Former Cavanaugh rector passes away

Amy de la Torre, Cavanaugh rector from 2005 to 2011, loses struggle with cancer

By MEGAN DOYLE
Managing Editor

Her residents battled skunk odor and dressed up like shepherds for her.

She struggled with cancer, but she was always put her residents’ struggles before her own.

And now Amy de la Torre, former Cavanaugh Hall rector and adjunct Spanish instructor, will be missed across campus, but especially among the past and current women of her dorm. De La Torre, who served as the Cavanaugh Hall rector from 2005 to 2011, passed away Thursday after a struggle with cancer.

2006 graduate Elizabeth Callahan served as a resident assistant (RA) during de La Torre’s first year as a rector in the dorm, and she returned to work as an assistant rector (AR) with de la Torre from 2007 to 2009 while earning her law degree. “The smaller things, I remember the most,” she said. “When the RA did rounds, Amy always walked around and did rounds with them. That’s how she got to know [her residents]. She wasn’t just walking to her room. She would stop and talk. We would talk about TV, we would talk about classes, we would talk about boyfriends, we would talk about careers. “She gave great advice, and I think the girls really respected that.”

Callahan remembered de la Torre as a good listener with a quick sense of humor. “She took the job really seriously, but she didn’t take herself seriously,” she said. “Being a rector, there are some things you have to laugh at.”

When a skunk sprayed de la Torre’s chocolate lab Jackson on a late-night walk, Callahan said she remembered the rector laughing and wrangling the 90-pound dog in a shower stall and scrubbing the smell out with some of her residents.

“That shows how much they loved her,” Callahan said with a smile.

Belle competes on “The Voice”

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary’s Editor

One Saint Mary’s student is finally living her dream of becoming a professional singer. Sophomore Sylvia Yacoub, from Muskegon, Mich., was featured this week on “The Voice”, a reality show for aspiring singers.

Saint Mary’s student Sylvia Yacoub embraces “The Voice” coach Christina Aguilera after accepting the invitation to join Aguilera’s team.

Christina Aguilera aired on Tuesday night on NBC. Even though she only aired during this week’s auditions, Yacoub already has a huge fan base at home.

“My hometown has been amazing. The support is so humbling to see that just me appearing on ‘The Voice’ has touched so many lives and inspired so many people to go after their dreams,” Yacoub said in a conference call. “Seeing someone from their town and school has really touched so many people in my town. It really means a lot to me.”

When a competitor auditions, the coaches have their chairs around and do rounds with them. “Seeing someone from home. It really means a lot to me.”

Upon receiving the news that former Cavanaugh rector Amy de la Torre passed away Thursday, Cavanaugh Hall women joined to share memories and light candles at the Grotto.

ND hosts regional debate

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

Notre Dame will host the first regional tournament in the Ronald Reagan Great Communicator Debate Series on Saturday. The debate series, sponsored by The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, will feature high school students from across the nation. Students who make the championship tournament will compete at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in California, and the winner will receive scholarships, according to the foundation website.

Dr. Susan Ohmer, academic advisor to the Notre Dame debate team and film, television and theatre (FIT) professor, and Yvonne Waggoner, site coordinator, have been working since May to organize the tournament.

OIT showcases technology

By BEN HORVATH
News Writer

Notre Dame’s Office of Information Technology (OIT) hosted the Mobile Summit, an event designed to showcase the University’s technological capabilities, gain student and faculty perspectives and inform people on the expanding use of technology on campus Wednesday. The event, which took place in the Eck Hall of Law, featured panels, addresses from students and faculty and seminars about mobile technology on campus, according to the event’s website.

English professor Elliot Visconti said students’ mobile devices have the capability to change their classroom experience. “These devices allow for students to be more hands on,” Visconti said. “Students now have the ability to create rather than just receive information.”

Visconti said mobile devices, like the iPad, allow for collaboration among students. “If I wanted a student to come listen to me read a script, I could put the iPad in front of them and have the text on the iPad.”

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Keenan Hall
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Michael Temple
sophomore
Sorin Hall
“50 Shades of Grey.”

Nicholas Onwunumaghag
sophomore
Alumni Hall
“Catcher in the Rye.”

Tony Regalbuto
sophomore
Sorin Hall
“The House on Mango Street.”

Zach Agudelo
junior
Fisher Hall
“Poor Folk.”

Walsh Hall hosted its annual Mr. ND pageant Thursday night. James Durham of Zahn Hall was crowned the winner of this year’s event, held in Washington Hall. The contestants are judged on their ability to entertain through singing, dancing and performing stand-up comedy.

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Sunday Mass
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Political scientist discusses ‘How Rebels Rule’

By JOANNA LAGEDROST
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Jennifer Keister, who earned her Ph.D in political science at the University of California, San Diego in 2011, visited the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and delivered a lecture concerning Thursday rebels and their coercion techniques. She presented her dissertation, “States within States: How Rebels Rule,” which is now being turned into a book manuscript.

The main purpose of the lecture, Keister said, was to answer why some rebels rule through coercion while others generate popular support through providing services to the population.

“I argue that rebels use coercion and services to get what they need from the population. Both of these are useful tools of government,” she said.

Keister’s hypothesis contends that all activists need a certain amount of resources to achieve their goals, adding that rebellion is a costly enterprise.

“You still need the population to do what you would like them to do in order to survive and operate effectively,” Keister said.

“Rebels have three tools which they use to rule populations. The first is coercion, which generates compliance through fear. The second is service provision, which generates compliance through a principle of exchange. The final tool rebels use is ideological positioning,” Keister used Mindanao, the southernmost island of the Philippines where she conducted her dissertation research, as an example in her lecture.

“Mindanao is home to between four-to-eight million predominantly Muslim Moros. They have been actively seeking secession since 1968,” she said.

“They are represented by three separate rebel organizations, each of which has a slightly different ideological flavor, and has made different choices. We have the Moro National Liberation Front, or MNLF, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, or MILF, and the Abu Sayyaf Group, or ASG.”

The MILF is predominant domestically-backed, the MNLF is currently backed by the Islamic Conference, and the ASG is backed by an Indonesian terrorist group and individuals in the Middle East and is historically more violent. Humanitarian concerns are not of high priority for these groups, she said. Keister surveyed Mindanao villagers and asked what group they would turn to for help in the event of a dispute or tragedy. 21 percent supported the MILF, five percent said the MNLF, and zero percent said the ASG.

Due to these results, Keister said rebels balance their own ideological positions and need support with the interests of the domestic population and the influence of international ties.

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Saint Mary’s student earns Gates scholarship

By REBECCA O’NEIL
News Writer

Saint Mary’s freshman Clarisa Medina stands at 4-foot-11 but her short stature does not hinder her plans for a big future.

“There’s not a doubt in my mind that I’m going to be successful,” she said.

In May 2012, Medina found out she was accepted to become a Gates Millennium Scholar. Of the 26,000 high school seniors who applied for the distinguished scholarship, she was one of the lucky 1,000.

“Students apply annually from all U.S. territories and states.” Medina said. “The program is more prestigious than any university’s admission process, including Harvard.”

Medina applied online in December 2011 and wrote nine essays discussing community service, activities she engaged in during her weekends and summers and the type of courses she had taken to prepare herself for college.

“We also had to write about things that have happened in our lives that we had to overcome to get to the point where we wanted to be, she said. “There are three rounds and in the final round they determine if you can become a Gates Scholar based off of socio-economic need. If you are chosen you get up to 10 years of education at any university of our choice.”

Medina is the first Gates Millennium Scholar to enroll at Saint Mary’s College. The financial aid office had never heard of the scholarship before Medina.

“Before Medina was first introduced to Saint Mary’s through her sister and current sophomore, Cecily Medina.

“I feel as if I have so many opportunities here. I get to double major and go abroad. It’s the ideal place to master the basics and go on to a higher level of education, perhaps a PhD.”

Clarisa Medina
Gates Millennium Scholar

“Shelved it so much here and she strongly encouraged me to come,” Medina said. “When I came to visit I liked the classroom size, it was very appealing to me. I feel as if I have so many opportunities here. I get to double major and go abroad. It’s the ideal place to master the basics and go on to a higher level of education, perhaps a PhD.”

Medina, a double major in global studies and political science intends to minor in justice education and Spanish as well as earn her MBA from Notre Dame during her last year of college.

Medina finds another advantage of Saint Mary’s is her ability to participate in two different sports.

“I run cross country and play softball here,” she said. “It’s a great stress reliever for me and my parents provides me with an additional support system.”

The second of eight children, Medina relies on her sports family to help her transition from her home environment.

“It is really difficult coming from a Hispanic family because we are very close and depend on each other,” she said.

“It is so loud at home and here everything has been pretty quiet. I know just have to remind myself to sacrificed that for a reason and that reason was to get an education and to have an opportunity that my parents never had.”

“I am very proud of [Clarisa],” Cecily Medina said. “When she won the scholarship it wasn’t just her winning, it was our entire family winning.”

Despite engaging in an enriched athletic and academic life, Medina has not forgotten her background in service.

“I plan to open a camp here that I created back home,” Medina said. “It’s called Run The World and I believe that it is the reason why I got the Gates Scholarship.”

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 Debate

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“[The students don’t have to] know special techniques, special terminology; it’s intended to encourage people to speak persuasively and logically on a situation.”

-Susan Ohmer

Film, Television, and Theatre

the competition and the final debate round will be at 6 p.m. in Washington Hall. Debaters will be scored on their opening statement, rebuttal, response to questions, as well as their closing statement, Ohmer said.

“The Reagan Foundation built in some characteristics for it to be more like presidential debates so that in the middle of the debate, the moderator is allowed to ask a question of either side,” Ohmer said. “And that’s straight from the presidential debates.”

The most important thing to know about this debate is that you [the students] are asked to present your case to an interested, educated audience, who are not specialists in debate, so it’s called public forum debate.”

The judges for the competition are members of the debate team, debate team coaches, students in the Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars Program, as well as students in Ohmer’s class, “Media and the Presidency.” The final debate round in the evening has three judges: Mike Schmuhl, the chief of staff to South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Gary Sieber, who teaches in FTT and works for WNDU television station, and Professor Jay Tidmarsh of the Law School, she said.

Students participating in the event will also be able to get a feel for the campus by eating in South Dining Hall and listening to a presentation from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

“We felt strongly that we wanted the students to be welcomed to campus,” Ohmer said.

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Voice

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turned with their back to the singer for a blind audition.

During Yacoub’s performance, Shelton, Green and Aguilera all turned their chairs in hopes of gaining her on their teams. In the end, however, Yacoub picked Aguilera as her coach.

“I grew up listening to Christina a lot. She has been such a huge musical influence for me,” Yacoub said. “I tried not to be biased and I listened to all the arguments [of the coaches]. When dealing with nerves and music, I think she can help me the best with where I want to go as far as pop music.

“It was probably one of the most exciting and tranquilizing moments of my life. I was so nervous to sing in front of her and when I realized she had turned around; it’s crazy that your idol your whole life had heard something in me.”

As for self-promotion for the show, Yacoub has utilized social media to help her connect with her fans back home and at school.

“It’s really cool to be able to get feedback from fans and see how many people you’ve actually reached and touched and have been inspired by you,” Yacoub said. “It’s really cool especially when you’re not airing yet.”

While Yacoub had to wait until after her audition aired on NBC to share that she was Team Christina, she was still able to update her fans on when she would finally grace the television.

“It’s really cool to keep in touch with them and keep them engaged,” Yacoub said. “Then they kind of feel more involved and hopefully they feel more connected with the audience, which is cool about ‘The Voice.’”

Before Yacoub made it onto the next round of the show, she had auditioned for other reality shows a couple of years ago.

“I wasn’t really doing them for right reasons two years ago,” Yacoub said. “I have a lot more maturity and my voice has grown since then. I am at the right place mentally and vocally and it felt right going into everything now.”

Yacoub said she is really excited to have this experience with “The Voice” and hopes it will continue so she may meet her end goal of becoming a professional singer.

“I honestly don’t think I would have had this experience two years ago,” she said. “This is such an amazing experience and I can’t believe I am here now.”

“The Voice” airs on Mondays and Tuesday’s on NBC at 8 p.m.

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de la Torre established the Christmas pageant that has since become a dorm tradition during Callahan’s senior year. The hall residents perform the pageant, penned by de la Torre, every year for a group of local elementary students and children living at the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

“Every year, she had to rewrite it because more people wanted to join,” Callahan said. “We had more shepherds and angels, and the shepherds were more chatty. … She was always so excited about it that all the other girls bought into it.”

2011 graduate Holly Hinz also remembered the flurry of activity and excitement around the Christmas pageant.

“She would always have a lot of fun with it, but she would also make sure we did it right because there were all these people coming,” Hinz said.

Hinz became an RA during her senior year not only because she wanted to work on hall stuff, but also because she wanted to work with de la Torre. de la Torre retired at the end of Hinz’s junior year, but she said the dorm community the former rector established lived on.

“She kind of just seemed like a mother away from home,” Hinz said. “When I came to Notre Dame, I really brought into this idea of your dorm being your home. I know of assumed all dorms were like that, but I think Cavanaugh had an especially strong feeling of that. That’s because of Amy.”

Hinz said de la Torre said the Divine Mercy in the Cavanaugh Hall chapel every Friday afternoon. The collection of girls in prayer was always an ecletic one, she said, because de la Torre would grab whoever she found in the hallway and bring them along with her to the chapel.

“She always had a really impressive faith,” Hinz said.

Current senior and RA Meredith Kagar said the dorm will pray the Divine Mercy in the Chapel this afternoon and then visit the Grotto together in de la Torre’s memory. After they heard the news of the former rector’s death, a small group lit candles at the Grotto for her Thursday night as well.

Kagar’s class entered Cavanaugh Hall as freshmen during de la Torre’s last year as rector.

“When the very beginning, it was so apparent that everyone in the dorm loved her,” Kagar said. “The three grades above us were speaking so unanimously, saying ‘We love her.’ That word was used so much to describe her. For a dorm of over 200 girls to pretty much unanimously love their rector, that’s special.

“I think the love that everyone had for her, she gave that right back to everyone in Cavanaugh.”

During that year, 2011 graduate Celia Johns was also an RA.

When Johns was in trouble during her sophomore year, she said she was nervous to work with her rector, but she said de la Torre supported her as more than a disciplinary figure during that time.

“It wasn’t just like she wanted to enforce those rules,” Johns said. “She asked about what else was going on in my life.

“My interaction with that was so transforming, and when I was an RA, I took so much of that with me, the way she was able to handle problems and help people through problems without losing sight of who they were as a person, recognizing people for more than just the actions they had done.”

When she became an RA, Johns said she worried again about the effect that incident would have on her chances to be hired for the job.

“Amy’s said, ‘I’m hiring for who you are now, not who you used to be,’” she said. “And that was really powerful that someone I admired so much was giving me permission to move on with my life.”

Brian Coughlin, associate vice president for student affairs, said a funeral will be held for de la Torre in Florida, where her father lives. She has two children, who are both Notre Dame graduates.

“I know that the women in Cavanaugh absolutely adored her,” he said.

2011 graduate Melissa Truitt, another former RA in Cavanaugh, echoed Coughlin’s sentiments.

“She’s pretty much the reason I went to college,” Truitt said following the former rector’s death, a small group lit candles at the Grotto for her Thursday night as well.

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Truitt described hearing the news of de la Torre’s death as “just overwhelming sadness.”

“She was such an amazing woman,” she said. “No matter who you were, you knew Amy cared about you.”

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or give a lecture I would give a podcast, and that’s not interest- ing,” Visconsin said. “I think of my courses as a seminar, a discus- sion enhancement.”

Visconsin said mobile devices have the ability to foster this discussion, even in a large class- room setting.

“Mobile devices have the abil- ity to make large classes small,” Visconsin said.

Visconsin said he believes the iPad is one of the best education- al tools and hopes it will be come costly enough for every student and faculty member to possess one on campus.

Visconsin said he is in the midst of developing a class that features the use of the popular tablet device at the center of the learning experience.

“The challenge will be getting faculty and students to under- stand what is distinctive about the device and how it can change their experience,” Visconsin said.

Academic Technologies Consultant Jon Crutchfield said he did not anticipate the recent boom in mobile technology.

“Ten years ago not many people had a cell phone, now you have a device that is a very powerful computer that can access data sources, GPS, and the Internet all in your pocket,” Crutchfield said.

Crutchfield said the first Mobile Summit in 2009, OIT decided to focus their resources on two main areas of technol- ogy: mobile and video.

“People had a cell phone, now you have a device that is a very powerful computer that can access data sources, GPS, and the Internet all in your pocket,” Crutchfield said.

Crutchfield said OIT has creat- ed convenient tools for students’ mobile devices, which include the creation of “m.nd.edu” (a mobile version of nd.edu), which allow students to access features like campus maps, dining hall menus, grades and other re- sources on their mobile devices.

Crutchfield said, along with mobile and video, OIT will focus on collaboration.

“There are so many tools now that allow for students to col- laborate in real time on a docu- ment,” Crutchfield said. “We just expanded the use of Google, instituted Box (a cloud collabo- ration program), and are work- ing to make programs like Sakai more mobile friendly.”

Crutchfield said there is a re- newed interest in communi- cating these new capabilities to students and faculty, which is one purpose of the Mobile Summit.

“A lot of people just aren’t aware of these things,” Crutchfield said. “We need an emphasis on how we can use the information that we have, and then help them take advan- tage of those things.”

Crutchfield said this event is a good venue to bring faculty and students together to discuss the rapidly changing world of mo- bile devices.

“The Mobile Summit allows for us to learn how people are using their devices, synthesize this information, and deliver more and better services,” Crutchfield said.

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Thursday’s OIT summit on mobile technology discussed the ways technology is changing the classroom and learning process.
Anti-Islamic video creator jailed

**UNITED NATIONS —** In his most detailed plea to date for global action against Iran's nuclear program, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Thursday the world has until next summer to stop Iran before it can build a nuclear bomb.

Netanyahu flashed a diagram of a cartoon-like bomb before the U.S. General Assembly, showing the progress Iran has made, saying it has already completed the first stage of uranium enrichment.

Then he pulled out a red mark and drew a line across what he said was a threshold Iran was approaching and which Israel could not tolerate — the completion of the second stage and 90 percent of the way to the uranium enrichment needed to make an atomic bomb.

"By next spring, at most by next summer at current enrichment rates, Iran will have finished the medium enrichment and move on to the final stage," he said. "From there, it's only a few months, possibly a few weeks before they get enough enriched uranium for the first bomb."

Israel considers a nuclear-armed Iran to be an existential threat, citing Iranian denials of the Holocaust, its calls for Israel's destruction, its development of missiles capable of striking the Jewish state and its support for hostile Arab militant groups.

But Thursday he presented his case to the world just why a nuclear armed Iran would be a danger to many other coun-
ties, not just Israel, and claimed that the battle is as one between modernity and the "medieval forces of radical Islam."

Netanyahu said deter-
rence would not work against Iran as it had with the Soviet Uni-

"Deterrence worked with the Soviets, because every time the Soviets faced a choice between their ideology and their survival, they chose survival," he said. "But militant jihadis behave very differently from secular Marxists. There were no Soviet suicide bombers. Yet Iran pro-
duces hordes of them."

Netanyahu has repeatedly argued that time is running out to stop Iran from becoming a nuclear power and that the threat of force must be seri-
ously considered. Israeli leaders have issued a series of warnings in recent weeks suggesting that if Iran's uranium enrichment program continues it may soon approach a nuclear military strike.

This week Iranian leaders sug-
gested they may strike Israel preemptively if they felt threat-
ened, stoking fears of a regional war.

President Barack Obama has vowed to prevent Iran from be-

In a U.N. report last month only reinforced Israel's fears of find-
ing that Iran has moved more of its uranium enrichment ac-
tivities into fortified bunkers deep under ground where they are impervious to air attack.

Enrichment is a key activity in building a bomb, though it has other useful applications in pro-
ducing medical isotopes.

While Israel is convinced that Iran is pursuing a nuclear program, Israeli critics believe Iran has not yet made a fi-
dal decision to take the plunge and that there is still time for diplomacy.

Israel's timeline for military action is shorter than that of the United States, which has far more powerful bunker-busting bombs at its disposal, and there is great suspicion in Israel over whether in the moment of truth Obama will follow through on his pledge.
New York prepares for Ferris wheel

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Big Apple is getting another "biggest": the world's tallest Ferris wheel, part of an ambitious plan to draw New Yorkers and tourists alike to the city's so-called "forgotten borough."

The 625-foot-tall, $230 million New York Wheel is to grace a spot in Staten Island overlooking the Statue of Liberty and the downtown Manhattan skyline, offering a singular view as it sweeps higher than other big wheels like the Singapore Flyer, the London Eye, and a "High Roller" planned for Las Vegas.

Designed to carry 1,440 passengers at a time, it's expected to draw 4.5 million people a year to a setting that also would include a 100-shop outlet mall and a 200-room hotel.

It will be "an attraction unlike any other in New York City — in fact, it will be, we think, unlike any other on the planet," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said as he unveiled the plans for the backdrop of New York Harbor.

While the privately financed project faces various reviews, officials hope to have the wheel turning by the end of 2015.

The wheel would put Staten Island on the map of superlatives in a place where "biggest" is almost an expectation — home to the nation's biggest city population, busiest mass-transit system, even the biggest city's five boroughs, a known for having the world's largest ... landfill.

"It's going to be a real icon. The Ferris wheel will be Staten Island's "Eiffel Tower," Sen. Charles Schumer enthused.

As a visible addition to the skyline around the harbor, the wheel "gives Staten Island an identity beyond its role as a suburban community," while letting it tap into the stream of tourist money in a city that drew 50.9 million visitors last year, said Mitchell Moss, a New York University urban policy professor.

The project is expected to bring $500 million in private investment and 1,000 permanent jobs to the borough's St. George waterfront, and the developers will pay the city $2.5 million a year in rent for the land.

Staten Island isn't entirely off the tourist map. Its free ferry service to New Jersey and was once a popular day trip, but ridership has declined to entice tourists off the island.

The attraction stands to bring millions of visitors a year to a setting that also would include a 100-shop outlet mall and a 200-room hotel.

"We weren't sure what there was until the decision was made," said Brett O'Donnell, who no longer lives on the island's "Eiffel Tower," Sen. Charles Schumer enthused.

"There you go again," he quipped when Carter accused him of planning Medicare cuts. And he asked America: a question that lives on. Think of a Gore-Gore discussion that one devastating blow. So far in 2008, as Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy, the nation's financial system teetered on the brink and stocks tanked, McCain insisted that "the fundamentals of our economy are strong." The Obama campaign jumped on that phrase to portray McCain as oblivious — and it stuck.

A question from a college student about funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan tripped up John Kerry in 2004. "I actually did vote for the $87 billion war supplemental," Kerry declared. It's "part of the Bush campaign."

Obama reinforced criticism that he's arrogant and aloof. As Hillary Rodham Clinton good-naturedly tried to deflect a question about her likability, Obama cut in. "You're likable enough, Hillary," he said dismissively. He didn't even look up.

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Romney and Obama know the risk firsthand.

During the GOP primary debates, Romney played into worries that his wealth distances him from ordinary people by offering to back his words with a friendly wager — $10,000 bet. In the 2008 Democratic primaries, Obama reinforced criticism that he's arrogant and aloof.

New York State's governor, Eliot Spitzer, was a metaphor for such a moment. The aggressive performance quashed criticism that Bush was wimpy.

In his 1980 challenge to President Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan pulled off two famous debate lines that helped win a landslide. "There you go again," he quipped when Carter accused him of planning Medicare cuts. And he asked America: a question that lives on. Think of a Gore-Gore discussion that one devastating blow. So far in 2008, as Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy, the nation's financial system teetered on the brink and stocks tanked, McCain insisted that "the fundamentals of our economy are strong." The Obama campaign jumped on that phrase to portray McCain as oblivious — and it stuck.


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The observer editorial

The importance of creative expression

You can make a box out of newspaper. When you get to the end of this editorial, we’ll show you how.

Creative endeavors as simple as using material in an unexpected way stretch the mind. In the context of a University, stretching the mind aligns with the goals we have for ourselves. Yet as a student body, we often slip into a creative rut. The energy that sparks passionate discussion and engagement inside the classroom disappears once we exit through the doorway.

Creative expression is everywhere, even where you might not first see it. Saying “I’m not creative because I can’t draw” or “I can’t sing” or “I can’t dance” is simply limiting. Creativity by its very definition is the use of imagination or original ideas, and to subscribe to a limited conception of creativity boxes with only one way to solve for the missing variable.

The University of Notre Dame is not just a place to solve problems, it’s a place to solve them creatively. In “Any Given Day,” a video recently released by Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Hugh R. Page, dean of the First Year of Studies says, “If we could actually replace the word ‘research’ with something like “learning through discovery” — it’s a mode of acquiring knowledge that’s fully interactive.”

Notre Dame provides support to students who would like to research or discover through creativity. The Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts promotes students pursuing creative endeavors. As a grant-based organization, it provides funds to students for independently designed creative projects.

Even so, all the funding in the world cannot provide the creative spark of a curious mind. We might do well to look at other universities, who are remodeling to support interdisciplinary approaches in the classroom.

Stephen Tepper is a sociology professor and associate director of the Curb Center for Art, Enterprise and Public Policy at Vanderbilt University. During his Sept. 20 appearance on campus, he suggested moving college education toward a model that incorporates and rewards creativity in the classroom. Vanderbilt has already developed a program that teaches and rewards creativity called the Curb Creative Campus Initiative.

During the discussion after Tepper’s talk, several Notre Dame faculty members noted that the students in their classroom fail to push themselves toward creative solutions. Final projects are assumed to be essays or speeches, not video logs, artwork or poetry.

That’s not to say creativity is totally absent from our campus. Just take a look around you. This weekend as a part of ND Theatre Now, student actors will perform in student-written and student-directed performances. They have seen the development of these plays from beginning to end, from the first idea to the final realization. The Interdisciplinary Center for Network Science and Applications connects engineering students with other computing, science, mathematics, and social sciences researchers around the world.

English students can choose a creative writing project for their final thesis and a new crop of minors helps bridge fields within the College of Arts and Letters.

The Gigt Center for Entrepreneurship poses a challenge to business students to pitch new ideas and solve not only business challenges, but social ones as well.

There are creative people at Notre Dame, but that creativity is not injected into the classroom or undergraduate research as often as it should be. So we challenge you, Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students, to be creative. Stretch yourselves inside the classroom and out.

If we believed in cliché, we would tell you to think outside of the box. Really, though, you should realize there is no box … unless you make one.
The new wave of nuclear power

Dan Reitz
The Toolbox

In the United States there are 65 running nuclear power plants. There have been no new facilities built since construction of the final reactor began in 1977. That means the youngest of these facilities is approaching its 30th birthday. Sounds like it’s time for an upgrade.

Only recently have plans for new nuclear facilities been drawn up, but these projects are still only in the preliminary stages of planning. Nuclear power provides about 20 percent of our nation’s electrical energy, and it is my firm opinion our goal should be to increase this figure. I’m sure many of you are sitting over lunch shaking your head in disagreement. You may be thinking of the disasters at Fukushima or Chernobyl as proof nuclear energy is not safe, when in fact the meltdown of these facilities can be attributed to poor design. Just look online and you will find plenty of reliable sources outlining the causes of these meltdowns. However, I’m not here to change your mind about nuclear energy. Instead, I am here to introduce you to the up and coming nuclear reactor: The thorium-powered molten-salt reactor (MSR).

In an MSR, liquid thorium, a radio-active element, replaces uranium as the main fuel source of the reactor. The benefits of this are immeasurable. Thorium is four times more abundant than uranium, and the mining of this fuel is minimized by the large stockpiles. In fact, Thorium is plentiful enough to satisfy the energy demands of the U.S. for thousands of years. One pound of thorium can produce as much power as 300 pounds of uranium or nearly 3.5 million pounds of coal. This means less waste than current nuclear facilities, and since this waste is less radioactive it will only remain hazardous for a few hundred years compared to the tens of thousands of years uranium waste remains radioactive. For those of you concerned with nuclear weapons, you can breathe easy. Thorium is even harder to weaponize than uranium which is pretty difficult to do in the first place.

Thorium plants can be much smaller than current nuclear facilities in both size and power production. Currently, nuclear facilities are generally built further away from large cities to minimize the potential damage of a worst case scenario meltdown. Since thorium is already in molten state, the chance of a meltdown occurring is slim to none. Because of this, smaller facilities can be built closer to cities, eliminating a large portion of the energy lost due to transmission and bringing us a cleaner, more affordable energy.

With the combination of safety features, new designs and the physical properties of thorium, nuclear power plants of the future will become even safer. If this quells the fear of reactor failure, widespread use of these plants could usher in a new era of energy production. With no greenhouse gas emissions, safe production and disposal methods and cheap, reliable power, there can be a significant reduction in the amount of coal-burning plants and other less-clean forms of energy production, thus helping the environment.

If you’re thinking, ‘Yeah, that’s great, but this is all theoretical,’ then think again my friend. In the 1960s, a thorium-powered MSR was built in Tennessee and ran for a total of 22,000 hours. We’re talking about a live reactor built and run by engineers. That’s some promising evidence MSRs could be the next best thing.

Now that I’ve got you anticipating the arrival of the first commercial MSR, I have some bad news: These facilities probably won’t be around in the near future. The amount of funding and planning for such a clear facility is at a minimum. Don’t expect to see one of these plants until after 2030. That being said, there is only room for improvement. Thorium MSRs may be the theoretical energy of the future today, but the sky is still the limit for energy production possibilities.

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Recognizing Notre Dame student-athletes

Molly Howell
Determinedly Challenged

The University of Notre Dame, its students, faculty, staff, alumni and surrounding community, love Fighting Irish athletics. We love football, basketball, baseball and hockey teams. We love our university, making countless records and being written about in the newspaper, are students. We are also athletes playing in these much-watched games. Some days they are just our friends, roommates or the kids we sit next to in class. But they are not just athletes or students: They are student-athletes. They handle the same class load as the rest of us on top of a very competitive and intense varsity sport. A high level of dedication is required both in the classroom and on the field. Student-athletes, juggling both school and sports every day. They are among the hardest working students on our campus, making countless sacrifices to be able to represent the Irish on the field or court.

Living with a Notre Dame athlete, as well as dating one, I am a first-hand witness to the daily life of an ND student-athlete. As my roommate and boyfriend are both big parts of my life here, I am affected by their busy schedules. Both in-season and off, they both are constantly occupied managing classes, homework, studying, conditioning and practice. Some days there just isn’t enough time to complete their to-do lists. Being able to play a sport at Notre Dame is an opportunity few are given, but those who do play clearly make a commitment that is not always easy to uphold.

Athletes will tell you their college sport doesn’t end when the official season draws to a close; they have obligations to their sport almost their entire time here. But I am sure every one of our student-athletes would say the blood, sweat and tears are worth it. Sacrificing time with friends and family, other interests on and off campus, breaks and most importantly sleep is worth it to be able to represent the Fighting Irish.

They are able to play under the lights against Michigan, travel and compete against some of the best teams and schools in the nation and become heroes and role models for young Notre Dame fans across the country. The student body and Notre Dame community witnessed a particular act of courage and determination demonstrated by a student-athlete these past few weeks. His name easily comes to mind: Senior football player Manti Te’o. After suffering two devastating personal losses, Te’o chose to stay and support his team, contributing to victories over rivals Michigan State and Michigan with 20 tackles and two interceptions. During the pep rally before the Michigan game, he told the student body, “Four years ago, I made the decision to come here and I didn’t really know why. It’s times like these I know why.” This unselfish dedication is just one example of that of a student-athlete’s at the Notre Dame.

Notre Dame prides itself not only on tradition and athletics, but also on family. Just by watching the student body sing the Alma Mater together after every game one can immediately sense the bond that runs through this University. Every student, past or present, athlete or non-athlete, is included. The Notre Dame football team came out strong last weekend in supporting Te’o by wearing leis to honor him and his family. Te’o summed it up best in an interview after the game, saying, “That lei for me represents family. It doesn’t represent me. It represents everyone sticking together and everybody realizing what’s important in life. That’s families sticking together.”

While Notre Dame and its student-athletes care about winning, they also care about each other and the name on the front of their jerseys. Their primary responsibility is not always scoring points or breaking records, but giving the Notre Dame community something to cheer and fight for. Athletics are so important at Notre Dame not because of a winning tradition, but because they are what bring us together as a family year after year.

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They’re back. Eleven years, one appearance on “Gossip Girl,” two solo albums and four fractures by lead singer Gwen Stefani since their last release, No Doubt has triumphantly returned with “Push and Shove,” their sixth studio album. A throwback to our middle-school days, the return of the band is both tantalizing and worrisome. Could the band possibly live up to lofty expectations? A listener could operate under two assumptions before listening to No Doubt’s latest effort. Either the band had so much pent-up creative energy that they were bound to release their strongest album yet, or after more than a decade away from the studio, No Doubt would be as rusty as the Tin Man from “The Wizard of Oz.” Surprisingly, neither of these seems to be true.

“Push and Shove” took a monumental two years to record, and comes with high expectations. If you can imagine an area where the band neither fails to deliver nor exceeds these expectations, this is where “Push and Shove” belongs. No one is going to mistake the album for the band’s magnum opus, but at the same time, it is no “Chinese Democracy,” the disastrous and long-awaited release from Guns n’ Roses. All in all, every one of the album’s 11 tracks feel like they fit in with No Doubt’s catalog. After more than two decades as a band, would you want any- thing different?

No Doubt has sold more than 33 million records worldwide, won several Grammys and set a record when their single “Don’t Speak” spent 16 consecutive weeks at the top of the Billboard Hot 100 charts. At this point in their careers, no one in the band needs to prove anything, nor do they need to “reinvent” their sound or image like Madonna seemingly does every other week. As their last album attests, No Doubt “rocks steady” and their fans wouldn’t have it any other way.

“Settle Down,” the first single released earlier in the summer, is the standout track off “Push and Shove.” Featuring Stefani’s signature luscious vocals, eclectic-reggae sound and dancehall-inspired beats, “Settle Down” is signature No Doubt — fun, flirty and the perfect summer jam. The first time you listen, you are reminded the band never fully departed the music scene, because they own the track — no other musical act could produce a similar hit.

Lyrically, the song also sets the tone for the rest of the album. Stefani croons about adjusting to unfamiliar circumstances, but that she will be able to adjust and “settle down.” Despite their 11-year hiatus, the band is indeed fine, and hopefully will stick around for a little longer.

The second single and title track “Push and Shove” is an initial disappointment, but upon further listen is one of the album’s strongest cuts. Featuring Busy Signal and Major Lazer, the song digs even deeper into the band’s ska roots. Perhaps because bassist Tony Kanal said the song was to No Doubt what “Bohemian Rhapsody” was to Queen, the track came with lofty expectations.

Once you walk away from that ambitious statement, one can still appreciate what “Push and Shove” means to the album — it is a very modern take on No Doubt’s unique sound. Undoubtedly, the band has had a busy past 11 years, but the song’s sound has wildly warped in the past 11 years, but the song still sounds fresh and radio-ready, while also sounding like the No Doubt of yore. Other standout tracks from the album include the next single, “Looking Hot,” along with “One More Summer” and “Heaven.” “Looking Hot” displays one of Stefani’s strongest vocal traits, the ability to use her pipes as the ultimate emotive communicator. Listening to Stefani sing, it’s impossible to not connect with what she is feeling.

The song also features some awesome guitar synths. “One More Summer” is classic California rock, exactly the type of song you’d be listening to on the California Freeway with the top of your convertible down, sun shining down and wind whipping through your hair. “Heaven” is a bouncy, ‘80s-style track that makes you want to put on your legwarmers and windbreaker. It is bubbly, flirty and the bottlenecked Stefani once again reigns supreme on the track.

While our middle school days are long gone, you wouldn’t have known it listening to No Doubt’s latest release. “Push and Shove” doesn’t break the mold, but it doesn’t need to. At this point in the game, No Doubt has established themselves as the leaders in ska-punk-reggae-California rock — whatever you want to call it — and “Push and Shove” is more of the same. What more could you ask for?

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“Push and Shove” No Doubt Label: Interscope Tracks: “Settle Down,” Looking Hot,” “One More Summer” If you like: Gwen Stefani, Garbage, Pink

MAKE THE MOST OF THE BYE WEEKEND

By CLAIRE STEPHENS Scene Writer

So it’s a bye weekend — no pep rally to go to, no tailgating, no game, not even Notre Dame football to follow on TV. Here are some ideas to make the best of the one weekend this semester that isn’t eaten up by football:

Check out South Bend
It’s actually got fun stuff to do! If you’ve already been to the South Bend Chocolate factory, the College Football Hall of Fame, University Park Mall and all the downtown restaurants and clubs, this weekend there’s also the Flipside Potawatomi Zoo Trip on Sunday, leaving at noon from the south bend chocolate factory. If you’ve already been to the zoo, the Keough chariot race. And what’s more Notre Dame than Notre Dame football? The Keough chariot race. Maybe so consuming you never watch any other team; size up the chance to actually watch some Notre Dame games. Or size up the chance to actually watch some Notre Dame games. Gameday is normally so consuming you never watch any other team; size up the chance to actually watch some Notre Dame games. But what’s more Notre Dame than Notre Dame football? The Keough chariot race. And what’s more Notre Dame than Notre Dame football? The Keough chariot race. And what’s more Notre Dame than Notre Dame football? The Keough chariot race. And what’s more Notre Dame than Notre Dame football? The Keough chariot race. And what’s more Notre Dame than Notre Dame football? The Keough chariot race.

Cheer on another ND team
Did you know we have teams besides football? Really good ones too! Cross Country’s last home meet is Friday at 2 p.m. at Burke Memorial Golf Course, and women’s volleyball plays Marquette on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Syracuse on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion. See a movie
Both SUJ and DPAC have movies almost every week. This week’s film include “The Hunger Games” on Friday at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and “Beasts of the Southern Wild” at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at DPAC. The performing arts center is also playing Star Wars: UnCut as its midnight movie Saturday night and continuing the films of Hayao Miyazaki with “My Neighbor Totoro” Saturday at 3 p.m. and “Castle in the Sky” Sunday at 3 p.m.

Help a worthwhile cause
Sign up to local cancer education and awareness with the Domer Run, a fun run that can either be a 6-mile run, 3-mile run or 2-mile family walk, starting at Legends at 9 a.m. Saturday. Keep on walking into Sunday with the Project Hope Suicide Prevention Walk, which raises money for mental health facilities in South Bend, starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Rockne Memorial Center. Do something that is “So ND”
Crazy-themed events like a pirate- or Kentucky Derby-themed dance that only happen at Notre Dame are going down with no football game to stop them. Signature, alliterative dances include the Fisher Funk and the Howard Hoedown, plus events like Mr. ND and the Krough Chariot Race. And what’s more Notre Dame than Notre Dame football? Friday is Total Request Latino and Saturday is Retro Nightclub, both starting at midnight.

Get ahead on studying for midterms
Get ahead on studying for midterms/catch up on homework

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Editor’s Note: Scene Editor Kevin Noonan sat down with ’02 Notre Dame alumnus and humor writer Ted Fox, whose new book “You Know Who’s Awesome? Not You.” is on shelves now. Check his website www.tedfoxawesome.com to find where it’s sold.

Kevin Noonan: I’d say it’s probably a good guess, not to diminish your accomplishments so far, that most university students probably don’t know who you are.

Ted Fox: I’d say that’s very accurate.

KN: So i’ll give you the opportunity now to introduce your- self to the student body.

TF: Well, thank you first of all for having me in Scene. My name is Ted Fox. I’m a 2002 Notre Dame graduate; I lived in Morrissey Manor all four years. I’m also an alumn of The Observer — I was a columnist for four years in the sports section. My column was titled “Fox Sports … Almost,” which was the brainchild of the editor calling me at like 10:30 on a Sunday night going, “Okay well, we need a title for the column now.” And I was like, “Well when do you need it?” and he said “Well we need it for tomorrow, you’ve got five minutes to come up with something.” After I graduated I worked at ESPN for a little while, and then I came back to Notre Dame in 2004 to write as a writer/editor for the College of Arts and Letters. I developed a passion for wanting to be a humor writer profes- sionally and that really became my focus. I moved over to the provost office in 2010, and I’ve been there a couple years now. I write for them: speeches, website stuff, things like that. I work for them part-time, and they’ve been great about letting me focus on my humor writing career, which gave rise to this, this is my “Jesus year,” in that a lot of historians specu- late that Jesus was 33 when he died. So I turned 33 two weeks ago, and so the book is based around the idea of, and this is potentially a little offensively put, this is my “Jesus Year,” in that a lot of historians specu- late that Jesus was 33 when he died. As a humor writer, it also turns out that Chris Farley and John Belushi also died when they were 33. So over the course of the next year, I have a list of, it’s like a 33-year-old male humor writer’s version of “Eat, Pray, Love.” I don’t like abandon my life and go live in europe, to write books that make people laugh. Those are my two pas- sions: writing and making people laugh, and hopefully giv- ing people joy that way because it’s something that I really enjoy doing. And it if became something more than that, if I had opportunities in television or if I had an opportunity with a screenplay, to me that would just be like icing on the cake. What I want to be able to do, it’s not about fame and fortune, TF: i appreciate you saying that. if you said, “well i’ll do a me 10 years from now, where do you find yourself? TF: As much as i love my alma mater and the folks in the provost’s office and Dr. Burish is one of my best supporters on the campus, i don’t see myself working at the University any- more, i see myself writing books full-time for a living, writ- ing funny books. Obviously, with what i’m trying to do with that “Project 33” book, getting beyond just that Twitter kind of book. I said i’m trying to do a sequel to that, and i’m planning for it as if i will get to do a sequel. But really i want to write books that make people laugh. Those are my two pas- sions: writing and making people laugh, and hopefully giv- ing people joy that way because it’s something that I really enjoy doing. And it if became something more than that, if i had opportunities in television or if i had an opportunity with a screenplay, to me that would just be like icing on the cake. What I want to be able to do, it’s not about fame and fortune, i’m quickly discovering.

KN: All right, last question. You were a sports writer here, you worked for ESPN for a while, you’re a big Boston fan, what is the deal with the Red Sox? TF: it’s so creepy, because we got our dog lost, like August 21. We named the dog “Buckner,” because the idea was, you know what, [forget] the curse, it’s over. The Sox were nine games up in first place, so we named the dog Buckner. I put the video on my blog with the puppy, I’m wearing my Yaz jer- sey, and i say, “[Forget] the curse, we named this dog Buckner, it’s over.” They go like 6-20 that September, miss the playoffs, and then this year happened.

KN: So it’s your fault.

TF: it’s, it’s funny. You can tell that i’m a Red Sox fan who did not grow up in New England, because no self- respecting New Englander under any circumstance would ever name their dog Buckner. Any Red Sox fans reading this on campus, please don’t kick my butt, and i am really sorry. I don’t know what we’re going to, we can’t change the dog’s name. In retrospect, i think we may have angered the base- ball gods with that one.
Forget the Seattle-Green Bay debacle and Golden Tate’s catastrophe. Forget the abundance of pass interference calls and the lack of illegal-whistle calls. Forget the actual calls the referees have made. People are forgetting what we have all taken for granted.

The 60-something Arizona lawyer probably had a better reaction to the lockout’s end than anyone out there — he did pushups ... and if his arms needed more volume. When he has a touchdown, it looks like he’s flexing his massive triceps. He’s not. The biggest travesty of this referee lockout was that we went three warm weather, short-sleeve weeks without Guns.

been deprived of — the officials themselves.

No, I’m not talking about their wealth of football knowledge or all their correct calls. I’m talking about their overzealous penalty calls, their comically unathletic moves and their overall personality. When the NFL and the real referees agreed to a deal Wednesday night, the true winners were not the coaches, players, owners, or referees. The fans really won — but because we got to laugh at the referees’ antics instead of cringe at the replacements’ incompetence.

Belles fall to Calvin

BY MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

Playing their third game in six days, the Belles lost a 1-0 overtime nail-biter to Calvin on Thursday in an MIAA matchup. The Knights (5-2, 4-1 MIAA) scored the golden goal just 2:12 into overtime when junior midfielder Danielle Cartier ripped a shot into the back of the net. Junior defender Heidi Scholten was credited with the assist on the goal, which came after the Belles (2-5, 3-2) blocked two shots but failed to clear the ball from the box.

Freshman midfielder and forward Beth Reul led the Belles on offense, as she fired two shots, including one on goal in the first half.

Saint Mary’s will look to get back on track Saturday, when they hit the road to battle Kalamazoo in another league tilt.

The Hornets (6-3, 4-2) handed Alma its first MIAA loss 2-1 on Thursday. Senior forward for the Hornets Bjargy Olfason scored the 72nd minute to break the tie and give Kalamazoo the win. Saint Mary’s suffered its first loss of the season when Alma downed the Belles 2-1 on Saturday. The Hornets, meanwhile, are on a three-game winning streak and have won four of their last five matches, including a 10-1 win against Albion. Senior forward C.J. McCarthy scored four goals in the win and fellow senior forward Jackie Short added two of her own. Short leads the team with seven goals on the season.

The Belles defense has four shutouts in eight games and has allowed one or zero goals in seven games. Rosenbaum, along with sophomore defenders Mary Kate Hussey and Kerry Green, leads the Saint Mary’s back line.

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Irish head east

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

After struggling in their first event of the season, the Irish look to improve this weekend at the Macdonald Cup in New Haven, Conn., at the Yale University Golf Club.

Notre Dame opened the year with a ninth-place finish at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate in Chapel Hill, N.C., but the field at the MacDonald Cup will look much different. Comprised mostly of small colleges from the Northeast, Notre Dame’s competition this weekend is far from the competition it faced in Chapel Hill. Irish coach Jim Kubinski said his team is excited for the opportunity to play there.

“We really chose this tournament more for the national schedule and maintaining that presence,” he said. “In terms of preparation it’s the same every week. We just want to shoot the lowest scores we can. Yeah it matters if you win and lose but at this point we are trying to get better.”

The Irish starring lineup will differ from their pre-season opener used in Chapel Hill. Sophomore Peyton Vitter, who competed in two events as an individual last year, will be making his first start for the Irish after outperforming fellow sophomore David Lowe during the week, Kubinski said. Junior Niall Platt will also be competing for the Irish, but Kubinski said Platt was in better shape than he was in Chapel Hill. Platt struggled at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate while battling illness.

Other than Platt and senior Paul McNamara, Notre Dame sports an inexperienced squad. However, Kubinski said he will measure the improvement of his youngsters this weekend less on their scores and more on other factors.

“I don’t really look at scores as much as you would think because of weather conditions or a couple people that can really affect it,” Kubinski said. “I think for [junior] Andrew Lane and [sophomore] Tyger Wingo, I want to see where they are comfortable. How is their decision making? Are they feeling a little more comfortable? We’re just looking for different areas of improvement, not necessarily scores. I think right away we’ll be able to see how they’ve gotten better.”

Notre Dame tees off at the Macdonald Cup on Saturday, and wraps up action Sunday.

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Irish begin fall season

By KATIE HEIT and VICKY JACOBSEN
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The Irish kick off their fall season with the Adidas Hoosier Classic in Bloomington, Ind., on Friday at 11 a.m. Notre Dame will be placed in two different flights. One will play round robin and the other will be playing in a draw setup. Juniors Julie Sabacinski and Jillian Manningham will be playing in the draw tournament along with sophomore Katherine White. Freshmen Quinn Gleason and Molly O’Koniewski will be playing in the round robin with junior Britney Sanders. It will be the first time the freshmen will be able to prove their competitive value on the team.

Sabacinski said the team goals for this weekend involve using the tournament as practice for their upcoming season. “As a team we’ve really been working hard,” Sabacinski said. “We’ve been in the weight room, running, on the court. Everyone’s been working extremely hard so I think it’ll be a great opportunity to see exactly where our levels of match play are.”

Last season in Bloomington, the Irish won 15 singles matches and four players had three wins each. Notre Dame is looking for a similar result this year. The Irish will also be competing in the doubles tournament. Sabacinski and Sanders will be playing as doubles partners. They’ve been paired together off and on for their college career, but Sabacinski was unsure if their partnership will last through both the fall and spring seasons. “I guess it depends,” Sabacinski said. “We’re currently pre-season ranked at [No.] 36, but I guess it all depends on how we do together. We played together last year at No. 2 and we did really well.”

The Irish will begin their fall season Friday at the Adidas Hoosier Classic in Bloomington, Ind. Singles play will start at 11 a.m. Friday, with doubles play starting at 3 p.m. The Classic runs through Sunday.

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Senior Chrissie McGaffigan returns a forehand during Notre Dame’s 7-0 victory over South Florida on April 13.
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Confidence, though, is nothing foreign to Panghorn. Bailey said she plans on practicing the cure entropy all the way to the championship.

“For us, it’s really just playing our game regardless of who is on the other side,” Bailey said. “Let [the opponent] worry about strategy. We plan to dominate and shut them down as much as possible.”

Panghorn and Pasquerella East kick off Monday night at 10 p.m. at the LaBar Fields.

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Welsh Family vs. Farley

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With the season at its midpoint, Welsh Family aims for a strong second half that begins with Monday’s game against Farley. Coming off a big victory over a strong Panghorn team, the Whirlwinds (2-1) are finally starting to click as an entire unit, senior captain and quarterback Victoria Moreno said.

“That game was the first night our offense was 100 percent clicking,” Moreno said. “We know how to play defense to stay strong,” Moreno said.

Despite losing a close 7-6 game against Ryan before rebounding against Panghorn, Welsh Family believes it has just started to peak, Moreno said.

The Welsh Family defense has held opponents to 12 or less in all of its games and relies on core players such as junior Kaitlyn Cole, whose interception last week closed out the game’s win over the Phoxxes.

On the other side of the ball, the Whirlwinds look to their potential offensive output points on the board.

“We just want to continue to do what we’re doing, which is moving the ball down the field and scoring,” Bailey said.

The Finest (0-2), on the other hand, have faced a tougher road to this week’s game. Still winless this season, the Finest are only ranked team, but in [Friday’s] race there will be about five or six ranked teams on the women’s side and 10 or 11 ranked teams on the men’s side. The quality of opponents is significantly better.”

Piane said this race is also very important for the team’s NCAA tournament hopes, as the number of at-large points they accumulate this season could play a factor.

“The team gets a lot of points based on how many ranked teams they finish ahead of, and, because this race has such a strong field, there are plenty of opportunities to pick up those points that we may need at the end of the year,” Piane said.

As the team approaches the middle of the season, Piane said he is pleased with the progress of his underclassmen, especially the freshmen.

“The younger runners are coming along very well,” Piane said. “I have two of them in my top seven and they are very competitive. (Freshmen) Kevin Durham and local boy Josh O’Brien have really run well.”

Both the Irish men and women have run well in this event over the years, winning a combined total of 21 team titles and 11 individual titles in the event’s history.

The meet will begin at 2 p.m. Friday with the women’s 3,000-meter race, followed by the men’s five-mile race. Both races will take place at the Notre Dame Golf Course.

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Irish prepare for stiff competition at home

By JOE WIRTH
Sport Writer

Following decisive victories in their last outings, the Notre Dame men’s and women’s cross country teams will take on some of the best programs in the country at Friday’s (5-1) and Saturday’s (5-2) annual Notre Dame Invitational.

This is the second home meet in a row for the squad, but Irish coach Joe Piane said that is where the similarities end between the two meets.

“It was great to come out on top two weeks ago,” Piane said. “But that race pales in comparison to the importance of this race. ‘In the race two weeks ago, we were the only ranked team, but in [Friday’s] race there will be about five or six big, strong teams on the women’s side and 10 or 11 ranked teams on the men’s side. The quality of opponents is significantly better.”

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The Irish are preparing to open their home Big East slate this weekend as they take on Marquette and Syracuse.

Notre Dame (9-5, 2-0 Big East) is coming off a stellar weekend, in which it beat Cincinnati and then-No. 10 Louisville, and is looking for repeat performances against the Golden Eagles (10-3, 1-0) on Saturday and the Orange (8-8, 0-1) on Sunday. Senior middle blocker Hilary Eppink said the Irish have spent significant time all week preparing, especially for Marquette.

“As a team, we’ve been preparing for a lot for Marquette these last couple of days in practice,” she said. “They’re the second best team in the Big East, so it’s very important that we get this win because our goal is to win the Big East this season, so it’s a pretty big match for us. We’ve watched film and noticed different hitters and player tendencies. We’ve also been working on different hitting schemes to defend against some of their better hitters.”

The momentum and good feeling from last weekend should serve as motivation for the Irish to continue performing well this weekend, Eppink said.

“I think our team should be feeling really good about [last weekend], and wanting to go out there and repeat exactly what we did against Louisville,” she said. “We’ve been having good practices and playing with intensity and when it comes to game time, it’s just about knowing what to do and getting it done.”

Playing especially well for the Irish has been sophomore outside hitter Toni Alhquist, who garnered the Big East Player of the Week award for her performance last weekend. The team will continue to look to her for consistent play.

“Toni has really stepped up and is a huge asset on our team,” Eppink said. “I’m so glad she’s on our side because she’s such a powerful player. She can hit, dig, pass — she can do it all. We’re very lucky to have her on the court. She represents Notre Dame and the Big East so well, and we’re very proud of her.”

“She’s been playing very consistently and strong, and we’re looking for her to continue playing at a high level and picking teams apart like we know she can. It’s great too that [sophomore] Erin Boro, who’s got two years to grow even more. We’re very excited for her.”

Eppink said the Irish will turn their attention to Syracuse once they’ve played Marquette. The Irish are set to square off against the Golden Eagles at 2 p.m. Saturday and against the Orange at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Purcell Pavilion.

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focus this week is on making the run game work and organizing our plays a little bit better.”

Toner said her team has a strong freshman class on defense that will come ready to play.

Badin and Breen-Phillips square off at 6 p.m. on Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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Cavanaugh vs. Pasquerilla West

By ALEX STEMBAU

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Cavanaugh takes on Pasquerilla West in a much-anticipated showdown between a pair of undefeated teams.

Cavanaugh (3-0) boasts a stingy defense that has yet to allow a single point this season. “We’re going to come in with confidence from our season so far,” senior captain Tegan Chapman said.

The Chaos want to limit mistakes, especially on defense, Chapman said. She also credited senior quarterback Rosemary Kelly with pulling together an offense that is starting to come around the season.

Currier is looking to lead Farley Finest into its own. “We’re just really excited to get our offense back in the swing of things,” Chapman said. “We’re trying to work out some kinks.”

Seniors Alanna Stahl and Emily Collins are returning to the starting lineup in a bid to help get back to the playoffs. Chapman said the entire team has to adjust well on defense.

“Even though we are 0-2, we need to keep our heads up and work out the kinks during the time we have to practice,” Chapman said. “We don’t have time to panic.”

The Chicks and the Finest will kick off at 5 p.m. Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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Pasquerilla East offensive line.

Senior Kelly O’Brien collides with a McGlinn defender during the Wildcats’ 19-7 loss to McGlinn on Monday night.

Howard vs. Walsh

By DONG-HYUN KIM

Sports Writer

Howard and Walsh, a pair of teams with 1-2 records, look to reach .500 with a win Sunday.

The Ducks (1-2) played a solid game against Badin last week but fell short in a 26-18 loss. Junior quarterback Clare Robinson played the whole game with a broken finger, while scheduling conflicts caused the Ducks to begin the first half with only 10 players.

Robinson said the Ducks will be ready to play Sunday with a recovered quarterback and a full roster, making them a more potent team than before.

“We normally have 30 players,” Robinson said. “We had early difficulty and trailed by four touchdowns. But we played hard and caught up to them.”

Key players to look out for include freshmen Maria Ianni, who made a key interception in last week’s contest and ran for a touchdown, and Ashley Henry, who made several critical receptions.

Walsh (1-2) lost 18-12 against Pasquerilla West but the Wild Women fought hard until the final whistle, as sophomore receiver Kathleen Hough scored a pivotal touchdown against the Purple Weasels to keep the game close.

Senior quarterback Kat Leach has a strong arm and is quick on her feet, which will pose a dual threat to Howard’s defensive line.

Even with the losing record, Walsh is optimistic about the upcoming games.

“We take it one game at a time,” senior captain and cornerback Lindy Navarro said. “We’re about making progress. Walsh is tenacious, adaptable and full of Swagger.”

Howard and Walsh are set to do battle Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Pangborn vs. Pasquerilla East

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Monday’s contest between Pangborn and Pasquerilla East looks to be a proving ground for both teams.

The Phoxes (2-1) hope to bounce back after a close loss, while the Pyros (0-1-1) attempt to get that elusive first win after a competitive tie against Lewis.

Pangborn got off to a quick 2-0 start in which they didn’t allow a point. On Monday, though, the Phoxes not only let up their first points, but also suffered their first defeat, losing to Welsh Family 20-12. Pangborn senior captain Colleen Bailey said the loss has only refocused her team.

“Having one loss behind us just makes it more important to win every game,” Bailey said. “We really have to focus now. We’ve got to put [the loss] behind us and improve.”

The Phoxes will try to improve against a Pasquerilla East team that has drastically improved since being shut out 8-0 in its first game by McGlinn. The Pyros tied Lewis 7-7 in week two, but senior captain Anna Perino said the score doesn’t tell the whole story.

“I thought we played great, our offense completed so many passes and our defense played really well,” Perino said. “We looked really comfortable and played with so much intensity.”

Instead, Perino blamed the tie on a familiar scapegoat.

“I feel we were robbed of a very clear win,” Perino said. “The refs were very tough on us. We had several big plays called back, including a pick-six.”

Although the tie doesn’t put Pasquerilla East in the win column, the game did instill a new-found sense of confidence in the Pyros.

“I think we’re going to be ready for [Pangborn],” Perino said. “I think Monday is going to go really well. I’m excited for a good challenge.”

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Whirlwinds set to clash with Pyros

Wildcats, Phoxes look to recover from first losses; youthful Breen-Phillips ready to take on Badin

Pasquerilla East vs. Welsh Family
By KIT LOUGHRAN Sports Writer

Pasquerilla East and Welsh Family face off Sunday with each team looking to find a win.

The Whirlwinds (2-1) are hoping their 20-12 win over Pangborn on Sunday carries over into their game against the Pyros (0-1-1). “We’re taking it one game at a time,” senior captain and quarterback Victoria Moreno said.

According to Pasquerilla East senior captain and safety Anna Perino, the Pyros are trying to embrace a similar approach. “We are just trying to play our game and keep working on getting the chemistry going,” Perino said. “We played a great game against Lewis last Sunday, so we’re just going to keep doing our own thing.”

Both teams look to maintain their strong defensive units while improving their offenses. “Our defense has been carrying our team,” Moreno said. “We look to keep scoring in this next game.”

With its victory over the Phoxes, the Whirlwinds defense successfully held the Pangborn offense and opened the path for the Welsh Family offense to score. Senior receiver Kirsten Groody and junior receiver Stephanie Lobaccaro will be a large part of that plan, Moreno said.

“The Pyros, on the other hand, are looking to come out of the gates quickly,” Perino said. “If we come out strong, I think we’ll be pretty hard to get past,” Perino said.

Sophomore receiver Alex Good will be a crucial asset to the Pyros executing their offensive strategy. Perino said. “She’s come down with some pretty amazing catches,” Perino said. “She has experience. Our game plan will change a bit with her at the quarterback.”

Regardless, senior captain and receiver Meredith Angelil will be sure to be a large part of that plan, Bailey said. The Pyros believe they can win if they focus on the little things, Pillai said.

“Our biggest weakness has been our inconsistency,” Pillai said. “Pangborn is really athletic, so we need to limit our mistakes, and go out and execute our game plan.”

Pangborn and Ryan face off at 5 p.m. on Sunday at LaBar Fields.

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Pangborn vs. Ryan
By CASEY KARNES Sports Writer

Pangborn and Ryan will try to recover from their first losses of the season when they face off Sunday.

Ryan (2-1) is unconcerned about its recent loss, said senior captain and quarterback May Pillai. She said her team hopes it is a minor setback at the start of a strong season. “It’s great to have a winning record at this point,” Pillai said. “We’re really experienced, so when we play together as a team, we play very well.”

Pillai has led a potent Wildcats offense bolstered by junior receiver Maddie Swan and senior receiver Kelly O’Brien. Pangborn (2-1) hopes to counter the Wildcats with a strong, inspired defense. “We have a lot of spirit, and … we’re really motivated,” senior captain and center Colleen Bailey said. “Both our offense and defense have been really strong.”

The Phoxes face a difficult situation this weekend, as sophomore starting quarterback Caitlin Gargan will be out of town. Gargan has started the first three games, but sophomore Liz Quinn will take over under center this week.

“Liz is still very strong,” Bailey said. “She has experience. Our game plan will change a bit with her as the quarterback.”

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Badin vs. Breen Phillips
By ALEX STEMBAUGH Sports Writer

Badin and Breen-Phillips look to come out strong in their battle Sunday.

Badin (1-2) looks to secure another win after a strong offensive showing in its last game against Howard. “We’re just starting to click,” senior quarterback Tommasina Domel said. “It’s not just a matter of coming together as a team, but actually performing well and clicking.”

Offensively, the Pyros are looking to throw in a couple of new plays, while the goal on defense is to execute, Domel said.

“Our defense is really strong and has played together as a team for a while,” Domel said. “They have things down.”

Domel said her fifth-year senior quarterback Carli Fernandez to bring trouble to the Breen-Phillips defense.

Breen-Phillips (0-1) has a youthful squad and is looking to continue its improvement this week, junior captain Molly Toner said. “We have a lot of freshmen, so now everybody has better understanding of what games are like, and we will definitely have big improvements from our first game last week,” Toner said. “Our

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football-related at all.”

Babia said Stanford (0-2) has been improving, even though it has come up short in its first two games.

“Our team’s been doing well; it’s just frustrating to see us lose after playing so well in both the games and then just not coming up on top afterwards,” he said.

Reed said O’Neill senior linebacker Scott Johnson would return this Sunday after missing last week’s game.

“Having [Johnson] back will be a huge help,” Reed said. “He’s the one that anchors our line, so that should help us establish our running game a lot better.”

The battle of two battered teams will kick off when O’Neill and Stanford meet Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Morrissey vs. Siegfried

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Morrissey battles Siegfried on Sunday in a game both teams have marked on their schedules.

The Manor (1-0) look to keep their undefeated record intact, while the Ramblers (1-1) will try to keep their playoff hopes alive with a victory.

In their opening win against Duncan, the Manor shut down the Highlanders offense with a lockdown defense. In particular, the linebacking corps, led by freshman Erik Rayno, sophomore J.J. Dyer and junior Nick Conrad, commanded the team’s solid defense, which allowed only three points.

As Morrissey heads into its next game, senior quarterback Taylor Stein said he believes a more relaxed mindset will keep the team’s winning streak alive against a fierce Rambler squad.

“With [Duncan] being our first game, I think the Morrissey tradition of ‘talent over preparation’ really came through and secured the win,” Stein said.

“Siegfried always seems to be a target among other teams, but, at the end of the day, their elite uniform and coaching staff on the sidelines can’t put points on the scoreboard. It comes down to the guys on the field, mano-a-mano.”

Still upset about dropping their opening game to Knott, the Ramblers know a second loss will likely keep them from a spot in the playoffs. In this week’s practice, the Rambler made changes to their offensive game plan.

“We’ve incorporated a lot more passing than usual in our game plan this week,” sophomore running back Joe Lindardi said.

“We need to win to make it to the playoffs and our huddle is optimistic about winning out this season.”

Siegfried and Morrissey will battle for a much-needed win Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at the Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Carroll vs. Sorin

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Though they both remain undefeated, the two teams that clashed Saturday are struggling to maintain a focus on defense.

The Vermin (2-0) have put up impressive numbers in their back-to-back shutouts of St. Edward’s and Zahm. Junior quarterback Tommy Spoonmore said he wants his team’s defense to remain as formidable as it was in its first two games.

“The defense has been playing really well, and that continued into last week’s game,” Spoonmore said.

On the other side of the ball, Spoonmore said he hopes Carroll’s offense will make necessary adjustments this week.

“We need to open up the running game, which will help the rest of the offense,” Spoonmore said.

“Hopefully, we’ll get a good week of practice in before playing Sorin.”

The Otters (1-0), meanwhile, see their players’ health as the key to success for the rest of the season. Although senior receiver Bobby Sullivan has been sidelined with a sprained ankle, Senior-able-bodied players shut out Zahm 19-0 in the team’s only game to date.

“We had a lot of key players missing last week, but we had a good game, so we need to get those key players back and involved,” senior receiver and linebacker Ryan Robinson said.

Senior quarterback Ted Spinelli led the Otters to victory with two passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown.

Robinson said he anticipates a big challenge from the Vermin on Sunday.

“We know Carroll will be coming for us, so we just need to weather the storm for the first quarter and let our athletes come out and make the plays,” he said.

With undefeated records on the line, Sorin and Carroll will battle Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Keough vs. Dillon

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As defending champion Dillon and Keough get ready to clash Sunday, a confident Keough squad said it does not see the Big Red’s recent past as a cause for concern this season.

“I know Dillon won the championship last year, but we are not looking too much into that, considering it also lost to Keenan in its first week,” Keough sophomore captain Charlie Magiera said.

“They have won the ball more consistently and hopefully open our passing game,” Big Red junior captain and quarterback Kevin Fink said.

Fink said he expects to see a Keough defense ready to stop the Big Red on both sides of the ball.

“Overall, we want to play hard on every snap,” Fink said.

Keough will look to knock off Dillon and earn its first win of the season when the two teams meet Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Knott vs. Alumni

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Saturday’s game between Knott and Alumni looks to be a defensive grind, as both teams opened their seasons with low-scoring victories two weeks ago.

The Juggerknotts (1-0) defeated Siegfried 6-3, while the Dawgs (1-1) edged Duncan in a 3-0 win.

Since those games, both teams have maintained a focus on defense and running the football.

Despite Alumnii’s 15-8 loss to Siegfried last week, Dawgs junior captain Tom O’Sullivan said his team would maintain its established mindset of physicality.

“We have to come out and be very physical, no matter who we’re playing,” O’Sullivan said. “Our division is very run-heavy, may force the Juggerknots to give more carries to senior running back Joey Beglane. Beglane scored Knott’s only touchdown in its victory over Siegfried.

The Juggerknots’ goal for the season was to improve on defense, and although the team did not dominate in its first game, the win was important for the Knott community. Beglane said.

“It was a great win because we haven’t beat Siegfried since 2004,” he said. “It’s always great to keep some fire in a rivalry.”

Alumni and Knott will battle Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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Junior Kevin Rolfs runs the ball for the Dawgs during Alumni’s 15-8 loss to Siegfried on Sunday.

The Kangaroos (0-1) dropped their first game 6-3 to Stanford, a loss Magiera blamed largely on offensive penalties.

“We have been working on our penalties in practice, but our defense was a powerhouse against Stanford,” Magiera said.

Magiera also said the Keough offense looks really solid and should be a factor in Sunday’s matchup.

“We plan on protecting our quarterback [junior Seamus Donegan] and having a really strong offensive line,” he said.

On the other side of the field, Dillon (1-1) looks to maintain its expectations of a championship repeat, but the Big Red also face a rebuilding year, as many new faces have joined the team.

“Going into the game, Dillon plans to place a greater emphasis on its rushing attack,” Fink said.

“Oh we hope to run the ball more consistently and hopefully open up our passing game,” Big Red junior captain and quarterback Kevin Fink said.

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Resilience and flexibility will be the keys to Sunday’s matchup between O’Neill and Stanford. With each team suffering from injuries, fundamentals and integration of new players are top priorities for the Mob and the Griffins.

O’Neill (0-1) started off the season with two potential quarterbacks in freshmen Jack Larson and John Doran. Larson was tapped to start the season opener, but he fractured his ankle soon afterwards and will be sidelined for the rest of O’Neill’s season.

Junior captain Eric Reed said he felt confidence in his team despite Larson’s absence.

“As bad as it is to have him hurt, we should be alright because [Larson] was pretty even,” Reed said. On the other side, Stanford senior captain Paul Babia said injuries are his team’s biggest weakness.

“Our other captain [senior Eric Zehnwanger] is out for the season with a fractured ankle,” Babia said. “It’s definitely just been kind of random, unlucky events that have caused it. Some injuries haven’t even been seen injuries.

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a history of two of the best teams in the conference for the past 15 years that I’ve been here,” Waldrum said. “They’ve gotten two early losses so I think they’re going to be a very desperate team.”

As a young team, Notre Dame has taken its lumps in the early going. After starting the year 3-1, the Irish dropped two of their next three and tied in double overtime in the third. But since then, they have won four straight.

“Obviously getting the four wins in a row and starting out undefeated in the Big East — that’s kind of getting back to the norm that we have with the program,” Waldrum said. “That’s kind of the expectation.”

Early in the year, there was some uncertainty in the lineup as players had to fill new roles.

The team was also without one of its top freshmen, midfielder Cari Roccaro, and junior tricaptain midfielder Mandy Laddish. But with the midfield shuffled up and momentum on their side, the Irish are finally moving ahead.

“The team seems to be confident about their play now,” Waldrum said. “There’s a difference of stepping on the field and hoping to win and stepping on the field expecting to win. I think we’re getting closer to getting to that ‘expecting to win’ mentality. That’s what we want them to have. I think we’re gaining some confidence. This will be a big weekend moving forward with that.”

The Irish take on the Friars today in Providence, R.I., at 3 p.m. and the Huskies on Sunday in Storrs, Conn., at noon.

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O’Neill vs. Stanford
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Dame denied Connecticut a win for the first time of the season by playing the top-ranked team to a scoreless draw at home. The Irish unleashed more shots and put more shots on goal than the Huskies in the tie game.

“Should have, could have, would have — it’s what you actually did and at the end of the day we tied it,” Clark said. “The year before that we tied with them, and I said, ‘The year before that we tied at home. The Irish walked away unbeaten in the Big East — that’s kind of getting back to the norm that we have with the program.’” Waldrum said. “That’s kind of the expectation.”

Early in the year, there was some uncertainty in the lineup as players had to fill new roles.

The year’s edition of Connecticut welcomes Notre Dame into Storrs, Conn., having not allowed a goal in the past four games, during which time the Huskies have outscored their opponents 13-0. Huskies sophomore goalkeeperAndre Blake, a Jamaica native, has led Connecticut between the posts this season. Blake ranks third in the nation with his save percentage of .905.

The Irish will turn to their experienced offensive leaders to apply the pressure on Blake and the rest of the Huskies. Irish senior forward Ryan Finley leads the team with six goals and 13 points, while senior midfielder and captain Dillon Powers and junior forward Harrison Shipp have each added seven points.

“We are a pretty experienced group in a lot of ways,” Clark said. “Our guys are pretty resilient. There’s a quiet confidence about this team that I like, so I think we’ll be just fine.”

After facing Connecticut, the Irish will return home for two Big East matchups. The time on the road has been difficult, but may pay dividends in the future, Clark said.

“The way it came, you are playing three teams that could all be Final Four teams,” the coach said. “You are playing them all one after another, and they are all on the road. It’s a fairly daunting task but that’s been a good experience for this team and it will help us grow and mature as a team.”

The Irish and the Huskies will kick off Saturday at 7 p.m. in Morrone Stadium in Storrs, Conn.

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1 Stage Dek staple
12 Gas ending
15 Writer who held 14 honorary doctorates
16 Deliver hooks, e.g.
17 Stephen King's next novel after "Christine"
18 Many a cell product
19 Quite-to-Lima 3r.
20 Bolded
21 Malodic passages
23 Bottom part
24 Oyster Bay Harriet
25 "Hammerklaver," for one
28 In the can
29 Singer of the 2011 #1 hit "Someone Like You"
30 Ranne's wear

31 Dreadlocks cover
32 No-C, 17, maybe
33 Grooved ring on many a ring
34 It may be open at a comedy club
35 Sound that a muzza muffles
36 One active in the heat?
37 Black scavenger
38 They can answer the question "Who's your daddy?"
39 City, city
40 Jericho's home
41 Origine
42 Wethead Act opponents
43 Throws together 44 Two-wheeled carriage
45 Away a partner
48 Accord reduction may be part of it: After
49 Great work

Down
1 Disco swingers?
2 Plural suffix for conditions
3 Turner Prize institution
4 Part of a dune
5 Collectable record
6 Chumley-dipped appetizer
7 Pre-Soviet succession
8 One may provide passage
9 Health care group
10 Crocave-lurking predator
11 1997 hit for Perry Como
12 Like some blood
13 One passed out on New Year's Eve
14 What many fans generate
22 Ending for 23-
Across
23 Across
24 Nothing to part with?
25 More likely to go off
26 Choice for a bed made in the kitchen

SUDOKU | THE MEPHAM GROUP

Level: 1 2 3 4

Answers:

THE INTERNATIONAL
PENNANT

Now arrange the crossed letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Answers:

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VOGER

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GLITEP

B-A-KI-N

Work area

Birthday Baby: You are caring and affectionate. You face challenges with courage. You are inventive.
Irish conclude road swing

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Fresh off a victory over No. 10 Indiana, the Irish conclude their current streak of road contests tomorrow night with their fourth-straight game away from Alumni Stadium. Still seeking its first Big East victory, Notre Dame will square off with undefeated No. 2 Connecticut.

No. 8 Notre Dame (8-1-0, 0-0-1 Big East) began the road swing by beating Michigan, 1-0 in double overtime Sept. 16. After suffering their first loss of the season in the conference-opening 2-1 loss to Louisville on Saturday, the Irish defeated the Hoosiers (6-2-1, 1-0-0 Big Ten) on Wednesday. If the Irish are to conclude their time on the road with a victory, they will have to do so against a Connecticut team that has outscored its opponents 19-2 through nine games this season.

“I think you just see a very good team, you know?” Irish coach Bobby Clark said of Connecticut (8-0-1, 1-0-0 Big East). “They are a very mature team, they have a lot of foreign players that are a little bit older usually, and a lot of experience. I mean, the goalkeeper, for instance, is a 22-year old sophomore, so they are a little bit older, a little bit more experienced. But I think our guys will handle that. They are a good team — their record states that pretty clearly.”

The Huskies entered last week 19-0-1, 7-0-0 in conference play, scoring 56 goals and allowing just 12. The Irish have scored 24 goals and allowed 12 in their first nine games.

Senior midfielder Dillon Powers dribbles the ball during Notre Dame’s 2-0 victory over Michigan State on Sept. 14.

The Irish return all five starters from last year’s 2-0-0 record and could challenge for a Big East title after finishing the regular season third in 2012.

Top prospect commits to ND

Observer Staff Report

A year after hauling in the nation’s No. 21 recruiting class, Irish coach Mike Brey’s 2013 class got a big boost Thursday evening when point guard Demetrius Jackson committed to Notre Dame.

Jackson, a four-star prospect from Mishawaka Marian, chose the Irish over Illinois after initially considering Kansas as well.

He was supposed to announce his decision Thursday evening live on ESPN but ESPN mistakenly posted a video commenting on Jackson’s commitment to Notre Dame. The video was later removed.

Jackson, the No. 27 high school player in the nation, is a 6-foot-1, 185-pound guard who can create off the dribble and open up opportunities for teammates with his passing.

Jackson will join a formidable backcourt in 2013-14 that will include guards Eric Atkins and Jerian Grant.

Jackson becomes the second major recent South Bend-area basketball product to play for Notre Dame — joining women’s senior guard Skylar Diggins.

This season, the Irish welcome Missouri Gatorade Player of the Year Cameron Biedscheid along with forwards Zach Auguste and Austin Burgett. Brey has already landed commitments from Indiana small forward V.J. Beachem and Pennsylvania shooting guard Steve Vasturia for the 2013 class.

The Irish return all five starters from last year’s 22-win squad and could challenge for a Big East title after finishing the regular season third in 2012.

Zahmbies set to battle Green Wave

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

Two sputtering offenses will go up against a pair of suffocating defenses when Zahn plays Fisher on Sunday. The Zahmbies (0-2) will look for their first win, while the Green Wave (1-0) will try to stay undefeated.

The Zahmbies have struggled mightily on the offensive side of the ball, failing to produce any points through their first two games. Despite his team’s struggles, senior captain Alex Bowman said he is focusing on the positives.

“I think our struggles are a matter of perception,” Bowman said. “We are making improvements every week.”

Defensively, Zahn remains strong, surrendering only 10 points to Carroll in its last game. The Zahmbies will look for their defense to keep up the pressure while their offense continues to develop.

“Our defense has had some great players,” Bowman said. “We’re going to rely a lot on freshman defensive end Ryan Tang this game.”

The Green Wave, meanwhile, have used their stifling defense to make up for their lack of offensive prowess. In the team’s season opener against St. Edward’s, the defense shut down the Gentlemen offense, posting a shutout. Senior captain Matt Hart said he knows his offense, which only scored one touchdown against the Gentlemen, must improve to give the defense some breathing room.

“Last week’s game ball goes to our entire defense,” Hart said. “All our energy comes from them.”

For the offense to improve, the Green Wave will need better play from their offensive line, a unit that gave up a safety last week.

“We have a young center who was a little anxious and excited last week,” Hart said. “But that’s not a bad thing, since it’ll help us get a good push off the line. We just need to have more consistency.”

The Zahmbies and the Green Wave will square off Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at Riehle Fields at Stepan.

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Big East road tests await

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame travels to the Northeast this weekend with a pair of Big East road matchups against Providence on Friday and Connecticut on Sunday.

Coming off two big wins last weekend over Pittsburgh and Oakland, the Irish (7-3-1, 3-0-0 Big East), have an important weekend ahead of them, Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

“I think we’re working toward our midseason stride,” Waldrum said. “I think we’ll know a little bit more, probably, after this weekend. Going on the road in the Big East for the first time, I think we can get through this weekend and get a couple of wins, then I think we might be in the stride that we want to be in at this point in time.

“It might be a little bit early to say we’re in full stride right now. But we’re awfully close.”

The Irish shutout the Huskies (6-4-1, 2-2-0) and the Friars (7-4-1, 2-2-0) in a pair of 3-0 wins in Alumni Stadium last year, but playing on the road is a different beast. The Irish expect rain in both games. Waldrum said.

“With the field conditions at Providence and their style of play, I think that’s going to make it really tough for us,” Waldrum said.

The Friars have won six straight before dropping two on the road to No. 14 Georgetown and Villanova. The Huskies, meanwhile, have lots of history with the Irish.

“With Connecticut, we have

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