Keeping the door open

University President Emeritus Fr. Ted Hesburgh remembers working with undergrads

University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, pictured in his office, recalls his interactions with students during protests in the 1960s and other moments in his 35-year term.

Professor analyzes Libyan shooting

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

In the wake of the Tuesday assassinations of Christopher Stevens, the American ambassador to Libya, and three of his staff members during a terrorist attack on a U.S. diplomatic mission in the city of Benghazi, Americans may be wondering what this act of violence means for their presence in countries embroiled in Arab Spring.

Though tragic and unexpected, the Islamist militant-driven attack

Research explores tailgate culture

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

Fans of tailgating will be excited to learn grilling burgers and socializing in crowded parking lots can accomplish far more than just building anticipation for a sporting event.

Recent research by Notre Dame marketing professor John Sherry has revealed tailgating to be a powerful tool for building community and family connections. Sherry said tailgating is a surprisingly intimate experience, with participants sharing in the private lives of neighbors and strangers alike.

"Tailgating takes people's domestic lives and kind of turns them inside out," Sherry said. "If you go out and look in the fields and parking lots where it occurs, you see people's private lives exposed to the world: their living room, their kitchen, their dining room. People walking around can observe these interior lives and bond."

Sherry said individual tailgates may not appear to be

Irish engineers study at ND

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

Though every Notre Dame student may be Irish in spirit, five graduate students in Notre Dame's ESTEEM program are also Irish by birth.

Ireland natives Tom Collins, Conor O'Donoghue, Shane McQuillan, Shane McCarthy and Anthony O'Sullivan are students pursuing graduate degrees in Notre Dame's Engineering, Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship Excellence masters program (ESTEEM).

The ESTEEM program is structured so interested students can study advanced engineering concepts while learning the fundamentals of innovative business practice. The program equips science and engineering graduate students to create marketable, profitable business products with whatever specific technical expertise they possess.

O'Donoghue, native of Clonakilty in County Cork and University College Cork (UCC) graduate, said the ESTEEM program fosters ingenuity in its students.

"In the ESTEEM program, they're always encouraging us to come up with our own ideas and pursue them, ... We may or may not have a few ideas on our own, we might start up our own companies," he said.

The adjustment to living in the United States has been relatively easy one, the students said.

McQuillan, a native of Carrickmacross in County Monaghan and Dublin City University alumnus, said one of the biggest differences appears at mealtimes.

"They hold their knife and fork in the wrong hand — we do it the other way around," McQuillan said. "I have allergies, so I can't find as much to eat. ... I can't eat wheat."

O'Sullivan, born in Killarney, County Kerry, and an UCC alumnus, said he misses the Irish landscape.

"I live out in the countryside, up on a hill. ... Where I am, there are mountains all around me," O'Sullivan said. "It's less green here and very flat. ... It's different."

Collins, from Clonakilty, West County Cork, and alumnus of University College Dublin (UCD) said he's noticed Americans have certain expectations of Irishmen.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What would be the title of your autobiography?

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sophomore
Walsh
“Be the Change’, from Gandhi’s quote”

Jacob Lee
sophomore
Duncan
“Chronicles of Carroll 214”

Abby Sukow
sophomore
BP
“Series of Awkward Moments”

Ben Galloway
senior
Siegfried
“I have a written one...it’s ‘An Irish Blessing’”

Maria Ianni
freshman
Howard
“Somehow I manage”

Rafa Rivera
senior
Off Campus
“Jamaican Me Crazy”

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Corrections
In Thursday’s paper, Scene’s Weekend Calendar listed the SJB movie for the week, “The Avengers,” for a showing on Saturday night. While this would normally be the case for a SJB movie, the event has been canceled due to a football game Saturday night versus Michigan State.

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`America’s Church’

Thomas A. Tweed spoke yesterday on his new book, “America’s Church,” which discusses the Catholic presence in Washington, D.C. Tweed is a professor of religious studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
News Writer

Tweed said his book focuses on multiple themes, including Catholic efforts to build institutions, contest Protestants, mobilize women, engage children, incorporate immigrants and claim civic space.

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Professor analyzes liberalism

Charles Kesler, political phi-
losopher, author and professor of government at Claremont McKenna College, discussed President Barack Obama’s place in the history of liberalism during his lecture in the Eick Hall of Law on Thursday.

Kesler recently published a book on the same subject, Vincent Murzio, director of the Tocqueville Program and one of the event’s organizers, said Kesler’s book went on sale Tuesday and is titled, “I am the Change: Barack Obama and the Crisis of Liberalism. Kesler is a professor of government at Claremont McKenna College.

“Obama is 100 years old and began with Woodrow Wilson in 1912. Over the course of the 100 years there have been four ‘waves’ of liberalism, with President Wilson and three subsequent presidents repr- esenting the fourth wave, he said.

The first three waves were the New Freedom concept advanced by Wilson, the New Deal legislation under Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Great Society legislation under Lyndon B. Johnson.

“You can call these three waves political liberalism under Wilson, economic liberalism with the New Deal and cultural liberalism in the 60’s,” he said.

The first wave was the source of the idea of a living constitution. Wilson was the first president to criticize the constitution and called it obsolete, Kesler said.

“The founders, according to Wilson, didn’t understand that human nature was changeable,” Kesler said.

The liberal position was that the constitution had to be made up-to-date with a changing soci-
ty and had to be positioned on the right side of history, Kesler said.

He said the liberals did not rec-
opnize the founding fathers’ con-
ception of a constitution resistant to change as a viable alternative to a living constitution.

“The founders, because they had a static natural law theory, created a constitution that would be very hard to change, hard to amend,” he said. “For liberals, the only alternative to their living consti-
tution is a dead constitution.”

Kesler noted the second wave, under President Roosevelt, ad-
vanced the idea of a social con-
tract between the government and the people, in which the people exchange their power for rights.

The idea of exchanging of rights for power leads to an argument in favor of a more powerful govern-
ment, he said.

“This leads to what I like to call the first law of big government,” he said. “There is no reason to fear government growing, be-
cause more government means more rights.”

The third wave brought about a change from quantitative to qual-
itative liberalism, Kesler said.

This was brought about in part by the election of Lyndon B. Johnson and the further Roosevelt’s policies from keeping citizens above a certain level economically to providing for them and having a spiritually fulfilling life, he said.

“The New Deal was about meeting the needs of the body, but the Great Society wanted to address the soul,” Kesler said.

He added the problem was the government programs of the Great Society were too costly and unsuccessful.

A second aspect of the move toward qualitative liberalism was the cultural liberalism that led those who were very liberal to place faith and religion — feeling like you belong,” he said.

Leopold grew up in a Jewish family in Miami but never re-
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interconnected, but in fact are often part of cohesive and long-lasting social communities.

“IT’S NOT JUST A BUNCH OF PRIVATE parties going on; there are communities stretching back over a hundred years, over multiple generations,” Sherry said. “There are neighborhoods of people that have been tailgating with one another practically forever.”

Sherry said tailgating offers participants the opportunity to interact with friends and family but also leads to new acquaintances into their social circle. “Tailgaters are creating Notre Dame essentially; they’re rounding out the brand that the University stands for,” marketing professor John Sherry said.

He said this willingness among Notre Dame fans to incorporate strangers into the University family is what makes Notre Dame tailgating unique. “What strikes me about Notre Dame tailgating is the sheer number of times people talk about the activity in family terms,” Sherry said. “Fans take in rivals from other teams, invite them to tailgate and introduce them to other Notre Dame fans. They try to share the Notre Dame experience with everyone who comes through.”

Sherry said tailgating also defies the conventional marketing perception of a brand as a passive concept; consumers play an important role in continuously shaping and defining a brand’s image. Tailgating at Notre Dame displays the reality of this formative interaction between consumers and a brand, Sherry said. “Tailgaters are creating Notre Dame essentially; they’re rounding out the brand that the University stands for,” Sherry said. “Not just the tradition in itself that the University represents, but these hundreds of other individual traditions people are crafting that become intimately connected with what Notre Dame means.”

Sherry said he is impressed with how Notre Dame shapes the football game-day experience, creating a safe and positive atmosphere without excessive regulation. However, he also said some fans are concerned with the increasing infringement of new building construction on traditional tailgating spaces. “The bigger the University gets, the more spaces for tailgating get cannibalized,” Sherry said. “From a tailgater’s perspective, that has been the greatest concern, the gradual loss of space to actually do it.”

Having studied Notre Dame tailgating extensively, Sherry said he is now interested in branching out to see if his findings apply well to other schools around the country. Sherry said the lack of appreciation for the complexities of tailgating is a great example of why we should all stop and pay closer attention to the world around us. “So much of what we do in everyday life is just participation, it’s like fish in a fish bowl, you’re not paying attention to the context of events because you’re busy living them,” he said. “When you slow down and focus on what’s actually going on with tailgating, see all the amazing behaviors and cuisines being developed, it’s truly incredible.”

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Hesburgh
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across the nation, a time when students rebelled against administrators at University of California, Berkeley and Columbia University.

“I was on many ... national organizations for educational development and growth, so I was in daily touch with many of the leaders of higher education,” Hesburgh said.

“So all of that was helpful, and it was fortunate that I was around long enough to get to know many of those people as life-long friends, and they were all very helpful of course.”

Like at other schools across the country, anger boiled at Notre Dame. But Hesburgh engaged students rather than ran from them, even as bricks flew through the windows of presidents’ offices at other schools, he said. At the height of student revolution around the country, Hesburgh penned a letter to the student body in February 1969 outlining Notre Dame’s policy on dissent and protest. The letter, soon known across the country as his “Tough 15-Minute Rule,” also ran in The New York Times.

“I believe that I now have a clear mandate from this University community to see that: (1) our lines of communication between all segments of the community are kept as open as possible, with legitimate means of dissent in this kind of open society,” the letter stated.

The letter continued to explain any student who did protest, violently or nonviolently, in a way that infringed the rights of others would be given 15 minutes to reconsider and stop his actions. If that student chose not to do so, he could turn in his ID card at the end of 15 minutes and consider himself suspended. Students without ID cards would be charged with trespassing and disturbing the peace on private property.

“May I now say in all sincerity that I never want to see any student expelled from this University community because, in many ways, this is always an educative failure,” the letter stated. “Even so, I must likewise be committed to the survival of the University community as one of man’s best hopes in these troubled times.”

More than 40 years after Hesburgh sat down in the early hours of the morning to write that letter, he sat again in his office. The smell of cigar smoke hung in the air. The dome is visible out the west window, shining in the early afternoon sun over Hesburgh’s shoulder.

“I found that students are wonderful people if you understand them,” Hesburgh said. “And what you have to understand is they’re not full-fledged adults. They are people moving toward that goal... You have to kind of be patient with ‘em because they make some mistakes, but you also have to be friends with them so you can help them in their career of growth.”

It’s been 60 years since Hesburgh first sat in the office of the President. His office is now on the 13th floor of the library, but it still sees a steady stream of students. They read his newspapers aloud, and he listens. He tells his stories, and they listen.

“I have found students a delight rather than a menace,” Hesburgh said. “I’ve learned a lot from them. I hope they’ve learned something from me.”

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In this situation, people have started riots in reaction to a filmmaker who has made a crazy film. They’re upset and protesting and targeting Americans, but why is anybody surprised?” he said. “The United States is not a country that people like in the Middle East.”

The strong American presence abroad, especially in the Middle East, combined with the extreme actions of a few individuals can create tense situations, Rosato said.

“If you have a presence in other countries and Americans do crazy stuff like come out with movies like this, people are going to retaliate,” he said. “You don’t expect that they’re going to target and kill the ambassador, but things are going to happen.”

Rosato said the extreme response to the American-made film in Benghazi is somewhat analogous to American treatment of Muslims after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, using last month’s shooting at a Wisconsin Sikh temple as an example.

“My understanding is that the shooting was done by someone who mistook Sikh worshippers for Muslims,” he said. “The parallels are quite interesting. An extreme act by a small proportion of Muslims has led to people being killed on American soil, but the same thing happened when an extreme act by an American filmmaker has led to Americans being killed abroad.”

While Americans may be quick to generalize about Libyans and their attitude towards the United States in the wake of Stevens’ death, Rosato said the attack has more to do with the mentality of a very small group of people than the collective national perception of Americans.

“Just as Americans would get upset if someone in another country did something that violated their beliefs, people got upset in Libya,” he said. “But just because some people in Libya killed an American doesn’t mean all Libyans want to kill Americans. Was this a small fringe group that took advantage of a mass disturbance? My guess is yes.”

Despite the tragedy of losing the first U.S. ambassador in the line of duty since 1979, Rosato said deaths of Americans abroad are not unusual.

“There’s a huge human tragedy here … but there always have been and always will be attacks on Americans abroad,” he said. “The reason we’re paying attention to this one is because [Stevens] was so high profile, but in terms of international politics, this is not a big event.”

In reality, most Americans killed in other countries do not receive the heightened media attention given to prominent figures like Stevens, Rosato said.

“I think the result tends to blow the event out of proportion. Americans get killed all the time in Iraq and Afghanistan, but we call that war,” he said. “This somehow seems worse because it happened to a civilian diplomat, but it goes on all the time.”

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FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Republican Mitt Romney accused President Barack Obama on Thursday of "failing American workers" by ignoring Chinese trade violations, and seized on new Federal Reserve attempts to boost the economy as proof the administration's policies are not working.

Obama campaigned as commander in chief after the violent deaths of four U.S. officials at a diplomatic post in Libya. "No act of terror will go unpunished — no act of violence shakes the resolve of the United States of America," he said.

The president spoke in Colorado and Romney in Virginia with less than eight weeks remaining in a close campaign for the White House in tough economic times. The two states are among a handful likely to settle the race, and must polls rate Obama a shaky favorite.

With campaign costs mounting, Romney and Obama competed for the most innovative fundraising appeal.

The Republican challenger’s campaign urged people in an email to make a $15 donation for a chance to join "Mitt on board the campaign plane for an exciting day aboard his campaign in front of the heckler’s face. "We’re going to crack down on China," the former Massachusetts governor vowed in an appearance in the Virginia suburbs around Washington, D.C. He spoke after his campaign unveiled a television commercial claiming that China has outpaced the United States in new manufacturing jobs since the president took office. "Seven times Obama could have stopped China’s cheating. Seven times he refused," it says. The president pushed back. White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters that all the actions the administration has initiated at the World Trade Organization to rein in China have been successful. The president’s campaign said Obama has brought as many cases challenging China trade policies in 3 ½ years as former President George W. Bush did in eight. Inevitably, the Fed’s new attempt to intervene in the economy became enmeshed in the campaign.

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney delivers a speech Thursday in Virginia where he criticized Obama's plan for the economy. Romney focused in on the president's failure to restore a robust economic growth when he spoke to the crowd. With less than eight weeks left in the campaign, both candidates have been speaking at rallies nationwide.
Syrian rebel commander Abu Ibrahim interviews with the Associated Press on Thursday. Ibrahim is holding 10 Lebanese Shiites hostage.

Associated Press
AZAZ, Syria — A Syrian rebel commander holding 10 Lebanese Shiites hostage said Thursday he is willing to release the men but fears doing so could set off a wave of reprisal attacks by Sunni extremists.

What began as an effort to force Lebanon’s Shiite militant group Hezbollah to stop supporting Syria’s regime has become the latest flashpoint in a conflict with growing sectarian overtones.

The rebel leader behind the kidnappings, Ammar al-Dakhil, is a burly former cross-border trader who goes by the nom de guerre Abu Ibrahim. His 1,200-strong Northern Storm Brigade controls the vital crossing from Syria’s Aleppo province into neighboring Turkey, and in May he ordered the seizure of the Lebanese Shiites, who had been on a bus tour of religious sites in the area, on the grounds they belonged to Hezbollah.

He said the kidnappings were aimed at persuading Hezbollah, a strident backer of President Bashar Assad, to reconsider its commitment to the Syrian regime. Instead it set off a string of revenge kidnappings by Shiite clansmen inside Lebanon, with two Turks and some 20 Syrians being snatched by gunmen. All but four of the Syrians have since been released, with the last Turk freed Thursday night.

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Keep Tupac’s flame alive

Adam Llorens

Hip-hop, in its purest form, provides listeners with a glimpse into a society often excluded from the American political and social landscape.

Often misinterpreted as music solely pertaining to the subjects of money, cars and personal success, rap gives a voice to the thousands of people struggling in urban areas across the country.

No artist was a better spokesman for the forgotten people than Tupac Shakur.

Yesterday, the world celebrated the life and music of Tupac on the 16th anniversary of his death. Today, we remember the issues he fought for, issues that are still fought for today.

While the labels of thugs, criminals and gangster may be the first you use to describe Tupac, his fans in “unconditional love.”

Tupac’s legacy gets dimmer each passing year. In April 2011, the Department of Education asked all colleges and universities to update their guidelines on how to handle reports of sexual assault. The department’s new requirements were meant to streamline investigations, encourage reporting of these incidents and to identify “bad actors,” or repeated perpetrators of sexual assault.

After the changes prompted by those new requirements, the beginning of this school year was also the beginning of Notre Dame’s second year with its most updated sexual assault policy. In August, The Observer reported eight cases of alleged sexual assault had been investigated in the policy’s first year. Six additional cases of alleged sexual harassment, which include a variety of environmental concerns such as language or posters, were also investigated throughout the year. That number greatly exceeded the number of expected reports, but the administration saw that as positive because victims were speaking up, rather than remaining silent.

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Getting serious about sexual assault

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The alliteration seemed to be begging for a witty temple. Our best puns seemed too good not to be shared with our followers and friends. On Monday night, we giggled. On Tuesday night, the jokes seemed to fall into our laps.

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When most of us think about getting hacked, we usually think of leaving our Facebook open and having some post offensive statute of law on our page. But imagine if it were left wide open for someone more sinister than your roommates. Imagine if someone could access all of your conversations: They could see who you are talking to, when you were talking and what you were talking about. But even worse, imagine if the hack had come from code written by a malicious hacker intent on using that information against you. Now imagine it isn’t you we are talking about, but Iran, and it isn’t your Facebook account, but the critical, secret communication logs of the nation’s nuclear program. This is the reality Iran’s fledgling nuclear program had to face this summer when Flame struck their systems.

Flame is the most advanced attack code ever seen, and it was deployed by an unknown entity on Iran’s nuclear program for months. Virus could be removed, delaying the attack came from, and no one has yet come forth. Most experts theorize the code was written by the United States and Israel, under Operation Olympic Games (the United States’ covert cyber-warfare program), because of the incredibly high level of complexity. In addition, Flame is equipped with a kill-command, where upon discovery it immediately wipes itself out and deletes all traces that it ever existed in the system.

Even more frightening is the fact that information against you. When the attack was confirmed, it began an attack on the infrastructure of the enrichment facility. Upon activation, the code started spinning the nuclear centrifuges at increasing speeds. When the angular momentum reached a certain point, Stuxnet stopped the drive shafts, causing the shaft to shear and break. To make the attack even more devastating, the code also ensured that the various sensor arrays detected that nothing was wrong. When the code was discovered, the facility was forced to shut down until every trace of the virus could be cleared from Siemens systems running certain processes. Since the combination of criteria is only found in the desired facilities, it is understood that these are targeted weapons.

The question is: Who is pulling the trigger? The intensive secrecy of the code and the method of deploying the attack from a chain of unrelated servers, no one knows where the attack came from, and no one has yet come forth.

From my current position, I see how Notre Dame students. The truth of the matter is we are all very different, viewing the world in unique and diverse ways. That’s the real reason we were accepted and why we chose this school as our home for four years. We were not accepted simply because we are intelligent, involved and exhibit leadership, but because we see the world from different angles and appreciate each precise other’s perspectives. Notre Dame is a place that challenges you, as it did from day one with its application essays. Walking away from this, I see how necessary it is to take risks in life, calculated or not. The expression "leap of faith" is aptly used; having faith and conviction in something, especially yourself, is crucial to success. Notre Dame’s admissions staff recognizes this, and therefore this test within its application. I was afraid of failing and did not take the challenge, but I was happily surprised so many students here now did. So, take a risk today, whether it’s like you to do or not.

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Wine, Culture, South Bend

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Anyone who says South Bend lacks high culture hasn’t heard about the Wednesday Wine Walk.

This fun event takes you through eight restaurants once a month for a sampling of fine wine and great food.

The crowd was mostly middle-aged people looking to sample good wine and good food, but it was much less intimidating than I first expected.

We started at The Vine. The first dish was volcano shrimp paired with ZED sparkling Moscato Rose. The shrimp could have been spicier but when paired with the Rose it seemed very light and fresh.

The second dish was a Greek chicken meatball paired with Fireseed Pinot Gris. The meatball was a little on the chewy side and a bit overwhelming.

The final dish at The Vine was a stuffed mushroom paired with Cayalla table wine. While the Cayalla seemed a little bitter the stuffed mushroom was excellent.

After The Vine we moved on to Club LaSalle, the third floor lounge of LaSalle Grill.

All three wines served at LaSalle Grill were from Australia and were paired with perfectly sized portions of the best food of the night.

The first dish was Barramundi fish and chips paired with Chateau Tanunda Riesling. The pairing of a thin waffled potato chip with a tender fish was delicious and the Riesling was crisp and refreshing.

The second dish was a shish kebab of New Zealand lamb loin paired with a blend of Shiraz and Mourvedre from South Australia. The wine blend was a little heavy and the lamb was just nice.

The third dish, my favorite of the night, was a wagyu beef slider paired with a Grand Barossa. The slider was the perfect tiny portion of succulent beef with a house made pickle.

It was done just right and paired with one of the best red wines of the night. It was smooth, not bitter and just right for the burger.

We moved down Michigan Avenue to Trio’s restaurant and jazz club.

Trio’s focused more on the wine and less on the food. They offered cheese, vegetables and a meat platter.

The first wine, a Pinot Grigio, was meant to be paired with the vegetables.

The second wine, a Valdiguie from an Indiana based vineyard, was wine worthy of the made-in-Indiana label.

We moved to the exotic with a Spanish Rioja as the third wine. It was meant to be paired with meat or dark chocolate, but as no chocolate was available we settled for the meat plate that was on the mediocre side.

Next stop on the wine tour was Café Navarre.

They offered wines from Maryhill vineyards in Washington state paired with tombo tuna, gazpacho and beef short rib pasta.

The tuna was a bit intimidating because it was served raw, but paired with the Maryhill Pinot Gris it was less frightening and light.

The gazpacho was great but would have been greatly improved if it had been served with a spoon. The restaurant only offered forks for the tuna and pasta, which was to the detriment of the gazpacho. It was served with a Chardonnay from Maryhill.

I typically steer clear of Chardonnay but this was much less harsh than other Chardonnays I have had before.

The final course, the short rib pasta was delicious and filling. It was the largest portion of the night and was served with a Merlot from Maryhill. The Merlot was a little on the bitter side and I was told it was a little closer to a Cabernet than the typical Merlot.

I ended the night at the South Bend Chocolate Café.

It was certainly the most crowded of the venues and would have been much more enjoyable if there were a more open setting.

They put a dessert twist on the evening that served as the perfect ending point.

The first chocolate offered was a dark chocolate toffee paired with a Rose, the second offering was a milk chocolate cherry truffle and the third was a dark chocolate peanut cluster paired with a Riesling.

All were excellent because you really can’t go wrong with chocolate and good wine.

It was difficult to see what wines you were drinking because they didn’t have menus in easily available areas and it was a little less informative than the other restaurants but enjoyable nonetheless.

It took about three hours to get through the first five restaurants at a relaxed pace and was a little on the difficult side to make it to the other three restaurants because they weren’t located in the same area.

It was an informative and low-key night perfect for small groups of friends.

Next month’s Wednesday Wine Walk is an homage to Oktoberfest. Each restaurant will serve beer samplings from area breweries.

The Downtown Dining Alliance has found the perfect way to get people out in Downtown South Bend and it was a great way to showcase their unique restaurants in a creative way.

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SCENE

At the MOVIES

Next Week

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Looking to go to the movies this weekend? Of course you’re not. It’s a dead zone weekend at the movies, the kind of eerie silence you might expect right before you realize you’re suddenly in the middle of a zombie apocalypse. Fear not though. Next week will be better. Look and see films opening next Friday.

“Dredd 3D”
Starring: Karl Urban
Directed by: Peter Travis
Studio: Lionsgate
Synopsis: A remake of Sylvester Stallone’s 1995 “Judge Dredd,” considered one of the worst films of the 90s, both financially and critically, this film, inspired by a comic book character, stars Karl Urban (Bones from “Star Trek”) as judge, jury and executioner. It looks more stripped down than the original, and promises to be a fun, if simple, action film.

“End of Watch”
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Michael Pena
Directed by: David Ayer
Studio: Open Road Films
Synopsis: From the writer of “Training Day” comes an intense, constant motion thriller featuring two LAPD officers who do their jobs a little too well and find themselves in the crosshairs of a drug cartel.

“Trouble With the Curve”
Starring: Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams, Justin Timberlake
Directed by: Robert Lorenz
Studio: Warner Bros.
Synopsis: In a film he didn’t also direct for the first time since 1993, Clint Eastwood stars as an aging scout for the Atlanta Braves, whose daughter is determined to help him in spite of his protests.

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It’s here. The occasional brisk day. The wind and rain. School and football well underway. Slowly but surely, summer is passing the seasonal baton over to fall and its much cooler temperatures.

Regardless of whether we love or hate the arrival of fall, we are all confronted with the same issue when the season finally comes around. As we look through our closets at the shorts, tanks, tees, skirts, and dresses, the reality of the task ahead of us finally sinks in. It’s time to start switching up our wardrobes to suit the colder weather and harsher elements.

For many of us this means pulling tons of clothing out of our closets, throwing it into storage, and restocking with the contents of storage boxes containing our cool weather clothes. The process is often tedious. It forces us to section off our wardrobes, and makes the breakup process between us and our beloved summer season that much more painful.

There is a solution, however, to this fragmented fashion ordeal that we face each year. There is a way to make our parting with summer more palatable. There is a way to hold on to a pocket full of sunshine. Put down the hanger, and grab your warmer wardrobe, because below are some cool ways to take what you’ve been wearing and mix it with some warmer pieces so that it still works for fall.

**LADIES**

Substitute bare legs and sandals with tights and boots when wearing summer skirts and shorts. Okay – so maybe tights aren’t the greatest form of protection from the colder elements, but let’s face it: half of the fashion transition from summer to fall revolves around social normality. In other words, there comes a time when, even if it’s warm enough to wear sandals to class, it’s far enough into fall that they just don’t look quite work. Pairing shorts and short skirts with the boot/tights duo keeps you modestly clothed, slightly protected, and really cute without losing great pieces from your summer wardrobe.

**GENTLEMEN**

Is your old T-shirt no longer getting the job done? Add a long-sleeved thermal underneath your favorite tee to add an effective layer of warmth without ruining the look. For when those gamedays get cold, try wearing a black or blue-grey thermal under “the shirt” to keep you warm but still in spirit! You can do this with just about any crew neck tee, and it’s amazing to see what the addition of a couple of thermals can do to transform a summer wardrobe.

**BOTH**

Substitute fedoras and baseball caps for beanies and other cool winter hats. Whether you’re an everyday hat person or someone who just picks up a cool hat to top off a cute look, this transition is the move for you. If you like fedoras and cowboy hats, trade in those straw looks for knit pieces by picking up trapper hats or beanie beanies. If you’re more traditional and enjoy rocking a simple baseball cap, or you’re sporty and wear snapbacks, try classic skullcap or tasseled beanies. You may have to set your summer caps off to the side, but you’ll love the change so much that you won’t even miss them, and your new hats will only enhance the rest of your remixed summer looks.

If it isn’t obvious enough already, try taking an outfit that you once wore with a pair of shorts and subbing longer pants or jeans. If you’re still feeling chilly, then try adding a jean or leather jacket into the mix. Between those two additions, you’re dress shirt, favorite tee and summer scarves should transfer nicely into looks for the winter season.

These tips are a great way to get started, but don’t stop here! Keep calm and style on! Brainstorm some more tricks on your own, be creative and you’ll find new ways to make pieces work for every season.

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Tailgating and grilling started two weeks ago but we can finally welcome in the college football season. No longer will you hear about no more directional schools, no more cupcakes, just conference games that actually matter.

Every year, in the first few weeks of the season, teams pad their stats and records by scheduling a vastly inferior opponent to saunter into their stadium and gladly take a beating to collect a check. Don’t those matchups do not do any good for any one. They do not help an SEC or Big 12 team sharpen their skills; they certainly do not help the cupcake’s confidence. They do not please fans or television audiences. The big schools don’t even have anything to gain by taking on inferior opponents. If LSU rolls over North Texas, what do they get? A simple and very expected victory over a team that is barely a blip on the nation’s radar. So what if they lose? Their season is a loss and their program will never get back at the SEC feel to a Sun Belt foe. If you are sitting there and wondering what the Sun Belt is, you probably aren’t alone. No, it is not a fruit snacks company or a Bible-thumping group. It is a conference.

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Young Irish squad begins season in East Lansing

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

The young Irish team will be coming out swinging this weekend as it looks to topple tough competition in the 28th annual Mary Fishum Invitational.

Sixteen teams will participate in the season-opening match in East Lansing, Mich. A strong field at the beginning of the year will provide the Irish with an early glimpse of how they will compete in their upcoming season, Irish coach Susan Holt said.

“This tournament will certainly give us an opportunity to see where we will be,” Holt said. “Purdue is consistently in the top-25 and has gone to the finals the past seven years. (Purdue) won the title a few years back. Michigan State will also be there, and they are a hard team to beat at home. It will also be there, and they are a two-time all-Big East honoree, while Armstrong was the Big East Freshman of the Year in 2012 and took first in the big east tournament. The three returning players put up a stroke average of 77.3 in the 2011-2012 season.

“They are ultimately the most experienced in collegiate competition,” Holt said. “Between them, they have played in every tournament since they have been at Notre Dame. They will be our consistent contributors day-to-day.”

If they put up the numbers they are capable of, we should compete. We have the depth on our team for (consistency) not to be an issue. One girl may have a bad day, but we have the depth that the four others should have good rounds.

Looking past this first tournament, Holt said the team has high goals for the season. In a recent meeting the team went over in reverse order what they want to achieve this year.

“We had a meeting and went through our goals,” Holt said. “Year-to-year they tend to be the same. We work backwards with our goals. Our final goal is to reach the [NCAA] finals. We want to win the Big East. Then it goes down to the 10 tournaments that we are going to try and post top-five finishers in and have our stroke total under 300. We want to put ourselves in a good position in April and May to compete for a national championship.”

The Irish will tee off at the 6,326-yard, par-72 Forest Akers on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

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Mariners fall to Blue Jays, 8-3

TORONTO — Felix Hernandez summed up his latest loss in one word: terrible.

Edwin Encarnacion hit his 40th home run, Adam Lind also connected and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Seattle Mariners 8-3 Thursday night to send Hernandez to his third straight defeat.

“That was terrible right there,” a frustrated Hernandez said.

Hernandez (13-8) allowed a season-high seven runs and 10 hits in four innings, struck out four and walked one. He has a 9.00 ERA in his last three outings, losing three consecutive starts for the first time since Sept. 12-24 last year.

“It looked like his stuff was pretty good,” Seattle manager Eric Wedge said. “He just didn’t have the same location that you normally see him have.”

Hernandez matched a season-high by giving up 11 hits to Oakland in his last start, and complained afterward that none of his pitches had been working.

“We’re working on it, but we’re not there yet,” he said after being beaten around by the Blue Jays.

Hernandez is 2-3 since throwing the major leagues’ 23rd perfect game against Tampa Bay on Aug. 15. “I have to do something,” he said. “The last three starts have been disappointing.”

Encarnacion hit a three-run shot in a five-run fourth inning as the Blue Jays avoided a three-game sweep.

Even Hernandez was impressed after Encarnacion sent a changeup into the second deck in left.

“Oh, man, that was long,” Hernandez said. “That’s a pretty good one right there.”

It was a good pitch. It was a great pitch.

Encarnacion’s shot gave the Blue Jays a 1-0 lead in the fourth, Colby Rasmus walked and Encarnacion followed his home run with a hit.

Brad Lincoln and Aaron Laffey each worked one inning of relief as Toronto avoided a sixth straight defeat to Seattle.

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“This is a very good right-handed power hitter,” Blue Jays manager John Farrell said of Encarnacion. “He’s having one heck of a year for us.”

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year for us as we had a lot of inexperienced young talent," senior captain and quarterback Kat Leeds said. “This year we are more seasoned and boast a very strong freshman class.”

The Wild Women hope an influx of talent, led by freshman quarterback Frances Mitchell, will combine with an experienced defense to push them into contention. Returning starters on defense include senior captain Lindy Sanchez at corner-back, Alyssa Basile at middle linebacker, and Alex Meyer, Alyssa Casill and Jen Rawling along the defensive line. With Leah returning at quarterback, the Wild Women will look for the upset victory Sunday.

“We want to come out strong this weekend and show that Walsh is ready to play,” Leah said.

Walsh and Cavanaugh face off Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

A matchup of two top teams will take place when Farley faces Ryan on Monday.

Farley, coming off a semifinal appearance in last year’s playoff-shocks, will look to excel with a roster of several newcomers.

“We are a young team this year who has added a few new players,” finest senior captain Courtney Currier said. “We need to figure out how we play together.”

Farley will look to get its historically inconsistent offense on track to start the season, Currier said.

“We had a great defense last year that carried our offense,” she said. “We need to get better with our offensive skills and getting the ball down the field.”

Leading Farley’s offense will be junior Lauren Ladowski, a dual-threat quarterback making her first start. Ladowski will pair with speedy sophomore running back Madisen Nelson. Currier said Farley is anxious to show the improvements it has made on the field.

“We are excited to get to know each other,” Currier said. “We have uncertainty but not a nervous uncertainty. We have the confidence that we will be able to do this.”

Compiling a 6-0 regular season record in 2011, Ryan carries a title of preseason favorite into its matchup with Farley.

“We will have a lot to prove,” Ryan senior captain Maya Pillai said. “We are coming off an un-defeated regular season and return a strong core of our team.”

Led by dynamic junior receiver Maddie Swan on offense and junior Leah Fisher on defense, the Wildcats expect to flourish on both sides of the ball.

“We need to play like we know how to play,” Pillai said. “We expected to merrily-roomy teams last year.”

Even though the Wildcats aim to win, Pillai said they want to have fun along the way.

“We were the first freshman class in Ryan,” Pillai said. “We are establishing a tradition of excellence.”

Farley and Ryan face off Monday at 10 p.m. at the Riell Fields at Stepan.

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McGillin vs. Lewis

By LESLEY STEVENSON
Sports Writer

With both teams eager for early-season success, McGillin and Lewis will square off Monday night for each team’s second game in as many days.

Despite starting the season with consecutive games, McGillin senior captain Emily Golden said her team would not be deterred by its schedule.

“We’re really quick; we have a lot of fast girls, and we seem to be in pretty good shape,” Golden said about her team’s strengths. As many players graduated from last year’s championship team, McGillin will look for help from its freshmen to repeat its success.

“We’re a young team, but we’re pretty good so far,” Golden said.

On the other sideline, Lewis will look to tighten up its communication skills and capitalize on its strong group of returning senior players.

“We have a great group of seniors, so we’re basically captains in a way,” senior captain Connaugh Blood said.

While the team’s freshmen look promising, Blood said the key for Lewis is fostering the connections between its new and returning players.

Both captains highlighted their team’s respective offenses and said the match-up could turn into an offensive battle.

Golden said observers should look out for sophomore running back Emma Collis. “In practice, she’s a beast,” Golden said. “She can make ridiculous catches.”

On the other side, Blood said Chicks junior receiver Colleen Haller will be an asset for the team’s offense.

“She’s really athletic and a pretty good weapon for us,” Blood said.

The Shamrocks continue on the road to title defense when they face Lewis on Monday at 10 p.m. at the Riell Fields at Stepan.

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Lyons vs. Cavanaugh

By DONG-HUYN KIM
Sports Writer

Lyons and Cavanaugh will face off Tuesday in a sequel to last year’s first-round playoff match-up. Cavanaugh won 18-6 in last year’s matchup, a part of its run to the championship game.

“Last year, a big part of our loss was that we lost many players, so everyone played the entire game and we were tired,” Lyons captain and co-captain Christina Bramanti said.

Lyons hopes for a different result this year, as freshman legs have been added to the Lions squad. Although the team consists of many freshmen, senior quarterback Erica Miller, who has had prior experience at the position, figures to be a key element in Lyons’ offense.

Bramanti said the Lions defense will be crucial in slowing down Cavanaugh’s offensive attack in the early-season meeting.

“Defense has gotten better at containing the rushing and passing game,” Bramanti said. “We keep Cavanaugh in mind because they beat us, and we are taking one step at a time with Sunday’s game against [Howard] in mind.”

Meanwhile Cavanaugh is also very defense-oriented, as the Chas has allowed only nine points in the entire regular season last year.

“We treat every game like it is the most important, against the toughest team,” Cavanaugh senior captain Rosemary Kelly said. “Adjustments may be made but the intention to show our best remains.”

Cavanaugh’s offense will include a veteran presence, as senior center Kelly Brakora and senior receiver Erica Chenard return for the Chas. Cavanaugh will also run a unique three-quarterback rotation, as three strong candidates contend for the starting job.

Lyons and Cavanaugh will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Pangborn and Farley ready to meet in opener

Welsh Family takes on Lewis, Pasquerilla East faces McGlinn and Lyons meets Howard in Week One

By SARAH CONNORS Sports Writer

Pangborn and Farley are set to face each other in Sunday’s season opener, with each team looking for contributions from its respective young stars.

Senior captain Colleen Bailey said last year was a rebuilding year for the Cardinals.

“Last year was a difficult season in which it went 1-5,” Bailey said. “We’re mostly focusing on offensive strategy that has taken a comedic turn, but senior captain Courtney Currier said she hopes that talent and success will carry over to the A-team this season.

Farley will look to win with a strategy that has taken a complete shift from last season. “Our defense controlled most of the game last year, and that is not how you win in football,” Currier said.

Instead, Farley will look to win with an explosive offense. Currier said the team has several great running backs and a strong quarterback in junior Lauren Ladowski.

“We are a team to watch, and we have a lot of star players,” Currier said.

With high hopes on the line for both sides, Pangborn will take on Farley Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

Welsh Family vs. Lewis

Coming off seasons in which they both missed the playoffs, Welsh Family and Lewis will realize the promise of a new season when they meet Sunday afternoon.

The game will feature a major showdown between senior captains and quarterbacks Connaught Blood of Lewis and Victoria Moreno of Welsh Family, both of whom suit up for their respective teams for the fourth year in a row.

The other major storyline for both teams is youth, as they both feature several new starters.

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Passquerilla East vs. McGlinn

By MEG HANDELM Sports Writer

Passquerilla East and McGlinn will both be off Sunday in the half game of their respective seasons.

Passquerilla East is looking forward to getting its freshmen on the offensive end in Sunday’s contest.

“With only two seniors on the team, the Pyros hope to use Mulhall’s skills to get the win this week.”

PEC sophomore Macy Mulhall will begin her second season as quarterback, and the Pyros hope to get Mulhall’s skills to the win this week.

“We’re mostly focusing on building teamwork and learn- ing to play together right now,” PEC senior captain Anna Perino said. “All the skills and plays will come as the season progresses.”

Perino said she is especially excited for the first game. As captain, she said she is excited to work with the new girls and re- team some playmakers to create a strong team.

“All in all, we love playing flag football … We are going to play hard,” senior captain Claire Kozlowski said.

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Cavanaugh vs. Walsh

By CASEY KARNEs Sports Writer

After experiencing disappointing endings to last season, both Cavanaugh and Walsh will look to build some momentum for the season when they battle Sunday.

Cavanaugh will look to recover from a heartbreaking loss in last year’s championship game, which came after an undefeated regular season.

Senior captain Rosemary Kelly, who played safety and quarterback, said she believes the Chaos have the ability to win the title this year.

“We are looking to go out on top this year,” Kelly said. “Our de- fense should be a huge strength, as we have tons of talent return- ing from a unit that shut down opponents all season.”

The Chaos defense will be bolstered by the play of senior lineman Megan Chapman. The offense, however, is less settled, as the team will rotate Kelly, sophomore Sarah Vogel and senior Sarah Santoro in a strong defense at quarterback.

“Having three quality quarter- backs is a huge advantage, espe- cially since all have their own strengths,” Kelly said.

On the other side of the ball, Walsh will look to rebound from a disappointing season in which it went 1-5.

“Last year was a rebuilding season,” Walsh said. “We have a lot of girls come out every year,” Schmitt said. “20 to 30 freshmen come out because the upperclassmen got so excited about it. We do well because we like being together.”

Schmitt said she hopes her team will mesh just as well on the field as the season opens with a formidable receiving corps and sophomore quarterback Lauren Vidal as keys to success for the Purple Weasels.

Last year, many were sur- prised by Farley’s unexpectedly strong running game, but senior captain Courtney Currier was not.

She said the Cardinals gen- erated a lot of excitement, which translated into on-field success.

Farley football really took off last year where so many people came out and Rec Sports finally had the option for dorms to have two teams … And they went out and won it all,” Currier said.

With Farley divided into two teams, they will have even more opportunities to prove them- selves. This year, one player has caught everyone’s eye, Currier said.

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Squad to tee off season in North Carolina

Notre Dame Women’s Basketball

Belles defend undefeated record

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The Irish will begin their season Saturday when they travel to Chapel Hill, N.C., for the Tar Heel Intercollegiate. Notre Dame enters the campaign as defending Big East champions for the second straight year, a title that will be put to the test against a 14-team field comprised of schools from all over the eastern half of the country. Among the field in the weekend event are two ranked teams, No. 21 Duke and No. 34 East Carolina.

The Belles (3-1-0) are expected to bring the Belles to 3-0. The Belles extended their lead even further six minutes later when sophomore midfielder Erin Knauf scored her first collegiate goal. Finally, the Comets (0-5) scored in the last few minutes of the match to bring the final score to 4-1.

Notre Dame will begin the weekend’s play with two rounds on Saturday before concluding with 18 more holes Sunday. The 54-hole stroke-play event will be held at the UNC Finley Golf Course, recently named the No. 7 college golf course in America by the Golf Channel.

The Irish head into the season with a lineup that represents a mixture of experience and new talent. Senior Paul McNamara leads Notre Dame, as juniors Niall Platt and Andrew Lane and sophomores Tyler Wingo and David Lowe round out the Irish starting five. The top four scorers of each team will count toward the total tally.

The Irish will have to do without the contributions of three graduated seniors from last year in Max Scodro, Tom Usher and Chris Walker. Scodro, a two-time Big East Player of the Year, took with him the best scoring average in program history with his mean score of 73.25.

However, several Irish players enter this season looking to make an immediate impact. Platt won the Southern California Golf Association Match Play over the summer and captured three more top-10 finishes during the offseason. The junior’s 73.81 scoring average last year is the best among Irish returnees.

McNamara recorded two top-five finishes last season, with one coming during the Big East championship. Lane made 14 starts last year for Notre Dame while Wingo started three times for Irish coach Jim Kohinski.

Lowe begins his first season with the Irish after transferring from Arizona State University, where last year he put together a scoring average of 75.11 as a freshman.

The Irish will begin their 2012 season at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate when they tee off at 7:40 a.m.
Belles to compete at Notre Dame

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

After finishing 17th against tough competition last weekend, Saint Mary’s will cross Route 933 on Friday to compete against a loaded field in the National Catholic Championships at the Notre Dame Golf Course.

The Belles placed 17th in a field of 22 teams, six of which were regionally ranked, in last weekend’s Calvin Knight Invitational. Junior Jessica Biek ran the fastest time for the Belles, recording a mark of 19:15.7 to finish 50th in the field of more than 300 runners, and sophomore Samee Chatterton finished second among Belles with a personal record time of 20:33.1.

In addition, seniors Elizabeth Majewski and Sarah Copi turned in personal collegiate record times of 20:34.3 and 20:41.8, respectively.

Saint Mary’s coach Jackie Bauters said she was impressed with many of the times recorded at the invitational.

“I was really excited to see Samee, Elizabeth and Sarah Copi work together as a group and all earn personal records,” Bauters said. “We’ve been working hard together in practice, and I think they are going to be difference makers for the team this year.”

Despite the team’s finish toward the back of the pack at the Calvin Knight Invitational, Bauters said she was encouraged by the team’s gains in the meet, which was its first 5K race of the season.

“It’s hard to go through a tough week of practice and still put a good race out on the weekend,” Bauters said. “They’re not racing fresh right now, so to see these kind of performances is really exciting and makes me hopeful that we will see even bigger gains in the upcoming weeks.”

Saint Mary’s will look to make some gains Friday when it travels to Notre Dame to run in a field of 34 teams, 13 of which compete in Division I. Bauters said she believes the high-level atmosphere surrounding the race will invigorate her team.

“The big races are always exciting,” Bauters said. “We’ve been fortunate to race against a great range of competition in races before, and I think, as long as the race isn’t crowded, it usually helps the team with some fast times.”

The National Catholic Championships will serve as the Belles’ last race before the MIAA Jamboree, which they will host on Sept. 21. The event, which Saint Mary’s last hosted in 2008, will feature all nine conference schools. Bauters said the team is eagerly looking forward to running on its home soil at the Jamboree.

“I think the atmosphere at the Jamboree is going to be the highlight of the season,” Bauters said. “It’s hard to psycho run at home that I’m not sure anything else is coming close to it.”

Saint Mary’s will compete in the National Catholic Championships at Notre Dame Golf Course on Friday at 3:30 p.m.

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Irish to split up over weekend

By MEGAN FINNERAN
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Two weeks have passed since the Notre Dame squad traveled to Ireland to face members of the country’s elite players. Today it begins the first of many invitational seasons this season, where it will face competition from schools across the country. The team split the weekend, with some members traveling to Illinois for the sixth annual Olympia Fields Country Club (OFCC) Fighting Illini Invitational and others traveling to Kalamazoo, Mich., for the Vredevelt Invitational.

The Irish send their top players to the Illini Invitational, where they will face Pepperdine, California, Illinois, Kentucky and Texas.

Leading the team is senior Greg Andrews, who recently received a No. 24 preseason ranking. He stands as the highest-ranked singles player in the Big East.

Despite a 9-3 loss in that exhibition match in Ireland on Aug. 31, the team is ready to jump into the season with high hopes and lessons learned from their first match together.

“I never seem to be peaking at the right time,” Hamilton said. “We really seem to be peaking at the right time,” Hamilton said. “We’re a young team. In our top five, [freshman] Claire Boyle has been playing very solidly. [Freshman] Amanda Graham was our low scorer for our last tournament. I expect everyone in our top five to perform well.”

Rounding out that top five is sophomore Janice Heffernan, junior Justine Bresnahan and freshman Sammie Averill, all of whom participated in the Anderson Invitational on Sept. 1.

Hamilton said the competition would be a learning experience for his young team.

“We’re going to find out how we match up,” Hamilton said. “This is going to be their first exposure to the top competition. We’ll get a real understanding of where we stand after that.”

Saint Mary’s will look to prove itself at the O’Brien National Invitational at Warren Golf Course at 3 p.m. on Sunday. The match will conclude Monday.

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No. 1 team to visit St. Mary’s

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After a successful pre-season showing by the young team, Saint Mary’s prepares to face off against some of the best teams in Division III as it hosts the O’Brien National Invitational at Warren Golf Course.

Belles coach Mark Hamilton said Saint Mary’s traditionally invites the top 10 teams from the previous year.

“The traditional powers who peak every year will be there, along with a few newcomers,” Hamilton said. “It will be the most competition we see all fall.”

On the first day of competition, the Belles will be paired up against the No. 1 Division III team in the country, Methodist University, the reigning national champion. Other top competition includes DePauw, Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Centre College, and George Fox University.

Hamilton said he is looking forward to seeing how his team will perform against difficult competition.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish to host Golden Dome Invitational

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After an opening nine matches that would rival most any other in terms of difficulty, the Irish have one more opportunity to make an out-of-conference statement this weekend as Xavier, Loyola Marymount and Kansas descend on the Joyce Center for the Golden Dome Invitational.

It will be the last weekend tournament before the Irish open their Big East schedule Sept. 21 at Cincinnati.

Though the Irish (5-4) have taken on four top-20 teams so far this fall, Irish coach Debbie Brown said now is the time to put up the wins that go such a long way to determining RPI and eventual NCAA tournament selection.

“It’s really important now to get victories, and we can’t make apologies for our schedule,” Brown said. “RPI is the magic formula, calculating your winning percentage, your opponents’ and your opponents’ opponents. So these preseason games are actually very important.”

Of Notre Dame’s three opponents, Kansas (9-1) has gotten fantastic individual performances turned in by the likes of junior captain and right side hitter Andrea McHugh, sophomore opposite side hitter Jeni Hauser, sophomore right side hitter Toni Albugue and freshman libero Taylor Moyer, but they have yet to translate into victories against the highly ranked teams on Notre Dame’s schedule.

The goal, Brown said, is not only to take sets from top teams but to beat them.

“It really comes down to having the composure and poise when it’s crunch-time, and in high pressure situations,” Brown said. “We’ve felt like we’ve had these teams in a good spot during some of our losses, but I think we let them off the hook. We’re still developing that chemistry and personality.”

One development that could tear the spotlight away from the action on the court this weekend is the highly publicized move of Notre Dame’s Olympic sports to the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). The Irish have strong historical ties to a number of teams in the ACC, having played Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Boston College and Miami when all were still members of the Big East.

Brown said that the switch will be a strong and well-supported volleyball conference.

“We’re really excited about the move,” Brown said. “There are really strong teams, and it is a conference that is committed to volleyball in terms of allotted scholarships and full staffs. And though we haven’t had anything continuous, we have a strong history of playing ACC teams.”

For now, however, Brown and the Irish are focused on this weekend.

“We’re getting better all the time,” Brown said. “It’s just a matter of coming out this weekend and executing well and coming away with a win.”

The Irish take the court against Xavier at 7 p.m. Friday at the Joyce Center.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Bellevue face two ranked squads

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After back to back conference wins, Saint Mary’s will try to keep its winning streak alive when it travels to Carthage this weekend for the Carthage Tournament.

With confidence play in full swing for the Belles (6-1, 2-1 MIAA), this weekend will offer a chance for the Belles to improve against non-conference foes as they prepare for the rest of the conference season.

“We need our level of intensity to stay consistent and to continue to work hard and work smart on the court this weekend,” Belles head coach Toni Kusche said. “We want to play to the best of our ability and come home an even better team.”

Saint Mary’s will take on two nationally ranked teams in No. 16 Carthage College (4-1, 0-0 CCIW) and No. 13 University of Chicago (6-2), with Dominican and Illinois Wesleyan rounding out the Belles’ opponents.

Facing off against two ranked teams should help the Belles prepare for tougher opponents down the line, Kusche said.

“Having two ranked teams in our own conference, we want to use these matches against Carthage and Chicago to get ourselves mentally and physically prepared for our next two weeks of tough conference play,” Kusche said. “We expect everyone we face this weekend to be tough.”

Saint Mary’s is coming off a home conference win in which the Belles defeated Albion, 3-1. Kusche said she hopes her team can keep up its momentum against the weekend’s opponents.

“We are so excited to have played so well at home in front of a great crowd of friends and family,” Kusche said. “There is always room for improvement but we are very happy and confident with how we played against a tough conference team.”

Kusche hopes her team will step up and compete this weekend against nationally-ranked opponents.

“We need everyone to step up and play well this weekend,” Kusche said. “We will need our defense to be solid and continue to have great presence on the court so that our setters and hitters can do their job in the front row.”

Saint Mary’s will play four matches at Carthage in Kenosha, Wis., this weekend, beginning Friday at 3:30 p.m.

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Catholic

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runners to get their feet wet,” Peterson said. “This week is like the older guys like [senior] Jeremy Rae and [junior] Walter Schafer to get their feet wet.”

“Cross country is just like other sports; runners need some warm-ups and scrimmages before they can really hit their stride and perform at a high level.”

Both the men’s and women’s teams come into this meet ranked in the top-25 and are both expecting high finishes on their home track.

“I think having a meet at home gives us a big advantage,” Piane said. “The kids are familiar with the track and we do not have to put up with the hassles involved with traveling.”

The Irish will have plenty of competition as the race includes a 34-team field, with 13 Division I programs.

On the men’s side, Shafer and (junior) Martin Grady both finished in the top-five last year and are hoping for an even better performance this year, while senior Jessica Rydberg is looking to defend her home-course victory.

The race will begin Friday at 4:15 p.m. with the women’s 5K race and will be followed by the men’s five-mile race at approximately 5 p.m. Both races will take place at Warren Golf Course.

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CROSS COUNTRY
we’re looking forward to [this weekend]. They will be very good games.”

Sunday’s faceoff against the Wolverines marks another rivalry match for the Irish.

New Michigan coach Chaka Daley now leads the Wolverines, who finished 5-14-1 last season, including a 2-1 overtime loss to Notre Dame. Daley took over the Michigan program after 12 seasons at Providence, a familiar Big East opponent for the Irish.

While Daley’s leadership will provide the Irish with some degree of familiarity with this Michigan team, Clark said his team is staying true to its mantra of one game at a time and not looking toward Michigan quite yet.

“I honestly won’t look at Michigan until Friday night, whenever our game finishes,” Clark said. “That’s the thing about playing the double games on a weekend. You obviously have to focus on the first one. As far as I’m concerned, the only game I’m looking at is Michigan State.”

Clark said regardless of how much time they have to prepare, the Irish simply need to come out and execute once the clock starts.

“The most important thing is to focus on playing well,” Clark said. “The winning will hopefully take care of itself. We have to look at our performance and focus on getting top-class performances every game out. If we look at the end of the season and see that, then the results will take care of themselves. The key is how we play individually and as a team.”

After the Irish lost Michigan State on Friday at 7 p.m., Notre Dame travels to Michigan on Sunday with kickoff scheduled for 2 p.m.

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Laddish

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with the players and trying to get them mentally prepared,” Waldrum said. "But I think also having Mandy and Cari back this week, I’m hoping, will really help us in that area.”

Laddish started all 21 games for the Irish last season, scoring one goal and notching seven assists.

"Mandy’s one of our captains and one of our older players,” Waldrum said. “I think she’s really going to help sure up the midfield.”

Roccaro comes in as a highly-touted recruit and an experienced international player. She started five games during the U-20 World Cup and scored one goal.

"With Cari, we’re a little bit undecided with where we’re going to play her,” Waldrum said. “But she’s certainly going to be important to the team.”

The Irish (3-3-1) have extra motivation going into Friday’s game, which will be televised nationally on ESPN3. Last year, Louisville (5-1) beat Notre Dame, 1-0, during the regular season and then again in the Big East semifinals, 2-1. The Cardinals should be among Notre Dame’s toughest conference competition this season, Waldrum said.

"I think Friday’s a really big game for us because Louisville beat us for the first time ever last year, but they beat us twice,” Waldrum said. “It’s a program that’s grown and gotten better. Having beat us twice last year, they should come in here very confident.”

The Irish will get a slightly different look from the Cardinals than they have seen this year.

Louisville is a strong defensive team that has only allowed five goals this season.

“Our speed of play is going to have to be up-tempo to expose them in some ways so they can’t get so organized defensively,” Waldrum said. “Our speed of play is going to have to be up-tempo to expose them in some ways so they can’t get so organized defensively.”

Cincinnati (3-3-1) has hit some early adversity, dropping three straight games to Nebraska, UC Irvine and Colorado.

Waldrum said it’s an even greater benefit playing the Bearcats at home as opposed to the road because of Cincinnati’s uniquely challenging home field. But the Irish came away with a win last season, something Waldrum was proud to say.

“Cincinnati’s a team that we typically play well against at home,” Waldrum said. “It’s typically a difficult game on the road because of their facility: a small field, a turf field. The ball’s always out of bounds. It’s just a hard place to play. Having said that, we went to Cincinnati last year and played really well.”

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Senior midfielder Dillon Powers, right, dribbles away from a defender during Notre Dame’s 3-1 home win over Akron on Sunday.
Keenan

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Alex Green, Trevor Yerrick, and Nate Carr, the Knights are brimming with confidence.

“Both object to win the championship, hands down,” McDonald said. “If we don’t win the championship it’ll be very disappointing. With the talent we have coming back and the new group of guys, it’s championship or bust. We fully expect to be playing in [Notre Dame] Stadium.”

Regardless of favorites or underdogs, both teams expect a hard-fought game.

“We know it’ll be a really good test for us,” Fink said from Dillon’s perspective.

McDonough echoed that same sentiment on behalf of Keenan.

“They’re a great team,” McDonough said. “We’re preparing like it’s the championship game.”

Dillon kicks off its title defense against high-powered Keenan on Sunday at 3:30 p.m at Rielle Fields at Stepan.

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Knott vs. Siegfried

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With the annual Fanner Cup on the line, Mod Quad rivals Knott and Siegfried will square off once again in Sunday’s season opener.

The Juggerknotts were defensively sound in 2011 but struggled offensively, something they will look to improve on this year. They have rebuilt their dual-threat offense with new plays and new coaches in the hope of bettering last season’s 3-1 regular season record.

Knott’s season ended last year with a first-round playoff loss to Dillon, but the team anticipates its preseason work this year will pay dividends in terms of victory. Juggerknotts senior running back and captain Joe Beglane said.

“We’ve played Siegfried four times in the past few years and haven’t won against them yet, so we’re just looking to get a win,” Beglane said.

The Ramblers may have something to say about that, however. After exiting the postseason with a semifinal defeat at the hands of Dillon last year, the team is optimistic about its chances in 2012.

Siegfried’s always been strong athletically, especially in football, and we’re looking to make it to the top this year,” sophomore running back Jose Lindine said.

As opposed to the Juggerknotts, the Ramblers have revamped their defense and special teams to create an all-around stronger unit that complements their run-based offense.

They will be tested by Knott’s best returning Saturday’s contest, highlighted by the matchup between Ramblers senior running back and linebacker David Whitmore and Juggerknotts senior running back and receiver Jake Coleman.

With the standard set so high last year, Siegfried has ambitious expectations for its first game this season, Linnardi said.

“We look forward to playing Knott, who is our Mod Quad rival, and beating them,” Linnardi said.

The Ramblers and Juggerknotts will kick off Sunday at 1 p.m. at Rielle Fields at Stepan.

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Alumni vs. Duncan

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Sunday’s matchup between Alumni and Duncan is a season opener that has different implications for both teams.

The Dawgs will hit the field hungry for revenge. Coming off two consecutive one-point losses in the semifinals of the 2010 and 2011 seasons, Alumni has its eyes set on taking home the championship this year.

Alumni junior captain Tom O’Sullivan said this preseason has been all about going the extra yard so they do not come up short again.

O’Sullivan said the Dawgs will feature a revamped offense this season.

“We are looking to improve our passing game,” O’Sullivan said. “Last season we ran a run-oriented offense. This year we intend to have a balanced playbook that will make us a more dynamic team.”

Alumni junior quarterback Will Cronin, coming off an injury that prematurely ended his season last year, returns to lead the aerial assault Sunday.

O’Sullivan and senior co-captain Dan Finan, former high school teammates, will lead an offensive line that looks to duplicate last year’s success rushing the ball. The Dawgs believe an improved, versatile offensive will take them all the way this year, O’Sullivan said.

On the other side of the huddle, the Highlanders are looking for a new offense as well. Duncan junior co-captain Gerrit Hobson said his team is trying to limit the unpredictable nature of the offense from last year. Hobson said he will attempt to slow down the pace of the game and increase Duncan’s time of possession.

With these changes made, the Highlanders — coming off a 1-3 season in which they missed the playoffs — expect to see greater success on the field, Hobson said.

Hobson said the Duncan defense will be the driving force in Sunday’s season opener.

“In our long and illustrious career in dorm football, our strength has usually been our defense,” Hobson said. “I think we’ve got a solid front eight that can put a stop on the run game of any opponent we play this season.”

Duncan’s defense goes up against Alumni’s potent rushing attack Sunday at 2:15 p.m at Rielle Fields at Stepan.

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Stanford vs. Keough

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With the season opener fast approaching, Stanford and Keough are prepared to face off Sunday.

Both teams are optimistic about the season and feel good about Sunday’s matchup.

Stanford senior captain Paul Babiak and Keough’s sophomore captain Charlie Magiera said.

With successful practices under way and the advantage of returning multiple players, both squads are expecting to be more than ready for Sunday’s game. The pressure to start the season on strong footing has motivated the Griffins and Kangaroos to develop and master their individual strategies.

“We have a good offensive line and defensive line this year, and we want to capitalize on those things,” Babiak said.

With senior Jim Wacwacik, playing on both sides of the ball for the Griffins, Stanford will look to exploit Keough’s offensive and defensive lines.

Magiera said Keough is looking to use a balanced offense to hopefully get a season-opening victory.

“We have a pretty solid running game, and at the same time we want to see if we can open up our passing game,” Magiera said.

Junior running back Mike Fischer and senior fullback Robby Toole will lead the Kangaroos in the backfield.

The Griffins and Kangaroos will battle at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday at Rielle Fields at Stepan.

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Sorin vs. Zahm

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Sorin and Zahm look to start the season off on the front foot as they take the field for Sunday’s season-opening matchup.

The Otters aim to build off the success of previous years, as they feature a group of returning players and an exciting freshman class. Last year the Otters finished as runners-up, while two years ago they garnered the coveted interball championship.

The biggest strength of the Sorin team this year may be the team chemistry, senior captain Colin King said.

“We’ve been practicing six days a week and have team bonding sessions on Sunday,” King said. “We’re feeling really connected and really confident when we spend that much time together.”

King said Sorin is expecting big things out of senior defensive back and captain Nate Carr, who does it all for the Otters.

“He’ll be our primary focus,” King said. “There is nothing stopping him.”

On the other side of the ball, Zahm hopes to begin the season in a competitive fashion against Sorin and has a good time doing so, senior captain Alex Bowman said.

After finishing winless last season, the Zahmbies look to improve their tackling and running assault. A solid freshman class, including some who will see significant playing time for the first time, and a reliable group of upperclassman comprise this year’s Zahm team.

“We can’t wait to enjoy the game,” Bowman said. “If we win, we win; and if we don’t, we will have a good time. I think we hope to come out on top as a team.”

Bowman also said the Zahmbies are well aware they are in for a tough battle against a solid Sorin team.

“It’s going to be an interesting game,” Bowman said, “I expect nothing less than a fight.”

The Otters and Zahmbies will face off Sunday at 1 p.m. at Rielle Fields at Stepan.

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Dillon junior captain Kevin Fink avoids a Sorin defender in last season’s championship game in Notre Dame Stadium on Nov. 20, which Dillon won 19-14.
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- Ben Savage, 32; Tyler Perry, 43; Joan Smart, 61; Jinhun Jeong, 36

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

- Don’t let your emotions get the better of you. You have to carefully think matters through this year before you take action. Change is good, but only if you are aware of the consequences that can occur. Protect your home and your possessions when dealing with people unfamiliar to you. It’s better to be safe than sorry. Your numbers are 10, 15, 27, 31, 45.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):**

- “Just curious, that’s all.”

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**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):**

- Take a step back and look at whatever situation you face. There are things you can do to improve your life and people willing to help you achieve your goals, but you have to be willing to accept what’s being offered.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):**

- You can gain ground financially, but only if you are strategic in the way you spend and invest. Practical applications will pay off. Back away from anyone asking or demanding too much.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):**

- Listen and react cautiously. Getting involved in someone else’s affairs will put you in a precarious position. Concentrate on developing a creative hobby or goal that can turn into a money-making endeavor. Don’t waste time trying to change others.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):**

- Deal with people directly and you will get things done to your specification. Cooperation will pay off and lead to success. Greater opportunity is heading your way through the partnerships you form and the experience you have.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):**

- Instigate what happens next and you will take on a leadership position that brings you greater acknowledgment. You can change the way people view you by your actions, dedication and passion to make a difference.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):**

- You are friendly, adaptable and outgoing. You are precise and detail-oriented.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):**

- You need to embrace change and take action based on the way you feel and what you want to accomplish. Personal change will lead to peace of mind and financial stability.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):**

- Talks with so-called friends will lead you astray. You need to embrace change and take action based on the way you feel and what you want to accomplish. Personal change will lead to peace of mind and financial stability.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):**

- You can gain ground financially, but only if you are strategic in the way you spend and invest. Practical applications will pay off. Back away from anyone asking or demanding too much.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):**

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**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):**

- Listen and react cautiously. Getting involved in someone else’s affairs will put you in a precarious position. Concentrate on developing a creative hobby or goal that can turn into a money-making endeavor. Don’t waste time trying to change others.

**BIRTHDAY BABY:**

You are friendly, adaptable and outgoing. You are precise and detailed.
Big East play returns

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said, “So that result was a tie on the road in front of a really hostile crowd of 5,000 people and 2,000 students yelling and screaming at you. I thought the kids did really well on Friday. On Sunday we turned around and did just what we did against [North] Carolina (on Sept. 2, when the Irish lost 1-0). We came out really, really flat and just didn’t have the intensity or the energy level that we needed to perform.”

“The ‘baby Irish,’ as Waldrum has nicknamed this team, took some valuable lessons away from last weekend. In preparation during the week, Waldrum pointed out two keys. The first was another week of training and improvement. The second was returning two players.

“This week we’ve had a lot of discussion, a lot of video, talks about how to put back-to-back games together,” Waldrum said. “I think part of it’s youth. I think part of it’s inexperience. I think part of it’s not having enough leadership on the field pulling us out when things aren’t going well.”

After winning the gold medal for the U.S. at the FIFA Under-20 Women’s World Cup in Japan, freshman midfielder Cari Roccaro and junior midfielder Mandy Laddish finally return to the pitch for the Irish.

“I think hopefully just continuing to work on that in training is one key, and talking about it.

Last weekend, the Irish (3-3-1) came away with a 1-1 tie in double overtime with Portland and a 3-0 loss to Washington on their West Coast swing.

“We played really well on Friday night against Portland.”

Confident Keenan squad faces Dillon

By ALEX WILCOX

For Keenan, the goal is simple: championship or bust. However, the defending champs, Dillon, might have something to say about that.

It’s only week one of the interhall football season, but Sunday’s game between Keenan and Dillon already has the billing to be the game of the year.

Last year the Knights were undefeated in the regular season and were the highest scoring team in the league. Dillon’s only loss of last year came against Keenan in the regular season, before Dillon went on a run to win the championships.

Despite last year’s championship, Dillon is taking on an underdog mentality.

“New season, new team, we’re just trying to turn the page and start over,” Dillon junior captain Kevin Fink said. “We’ve got unproven players, an unproven team, and a lot to prove.”

If Dillon is the underdog, Keenan must be the favorite, a rule the Knights embrace.

“We’re very confident, but not overconfident!” Keenan senior captain Andrew McDonough said. “We’ve had a fantastic two weeks of practice and are looking great. If we execute what we need to do, we’re optimistic.”

Led by McDonough at quarterback and senior receivers.

MEN’S SOCCER

Irish challenge Spartans, Wolverines

By MIKE MONACO

Before the undefeated Irish football squad takes on Michigan State on Saturday in East Lansing, Mich., the No. 8 Notre Dame men’s soccer team will try to remain undefeated against the Spartans at Alumni Stadium on Friday. The Irish will conclude the weekend with a Sunday trip to Ann Arbor, Mich., to face Michigan.

Last time out, the Irish (5-0-0) defeated then-No. 4 Akron 3-1 in an emotional and physical battle that continued Notre Dame’s best start since 1987.

Irish coach Bobby Clark said although Sunday was a big win, the Irish have moved on and are now embracing their game-by-game approach.

“It was a great win but it’s now past us,” Clark said. “It doesn’t really matter. I don’t think it has a negative or positive effect on us. It’s what we do in the next game. That’s certainly been one of the mandates for us, to take it one game at a time. The focus will totally be on Michigan State; they’re a good team. There will be no easy games and it’s definitely one game at a time.”

Clark said the Irish are expecting a tough battle from the Spartans (2-3-1), who have played five one-goal games to go along with their lone tie. Recently, Michigan State scored a goal in the 86th minute to down Providence 3-2 on the road. Two games before that, the Spartans outshot No. 4 Connecticut but ended up losing 1-0.

“I think it will be a tough game,” Clark said. “We’ve never had an easy game in recent years with them. We watched the tape of them against [Connecticut]. They lost 1-0 but I thought they were the better side on the afternoon even though they didn’t come out with the result.”

Last season against Michigan State, the Irish won a hard-fought 1-0 battle in East Lansing thanks to a goal in the 54th minute from junior forward Harry Shipp.

This year Shipp, fellow junior forward Leon Brown and senior forward Ryan Finley have combined for six goals and five assists to propel the Irish offense.

Clark reiterated that the Michigan State game will be a difficult one, and that Sunday’s game against Michigan will be quite similar.

“(Michigan State) will be a tough game for sure,” Clark said. “It will be a contest. You have these local rivalries with Michigan, Michigan State so

CROSS COUNTRY

ND hosts invitational

Sophomore Jake Kildoo runs at last season’s Notre Dame Invitational on Sep. 30, 2011. The Irish finished in 11th place.

By JOE WIRTH

The Irish men and women are hoping to benefit from some home cooking this weekend as they participate in the National Catholic Championships on Friday — their first home meet of the season.

This is the 33rd running of the National Catholic Championships and the Irish have dominated the event throughout its history. Notre Dame has won the team event 22 times and has had 12 individual winners. This year they are trying to make it 23 for straight team titles.

The men’s and women’s teams notched second-place finishes in their previous outings at the Crusader Open in Valparaiso, Ind., two weeks ago. Although the Irish did not win the meet, many young runners gained experience.

With the Notre Dame men’s team ranked 14th and the women’s team ranked 19th in the latest national polls, the Irish are looking to do even better this weekend.

The meet at Valparaiso was for some of our inexperienced