Panelists discuss the importance of being educated about the political and religious challenges facing voters today. The panel, “Conviction & Compromise: Being a Person of Faith in a Liberal Democracy,” was held last night at Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. It is the first in the Notre Dame Forum.

“Conviction & Compromise: Being a Person of Faith in a Liberal Democracy.”

It is indisputable in the history of the U.S. that religious faith has been an extremely important factor to help this nation be vibrant and strong and creative,” Jenkins said.

The panel was titled “Conviction & Compromise: Being a Person of Faith in a Liberal Democracy.” One of the moderators, political science professor David Campbell, the founding director of the Rooney Center for the Study of American Politics, said it was a good time to be airing these topics at Notre Dame.

“It is a truly historic event because tonight we will model what it means for Notre Dame to be ‘Catholic’ and ‘catholic’ in both cases … because we brought together leaders of many American religions,” Campbell said.

M. Cathleen Kaveny, the John P. Murphy Foundation law professor at Notre Dame Law School and theology professor, opened with a question for each panelist about how their religious role guided their politics.

Dalilin Oaks, a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints (LDS), said that while the Church of LDS encouraged

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Mendoza enrollment rises

By CAROLYN HUTYRA

In recent years, Mendoza College of Business has dealt with a rise in its number of students, which can be partially attributed to Bloomberg Businessweek’s No. 1 ranking of Notre Dame’s undergraduate business program.

“Mendoza is committed to providing an excellent business education to all interested students,” Roger Huang, the interim dean for the Mendoza College of Business, said. This year alone, the school has hired 13 new faculty members who now make up 10 percent of the total faculty positions in the College, Huang said.

The academic day was also lengthened in order to allow more class sections. The implementation of such changes is necessary to accommodate the increase of students without diminishing the caliber of the education, he said.

“This summer we also added another advisor to the Undergraduate Advising Office to ensure that our students continue to receive the high level of service they’ve come to expect,” Huang said.

Currently, Mendoza has open enrollment in all of its six available business programs, and students, who must choose a major their sophomore year, will likely receive their first choice. “With pre-majoring

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Excise police prepare for game

By JOHN CAMERON

As campus prepares for a weekend of football, parties and tailgates, the Indiana State Excise Police are doubling their efforts to enforce alcohol, tobacco and public safety laws in the area.

Notre Dame has been added to the law enforcement agency’s Intensified College Enforcement (ICE) program, the product of a federal grant funding additional police presence around campuses within Indiana, Excise Police Sergeant Ally Taylor said. “It’s just an increase in our presence in those areas enforcing alcohol and tobacco laws as well as public safety,” she said. “(Notre Dame) was added this year but [the program] has been in place since last year.”

The initiative began in February, but originally only targeted Ball State University, DePauw University and
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
Which Disney princess do you identify with the most?

Andrew Krizman
senior
off-campus
“Aladdin because Jasmine is the best-looking princess.”

Grace Wessel
junior
Badin
“I love Pocahontas because I want to be her.”

Alex Cummings
junior
off-campus
“Ariel because I like the song she sang, ‘Part of Your World’.”

Michael Varravto
junior
Dillon
“Nala from ‘The Lion King’ because she’s pretty.”

Tim Kunst
junior
Dillon
“Ariel because she lives underwater.”

Emma Lyons
freshman
Howard
“Cinderella because she has a fairy godmother.”

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**Wednesday:**
Fall Career Expo
Joyce Center
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
The Career Center’s Full-Time Fair.

Opéra Notre Dame Auditions
Washington Hall
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Auditions for the spring production.

**Thursday:**
Fall Career Expo
Joyce Center
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
The Career Center’s Internship Fair.

Nieuwland Lecture Series
Jordan Hall of Science
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
“The Higgs Boson: Beyond the Headlines”

**Friday:**
Trumpets Under the Dome
Main Building
4 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.

**Saturday:**
Midnight Drummer’s Circle
Main Building
12 a.m. - 12:45 a.m.

**Sunday:**
Men’s Soccer
Alumni Stadium
2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
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SMC students soak up Ireland atmosphere

By CLAIRE CREELY
News Writer

While many students began last Saturday morning crowded around a television, thousands of Notre Dame fans were already enjoying some savage craic, also known in Ireland as “great fun,” as they cheered on their football team in Aviva Stadium in Dublin.

Although students and fans traveled thousands of miles to support the team in different ways, most agreed that the weekend was an unforgettable experience and a great way to start off the season.

For some, the weekend provided several responsibilities as well as exciting opportunities for those traveling abroad.

Senior Laura Krahe traveled with the football team as a trainer, arriving in Dublin early Thursday morning to begin preparations for the game on Saturday.

Krahe said the team’s schedule was both busy and fun.

“The team arrived and we had a practice, followed by an Irish meal and Irish dancing. The next day was similar,” she said. “The team had a walkthrough in the morning followed by a bus tour of Dublin. Saturday was the game and it was a truly great and memorable experience.”

Also finding time to enjoy the sights in Dublin between busy schedules were two members of Notre Dame’s band, senior Erin Brown and junior Amy Minasian.

“With two big performances, the pep rally at The O2 Arena and the halftime show at the game, we had a lot to rehearse and prepare for,” Brown said. “We still did get a few hours of free time every day, though, which my friends and I used to soak up as much of the Dublin game day atmosphere as possible.”

Minasian also found some downtime to sightsee between band commitments.

“I hung out at the pubs with my section, where we met fans and Irish people,” she said. “Some students, however, traveled on their own accord and had more time to discover Ireland with family and friends.”

Senior Bri Tepe traveled with her family to not only cheer on the team but to also discover her family’s Irish heritage.

“There really was no better way to begin in the football season than being at the home opener in Ireland. It’s something I will never forget and I’m very grateful I got to be a part of it,” she said.

In recounts of the weekend, the enthusiasm of the Irish and Americans in Dublin seemed overwhelmingly positive.

“Even the Irish men and women welcomed Notre Dame and Navy. They flew flags of both schools, had signs welcoming the teams and fans, and were more than happy to help the teams and staff with making game day a success,” Krahe said.

Brown added that the fans from Ireland were enthusiastic, although a little bit mystified by American football.

“Football game moments from students include the band’s halftime show, continuing Notre Dame traditions such as the pre-game march and push-ups in the stadium, and participating in the energy of the city.”

“Seeing Dublin made the spirit of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish come alive even more,” Krahe said. “We were playing the game we love in the country that inspires us.”

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Leprechaun Legion expands to all sports

By CAROLINE SCHUITEMA
News Writer

Notre Dame’s student body has always been a spirited group, but this year, the Leprechaun Legion is making changes that they hope will improve the overall atmosphere of all sporting events.

“Our goal is to try to find different ways to get students to come to games,” Matthew Cunningham, president of Leprechaun Legion, said. “We want to keep them entertained and engaged and loud and to create kind of a home field advantage.”

To encourage maximum participation from the student body, the Legion has recently decided to expand itself so that every sport will have its own loud, boisterous student section.

“The Legion last year focused on basketball,” vice president, Kristen Stoutenburgh, said. “It’s historically been men’s basketball we focused on, but we expanded to encompass not just the student section at basketball games but also the student section at all sporting events. Every student on campus is part of the Leprechaun Legion.”

But for those who want to be more involved in the Legion than simply attending various athletic contests, new changes in the organization’s leadership structure will provide a way.

The Leprechaun Legion board is comprised of an executive council, board leaders, marketing members, and the board of student representatives. Essentially, the board will work to find areas in which the student section can improve, Cunningham said. “We have weekly meetings and we talk Notre Dame athletics about how to make them the best that they can possibly be,” Stoutenburgh said.

There are also individual sports committees, which take charge of the student section for their particular sport. Any student can join a sports committee.

“I think we have a great student section,” Cunningham said. “I think part of the reason people come to Notre Dame is the great athletic programs, but we can do better.”

He noted that last year’s decision to add music to the football games as an example. “It added a great dimension to the stadium atmosphere,” Cunningham said.

Other things like the Leprechaun Legion shirts, which were distributed at several sporting events early in the year, serve to bring the student body together as a unit—force, Stoutenburgh said.

“They’re not just there to watch. They’re there to be a fan and support their team,” she said.

The bigger, more excited student sections will unite fans, but they will also lend support to the athletes.

“We want to be the best, not only for our own enjoyment but also to support the players and the coaches,” Stoutenburgh said. “Athletes know the Legion stands behind them.”

The energy the student section generates can play a crucial role in Notre Dame games.

“Coaches will say ‘Yeah, the crowd was great today,’ it really gave us a boost when we needed it,” Cunningham said. “That’s what we’re trying to do here — give the students and coaches that extra energy.”

In the end, the Leprechaun Legion serves two purposes. It is a voice for the student body within the athletic department and it brings fans and athletes together.

“There’s not that big separation between us,” Stoutenburgh said. “We’re all one team.”

For more information on the Leprechaun Legion, email legen@nd.edu with your name and sport of interest.

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The Irish celebrate their victory over the Navy on Saturday afternoon at Aviva Stadium in Dublin.
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advising, the University helps students make thoughtful, intentional decisions regarding their education and future career paths,” Huang said.

According to a survey that was taken by students and recruiters, the three main factors that accounted for the No. 1 ranking were an emphasis on ethics and professional principles, not just those specific to their major, which makes them adaptable to a wide variety of job responsibilities,” Huang said.

The Career Center at Notre Dame showed an 82 percent rate of full-time employment within six months of graduation for the Class of 2011. In addition, 17 percent of the remaining students enrolled in a graduate or professional school, service program or the military.

Though worries exist about increasing enrollment, Huang said that Mendoza has kept a graduating class of approximately 665 students during the last two years.

“I do not agree that Mendoza is overcrowded, but our No. 1 ranking in Bloomberg Business over quality schools such as Wharton, MIT, Cornell and Virginia for the past three years has certainly brought a lot of attention,” Huang said.

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The shared goal of everyone on campus is to ensure that students are aware of all the programs the University offers, that they make the choices that are right for them, and that, no matter what majors or minors they pursue, they take advantage of every opportunity that Notre Dame has to offer,” said Marie Blakey, senior director of Communications and Marketing in the College of Arts and Letters.

Another Career Center survey showed that approximately 42 percent of Arts and Letters majors choose to go directly into the business world, she said. Students can now achieve a liberal arts education while simultaneously forming and strengthening a business background.

“Many students who want to pursue a primary major in Arts and Letters are also interested in becoming literate in basic economics principles,” Blakey said.

The Arts and Letters program now offers a new business minor specifically for students in its college.

“We joined the College of Arts and Letters in creating the Business Economics minor to address their student’s interest in adding formal training in the fundamental principles of business in a market economy,” Huang said.

In addition, a major in international economics is now possible as of this year.

“What stands us apart from others is the Notre Dame business education that integrates the mind and the heart and faith, with reason, and we have done so from the founding of our College,” Blakey said.

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Students may enter the Mendoza College of Business or enroll in the College of Arts and Letters, but either way they will graduate with more than just a strong business background.

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church members to participate politically, it did not endorse any political party, platform or candidate. “On very special occasions, we take a position on a public issue that has important moral implications,” Oaks said.

He also said that religious unity would preserve religious freedom. “We must … ensure our ability to act out and exercise what we have in common,” Oaks said. Rev. Joseph Kurtz, the archbishop of Louisville and vice president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, said he and the other bishops sought to educate people in a rational but passionate way. Kurtz said it was a moral obligation to seek the common good. “Faith is citizenship,” he said. “We live in a pluralistic society where no one wins all the time. Jesus said, ‘My kingdom is not in this world.’ … I don’t place all my faith in the government to change.”

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Indiana University, an Excise Police press release stated. While the new program will enable more excise officers to patrol the South Bend area, Taylor said it will not impact enforcement by local agencies. “It does not include other police departments, but we’re always working in collaboration with local law enforcement,” Taylor said. “The ICP enforcement itself is an excise program.” Taylor said college campuses naturally deal with large law enforcement attention during football season. “Normally during football season, there’s a large number of people gathering, tailgating or at house parties, and we end up receiving calls or complaints about those activities occur, and we’re there, we’ll definitely investigate,” he said. “It’s our job to investigate and enforce these laws for the state of Indiana.” He said the agency is in constant collaboration with the University and student government to encourage a positive working relationship with a common goal of maximizing student safety. “We’ve met with the on-campus student government as well as the off-campus president,” he said. “I was recently at the Student Safety Summit along with all the law enforcement in St. Joseph County as well as the NIPD, talking about not just alcohol and related issues but also security and safety issues.” Taylor said the ICP program and all of the agency’s efforts are intended to protect, not target students. “By no means should Notre Dame students feel that officers are after them,” he said. “Their safety and security is of utmost concern to every law enforcement officer in the area.”

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So I’m tall. I always have been. From kindergarten through second grade and from fourth grade on I was the tallest person in my class. In third grade I was beset by Jenna Hornsby who, due to the early onset of puberty in women, grew a lot that year. You might think, dear reader, that my proclama-tion that I was the tallest is a sign that I view my height as only positive. Not so. Being tall sucks... a lot of the time. Like when you have to buy jeans. Unless you go to JC PENNY and buy the folded Arizona Jeans on the back wall, you are not going to find anything with a 36-inch inseam inside of a store. You might think that “Big and Tall” stores would be the solution, but let me tell you, “and” is the operative word in “Big and Tall.” Big Off tall does not exist. I am 6 feet 1 1/2 inches tall and my tall dorm furniture was designed by a short person. Granted the space created by a lofted bed is not ideal for a person of any height, but when I try to put my head below it, I literally become the bunchback of Notre Dame.

When you are tall, people always assume that you are, could be, or were a basketball player. If I could make a request on behalf of uncoordinated tall people everywhere, I would ask you never again to assume someone is good at basketball because they are tall in stature. As my Observer colleagues witnessed during Bookstore Basketball last spring, this could not be further from the truth in my case. Being tall inherently creates awkward situations. Standing 6’ 5” at a high school dance makes it hard not to stand out in the crowd. Though not always a problem, it can make my white boy dance moves unnecessarily apparent. I would rather dance without feeling like all eyes are on me.

Being tall during childhood is also challenging. I grew continuously throughout my life rather than in spurts like many people, so when I would play hide-and-seek as a child finding a hiding spot was nearly impossible. Most of the children could fit into small cupboards, under laundry baskets or behind bookshelves. My lanky frame could barely hide behind the couch.

On the bright side, I have yet to meet a woman taller than I am, even in heels. I could ride all of the coasters at Cedar Point at the age of 9. I am more likely to hold a leadership role. And my risk of developing a short person complex is slim-to-none.

If you’re waiting for some sort of resolution, there isn’t one. I don’t have any solutions to the challenges being tall creates, and I understand that a large portion of the population wishes they were taller. I leave you with the thought that not everything is as great as it looks from the outside. Please remember that the next time you want to ask a tall guy if he plays basketball...
Faith and identity

As a freshman and a Latino, I am compelled to respond to junior Johnny Wichard's claim that the concept of "hosting retreats and/or Masses is by definition the most racist thing." Wichard has heard on this campus and a way to focus incoming freshmen on their race. I believe these statements lack truth.

Two weeks ago, I registered for the Latino Freshman Retreat, scheduled for the weekend of September 14. While I first heard about the retreat through a Campus Ministry email, I merely checked it off in a list along with other possible interests and activities for my faith here at Notre Dame. In all honesty, I did not think much of it at the time.

But the smiles I have seen from Asian and African American classmates who have shared their multicultural retreat experience inspired me to register for the retreat with excitement and anticipation. I even went up to several upperclassmen to ask, "Is the Latino retreat a worth it?" only to receive firm nods to register for the retreat with excitement and anticipation. I even went up to several upperclassmen to ask, "Is the Latino retreat a worth it?" only to receive firm nods.

It is worth asking, then, what the multicultural retreats and masses signify to those involved. Many reasons, feelings and thoughts can answer this question. In my case, it is an opportunity to combine identity with faith. The visits to see family in Mexico, all the holy water-sprinkled rituals my mom ministered, and all the silent prayers to Our Lady of Guadalupe? Well, I cannot wait to share that with classmates.

It seems surreal that I would never again experience game day as a student or sing the alma mater arm in arm with my classmates. It is the little moments like this that you will miss most of all. Embrace them. (Literally.)

Don't take my word for it. Good question. I am getting my Masters of Science in the ESTEEM program in a last minute decision. I'm talking committed five days before orientation started. I just couldn't stay away, and I am so happy with my decision. For those of you as undecided about your future as I am, it is okay! Take a minute to breathe, everything is going to work out.

This may seem like a meaningless post, but I swear it has a point. The point is this: The time is now. Not tomorrow, not next year. NOW. Go to the soccer game. Stay up late for a quarter dog. See the hypnotist show. Attend a free concert at Legends even if you don't know the band. Head over to Main Building for Drummer's Circle. Check off your bucket list now because your time at Notre Dame is going to run out before you can even believe it. Not everyone is going to get a second chance, but I swear I am going to do it right this time. Take advantage of everything and everyone around you while it lasts.

With that said... Go Irish! Beat Boilermakers!

Steven Fisher
Fisher Hall
Sept. 4

Carpe Dome-em

Here it is. The once a year (okay, more like once every few weeks) nostalgic "do it while you can" letter. But seriously, people. You know that event your dorm is hosting you think sounds kind of cool? Go to it! Stop making excuses. Wake up from your nap, drag your best friend with you, just go to the events and activities you keep talking about. Your time here is limited. Make the best of it.

I can say all of this with the utmost confidence because here I am in my "victory lap" becoming a Double Domer. Yeah, it is still as much of a surprise to me as it is to everyone I see on campus who says, "What are you still doing here?!"

After graduation in May, I was in a state of denial about not returning to Notre Dame. It seemed surreal that I would never again experience graduate life as a student or sing the alma mater arm in arm with my classmates. It is the little moments that you will miss most of all. Embrace them.

Kelly Kraus
graduate student
off campus
Sept. 4
## Style With Sean

### Dressing for the Career Fair

By SEAN FITZGERALD

Whether you’re a brave, fearless freshman roaming the JACC having no idea what to do, or a senior desperate for that full-time offer, you’re going to need to look the part. Hopefully by now you have a suit, but what about the little things? Here’s your guide to Career Fair style.

### The Essentials

#### The Shirt

Generally people go with light blue or white, which is perfectly acceptable. However, don’t feel that you have to wear those two colors. As long as you don’t get too crazy and you’ll be fine. Oh, and make sure to iron it.

#### The Suit

A good suit for the career fair is typically gray, navy or charcoal. Black is too formal and all the other colors aren’t right for the occasion. Simple patterns such as pinstripes and windowpane are always acceptable. If your suit has two buttons, only button the top button. If your suit has three buttons, only button the middle one. If your suit has more than three buttons, you’re in the wrong place.

#### The Shoes

Try to avoid square-toed shoes. Your feet are not rectangles, so your shoes shouldn’t be either. Navy suits go with brown shoes, and gray or charcoal suits go with either black or brown shoes. Attempt other colors at your own risk.

#### The Tie

Just don’t wear a tie that makes noise or has Spongebob on it and you’ll look the part.

### The Details

#### Steamer/Iron

You could show up with a flimsy notebook and get by, but you’re looking for a career here. Invest in a padfolio. These things are sturdy. This means papers won’t go flying if you drop it on the ground or get bumped by someone else. Plus, it makes you look that much more professional.

#### A Professional Pen

You’re going to be talking with people in large corporations, wearing an expensive suit and looking like a professional. However, when you pull out your half-chewed pen from class, the recruiter remembers that you’re still a college student. It’s all in the details.

#### Tide to Go

You made the mistake of eating with your white dress shirt on and you don’t have time to wash it. What do you do? Tide To Go will save your life. Be a Boy Scout and always be prepared.

#### Padfolio with Resumes

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The hip-hop supergroup Slaughterhouse boasts its bravado once again on its solid sophomore effort, “Welcome to: Our House.” With three years of experience and chemistry between members Crooked I, Joell Ortiz, Joe Budden and Royce Da 5’9”, the Fantastic Four of hip-hop flexed their lyrical muscles once more over their major label debut.

The album opens with a skit, aptly titled “The Slaughter,” which — without getting into the less than civil aspects of the skit — really showcases the agenda of the hip-hop collective: to assert themselves in their own arena (read as “their house”) in an unfiltered manner, expressing themselves as they see fit, and within their own comfort zones.

And their comfort zones are wide and diverse. The versatile project has the ability to appeal to a wide audience, and emits all sorts of auras across the emotional spectrum. The spacey, distant whines mixed with the rhythmic drums in the first single “Hammer Dance” evoke a dark party scene, while the grandiose booms and Cee Lo Green’s triumphant voice in “My Life” capture the rock star ecstasy feeling. The hypnotic, cool chants in “Flip A Bird” inspire a very mellow, yet simultaneously determined, ambiance that progresses with the song.

Perhaps the most perplexing and unsolvable question surrounding this group is the identity of the group’s leader. The Jackson 5 had Michael Jackson, NSYNC had Justin Timberlake and G-unit had 50 Cent, but who exactly is the “lead” for Slaughterhouse? But the beauty of the group lies in its enigma — there is no unquestioned leader. Each of the four members shine in their own right in different songs, supporting the increasing argument that Slaughterhouse has become the best pound-for-pound rap supergroup of all time. Their collective lyrical capability showcases the strength of each of the individuals, where any member could essentially take over on any given song. Joe Budden honestly and compassionately paints a picture when he says “God intervened, guess more was at stake / Thought nothing was left over, He put more on the plate” in the sentimental track “Goodbye,” but then Crooked I brings some bravado in “Park It Sideways” with the lines “Like A.I. I cross over when I’m near a mic / I stay fly even though I got a fear of heights.” Simple, abstract quotes taken out of context cannot do these men justice, though, for they truly tell stories in their craft. The message is sometimes funny, sometimes bitter and sometimes somber, but always vivid, heartfelt and genuine.

Slaughterhouse’s “Welcome To: Our House” truly showcases the supergroup’s mastery of their crafts. Almost-tangible senses of hunger and robustness, mixed with plain honesty, make for a special project, and among high expectations for a major label debut under none other than Eminem’s Shady Records — the sophomore effort does not fail to impress. Because the stories each of these men tells are so deep and intricate, it might take a few listeners to truly begin to understand where they are coming from. You might want to make yourself at home.

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By CLAIRE STEPHENS

Getting stuck in monotony by always getting fro-yo for dessert? Want something healthy and delicious? Contrary to popular belief, it is possible and easy to do. Get your cool and crunchy fix with a Caramel Apple Parfait.

Caramel Apple Parfait

Apples slices
Plain yogurt
Honey
Caramel sauce
Granola cereal

Pour plain yogurt into a cup or bowl. Mix in desired amount of honey to sweeten the yogurt. Cut apples slices into smaller bits, or for more of a kick cut up a Granny Smith apple. Add the apple bits to the yogurt, then drizzle the apples with caramel sauce. If you have a sweet tooth, you can top with honey as well. Ground the granola cereal into smaller pieces with a spoon if the chunks are too big, and sprinkle the granola onto your yogurt for an extra crunch.

Still want fro-yo for dessert to beat the heat? No problem. Replace yogurt and honey with vanilla bean fro-yo to make a Caramel Apple Sundae. Try other combinations of toppings, sauce and ice cream, such as:

Chocolate fro-yo with banana slices and chocolate syrup
Strawberry fro-yo with banana slices and crushed cookies
Vanilla bean fro-yo with orange pieces and strawberry syrup
I am not a scientist or doctor. I do not specialize in head trauma or concussions. But I can see something wrong in the attempts spearheaded by the NFL last season and adopted by the NCAA this season, to reduce the risk of injury in college football.

Before the 2011 season, the NFL decided to move kickoffs up from the 30-yard line to the 35-yard line in order to reduce the number of kick returns and thus reduce the number of serious injuries resulting from returns. College football did the same before the 2012 season, also prohibiting the coverage team from gaining more than a five-yard head start.

A consulting firm’s study of injury data provided by the NFL Players’ Association reported that 12 percent of concussions in 2010 (before the rule change), 35 occurred during kickoffs. If we assume there are an average of 120-140 offensive plays in an average football game and 10 kick returns (which is most likely an overestimate), kickoffs account for between 6.6 percent and 7.7 percent of plays in the season. At the same time, kickoffs accounted for almost 13 percent of concussions reported in the 2010 season. Obviously the numbers are not exact, but they are not unreasonable either.

According to medical research, a number for concussions not proportionate to their rare occurrence in the game, which makes it even more at risk at a head start (or more) that precedes full-speed collisions. But still, I am not on board with football’s new rules that aim to limit the number of kick returns. Even though it stands to reason that fewer kick returns translates into fewer concussions, and even though the NFLPA reported only 20 concussions sustained during kickoffs in 2011 after the change, I am not buying this move.

The NFL and NCAA imposed these rules to make football a (kind of) safer game. And the “(kind of)” part is why I do not agree with them.

Fans of AMC’s Breaking Bad will recognize this iconic line Mike delivers to Walter in the season 3 finale: “The moral of the story is, I chose a half measure, when I should have given it all. I’ll never make that mistake again. No more half measures, Walter.”

The circumstances were different but the underlying message is the same. The football authorities of America have chosen to address the dangers posed by kickoffs with a half-measure. They have acknowledged that kickoffs represent a significant and extra-proportionate danger in a dangerous game, but have simultaneously failed to fully protect their players against those very dangers.

They have sort of made the game safer and (almost) removed one of the most exciting moments in sports from their product. They have made a compromise where a compromise has no business existing. Either kickoffs are too unsafe for football or they aren’t, but the decision makers have avoided the tough decision.

The aim of player safety is admirable and should be a priority of the sports’ governing bodies. It is good that concussions sustained on kickoffs in the NFL fell by nearly 43 percent following the rule change. But why should football’s attempts to increase safety stop there? Of course, quarterback and defenseless receiver protection has increased, but the danger is at least as present as it has ever been in a sport so inextricably linked with violence. If player safety is the real goal, surely the leagues can do more than shorten kickoffs.

At risk of sounding overly cynical, by electing to pursue a course of half-measure action, the NFL and NCAA have chosen to do just enough to protect their own needs. The changes (some what) contribute to player safety, and although they also (a little bit) annoy the spectators and fans, certainly not to an extent that would hurt the associations’ revenue streams. But the authority figures are off the hook; they make an easy-to-see effort to increase safety without sacrificing any profits.

Again, I am no doctor, scientist or any other type of expert qualified to weigh in on matters as grave as the safety of human beings put at risk in the name of entertainment. I do not know how the NFL and the NCAA should handle kickoffs and the larger issue of player safety. I am simply not satisfied with the current arrangement that all but removes a spectacular aspect of football while still exposing the players to substantial risk. We get some of the worst of both decisions.

In 2011, while kickoff concussions reduced to almost half their previous year’s total, the total number of concussions also fell. By far, by 2,664. A reduction of 1.48 percent. No more half measures.

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Cowboys kick off NFL season against Giants

Associated Press  

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — A good start is what is on the line this time when the New York Giants host the Dallas Cowboys in the NFL season opener.

The stakes were much greater the last time the NFC East foes faced off to close the last regular season. New York won to claim the division title en route to the Super Bowl title. Dallas was left out of the postseason.

On Wednesday night at MetLife Stadium, the winner will take the early upper hand in the divisional race.

For Eli Manning and the Super Bowl champion Giants, this will be a chance to silence the critics and detractors who have sounded off repeatedly after they beat the New England Patriots in February to claim their second title in five seasons.

They heard it all. They were lucky to get into the playoffs with a 9-7 record. They really didn’t beat the Packers or 49ers, they were just handed the games. There is a lot more, but that is the gist.

That is now over.

The goal for Tom Coughlin’s players is to show they have constructed that bridge the 65-year-old coach urged them to build to link their late-season 6-0 run to the title to the 2012 campaign.

“The leadership we have on this football team, that’s going to be the spine of the bridge, if you will,” defensive captain Justin Tuck said. “I think we’re in a good place as far as where we want to be coming into the game.”

The Giants are confident, and they don’t care what outsiders are saying about them.

“We’ve already showed people who we are,” safety Antrel Rolle said. “We can care less about that. We leave that up to spectators. We’re just going out there and playing ball. And that is what it is all about. We can care less about what kind of recognition we are getting or who is crowning us and who is not crowning us. None of that matters coming into the 2012 season.”

Jerry Jones’ Cowboys face a much different task after an 8-8 campaign that ended with an embarrassing 31-14 loss to the Giants on New Year’s Day.

The outspoken owner, who boasted to fans that his team would kick the Giants’ posteriors in Dallas when the clubs meet a second time this season on Oct. 28, knows the window for the aging Cowboys to return to the franchise’s glory years is fading fast.

“It’s a great opportunity for us if I know how I look at it,” Jones said of the season opener. “So very meaningful. Everybody has all the appreciation in the world for what we’re up against here, the quality of the team, so to have success up there would be very meaningful.

“As in any game in the NFL, it’s certainly not how you ultimately will wind up one way or the other, but it is a big game in front of really the entire world of sports, high visible game against the world champions.”

Romo will again be under the spotlight. He has yet to lead the ‘Boys to a title, and many wonder whether he will after a late-season meltdown in which Dallas lost four of its final five games, including two to the Giants.

“You think they always stick with you,” Romo said of the last game. “That’s what fuels you in the offseason and makes you … you want to remember these moments so you can improve from them. As a football team, we’ve taken an approach that we need to get better. I think we’ve done that with the personnel and our approach and the way the guys have been committed. It’s been great to see. Now it’s time to take it to the field.”

There are a couple of key matchups to watch.

Manning and receivers Victor Cruz and Hakeem Nicks combined for 14 receptions for 237 yards in New York’s 37-34 win in Dallas on Dec. 11, and they had 11 more catches for 254 yards and two touchdowns in the division-deciding game.

In the offseason, the Cowboys signed former Chiefs cornerback Brandon Carr as a free agent and moved up eight spots in the first round of the draft to take another cornerback, Morris Claiborne of LSU.

The key to the Giants’ success in the postseason was the ability of the defensive line to pressure quarterbacks. The assault will again be led by All Pro Jason Pierre-Paul, Tuck and fellow two-time Pro Bowler Osi Umenyiora.

Dallas has revamped its offensive line, signing veteran guards Mackenzy Bernadeau and Nate Livings, and having tackles Tyron Smith and Doug Free switch sides. Center Phil Costa returns in the middle.
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the home team, dominating from start to finish. “We were too slow in transition today,” Kuschel said. “We didn’t play well on defense and missed way too many serves deep and long. We weren’t aggressive enough on offense.”

Though her team lost in straight sets, Kuschel was still able to take some positives from the contest. “Though we didn’t play well, we were able to pick up our intensity in [set] number three,” Kuschel said. “We were able to do some good things and had a few bright moments here and there.”

Overall, Kuschel said she believes her team can learn from the match against Trine.

“We need to take this as a learning experience,” Kuschel said. “Now we know the level we have to play at to compete in this conference.”

Saint Mary’s travels to Albion for its second conference match on Saturday.

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NFL

Patriots prepare for opener

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady threw for a team-record 517 yards in the New England Patriots opener last year. When they begin this season on Sunday at Tennessee, the offense will have several different starters from that 38-24 win over Miami. But it still has Brady. And Josh McDaniels, who has returned to the offensive coordinator’s job he held from 2006-08, sees improvement in his star quarterback.

“I think Tom has gotten better every year,” McDaniels said Tuesday. “It’s a great example for our younger players to see how he goes about trying to prepare for this opening game. I see a guy that’s determined, that’s working extremely hard, that wants to play his best football, and he’s trying to do everything that he can to make sure that happens this year.”

Brady was pretty good last season. He threw for 5,235 yards, second most in NFL history. His 39 touchdown passes were fourth in the NFL. He led the Patriots to a 13-3 record and the Super Bowl, where they lost to the New York Giants 21-17 on a last-minute touchdown.

This season, they have Brandon Lloyd, the deep threat they lacked. Second-year running backs Stevan Ridley and Shane Vereen should play bigger roles now that BenJarvus Green-Ellis, who lacked their elusiveness, has left for Cincinnati.

And the tight-end tandem of Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez already is the best in the league after just two seasons.

But the offensive line is a question mark.

Left tackle Matt Light retired, and his replacement, Nate Solder, has been inconsistent. Right guard Brian Waters hasn’t reported after an outstanding season with the Patriots, and coach Bill Belichick has repeatedly declined to update his status.

“I’m just talking about the guys that are here,” he said. The Patriots loaded up on free agent wide receivers in the offseason when they signed Lloyd, Jabar Gaffney, Donnie Stallworth and Anthony Gonzalez. All but Lloyd have been released.

Deion Branch, who started all 18 games he played last season — including three in the postseason — also was cut.

That leaves Lloyd and Wes Welker as the only proven receivers, although Hernandez sometimes lines up in that spot. “We have plenty of players that can make a contribution on offense,” McDaniels said. “Hopefully, every skill player that plays in the game has an opportunity to make some plays for us, whether that be in the backfield or tight end or at the receivers position.

“We’ve played with a lot of different variations, a lot of different numbers at certain positions over the course of time and the guys we’ve got now, we feel good about and are excited to use them on Sunday.”

Greg Salas could be one of them.

The second-year wide receiver was acquired for an undisclosed future draft choice on Saturday from the St. Louis Rams, where he played while McDaniels was the offensive coordinator.
Men’s club soccer sweeps Butler and IUSB

Women’s club soccer defeats Augustana in first-ever game; Sailing finishes second in Boiler Cup Regatta

Special to The Observer

This Saturday the Irish hosted Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) and Butler. The Irish had a successful day, defeating IUSB 12-0 and Butler 5-1. In other invitational play, Butler defeated IUSB, 2-0.

In the first game, the Irish took the lead early in the game with a goal by junior striker Nick Yulan. Senior Teddy Larew scored three goals and sophomore Michael O’Brien scored two shortly after Yulan’s tally. Sophomore Matt Spittler added another for a 7-0 lead at the half. During the second half, the Irish continued their dominance. Two more goals by Larew and goals by O’Brien, senior Joseph Lapira and freshman Ryan Bonner gave the Irish the 12-0 victory over IUSB.

The second game was evenly played during the first 10 minutes. The Irish took the lead on a goal by junior Jack Reilly. Before the end of the half, senior Ricardo Romero and senior Andres Humbert each scored to build a cushion. During the second half, Butler showed a more attacking style and closed the score to 3-1. The Irish once again took control of the game and added a goal by Lapira. As the game neared its end, Spittler added one more tally for the Irish to complete the 5-1 victory. The club now boasts a 3-0 record, and hopes to build upon the perfect season this Saturday when they face Western Michigan.

Women’s Soccer

 Notre Dame opened its inaugural season with a thrilling 2-1 victory over Augustana this Sunday at McGlinn Fields. Freshman Aliska Berry opened the scoring for the Irish, and the score held until five minutes remained, when the guests scored on a penalty kick to knot the score at 1-1. In the final minute, junior Colin {K}onkey’s header proved to be the difference for the Irish.

Men’s Rugby

On Sept. 1, the Fighting Irish 7s squad traveled to Bowling Green to compete in a tournament where the first-place winner and tournament champion would qualify for a spot in the USA Sevens National Championship Tournament in December later this year. The tournament featured 11 other teams from the Mountain Athletic Conference as well as some other independent clubs such as newly formed varsity program, Wheeling Jesuit University.

The Irish began the day with two pool games against Western Michigan and Western Michigan-Ohio. The Irish started off strongly against their first opponent Western Michigan. After stealing the ball off the opening kickoff, senior center Bobby Mannulla cut the Irish through the defensive line and scored the first try of the tournament for the Irish. The Irish then conceded a couple of tries due to a couple of missed tackles and found themselves behind 14-7. But after that, the game was all Irish, a couple of long breakaways by junior scrumhalf Byron Henry and senior wing Ryan Robinson put the Irish ahead. Tries were also scored by senior prop David Harrington and junior hooker Vittoria. The first win of the day came convincingly with a score of 33-14.

The next game against Ohio featured an entirely different Irish side from the opening game. First, the Irish found themselves on the defense for most of the opening moments of the game. Ohio was bashing on Notre Dame’s try-line, but a stout defensive line and stellar tackling held-up the ball on two separate occasions. Secondly, the Irish offense was struggling a bit. Weather began to play a role, and the Irish gave up 10 scrums due to poor ball handling.

The only score of the game came near the closing moments of the second half, when Henry scooped up a loose ball off of a scrum. With the help of senior flyhalf Sean Peterson, who sold the hard cut-back, Henry was able to cut through the defense and touch the ball down in the corner of the try-zone. The final tally was 5-0 after the unsuccessful conversion. After a brief intermission in the day, the Irish faced Central Michigan in the quarterfinals. This game was a return to form for the Irish. They played their best game of the day. As a team, they were completely in sync on both offense and defense, shutting down the Central Michigan attack. Although they gave up a try very early in the contest, the Irish were able to capitalize on a number of breakaways, made by Robinson, Peterson and Henry. From then on, the Irish held Central Michigan scoreless right up until the final whistle. The Irish advanced to the semifinals by a score of 33-12.

In the semifinal match, the Irish met a very good Davenport side, ranked No. 7 in the nation this year. The Irish were outplayed, but scored a couple of tries due to a couple of missed tackles and found themselves behind 14-7. However, the Irish were unable to put the ball over the try line. A final score by Davenport late in the game sealed the deal, and the Irish received their defeat loss of the day by a score of 19-0.

The loss suffered against Davenport proved to be a learning experience for the Irish against a newly formed, yet skilled Wheeling Jesuit. They were a young squad, but a very skilled one. Both teams seemed evenly matched, with more of a focus on quickness and skill rather than brute strength. The Irish gained the upper hand when Henry hounded the ball on two separate occasions, forcing a Wheeling Jesuit scrum; the ball was stripped and found its way into the hands of junior prop Tom Hickory who took the ball the remainder of the way. Wheeling did not give up however, and continued to press on, they were able to find a crease down the middle of the field and scored right before half-time, giving them the lead 7-5. However, the Irish were not to be outdone. The Irish continued to press forward and, using their skills, worked the ball sideline to sideline. The ball found itself in the hands of Hickory who broke through the line and took it 50 meters for the score. That score would prove to be enough as the Irish won the game 12-7 and finished third overall in the tournament.

While the goal for the day was to walk away as tournament champions, the Irish were proud of their accomplishment and held their heads high as they made the drive home to South Bend. The Irish saw that their abilities held up to top competition and they will continue to work on their skills and fitness as they strive to improve. The 7s squad will be in action in two weeks when they travel to Ohio State to compete in a national tournament which also includes top teams Navy and Cal.
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Junior defensive tackle Tate Nichols, sidelined with a knee injury, went through individual work Tuesday but was withheld from any team action. Kelly said Nichols lifted in the weight room last week and has begun to reengage in football-related activities.

Junior linebacker Danny Spond, hampered by migraines, has been cleared for everything except physical contact. Kelly said he hopes Spond will be cleared for next week. Spond has been cleared to practice and will be part of Notre Dame’s practice rotation, Kelly said.

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Alugbue Contained from Page 16

Toni Alugbue Irish right side hitter

work on the things that I struggled with: against UCLA and Nebraska. In those matches, I played with such confidence that I’d never played with before. I wanted to recreate that fire and competitive attitude that I had in those matches.”

Alugbue’s performances over the first two weekends of competition have been a continuation of a great freshman campaign. After adjusting to the game at the collegiate level, Alugbue has her sights set on greater goals for this season.

“Freshman year I was learning about the speed of the game and the system we used,” she said. “I earned the starting middle blocker spot, and that gave me a lot of confidence, knowing that I had an impact on the team. I became a lot stronger in the offensive system not only physically, but mentally as well. I feel this has made me into a much better all-around player.

“As a sophomore, I’ve set high goals for myself and for my team. Coach Brown expects a lot of great things out of me this year, but most importantly she wants me to have fun while doing this.”

The Irish are looking forward to some more intense competition this weekend when they travel to California. Alugbue is especially excited to be returning to her home state and playing in front of family and friends.

“My team and I are expecting to win all three matches this weekend,” she said. “USC, University of San Diego, and Cal Poly are all great teams. We proved our opening weekend that we can compete with top-25 teams. This weekend, we need to play steady and limit our unforced errors. It’s not going to be easy, but I believe in my team and I know we will come out on top. I’m from [Los Angeles] so I’m really excited to be going home and playing in front of my family and friends. I plan on having a lot of fun this weekend and bringing the confidence that I’ve had.”

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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
2011 Consumer Confidence Report

The amendments to the 1989 Safe Drinking Water Act require each public water supply to produce a water quality report titled the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). Following is the University’s annual report for the 2011 calendar year.

The University’s water system is a privately owned public water supply operated by the Utilities Department. The University’s water system provides water to the University community and the nearby O.C.C. properties. Questions regarding the system or sampling results can be directed to Paul Kerest, Director of Utilities, 101 Heurich Building, Notre Dame, IN 46556, phone 574.631.8244 or Marion McCausland, Assistant Director, Risk Management and Safety, 635 Grace Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556, phone 574.631.5027.

There are currently six wells serving the water system, all located on the campus proper. The water is drawn from deep aquifers surrounded by substantial clay terrains that serve to protect the groundwater supply. We do not believe that our water source is contaminated. Therefore, our water supply does not become contaminated through our Wastewater Treatment Plant. This program consists in defining the water supply comes from and methods to protect the aquifers from potential contamination.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, springs and wells. All waters throughout the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and, in some cases, radioactive materials, and can pick up substances resulting from animal and human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not indicate the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects may be obtained by reading the EPA’s “Contaminants in Drinking Water: Human Health Advisories” (1-800-426-4791) or the EPA’s website at www.epa.gov/waterscience.

Pregnant and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. In general, if you flush your cold taps until the water flows clear and is cold as it is going to let, you will have eliminated the potential metal contamination. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or on the EPA’s website at www.epa.gov/waterscience.

We have tested for over 150 parameters regulated by the EPA and the State of Indiana. Included in these tests were metals, volatile organic compounds, pesticides, herbicides, synthetic organic chemicals and cyanide.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists the EPA’s regulated and unregulated contaminants in the University’s drinking water. All of the contaminants are below allowable levels.

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<tr>
<th>Contaminant Name</th>
<th>EPA’s MCL/G</th>
<th>ND/MCL/G</th>
<th>Range</th>
<th>Source of Contamination</th>
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<tr>
<td>Nitrate (mg/L)</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>Corrosion of service lines, lead contamination</td>
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Definitions
MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level
MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

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   b. Visit the NDSCS Office of Campus Planning and Environmental Health.

Reference:
Since 1980, the University has been granted a Standardized Monitoring (SNM-1) monitoring waiver. Due to the high quality of the water, the monitoring frequencies are significantly reduced.
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Backup Battle

Irish coach Brian Kelly says Hendrix and Rees will compete for No. 2 quarterback position

By MATTHEW DEFRAIKS
Associate Sports Editor

After starting 12 games last year and serving a one-game suspension Saturday, junior quarterback Tommy Rees will now battle for the No. 2 spot behind sophomore quarterback Everett Golson.

Golson started his first game for No. 22 Notre Dame during the season-opening 50-30 win over Navy. He will also start when the Irish (1-0) face Purdue (1-0) on Saturday.

Rees and junior quarterback Andrew Hendrix will vie for the backup job. Irish coach Brian Kelly said he had not decided on who will be the backup for Saturday and the two will continue to share reps.

“It will be, for me, probably more about making sure that we get Tommy up to a level where he can be sharp if he’s in a position where he had to go into the game, and I don’t know if he’s got enough work yet,” Kelly said. “He’ll get work [at backup] as well as Andrew and we’ll see how that progresses during the week.

“We saw some of the things that we wanted in terms of ball security and good decision making (from Tommy), and we’ll continue to work on that. But Tommy is a very valuable player to our program. He’s got a lot of experience, and we are happy to have him.”

Kelly said Rees was helpful in the development of Golson and Hendrix during the offseason.

“You know, he was a great teammate, that’s all I would tell you. He was a great teammate. He handled himself the right way.”

Secondary developments

After losing junior safety Austin Collinsworth and junior cornerback Lo Wood to injury during the offseason, Notre Dame began the season shorthanded in the secondary. The young and inexperienced defensive backfield looked suspect during Notre Dame’s win over Navy.

The Irish gave up 192 passing yards to Midshipmen junior quarterback Trey Miller — 43 yards more than they surrendered on the ground to the triple option attack.

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Belles dominate Holy Cross

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

For the second consecutive week, a member of the Irish was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll.

Sophomore right side hitter Toni Alugbue turned in a stellar performance over the weekend at Notre Dame’s annual Shamrock Invitational and earned the tournament’s Most Valuable Player award along with the conference honor.

Alugbue’s 49 kills in 103 chances helped the Irish (4-2) win all three matches last weekend. She also chipped in 19 digs and four blocks over the course of the tournament.

“It is a great honor to be named to the Big East conference,” Alugbue said. “It feels good to have made such an impact this weekend. This award is reflective of the great chemistry that I had with my setters this weekend.”

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