," she said. "But we all picked up shots coming down the stretch. What could have been a really good day was just an okay day. When we have scores in hand, we've got to get it done and get it in the clubhouse."

Moving forward, the team will have a number of things to work on before the season ends. With just two tournaments left this fall, Notre Dame will continue progressing ahead of the important conference and national tournaments in the spring, Holt said.

"Bottom line, we're beating ourselves right now more than other teams are beating us," Holt said. "We're making lots of mental errors. It's very sloppy. We're making it harder than it needs to be on ourselves. All of the girls have things they need to work on."

The Irish will need to look forward fast, as the team's next tournament is in just a week's time.

"It's disappointing. It's frustrating. There's a lot of negatives right now," Holt said. "We have to use this (as a learning experience). We need to continue to do what we need to do in practice to get better. We'll have an off-day (Monday) then our next tournament is in a week. We need to make the most of our time."

The Irish will return to the links with something to prove Oct. 17 at the Indiana University Fall Invitational.

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SMC Volleyball
Belles lose to Calvin in three sets

Observer Staff Report

The Belles faced a tough opponent Saturday and were ultimately dominated by undefeated Calvin. The Knights (18-0, 10-0 MIAA) topped Saint Mary's (6-9, 4-6) on three straight sets by scores of 25-18, 25-15, and 25-13.

The Belles put up a good fight, starting on a strong note in the first set by hitting .452 with 14 kills and no errors, before the Knights eventually won.

They also managed to trade points and maintain ties in the second set before Calvin broke a 14-14 tie and went on a run that led to a victory.

The Knights put the Belles away early during the third set, as they jumped ahead by seven points and never looked back en route to their greatest margin of victory during the match.

Despite the resounding win and convincing numbers, Calvin coach Amber Warners felt that the statistics were not indicative of the high level of intensity and competition the match featured.

"The score did not depict how the match went. St. Mary's is a very scrappy team that plays with discipline," Warners said.

Freshman outside hitter Kati Schneider led Saint Mary's with 12 kills, while junior outside hitter Stephanie Bodien chipped in with 10 kills and a .357 hitting average. Junior setter Danie Brink contributed assists to 26 of the Belles' kills and freshman setter and defensive specialist Annie Bodien had a team-high nine digs.

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Belles’ fall season ends with third place finish

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

The Belles’ fall season came to an end Saturday with the conclusion of the MIAA championships at Bedford Valley Golf Course, leaving the Belles in a very unfamiliar position.

Saint Mary’s finished third in the conference standings behind first-place Olivet and second-place Hope, making this the first time since 2006 that the Belles did not finish the season in either first or second in the MIAA.

Although the team put forth several impressive individual performances this season, the Belles failed to put forth a complete round as a team, Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. “I think it felt like we never gelled with four scores this year, and we came close,” he said. “The teams that beat us seemed to have one or two tournaments where they had four good scores on the board, so that was the big difference I felt.

The Belles entered the weekend tournament 45 strokes back of first place and further down the leaderboard as Hope and Olivet both put forth impressive performances in the final two rounds of the season.

Olivet headed into Friday’s round 15 strokes out of first place, but after turning in rounds of 325 and 349, took home the conference title by 10 strokes. Saint Mary’s recorded rounds of 337 each in the two rounds.

Although the Belles were not able to challenge for the conference title more intensely this season, Hamilton said his team showed enough promise to be in a good position for the spring season. “The last couple of days really weren’t too bad,” he said. “We saw some bright spots. We have some things to work on this winter. We’ve got some players coming back from studying abroad that I think will challenge for some spots in the top five, and I think that will make a difference for us come next year.

Among the bright spots for the Belles this fall were the seasons put forth by senior co-captains Natalie Matuszak and Christine Brown, who were named to the All-MIAA first team and All-MIAA second team, respectively. Both led the Belles in the conference championships with her combined score of 159, the lowest score earned by any golfer not from Olivet, and the fourth-best score overall.

The spring season is comprised of just three rounds of golf that determine the conference’s automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. To make sure they perform well in the spring, the Belles will focus on reducing their errors on the course.

“I would say some of the unforced errors that we were still having we need to get better at,” Hamilton said. “It was getting better at the end of the season, but we had some unforced errors that we can’t be making.”

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Saint Mary’s dominates in win over Comets

By VICKY JACOBSEN
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Saint Mary’s stormed the Olivet attack Saturday, outshoot- ing the Comets 20-4 en route to a 3-0 victory.

The Belles (8-5, 4-5 MIAA) stifled the Comets (2-11, 2-7) from the beginning of the game, not allowing a single shot until the 33rd minute. Junior midfielder Rebecca Gaarde recorded two of the Comets’ four shots, including their only shot on goal.

Olivet is a decent side, but maybe doesn’t have as deep a roster as we do,” Belles coach Michael Joyce said. “They had the same three-games-in-five-days schedule we had. They had three games in five days, only yesterday but all week. We had three games in five days, and she played every minute at center-mid and worked tirelessly in each game.”

Although his squad missed a few chances, Joyce said he was pleased with the Belles’ overall performance. “We created a lot of good opportunities on goal yesterday we didn’t convert as many as I would have liked,” Joyce said. “We easily could have scored 5 or 6 goals, but I’m happy we kept putting ourselves in great positions to score.”

The Belles have a week off before they travel to Alma for the last of four straight road games. They will kick off against the Scots at noon Saturday at Scottland Yard in Alma, Mich.
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the net. Notre Dame was then
hamstrung by penalties and
turnovers, and Minnesota-
Duluth converted on two Irish
giveaways to take a 2-1 lead.

“We turned the puck over a
lot on Friday,” Irish coach Jeff
Jackson said. “Maybe that was
because of nervousness or the
crowd, but we had some mis-
takes and they capitalized.”

Despite their initial rusti-
ness, the Irish entered the
third period tied 3-3 after a
power-play goal from soph-
omore right winger Mike
Voran. Notre Dame was un-
able to hold the lead though,
as Bulldogs senior center Tra-
vis Oleksuk beat junior goal-
tender Mike Johnson for what
proved to be the game-win-
ning goal.

Despite making 27 saves in
the game, including 14 in the
second period, Johnson was
lifted for Saturday’s game,
and sophomore goalie Steven
Summerhays got the second
start of the weekend between
the pipes.

“We went into the season
knowing that we’d try to get
both [Johnson and Summer-
hays] some games,” Jackson
said. “So that was part of
the plan. I thought they both
played okay.”

Notre Dame got off to a
slower start in the second
game of the weekend, as
Summerhays surrendered a
couple of early goals and the
Bulldogs jumped ahead 2-0.
The Irish halved the lead on
a second-period goal by junior
left winger Nick Larson, but
the team was ignited after
sophomore center TJ Tynan
evened the score with the
third shorthanded goal of
his career.

The shorthanded unit con-
tinued to dominate in the
game, allowing the Bulldogs
just one goal in 27 minutes
of power-play time. Notre
Dame then rattled off three
unanswered goals, and held
on through the third period
for the series-splitting win.

“We’re still feeling our way
through personnel on special
teams,” Jackson said. “We’re
evaluating guys in different
positions, and some guys are
stepping up. So we’re start-
ing to get a clearer picture
there.”

With the opening weekend
of the regular season behind
them, the Irish now head
home for another week of
practice before hosting Ohio
State in the last two games
at the Joyce Center. Jackson
says he’s looking forward to
both the additional practice
time and the home stand
against the Buckeyes.

“Georgetown’s going to be
huge, and Villanova is never an
easy game. Those will be key
games to see whether we can
win the conference champion-
ship outright or win it in the
tournament,” Waldrum said.
The disappointing thing is the
students will be gone [during
the upcoming home stand].
We really needed the students
there, but hopefully the locals
will come out and support us
because it’s a huge weekend
for us.”

Notre Dame returns home
for its final three regular-
season games, beginning with
Georgetown on Friday at 7:30
p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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Dame’s defense has now held
the opposition scoreless for
four consecutive games.

Waldrum said moving
Schuveiller to midfield has
paid dividends for the Irish.

“There are certainly some
things we still have to work
on,” he said. “It’s still the
second week, and we’ve had
maybe a half-dozen practic-
es. We’ve seen some positive
signs, and we see that we’re
improving at some areas
that were focal points com-
ing into the year. We’ve got
to get ready for Ohio State
they’re a quality team. We
want to send the Joyce Cen-
ter out in grand fashion.”

Irish senior midfielder Jessica Schuveiller sends a ball forward in an Aug. 19 game against Wisconsin at Alumni Stadium. Notre Dame won 2-0.

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National Coming Out Day

On the occasion of National Coming Out Day, October 10, 2011 we, the Core Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students, join Notre Dame’s gay and lesbian students in gratitude for the love and support they have received from family and friends.

We recommite ourselves to providing educational opportunities for the entire Notre Dame community. Our major educational programs are NETWORK and CommUnity, sponsored in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs. NETWORK prepares individuals on campus to offer a confidential and respectful place of dialogue and encouragement regarding gay and lesbian concerns. CommUnity focuses on first-year students in an effort to promote awareness and understanding of homosexuality within the Notre Dame community. We also offer opportunities for conversation and fellowship through our monthly coffee hours and informal drop-in sessions with Core Council members.

In the Spirit of Inclusion, we urge all members of our community to redouble their efforts to make our campus a safe and welcoming place, free from harassment of any kind.

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not find a rhythm in any of the eight games played. "I think we just need to get more matches in and work on adding some versatility in our game plans," Frilling said. Frilling was also eliminated from the consolation bracket of singles play on Friday in her first tournament as a sophomore.

"I think you run into what's a huge problem because we were missing a lot of people," Clark said. "I think … when we play the St. John's and UConn, it's all about respect of the opponent. It requires an understanding and concentration was superb within his team's own box. Even though Connecticut scored the go-ahead goal. Freshman goalkeeper Andre Blake made his season debut for the Irish.

Notre Dame earned the bulk of the game's scoring opportunities, but was not able to knock the post. Junior midfielder Ryan Finley said. "These were great shots. I think we were really close to pulling out a win. But they were just not able to get a goal in the contest, as they outshot the Irish 21-16, including 9-4 in shots on goal. The Irish also had seven corner kicks to the Connecticut goalie early, but was not able to knock a diving Blake. Finley let loose a huge problem because we were really good players and motivation to beat us. West Virginia has five se-

ers," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "I think we were also able to control the ball well on our side of the net, and against Pitt we came up with some good blocks.

Brown said beating teams like the Mountaineers, who have struggled this season, requires an understanding and respect of the opponent. "It's always a challenge to keep the team from look-

ing certain schools, and we addressed it," Brown said. "We just told them this week that every time. So that was disap-

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As they move forward, the Irish will change gears slightly in preparation for their upcoming game against Marquette (5-5-2, 3-0-0). "We've got a game on Wednes-

day at Marquette and that will be a different type of game," Clark said. "Going from a game with a team [Connecticut] that was very, very technical, it'll be much more of a battle with Marquette. Marquette has skillful players as well, don't get me wrong, but it will be a different type of game."

"It was really great to play Michael Rose, he's been out with an ACL injury, but he gives a lot of depth," Clark said. "Saturday's game serves as yet another example of the Irish playing up to the standards of top-ranked opponents. In its last four games, Notre Dame suffered a 2-1 overtime loss to then No. 15 St. Johns, captured a 1-0 victory over then No. 3 Louisville, tied 1-1 with un-ranked Northwestern and now adds a tie to No. 1 Connecticut. "I think this team knows we can play with anyone, but I think we can also play down to people as well," Clark said. "But I think … when we play the Louisville, the St. John's and the UConn, I don't find that a huge problem because we were (competitive)."

The Irish continue their Big East campaign when they trav-
el to Milwaukee for Wednesday's game against the Golden Eagles.

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form that way."

"The Irish will compete in their first tournament as a complete team on Oct. 20 in the Midwest Regional Quali-

fying tournament in Colum-
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY (05/04): Bruce Willis, 52; Scott Bakula, 57; Tony Shalhoub, 60; Sharon Osbourne, 59.

Happy Birthday: You’ll feel passionate about life, love and your career. Strike for perfection and imagine a solo success that will allow you to create your best life. Greater opportuni-
ty will develop through partnerships with people who can add to your creative plans. Remember a friend may be your best teacher. You may want to travel. New numbers are 11, 17, 23, 29, 35, 41.

ABRIS (March 21-April 19): Don’t settle for less when you can have more. Adjusting to whatever comes your way will get you in the most out of any situation you face. Love is highlighted, and discussing future plans will allow everyone to view your personal life.

TALIESIN (April 20-May 20): You’ll sorrow from whatever happens your way. Reality from letting

stumbling blocks into your days and possibly your relationship with special someone. Keep busy if you

欻 have a virtual friend. Keep a tight ship and you too will be okay.

GENIE (May 21-June 20): Discussion and hard work will improve someone in a key position.

Definition and location will make a difference in the way others view you. As things have to finali-
table course. Beauty and sang are key to a better future. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Bypass anyone who sacrifices to be anything. Do your own thing and

make true for your friends to enjoy being in tune. Social network and amicable will lift your spirits

and your confidence. Update your look and you’ll receive compliments. 

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Fix up your ship and enjoy the company of friends and family. Share your

thoughts and offer support and you’ll get the same when you find with friends for a get-together.

A burger and stick it. You’ll be able to find a way to rest. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take advantage of an opportunity to travel and get together with old friends.

You will discover something about yourself that will bring you advances. Recognizing new cul-
tures and implementing them into a new resume will supply you all. Believe in what you have to offer. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don’t let your emotions lead to a lack of productivity. You have to put

yourself behind you and deal with the present you want to travel in the future. Helping others will make

you feel good and encourage new relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Secure your future, your loved one, your relationship. Express your

thoughts creatively. Make it possible to change your ways to be liberal and one who is also nice and
generous and provide. Build more creative people in your circle of friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You’ll place an emphasis on an important year in your life. Worry

don’t make it or make changes to the status of the stress of your discipline. Remember that you’re

not under a state of love you get a grip. You’ll be able to find a way to rest. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Once you come to say goodbye, you’ll have no reason to change your lifestyle. With an easier path to reach your goal. Look at what you have, how hard you worked and how you can lift it if you don’t make your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is your time to be a force. You can make a difference if you offer

as an inspiration and that are more simple but effective. Take one of personal paperwork and you will

put it of if the few of what the result is you’ve got yourself. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be expected to make your descriptions if you want to be cap-

able. Pick a skill or an idea that totally comes out more costs. Please remain open-minded

and you will endure your love life.

Birthday Baby: You are an imaginative, opportunistic and aggressive leader.

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Yesterday’s:

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Hanging tough

By JOSEPH MONARDO

The Irish needed extra time once again in their contest against Connecticut, but even in 110 minutes of play, neither team was able to notch a goal.

No. 11 Notre Dame ties nation's No. 1

By MEGAN GOLDEN

The Irish avoided another mark in the loss column during their weekend road trip with a 0-0 double-overtime tie against Rutgers and a 2-0 win over Seton Hall.

ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Notre Dame has undefeated weekend in New Jersey

By KATIE HEIT

At the start of doubles play Friday, Mathews and Frilling faced off against Brynn Boren and Sarah Toti from Texas. The Irish partners were the fifth-ranked and fourth-seeded doubles pair in the main draw and had a bye in the first round, but their high ranking couldn’t help them secure a win in the second round against the Volunteers’ pair.

ND Women’s Tennis

Seniors unable to win All-American honors

HOCKEY

Irish split series with champs

By JACK HEFFERON

Following just one exhibition match and a handful of practices, Notre Dame eased into its regular season schedule with a pair of games against the defending national champions in front of 6,000 hostile fans. After losing 4-3 to Minnesota-Duluth in the opener, the Irish (1-1) rallied to take a 5-3 win over the Bulldogs (1-1) on Saturday.

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Seniors unable to win All-American honors

By CORY BERNARD

The Irish evened their Big East conference schedule with a pair of straight-set road victories. Wins against Pittsburgh and West Virginia helped them reclaim in-conference dominance and move up to their second rank in the preseason Big East Coaches’ Poll.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame sweeps two road wins

By NICOLE TOCAJER

The Irish have yet to record a win in overtime, falling to 0-2-3 in games forced into the extra minutes this season.