Interns work the Capitol

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

Several Notre Dame students traded the golden dome for the Capitol dome to intern in Congressional offices over the summer, while others worked in district offices throughout the country.

The Washington Post reported between 20,000 and 40,000 interns descended on Washington, D.C., during the summer months. The S35 Congressmen hire sets of interns to contribute to daily office operations, ranging from a single intern to as many as 15 in their D.C. offices, with similarly sized staffs in district offices.

Senior political science major Alex Bowman was one of the interns in the D.C. office of Rep. Joe Donnelly, where he said he worked on both substantive and clerical tasks.

“My daily tasks included answering phones, checking voicemail messages, sorting emails, leading tours around the Capitol building and doing independent research for some of the more specific constituent requests. Generally, [the interns] just did what needs to be done,” Bowman said.

Bowman said the tasks assigned to the interns each presented unique challenges.

“It was nerve-wracking. … In all honesty when you pick up the phone as a Congressional intern, you don’t know who’s on the other end,” Bowman said. See INTERNS PAGE 4

\[Image courtesy of Colin O'Shea\]

Lunch series prompts debate

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

A football game was not the only event to bring together the various groups within the Notre Dame community this weekend.

Hosted in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall on Friday, the first installment of this year’s Professors for Lunch series featured discourse among faculty, alumni and both undergraduate and graduate students.

The discussion focused on the book “Just and Unjust Peace” by associate professor of political science and peace studies Daniel Philpott.

Philip Munoz, director of the Tocqueville Program for Inquiry Into Religion and American Public Life and associate professor of political science, created the Professors for Lunch series last year. He said part of the purpose of the series is to promote the work of professors like Philpott.

“One of the aims is to celebrate significant faculty accomplishments, like Daniel’s book,” Munoz said. “We have this world-renowned scholar down the hall, let’s have lunch with him and learn from him.”

Philpott spoke first, followed by comments on the book from Margaret Pfeil, assistant professor of theology, and Paolo Carozza, professor of law and director of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies. The professors then opened the floor to questions and comments from the audience.

Philpott said he agreed to participate in Professors for Lunch because the event is a valuable occasion for conversation.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

Where did you watch the Notre Dame vs. Navy game?

Becca Self
freshman
Welsh Family Hall
“Fourth floor of Keough.”

Imani Parker
freshman
Lyons Hall
“24 hour lounge of Lyons.”

James Heisler
sophomore
Keenan Hall
“In my room with a bunch of friends.”

Pat Bottone
sophomore
Dillon Hall
“In my dorm.”

John McKeown
sophomore
Alumni Hall
“At my friend’s apartment.”

Kara Neumann
freshman
Howard Hall
“In the Howard Hall basement.”

The Observer band marched onto the field at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin on Saturday during halftime. About 165 band members traveled to Ireland to perform during this weekend’s Emerald Isle Classic.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Monday
Labor Day
Campus-wide Administrative offices closed all day.

Tuesday
Opera Notre Dame Auditions
Washington Hall
6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Wednesday
Blood Drive
Legends
11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Donate to save a life.

Thursday
Fall Career Expo
Joyce Center
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Annual internship fair.

Friday
Law and Human Development Lecture
Law School
10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Men’s Soccer
Alumni Stadium
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
ND vs. Oregon State
Council Discusses Student Life

By Carolyn Hutyra
News Writer

During its first meeting Friday afternoon, the Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed several aspects of student life including dorm alcohol policies and mental health.

Judicial Council president Michael Thomas said the new recforder of Stanford Hall is enforcing a stricter alcohol policy in the dorm this year.

"Stanford has done a 180-degree switch in alcohol policy," Thomas said.

The council also discussed the fairness of excluding undergraduate students from scholarly lectures and activities because alcohol is present for faculty and upperclassmen.

The council also discussed the mental health resources available for students.

Junior John Vernon said the group PILLARS, which stands for "Peers Inspiring Listening, Learning, and Responsible Socializing," focuses on student health and related issues such as lack of sleep.

Chief of staff Katie Baker said there is also a committee on campus that is dedicated to the examination of students at risk of dropping out of Notre Dame. One aspect of the committee's job includes speaking to the student's professors and rector in order to better assess the obstacles that may cause the student's departure.

"The panel has never been made public," Baker said. "It's a really important resource that should be publicized."

As the council members discussed the year ahead, Morrissey Manor rector Fr. Ron Vierling referenced the cutback in University services that came at the same time as a price increase in room and board.

Vierling said one housekeeping staff covers four buildings on the weekends, and there has not been an increase in the number of workers being hired.

"Cost cutting is impacting the quality of student life," Fr. Ron said.

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"It's a fantastic series," he said. "This is what we need at Notre Dame. Substantive interaction between professors and students," he said. "College is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to go deep into ideas and shouldn't be wasted."

Philpott discussed his book and its emphasis on forgiveness and reconciliation as a means of bringing peace in the wake of civil war, dictatorships and other periods of turmoil.

"The central idea is the restoration of relationships," he said.

"This way of thinking comes to us from religious traditions. Religious traditions offer concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation that can inform a global conversation among the religious and the non-religious."

He cited the ongoing peace process following the more than 20 years of war in northern Uganda.

"When I visited Uganda, I was told, 'There's an end to war, but no peace here,'" Philpott said. "He said a coalition of Ugandan religious leaders is advocating the philosophy of forgiveness and reintegratrion."

Forgiveness was an important part of their portfolio," Philpott said.

A rejection of the message put forth by a dictator or perpetrator of war crimes is another important part of the peace process outlined in his book, Philpott said.

"The 'de-legitimation' of the perpetrator's message is something victims desire out of a sense of justice," Philpott said. "It is symbolic, but as important as monetary reparations. The two go together."

Philpott said the rejection of the perpetrator's message often requires uncovering and publicizing the experiences of the victims.

"You want something that's going to be seen as a national narrative," he said.

In her comments, Pfeil focused on the importance of restorative justice to Philpott's ideas. She said there is a need for more to be done in situations of systematic institutional injustice.

"This is an area of scholarship of great interest to me," she said. "In my work, I study restorative justice and Catholic social teaching."

Carozza said Philpott's approach to peace is better than the current conventional approach to human rights issues.

"It is contrary and superior to the dominant method by which human rights have been addressed for 60 to 70 years," Carozza said.

The book also shows how reconciliation is reached over time, Carozza said, and it is not a concept that can be achieved in a single peace accord.

"Reconciliation is something that becomes a human experience," he said. "It becomes the experience of a people and it emerges over time."

Junior Neal Ravindra, one of three students helping to organize the series, said the event is beneficial to both students and faculty.

"This event is a great opportunity for students and faculty to meet in a forum and exchange ideas," Ravindra said.

Muraz said the topics of the lunches are decided upon based on the relevance to the campus community.

"The goal is to create a forum where students and faculty can share a meal and learn from each other about a topic worthy of conversation and interest to the community," Muraz said.

The next installment of the series will be located in North Dining Hall at 12 p.m. Friday, and the discourse will focus on the Department of Health and Human Services healthcare mandate, Muraz said.

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"Because of my personal convictions as a devout Catholic, I am not only fighting against something. I am fighting for something - and I am for life... I [want] to help, to comfort those who are in difficult situations and who sometimes just need to feel that they are not alone. Life is hard, but we need to listen, we need to open our ears."
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### Interns

When asked by O’Callaghan what was at the heart of the “success” of the University, Swarbrick turned and acknowledged the audience.

“It’s our people,” he said. “People make Notre Dame special. It’s the ones who went to school there or the ones who have just adopted it.”

The faculty, the administration, our remarkable leadership in Fr. Jenkins, I think all of that is what makes it a special institution.”

O’Callaghan noted how he does not possess the same passion for college athletics as the United States, and Swarbrick said this was evident in many facets of the University.

“You see it in our marching band, you see it in our cheerleaders, you see it in our great alumni and fans,” he said.

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### Rally

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between the two teams. Kerry urged fans to experience their time on the Emerald Isle to the fullest.

“Enjoy, explore,” he said. “Make the best of the next few days with us in Ireland. Be sure to make and take home great memories. Be sure to make the most of your time in Ireland.”

Kerry promised an exciting weekend lineup for fans attending the big game.

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Romney’s big mistake

Adam Newman
Scientia Potentia Est

On Aug. 11, Mitt Romney announced Paul Ryan, controversial Wisconsin representative and author of the even more controversial “Path to Prosperity” budget, would be his running mate. The running mate decision is one of the most important that a candidate can make in a campaign, and unfortunately for Romney, his choice of Paul Ryan was one of the worst ones he could have made. A running mate has to complement the candidate in some way. It may help him or her receive more votes from a certain demographic group, energize the respective “base,” win a certain state or give the candidate credibility in a specific policy area. Regardless of why the running mate is chosen, the rule “do no harm” must be followed. Romney’s reasoning for choosing Ryan is somewhat subjective. Ryan is a favorite of both the Republican establishment and of the Tea Party, a feat that few others hold. Ryan’s background is still not trusted by either the establishment or the Tea Party. Ryan can give him much needed credibility. Moreover, Ryan, despite his age (42), is an extremely experienced campaigner, speaker and debater. Ryan’s district in Wisconsin is heavily industrialized and went for Obama in 2008, but Ryan was successfully able to explain the major cuts he made in his budget to them. Romney is surely hoping Ryan can give him more popular with his Republican base but will only help him lose the election. Romney made the argument that his background as a CEO and state governor has given him the decision-making skills to be President. But when it came to his running mate pick, Romney failed. Instead of picking someone who will be ready to lead and help him win the election, he chose a conservative ideologue who will make him more popular with his Republican base but will only help him lose the election.

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Churchman Myers

At some point during my freshman year, I heard the students of the College of Arts and Letters (and therefore myself) referred to as arts and crafts majors. At the time, I was just confused and thought to myself, “Why is this guy, who is drawing triangles while I critically analyze the ‘Summa Theologica,’ implying that my academic pursuits are equivalent to finger painting or crocheting?”

Recently, however, I came to the realization that my course of study has prepared me to be a master of arts and crafts (I was Miagi-ed, if you will). After two full years at Notre Dame, I made a poster for the men’s lacrosse club to use at Activities Night.

Before doing anything related to the poster, I stopped, as advised by Aristotle, to think of the end goal to which it is directed. Next, given my extensive training in the liberal arts, I was able to locate poster board in the art supplies section of the bookstore and to note the liberal price mark-up. Since I do so many arts and crafts in my courses, I had some colored Sharpie markers that my parents bought for me before my freshman year.

Having read Augustine’s ‘On Christian Teaching,’ I know that words are symbols of true things. Therefore, I made sure to write “club lacrosse” on the poster, knowing that the poster itself was a symbol for our club. I employed some creative word play, specifically emphasizing the letters “lac” in the word “relax.” This subtle product of wit, of course, was a direct result of studying the works of the Bard himself, Shakespeare.

I recalled in the ‘Republic,’ Plato warned against art that imitates bad things and men, and recommended only imitations of good and noble things and men. So the pictures I chose to attach were of noble defensemen and things beyond my control.

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The poster, knowing that the poster it-
ND lawsuit offends gender equity

Recently, my colleagues and I drafted a petition against the University’s law-suit over the Department of Health and Human Services mandate requiring no-cost birth control coverage. I would like to discuss more fully one point our peti-tion addresses: Regardless of whether or not contraceptives themselves promote gender equity, pursuing this suit is an affront to gender equity at Notre Dame. On account of serious deficiencies in campus services and support, the very families that are the likely and welcome outcome of University policy will find themselves unable to afford University-sponsored healthcare, with-out access to affordable childcare, and quite possibly hindered in their own academic careers. These issues have a systematically disproportionate effect on women. These are also matters of Notre Dame’s Catholic identity, yet the University does not address them. This is disconcerting.

Further, the University already pro-vides access to medications that treat erectile dysfunction, without requir-ing the insured to justify their use of it (medically or morally), even though it requires women to justify contraceptive use. If students or employees are un-married, providing access to such medi-cations is also materially contributing to gravely immoral behavior, according to Catholic teaching. If the University can provide access to medications that treat erectile dysfunction without ques-tion, because it trusts that men will use it wisely, why not treat women likewise when it comes to contraceptives? The University’s policies do not treat men and women as equally capable and trustworthy moral agents, and the University is going to court to defend that disparity.

While it is not clear to us that compli-ance with the mandate would violate Catholic conscience, it is clear that gender inequity is wrong both legally and morally. ‘Dignitatis Humanae,’ the Vatican’s 1965 declaration of religious freedom, says: “[G]overnment is to see to it that equality of citizens before the law, which is itself an element of the common good, is never violated, whether openly or covertly, for religious reasons. Nor is there to be discrimina-tion among citizens.”

Truly living out the University’s mis-sion and Catholic identity requires creating more equitable University policies and a more family-friendly environment.

Kathryn Pogin
graduate student
off-campus
Sept. 2

Doctrine clarification

In the letter “ND needs to reconsider lawsuit” (Aug. 28) and the petition mentioned in that letter, author Rossi suggests that the University could justifiably comply in good Catholic conscience with the HHS mandate to provide contraceptive services due to the doctrine of double effect. While I welcome continuing dialogue regarding the HHS mandate, contraception and the University’s decision to sue, I would like to submit an explanation as to why the doctrine of double effect is not applicable in this instance. Because the previously mentioned letter and petition attempt to use Catholic principles and teach-ings to justify their arguments, I, too, will argue from this basis. As such, the good effect being considered is provid-ing healthcare whereas the bad effect is providing contraceptives for contra-ceptive purposes.

According to The New Catholic Encyclopedia, four conditions must be met for the doctrine of double effect to apply. Rossi’s suggestion fails most clearly due to condition two, which states, “The agent may not positively will the bad effect but may permit it. If he could attain the good effect without the bad effect he should do so. The bad effect is sometimes said to be indirect-ly voluntary” (1021). Just as it has in previous years, the University could continue to provide healthcare without providing contra-ceptive services, therefore achieving the good effect without the bad effect. Thus Rossi’s argument clearly fails the second statement of condition two and the doctrine of double effect cannot be applied in the manner he suggests.

I will not concern myself with condi-tions one, three and four, but would be open to allowing that providing con-traception in order to comply with the new healthcare laws may meet these conditions; regardless, all four condi-tions must be met for the doctrine of double effect to apply. Because the University could provide healthcare without providing contraception, condi-tion two of the doctrine of double effect is not met, and this doctrine cannot be applied.

Peace in Christ,
Zach Harris
Siegfried Hall
Sept. 2

Parietals and football

The University of Notre Dame has one set of rules that make it one of the most unique, and sometimes one of the most frustrating, places to live and work. These rules, of course, are parietals.

Violation of parietals results in punishments as extreme as the loss of on-campus living privileges. Projects, school work or simple conversation are never legitimate reasons to “break parietals.”

This rule has always been a part of Notre Dame, and neither the chang-ing times nor the pressures of a soci-ety driven by gender equality caused this rule to change. I had assumed that nothing would ever change the parietals structure, until a trip to the dining hall revealed a sign announc-ing that parietals would start at 8 a.m. instead of the normal 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Why this drastic change? Did the University decide that its students should have more freedom with who they talk to and when? Was it finally realized that being able to meet some-one in class, but not in your dorm room, does not make sense? No, neither of these reasons caused the change in parietals. Only one thing did: Notre Dame football. The pres-ence of the Notre Dame vs. Navy foot-ball game starting at 9 a.m. caused the University to end parietals an hour earlier. And yet, if you want to meet with a friend of the opposite sex to handle something before class, it is not allowed.

Parietals have been fairly constant at Notre Dame since its foundation, and I know nothing is ever going to change that. However, if something were to change at this school, I feel like it should be for the right reasons. Giving students more time to work collaboratively, relieving some of the social tension generated by these situations, or helping to improve the lives of stu-dents would all be great reasons.

The fact that a football game over 3,500 miles away is causing this change shows what the ideals of this University are really centered on, and it’s not the average student.

Matt Charnley
Keenan Hall
Sept. 2

Segregation at the Tabernacle

Heal, “Unify” and Enlighten?

Last year, we saw the three words “Heal, Unify and Enlighten” show up all over campus. While I question what Fr. Jenkins was referring to with “heal-ing” (I hope he meant something to do with the goals of the Center for Social Concerns) and the “enlighten” term seems grossly condescending, the word “unify” has had me thinking. Does Notre Dame strive for unity in its stu-dent body?

After reading Fr. Corpora’s “One Eucharist, many expressions” (Aug. 28), I have to say that Notre Dame has a long way to go in “unifying” its cam-pus. Holding retreats and/or Masses for specific races is a sheep in wolf’s clothing. While the intentions behind these events may have been pure of heart, the concept is by definition the most racist thing I have ever heard of on this campus. By focusing incom-ing freshmen on their race, we are not “unifying” them with the rest of campus. Until Notre Dame stops classifying its students by race or orienta-tion, the campus will have problems. We, as Notre Dame, are not made up of “white students,” “black students,” “gay students,” etc. No. We are Notre Dame. Segregation at the Tabernacle needs to stop.

Johnny Whichard
junior
Sorin College
Sept. 2

The Observer. Please recycle.
By CLAIRE STEPHENS

Saturday’s concert by student artist Alex Andre and the Flobots featured energetic music and even more enthusiasm from the performers for social awareness.

Andre, a senior who opened for Macklemore and Rye Rye at Legends last year, returned Saturday before the Flobots show with a night of high-energy hip-hop and rock. Students Mike Nichols, Eugene Staples and Priscilla Nyankson joined Andre on stage for his performance.

Andre and friends performed new music that will be on his upcoming mixtape this fall and kept the performance fun and personal by calling out to their loyal fans in the audience. The energy of the supportive crowd fed back into Andre’s vocally strong performance. His unfailing, smooth flow matched with fun beats and the different rapping styles of Staples and Nichols gave the early-comers a solid start to the night.

Flobots, the concert’s headliner, took the stage shortly after Andre’s performance, which they had watched from the audience. They began with pulsing high energy that spread to the jumping, clapping, swaying crowd. The band’s opening numbers featured rock heavy songs in which the lyrics were often lost in the music.

Flobots used the small space and lack of barriers between themselves and the audience to create an immersive and distinctly personal show, often literally getting in the students’ faces. The event was not well attended, but the band gave a rocking show with little rest. Although the outskirts of the crowd were excluded from the colors and visuals of the performance, the music filled the gap and had even the outsiders swaying to the sound.

The band also lived up to its reputation for emphasizing political and social awareness by telling students that building the world they dream of is a greater victory than any football game or political race. The lead singers said they were energized by the youth of the audience, who they called the new generation of leaders.

Earlier in the night, Andre also wore a 4-to-5 Movement shirt while he performed and gave a brief shout-out to the group. Flobots member Jonny 5 said the movement was something he might want to be a part of, and after Stephen Brackett’s impassioned speech about making a difference, he led the audience in a “fight with tools” chant that bled into the next song.

Much of the Flobots’ set included rock-focused music with rap and hip-hop vocals, including the rowdy, harder rock sound of a song from their new album, “Circle in the Square.” They also slowed it down with some of their more issue-oriented songs like “Superhero.” Slower songs featured the vocals and of the band’s female violinist, giving their rock and hip-hop sound a refreshing, unique twist. Quieter moments in the strings and drums also allowed for interesting vocal harmonies to shine through.

Flobots got the enthusiastic participation of the audience for finally playing popular single “Handlebars” and concluded by calling Notre Dame to rise, leading into another famous single “Rise.” Though some of the crowd had trickled out as the show went on, those who stayed were rewarded with the loud, infectious energy of the band.

After the show, a couple of Flobots members spent time with Andre and Nichols, discussing Andre’s performance and quoting their favorite lines from his music. Andre, who also talked with them about music and life for a long time, applauded them for being “really humble guys, true artists and students of music.”

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**Business trip**

**Notre Dame outrushes Navy’s triple option en route to a 50-10 victory at Aviva Stadium in Dublin**

By ANDREW OWENS
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DUBLIN — In a series of events nearly as rare as Notre Dame playing a football game abroad, it was the Irish who controlled the game to run away with a 50-10 season-opening victory against Navy at Aviva Stadium in Dublin on Saturday.

Fueled by a dominating two-pronged rushing effort, Notre Dame (1-0) rolled to its second consecutive blowout win against Navy (0-1), after struggling mightily against the Midshipmen during the previous five seasons.

“I think the story for me was being able to control both lines offensively and defensively,” said Irish coach Brian Kelly, whose squad was suspended for two games ing running back Cierre Wood, and scored two touchdowns on.

“Stephon is a tremendous athlete with some speed,” Te’o said. “When you see No. 7, he can out-run pretty much any skill player you can block for the backfield, you have a very special player and we want to utilize his talents. That’s why he does [so] many things and does them so well.”

Sophomore Stephon Tuitt picked up a Miller fumble and rumbled 77 yards to the end zone to put the Irish ahead 27-0. In his first collegiate score, the 303-pound defensive end was able to outrun the Navy offense and record the longest Irish fumble return since Steve Lawrence’s 79-yarder in 1985. It was the third longest in school history.

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In his first game at the position since 2009, Riddick rushed for 107 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries. The senior was the go-to player on third downs as well and averaged 5.6 yards per carry while filling the void left by starting running back Cierre Wood, who was suspended for two games last week.

In his debut as the starting signal caller for the Irish, sophomore Everett Golson completed 12-of-18 pass attempts for 144 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

“I thought he managed the game and made one bad decision when he threw the interception, but the great thing about Everett is he picks it up,” Kelly said. “He’s not going to make the same mistake twice. Other than that, I was really pleased with the leadership, the ability to get in the right plays and keep our offense running.

“We knew what we were getting with Everett. It’s not like we didn’t know what we were getting.”

Golson’s five-yard touchdown pass to senior tight end Tyler Eifert came early in the second quarter to widen Notre Dame’s advantage to 20-0. It was the second consecutive fade throw to Eifert, as he fell just out of bounds on the first attempt. Eifert also made contributions out wide in the passing game and in run blocking.

“It’s versatility,” Kelly said. “There’s matchup problems with [sophomore tight end] Troy Niklas on the field too. They just make it really difficult by having them and [sophomore tight end] Ben Koyack on the field.

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Sophomore running back George Atkinson celebrates a touchdown in Notre Dame's 50-10 victory over Navy on Saturday at Aviva Stadium in Dublin.

**PLAYER OF THE GAME**

**THEO RIDDICK**

**NOTRE DAME RUNNING BACK**

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QUARTERBACKS
Making his first start, Everett Golson impressed with 144 yards and his first career touchdown pass in the second quarter. More importantly, the sophomore didn’t make any major mistakes besides a red-zone interception.

RUNNING BACKS
The Irish have not rushed for more yards in a game since 2003 and were without their starter in Cierre Wood. Theo Riddick and George Atkinson led the dominant rushing attack which accumulated 293 yards on 46 carries.

RECEIVERS
Three receivers made their first career receptions as the young receiving corps made some key blocks on the perimeter to help out the rushing attack. Although, a few dropped passes marred a near-stellar effort.

OFFENSIVE LINE
The front five dominated the trenches throughout the game, taking pressure off Golson and helping the Irish outrush the Midshipmen. That makes 12 rushing TDs for the Irish in team’s last two meetings.

DEFENSIVE LINE
Louis Nix and Stephon Tuitt each recorded three tackles, including 2.5 tackles for a loss. The line set up camp in the Navy backfield, constantly disrupted the triple-option. And Tuitt even returned a fumble 77 yards for a score.

LINEBACKERS
What most considered the strongest part of this Irish defense certainly lived up to the hype. Led by preseason All-American Manti Te’o—who recorded both his first fumble recovery and interception — the Irish limited Navy to its lowest rushing output in almost two years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS
The supposed weakness coming into the season on defense certainly looked like it. The secondary was caught out of position often and gave up 182 yards to a triple-option attack.

SPECIAL TEAMS
The kicking game couldn’t do much, muffing two extra points, which could prove to be crucial in close games. On a good note, Davonte Neal nearly quadrupled Notre Dame’s 2011 regular season punt return yards with an 11-yard return.

COACHING
The Irish coaching staff did enough to stifle the triple-option attack and ease into the Golson era smoothly.

Overall GPA: 3.1
Putting up 50 points was definitely a plus for the Irish and the strong running game took a lot of pressure off Everett Golson. But there are some glaring weaknesses for the Irish, with the biggest being the performance of the secondary against a pass-reluctant team. Things aren’t too bad yet, but they’re on their way. Don’t miss the forest for the trees.

PLAY OF THE GAME
STEPHON TUITT’S 77-YARD FUMBLE RETURN FOR A TOUCHDOWN
Following a red-zone interception, Navy put together its first threatening drive, consisting of 12 plays for 68 yards. But with 2:12 left in the second quarter, Tuitt picked up Trey Miller’s fumble — caused by interior pressure from the Irish defensive line — and took it to the endzone to give the Irish an insurmountable 27-0 lead before the half.

Notre Dame displays newfound confidence
DUBLIN — There are plenty of reasons to see Notre Dame’s season-opening victory over Navy as some sort of fluke. The Midshipmen are young and not at their best. The Irish secondary showed some glaring holes. The Irish benefited from turnovers on lucky bounces. To look at the game that way, however, is to miss the forest for the trees.
Saturday’s contest was a promising step for the rest of the season and beyond. Two years ago, in the midst of Brian Kelly’s first season at the helm, the Irish played sloppily in every facet of the game. Simple run blocking was nearly impossible, the defense missed an astounding number of assignments and you could forget about the quarterback consistently throwing catchable passes. The Irish had their occasional moments of brilliance — such as a gutty win at USC — but overall, they were in a pretty sorry state.
If the 50-10 victory over Navy was any indication, this season promises to be a different experience. It started in the trenches. The Notre Dame offensive front used to be not much more than a speed bump for opposing defenders, and a small one at that. Now, led by captain Zack Martin, the line seems to relish pushing defensive linemen around; running backs Theo Riddick and George Atkinson can attest to the width of the holes they got to run through this weekend. The Irish defensive line a few years ago was supposed to be impressively strong and quick; it turned out to be neither. Now, athletes like Stephon Tuitt and Kapron Lewis-Moore can go both through and around blockers — and as Tuitt demonstrated, they’re pretty fast too.
The success of the offensive and defensive fronts meant the Irish could establish a rhythm in the rushing attack, and the ability of Notre Dame receivers to block on the perimeter meant Riddick and Atkinson had room to break big plays open like Atkinson’s 56-yard touchdown scamper. With a talented line leading the way, the Irish defense could pressure the quarterback, stop short-yardage runs and even force turnovers. None of these were regular occurrences just two years ago.
Obviously, Notre Dame has a bevy of aspects to improve upon as well. The secondary has to do a better job of adjusting to new wrinkles. There were too many dropped passes. The special teams were positively atrocious, with two missed extra points and some scary moments on both ends of punts. But this time, Irish fans can start believing those things will actually get better, because for the first time since 2005, Notre Dame is playing with true confidence.
Last year’s squad thought it had the potential to win every game, but it didn’t expect to. There’s a different vibe coming from this group. Whether it’s Navy or USC, Wake Forest or Oklahoma, this team will go into the game expecting to win; they’ll work on everything and anything to do so. It’s been too long since that type of atmosphere pervaded the Irish locker room.
It’ll still be a year filled with ups and downs. The schedule is too tough to expect the nascent confidence to translate into a BCS berth. Mistakes will be made, weaknesses will be exposed and the Irish will lose a few games. If you replay the Emerald Isle Classic in your head, though, you’ll see a swagger about the Irish you might not recognize. They’re not back yet, but they’re on their way. Don’t miss the forest for the trees.
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DUBLIN — Ireland is a football kingdom. But Notre Dame's season opener against Navy did not exactly have the Irish rolling. Instead, it was running back Amir Carlisle who made his presence known in the contest. Carlisle, who dabbled at running back as a power back a la Jonas Gray or Robert Hughes, his contributions as a power back a la Jonas Gray or Robert Hughes, his contributions...
Senior linebacker Manti Te’o waits to congratulate his teammates following a Notre Dame touchdown. The preseason All-American recorded six tackles along with an interception and a fumble recovery, both were the first of his storied collegiate career.

Notre Dame kicked off the 2012 campaign in unfamiliar territory, but the trans-Atlantic trip had no effect on the Irish. Notre Dame scored touchdowns on its first three drives to start the game, taking a 27-3 lead into the half. Theo Riddick and George Atkinson combined for 206 yards and four rushing TDs as the Irish cruised to a 50-10 victory before returning stateside.
Sometimes the great can be the enemy of the good. It’s one of the biggest and frustrating pitfalls of many good movies, including, unfortunately, Shia LaBeouf and Tom Hardy’s prohibition-era gangster drama, “Lawless.”

The film tells the story of the three Bondurant brothers in the 1920s in backwoods Virginia. The two older brothers, Forrest, played by Tom Hardy (aka Bane from "The Dark Knight Rises"), and Howard (Jason Clarke), run a successful, small-time, moonshine operation, while Jack, the youngest brother (Shia LaBeouf), is on the outside looking in.

Forrest and Howard live in an air of invincibility, a feeling that inspires fear and deep-founded respect among the native Virginians. A recurring theme throughout the film is the larger than life status of Forrest, who survives and avenges multiple murder attempts that easily would have killed a normal man.

Jack is clearly the runt of the litter — it’s likely not a coincidence that he is the protagonist character in the film. He lacks the physical prowess, fearless attitude and violent nature that make his older brothers infamous. But where he differs from his brothers, he has wild ambition.

His ambition takes form at a bad time, as a big city special agent, played by the always spectacular but seldom impressive Gary Oldman, plays abig time gangster with no fear who does business with Jack and gets his own moonshine career started. But his character, one of the most interesting in the film, gets lost and disappears for the last end of the film for no real reason.

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There’s family drama, the cops-and-gangsters action, small town versus big city, outlaws becoming heroes (which is how the movie was tagged, but in reality is only about three minutes at the very end of the film), a character study in what it means to be a living legend in Hardy’s role and countless other lines of thought and plot the movie tries to hone in on.

And on top of it all, Jessica Chastain plays Maggie, Forrest’s love interest — a big city girl with a shady past. She is another interesting character and love story between the cold Forrest and broken Maggie, but it just doesn’t fit well with the rest of the film — it feels forced.

On the flip side, more time and effort could be put into Jack’s love life, as he pursues a“crazy Christian” girl, Bertha, played by Mia Wasikowska.

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"Trouble With the Curve"

Like “Moneyball” for girls. What appears to be a sentimental feel-good film about family, baseball, friendship and love (again, sports for girls) features big names like Amy Adams as that one pretty, smart girl that works in baseball, Clint Eastwood as her cranky old father who is a baseball scout and Justin Timberlake as a random friend Adams’ character will likely be romantically interested in. With all the Hollywood clichés for inspirational movies both about family and the sports business, it’s the perfect way for girlfriend's to trick their boyfriends into seeing a sentimental flick disguised as a baseball-themed movie.

"Taken 2"

Remember when Liam Neeson killed EVERYONE in “Taken”? It turns out those people actually worked for someone bigger and scarier, who is now sending his gangsters to avenge the many killed. This time Neeson’s character is on vacation in Istanbul and the stakes are raised when the bad guys take him and his wife, and they go after his daughter … again. Dramatic and awesomely entertaining because being taken on the phone again, along with all the action, promises a movie just as epic and ridiculous as the first. Much like “The Hangover 2,” it’s the same movie, just in a different place. So if you liked “Taken,” you will likely not be disappointed.

"Seven Psychopaths"

Colin Farrell, Woody Harrelson and Christopher Walken. They’re only three of the titular characters in the film “Seven Psychopaths,” but they account for the bulk of what looks like one of the most offbeat comedies this fall. It follows a group of dog kidnappers who have mistakenly held the wrong shih tzu hostage as they wait for its gangster owner Harrelson to pay them off. The appearance of Tom Waits as a man with an unhealthy attachment to his pet rabbit just drives home how strange but wonderful this movie could be. The shih tzu takes a starring role with "Avvo"-inducing puppy dog eyes and surprisingly great comedic timing. If the story is any match for its all-star cast, it looks to be one of the most hilarious movies this year.

"The Perks of Being a Wallflower"

Regardless of whether or not you have read the novel of the same name, the trailer for “Perks of Being a Wallflower” looks impressive. As it is directed by Stephen Chbosky, the novel’s author, “Perks” just might be able to live up to its acclaimed status as an oft quoted contemporary coming-of-age story. Notably full of angst and intentionally indie, this teen-centered film looks to exaggerate and bring out the inner thoughts of those high schoolers that feel they just don’t belong. Emma Watson’s presence in “Perks” certainly makes it appealing and, if nothing else, the soundtrack clips (selected by author Chbosky) sound promising.

"The Words"

“The Words” looks like a combination of “The Time Traveler’s Wife” and “Midnight in Paris.” With romantic, suspenseful music and quick shots from golden-era Paris to modern-day New York, the trailer introduces the story and forth with between the parallel universes of Rory Jensen, played by Bradley Cooper, and that of the true author. The movie is set simultaneously in Paris and New York (directors Brian Klugman and Lee Sternhal filmed in Montreal to take advantage of the city’s aesthetic versatility and portray both cities). The film teases with a starring cast: Bradley Cooper, Zoe Saldana, Olivia Wilde, Dennis Quaid, Zeljko Ivanek, J.K. Simmons, and Jeremy Irons. Whether the plot seems simplistic (Bradley is a desperate beat writer who plagiarizes another man’s book, which complicates his rocketing literary career), we will be seeing this for the star-studded lineup.

"Django Unchained"

Writer and director Quentin Tarantino’s latest film, “Django Unchained,” premieres Dec. 25. It is a western set in the deep south, and it stars Jamie Foxx and Christoph Waltz as bounty hunters. Fox’s eponymous character seeks to find his wife and win his freedom, and like in all Tarantino revenge films that process will probably be extremely violent and filled with obscure references. Tarantino and Waltz worked together on the film “Inglourious Basterds” another historically inspired revenge film, which was nominated for eight Academy Awards. Leonardo DiCaprio also stars as a plantation-owning antagonist. Fans of Tarantino movies will no doubt find this movie right up their alley.
Maybe it’s the history major in me, but in one of my favorite parts of following sports is getting to see history as it happens.

Sometimes these earth-shattering events are completely unpredicatable, like each of the three perfect games we’ve seen in the majors this summer. Sometimes they’re pleasant surprises, like America’s newest sweetheart Gabby Douglas winning gold in the Olympic all-around competition. And some were so predictable that the congratulatory commercials were shot months early — for an example, see “Phelps, Michael,” or simply Google “all-time Olympic medal-winner record.”

But while we were watching perhaps the most iconic moment of the summer, the scepters of “vacated wins” and “striped titles” came for Penn State and Lance Armstrong, proving some governing bodies are all too eager to whitewash historical results when it suits their purpose.

We still quibble over individual cases, but most have come to accept stripping away wins from victors who now appear “tainted,” for reasons varying from amateurism violations (USC, Ohio State) to sexual assault (cheating (Florida State) to cheating in the training room (Armstrong and pretty much everybody else for the past 20 years).

But the entire concept still feels wrong to me, even though I agree that teams shouldn’t get away with that sort of behavior. Maybe it’s because I internalized too much of “1984,” but I will not get away with that.

Erasing wins isn’t “vacating” a win also isn’t the victor didn’t win the competition. For those keeping track at home, 14 of the last 17 Tour de France winners have lost their titles for alleged PED use. Dozens of other competitors have been banned for PEDs. Hint: If you’re still getting updates on whom “won” an event that occurred in 2004, it’s time to stop caring.

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But I suppose the NCAA doesn’t think they have an asterisk that can convey all that, so we’re still doing steroids. Of course their behavior is dishonest, but isn’t “vacating” a win also somewhat misleading? Isn’t it dishonest to downplay Armstrong’s return from cancer and his joy when he triumphed again and again (against a field where you’d be hard-pressed to find one clean cyclist)? We all remember the pictures of Armstrong powering up a mountain, the agony etched on his face. Does that not count?

And then there’s the inherent silliness in pretending the victim didn’t win the competition. For those keeping track at home, 14 of the last 17 Tour de France winners have lost their titles for alleged PED use. Dozens of other competitors have been banned for PEDs. Hint: If you’re still getting updates on whom “won” an event that occurred in 2004, it’s time to stop caring.

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Belles out to perfect start

By AARON SANT-MILLER
Sports Writer

For the first time in coach Toni Kuschel’s four-year tenure at Saint Mary’s, the Belles look to head into the season 4-0.

This weekend, the Belles traveled to North Park for the North Park Classic, where they collected four wins in dominant fashion, scoring three 3-1 victories and a 3-0 victory over IU Northwest.

“I thought we played really well together, and being an extremely young team, we have great leadership.”

Toni Jucauch
Belles coach

IU Northwest

Being the first tournament of the year, we just really wanted to go in, play our best, figure out a starting rotation and try a few new things,” Kuschel said. “We were able to win four matches and be very successful, so it’s pretty exciting.”

Friday evening, the Belles (4-0) claimed the first victory of the season against IU Northwest (0-7). The win was highlighted by a superb performance by sophomore outside hitter Kati Schneider, who led the team with nine kills. Freshman setter Abby White also started the season well with 35 assists in her first collegiate match.

Later on Friday, the Belles defeated Howard Payne (3-1), 3-1. Against the Yellow Jackets, Schneider continued her impressive play with 14 kills and 14 digs, while getting help from freshman outside hitter Katie Hecklinski, who led the team with 19 kills and provided defensive help with 11 digs and two blocks.

The impressive showing continued Saturday as Saint Mary’s took on North Park (2-2) and Kenyon (1-3) and claimed two more 3-1 victories. Schneider and Hecklinski, who combined for a total of 47 kills on the day, again paced the offense.

“They both really owned their roles this weekend and really led by example,” Kuschel said. “Speaking of freshmen, [Hecklinski] being able to come in and put up numbers like that was pretty impressive.”

The Belles also got an added boost Saturday as senior Danie Brink – the team’s lone senior upperclassman – returned to the lineup, totaling 2 assists, 19 digs and six aces. That performance led to Brink being named, along with Schneider, to the all-tournament team.

“It was a really exciting weekend, and it was definitely a team effort,” Kuschel said. “Everyone contributed to our success this weekend and we got great play out of our role players.”

A lot of this success has to do with the team developing a strong chemistry early on, despite being a very young team, Kuschel said. The Belles’ roster of 14 players includes no juniors and only one senior.

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Irish teams take second to Purdue

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Despite giving their best runners the weekend off, the Irish performed admirably Friday night in the Crusader Open against their opponents’ top athletes.

Both the men’s and women’s teams traveled to Seton Hills Farm, where both Notre Dame teams claimed second at the meet. For both the men and the women, the Purdue runners brought home the victory, squeaking by the Irish by two and six team points respectively.

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For the Irish women, junior Meg Ryan claimed second with a time of 17:48.3 and was only two seconds behind the winner, Purdue senior Samantha Walkow. Finishing third was Irish freshman Sydni Meunier with a time of 18:02.6 in her first ever cross-country race. Meunier was a track and field standout in high school but did not run cross-country while attending high school in Melvin, Ill. Sophomore Katie Moran rounded out the top-six finishes for the Irish, claiming the sixth spot with a time of 18:20.3.

These younger and less experienced runners faced quite the challenge though, as Purdue raced their whole team.

“That was Purdue’s best team that competed,” men’s coach Joe Piane said. “They put everybody that they had on the line. Now, keep in mind, we’d do so much of the kids.”

Regardless of competing against more experienced opponents, Notre Dame’s runners were able compete well and impress the coaches Connelly said.

“I thought we had a bunch of kids compete well,” Connelly said. “I didn’t have a lot of preconceived notions, but they all did a really good job.”

Even if the performance did not represent the best product the Irish can put on the course, it strongly reflected the depth of a talented team with high aspirations for this season.

“We’re going to get better, we’re going to keep learning and we’re going to be really good this year,” Piane said.

The Irish will look to do just that after a couple weeks of hard training. Notre Dame returns to action in two weeks, when the Irish host the National Catholic Championships on Sept. 14 at the Burke Golf Course.
Win marks promising start

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary’s came out on top of a local rivalry this weekend when they earned a 3-0 victory against Bethel College. The promising win, marked by superior defense, gives the team a solid basis to build on as the season progresses.

The Belles (1-0) limited the Pilots (2-1) to nine shots on the game — just four of which were on goal — keeping Bethel off the scoreboard and making the job easy for sophomore goalkeeper Charli Rosenbaum.

Heading into half, the game was scoreless, and both sides had six shots. The Belles had many close scoring opportunities in the first half of the game but came up short each time.

With the close game shifted completely in the Belles’ favor. The Belles maintained ball possession for much of the second half and did not allow a shot on goal for the last 25 minutes. 

The game-winning goal came in the 55th minute of the match as junior forward Kaitlin Teichman slotted the ball just inside the right post to give St. Mary’s the advantage.

Teichman’s goal was the only shot the Belles put in the back of the net on the game, despite their 15 total shots, seven of which were on goal.

After its dominant opening win, Saint Mary’s will return to the field at Holy Cross on Tuesday for their last game before beginning conference play.

The Belles senior midfielder Ashley Morfin moves past a defender during St. Mary’s 6-0 loss to Illinois Wesleyan on Sept. 8, 2011.

By LAURA COLETTI

Breaking back up the top half of the conference after a disappointing team finish in the conference last season," Bauters said. "I believe we are on pace to meet this goal.

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"For leadership this year, we decided not to have a captain, but rather a leadership panel as a senior class," she said. "Each of our seniors brings a different way to contribute and lead the team. Their combined leadership has already positively impacted the team, and I believe they will be the momentum to get us where we want to go this season."

The Belles will next take the course this Saturday in Grand Rapids, Mich., at the Calvin Invitational.

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**Irish take on Davis Cup team in Ireland**

**Weekend exhibition match, international travel prove valuable experience for Notre Dame players**

By PETER STEINER  
Sports Writer

The Irish were going to win, no matter what. Even though it was the other Irish — the members of Ireland’s Davis Cup team — who came out on top, 9-3, Friday at the Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club in Dublin, Ireland, the Notre Dame tennis team also won in a figurative sense as they enjoyed an unforgettable experience to kick off their fall season.

“It think fabulous doesn’t do it justice,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “It was culturally, athletically and socially everything we could have hoped for and expected. The Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club and the members of the Davis Cup team there treated us tremendously.”

Despite the success of the event, the Notre Dame players faced challenges early on, namely jetlag and adapting to the new court surface.

“We arrived, and as you can imagine, we felt like we’d been beaten up by a gang,” Bayliss said. “We’d been up for how many hours straight, and we went straight to the club to practice.

“The surface was very different. It’s synthetic grass, and the bounce is low. The courts were very fast, and it was a significant adjustment for our guys. But I thought in most cases we did a pretty good job of handling it.”

Following a day of practice, the team faced off against the members of the Irish Davis Cup team in singles and then doubles.

Senior Michael Moore and sophomore Michael Fredericks pulled out two tight singles matches, while No. 1 doubles team of junior Greg Andrews and senior Spencer Talmadge took home Notre Dame’s lone doubles victory (6-7, 6-3, 10-8) against James Cluskey and Conor Niland.

“The highlight for us was winning No. 1 doubles and playing very well,” Bayliss said. “We still have a little bit of luck we could have made it certainly a lot closer, if not had a chance to win.”

“But that wasn’t the important thing. The important thing was getting to play in that environment, on that stage, against that caliber of player. And the experience from that end was a resounding success.”

Notre Dame’s top two singles players, Andrews and senior Blas Moros, also played exciting matches. Andrews lost in straight sets to Niland, who played against Novak Djokavic in the U.S. Open one year ago. Meanwhile, Moros put up a valiant effort against Cluskey, but lost in a third set tiebreaker (4-6, 6-4, 10-4).

“I know Greg had some trouble getting used to the court,” Bayliss said. “It really cost him, and he had to search for some different answers, which was great. I think you grow tremendously in that situation when you are forced outside your comfort zone.

“We were position to win at No. 2. Singles, Blas Moros was up a set and at 4-3 serving, but couldn’t quite hold on and lost in a tiebreaker.”

After the match was completed, the team also had an opportunity to eat dinner with the players on the Davis Cup team and officials of the Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club. The players then cheered the football team onto victory Sunday at Aviva Stadium, where the Notre Dame played Navy on Saturday.

Bayliss said the experience was not only remarkable, but the team also made many practical gains as a result.

“I think it immediately takes all the freshmen and integrates them into a team environment where you are traveling, and it really accelerates that process,” Bayliss said. “The second thing is the opportunity to culturally do what we did. I think they really appreciated the opportunity to go and to see what the kind of doors Notre Dame can open for you.”

“Finally, we got to see them in a position of adversity. I think they had the benefit from being thrown in the fire right away.”

The Irish now prepare for the Illini Invitational and Western Michigan Invitational, both taking place on the weekend of Sept. 14.
Irish sophomore Kathleen Severyn makes a pass during Notre Dame's victory over Eastern Kentucky on Sunday while freshman Taylor Moroy looks on.

**Alugbue**

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player hit .700 in a four-set match. Though Waller hit .750 in a match in 1986, she did it on only 20 attempts. Alugbue attempted 30 and finished with 21 kills in a thoroughly dominating performance that didn’t include an error. On Sunday, she was named tournament MVP, narrowly edging Houser for the honor.

Coming off the disappointment of falling to Nebraska just five days earlier, the Irish struggled out of the gate but finished strong in dispatching UAB on Friday behind a career-high 20 kills from Houser. The 3-1 (20-25, 25-23, 27-25, 25-23) victory was more evidence for Brown of her team’s increasing resiliency.

“We made some of the same errors that we did last weekend against UAB, but we were still able to win,” Brown said. “It’s tough to come from behind.”

The Irish were helped by strong efforts by Alugbue (11 kills) and juniors Andrea McHugh (10 kills) and Andie Olsen (10 kills). Freshman libero Taylor Moroy paced the team in kills with 16.

On Saturday, Alugbue’s transcendent performance led the Irish to a four-set victory over Buffalo, 3-1 (25-23, 25-10, 25-25, 25-18) at the Joyce Center. Houser and McHugh also notched double-digit kills for the Irish. Moroy showed the talent that has enabled her to grab the starting libero spot as a freshman in grabbing 21 digs, the second time in her short career she has notched over 20 in a match.

The Irish took care of business in straight sets on Sunday, putting away Eastern Kentucky in dominating fashion. Alugbue finished her strong weekend with 17 kills and was later joined on the all-tournament team by Houser and junior Maggie Brindock (11 assists, 28 digs).

For the third straight game the Irish outshot their opponent, the high-light being a dominant 19-5 margin in attempts.

**Clark**

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the 2-1 win. Irish junior goalkeeper Patrick Wall earned the victory and recorded two saves in his first career start.

“Both games we dominated shot-wise,” Clark said. “I felt we could have put San Diego State away early, and I think Clemson was the same.”

“The goals you give away, you aren’t happy about any of them. We gave up three goals over the weekend and we are not happy with that.”

Clark said his offense also missed too many scoring chances over the weekend.

“I think the offense we generated was very good. I don’t think we were able to capitalize on that offense,” he said. “I felt we should have had more goals over the weekend.”

“I think our back four and ... Elyse played really well for us, considering we absorbed so much in the second half,” Waldrum said. “They really took it to us in the second half. I thought we were really poor in midfield and I thought we were really poor up front.”

This year’s squad is one of the youngest Notre Dame has ever had, and there will be some growing pains.

“We started seven freshmen today,” Waldrum said. “It’s a really, really young team.

Despite all their youth, the Irish played well in the first period. The second period made the difference.

“I’m disappointed because I thought the first half we were in there and competitive, and I thought we had some chances,” Wallrump said. “I thought we would come out even better in the second half. We’re real big on our possession, and we had over 150-something passes and I think they had 130 or 140. So the possession point in the first half was pretty even. We came out in the second half and just threw it all away. It was just youth and inexperience. We’ll learn from it and get better.”

North Carolina is a young team this year, just like the Irish. But they capitalized on one of their chances, Notre Dame did not and that decided the game.

“I thought, of all the games we’ve seen of theirs this year so far, both on video tape and then watching them Friday, I thought this was their best half of soccer they’ve played — this second half too,” Waldrum said. “So you’ve got to give credit where credit is due as well.”

**Waldrum**

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In the game against Santa Clara, the Irish did capitalize on their chances. With 18:25 remaining in the second half, sophomore defender Sammy Scofield headed in a cross from junior midfielder and tri-captain Elizabeth Tucker to break a 1-1 tie. Freshman forward Crystal Thomas scored the first Irish goal on a penalty kick before Santa Clara tied the game early in the second half.

Considering the lape they displayed Sunday in midfield, Waldrum said he is looking forward to the return of freshman Cari Bucarco and junior tri-captain Mandy Laddish to boost that line. The two are in Japan right now playing for the U.S national team in the Under-20 FIFA Women’s World Cup.

“I really felt they dominated us most of this game in midfield,” Waldrum said. “I thought that’s where they took over the game. Those two kids coming back for us in midfield will be a big plus.”

Scofield, Hight and freshman midfielder Glory Williams were all named to the All-Tournament team for their efforts in the two games.

“This season will be a time of learning, Waldrum said. Every week is an opportunity to get better and every game is a chance to show improvement.

“I think we’ll get a little more settled with [the freshmen],” Waldrum said. “Now I think it’s just getting them to understand and execute a little better.”

Next up for Notre Dame is the team’s annual West Coast road trip. The Irish will travel to No. 20 Portland Friday night, then will conclude their western swing at Washington on Sunday.

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Irish dominate weekend
Notre Dame defeats San Diego, Clemson

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

With two decisive victories this weekend, No. 15 Notre Dame swept the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington, Ind., and continued its hot streak at the start of the 2012 season.

A 3-2 victory over San Diego State and a 1-0 defeat of Clemson, push the Irish (3-0) to their best start since 2004.

The Irish began the weekend Friday afternoon against the Aztecs by putting three shots on goal in the first eight minutes of play. The aggressive attack barely slowed from there, as Irish junior forward Harrison Shipp scored the game’s first goal in the 26th minute.

In the 38th minute, San Diego State converted its first shot of the game to even the score at 1-1 before halftime. The Irish responded by putting three shots on goal in the second half, however, as Shipp assisted both of senior defender Andrew O’Malley’s goals in the 61st and 82nd minute.

Walsh earning the win in 3-2 decision with senior Will Ryan Finley’s goals in the 26th minute.

The Aztecs added a final goal in the 85th minute. North Carolina (2-1-1) freshman forward Summer Green streaked down the left flank and turned the corner into the penalty area. She connected with senior midfielder Maria Labrano who was cutting down the middle, and Labrano buried the shot.

“(Green is) special,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “That’s why she is a national team kid. She showed her ability there. I thought obviously, that we were really poor at that moment. She got turned around the corner there and we didn’t win that initial ball. And then she turned it inside. I thought we did a poor job picking up [Labrano] coming across.”

Notre Dame (3-2) attempted a few late-minute tries but could not muster enough to score the equalizer.

Waldrum attributed the loss to poor play on the offensive end. But he said he was proud of his defense’s efforts under pressure and pleased with the play of freshman goalkeeper Elyse Hight, who made seven saves.

Homecourt wins develop team’s underclassmen

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

After facing two of the nation’s top teams last weekend in No. 1 UCLA and No. 4 Nebraska, the Irish came out rejuvenated by the stiff competition and swept their slate at the Shamrock Invitational at the Joyce Center.

The team captured 9 of 11 sets en route to victories over Alabama-Birmingham, Buffalo and Eastern Kentucky. Irish coach Debbie Brown credited last weekend’s gauntlet of a schedule for much of her team’s improved play.

“The benefits of having played such great competition are many,” Brown said. “We really got a picture of the way the top teams in the country are playing, and we learned a lot about ourselves. Our increasing knowledge showed this weekend. It’s things like not going for a kill on every swing that help us keep our unforced errors down.”

Though Brown might have seen greater maturity from her squad, there was no shortage of offensive firepower on display, especially from the tandem of sophomore outside hitters Toni Alugbue and Jeni Houser. The duo combined for 93 kills on the weekend (49 for Alugbue and 44 for Houser) and paced an Irish squad that hit at over a .300 clip for the three games. Alugbue alone slugged .700 on Saturday against Buffalo, joining Mary Kate Waller as the only Irish