A new design

Allan Joseph
Editor-in-Chief

Turn the page.
That’s the goal of this newly redesigned Observer — to get you to turn the page. And then to do it again, and again and again.

In years past, our design had a tendency to get in the way of our stories. The way we inserted headshots into stories made text look funny, our headlines weren’t very good and our printed copy was just a strain on the eyes. No longer.

The new design starts at the top of this page with our brand-new logo. That logo, however, doesn’t mean much without the words to its right — our original mission statement. From our very first issue 46 years ago, we’ve tried to live up to our mission of uncovering and reporting the truth and bringing our readers who we are. We’ve produced a newspaper that is as relevant to our day-to-day lives as possible.

Sudoku puzzle.

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SMC students robbed at gunpoint

A man with a pistol robbed three Saint Mary’s students at gunpoint in the early hours of Sunday morning, according to court records.

Former student faces murder charges

By MEGAN DOYLE
Managing Editor

Former Notre Dame student Patrick Mikes Jr. was just arrested in a San Mateo County murder investigation.

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A former Notre Dame student from Michigan was charged with open murder Aug. 9, less than 24 hours before a search team recovered the body of his missing father, police said.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What was your most awkward Frosh-O experience?

Ben Brockman  
Freshman  
Kenough
“Once when serenading the girls’ dorms, I was the only one to do the motions. I looked like a chump.”

Connor Brandt  
Sophomore  
O’Neill
“Losing my keys.”

Meg Cahill  
Junior  
Ryan
“The whole thing.”

Sarah Tonti  
Junior  
Alumni
“Splitting dates on the way to Domerfest.”

Shane Hannon  
Junior  
Alumni
“Running out of things to talk about with girls.”

Kail Walker  
Freshman  
Keough
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THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Wednesday
CSC Info Night  
Geddes Hall  
6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Students explore CSC seminars.

Hamlet  
DPAC  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Last production of the Shakespeare Festival.

Thursday
First Visit  
Basilica, Grotto  
8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Campus Ministry introduces freshmen to ND sites.

Movie on Quad  
North Quad  
9:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
“The Lorax” is on the big screen outside.  
Popcorn provided.

Friday
Family Swim Assessment  
Rockne Memorial  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Water activities at the pool.

Hamlet  
DPAC  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Last production in the week-long Shakespeare Festival.

Saturday
Biathlon  
Boat House  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
RecSports biathlon at St. Joe’s Lake.

Men’s Soccer  
Alumni Stadium  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
ND vs. Duke

Sunday
Women’s Soccer  
Alumni Stadium  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
ND vs. East Carolina

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Students serve themselves at a campus-wide picnic Tuesday evening on DeBartolo Quad. The picnic followed the annual Opening Mass at the Joyce Center and was open to all students, faculty, staff and family.

JULIE HERDER | The Observer
Former assistant coach will not serve jail time

Observer Staff Report

Former Notre Dame assistant football coach Corwin Brown will not serve any jail time for hitting his wife and holding her hostage in a seven-hour armed standoff with police last August, according to the Associated Press.

St. Joseph County Judge Jane Woodward Miller agreed Tuesday to permit Brown to avoid prison after his wife, Melissa, said separating her husband from his family and the counseling he is currently receiving would do more harm than good.

Brown’s wife also said she did not feel victimized in the situation, according to the Associated Press report. Miller sentenced Brown to consecutive two-year prison sentences, which she suspended, placed him on probation and ordered him to continue to undergo counseling.

On Aug. 12, 2011, St. Joseph County Police responded to a call from Brown’s wife about domestic violence at the former coach’s home. At the time, The Observer reported she told officers her husband threatened her with a gun in his pocket earlier in the day. Police remained outside the Brown home for seven hours while a SWAT team negotiated with an armed Brown, according to police reports.

Brown, 42, pleaded guilty but mentally ill in June to felony confinement and domestic battery charges as part of a plea agreement.

Brown was a member of the Notre Dame football coaching staff from 2007 to 2009. He then served as a defensive backs coach with the New England Patriots during the 2010 NFL season, but he was relieved of his team duties in February 2011.
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LaFortune reveals new restaurant combination

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

Parts of LaFortune Student Center will be unrecognizable to returning students as a result of significant changes the University implemented this summer.

Building manager Brian Fremeau said these changes signify the University’s commitment to offering good services to the Notre Dame community.

“Our department values continuous improvement, and all of these changes are part of that mission to provide the best service to our students,” Fremeau said. “We seek ongoing feedback on ways in which we can better meet the needs of students, and the summer is often the best time to implement those changes.”

The most highly anticipated change is the new Pizza Hut and Taco Bell combination franchise in the basement, Fremeau said. In April, Food Services announced the duo would lease the space previously occupied by Sbarro.

“There has been plenty of enthusiasm around the opening of Taco Bell [and] Pizza Hut Express, as I’m sure Notre Dame Food Services can attest,” he said. “This involved the replacement of doors and door handles of offices and meeting rooms throughout the building, drinking fountain and counter height adjustments and other details.”

The elevator will also soon be replaced to conform to ADA standards, Fremeau said.

Cashiers at Taco Bell await customers on the first day of classes in the newly renovated space in the basement of LaFortune Student Center.

Other changes include a cell phone charging station now located in the Main Lounge and new renovations to the Brother Gorch Pool Hall in the basement, a project that is still in progress, he said.

“We’re very pleased with the projects that have been completed so far and we’re looking forward to completion of those that are still ongoing,” Fremeau said. “It’s always exciting to offer new spaces for students, especially since LaFortune Student Center is such an important part of student life.”

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Notre Dame Food Services announced last April that starting this fall, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut would occupy the space formerly leased by Sbarro.

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SMC seniors to house pets

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary’s Editor

This fall, Saint Mary’s seniors are not the only residents of Regina Hall South. The hall has opened its doors to furry friends as well. Senior Mara Scott, who lives in Regina South, said is thrilled to be able to spend more quality time with her cat, Oonaugh, who is named after an Irish Celtic goddess.

“At first I was planning on living in another dorm,” Scott said. “But once I heard Regina South was allowing pets to live in rooms, I was hooked. I knew I wanted to live in Regina South.”

Scott adopted Oonaugh from the Humane Society in January when the organization was waiving adoption fees. “I own cats and rabbits at home, so having a pet all on my own was something that I really wanted and really looked forward to,” Scott said. “Oonaugh has really warmed up to me and she will live with me this fall on campus. For a perfect dog like him,” Gambill said. “He is about 10 years old, and he will be arriving at Saint Mary’s sometime next week.”

Gambill said Spencer’s training and good behavior would make him the perfect pet for dorm life in Regina South. “I instantly fell in love with Spencer,” Gambill said. “This will be a great experience for all of us living in the dorms with our own pets. More responsibility is a good thing for seniors to take on.”

Five cats and three dogs now reside on several floors of Regina South, resident advisor Autumn Nelson said. “The students were required to register their pets before moving in,” Nelson said. “They also had to register them with the county.”

A veterinarian from the Morris Animal Hospital is also working with the residents of Regina South, Nelson said. “At first I was worried about smells and noises coming from the newest residents to Regina, but so far it has been smooth sailing,” Nelson said. “I can definitely tell that the animals will adapt to dorm living pretty quickly.”

Scott said she is also pleased with how the transition is going with the pets in the dorm. “By showing the College and the students on campus that living with pets is beneficial to us and our pets, I believe that more students will want to live in Regina South with their pets in the years to come,” Scott said.

As Gambill waited for Spencer to move into Regina South as well, she agreed the hall’s new policy has been a good one so far. “Everyone on campus has been so supportive of pets being allowed to live here,” Gambill said. “It’s a truly great feeling knowing you will have someone you can count on to be there when you get back to your dorm everyday.”

Senior Meghan O’Boyle spends time with Kelli, her beagle which will live with her this fall on campus. “Saint Mary’s Editor

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Jess Gambill
Senior

Contracted

Recycling

The Observer.
Grads aim to make positive impact in community

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

Many recent Notre Dame graduates drove away from the dome in the spring, but seven members of the Class of 2012 stayed in South Bend in hopes of attracting more young professionals like themselves to the area after college.

As part of the Notre Dame Engineering, Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Excellence Masters (ESTEEM) program, these students have spent the past two years working with the project, called “En Focus.”

The recent graduates decided to stay in the area for another year to work with En Focus, invigorate the South Bend community and combat the “brain drain” that draws young people away from the city.

Graduate Andrew Wiand said the organization hopes to make a constructive impact in the community by bringing fresh and innovative solutions to some of South Bend’s less efficient programs.

“We’re going to bring technical solutions and a ‘get the job done’ attitude to some things that might not typically work for the city, like schools, hospitals or transportation,” Wiand said.

Seventy percent of the program’s effort will be dedicated to technical and consulting projects, while the other 30 percent will focus on finding ways to bring community events and Notre Dame students to downtown South Bend, Wiand said.

“We were sitting in a North Carolina bar watching the University of North Carolina play Duke in basketball when we began discussing a potential program to innovate South Bend’s economy,” Wiand said. “We got to talking about things we can do for South Bend, and then pitched our idea to the director of the ESTEEM program, David Murphy. He took the idea into action, put together a board of directors, got us sponsored and got us work to do.”

A Notre Dame graduate who grew up in South Bend, Wiand said he hopes to improve community relations with the University through his work at En Focus.

“I wanted to stay in South Bend to bridge the gap between the University and the city that I’ve perceived for years now,” Wiand said. “As a double Domer from South Bend, I feel I can approach the issue from both sides.”

Sponsors will provide the graduates with a stipend while they work to increase cost efficiency and spur increased development of the South Bend economy.

“Our broad goal is to provide value for these sponsors and for the community, whether it be through cost reduction, increased performance or through a focus on innovation,” Wiand said.

Ultimately, Wiand said he hopes En Focus will help South Bend thrive and adapt to a rapidly changing economic climate.

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Food services director dies

By MEGAN DOYLE
Managing Editor

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David Prentkowski, director of food services at Notre Dame, died Aug. 9 at home in a drowning accident, a University press release stated.

The accident also claimed the life of his 18-month-old granddaughter, Charlotte Chełmniak.

“Dave and Charlotte’s tragic deaths are a shocking and heartbreaking loss,” University President Fr. John Jenkins said. “Dave’s energy, devotion and courage will continue to inspire the Notre Dame family even as his death and the Prentkowski family’s grief are in our prayers.”

David Harr, associate vice president of auxiliary operations, said he knew Prentkowski as a friend and colleague for 32 years.

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Last fall, Prentkowski was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Even as he was struggling with the disease, Harr said the director remained focused on serving the University and its students.

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“A seemingly omnipresent and indefatigably cheerful presence wherever meals were being planned, prepared, enjoyed and shared at Notre Dame, Prentkowski twice was honored by Notre Dame’s student body with its Irish Clover Award for contributions to student life, in 1998 and earlier this year,” the release stated.

Even during his treatments for pancreatic cancer, he served as an honorary chairperson of Notre Dame’s 2012 Relay for Life, which raises funds for cancer research. He often spoke openly about his illness with colleagues and friends.

“I’ve always tried to be the positive person and get them to talk,” he said, quoted in the University’s press release. “The more people learn about it, the more people hopefully will contribute to cancer research on any disease that’s out there.”

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Robbery

By MEGAN DOYLE
Managing Editor

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Wildfires destroy homes in Northern California

Associated Press

MANTON, Calif. — Dozens of buildings, many of them likely homes, have been destroyed in a fire burning outside the Northern California community of Manton, fire officials said Tuesday night.

Fire crews assessing the rural area determined Tuesday that 50 buildings had been destroyed, state fire spokesman Daniel Berlant said.

Officials didn’t have an accurate count yet of how many of the structures were homes, but Berlant noted the buildings were spread across a vast rural area of mostly residential homes.

The blaze, which was sparked by lightning on Saturday has consumed more than 33 square miles and continues to threaten hundreds of homes. Nearly 1,900 firefighters were battling the fire in rugged, densely forested terrain as it threatened 3,500 homes in the remote towns of Shingletown, Manton and Viola, about 170 miles north of Sacramento. As a wildfire raged near Lynn Rodgers’ home of less than a year, the evacuated resident said Tuesday she remained optimistic — in spite of her growing frustration and fear.

“Yeah, but what can you do? Everything is in God’s hands — and the firefighters,” said Rodgers, who lives in Shingletown.

Like Rodgers, many other evacuees were anxious to hear the latest information from officials. Dozens of people, as well as about a dozen dogs, were waiting at the Redding gym.

“The evacuation part? It’s hard because I don’t know what’s happening to the house up there,” said Jimmy Hall, a Shingletown resident whose family spent another night sleeping on cots.

“It’s my dad’s house...There’s a lot of things in there,” Hall added. “I’ve heard that my friend is still up there protecting his house. It’s just hard. Look at how we’re sleeping.”

Eric Kiltz, an emergency services coordinator for the American Red Cross, said “there is more frustration than anxiety, and people, for the most part are grateful they have a safe and secure place to stay, even though their home may be lost.”

Family questions son’s death

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Chavis Carter’s family hasn’t accepted the official explanation for his death: that he was on meth when he fatally shot himself while his hands were cuffed behind him in the backseat of a patrol car in Arkansas.

The family portrays the 21-year-old as a bright, young man who aspired to be a veterinarian, who liked shopping for sneakers and playing basketball. As questions swirl about how and why Carter died, his family also has been demanding more answers from authorities.

“If he did it, I want to know how it happened,” his grandmother, Anne Winters Carter, said in an interview. “And if he didn’t do it, then we want justice.”

Jonesboro, Ark., police have faced criticism because they say officers searched Carter twice but didn’t find a gun before they noticed him slumped over and bleeding in the back of a patrol car July 28. Questions about race have cropped up too, because Carter was black and police said the two officers who stopped the truck he was in are white, as were the other people in the vehicle.

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The police ruled that his death was a suicide. The local branch of the NAACP has called for a thorough investigation, and the FBI has said it’s monitoring the case. Carter’s grandmother and his mom, Teresa Carter, are also working with a high-profile legal firm that represented O.J. Simpson.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson is supposed to weigh in on the case Wednesday in Memphis before leading the family in the latest prayer vigil in Jonesboro.

“Stop the lies!! No suicide.” - a woman had a sign that read, "Stop the lies!! No suicide." That march came a day after a candlelight vigil was held for Carter in Memphis and police released an autopsy report from the Arkansas state crime lab that deemed his death a suicide.

Carter had a past — court records show he had an arrest warrant stemming from a drug charge in Mississippi — but his family says there was more to his story. They described him as a good kid who liked bugs and animals.

“Without always saying the world gonna know my name,” said Bianca Tipton, one of Carter’s friends. “Now the world do know his name.”

After graduating from high school in 2010, Carter got some general courses out of the way and was planning on taking classes at a college in Arkansas this fall.

He used to go shopping for sneakers with his grandma. Jordans were his favorite, especially a blue and white pair.

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Police have released video showing how a man could put a gun to his temple while his hands were cuffed behind his back. They shared footage recorded by dashboard cameras the night of the shooting and sent out a copy of the autopsy report.

“There’s no other explanation to this ... other than that he put the gun to his head and pulled the trigger and that’s what we call a suicide,” said Stephen Erickson, a medical examiner who conducted the autopsy.
**Where the geeks at?**

**Blake J. Graham**
Erudite Technocrat

The athlete is easy to spot. She moves with terrifying precision to translate an object from point A to point B with her hands, feet, head or some other tool attached to her body. She does this with unseemly cool, not acknowledging the pressure of those who watch, nor crushed by the expectations of her teammates. Her talent is on display because her talent of grandeur is indivisible from her person. Wherever she goes, even the misinformation can gather — she is an athlete.

Geeks, nerds, dorks and dweebs seldom wear their identities so proudly. But I have it on good authority — you are likely a geek and it’s entirely the Internet’s fault. Fret not. Don’t be so offended; sit back down and kindly stop threatening to choke me. It’s quite all right to be a nerd. This isn’t grammar school. I promise no one will throw a ball at your head for reading a book on “American Stamps Throughout the Ages” during recess. It’s quite vogue to be a nerd these days, so keep your chin up.

Geek Chic is a thing these days, making nerds, dare I say it, sexy. You’re a hot commodity for at least another 18 months. The highest grossing blockbusting films are based on comic-born heroes. Horn rimmed glasses are fashionable, and pale dudes with massive egos can create a social network to spite girls who didn’t like them and make billions of dollars in the process.

Nerd language is vague and hard to wade through. It’s hard to say what a geek is, but common knowledge would point to it being anything but good. While vaguely attributed to a line in Dr. Suebs’ “’Til I Ran The Zoo,” “nerd” gained popularity in the early 1950s as an alteration of the slang “nerk,” meaning a crazy or stupid person. Preceding that term by a couple decades, “geek” came into use around 1916 to refer to a sideshow character at the circus who would perform strange and spectacular feats, like biting the heads off animals. These words have evolved over time — I don’t accuse you of being dull or having carnivorous desires for snake heads. The essential point is that geeks and nerds circa 1950 were people on the fringe of society. Today we still hold that location on the fringe, but rather than be the rejected flock from society, it is us who do the rejecting to create our own normative standards of living, being and interacting.

Geeks don’t exist on the fringe for the sake of it alone, but rather are pushed there by two important qualities — obsession and intelligence. It is the combined product of the two, which creates the geek you likely are. Geekdom comes in many flavors and varieties depending on where the obsession lies. There are computer geeks, book geeks, fishing geeks, sport geeks, electronic geeks, indie-rock geeks, gadget geeks, hiking geeks, theater geeks, fitness geeks, binge-drinking geeks, photo geeks, Harry Potter geeks, language geeks and so many, many more.

Until the year 2000 and access to the Internet became widespread, the title of geek was reserved for the arduously initi- ated. Without the mass proliferation of data, it was a terribly abstruse process to become saturated in your hobbies to the point of obsession. If you wanted to be a rock geek, you had to wait until Nirvana’s newest album came out, then you’d have to walk to a record store and purchase, then you’d have to take it home and listen to it, then you’d have to go find your rock friends to talk on it and compare notes. Now, you google “Neutral Milk Hotel,” click a link and shrug while texting your friends, “I liked their earlier work better.”

The obsession tied to the psyche of a nerd previously forced people outside of normative society. Folks who wanted to immerse themselves in Star Wars culture had to forgo ridged structures of society that would admonish their attachment. The outcasts only had each other, and these were relationships often difficult to find.

If you want to be a master sports statistician, you simply have to try to find the wildest, most precise and comprehensive data imaginable.

Then you can craft an educated sentence about your findings and tweet it. Your self-selected fans who love you for your data-centric sports comments included will appreciate what you have to share.

Want to boast about your Harry Potter fan-fiction where Professor Flitwick and Trelawney elope and go fight dragons? Just log into MuggleNet and type until your fingers hurt. The community will eat it up, because they feel as you do, and you’ve found each other online.

The fringe component and general social iniquity previously requisite for geek status is gone, so welcome you to turn to one another and smile in your collective geekiness. Accept and own it because it’s something you can wear proudly. You’re not on the fringe; you’re society’s heart.

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No, Rick Reilly, you should be demoted

Marc Anthony Rosa

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Paul Ryan’s reality check for America

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Michael Phelps became the most decorated athlete in Olympic history when he won four gold and two silver medals at the London Olympics.

“The Dark Knight Rises” had a record-breaking opening weekend, grossing $160 million worldwide. The final installment in the Batman trilogy also eclipsed the previous films by having not one but two unintelligible characters — the masked villain Bane and the constantly grumbling Batman.

Above: The 2012 London Olympics kicked off with a bang, and by bang I mean they had a 40-foot tall inflatable Lord Voldemort battling a fleet of Mary Poppins.

U.S. Olympic gymnast Gabby Douglas became the first American gymnast to win gold in both the team and individual all-around at the London Olympics, and the first African-American woman to win the event.

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IRISH ATHLETES AT THE OLYMPICS
In focus

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

The Irish women’s basketball junior forward Natalie Achonwa played for her native Canada, and three Notre Dame fences — seniors Courtney Hurley and Gerek Meinhardt and freshman Lee Kieler — represented Team USA at the Games.

A four-year veteran of the Canadian senior national team and the second-youngest player in the entire Olympic women’s basketball tournament by 48 days, Achonwa was one of 11 Olympic rookies for Team Canada, who returned to the Games for the first time since 2000.

“We were a very young team in terms of Olympics experience, but we’ve played in the World Championships before, which is harder to get into than the Olympics,” Achonwa said. “The Olympics is a very media-driven tournament, so it seems like a much bigger deal sometimes.”

Achonwa said Team Canada took the “hard route” to end their world in London, Achonwa said she was most proud of her team’s ability to deliver on a worldwide stage.

“Im proud of the fact that we didn’t just go to the tournament and seem like we were just happy to be there,” she said. “We defi- nitely competed in the Olympics. Although we lost in the quarter- finals, I think we brought light to how well Canada can compete on a world stage and to the fact that we can play.”

Off the court, the opportunity to travel overseas gave Achonwa a new perspective on basketball and life in a global context.

“I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to travel to another country and meet many differ- ent athletes from other countries and cultures because it broad- ened my outlook on life, athlet- ics, everything,” she said. “It was a great experience overall and I’m grateful for the chance to represent my country and Notre Dame on a world stage.”

Though she did not meet any of her teammates. 

Achonwa said being a part of our team had some re- minders of her Olympic rookie years.

“Achonwa said that we can play,” she said. “Its a great feeling represent- ing your country on such a big stage, giving everything you can to make those at home proud and to compete to your best abil- ity for your team and country,” he said. “I also had the great priv- ilege to attend several events af- ter mine had completed to show support for the rest of our team, including the women’s soccer and mens basketball gold medal games, both of which Team USA won.”

“Now that the Games have con- cluded, Meinhardt said he plans to focus on his fencing career at Notre Dame. “I have my remaining two years of NCAA eligibility in my focus, because you never know what can happen in four years,” he said. “I am motivated and excited to be a part of reclaim- ing the NCAA championship for Notre Dame.”

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**By Sam Stryker**

Two Olympic gold medals. Two World Championship titles. These consecutive Junior World Cup Championship titles. For Mariel Zagunis, a former member of the Notre Dame fencing team, her list of accomplishments is nothing to shake a sword at.

But this summer, Zagunis added perhaps the most significant accolade of all to her already sterling resume—flag bearer for Team USA at the Opening Ceremony for the 2012 London Olympics.

Zagunis, who competed in the women’s sabre event, said in a phone interview last week that carrying the flag at the head of the United States delegation was the highlight of her London Games.

“I am still trying to wrap my mind around how big of a deal that was,” Zagunis said. “I think it is not going to hit me for a couple more weeks probably until I look back on my experiences. It is something I am never going to forget.

“It was a huge honor, and I cannot imagine a greater privilege. It is definitely something I am going to tell my kids and my grandkids about.”

Zagunis said carrying the flag for the United States through the Olympic village, billions of people on TV, is incredible,” she said. “We are the most looked-at team. To be the face of that team was a huge honor for me.

Representatives from each sport met two nights before the Opening Ceremonies to select Team USA’s flag bearer. Zagunis said she knew she might be the fencing delegation’s nominee. She was in a deadlocked with another athlete during the final four rounds of voting before another member of Team USA decided to change their vote at the behest of fencing representative Tim Morehouse.

“There are so many great athletes on our team, so I am really not that surprised that it was a difficult decision,” she said. “Because there are so many great athletes; it makes it that much more special.

In the sabre competition, Zagunis lost in the semifinals to Kim Jihee of South Korea and then the bronze medal match to Olga Kharlan of Ukraine, walking away without a medal after winning her second U.S. open championship in both Alhers and Beijing. For Zagunis, failing to medal was a tough pill to swallow.

Looking back, what was I trying to do that I was losing?” the sabreurs (women’s sabre) three times in a row is not an easy feat,” she said. “I felt positive and confident that I was going to do it, but looking back on it, of course I am disappointed.”

Despite her fourth-place finish, Zagunis will use her experience in London to drive her training for the 2016 Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro.

“All in all, it’s not the end of the world,” she said. “I still have a lot of fire in me, and now I have a lot of motivation towards Rio. I’m looking at it as giving a lot of fuel to my fire for the next four years.”

Zagunis took a year off prior to her freshman year at Notre Dame to train for the 2004 Olympics. A resident of Pasquerella East Hall and anthrology major, she said the University was “immediately supportive” of her Olympic aspirations.

“They were even more proud I came to freshman year as a gold medalist,” she said. “I think throughout my time at Notre Dame, everyone there from teachers, staff, people in my dorm to my classmates, my teammates on the fencing team—everyone was 100 percent supportive of me before, during and after.”

Five members of the Team USA fencing team were former or current members of the Notre Dame squad. Zagunis said the fact so many world-class athletes compete for the University speaks to Notre Dame’s reputation as both an athletic and academic institution.

“It says something about the place, about the school, about the sport that they are able to provide for these Olympic athletes,” she said. “We are competing at a high level, and to have high level competition, high level training and a high level education all in one is a really unique opportunity.

Even though she took a leave of absence prior to the 2008 Olympics and has not returned to Notre Dame, Zagunis said she still feels connected to the University.

“I couldn’t ask for a better situation, because I know it could be very different,” she said. “My time there was amazing, and having the ability to still have those Notre Dame connections and still have that support has always been special to me, and I really appreciate it.”

Zagunis said she is thankful for this continuing relationship with the Fighting Irish community.

“It’s a big part of my career,” she said. “There are a lot of things you sometimes wonder ‘What if?’. But I never wondered with Notre Dame. I know that it is a big part of my life, and I am glad it is there.”

Though she has not completed her undergraduate degree, Zagunis said doing so remains a goal of hers.

While balancing high level training with school is difficult, she said, Zagunis is “very focused” on the summer training for the U.S. National Team in Paris and in Portland, Ore., where she trains in the hopes of competing for degrees soon.

“I’m definitely hoping to get that diploma within the next few years and have that ND on it.”

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**By John Cameron**

Growing up cheering for the United States women’s national soccer team, senior Stephanie Aguilera had a dream come true when she contributed to NBC’s coverage of the gold medal game at the 2012 Summer Olympics.

“I was fortunate enough to attend the women’s soccer championship and saw the U.S. women win gold,” Aguilera said. “Watching Hope Solo and Alex Morgan dominate the game was the highlight of my summer.”

Aguilera was one of a several Notre Dame students who interned with NBC during its coverage of the 2012 London Summer Olympics. Aguilera was stationed in London with NBC Telesports, which provided Spanish-language broadcasting of the games.

“My position was ’runner,’ which meant my [daily work] varied,” she said. “I arrived before the production crews to set up the [olympic] village and assisted the broadcast managers.

Also a runner stationed in London, senior Christopher Palmquist was assigned to the daytime production segment. Palmquist, a communication and theater studies major, was often involved with providing hospitality and assistance to athletes, commentaters and personalities before and after the games.

Through his role, Palmquist encountered a number of prominent Olympians, including gymnast Gabby Douglas, diver David Boudia, speed skater Apolo Ohno and tennis player Serena Williams.

He said the most rewarding interaction, however, came through a conversation with a gold medalist from a less high-profile sport.

“The greatest person I met was Kayla Harrison, who won the first gold medal in judo for the United States,” he said. “She shared her story of overcoming a coach that sexually abused her when she was a teenager. Her story was pherominal, and nobody, I think, deserbed the gold medal more than she.”

Senior Marta Stepien’s experience differed from the runners’. Stepien interned as a production assistant with the NBC Soccer Channel and was stationed at the NBC headquarters in New York City.

“As a marketing major, I had very little knowledge of the intricate detail that comes with production and editing... Though I may not being those skills explicitly in the near future, simply being in the working world was very insightful.”

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Canada and the United States squared off in their Olympic semifinal in Manchester, England, but the Aug. 6 game actually had a hint of Irish influence.

The Fighting Irish, that is.

Two members of the Canadian Olympic team and one member of the American team took part in the epic 4-3 American victory that would go down as one of the greatest Olympic soccer match-ups of all time. Defenders Melissa Tancredi and Candace Chapman represented Notre Dame for the Canadian side, and American midfielder Shannon Boxx played for the Americans. Though Boxx missed the semifinal match due to injury, she started in midfield for the gold medal-winning Americans in all other matches.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum watched the game from the United States with pride. He saw two of his former players in Tancredi and Chapman represent their home country at the highest possible level. He saw a great display of the growing appeal of women’s soccer, and he saw Notre Dame represented on the world’s stage.

“I was really, really proud of both teams and all three of the players,” Waldrum said. “I thought it was great for them individually, I thought it was great for women’s soccer and I thought it was great for Notre Dame to have that kind of representation.”

For Waldrum, it was an added bonus that the game was one of the greatest women’s soccer games in Olympic history. Three times Canada led the United States, pulling ahead each time with a goal by forward Christine Sinclair. Sinclair used goals in the 22nd, 67th and 71st minutes to notch a hat trick. Three times the Americans answered — with goals from midfielder Megan Rapinoe in the 54th and 70th minutes, forward Abby Wambach in the 60th minute and a last-minute stunner by forward Alex Morgan in the 120th minute, deep into extra time.

“It was a great game,” Waldrum said. “It was a really good advertisement for the women’s game, in particular to have both those teams medal. With the gold going to the U.S. and the bronze going to Canada, it says an awful lot about our input into those kids’ development.”

Even with players representing the Irish on both sides, Waldrum said he did not feel torn. Rather, he said he was glad to know, one way or another, a former Notre Dame player would have a shot at a gold medal.

“There wasn’t going to be any way we were going to lose,” Waldrum said. “We had players on both teams. It was going to be a win-win regardless. It really makes you proud to see them do as well as they’ve done.”

The U.S. went on to beat Japan 5-2 in the gold-medal match, and Canada claimed bronze by defeating France 1-0.

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Canadian defender Shannon Boxx battles for a header during Canada’s 4-3 semifinal loss to the U.S. on Aug. 6.
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Everyone knew the team in red would rego atop the NL East this year. Before this season’s first pitch, everyone picked the other team to be on top of the NL East before getting halfway through the season. Before the season, everyone picked the other team to be on top of the NL East and not close to the playoff position in the division. We all got it wrong. The Washington Nationals, expected to finish somewhere in the bottom half of their division before the 2012 season, sit securely in first place and own baseball’s best record. Meanwhile, the mighty Philadelphia Phillies have disappointed everyone who picked them to finish first in the NL East before the season by falling to fourth place, 19 games out of the pennant position and on the wrong side of .500 by nine games.

Read that paragraph again, because if you or anyone else try to fool yourself into thinking you saw this coming, I would argue you’re the one who’s fooling yourself. Nobody did. I sure didn’t. Even the experts got this one wrong.

Before the season, Baseball Prospectus, the nom-de-plume for the Nationals to finish fourth in the NL East. Sports Illustrated pegged Washington as the division’s third-best team. ESPN, in its annual preseason survey, pegged the Nationals fourth in the NL East rankings. It is not that we couldn’t have believed the Nationals would be good. But the Nationals are as talented as Steven Strasburg, Jordan Zimmermann and Gio Gonzalez in the rotation and speculate about Bryce Harper in the bullpen, the Nationals pitching staff is getting it done on talent alone. In 2012, Washington, D.C.’s team is just as good as they had been on offense. Ryan Zimmerman and Michael Morse have the corner positions locked down and names like Jayson Werth and Bryce Harper provide serious star power in the outfield. Even though Morse and Werth have both missed time due to injury, the Nationals have exceeded any reasonable expectations of success. So we knew Washington could be good, but not this good.

Equally as stunning as the meteoric rise by the team from our nation’s capital is outfielder Hunter Pence, who left the team more than 20 days ago. Despite landing in San Francisco after a July 31 trade, Pence still leads his old team in batting average (.271), home runs (17), RBIs (59) and OBP (.336). By sending outfielder Shane Victorino to the Dodgers on the same day as Pence’s departure, the Phillies officially stumbled out of the playoff hunt. Marking one more low point in the Phillies’ season, the Philly phans put an end to the 257 consecutive-games sellout streak by failing to fill the stadium during an Aug. 6 meeting with the Atlanta Braves.

Granted, with injuries to Ryan Howard and Chase Utley and an aging team overall, the Phillies’ prospects for this season looked slightly bleaker than last year’s NL East outlook. But we knew the Nationals could be bad, but not this bad. Philadelphia failed to meet expectations, but perhaps the expectations were too generous. With names like Hamels, Halladay, Lee, Papelbon, Rollins, Pence, Howard, Utley and Victorino and more, baseball fans begin counting the wins in their heads. Clearly, for this year at least, all those names don’t carry with them the amount production normally associated with them. On the other side of the spectrum is that the other NL East in 2012 will find itself in a level far above the expected. However, all of them produced at a level far above the expected amount.

One team’s players played well and found ways to produce when teammates went down with injuries, the other’s did not.

As the season nears its final month, a team from the NL East once again leads the majors in wins and figures to compete for the World Series. The team has a power-hitting first baseman, three aces, a strong closer and a superstar first baseman. But for once, it’s not the Phillies.

The Nationals have arrived, and the Phillies were nice enough to make room at the top.

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**LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES**

**Ugandan Little Leaguers win in Williamsport**

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — The first team from Africa in the Little League World Series will go home with one win.

“This was so great,” Lugazi manager Henry Odong said after the 3-2 victory over Gresham, Ore., in a consolation game Tuesday.

Players Justine Makisimu, Ronald Olaa, Daniel Alio and Felix Enzama all said they thought they could win going into the game.

After watching Taiwan play, Odong said he impressed on the team just to make contact because “one of the biggest challenges we had was hitting.” Each team had seven hits but Uganda had four of them in the two innings it scored.

“I’m thankful we could come here,” Odong said. “This win was so great.”

Oregon broke a scoreless tie in the top of the fourth when Hunter Hemenway tripled down the right field line, scoring Greg Mehlhaff and Tyler Pederson, who had singled.

Lugazi tied the game at 2-2 in the bottom of the inning on consecutive singles by Alio and Enzama. Alio eventually scored on a wild pitch and Enzama on a passed ball. Uganda had runners on second and third with no outs but Mehlhaff struck out two and got the third out on a ground ball.

Uganda grabbed the lead in the fifth when Olaa singled and Alio walked. Olaa scored the winning run from second when Oregon shortstop Brett Falkner’s throw to first in an attempt to complete a double play went wild.

Alio, who struck out eight and walked two, reached his pitch count limit with one out in the sixth. After getting a second out, reliever Job Echon gave up a single but then got Ethan Marshall to line back to him to preserve the victory.

Uganda’s official series record is 1-2 but the team plans on playing more friendship games.

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Rookie named Dolphins’ starting quarterback

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — The lilting falsetto came from a 320-pound lineman as the Miami Dolphins’ young quarterback walked through the locker room Tuesday.

“Oooh, Ryan Tannehill,” said guard Richie Incognito, mimicking a star-struck fan.

Several veterans chuckled. So did Tannehill. As a rookie, he’s not above teasing from teammates.

But as of Monday, he’s also a starter. First-year coach Joe Philbin chose him for the job over Matt Moore, who started the final 12 games last year.

While Moore is popular with teammates, they endorsed Philbin’s decision Tuesday — with varying degrees of enthusiasm.

“We’re not in a position to pick,” receiver Davone Bess said. “Right now we want to focus on keeping the team together and not having animosity toward anybody.”

Moore, a backup for most of his six-year career, took the high road after finishing as the runner-up in the most scrutinized rookie quarterback competition.

Philbin chose Tannehill for the job in part because he knows the offense.

“I don’t think that’s going to be an issue,” Philbin said. “He has earned people’s respect, and he has done it quietly in his own way. He has done it mostly by his professionalism in this building and his work ethic.”

Camp began with three contenders for the starting job, but knee surgery took veteran David Garrard out of the mix. Moore was unimpressive in the first two exhibition games, while Tannehill had some encouraging moments.

The rookie doesn’t lack for confidence, and he started the summer hoping to win the No. 1 job.

“It’s human nature as a competitor to want to be the guy,” he said. “I was going out there every day trying to prove I could be the guy to win games with this team. Right now that’s the case, but I’ve got to continue to get better.”

The Dolphins figure Tannehill’s upside is considerable, especially considering he was a college receiver two years ago. He switched to quarterback midway through his junior season at Texas A&M and started only 19 games at the position.

With Miami he has benefited from the tutelage of offensive coordinator Mike Sherman, who was Tannehill’s head coach at A&M and brought the same offense to the Dolphins.

“For a young kid, Ryan’s a leader,” tight end Anthony Fasano said. “He’s a rookie telling veterans how to line up. He’s a little more confident because he knows the offense.”

The Dolphins play Atlanta on Friday in the most important of their four exhibition games, with the starters seeing significant action. When asked what he wants to see from Tannehill in the game, Philbin responded with a long list that took more than a minute to recite.

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Veteran Belles look to rebound from subpar 2011

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

After struggling through a difficult 2011 season, a veteran-filled Saint Mary's squad will look to the leadership of its six seniors and eight returning team members as the Belles set out to compete for the top spot in the MIAA.

Saint Mary's came into last season with high expectations after recording a third-place finish, the highest in program history, in the conference in 2010. With the graduation of senior captain Joanna Almond, senior Julia Kenney will take over the top spot for the Belles. An All-MIAA honoree in 2010, Kenney placed among the Belles' top two finishers in every race last season. Fellow seniors Emma Baker, Sarah Copi, Elizabeth Majewski and Angela Nehoey, who each set personal records in races last season, will also look to score significant points for the team.

In addition, Saint Mary's will count on the contributions of junior Collette Curtis, who emerged as a top-five finisher for the team on several occasions last season. Bauters said the team’s combination of tested veterans and promising newcomers gives her a positive outlook for the upcoming season and noted several outsiders share her view. Saint Mary’s is ranked 10th in the Great Lakes region in the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association’s preseason poll, marking the first time the team has received such honors.

“We have a really great returning group and hope to build on the successes we’ve had with our team’s leadership,” Bauters said. “Everyone came back looking good and ready to go, and I expect that we’ll be competitive within the conference this year.”

Saint Mary’s opens the season Sept. 1 with the Wabash Hokum Kareen meet in Crawfordsville, Ind.

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Red Sox continue slide

Associated Press

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lot of close games, especially with the type of schedule we have early in the year. These teams we’re playing aren’t going to give up a lot of goals. These are going to be games that are in the balance, and they’re going to be won or lost late.”

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After losing their season opener for the first time since Waldrum’s debut in 1999, the Irish will look to rebound on the road this Friday against Tulsa, their coach’s former team.

According to Waldrum though, if the Irish can bring a result back from Oklahoma, it’ll be worth much more later in the season than just a win for their coach.

“I think that program is going to be very eager to beat us, primarily because we’re Notre Dame, but also because I’m here, as well,” he said. “And even at seven at night, it’ll be worth much more later in the season than just a win for their coach.

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Junior midfielder Mandy Laddish dribbles the ball in Notre Dame’s 1-0 home loss to Louisville on Sep. 16, 2011.

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put the Irish in the lead.

Xavier answered with several scoring chances before the break, but the Irish defense proved equal to the task as senior goalkeeper Will Walsh denied the visiting team an equalizer.

Notre Dame carried its 1-0 lead into the second stanza and turned to junior goalkeeper Patrick Wall to preserve it. Wall recorded two saves, one of which required him to come to the top of the box to meet a Xavier attacker and make a flying save.

Making the most of Notre Dame’s final exhibition contest before regular season play, Irish coach Bobby Clark replaced his entire team with new 10 players for the game’s final third. The Musketeers pressured the fresh Irish lineup immediately before Notre Dame regained control and closed the game.

“It was really nice, I thought, for the last 30 minutes we put on what you would call your reserve team,” Clark said. “I was a little bit worried for about three minutes because there was one call after another call, and I thought, ‘How are these young guys gonna handle it?’ But in all fairness, they actually came through quite well. Once they found their feet they actually, I thought, looked a better team than most of their starters that [Xavier] put on.”

The Irish were without co-captains and senior midfielders Dillon Powers and Michael Rose for the entire contest as both players sat out with injuries. Nonetheless, the Irish earned their third shutout win in four exhibition opportunities after losing three defensive starters to graduation.

“I think the defense has come together well,” Clark said. “As I have said, I think [senior defender] Grant Van De Casteele. He has been the experienced person that has come back there and he’s done a really good job. [Junior defender] Andrew O’Malley, he’s been waiting for his opportunity for a long time now, and he’s done well … I think we are looking pretty solid. I’m pretty happy with the way it’s looking at the moment.”

Still, as the Irish approach their regular season opener, a home meeting with Duke on Saturday, several questions remain, Clark said.

“There are always tough decisions, and I hope there are because if there’s not tough decisions it means we don’t got folks pushing for spots,” he said. “We’ve got a few questions. Obviously Dillon will come back, hopefully, and we’ve got a couple of other boys who will come back as well … hopefully Michael Rose will come back as well. We got reasonably good news on that today. Get some of these guys back, it’ll be a very, very strong squad.”

Notre Dame kicks off the regular season Saturday at 7:30 p.m. when it hosts Duke in Alumni Stadium.

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Irish gain experience in summer tournaments

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

For college golfers there is the season, and there is the season that is not the season. The season, of course, contains the college schedule. However, the season that is not the season is no less important.

It is during this summer season that much of the Notre Dame squad gains experience playing against top competition and develops the ability to deal with pressure and prepares for the college schedule.

“They are coming to school almost ready to go,” Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. “It’s one of the reasons we can come in and start the first day and travel within a week or two.”

Recognizing that matches played outside of the college schedule are an important part of a competitive schedule, Kubinski said he works with his golfers to plan offseason events.

“A lot of times we will sit down in the spring, when our season is over here, and almost map out a schedule,“ he said. “The guys actually do a pretty good job coming up with events they would like to play in on their own. But essentially, we will just keep an eye on them, they will update me and I even had the chance to attend a couple of events.”

Irish junior Niall Platt played through a successful offseason this year, winning the SCGA Match Play Championship in August and earning three other top-10 finishes over the summer.

“I practiced a lot. Mainly I just got to play a lot of competition this summer,” Platt said. “I had a really busy schedule and that got me prepared for later tournaments.

“The win gave me probably just confidence — knowing that I can compete with the best college players. I wasn’t totally sure about that for the last couple of years but this summer definitely made it seem … more possible.”

As they prepare to head into the 2012-13 season, Platt will be one of many Irish golfers expected to step up in the absence of three graduated seniors — Tom Usher, Chris Walker and 2012 PING and Golfweek Honorable Mention All-American Max Scodro, who owned the best stroke average in school history at 73.25.

“Max, of course, had that huge influence,” Platt said. “It just gives you more experience that they did not get the last year or two as our lineup was pretty much set,” he said. “Essentially all of the tournaments they are playing (over the summer) are very similar to college tournaments in that most of the field is Division I college players at the vast majority of these events.”

For Scodro, who recently won the 2012 Illinois Open for his second state open championship of the summer, offseason tournaments represented a valuable component to his college success.

“It just gives you more experience,” he said. “It keeps you sharp during the offseason, playing in competitive events. You know you are going to play against really good competition so it’s important.”

It is the competitive aspect of offseason tournaments and matches that gives such significant value to the events, Kubinski said.

“A lot of people don’t realize that playing golf, going out for that casual round, whether it is with teammates or friends or just posting scores, there is such a huge difference between that and the tournament round, the competitive rounds,” he said. “Just the expectations, the pressure, the things that mount that, when you are playing (for the first time as a team), they can really get the better of you. Having played so much over the summer against that strong competition and in those situations, I think it … really helps us prepare.”

The Irish begin their season on Sept. 15 with the Tar Heel Intercollegiate in Chapel Hill, N.C.

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technique and discipline which is so important in playing that position."

No quarterback decision yet
Kelly also said junior Andrew Hendrix and sophomore Everett Golson continue to receive roughly the same amount of practice reps at quarterback, with less than two weeks remaining before the Irish open the season against Navy in Dublin.

“We had some more things that we wanted to see,” Kelly said. “We saw some areas of improvement that we needed. So both of those guys received very similar reps the last couple of days. We’re still not there but we’re moving in the right direction.”

Junior quarterback Tommy Rees was suspended for the season opener, and freshman Gunner Kiel was ruled out of receiving the starting nod, leaving Golson and Hendrix as the options for the starting duties.

“I'm not a big fan about playing football games in Ireland. I'd rather play them [at Notre Dame],”
Brian Kelly
Irish coach

Notre Dame quarterbacks run through drills in Loftus Field House on August 14. Irish coach Brian Kelly has not announced which quarterback will start the season opener.

“Because it relates to football, I would rather not travel six hours to go play. Having said that, Navy is going to have to do the same thing and we have to prepare the best we can for that situation.”

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CB Wood out for season with injury

By ANDREW OWENS  Assistant Managing Editor

In just one play, Notre Dame’s dire cornerback situation went from bad to worse, as junior cornerback Lo Wood — the only returning player with even minimal experience at the position — will miss the entire 2012 season after suffering a ruptured Achilles tendon at practice Monday.

“I feel terrible for him,” Irish coach Brian Kelly said at Tuesday’s press conference. “He’s a young man that we all wanted to see get this opportunity that he has worked so hard for.

“I feel really good about the other five corners that we have as well. We have five scholarship corners that we believe can play the kind of football necessary for us to be successful. We’ll move forward at that position. I think we have enough depth there to play very good football.”

Kelly said he does not expect to move any players from another position — including graduate student safety Lamoris Slaughter — to cornerback despite the loss of Wood, who recorded 10 tackles and a 57-yard interception return for a touchdown in 21 games of play.

The stable of remaining cornerbacks includes junior Bennett Jackson, sophomores Josh Atkinson and Jalen Brown and freshmen KeiVarae Russell and Eilijah Shumate, an athletic but untested group that will go up against Heisman Trophy candidate quarterbacks Landry Jones (Oklahoma) and Matt Barkley (USC) this fall.

Kelly said Wood experienced the injury while backpedaling at practice. He felt “a pop” in the non-contact drill and will undergo surgery Wednesday, Kelly said.

Even with the lack of experience at the position, Kelly said he does not expect opponents to alter their gameplan against the Irish to take advantage of Notre Dame’s depth issues.

“From the very beginning of camp, we installed our nickel package,” he said. “We feel very comfortable with who that is and who is going to be playing that position. This has been about developing not just corners but safeties as well. I think we have a comfort level with the package that we know is going to be on third down and this doesn’t affect that third down package.”

Kelly said athleticism is not an issue for the group, but getting them game experience and developing their skills is his focus now.

Josh and Jalen have improved dramatically, and they have taken to (being coached) very well,” he said. “(The) technique is much better. There is one thing that scares me the most and that’s when you have slow corners. We don’t have any slow corners. All those kids can run.

“Now, it’s a matter of how quickly they can pick up the

Late goal dooms Irish

By JACK HEFFERON  Sports Writer

They had more shots, more corners and the lion’s share of possession. But after a single defensive lapse in the 84th minute, No. 12 Notre Dame found itself behind in the only category that matters, losing 1-0 at Wisconsin on Friday in its season opener.

The Irish (0-1) dominated the run of play early in the match, and freshman forward Anna Maria Gilbertson almost opened the scoring in first minute when her strike was tipped just past the right post. The attack continued throughout the game’s first half-hour, as Notre Dame generated a number of chances that kept the Badgers (1-0) on their heels. However, the team was unable to bury any of its several scoring chances, and the game remained scoreless at halftime.

“Going back and looking at the video, I think we could have been up by two or three in the first 20 minutes,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “We created some really good chances and just didn’t convert.”

In the second half, chances for both teams were few and far between, as the Irish failed to continue applying pressure to the Wisconsin goal. With two standout midfielders — sophomore Mandy Laddish and freshman Cari Roccaro — out on national team duty at the Under-20 World Cup, the team was unable to generate quality chances in the middle and resorted to simply kicking balls deep.

“We weren’t really good in our possession,” Waldrum said. “We kind of got caught up in their long ball style of play, and that took us out of what we wanted to do. Mandy and Cari add so much to our midfield, and our midfield is really key to making things tick for us. I think they would have made a huge difference in the game, but we have enough quality here that we don’t want to use that as a crutch going forward.”

The lack of possession would cost Notre Dame in the last 10 minutes, as the Badgers won a late free kick and found senior midfielder Monica Lam-Feist on a quick through ball. Lam-Feist split the Irish defense, and Wisconsin’s only shot of the half beat freshman goalkeeper Elyse Hight off the post.

Waldrum said that he was pleased by the defense’s play for most of the game, but was frustrated by the team’s inability to close out the game and ensure at least a draw.

“I hope [giving up late goals] doesn’t become a thing for the season, for sure,” he said. “I think we’re going to play in a

Mena scores winner in final exhibition

By JOSEPH MONARDO  Sports Writer

Notre Dame pushed its exhibition record to 3-0-1 on Monday with a 1-0 victory over Xavier in the ninth installment of the annual match for Grassroots Soccer, an international soccer charity.

Irish senior midfielder Adam Mena scored the difference-making goal off a free kick in the 37th minute to give the Irish the shootout victory in the charity event. Admission to the game was free, while fans and guests made donations to the Grassroots Soccer Organization, which aims to combat the spread of HIV. The eldest son of Irish coach Bobby Clark, Dr. Tommy Clark, founded the organization in 2002.

“Well, it was a good crowd,” Bobby Clark said. “I hope they all dipped in their pockets. It was really nice. I think Grassroots Soccer has ... been one of our things, and for me, it’s special obviously with Tommy being so involved. It’s amazing how many years we’ve been doing it ... but it was fun.”

While playing for a good cause, the Irish put forth a winning performance. Notre Dame controlled the game’s action in the first half, earning a bulk of the scoring opportunities and outshooting Xavier 7-4 through 45 minutes. Mena netted the game’s lone goal in the 37th minute. Following a Musketeers’ foul 5 yards above the top of the box, Mena squeezed a low shot through the Xavier wall and off senior goalkeeper Justin Marshall to