Career Center connects students to internships, jobs

Events will host potential employers, advise Arts and Letters undergraduates looking to next step

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Arts and Letters majors worrying about getting a job after graduation can calm their nerves at the Arts and Letters Career Opportunities Week, a series of events co-sponsored by the Career Center and the College of Arts and Letters.

Rose Kopec, the associate director of the Career Center, said this is the fourth year of the event, formerly titled “What’s Next Week.”

“The name was changed this year … to the Arts and Letters Career Opportunities Week to hopefully more accurately reflect the week’s activities,” she said. “Arts and Letters students have many career paths available to them and we wanted to dedicate an entire week to exploring some of these options.”

This year, the tagline for the event is, “Start now to plan your future,” Kopec said.

Monday night’s panel was titled “Thinking about Graduate and Professional School?” The panel discussed how to make graduate school applications great, as well as what to expect from graduate school. Kopec said, “There will be a workshop on how to find and fund a student internship Tuesday night in the Gessiges Auditorium.”

“Students can learn about exploring careers through Notre Dame Service Learning, exploring careers through Notre Dame Service Learning, and working as a U.S. government employee,” Kopec said.

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“Some of them have grown up in a world such as this,” Chittister said. “It is understanding American culture as an important part of ensuring peace and ensuring justice.”

Sister interprets the ‘good’

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Sister Joan Chittister, a Benedictine sister and author of 45 books, discussed the common good during the annual Fr. Bernie Clarke Lecture on Catholic Social Tradition on Monday night in the Hesburgh Library auditorium.

“Tonight I want to spend a little time sorting out … the whole concept of the common good,” she said.

Chittister said celebrating the 50th anniversary of the encyclical “Pacem in Terris” brings people to the very heart of what it means not only to be a Christian or a Catholic, but also to be a citizen of the United States.

“In every single presidential election cycle, we enter as a people into the centrifuge of one of the most pressing contemporary questions in the life of this country,” she said. “That question is: What exactly is the common good, and how can we as a people be about it? Is such a think as the common good even possible in a world such as ours?”

Chittister said in “Pacem in Terris,” Pope John XIII does not talk about peace in terms of war or weapons of mass destruction, but in terms of the common good.

“In 13 paragraphs of that encyclical, he talks 48 times about the common good,” she said. "Without the common good, there will never be peace and certainly no justice.”

Chittister said the issue of the common good even divided the French Culture and Father James Madison on the question of what it means to be American.

“It is understanding American thought and American behavior through our everyday experiences and things like television, movies and books,” O’Neill said.

O’Neill chose American studies as a major because he was not interested in studying one specific subject, and the interdisciplinary approach of the classes appealed to him, she said. As president of the American Studies Club, which is

Local food co-op helps relieve ‘food desert’

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

In the spring of 2011, now-senior Erin Wright helped launch a South Bend food co-op for a community-based research course, and the quality of both the produce and neighborhood interaction has kept her going back ever since.

The Monroe Park Food Co-op in downtown South Bend welcomes students and residents of any income level to purchase nutritious, low-cost fruits, vegetables and other staple food items.

“I really like the personal interaction with the people that work there and its members,” Wright said.

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“There really is no accessible grocery store nearby that offers healthy food at affordable prices,” Pfeil said. “Lots of people said they either borrowed a car or got a ride from a friend to Wal-Mart.”

Monroe Park qualifies as a neighborhood that is located more than one mile away from a full-service source of food.

“There are smaller markets, but they don’t offer a great variety and are relatively expensive,” Pfeil said. “It would be a place you would go in a snowstorm to get milk or emergency provisions.”

After asking the residents what food options they would like to see nearby, Pfeil said most of the community wanted easier access to healthy vegetables and produce.

Pfeil, along with Wright and other students in the community-based theology course Pfeil was teaching, along with students of the monks, began planning a food co-op.

Club explores American culture

By SARAH MCCARTHY
News Writer

Senior Colin O’Neill, the president of the American studies Club, wants students to know why he thinks American studies is the best major at Notre Dame.

American studies, O’Neill said, is more than just an interdisciplinary study of what it means to be American.

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Sophomores Maggie Finanmore and Nora Clougherty meet with Christina Perri at the Jason Mraz concert in Tinley Park, Illinois. The performance, located at First Midwest Bank Amphitheater, was part of Mraz’s 2012 tour titled “Tour is a Four Letter Word,” in which he debuts “Love is a Four Letter Word.”

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Free Flu Shots
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Film: The Passion of Jean of Arc
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8 p.m. - 9:22 p.m.
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Wednesday

Crisis of the Euro
Hesburgh Center for International Studies
4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Panel discussion.

Art and Letters Networking Fair
Monogram Room, Joyce Center
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Dress in formal attire.

Thursday

Zen Meditation
102 Coleman-Morse Center
6:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
All faiths welcome.

Concert: Sons of Daughters
Courtyard of Snite Museum of Art
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Snacks will be served.

Friday

ND vs. Michigan Football Pep Rally
Hesburgh Library
8 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Open to the public.

Women’s Soccer
Alumni Stadium
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
ND vs. Pittsburgh

Saturday

Vigil Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart or Stepan Center
4 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Concert on the Steps
Bond Hall
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
ND band performance
90 minutes before kickoff.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:
Foundation funds College scientists

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary’s Editor

The Henry Luce Foundation and the Clare Boothe Luce Program awarded Saint Mary’s $240,000 to provide scholarships to students studying in the physical science fields.

Starting in the fall of 2013, two students in chemistry, physics, math or engineering who exemplify high-performance skills in their disciplines will be granted the scholarship. It will cover their full tuition, room and board for their final two years at the College.

“These scholarships are granted to women the committee believes will become academic leaders in their particular fields,” said Christopher Dunlap, associate professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry and the project director of the Clare Boothe Luce program. “About four or five years ago, we had this scholarship program at Saint Mary’s. The program then had four recipients.”

Henry Luce, the co-founder and editor-in-chief of Time Inc., founded the not-for-pro-fit to honor his parents who were missionary educators in China. The scholarship program was named after his wife, Clare Boothe Luce, the U.S. ambassador to Italy and the first woman elected to Congress from Connecticut.

Dunlap said students must be U.S. citizens and have a grade point average of at least 3.5 to be considered for the scholarship. Those intending to pursue a career as a health care professional, however, will not be eligible, he said. “The students must be high-achieving individuals planning on going to graduate school,” Dunlap said. “After completion of graduate school, the student will hopefully take on roles of academic leadership, for example, teaching at colleges and universities.”

Over the next few weeks, Dunlap, as well as his colleagues on the scholarship committee, will have more information about the application and scholarship ready for current sophomores to learn more about the program, she said. “Along with the application, students must receive a letter of recommendation from the faculty,” Dunlap said. “After the application process is complete, the committee will select who the recipients of the Clare Boothe Luce Scholarship at Saint Mary’s.”

Applications will be available in late January or early February and the selection process will be completed by mid-March. The math and chemistry departments will begin to target the current students eligible for this scholarship over the course of the next semester, Dunlap said.

She said the women who receive these scholarships will be involved in activities to encourage other young girls to pursue their education in science or mathematics. “This is a great opportunity for the high-achieving women at Saint Mary’s looking to advance in academic leadership in the science and math fields,” Dunlap said.

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New program targets future Domers

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

Every student has a unique story of their first experience at Notre Dame, whether they are legacy students who watched “Rudy” hundreds of times as a child, or just visited the campus their senior year of high school and unexpectedly fell in love. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions’ High School Ambassador (HSA) program, led by assistant director of admissions Jordan Schank, works to share the Notre Dame experience with as many students as possible.

“Each year, Admissions Counselors travel to hundreds of high schools across the United States and internationally to meet with prospective students,” Schank said. “However, time and resources limit the number of schools that the counselors are able to visit. The High School Ambassador program extends the reach of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by sending trained current Notre Dame students to their hometowns to share their experiences with prospective students.”

Schank said the high school ambassadors are volunteers who must be from any class and any college. “High school ambassadors must attend a training session offered by the Admissions Office,” Schank said. “The high school ambassadors are also responsible for contacting their own high schools to schedule the meetings with prospective students.”

HSAs are given an outline of topics that can be covered during their meetings with prospective students, Schank said. “Many HSAs will prepare a formal presentation that covers student life, residential life, the First Year of Studies and other topics that are unique to the experience Notre Dame to high school students. We have also encouraged HSAs to show our video, ‘Any Given Day’ during their visits,” Schank said. “[However], the most valuable meetings and presentations will include storytelling and personal anecdotes.”

Shank said HSAs are free to share their personal experience with the application process, but they are overall discouraged from giving application advice on anything other than asking whether a particular student would be competitive or not. “Rather, HSAs are to encourage prospective students to continue the conversation with their regional admissions counselor in our office,” Schank said. “We value the work and enthusiasm of our high school ambassadors. The stories and experiences shared by high school ambassadors carry a certain authenticity that is well-received by prospective students.”

In the future, Schank said he hopes to expand the program and send ambassadors to represent the University internationally.

“Currently, students are preparing to visit their high schools over fall break. We hope to offer the program over other breaks this year,” he said. “We hope that students will enjoy the experience and volunteer again to visit additional schools in their hometowns. Finally, we hope to recruit and train a large number of international high school ambassadors to supplement our current recruiting efforts overseas.”

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Belles celebrate freedom

By SARAH SWIDERSKI
News Writer

In honor of the 225th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution’s ratification yesterday, the Center for Academic Innovation at Saint Mary’s College hosted “Constitution Day 2012: Reflections on the Letter and the Spirit of the U.S. Constitution.”

According to a number of communication studies Michael Kramer coordinated the day, including a panel in the Haggar Center that featured veteran reporter and communication studies professor Susan Baxter, history professor Edith Miguda and political science professor Sean Savage.

Baxter reflected on the importance of the Constitution in terms of her experiences as a reporter. Baxter said it was the right of the public to be present at city council meetings unless a certain process is followed to close the session. Baxter said at one meeting she refused to leave, and the next time she refused she would be arrested.

“I told [the mayor] to prepare the police to arrest me,” Baxter said. “I thought ‘Wow, I’m going to jail for the Constitution.’”

Baxter said the right to be present at public meetings is important to the freedom of speech. “Many times these public meetings are not important, but when they are, people need to know,” said Baxter.

Miguda also emphasized the importance of protecting the Constitution.

“The spirit of the Constitution is the spirit that lets us defend it,” Miguda stated. “The U.S. Constitution is exemplary in how we [Americans] defend it.”

Savage spoke about how Americans have different ways of interpreting the document. “No matter how Americans differ the constitution is supposed to be the one thing that we have in common,” Savage said. “It unites the U.S. in a basic document but it sustains an ongoing debate.”

Savage said the Constitution is strong and that unlike the United States, other countries will often go through and review the wording of their respective constitutions.

“We, the United States, don’t do that,” Savage said. “We only added about 17 amendments since [the Bill of Rights].”

Savage said the Constitution unites us because we are always disagreeing about what it means. “By Sarah Swiderski

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innovation officer and global vice chair for Edelman as the keynote speaker. This event will have representatives from many companies including Abercrombie and Fitch, Red Frog, Morningstar and Capital One, Kopec said. Throughout all the events, students need to keep in mind when the industry they want to enter, O’Neill said. “Our keynote speaker for Wednesday night, Nancy Ruschinski … will address this,” she said. “Edelman, a public relations firm, won’t begin the full-time hiring process until the spring semester.”

“This does not mean that students should wait until then to begin making connections with alumni and learning more about the industry,” she said. “That should happen immediately following the time when a specific direction is discerned.”

No matter what industry students want to go into, the Career Center can help, especially in the current economic climate, Kopec said. “Our job is to provide the best services possible to students coupled with an aggressive employer recruiting strategy,” she said. “There have been other tough economic times since I have been at the Career Center and these goals have not changed. We continue to work with both relevant and creative programming and services to help make Notre Dame students successful upon graduation.”

Kopec said Arts and Letters students do not need to worry about not finding a job post-graduation. “It is not more difficult for Arts and Letters students to get a job post-graduate,” she said. “For example if you look at our future plans’ data in 2011, only two percent of Arts and Letters students are still seeking full-time employment within six months (of graduation) which is in line with all of the other colleges.”

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Nancy Ruschinski, chief executive officer of Michiana Membership, explained why people self-identify as a neighbor membership or resident since, said the co-op member since, said the co-op has volunteered as a worker-member and non-majors, will also be drawn to the club. “The rise of gridiron university: football and universities, entitled “The Rise of Gridiron University: Higher Education’s Uneasy Alliance with Big-Time Football,” at 3 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Preceding the lecture will be a football tailgate with food and flag football, O’Neill said. “This event is a way for us to build awareness around something that is so relevant to us: football,” O’Neill said.

Ultimately, O’Neill said that he hopes students will recognize that the American Studies Club, besides being interesting, informative and engaging, can also be a fun and worthwhile use of their time. “When people hear ‘American Studies Club,’ they hear the word study … but the emphasis of this club is to take our education and put it into something that is a part of our everyday lives, such as playing football on the quad,” O’Neill said. “There is something truly American about our everyday activities.”

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The collaboration between the community of South Bend and Notre Dame students has been vital to the launch and growth of the co-op, Pfeil said. “I can’t say enough about the enthusiasm, energy and thoughtfulness from the students who have become involved in the co-op,” she said. “Students with interests in economic and theological issues involved with food security have all been able to find an interesting connection at the co-op.”

Wright, who held a student membership for one year and has volunteered as a worker-member since, said, the co-op provides him with a great opportunity to work with, rather than for, South Bend community members. “It’s not Notre Dame students doing something for the community, but it’s working together with community members to create something that serves everyone,” she said. “It’s very much a collaborative effort, nothing we could have just done on our own.”

Other students at Notre Dame have become involved with different sections of the co-op’s food chain. Freshman Tony Zhong is currently enrolled in a community-based writing and Rhetoric course in which he volunteers at the farms that supply the co-op. Zhong said he has already enjoyed the experience immensely and plans to become more immersed in the world of the Monroe Park Co-Op, particularly with trying to publicize the co-op. “I want to have more people show there and to encourage more Notre Dame students to volunteer there,” Zhong said. “The farms produce inexpensive, high-quality, organic food. And it’s cheaper than Martin’s.”

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Amidst praise and adulation from seemingly every media outlet, University of Connecticut basketball coach Jim Calhoun retired last week. Beginning his coaching career at Northeastern, he accepted the UConn job in 1986, and has been one of the most prolific coaches of the past 20 years. He turned the Huskies from doormats of the Big East into one of the perennial powerhouse.

Calhoun has three national championships, and has coached numerous first-round NBA draft picks. His accomplishments should be lauded, but they do not tell the whole story.

Absent from Calhoun’s retirement coverage was the fact that his program has been marred by off-the-court issues. For example, when Pat Price and Marcus Williams were each charged with felonies for stealing laptops around campus in 2004 and 2005. These were serious incidents, but they were allowed to reign the team after a suspension.

There have also been issues in the classroom, as the program’s graduation rate has been under 30 percent for most of the past decade. The list goes on, but, as long as Calhoun won, people turned a blind eye to his indiscretions.

Coaches like Calhoun, Rick Pitino, Bob Huggins and Jim Boeheim are treated as gods of the coaching profession, but they run dirty programs. Instead of lambasting these coaches for breaking rules, one often hears announcers praise them for overcoming suspensions and sanctions.

While Huggins was head coach at the University of Cincinnati, his team maintained a 0 percent graduation rate, while during his current tenure at West Virginia, he has yet to crack the 50 percent barrier.

Boeheim has repeatedly been under NCAA investigation, and has had players struggle in the classroom with a 54 percent graduation rate. He also had Bernie Fine, who is under investigation for child molestation charges, as a long-time assistant.

Pitino has had a sub-50 percent graduation rate during his time at Louisville, and his players have also had trouble with the law. One such incident took place in 2009 when Terrence Jennings and Jerry Smith were arrested, and, in the process, assaulted a police officer.

Pitino’s reaction? “Anytime you defy a police officer, it’s serious.” Pitino told ESPN.com. But neither player missed any games for the arrests.

As these coaches enter into the twilight of their careers and get closer to retirement, there will be praise for their achievements. Regardless of their long list of on-court accomplishments, their careers will be defined by what happens off the court.

INSIDE COLUMN

Calhoun’s legacy

Joe Wirth
Sports Writer

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Sisters for life

Bridget Galassini
Bitter Bridget

This week, Facebook newsfeeds, Instagram posts and Twitter feeds were filled with Greek letters, revealing dresses and “sisterz for lycee” captions. If there were a way to block all of this from my social networking sites, I would, but, alas, there is not. Though this explosion is similar to the influx of pictures from summer music festivals like Country Thunder or Lollapalooza (though I too am guilty of “mulpload-ing” from these events and others), these Greek rushing pictures are even worse.

One Instagram picture or a few Facebook posts is understandable. Take a picture of your acceptance letter to the sorority, or of all of your beloved sisters standing together behind three oversized Greek letters. But the internet does not need to see a picture of each piece of paper that shows your first, second, third, fourth and 17th callback, or one picture per girl in your “new family.”

Further, the names of sororities and fraternities mean absolutely nothing to me. This is most likely because we don’t have them at ND, so there’s no point in my knowing their stereotypes or anything else about them. But sure, I’d be fine with seeing which sorority accepted you. So go ahead and make a status or profile picture of that and lo and behold, you have shared your amazing achievement of getting into a sorority. Don’t make me decipher Greek letter puzzles, though. That looks more confusing to me than a chemical equation. Well, not quite that bad, but almost. For example, besides those taking Greek, does anyone have any idea what Greek letters mean? No. Unless you look it up. But what is the purpose of sharing something with the Facebook or Twitter world if the majority of people can’t even understand it? Do you really think everyone can recognize Greek letters well enough to know their meaning? Or maybe you just think it looks cool. And I’ll give you that, it does. But then, just make it look cool on your dorm wall or something.

As with most things social networking-related, girls commit crimes than guys. We like to show off our cute outfits. And when is there a time that girls look cuter than while rushing, while trying desperately to impress other girls by their superficial looks and personalities? Yeah, never. And since sororities are symbols of social status and seem to be inherently cool, a girl can become more popular by flaunting her affiliation. So this explains the bombarding of pictures. Girls are showing off for their “sisters,” family, friends and guys.

One of my friends once said something that I think about often: “we all have that one person that we are smiling for in our Facebook pictures.” It resonated because it’s so true, at least for me. We all have that one person that we secretly hope stalks our pictures and sees how happy, pretty and awesome we are.

Consequently, since the girls in their sorority pictures are glowing like pregnant women, of course every single picture must be shared on every single social networking site. In the hope that the people for whom the girls are smiling will see those photos. I’m glad that I did not have to worry about rush week. Now I do. I have to fake my way into friendships that I will later pay for, a common ridicule of Greek Life.

Here at ND, my friends come for free. Well, maybe their cost is included somewhere in the $50,000, but at least I’m not outright paying for them. And I don’t have to sport five different types of eveningwear in order to be accepted by them. In fact, if I did, I’d have no friends because I don’t even have five outfits that would be acceptable attire. For all of the houses’ talk about being a family, they resemble much less of a family than our dorms do here. Sororities and fraternities judge each other harshly before being accepted, and once someone is in, he or she must maintain a certain image. Whereas with our dorms, we’re placed in them and that’s it. “You can’t choose your family, but you can choose your friends.” By selectively choosing members, houses aren’t putting together families, but we are here at ND, for better or for worse, which is what family is. Domers for lycee.

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After letting it linger in my Downloads folder for a good week, I finally decided to take a listen to Young Money president Lil Wayne’s newest mixtape effort, “Dedication 4.” However, to my pleasant surprise, there were actually quite a few redeemable songs in the compilation, and the mixtape serves as a testament to Lil Wayne’s undeniable knack for creating a buzz and, in the process, making a few good tunes.

Now, in my defense, I had every right to put off listening to “Dedication 4.” In light of his recent move to branch out into a new skateboard venture named Trukfit, the album cover to “Dedication 4” shows a radical departure from the themes of the preceding “Dedication” volumes: instead of a black-and-white depiction of Weezy at particular points in his life, the newest artwork flagrantly exposes the world to a Trukfit model of the artist, an illustration that is hard to really stay on pace with his former gangster image.

The proof is in the pudding, though, and it’s irrefutable — Lil Wayne’s still got it. Love him or hate him, he ensures that his name still buzzes in the ears of the masses, both in the selection of his song renditions as well as the raw and no-holds-barred lyricism that he continually puts forth. Wayne goes in over popular tracks such as “So Sophisticated” by Rick Ross, “Cashin’ Out” by Ca$h Out, and “Amen” and “Burn” by Meek Mill.

Wayne also accomplishes more than simply rehashing catchy beats as he lends his usual (albeit inappropriate) lyricism to his songs. In his rendition of “Burn,” he manages to creatively keep up with the intricacies and changes in the beat while maintaining an entertaining delivery: “I make lump sums: oatmeal

i’m stuntin’, getting new money
Trukfit money
Mountain Dew money
tell ‘em I get better like fine wine
I’m like cayenne.”

But as much as I would love to insist that this is a straightforward, top-down solid effort, I am bound to the oath that I have taken upon myself to not lie (about this review, at least): “Dedication 4” goes downhill, and it goes downhill fast. The energy and aggressive, almost abrasive tone quickly become tiresome, and even the pleasant surprise guest appearance of J. Cole cannot save the monotonous ambiance of the mixtape (although an appearance from Drake and a more prominent role from Nicki Minaj might have revived the project’s energy).

“Dedication 4” is definitely different, and there’s no denying how different this direction is from Wayne’s usual. However, don’t think that’s a bad thing — Wayne has gone from a thuggish underdog mentality in “Dedication” to a bonafide gangster in “Dedication 2” to a dominant rap figure in “Dedication 3” and has now made his way into a market that is still somewhat foreign to hip-hop with his “Trukfit” campaign in “Dedication 4.” If anything, this speaks more to Wayne’s self-confidence and his fearlessness in branching out and trying something different while always building his name and prominence.

And if anyone is dedicated to success, it is Lil Wayne.

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“Glee” returned on a high note for its fourth season on Sept. 13. FOX’s glee club drama will follow both students at McKinley High in Lima, Ohio, and former glee club members who have now graduated. This season, viewers will follow fan favorites like Rachel Berry (Lea Michele) and Kurt Hummel (Chris Colfer) as they take on college life. Though “Glee” may be taking a risk in reducing the screen presence of certain staple characters such as Quinn Fabray (Dianna Agron) and Emma Pillsbury (Jayma Mays), they may attract new viewers with the addition of new characters played by well-known actresses such as Kate Hudson (as dance teacher Cassandra July) and Sarah Jessica Parker (as mentor to Kurt Hummel at Vogue). It looks like the curtain won’t be closing on “Glee” just yet.

Following a drama-filled Season Two finale with a shock ending that will forever change the show, fans have been chomping at the bit to see what Nucky Thompson, played by the incomparable Steve Buscemi, will be up to in the third season of “Boardwalk Empire.” The new season is especially compelling now that Thompson seems to have, ironically perhaps, taken his former protégé’s advice that a man in those times “can’t be a half-gangster.” For those unfamiliar with the HBO drama, the show follows a cast of characters in Prohibition-era Atlantic City, headed by Thompson as the city’s corrupt treasurer and crime boss. The show also stars familiar faces such as Michael Shannon, Michael Kenneth Williams and Gretchen Mol. The latest season stars premiered Sept. 16, and airs on HBO Sundays at 9 p.m.

Last season ended with a slew of interesting developments in the Braverman family that should make for a great season. Crosby and Jasmine are finally married after a long, complicated separation. Sarah is engaged to her much younger boyfriend Mark, despite the fact that she doesn’t want to have any more children. Adam and Kristina’s daughter Haddie has just gone off to college at Cornell (making for a heart-wrenching first episode this season). Julia and Joel have just adopted a seven-year-old boy named Victor after being denied the adoption of a newborn baby whose mother they grew attached to (akin to the situation in “Juno”). This season has a new guest star, Ray Romano, who plays a socially awkward photographer that Sarah starts working for, making for a potential love triangle.

“It’s one of the most beloved comedy shows of our generation, but it seems the mockumentary crew finally has enough footage. Entering its ninth and final season, “The Office” looks a little different than it did at the start of the series. Steve Carell’s role of Michael Scott is no more. Jim, played by John Krasinski, will have scaled-down screen time in order to make room for his film schedule, as will Andy, played by Ed Helms. Kelly Kapoor, played by Mindy Kaling, will also be rarely seen this season, as Kaling works on her new show, “The Mindy Project.” But Greg Daniels, who originally developed and the series before moving on to “Parks and Recreation,” promises that will be able to see quite a few familiar faces spread throughout the goodbye season, and as many as 15 former cast members are expected to make returns to the show at different points.

“Grey’s Anatomy” probably had one of the most randomly traumatic end-of-the-season cliffhangers. But ABC promises that season nine will be “the most dramatic season yet.” This may be hard to believe for this hospital soap opera on steroids, but the writers have really upped the ante. Half the cast was in a plane crash, one of the best characters is dead and help is nowhere in sight. Those left behind at Seattle Grace Hospital continue merrily along, worrying about trivial things such as job interviews and dates gone awry, and are none the wiser about their friends and family struggling to survive. Thursday nights will once again be filled with beautiful people saving each other’s lives, one unpredictable disaster after another.

This season of “Parks and Recreation” looks to build on a strong Season Four with Leslie Knope (Amy Poehler) winning her election for city council. Season Five features a few big-name politicians with Senators John McCain, Olympia Snowe and Barbara Boxer featured as Ben Wyatt (Adam Scott) begins his work in Washington. Meanwhile at the parks department, Ron Swanson (Nick Offerman) will continue mentoring Andy (Chris Pratt) through the Police Academy, and hopefully Chris (Rob Lowe) will have a happier season than the last being turned down by every woman he met. Parks and Rec premieres September 20 at 9:30pm on NBC.
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so who will be this year’s St. Louis or Colorado?

the second wild-card spot adds more intrigue and possibilities to this debate than ever before. Without it, the National League playoff picture would be locked up tighter than Fort Knox. But with it, the Cardinals and Dodgers are stumbling towards a potential playoff spot, while the Brewers and Phillies could seize the second spot, having won 20 of 26 and 12 of 17 games, respectively. If either Milwaukee or Philadelphia sneaks into the playoffs, they could wreak havoc.

Meanwhile, almost everything in the American League is up for grabs. Three games is the biggest lead in any division, while five teams have a legitimate shot at the wild card spots. The Athletics have grabbed hold of some momentum, going 8-2 in their last ten games.

With all this chaos, now is the time for one team to saddle up on top of the playoff race, take hold of the momentum reins and ride all the way to a championship. You just better hope it’s your horse, dark or not, that finishes first.

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Kalamazoo comes to town

By NICK BOYLE Sports Writer

Coming off a disappointing tournament performance, Saint Mary’s hopes to bounce back when conference rival Kalamazoo visits South Bend tonight.

Though they were swept at Carthage this weekend, the Belles (6-5, 2-1 MIAA) are currently riding a two-game conference winning streak, and hope they can keep up their momentum against the visiting Hornets (3-10, 0-4 MIAA).

“We had a very tough week-end, but we prepared well and we are looking forward to getting to play a tough conference team,” Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. “We want all of our hard work to pay off tonight.”

Kalamazoo has struggled to start off the season, losing 10 of its first 13 matches. They are also still looking for their first conference win.

Though Kalamazoo has struggled to start the season, Kuschel does not write the visitors off as an easy victory.

“Kalamazoo is a very tough conference team. They have a balanced attack and a fast offense,” Kuschel said. “Our blockers will need to play tough and disciplined at the net and we will need to go out and play our best volleyball that we are capable of.”

Despite Kalamazoo’s recent struggles, Kuschel knows her team must play together if it wants to be victorious against the visiting Hornets.

“It takes all six players out on the court playing to the best of there ability for us to be able to win,” Kuschel said.

“We are very young team with a lot of talent.”

Kuschel believes her whole team must take on a leadership role if they want to be successful tonight.

“There is not one player that I look to (for leadership) in order to win. I look to the whole team,” Kuschel said.

Saint Mary’s will take on Kalamazoo tonight at 7 p.m.

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Welsh Family 12, Lewis 0

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Sports Writer

In a battle of talented senior quarterbacks, Welsh Family came out on top, defeating Lewis 12-0 in the season opener for both teams.

On the first possession of the game, Welsh Family senior quarterback Victoria Moreno found sophomore receiver Natalie Branch for the team’s first touchdown. At the end of the first half, Branch added to her offensive output, as she caught the second touchdown for the Whirlwinds (1-0).

Despite her success on the offensive end, Branch was quick to give credit to her team’s defense.

“All though i am on offense, the defense did a really good job today,” Branch said. “They shut them out. It was really impressive.”

Lewis (0-1) struggled to keep its quarterback protected from Welsh Family, which sacked senior quarterback Corina Connaught Blood multiple times in the first half. Despite the general offensive struggles, Blood still completed many passes to her receivers.

Blood took the blame for the offense’s difficulties, saying she hadn’t fully prepared the unit for the game.

“I blame myself for the offense not really having it together,” Blood said.

On defense, Lewis (0-1) held Welsh Family to two touchdowns in the first half.

“We have great defensive unity,” Lewis’s sophomore safety Amarpreet Rai said.

As both teams are fairly young, players on both sides said they were excited to see how underclassmen would contribute to the team.

“We are loaded with freshmen,” Blood said. “It’s exciting to see how they will do.”

Branch also commented on the youth of the Welsh Family team.

“We are pretty young,” Branch said. “We graduated a lot of people last year.”

Lewis looked to earn its first win Monday night against McGlinn, while Welsh Family will try to keep its undefeated record intact when it faces Ryan next Sunday.

Paughorn 20, Farley 9

Paughorn received strong efforts on both sides of the ball on its way to crushing Farley in a 20-0 victory Sunday afternoon.

Farley (0-1) started with the ball but soon ran into trouble on the offensive end, as the Finest began the game with three incomplete passes.

As Paughorn (1-0) took possession of the ball, the duo of sophomore quarterback Caitlin Gargan and senior receiver Kaitlyn Angell led the Phoxes’ offense and soon proved to be unstoppable.

On Farley’s first possession, Gargan made a long run to the end zone, putting the Phoxes on the board. In the next series, Farley received two penalties and struggled to get into a rhythm.

“We need to get more coordinated and more in sync,” Farley’s junior quarterback Lauren Ladowski said. “We are still figuring who goes where.”

On the last play of the first half, Gargan ripped off an almost 70-yard run and scored Paughorn’s second touchdown. The Phoxes suffered two false starts on their attempt at an extra point and failed to get the matching two-point conversion.

At the end of the third quarter the Phoxes found the end zone once more, as Angell snagged a touchdown pass.

“I felt pretty exhilarated,” Angell said. “I was so excited to score for my team.”

Farley senior captain Courtney Currier said the Finest were looking forward to getting in more practice time and making necessary improvements.

“We just need to tighten up our offense with crisp routes and confidence,” Currier said.

Farley looked to get its first win of the season against Ryan Monday night, while Paughorn will try to remain undefeated when it meets McGlinn next Sunday.

Welsh Family 12, Lewis 0

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Though the Stanford offense moved the ball, it was plagued by turnovers, something Stanford senior linebacker Paul Babiak said his team would try to improve on moving forward.

“We need to maintain better on defense and give up a few less turnovers on offense,” Babiak said.

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a total team effort, as the offense and defense combined to lead the team to victory.

“We stunk to the run, and started opening up our passing,” Keough sophomore captain Charlie Magiera said. “We had a good defense, and really shut them down.”

Keough junior quarterback Seannas Donegan connected with junior receiver Mike Fischer throughout the game, which enabled the Kangaroos to drive down the field. Though Fischer had an ankle injury early in the game, he returned to help lead his team to the season-opening win.

Keough’s defense also intercepted two passes and recovered one fumble. In the second quarter, Keough’s defense returned the first interception back for a touchdown.

“In terms of interceptions, I think that was good coaching and good athleticism,” Magiera said.

Stanford (0-1) utilized the pass- catching combination of junior quarterback Connor Healy and senior receiver Jim Waclawik, which opened up the Griffin offense. In the fourth quarter, Healy connected with Waclawik down the right side, and Waclawik ran the ball into the end zone for a touchdown.

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Cavanaugh narrowly beats Walsh with one play

McGlinn, Pasquerilla West, Howard, Welsh Family and Pangborn shut down opponents

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

In a defensive struggle between two tough teams, Cavanaugh snuck by Walsh to capture a 7-0 victory. Although both sides displayed first-game jitters early, both the Chaos (1-0) and the Wild Women (1-0) showed flashes of midseason form.

“Defense has always been our core, and we definitely picked up where we left off last year,” Rosemary Kelly said.

Cavanaugh junior linebacker Meghan Ayers and senior cornerback Michelle Young gave Walsh’s offense fits and prevented the Wild Women from moving the ball through the air. Young had several pass breakups and an interception that ended Walsh’s deepest drive.

On the other side, the Walsh defense prevented Cavanaugh drives, as the Wild Women received constant pressure from a stout defensive line and strong play from sophomore cornerback Molly Johnson.

Cavanaugh could not break through until Ayers’ punt return gave it the ball deep in Walsh territory in the second half. Kelly connected on several passes to move the Chaos to the red zone, and the

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- Rosemary Kelly

senior quarterback powered it in herself for the game’s first points.

“I really thought our offense picked it up in the second half,” Kelly said. “Sophomore running back Emily Dietzel was great running the ball, and our [offensive line] was great too.”

The touchdown was all the Chaos needed, as Walsh could not respond. Despite the loss, the Wild Women were far from discouraged.

“We have a very young team with a lot of sophomores contributing,” Johnson said. “It’s a great team, and we are working really hard.”

Walsh will try to rebound next Sunday against Brennan-Phillips, while Cavanaugh will attempt to build on its win when it faces Lyons tonight.

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McGlinn 8, Pasquerilla East 0

By MEG HANDELMAN
Sports Writer

Senior captain Christina Bramanti said the call was confusing.

“At first, he said it was pass interference, but then he called illegal contact because [the ball] wasn’t going to her,” Bramanti said. “It was across the field.”

To make matters worse, Mosal injured her ankle trying to stay in bounds on the play. Despite the loss, Bramanti said her team could adjust and bounce back.

“Because it’s our first game, and it’s a very young team, we had girls

change positions from where they started the game,” Bramanti said. “We need to reposition girls where they fit better.”

Both teams will meet Cavanaugh in their next matchups. Lyons will face Cavanaugh tonight, while Howard will take on the Chaos next Sunday.

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In the season opener, Sorin showed its strength both offensive-ly and defensively in a 19-0 shutout of Zahm on Sunday at Riehle Fields at St. Joe's. Sorin (1-0) set the tone early, as its first possession ended in a 5-yard touchdown run by senior quarterback Ted Spinnelli to put the Otters on the board.

Spinnelli and freshman running back John Pearl led a powerful ground attack for the Otters that consistently broke tackles and piled up yardage en route to the season-opening win.

"It feels good to get a win out here today," Jake Yurek said. "It's only our second time hitting, so it was really good to get game experience."

The Zahmbies (0-1) had a few big plays down the stretch, with sophomores receiver Sam Zappa making a series of catches, including a diving grab of a Sorin defender. Zahm couldn't convert in the red zone, however, and fumbled from inside the 5-yard line to give Sorin the ball.

"Our defense played really well, and it's only going to get better from here," Sorin freshman lineman Galvin Loughran said. "Every other team we play should know they have to be ready for a fight."

Despite the loss, there were some positives for the Zahmbies to take away from the game. They blocked two extra point attempts and drove the ball down into the red zone just before halftime.

"We played hard," Zahm senior quarterback Alex Bowman said. "We're really looking forward to having a good time next week."

Zahm looks for a win against Carroll on Sunday, while Sorin has the weekend off before taking on Carroll on Sept. 8.

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Knot 6, Siegfried 3
By MARY GREEN
Sports Writer

In a low-scoring matchup between Mod Quad rivals, Knott defeated Siegfried 6-3 to capture an opening-week victory Sunday at Riehle Fields.

On his team's second drive, Ramblers senior captain David Whitmore ran the ball seven times for a total of 37 yards to give his team first down, he knew what to do, and I would let him take over," senior receiver Sam Zappa said.

"It's a diving grab off of a Sorin defender. The juggershot down the stretch, with sophomore quarterback Nate Burggraf to freshman receiver Spencer Judd, but another false start penalty and an incomplete pass on fourth down thwarted their drive, allowing the juggershot to finish the game in the victory formation.

"We came out here and beat Siegfried, who is probably the best team in our division, so our confidence is good heading into our next game," Knott senior Dylan Walter said.

After a bye week, Knott tries to remain undefeated against Alumni on Sept. 30, while Siegfried looks to rebound in Sunday's matchup against Alumni.

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Alumni 3, Duncan 0
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Sunday’s season opener between Alumni and Duncan was a defensive grudge match that held true to the final snap of the game. In the end, the Dawgs (1-0), led by junior quarterback Will Cronin, who home a hard-fought 3-0 victory.

Cronin, whose sophomore year was cut short by last year’s season-ending injury, was exceptional against Siegfried when they faced off last season. Cronin was great today, propelling the Dawgs with his scrambling ability and leadership from the huddle.

"Cronin provided us with stability," Alumni captain Tom O’Sullivan said. "He made all of the adjustments we needed to make and kept our heads in the game. There is no doubt we are happy to have him back on the field."

Both offenses were led by their rushing attacks, with neither team attempting a pass until late in the second quarter.

The deciding play in the contest came right before halftime. After a failed fourth down conversion by the Highlanders (0-1), the Dawgs took over possession on their own 9-yard line. With 40 seconds left before the half, Cronin completed a 35-yard pass to junior receiver Kevin Roche. Following a 15-yard scramble by Cronin, Alumni sophomores kicker Ryan Buckley nailed a 30-yard field goal to put the Dawgs up 3-0 going into halftime.

The defenses battled back-and-forth in the second half and the game remained scoreless. A stout Alumni defensive unit led by O’Sullivan silenced the Duncan run game that had a chance to score in the final drive of the game.

The Highlanders, however, came up three points short as the Alumni defense held on for the shutout.

Despite the loss, Duncan junior captain Gerrit Hobson said he was pleased with his team's tenacity on defense and thinks the Highlanders have to work on the small things.

"We decided to keep throwing it and defensively we made sure we could just stop the runner," Spoonmore said.

Though St. Edward's failed to score, the Gentlemen's defense was aggressive and hard-hitting, sophomore linebacker Brendan Flynn said.

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St. Edward's hopes to improve its offense against Fisher on Sunday while Carroll win again against faces Zahm on the same day.

Keough 21, Stanford 6
Keough defeated Stanford 21-6 on Sunday to secure its first win of the season.

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"We looked good," Hobson said. "We have a couple small bugs to iron out. This starts with better discipline during practice. In this league it is the little things that win you football games, and we have to work on that."

Duncan will try to get its first win against Morrissey on Sunday while Alumni looks to make it two in a row against Zahm when they square off Sunday.

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Carroll 21, St. Edward's 0
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Carroll defeated St. Edward's 21-0 in an epic battle Sunday to win the season-opener.

Led by the duo of junior quar-terback Tommy Spoonmore and junior receiver Bobby Dorman, Carroll's offense dominated the field. With less than a minute left in the second quarter, Spoonmore found Dorman deep in the end zone for the pair's second touch-down connection of the game.

Dorman ran the ball in for the third and final touchdown for the Veronica (1-0). He covered the field as receiver and running back, proving a versatile threat against the Strong南通 defense (0-1).

"When he wanted to get the first down, he knew what to do, and I would let him take over," Spoonmore said.

In addition to the three touch-downs, Carroll played staunch de-fense on route to the shutout.

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Playoffs

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his team charging out of the gates at the beginning of the conference schedule, especially in their win over Louisville, their toughest conference challenger.

“We talked about the importance of this start, especially with Louisville on Friday, which was a big game and a big win for us because they’ll be there battling for one of the top spots at the end,” Waldrum said.

Now, the Irish will look to build on that momentum, and hope to carry it straight through the regular season and into a conference championship. Notre Dame’s next Big East contest will be this Friday, when the team will host Pittsburgh under the lights at Alumni Stadium. That match will kick off at 7:30 p.m.

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Runners

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Timothy Ball, Michael Cleverger and Kevin Durham all qualified for the 40-man field and finished 16th, 25th and 37th, respectively.

“We all met at the meet,” Cleverger said. “Kevin, Tim and I actually hung out at the meet, and we all got to know each other pretty well there.”

At the time of the race, Ball was the only one of the three who had committed to the Irish, and he admitted he tried to convince his new friends to join him once he realized they were interested in the program.

Cleverger said that he and Durham made their decision after they visited South Bend on the same weekend in January.

“It was just awesome to know that the guys who were already here were all really great guys, and I think that’s kind of what attracted all of us here,” Cleverger said. “We knew Tim was coming here already and Kevin and I kind of both decided to come, too, because Notre Dame is an awesome place, and I think we both loved our visits. It just kind of worked out that we all loved it here and decided to come here.”

Now that these four freshmen have arrived on campus, they have to get used to an entirely new dynamic: they were some of the top high school runners in the country, but now they’re not even the top runners on their own team. They agreed, however, it is fun to have teammates who can push them in practice.

“There are so many other guys out there who work as hard as you or even much harder,” Ball said. “It’s crazy because I’m on the bottom of the food chain in college, and there are so many guys who are better than me and it makes you want to work harder to be like them.”

Irish men’s coach Joe Piane has the utmost confidence that these runners will catch up to their older teammates.

“I kind of ease into training with the freshmen, but so far they’ve handled it exceptionally well,” Piane said. “They’re all good kids, and they’re all going to help us, if not this year then down the road for sure.”

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way from that seven-year old student. Training only former Irish golfer Max Scodro in career stroke average, Platt has a shot to leave his mark in program history.

“I guess [it is a goal], but it is something, if I start thinking about it, it’s not going to help me,” Platt said. “I am going to try to not worry about that. I have a long way to go, I’ve got two years. If I play well, maybe I’ll pass him. If I don’t, then I won’t. But I just have to try to stick to each round, each shot. That’s what I need to focus on.”

While he chases Scodro’s record, Platt also hopes to follow the example set by the two-time Big East player of the year on the course.

“He definitely set a high bar for the rest of us,” Platt said. “Last year he played well — he was an All-American. The way he’s played so far profession- ally has definitely made me want to work harder and follow in his footsteps. Hopefully I’ll play as well as he did at school and then hopefully move it on to play professionally.”

For now, however, records, accolades and future careers are subordinate to another of Platt’s roles on the Notre Dame squad.

“Just try to be a leader, just try to help whenever [my teammates] need help,” he said. “Just work your hardest to get ready for the next tournament and try to set a good example for them.”

Platt and the rest of the Irish will reside play on Sept. 29 at the Macdonald Cup at Yale University.

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No. 15 Belles take eighth

SMC GOLF | O'BRIEN NATIONAL INVITATIONAL

By PETER STEINER

Sports Writer

After playing with the toughest Division III competition in the nation, the No. 15 Belles ended the O’Brien National Invitational at the Warren Golf Course in eighth place with a tournament score of 670.

The Belles carded a team score of 338 on the final day of the tournament, placing them 11 strokes out of the top five. Despite the second-day struggles, the squad finished nine strokes ahead of No. 14 Whitman and 10 ahead of No. 8 Gustavus Adolphus.

“We were hoping to improve today, but we did not,” Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. “The course was playing pretty difficult. We left a lot of shots on the golf course, but overall, not too bad of a weekend.”

Freshman Amanda Graham led the Belles in the tournament with her consistent play, shooting an 83 and 82 on days one and two, respectively. Freshman Claire Boyle joined Graham on the final day with an 82, while junior Justine Bresnahan finished with a score of 85.

“Amanda Graham played very consistent golf this weekend,” Hamilton said. “She led our scoring and she is making some great strides and improving, I’m very proud of the way she played.”

Fifteen-time defending national champion and top-ranked Methodist won the tournament, closely followed by No. 5 Washington University of Saint Louis. The ten teams that compet- ed this weekend all currently rank in the top 15 in the country.

“It was a great experience to play against the top teams,” Hamilton said. “Again, because we have such a young squad, it was great for them to see what the top players look like and know that they are not very far behind them. We have got a great future ahead of us.”

Because the tournament was held at the Warren Golf Course, it might seem as though the Belles would have an advantage playing at home. But according to Hamilton, the inexperience of his team negates this potential edge.

“All of the ten teams, except for one, have played this event for the last four years,” Hamilton said. “They’ve actually played the [Warren Golf Course] more than a lot of our younger players have.

“It’s really not too much of an advantage, honestly. For our older players, it’s a little bit of advantage to know some of the subtlety of the [Warren Golf Course]. Because we are a younger squad, it’s probably not as big of an advantage as it will be in a couple of years.”

With the final nonconference tournament in the books, the Belles will prepare for the start of their league matches. Despite its young team, Saint Mary’s has a clear goal in mind.

“Now we start our conference schedule,” Hamilton said. “We have got a match this Thursday and Saturday. We have six conference rounds between now and Oct. 13. Now we are looking to win the con- ference championship.”

The Belles hit the links next Thursday when they take on Olivet.

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Irish chase Big East title

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

In the past two seasons, Notre Dame has won a national championship, won 31 games, and been considered one of the elite teams in college soccer.

But there’s one thing the Irish haven’t done in those two campaigns: win a Big East championship.

From 1995 to 2009, Notre Dame (5-3-4, 2-0-0 Big East) claimed 11 of 15 conference titles, cementing their status as bullies of the Big East. But the team came away empty-handed after losing 2-1 to Louisville in the semifinals last year, and lost a shocker to Connecticut in the 2010 quarterfinals before eventually winning the NCAA championship.

And while the conference tournament — win or lose — has been a stepping stone to national success for the squad, Irish coach Randy Waldrum is putting more emphasis on re-asserting his team’s Big East presence — especially with Notre Dame set to leave the conference forever in the near future.

“We’ve been a couple of years since we’ve … won (the Big East),” Waldrum said. “So we want to get back and kind of re-establish that dominance in the conference, especially before we leave in a couple of years, or whenever that’s going to be.”

The team took a decisive step in that direction this past weekend, navigating past a tricky slate of conference opponents. On Friday, the Irish beat Louisville 2-1, taking revenge on a Cardinal team that beat them in both the regular season and playoffs last year. They then followed that up by throttling Cincinnati 7-0 on Sunday.

Waldrum was pleased with the confidence and swagger senior quarterback Kevin Fink put points on the board, recording a safety to give Keenan a 2-0 lead. Obviously we were a little disappointed with the way we played,” he said. “We have a young team, we have some guys out there who don’t have a lot of experience — we have a couple guys who have only played in one or two college tournaments and I would say they performed decently well. It’s good for them to get some experience. And for me, at least, I know what I need to work on for the next tournament.”

Keenan’s defense rises over Dillon

By ALEX WILCOX
Sports Writer

Leading up to the game, Keenan talked the talk. On Sunday, the Knights (1-0) played with all the confidence and swagger senior quarterback Andrew McDonough talked about, and ran away with a convincing 23-7 win over defending champion Dillon.

For all the talk about Keenan’s offensive firepower, it was the Knights’ defense that stood out the most against the big red (0-1).

“In the first half, he was never able to get comfortable,” Waldrum said. “We have a lot of one or two college tournaments and I would say they performed decently well. It’s good for them to get some experience. And for me, at least, I know what I need to work on for the next tournament.”

After earning Big East

Platt leads young squad

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

His game as firmly connected to his past as geared toward his future, Irish junior Niall Platt has a chance to shine for Notre Dame this season.

The golfer with the second-lowest career stroke average in Irish history will attempt to improve on his mark of 73.61 and add valuable experience to a young Irish roster.

In its first outing of the season, Notre Dame stumbled to a ninth-place finish, 23 strokes off the lead, at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate over the weekend. But the largely inexperienced team’s first outing wasn’t shocking at all.

“I was really happy for Molly Keenan’s defense recorded two interceptions and , a sack, in and holding Fink to 94 passing yards on the day. In the first half, the Knights held Dillon to just three rushing yards. Not only did the defense stop Dillon dead in its tracks, but it also put points on the board, recording a safety to give Keenan a 2-0 lead.

Offensively, McDonough was the star of the game, going 10-for-14 with 133 yards, two touchdowns and an interception through the air, while also amassing 61 yards rushing on 11 attempts. Senior running back Adam Holmstrom tacked on 38 yards rushing and a score, and junior receiver Jeremy Riche led the team with 2 receptions for 72 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown pass to end the half.

“The offensive line, I’ve just got to tip my cap,” McDonough said. “We didn’t give up a single sack. We were able to run the ball all day. They dictated the tempo, and they get the game ball today.”

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